

# Six Men Rescued From Alaska Wilds

## Pilot And Navigator Of Army Plane Lost, Medical Team Still Missing

NOME, Alaska, Dec. 30 (AP)—Six of eight crewmen from a crashed B-29 were back to safety today through the heroism of two Alaska bush pilots, but five other men are still missing and feared dead in the frigid wastes of the Seward peninsula, 95 miles north of Nome.

The bodies of two men, thought to be members of the three-man parachute team that leaped to the aid of the stricken fliers Saturday night, were believed to have been sighted less than 500 yards from the crash scene. A driver and dog team will attempt to locate them today.

An intensive search also will be continued for the pilot of the Superfortress, Lt. Vern H. Arnett, Santa Ana, Calif., and Navigator Lt. Frederick I. Sheetz, Keyser, W. Va.

Neither has been seen since they set out together Christmas night, 48 hours after the big ship plowed into the side of a low hill. They told fellow crewmen they would seek aid at the Eskimo village of Shishmaref, 50 miles to the north.

The daring rescue was performed by Frank H. Wholey of the Wien Alaska Airline and William Munz of the Munz Airline, both of Nome.

Flying in 40-below zero weather they set their small, single-engine planes down in a hazardous landing on the crest of a hill close to the crumpled bomber, the Clobbered Turkey.

They quickly loaded the six weak but happy airmen into their ski-equipped craft, made a dangerous takeoff from the snow-covered slope and returned to Nome without mishap.

Their aid was enlisted by the air forces after military rescue operations Saturday night and Sunday met with misfortune.

The driver of the dog team, Charles O'Leary, flown into the crash scene yesterday in a Norseman plane piloted by Col. R. R. Steward, was ordered to remain at the disaster site and search for bodies of the medical aid trio. Their names have not been released.

Good Spirits

Nome air base authorities said all six of the survivors were in good spirits and fair health despite spending nearly six days and nights in the sub-Arctic where temperatures hovered between 30 and 40 degrees below zero. One of the men suffered a broken leg and another is being treated for a frozen face.

Lt. Donald B. Duesler, San Fernando, Calif., co-pilot, said the accident occurred as the big bomber winged southward toward Nome from the Eskimo village of Kotzebue, near the Bering sea.

"I asked the pilot (Arnett) if he was getting sleepy," Duesler said. "He said 'no' and said he did not need me to spell him. Just then one of the crewmen yelled that the ground was coming up."

Tail Breaks Off

"I grabbed the wheel and pulled it back. The nose came up and the tail hit, breaking off. Then the rest of the plane smashed into the hill with a terrific crash and turned over."

"The men had been given a few seconds warning and were braced for the impact, so fortunately none of us was badly hurt. After everyone got out the front of the plane began to burn and was destroyed, along with the bulk of our emergency supplies."

"Fortunately we had some food and medical equipment in the back end and got by all right until we were rescued. We threw a canvas tarpaulin over the tail end of the plane and managed to build a fire which kept going intermittently."

Youth Held In Fire Probe

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30 (AP)—Edward K. Lannon, 21, was held in \$2000 bail as a suspicious character after he was found near the scene of a \$1,000,000 fire that destroyed five downtown buildings Sunday.

Fire Marshal George J. Gallagher said Lannon was arrested at the rear of the fire scene carrying a bag containing 18 boxes of matches and a flashlight.

Gallagher told Magistrate James W. McBride yesterday that Lannon first admitted, then denied, he started the blaze.

DIES

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 30 (AP)—Alfred North Whitehead, 86, internationally known philosopher, died today of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was professor of philosophy emeritus at Harvard university.

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## Klamath Construction Hits \$1,000,000 Mark In 1947

By EDNA KILLMEYER

It was a good year for construction in Klamath Falls in 1947, but the total figure is somewhat dimmed by comparison to the first post-war boom year of 1946. The tally this year reached the one million mark with \$1,023,895. In 1946, when building supplies became available for the first time since the war years, the figure was \$1,138,605.

Leading the building permits in City Building Inspector W. Salsbery's 1947 books was the year's top job, remodeling and enlarging The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph building at 8th and Pine at a cost of \$129,000.

Construction on the project began in late February, and although the interior is nearly finished, work remains to be done on the outside.

SPokane To Tax Pinball Games

SPokane, Dec. 30 (AP)—The city council has blanketed out the "tilt" sign on Spokane pinball machines today, defeating an ordinance that would have banned the devices and passing a second which provides a 10 per cent tax on the gross revenue.

The council lined up with Mayor Arthur Meehan and Commissioners William Payne and W. N. Sproul favoring the tax move and Commissioners Kenneth Lawson and Willard Taft opposing.

Meehan said "under the present tax limitations placed upon cities and the prevailing economic difficulties of the people, no other course was available to us."

The tax money will go to a memorial auditorium fund, the traffic fund and the general fund.

Mine Destroyed By Navy Officer

DELAKE, Ore., Dec. 30 (AP)—A Japanese mine that had washed ashore north of here was destroyed yesterday by Navy Lt. Don Winslow.

The mine had settled on the beach 50 yards from the summer home of Governor John Hall. Lt. Winslow disarmed the explosive, then towed it a quarter mile to a deserted spot and destroyed it with dynamite.

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## Union Pacific To Close Durkee Stop

SALEM, Dec. 30 (AP)—The Union Pacific railroad advised Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg today it expects to close its station at Durkee within a few weeks because of lack of business, but it has not decided yet whether to close the station at Union Junction, Haines or North Powder.

Flagg, hearing rumors that the railroad planned to close all stations between La Grande and Huntington, except Baker, asked the railroad about its plans.

Flagg said there would be no curtailment of service without a hearing and a thorough investigation.

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## Freck Named To Liquor Board Job

SALEM, Dec. 30 (AP)—Governor John H. Hall today reappointed Joseph O. Freck, Portland, to a six-year term on the state liquor control commission. Freck first was appointed by Hall a month ago when Hall appointed a new three-man commission.

Mrs. Georgia Patterson, Hillsboro, was reappointed to a four-year term on the state board of education.

William L. Finley Jr., Portland, and Glen S. Macy, McMinnville, were reappointed to two year-terms on the state board of funeral directors and embalmers.

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