

Herald and News

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the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. "You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding."

World Today

THEY tell us that Methuselah lived 969 years. T during which he appears to have been exceedingly active. Then he passed to his reward. Those were the good old days. Since then, with the speeding up of life, a new limit has been set on mankind's activities. Now when folks reach three score and ten they begin to think about easing up on work and doing a spot of fishin', or whatever pleases their fancy.



MACKENZIE

THAT'S a mighty vital question, for Stalin is the mind of Red Russia. His nod is law. If he withdraws, who takes his place? In order to answer that we must know what qualities have made Stalin dictator. How does he keep control of the host of powerful Red lieutenants, any one of whom would give his right arm for Stalin's job?

WELL, who of the communist heads is capable of stepping into Stalin's place and handling the battle royal which will be fought for the dictatorship? A lot of heads are likely to fall before that is ironed out. Western observers note that Stalin appears in good health and may be able to continue as head for some years. However, looking a bit further they figure that the way things stand the succession likely will be among three men—all members of the powerful politburo, or policy making committee, and all as tough as tripe.

MOLOTOV is, perhaps, best known to the outside world in his previous role of foreign minister. In recent months he has had a mysterious assignment which is supposed to be supervision of the Red offensive to communize the Orient. Naturally that links him in speculation with the Chinese communist successes.

Baria is a Georgian peasant, and he wrote the Soviet's most widely known biography of Stalin. He travels about in an American-made bullet proof car, heavily guarded by plain clothes men.

LAST and theoretically least—although powerful—comes Malenkov, also a ruthless realist. He early became a member of Stalin's personal secretariat and modeled himself after Stalin, even to clothing and mannerisms. He rose rapidly, and he profited much by the great purge of old bolsheviks in the thirties.

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SIDE GLANCES



Haven't you got something about eight-by-ten to go with blue wallpaper?

Boyle's Column

Bouquets Across the Seas For Past Merry Christmases

NEW YORK, (AP)—The heart turns back at Christmas. It turns to other Christmases, in other places among faces no longer with us. The Christmas that most grown-ups remember best is some Christmas as a child at home, when our faith was as bright as Santa's beard and a bright new sled under a popcorn-decked tree filled with a joy almost too tremen-



BOYLE

son isn't merely voyaging back to childhood Christmas at home, it regains in memory overseas to wartime Christmases abroad. There were millions of American men and women overseas during those years, so there must be millions of Christmases in exile to remember—or forget.

It was in Algiers in 1942 that I learned how the war had divided the loyalties of countrymen as well as countries. A fellow correspondent and I were invited to have Christmas dinner with a young Frenchman, Paul Millon, his wife and their two children. It was a wonderful family meal and the kids forgave us our bad French. They thought it came from chewing too much gum.

Looking down at us from the wall was a portrait of Marshal Petain. This seemed odd as the old hero of Verdun, now a prisoner of his people, was even then widely regarded as a German puppet. But Paul wouldn't take the picture down.

"We simply cannot believe all they say about the old marshal," he said. And you couldn't help but admire him for his faith, however misplaced.

New Highway Shop in Use

FORT KLAMATH—After receiving the official okay on Tuesday of last week from state highway commission engineers here on a final inspection of the building, the new highway maintenance shop is now in use by the local crew of the state highway patrol, of which Frank Edwards is foreman.

Following the approval of the shop by the engineers, the contractor, Enoch Maerz, and his crew of men returned to their homes in Salem. Completion of the new highway maintenance shop was indeed timely, as over the week-end the first real storm of the winter hit the area, bringing snow which kept the local crew busy day and night keeping the roads cleared of snow.

A county snow plow from Klamath Falls was here Monday, working at snow removal on the county roads in the vicinity.

THE BILLBOARD

A CHRISTMAS scene that has become a familiar and well loved part of the Klamath Falls scene will be duplicated again this year for the enjoyment of all who wish to visit the spot. It's the beautifully done scene of the nativity, done by Mrs. C. D. Groves, up on Lakeview Street—1434 Lakeview, to be exact.

One figure has been added this year, that of the shepherd, to bring the total to five, Joseph, Mary, the angel, the child and the shepherd. All the figures, except that of the child are life masks of Mrs. Groves' family. The child was sculptured by Mrs. Groves.

So, the scene is there and it is certainly worth while dropping by to see. Just another of the many little things that add up to make the Christmas season a bit happier, a bit merrier and a bit warmer.

THE usual bunch of duck hunting enthusiasts gathered at one of the many pre-Christmas parties last night and as usual got to talking about the subject closest to their hearts. Briefly here is about what came out of this one discussion: The split season is a dirty plot aimed at robbing the basin hunters of their just rights. If we could have the season we wanted the period from the 15th of October through November would be best (that was the figure voted by the majority). Most of the ducks have left the basin. I suppose the same conversation was duplicated at many gatherings.

And along with all the rest there came this idea. There were several land owners, farmers and ranchers present, all of whom agreed that they posted their land, but would still be open to the suggestion of hunting on same land if the hunters would show the same courtesy they do in their own homes. In other words, if you go up to the house (not before daylight) and ask if you can hunt the answer is usually yes. In asking the hunter gives the farmer a chance to tell him where to hunt, where to look out for stock, what areas to avoid and often where he can find the birds he's looking for.

That was encouraging news. If we don't work out, all over the state and nation, a better relationship between hunter and land owner there will be no hunting soon. It only takes one burn out of a thousand hunters to give all shooters a black eye. Those of us who live here in the basin are usually pretty good about things like that, but we need to carry the education to every man who goes out hunting. Then we'll get somewhere.

Parcels Jamming Post Office

Many of Santa Claus' Christmas packages arrived early in Klamath Falls, especially at the post office. Postmaster Burt E. Hawkins said today that for the last week or 10 days, about 240 sacks of parcel post per day were received here, for delivery in this area.

Wednesday 400 sacks were unloaded and the top was reached Thursday with 450 incoming sacks. Each sack contains from two to 50 parcels depending on sizes and shapes.

Normally parcel sacks arriving in Klamath Falls number under 100 per day, other than during the Christmas season. Postmen and carriers expect to have all packages on hand delivered by Christmas Day. Late packages, arriving on Saturday trains may not be delivered until after the holiday, but others will be delivered, Hawkins said.

With us to thank all of our kind friends, neighbors, palbearers and honorary palbearers, and those who so kindly provided cars, for their many acts of kindness, expressions of sympathy, condolence, spiritual offerings and for their many beautiful floral offerings at the loss of our dearly beloved husband, father, and son.

MRS. DAGNY SOBczAK, MR. AND MRS. FRANK SOBczAK, MRS. HELEN SOBczAK.

Nation Today Headlines Bring Chills As Christmas Approaches

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—If shoppers, hurrying home in the past 24 hours to get ready for the peace of Christmas, looked at the newspaper headlines they must have felt a chill of uneasiness. For, side by side with tales of a jolly Yuletide, are stories that told of a reality which is here now and will be here for a long time after this Christmas and its merry bells are forgotten.

These stories, gathered from the corners of the earth, explain each in its own way, and, oddly, simply by its being factual reports of events, how the world this Christmas is divided into two armed camps. Any one of those stories, if told alone, might seem a gloomy item. Bunched together, the stories make a picture of a world where any Santa Claus has to be looked at against a dark cloud.

Here are some of the stories strung together: Washington—Military scientists are considering the possibility of planting robot electronic "saboteurs" in an enemy city to steer guided missiles to a target. Washington—The United States has reached "substantially complete agreement" with its Western European allies on the exact weapons each of them will receive under the \$7,000,000,000 American arms aid program.

Paris—French communists were busy yesterday with a campaign to sabotage American arms. In France and the North Atlantic pact. Thousands of leaflets urged French troops to refuse the guns, planes and tanks and other arms which were being arriving soon at French ports, said the leaflets: "Wall street war mongers are planning another war which they will fight with American tanks and French bodies."

China—Red China's armies, nearing the end of a year in which they have all but blown the Nationalists off the mainland, yesterday stalked their enemy for knockout blows in the West and South. Moscow—At the celebration of Joseph Stalin's 70th birthday, Mao Tse-tung, leader of the Chinese Communists, hailed Stalin as "teacher and friend of the people of the entire world." And V. M. Molotov, former foreign minister and a powerful member of the politburo, lashed out at Premier Marshal Tito and his aides in Yugoslavia as a "gang of hired murderers and spies in the service of foreign imperialists." He said Tito's days are numbered.

Washington—Secretary of Defense Johnson warned against "penning" the nation's watchdogs, as he said the nation's watchdog must be "military security first, economy second." He said the U. S. must have an up-to-date fighting force in being, capable, in concert with our natural allies, of defeating a potential enemy. He didn't mention Russia.

Washington—Also without mentioning Russia, President Truman said "in an age where peace must be protected we must resort to our own strength to hold aggression at bay." He said "until the captive peoples of the world emerge from darkness, they cannot see the hand we hold out in friendship. While they are made to respond to our handclasp with a mailed fist, we have no choice but to stand ready in self-defense."

Net income for the 12 months ending November 30, 1949 was equivalent to 5.29 times preferred stock dividend requirements, and after deduction for such dividend, was equivalent to \$2.23 per share on the 800,000 shares of outstanding common stock. Net income for the eleven months ending November 30, 1949 amounted to \$1,506,356, an increase of 13.27 per cent over that of the same period of 1948.

Net income for the month of November 1949 amounted to \$195,347 as compared with \$159,692 reported for November 1948, an increase of 15.12 per cent.

Letter to Virginia

EACH year, as children start to grow up, another group asks the question, "Is there a Santa Claus?" They're being doing that for a long time. At Christmas time of 1897 a little girl asked the question of the New York Sun. Francis P. Church answered in an editorial. Since then the question and the answer, under the title, "Is There a Santa Claus?" have been reprinted many times. A half century later, in another "skeptical age," the letter to Virginia still is apropos.

DEAR EDITOR, I am 8 years old. Some of my friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says if you see it in the Sun it's so. Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus—Virginia O'Hanlon.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginia. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all

that the big jump in prices in recent weeks hasn't affected sales. Americans import less than 100 million pounds of tea a year—that makes about 20 billion cups, the Tea Bureau says, if brewed properly. The bureau says that so far this year the sale of tea has advanced 8 per cent over last. The big season is in summer, thanks to that almost exclusively American drink, iced tea. Tea men count heavily on soaring coffee prices turning many persons to tea for the hot cup that cheers in the winter time, and give sales a pickup in this, their traditionally slack season.

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American tastes and ability to pay high prices probably will determine the probable course of coffee prices and supplies, according to the retiring president of the National Coffee Association of America, George V. Robbins, chief buyer of green coffee for General Foods.

"Although there is actually no shortage of coffee supplies at the present," Robbins says, "there are two distinct periods ahead during which an actual shortage of coffee may occur—May or June of 1950, and February to June, 1951."

TELLING THE EDITOR

Letters printed here must not be longer than 500 words, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper, and must be signed by the correct NAME AND ADDRESS of the writer. Contributions following these rules are warmly welcomed.

CHRISTMAS Jesus, Our Saviour, was born on this day. He came as a babe in His most Holy way. The shepherds and wise men were drawn to His lowly bed of hay. To adore the Redeemer of Men in their humble way. They lingered to worship and wanted to stay, As our wise men today linger, At His altars to meditate, to pray. NORA A. SULLIVAN. 2161 Wantland.

Northwest Wheat Smut Increases

PORTLAND, Dec. 23 (AP)—Pacific Northwest wheat farmers face an increasingly serious problem in smut, federal officials warned today. Smut spread fast this year, damaging a fifth of the region's crop, the department of agriculture reported after inspecting 19,000 lots of wheat. The Big Bend and Palouse districts of Washington were the worst sufferers.

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Copco Income Reported Up

According to a statement issued today by A. S. Cummins, president, The California Oregon Power company, reports net income for the 12 months ending November 30, 1949, of \$2,194,923 as compared with net income of \$1,918,573 for the corresponding period ending November 30, 1948, an increase of \$276,352 of 14.40 per cent.

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Bird Conservation Essays Studied

Bird conservation program essays by county school students have been turned over to a panel of judges and the winners probably will be announced shortly after the first of the year. Carrol Howe, county school superintendent, said almost 100 per cent participation in the essay contest had been undertaken throughout the county school system.

Roseburg's Milk Strike Compromised

ROSEBURG, Dec. 23 (AP)—The milk strike of Roseburg's 75 dairy men ended here yesterday with a compromise settlement. The dairymen agreed to sell milk again to distributors here at an increased price of \$2.13 a hundredweight, but with butterfat remaining at 90 cents a pound. The old price was \$1.90 a hundredweight. Distributors said this would necessitate a half-cent higher price per quart of milk—21 cents in stores.

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