



GLITTERING STARS AND STREAMERS over Main Street await Saturday's big Christmas Opening parade. The parade, featuring some 30 giant balloons, is to form at Modoc field and start down Esplanade and Main at 11 a.m. The big balloons, depicting nursery rhyme characters, dragons and animals, have been the center of attraction in parades and celebrations all over the nation.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

I suppose you've heard in the past day or so this cynical crack: "I'd like to know what there is to be thankful for in these days of hot-or-cold war overseas and sky-high-and-getting-higher prices at home."

You may even have agreed half way with it.

Listen: Mrs. Josephine Needham, a widow of Lansing, Michigan, got her three sons back from Korea on this Thanksgiving Day. One is DEAD, one crippled, and the third is recovering from wounds.

Two of the boys came home as a military escort with the body of the third brother, Sgt. John Needham, 25, who fell in action last January while serving with the First Cavalry division. Both surviving brothers bear marks of the grievous wounds they received in Korean action.

Henry's leg is gone and his left arm is paralyzed as a result of a mine explosion on Suicide Hill. He has five Purple Heart decorations and the Bronze Star, won for gallantry under fire. Richard wears two Purple Heart decorations for battle wounds which led the army to send him home preparatory to a medical discharge.

The boys' widowed mother was at the railroad station when the train arrived in the early morning hours.

"I'M SO THANKFUL MY BOYS ARE HOME," she said tearfully before she collapsed in the arms of other members of her family, including another son, Walter, 26, a World War II veteran.

If you are dissatisfied with your lot, leading you to think you have nothing to be thankful for, it is probably because you compare yourself with somebody who, you think, HAS MORE THAN YOU HAVE.

I think it might do you some good if you would compare yourself from time to time with someone who HAS LESS than you have and has SUFFERED MORE than you have.

This family in Lansing, Michigan, for example.

Another thought: This is Thanksgiving Day on the Korean battlefield, just as it is here in our American homeland. You might easily think that the boys in the frozen foxholes, facing a tough and barbarous enemy, have nothing to be thankful for. They have PLENTY to be thankful for—as every soldier who has been in a foxhole during a lull in the fighting knows.

THEY ARE THANKFUL THAT THEY ARE ALIVE.

How about the Pilgrim Fathers (Continued on Page Five.)

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Hard At Lines in Korea But Allies Hold

SEOUL, Korea, (AP)—Two Communist battalions attacking through barbed wire and a hail of artillery fire overran an advance Allied position in Western Korea early today.

American troops along most of the rain-swept battle front observed Thanksgiving with turkey and trimmings, the Reds hit the central sector of the Western front with a series of hard jabs.

Husband Sees Wife's Death

ATLANTA, (AP)—A man who said he is dying of cancer told police he watched his wife kill herself with poison, then posted a "do not disturb" sign on their apartment door, got drunk and went to sleep.

Detectives J. E. Helms and W. M. Holland quoted Henry Albert Farmer as saying his wife became dependent when she learned Farmer had only a short time to live. She bought the poison Tuesday, Farmer told police.

"She came back in and drank some," he added. "It made her very sick. She fell on the floor. I put a quilt under her head. I thought about taking some myself, but I couldn't quite bring myself around to doing it."

Officers said Farmer, a 47-year-old real estate dealer, apparently had been drinking heavily for several days. They said he would be detained as a material witness "until he is thoroughly sobered up."

Farmer told police he believed his wife died about 1 p.m. Tuesday and that he went out Wednesday long enough to buy two pints of whisky.

Police went to the Farmer apartment on a telephone tip and entered with a pass key. Mrs. Farmer, 42, was lying in the floor. Farmer was on a bed sleeping.

Officers said one of Mrs. Farmer's fellow workers at a manufacturing plant called the Farmer apartment yesterday and asked for Mrs. Farmer. When the husband replied, "I think she is dead," the caller notified police.

Allies Agree On Germany

FRANKFURT, Germany, (AP)—American sources here said today the big three western foreign ministers and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer in Paris "have reached full agreement" on the main principles for restoring near-sovereignty to West Germany.

The informants said U.S. high commissioner John J. McCloy had informed his staff in a telephone call from Paris that the German-Allied negotiations there had achieved success.

Adenauer met in Paris today for the first time with U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman to discuss West Germany's future as a nation and as partner in European defense.

West German chancellor had gone to Paris in an effort to cut through differences which blocked conclusion of a contract to end Western rule over his part of Germany.

William Holt Dies In LA

LOS ANGELES, (AP)—William Franklin Holt, 87, immortalized in a Harold Bell Wright novel for his work in changing the Imperial Valley desert into rich farmland, died in a hospital last night.

He failed to recover from surgery performed October 27.

Holt built the first railroad into the area, then erected lighting plants and a telephone system and helped develop its water resources. He founded the town of Holtville, and was instrumental in establishing El Centro.

Holt was born on a farm in Merced county, Mo. He went into the banking business in Missouri and California. He moved to Redlands, Calif., in 1900, then became interested in the Imperial Valley.

The valley, extending 75 miles into California from the Mexican border, was then a sandy waste. Now, irrigated by water from the Colorado river, it is a lush vegetable garden.

Jefferson Worth, central character in Wright's book, "The Winning of Barbara Holt," was fashioned closely after Holt, for years a friend of the author.

Search Planes Weathered In

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, (AP)—B-29 bombers kept search planes from Yugoslavia's skies today in their hunt for a missing U.S. air force C-47 transport. The transport, with four men aboard, disappeared Monday.

The U.S. embassy plane here and a Yugoslav civilian plane at Sarajevo both were grounded by poor visibility. Twelve U.S. planes were ready at Treviso, in northeastern Italy, and eight more in Rome should the clouds and fogs break up.

Premier Marshal Tito's government gave permission yesterday for the searchers to roam the skies over the northwestern part of his country, where foreign planes usually are restricted to a few air corridors into Belgrade. Yesterday's weather confined searchers to the Italian Adriatic coastline and areas north of Venice.

The plane disappeared on a routine flight from Germany to Belgrade. It apparently got off course and was fired on by Hungarian and Romanian border guards, but the pilot's radio report of the firing made no mention of any danger.

It was believed the plane had turned back from the borders of the Soviet satellites and made a crash landing, out of gas, either in Yugoslavia or in the Adriatic.

Cutter Sinks, Crew Safe

MIAMI, Fla., (AP)—The captain and 13 crewmen of the Haitian cutter Toussaint L'Ouverture were brought here early today by the coast guard which rescued them from their battered and leaking craft about 15 miles off the Florida coast.

Three members of the Haitian ship's crew were missing, but the coast guard said it was believed they had made shore, probably on some lonely beach south of Miami.

The Haitian vessel, a coast guard cutter 111 feet long, was on its way from Port au Prince to Miami when it began leaking in rough, heavy seas.

Its captain, Jack Salgado of Port au Prince, said one of the three missing men was Nicolas Beaussejour, the ship's executive officer. Salgado said the Toussaint L'Ouverture carried no radio and that the executive officer set out with two crewmen for the Florida shore to seek aid. Flares meanwhile led the coast guard to the stricken vessel.

A strong tide was running, and the men, in a stout dinghy, were believed to have made land without much trouble.

Archbishop To Be Released

NEW YORK, (AP)—The New York Times said today that Premier Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia will announce "in the near future" the liberation of archbishop Alojzije Stepinac.

In a dispatch from Rome, C. L. Sulzberger, the Times' chief foreign correspondent, said:

"The archbishop will be sent back to his native village of Krastice, where he will be permitted to live as a private individual and clergyman with full restoration of his civil rights on the condition that he does not engage in political activity considered to be against the interests of the state."

Archbishop Stepinac, now in Lepoglava prison has served five years of a 10-year sentence on charges including wartime collaboration with the Axis powers.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and northern California: Fair with morning fog tomorrow. Low tonight 8, high tomorrow 40. (Additional Weather on Page 4)



FOR KOREAN THANKSGIVING—M Sgt. Charles Allison has just proved that this shipment to the port of Pusan, Korea, is not mislabeled, climbing into a big cargo net full of boxed turkeys that have been shipped for the combat forces' Thanksgiving dinner.

Peace By Christmas Hopes Rise As Negotiators Near Agreement On Buffer Zone

By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN

MUNSA, Korea, (AP)—Truce negotiators near agreement at a Thanksgiving day meeting on a plan which could open the way for an end of fighting in Korea by Christmas.

Only one point remained to be settled in the buffer zone dispute. Delegates were so close together they called a Friday meeting of staff officers to start drawing the line of battle contact across Korea.

This would become the center of a buffer zone, 2½ miles wide.

If an armistice is signed within 30 days.

If the remaining dispute on a cease-fire line is ironed out, three major hurdles would still stand in the way of making it effective and signing a truce by Christmas—(1) Terms for enforcing the armistice, (2) Exchange of prisoners, and (3) Recommendations to governments on withdrawal of foreign troops from Korea.

A U.N. command spokesman said only one question is holding up full accord on the buffer zone issue. That is how a new cease-fire line would be fixed if no agreement is reached in 30 days.

Thursday was the 28th time two-man subcommittees assigned to the cease-fire line dispute had met in Panmunjom. They will meet again Friday at 11 a.m. (9 p.m. EST Thursday) to try to remove the last stumbling block to an agreement.

During a one hour and 55 minute morning session Allied truce negotiators offered a revised version of the three-point plan submitted Wednesday by the Reds. It incorporated much of the Communist proposal verbatim.

Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckolls, U. N. command spokesman, said there was almost immediate agreement on the first two points.

The first provides that the line of battle contact will be the line from which both sides withdraw when an armistice is signed. In rewriting the Communist proposal, the Allied negotiators inserted a clause specifying that there would be no withdrawal of troops until there is an agreement on the full armistice.

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KF Accidents Injure Two

Traffic accidents sent two persons to Klamath Valley hospital last night and early this morning for treatment of minor injuries.

Hazel Craspe, 44, route 1, box 426, knocked down by a car at 9th and Main about 8 p.m. was treated for minor abrasions.

City police reported she was struck by a 1942 Nash driven by Theodore V. Rose, 25, who gave his address as the suburban fire department.

Rose was cited for failure to yield the right of way to a pedestrian and posted \$50 bond for appearance in municipal court tomorrow.

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Dikes Blasted To Ease Flood

ROVIGO, Italy, (AP)—Frantic workers put dynamite to dikes along the still-rising Po river today in an effort to send the raging flood waters more quickly to the Adriatic sea.

More towns and villages were menaced hourly by the waters from Italy's mightiest river, rising at the rate of two inches an hour as it pushed its eastward course across the country's richest region.

One gap was blasted early today in the retaining wall near this stricken provincial capital.

Two other blastings later today were scheduled.

Many diehard villagers opposed the dike-breaking—certain to loose waters at their own doorsteps—and some refused to budge from their homes.

In the southern half of the Po basin, in Reggio Emilia province, an unknown assailant shot and killed a rescue worker. Police believed the killer was fighting to stay in his home.

The already-flooding Po, swelled by overflowing tributaries through out northeastern Italy, rose still higher. More than 100 persons have died and estimates of the homeless from the past two weeks of floods range between 200,000 and 350,000.

Commuters Sideswipe In Tunnel

NEW YORK, (AP)—Two trains jammed with holiday travelers smashed together in a tunnel under Park Avenue today, injuring at least 12 people. No fatalities were reported.

The wreck was on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad.

The trains, one bound for Stamford, Conn., and the other for New Haven, left Grand Central terminal at about the same time from different levels in the terminal.

But about eight blocks north, the upper and lower level of the underground tracks converged onto the same level at about 30th street and Park Avenue. There, police said, the crash occurred.

Ambulances, fire trucks and emergency squads swarmed to the area. First police reports said two cars of the Stamford-bound train, loaded with about 500 people, were badly damaged.

Passengers were shaken about, and some hurt by flying glass.

WOMAN TRAPPED

One woman was trapped in a crushed seat.

Seven injured persons were brought out on stretchers.

The New Haven-bound train carried about 600 holiday riders.

Stephen C. Osvald, conductor of the Stamford-bound train, said the third car of his train veered over to the right, smashing against the other train.

Momentum of the two trains carried them ahead for several blocks in the tunnel after the crash.

Underground nature of the wreck slowed efforts to aid passengers, and to determine full extent of casualties.

Doctors descended into the tunnel to give aid.

Victims were carried on stretchers along a narrow catwalk to a twisting stairway coming up into a Park Avenue building.

Several elderly women, covered with soot and dirt, cried and wept as they were removed on stretchers.

HITS WALL

When the two trains sideswiped, the Stamford train was knocked against the wall of the tunnel on the south side.

The other train bounced in the other direction, knocking loose a 25-foot section of retaining wall.

One passenger, air force Sgt. Russell E. Harper, Chicago, said panic broke out in his car.

"I saw glass flying around and I got up and slapped some people when they looked like they were about to get out of hand," he said.

Harper said passengers noticed the trains moving closer together as the tracks converged.

"We thought the two trains were very close," he said, "and someone made a remark about this just before we hit."

A trainman who refused to give his name said it was "miraculous" that both trains were only doing about 10 miles an hour.

The accident came exactly one year after two crowded Long Island railroad trains collided on Long Island, killing 79, on Nov. 22, 1950.

More than 125 were injured in that Thanksgiving wreck. One train had stopped and the other, bound in the same direction, crashed into it from the rear.

Nationalists Execute Red Spy

TAIPEH, Formosa, (AP)—Chinese Nationalists today executed Ma Gen. Sun Tze-wen of the defense ministry on charges of being a Communist spy.

The defense ministry said Sun came to Formosa ostensibly as a loyal Nationalist, but actually was a Communist agent.

The 49-year-old general formerly commanded the Chinese Nationalist 31st army under Gen. Fu Tze-yi, Nationalist commander in North China who switched his army over to the Red side.



IT SHOULD be a good day for Charley Biehn (above) of the Baldwin hotel. When the cameraman caught him this morning, Charley was getting ready to spend Thanksgiving with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Biehn, St. Francis Park.