

WEATHER

Increasing cloudiness and not quite so cold today; snow in west portion, cloudy with rain tonight and Friday, warmer tonight.

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GM SEEKS INJUNCTION AGAINST STRIKING LOCAL

Jap House Of Peers Expected To Pass Election Reform Legislation

Marshall Says Hawaii Given 'Definite' Alert Before Pearl Harbor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall, flushing with anger, asserted today the army commander in Hawaii was given a "definite" alert order before the Japanese attacked Dec. 7, 1941, and that he felt he could expect it would be carried out.

Marshall testified before the senate-house committee investigating the attack. Previously, the investigators had learned that Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, the Hawaiian commander, established only an anti-sabotage alert in response to a warning message Nov. 27 from Washington.

The former army chief of staff flared up under persistent questioning about information given to overseas commanders in the last few days before the Pearl Harbor attack plunged this nation into war.

"General Short was given definite direction," Marshall said. "He was given an alert order. I still feel that when you give a command to a high officer you expect it to be carried out."

This assertion followed up Marshall's statement yesterday that he—Marshall—was responsible for actions of the general staff and that he had "full responsibility" for any failure in Washington to see that Short went on a full war alert.

His testimony at that time came in response to a question from

FIRST STEP ALONG ROAD TO DEMOCRACY

MacArthur Directs Government To Begin Relief Program

FOOD SURVEY BEGUN

TOKYO, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Election reform legislation revolutionary in Japanese history is expected to be passed by the house of peers—probably tomorrow—as a first step toward proportionate representation.

While the Diet wrestled with political reform, General MacArthur attacked on the economic front, directing the Japanese government to inaugurate a broad relief program to provide food, clothing, housing, medical care, financial aid and welfare services for unemployed this winter.

The relief plan, when ready, must be submitted in detail for Allied approval. The government also was ordered to take all necessary steps to prevent discrimination in distribution of food. Allied headquarters meanwhile began surveys of food consumption, nutrition and physical health of Japanese.

ELECTION EXPERT Shunichi Suzuki, election expert of the home ministry, explained that the government measure provides also for drastic re-districting and a wider choice of candidates for the house of representatives.

The legislation does not involve revision of the house of peers, the reform of which was promised earlier by Premier Kijuro Shidehara. A bill altering the present highly restrictive selection of the upper house is to be introduced in the Diet after Japan's first general election of the occupation.

Replying to Naoshi Obara, a Peer, Shidehara said the revision should be made before the diet



'IKE' SEES BYRNES OFF TO RUSSIA—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower (left), Army Chief of Staff, says goodbye to Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, leaving the National airport in Washington for Russia to attend a Big Three foreign ministers' conference on control of the atomic bomb. The meeting will be held in Moscow.—(AP Wirephoto).

6-Inch Snowfall Blankets Shelby

Local Transportation Halted; Tire Chains, Cold-Weather Wear Sold Out

Snow which began falling a few minutes after 8 o'clock this morning had blanketed Shelby and vicinity six inches deep by noon, paralyzed local transportation, swamped the local telephone office with calls, both local and long distance, caused a sell-out of overshoes, tire chains, boots and galoshes and delighted the younger generation beyond measure, as they envisioned prospects for a white Christmas.

CC DIRECTORS ARE ELECTED

Tabulations were completed this morning in the election of directors by the Shelby chamber of commerce and showed the following five new directors chosen: Charles Dover, Holt McPherson, Charles Hoey, Henry Edwards and Will Arey, Jr.

These new directors will meet with the old board Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Charles hotel to elect a president, a vice president and an executive secretary. The session will be presided over by the retiring president, Clyde A. Short, who will take his place on the board as past president succeeding Jean Schenck, president during 1944. Other holdover members are Doris Bolt, Ray Lutz, Norris Lackey, R. J. Rucker, Lowery Austell and Mayor Harry Woodson, who is a member by virtue of his office; W. W. Morris and Vance Weaver, recently elected chairman and vice-chairman of the Merchants division, also take their places on the board.

OPA Rules No Price Hike On Shoes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—OPA said today there will be no increase in prices the public pays for shoes despite a price hike granted to manufacturers.

The agency ruled that a 4 1-2 percent producer's increase to go into effect soon must be absorbed by retailers and wholesalers. OPA asserted that under this plan, dealers would still make "considerably more" than their peacetime profit.

As for retailers, the agency said their current profits are 7.6 per cent, or 6.1 percentage points higher than in 1936-39.

WHAT'S DOING

- TODAY 7 p.m.—Regular meeting of Kiwanis club. 7 p.m.—CAP cadets meet at armory. FRIDAY 12:30 p.m.—Regular meeting of Rotary club. 7 p.m.—Executive club meets at Hotel Charles. 8 p.m.—Company K reunion at armory.

BLACK MARKET IN CLOTHING IS ASSAILED

Government Agencies Launch Drive On Illegal Textile Sales

FOSTERS INFLATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Government agencies today pressed a four-way drive to smash black market sales of clothing and textiles.

S. S. Attorney General Tom C. Clark said the drive, designed to restore a free flow of clothing and textiles to the normal market, was being conducted by the department of justice, treasury department, office of price administration and the office of U. S. District Attorney John F. X. McGohey of New York city.

The four agencies of the government, actively participating in what is expected to result in the greatest roundup of black marketers on record, will utilize every federal statute applicable, some of them carrying heavy jail penalties," Clark declared.

"Most former servicemen are still wearing O. D. shirts because it is almost impossible to get white shirts. The black market in clothing and textiles is interfering with the stability of our national economy. It is striking at the value of the dollar and tends to bring on a run-away market and inflation."

Clark said the first step in the drive was the impounding here yes—

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Indonesians Reject Offer For Dominion

BATAVIA, Java, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Indonesian leaders from Sumatra today rejected Dutch offers of dominion status and declared that they would support the unrecognized Indonesian Republic in its fight for full independence.

Their position was stated by Acting Governor Amir of the Sumatran Indonesian "government" after a conference with Premier Sutan Sjahrir and other leaders of the "republic."

The principal opposition to Dutch rule previously had been concentrated in Java, with only a few minor disturbances in Sumatra. While today's conference was in progress, it was reported that a Dutchman had been shot dead near an internment area at Medan, Sumatra.

Meanwhile, small-scale clashes were reported between British and Indonesian forces at several points in Java.

Troopship Sends Distress Call

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The navy said today the troopship Joseph Hooker, with 562 servicemen aboard, which raised a distress call from the Atlantic last night, still was shipping water but was proceeding at six knots and expected to reach port under her own power.

The air sea rescue office, eastern sea frontier, said the ship was 270 miles east southeast of the Nantucket light vessel last night. Among the army units represented aboard the Hooker is the 141st field artillery battalion.

Unemployment 30 Per Cent Less Than Was Expected

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The impact of peace on joblessness is 30 to 40 per cent lighter than reconversion officials anticipated.

Fewer lay-offs in industry and an unexpectedly high and sustained rate of buying are among factors that have prompted key federal economists to offer this improved employment outlook.

By year's end, the total of actual and potential job-seekers will be 4,000,000 at the most, one-third less than had been predicted for that date when hostilities ceased.

By next March the jobless



DOOMED TO DEATH—Anton Muser (above), leader of the Dutch Nazi party, was sentenced to death in Holland Dec. 12 for collaborating with the Germans.—(AP Wirephoto).

GEN. CHIANG IN PEIPING

First Time In Many Years; His Troops Said Beyond Mukden

TIENHSIN, China, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek appeared in Peiping today for the first time in many years, while his troops, last reported 40 miles beyond Mukden, were reported rolling swiftly toward Harbin, a leading Manchurian industrial center.

Other national government forces were moving to Changchun, Manchurian capital, by air. Observers here viewed these rapid-fire developments as a strong indication that all Manchuria, rich in industry, will be in the hands of Chiang's government forces within a few weeks and probably with a minimum of bloodshed.

HARBIN BY CHRISTMAS Harbin may be reached by Christmas or before, informed sources here believe. A joint Chinese-Soviet board in Changchun has been operating for weeks the important rail line from Changchun to Harbin and alien. The fact this operation has been virtually unimpeded by Chinese Communists supports the belief Harbin will be yielded to the National army when it is ready to take control.

The almost total absence of any Chinese Communist opposition to the Chinese government drive into Harbin was noted by observers here.

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Patton's Condition Said Satisfactory

HEIDELBERG, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Doctors in attendance on Gen. George S. Patton reported today that he had spent a good night and that his general condition remained "satisfactory with no complications."

The medical bulletin indicated, however, that there had been no marked change in the paralysis from which Patton is suffering as the result of a broken neck sustained in an automobile accident last Sunday near Mannheim.

HEIDELBERG, Germany, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The commanding officer of the U. S. Army hospital where Gen. George S. Patton, jr., is under treatment for paralysis said tonight there was "a good chance" that the American commander might be on his feet again.

'ILLEGAL PICKETING' IS CHARGED

Says Threats And Personal Abuse Used Against Non-Strikers

DICKER WITH FORD

DETROIT, Dec. 13.—(AP)—General Motors Corp. sought an injunction today against a striking Cleveland local of the CIO's United Auto Workers union, alleging "illegal picketing" at the Fisher Body plant in that city.

The corporation's move, in which it charged "threats and personal abuse" were used against non-strikers trying to enter the Cleveland plant, was made as negotiations over the picketing issue were in progress.

General Motors, whose production has been halted 23 days by the UAW-CIO's strike over a 30 percent wage increase demand, with 213,000 workers idle, has insisted heretofore that the picketing question be heard out before the wage discussion subsequently, however, GM had asked wages with the union.

The petition for an injunction was asked in an emergency plea court in Cleveland and, according to a General Motors announcement here, specifically named an incident of Tuesday when 600 employees allegedly were prevented from entering the plant.

THREATENED The pickets, General Motors said, "not only physically barred the way" of the employees "but by threats and personal abuse intimidated them and kept them from entering. Driveways to parking lots were blocked. General Motors said, and drivers seeking to enter were told they would do so at the risk of personal injury and damage to their cars."

General Motors asked the injunction against Cleveland local 45 of the UAW-CIO and 30 officers and members, including John Troeter, international representative, and Charles Beckman, president of local 45.

DETROIT, Dec. 13.—(AP)—While some union leaders resumed limited negotiations with General Motors Corp., others more hopefully went back into huddle today to map further strategy for speeding up settlement of their wage fight with the Ford Motor Co.

Negotiators for both Ford and the CIO United Automobile Workers appeared still conciliatory despite a company blast at overall

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MOSCOW AWAITS BYRNES, BEVIN

Citizens Approve Ministers' Meet; 'It Shows Cooperation'

MOSCOW, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The Soviet capital today awaited with indications of great public interest the arrival of U. S. Secretary of State Byrnes and British Foreign Minister Bevin for talks with Foreign Commissar Molotov.

To the average Muscovite the discussion to have the meeting and to hold it in Moscow came as no surprise. Interviews with numerous Soviet citizens showed that they understand the background and purposes of the talks, which are scheduled to start Saturday.

Maria M. Ivanova, 48-year-old housewife, said she was glad the meeting was being held "because it shows international cooperation is still taking place."

"I was glad to read they expect to talk about atomic energy," she said. "I don't like the idea of the atomic bomb, but the use of atomic energy is fascinating and I would like to live to see it put into good practical use for the benefit of everyone."

Stephen Vladimirovitch Bobkin, 52, foreman of the tool department in a machine building plant, said: "I never doubted there would be a meeting, because it was part of the past agreements. I am sure it will be more successful than the last one and the outcome will be more satisfactory to all concerned."

Death Sentences For 36 Dachau Guards

One Given Life Imprisonment And Three Others Sentenced To 10 Years Each

DACHAU, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A U. S. military court today sentenced 36 officials and guards at the notorious Dachau concentration camp to death by hanging for the murder, torture and starvation of thousands of the camp's inmates.

SEAL DRIVE \$700 SHORT

\$3,303.31 Received Up Until Today; \$4,000 Is Goal

With 11 days remaining in the Tuberculosis Seal Sale drive, Cleveland county receipts are \$700 short of the \$4,000 goal, it was revealed today by Mrs. Rush Hamrick, county chairman.

Latest tabulation of receipts showed that \$3,303.31 had been received up until this morning. The sale conducted in booths located in the postoffice and Cohen's department store last Saturday netted \$19.87 while Kings Mountain schools reported \$43.21 received in sales last week as compared with \$73.20 received by Shelby city schools.

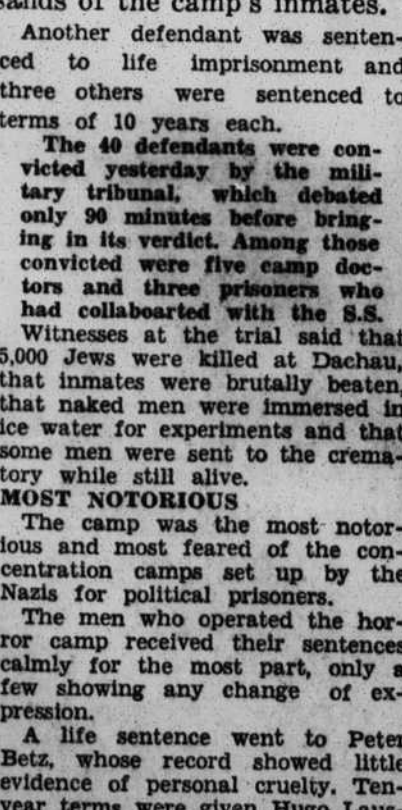
The committee named to canvass negro clubs and residences in Kings Mountain had sold \$24.42 in seals and bangles prior to last night.

Except for the fact that mail sales have fallen off drastically the goal would be within easy reach, Mrs. Hamrick said. In view of pitifully small receipts through that channel, however, the county sales committee expressed some anxiety over filling the quota before Christmas and urged that people in rural areas send in their contributions by that means.

Supplies Of Meats Likely To Decline

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department said today civilian supplies of meats will decline about nine per cent from present levels of consumption during the first quarter of 1946.

Civilians have been getting more than their allocated supply recently because the government has not enforced rigid diversion of supplies to military and foreign claimants. Arrangements have been made, they added, to hold the civilian supplies in next quarter to the amount allocated.



KILLER'S VICTIM—In her apartment, Frances Brown, (above), 33, a former WAVE, was found dead in bed with bullet wounds in her head and body and a bread knife stuck through her neck. Police believe she was the victim of a maniac killer.—(AP Wirephoto).

McMULLAN RULES:

Principals Not Entitled To Leaves Of Absence

RALEIGH, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Attorney General Harry McMullan held today that school principals are not officers entitled to leaves of absence under state statute, and that local school boards are not required to restore jobs to returning principal-veterans.

However, he said, "as a matter of sound policy and in justice to returning veterans, all state and local agencies are complying with government recommendations that jobs be restored to returning veterans."

The opinion, prepared especially for the State Board of Education,

dealt particularly with a situation in which a school principal was discharged from the army and was given his old job back as principal of a negro school. A teacher who filled the post during the veteran's absence and who had signed a contract for the 1945-46 school term, has asked his county board of education for salary for the remaining seven months of the school term.

McMullan said that since the principal in question was not an officer entitled to a leave of ab-

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9 SHOPPING DAYS Left. Buy CHRISTMAS SEALS.