

WEATHER

Freezing drizzle in north and west; light rain in southeast portion today becoming partly cloudy and cold tonight with lowest temperatures 20-24 and 24-32 in east.

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TRUMAN CALLS FOR MERGER OF MILITARY FORCES

WESTERN UNION SLATES STRIKE FOR JAN. 7

Union And Company At Odds On 13 Issues, Including Wages

25 PER CENT BOOST

By The Associated Press Another nationwide walk-out of union workers in support of demands for higher wages, involving 48,000 AFL employees of Western Union, was on the January calendar of scheduled strikes today.

In accordance with a strike vote last Dec. 1, the general committee of the AFL Western Union Commercial Telegraphers' union ordered a strike for Jan. 7, to begin at 8 a. m. The only employees of the communications system not to be affected are the CIO-Affiliated Workers in New York.

The federal conciliation service failed to settle the dispute between the union and company on 13 issues, including union demands for a 25 per cent wage rate boost. Union officials cautioned all locals against any unauthorized strikes.

Other nation-wide walkouts scheduled next month include the strike call of some 700,000 CIO United Steelworkers for Jan. 14. The union is demanding a \$2 a day wage hike. The CIO United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers union also has announced a strike some time after Jan. 1 by its estimated 200,000 workers in 75 plants of General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors. Like the steelworkers, the electrical workers are demanding a \$2 a day hike.

The dispute in the automotive industry between the "big three" and the CIO United Auto Workers

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MIGHTY BLAST WRECKS HOUSES

SAN DIEGO, CALIF., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Seven persons were hospitalized, one of them with serious injuries, and approximately 1,000 others left homeless when a flaming navy ammunition truck and trailer exploded with a terrific blast on a highway 15 miles north of here yesterday afternoon.

Six of the injuries, all marines, were taken to the nearby naval hospital. One is being treated for a skull fracture and the others for lacerations from broken glass. One woman, cut about the face, also was given hospital treatment.

Camp Matthews, near the site of the explosion, reported 16 marines were cut by flying glass.

HOUSES WRECKED All of the homeless were residents of the Torrey Pines Federal Housing project close by. John Arvin, federal housing administrator, estimated 85 percent of the 214 units in the project were seriously damaged, with windows shattered, partitions knocked down and ends of buildings blown out.

Navy officials reported the truck was enroute from San Diego to Fallbrook, Calif., with a load of 57 rocket motors, 24 depth charge extenders, 49 depth charge pistols, 29 depth charge boosters and 40 millimeter shells.

Possible loss of life was averted when the driver, John Ayala of Fallbrook discovered his gas tank aflame, jumped out and warned authorities at La Jolla junction, 150 yards away, of the danger.

Residents of the housing project were evacuated and roads blocked off before the truck exploded. Consumption of the blast was felt 90 miles away.

A gas main supply to San Diego was broken, and telephone and electric light service in the area disrupted.

Army Transport Plane Missing

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 19.—(AP)—A C-45, small army transport plane, en route from Charleston, S. C., to Drew Field with four persons aboard, is missing, officials of the Third Air Force at Mac Dill Field have announced.

It may have overshoot Drew Field and landed in the Gulf, the control center there said.

Due last night at 7:30 p. m., it made radio contact about 30 miles north of Mac Dill and again 30 minutes later, when a faint call was received. Flares were reported seen 100 miles out in the Gulf by the SS Carter Braxton.



WHITE CALM AFTER BUFFALO'S ROARING BLIZZARD—A thick blanket of snow covers houses, streets, trees and automobiles in Buffalo, N. Y., after a week-end blizzard, one of the worst in the city's history. This street scene is typical of conditions throughout the residential districts.—(AP Wirephoto).

HOW LONG WILL PROBE LAST?

Japs Suspected Code Had Been Cracked In Spring Of 1941

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Pearl Harbor Committee called an executive session for late today (4 p. m. EST) to consider how much longer the five-week-old inquiry shall continue — a question that may eventually bring on a hot fight in congress.

This was disclosed by Chairman Barkley (D-Ky.), as the senate-house investigators received records showing that in the spring of 1941 the Japanese were convinced that the United States was reading some of their secret codes.

Barkley, who returned to the committee after several days illness, did not confirm reports that Democrats will favor only a 30-day extension of the hearing beyond Jan. 3, the date originally set for its conclusion.

Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) is opposed to such a limitation, saying the inquiry should go on as long as necessary. He has estimated this may take an additional 60 or 90 days.

COUNSEL TO QUIT Committee Counsel William D. Mitchell and his staff have served notice they intend to quit early in January. Senator Lucas (D-Ill.) told reporters there was little chance of persuading the legal staff to continue beyond that time.

There were these other developments: move by Lucas to have Lt. Gen. Walter G. Short and Adm. Husband E. Kimmel, the Hawaiian commanders, called to tell their side before the first of the year.

2. A suggestion by Senator Brewster (R-Me) that Owen J. Roberts, recently retired Supreme Court Justice who conducted the first inquiry into the disaster, might be asked to testify.

3. Disclosure that all of the Navy's spies in Japan had been liquidated late in 1941 and that the navy therefore was depending off Japanese intentions.

SUMMARY The latter disclosure was contained in a Dec. 18, 1941 summary, Vice Adm. T. S. Wilkinson made for Adm. Harold R. Stark, then Chief of naval operations, of Wilkinson's testimony before the Roberts inquiry commission.

At that time, Wilkinson, then head of Naval intelligence, said efforts had been made to gather information on Japanese activities through attaches and additional observers. But he added: "We had in the past had secret agents in Japan, but we had none recently, since those we had had, had not survived."

AT WAR CRIMES TRIAL:

Many Synagogues Destroyed In Anti-Jewish Outbursts

By WES GALLAGHER NURENBERG, Dec. 19.—(AP)—One brigade of Hitler's brown-shirted storm troopers alone blew up or burned 35 synagogues in a two-day outbreak of anti-Jewish terrorism, American prosecutors told the international military tribunal today.

Evidence of violence and terror from the storm troopers' own records was presented to the tribunal in the prosecution's effort to place war crimes convictions against thousands of lesser Nazis, as well as the score of Hitler's top henchmen sitting in the court-

Requirements For Discharge Are Lowered

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The army announced today another cutback in requirements for release from service, effective Dec. 31. It will make an additional 600,000 men and women eligible for separation.

The changes include a reduction in the point score for enlisted men to 50 and for officers to 70. For the first time, length of service will be computed in the case of WAC personnel. Enlisted WACS will be eligible if they have had two years and six months of honorable service. WAC officers will be eligible if they have had three years and three months.

SEVICE TIME The length of service required for separation will be reduced by six months to 42 months for enlisted men and by three months to 48 months for male officers except department officers.

The age criteria was reduced by three years to 45 years for all medical and dental officers except plastic surgeons. The critical score will be reduced by five points to 65 for dental and veterinary corps officers and all medical officers except certain specialists. The factors for release of sanitary corps officers, medical administrative corps officers, nurses, physiotherapists, and dietitians remain unchanged.

MARRIED WACS WAC officer and enlisted personnel married to discharged veterans of World War II may be released upon their own application, regardless of the date of their enlistment. Other married WAC personnel, who enlisted before last May 12, will be released upon their own application, regardless of the date of their enlistment. Other married WAC personnel, See REQUIREMENTS Page 2

Highways In W. N. C. Being Cleared

Highway crews that worked all night to clear roads of ice, snow and sleet began to get help of relieving weather in early afternoon with result that highways were declared open to Asheville.

Division Engineer Hugh Noel got word around noon that traffic was moving through the mountains easily with chains and some negotiating treacherous curves even without benefit of chains. The slush was breaking up ice and packed snow sharply under traffic in the early afternoon.

The freeze obstructed roads east to Biscoe and extended back to Murphy, Noel said.

EARTH COATED WITH SNOW, ICE

Travelers Warned Highways Unsafe; Inter-City Buses Stopped

Shelby and vicinity woke up to a world of snow and ice this morning. The two inches of snow which fell yesterday and last night was glazed over with a coating of ice paralyzing all but local traffic and making travel on highways and streets extremely dangerous. All bus traffic going west out of here was canceled yesterday afternoon and by this morning all buses had stopped. There was some indication that a schedule out of

Inter-city bus service was resumed here shortly before noon today and it was planned to run regular schedules between Charlotte, Shelby and Asheville, Shelby and Spartanburg and Shelby and Winston-Salem this afternoon. On the first run from Charlotte to Asheville, four buses made the trip, arriving in Shelby shortly after noon.

Charlotte for Shelby might be attempted by noon. Not only was the footing dangerous for automobiles but the sleet which fell last night coated windshields and halted vision.

TRAVEL WARNINGS The state highway department started running its scrapers on the main thoroughfares soon after midnight and kept them going until well into the night. The State Highway Patrol keeping constant vigilance warned motorists to stay off the highways west of here and if travel is necessary at all urged them to use chains. Particular warning was given against travel in the mountains.

Snow which fell yesterday and last night is the third fall of the past five days. The flakes covered huge mounds of the discolored dirty snow which had been scraped off streets and highways after the first fall. Despite yesterday's near blizzard Shelby's coal trucks kept running.

Bretton Woods Bill Clears Parliament

LONDON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Bretton Woods monetary stabilization bill, which cleared its final parliamentary hurdle last night in the house of lords following ratification of the terms of a proposed \$4,400,000,000 United States loan, is expected to receive royal approval Thursday.

The loan terms were approved by a vote of 90 to 8, after two days of debate featured by caustic opposition from Conservative Lord Beaverbrook. Previously the measure had been accepted by commons by a vote of 345 to 98.

Patton's Condition Continues Excellent

HEIDELBERG, GERMANY, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The condition of Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., recovering from a broken neck, was described as excellent by army medical officers today.

"General Patton had a very good night," an official midday bulletin said. "His general condition is excellent. State of paralysis about stationary. Small degree of improvement noted yesterday maintained. Temperature 98.2. Pulse 62. Respiration 22."

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:30 p. m.—Fellowship hour at Central Methodist church.

7:45 p. m.—Midweek prayer and praise service at First Baptist church.

THURSDAY 7 p. m.—Regular meeting of Kiwanis club.

7 p. m.—CAP cadets meet at armory.

MOLOTOV FETES BYRNES, BEVIN AT LUNCHEON

Atomic Bomb Discussed In Formal Conversations Today

By Eddy Gilmore MOSCOW, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov entertained Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin at lunch today before their formal conversations, in which the atomic bomb was reported to be of uppermost importance.

A spokesman at the United States embassy said Byrnes expected to confer with Generalissimo Stalin, recently returned from an extensive vacation. Neither Byrnes nor Bevin has yet seen the Russian leader.

Gen. Georges Catroux, French ambassador to Russia, conferred with Byrnes for 45 minutes during the morning at Spasso home in what was described as a "court-tesy call." Byrnes saw the Chinese ambassador for a half hour Monday.

The question of control of Japan appeared to be one of the topics of the "exploratory" talks. Although the talks were cloaked in the strictest secrecy, observers attached significance to the fact that one of the advisors of Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov at yesterday's conference was Y. A. Malik, last Russian ambassador to Japan.

BYRNES CONFERS They also pointed out that U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes conferred yesterday morning with John Carter Vincent, head of the far eastern section of the state department, as well as Dr. James B. Conant, atomic expert of the American delegation. Vincent later accompanied Byrnes to the meeting of the foreign ministers.

Another question reported to be high on the agenda was the Iranian problem. Both Byrnes and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin conferred with their Iranian experts shortly after publication of a statement by Iranian Prime Minister Ibrahim Hakimi yesterday appealing to the United States, Great Britain and Russia to withdraw their troops from Iran.

There was no announcement after yesterday's meeting, which lasted three hours and 15 minutes—the longest since Molotov, Byrnes and Bevin started their discussions Sunday. Informed quarters said, however, that they were well along on the main questions which brought them together.

Persons present at the gathering See MOLOTOV Page 2

Autopsy Report On Baby Carlan

CHELSEA, Mass., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Medical Examiner William J. Brickley reported today that baby Ronald Carlan died of "asphyxiation and acute general respiratory infection."

Brickley in a preliminary report on an autopsy on the six-month-old baby whose "kidnaping" became one of New England's greatest hoaxes of recent years, told District Attorney William J. Foley that asphyxiation could have been caused when the baby might have turned over face down in his crib.

KIDNAP HOAX The baby was reported kidnaped on November 28 by his mother, Mrs. Rose Carlan, 23, wife of a navy enlisted man. She told police later the baby actually had died four days previously, and that she had hidden the body under the drawers of a China closet in her bedroom-dining room.

Dr. Brickley said the baby had suffered four separate attacks of pneumonia and on each occasion had inhaled food.

Mrs. Carlan now is under arrest, charged with murder in the baby's death and is undergoing mental observation for a ten-day period at the Boston Psychopathic hospital.

Soldiers Marooned In West Coast Ports By Jam In Rail Traffic

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—(P)—Eighty-two thousand homebound Pacific soldiers may be stranded in west coast ports on Christmas unless a jam of rail facilities is cleared, the army predicts.

Many navy men due for discharge or leave likewise may have to spend a forlorn holiday away from home, the navy said. No figures were available, however.

While the number of soldiers and sailors awaiting transportation mounted to 100,000, the Office of Defense Transportation stepped in and ordered all western railroads to move troop trains or empty cars for troop shipments "just as fast as their regular passenger trains" from now until March 1.

With Christmas only six days away, the situation will become more critical since the army announced it expected 110,000 more troops to reach port by Monday.

Chiangs Back To Prewar Capital

SHANGHAI, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek returned triumphantly late yesterday to Nanking, the prewar capital from which he and his government were driven by the Japanese in 1937.

Accompanied by Madame Chiang, he flew there in a Chinese-manned C-47 from Peiping, where he told correspondents he was glad President Truman "reaffirmed the original United States policy toward China."

"I admire him because he has shown he understands the situation in this country," the generalissimo stated. Meanwhile, this city prepared to welcome tomorrow Gen. George C. Marshall, American ambassador who probably will fly on to Nanking the following day. Plans for a Chiang-Marshall meeting have not been formed, but in Chungking the World Daily News said Marshall would meet the Chinese leader in Nanking and then accompany him to Chungking.

MARSHALL ARRIVES Marshall arrived in Manila today and plans to leave for Shanghai tomorrow morning. Crowds greeted the Chiangs at Nanking as their fighter-escorted transport landed at 4 p. m. at the Ming Toms airport. Accompanied by Gen. Ho Ying-Chin, commander in chief of Chinese ground forces, and Nanking's mayor, Ma Chao-Chun, the official party toured the city in which most of the executive Yuan (council) and other governmental branches already are established.

GREETING Before leaving Peiping, Madame Chiang wished American wives and mothers a happy Christmas and said "for those whose men are still away in China, I hope this is the last Christmas they will be separated."

All over China the people prepared for the yule season, their first peacetime Christmas since See CHIANGS Page 2

Mass Punishment For Sympathizers With North Iran Setup

MOSCOW, Dec. 19.—(AP)—A Tass dispatch from Tehran said today Iranian military and police forces were administering mass punishment in the city of Resht to those showing sympathies for the newly established autonomous government in Northern Iran.

Quoting persons arriving from the northern provinces, Tass said the leader of the punitive measures was a colonel Zangine, commander of an Iranian brigade.

In the village of Charabash, near Resht, Tass said, soldiers and gendarmes were reported to have tortured and shot 16 persons and wounded 14 others seriously.

Congress Concentrates On Amended GI Bill Of Rights

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Striving for final adjournment tomorrow, Congress paved the way today for action on an amended G. I. Bill of Rights.

Result of a compromise after weeks of bitter Senate-House controversy, the veterans' legislation held top priority on today's business calendar.

But it faced one more fight in the house—where it comes up first—over the subject of future bonus payments, if any. Chairman Rankin (D-Miss) of the House Veterans Committee lev-

WOULD MAKE AIR ARM EQUAL TO ARMY, NAVY

"I Urge This As The Best Means Of Keeping The Peace"

GRAVE RESPONSIBILITY, By Ernest B. Vaccaro

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—President Truman called today for merger of the army and navy into a single department of national defense with the air forces fully equal to the land and sea arms.

Stepping squarely into the middle of the long and bitter struggle between the army and navy top commands, Mr. Truman followed in virtually every detail the official war department plan for unification.

An he dashed one prime navy hope by declaring in a special 5000 word message to congress: "Further studies of the general problem would serve no useful purpose."

Declaring that "I urge this as the best means of keeping the peace," Mr. Truman proposed that the new defense department be headed by a single cabinet member operating with one undersecretary and several assistant secretaries, all civilians. There would be a departmental chief of staff, with a commander for each of the three component branches — Army, Navy and Air.

Either the president or the secretary of defense could take up directly with the separate commanders matters of basic military strategy and policy and the division of the department's budget.

KEY POSITIONS Key staff positions in department, Mr. Truman said, should be filled with officers drawn from all the services "so that the thinking of the department would not be dominated by any one or two of the services."

he added, "It would be wise if the post of Chief of Staff were rotated among the several services, wherever practicable and advisable x x x."

Referring repeatedly to the possibility of future inroads upon world peace, the Chief Executive declared that "a grave responsibility will rest upon the congress if it continues to delay this urgent and most important measure."

ANOTHER ESSENTIAL He termed unification legislation "another essential step — along See WOULD Page 2

Commons To Vote On Public Ownership Of Coal Mining Industry

LONDON, Dec. 19.—(P)—Legislation to put Britain's coal mining industry under public ownership—one of the key points in the labor government's program—was introduced in commons today.

Mid cheerers from the labor benches, the minister of fuel and power, Emanuel Shinwell, submitted the measure to "establish public ownership and control of the coal mining industry and certain allied activities." It was given a formal first reading.

79th Congress To Reconvene Jan. 3

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The house today shouted through a resolution to convene the second session of the 79th congress on Jan. 3, instead of the customary Jan. 3.

Only a few "noes"—led by Rep. Rankin (D-Miss)—were heard as the resolution was sent to the senate for consideration.

The current session is due to close tomorrow. Rankin complained that the long holiday would delay consideration of legislation dealing with armed service discharges.

4 SHOPPING DAYS Left

Buy CHRISTMAS SEALS

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