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WEATHER

Cloudy and continued cold. Snow in east and central portion and sleet mixed with snow in extreme west today and tonight. Tuesday, rain and slightly warmer.

- State Theatre Today -
"DUFFY'S TAVERN"
Starring
ED GARDNER, with 32 STARS

CHINESE COMMUNISTS DECRY U. S. INTERFERENCE

CIO-UAW GETS SET TO RENEW WAGE DEMANDS

Picket Lines Around GM Plants Will Take Christmas Off

MEET WEDNESDAY

DETROIT, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The CIO United Auto Workers took advantage of a Christmas holiday "truce" to prepare new data today for a renewal later this week of its 30 percent wage increase demands on auto manufacturers.

Picket lines around nearly 100 General Motors Corp. plants throughout the nation are due to be abandoned temporarily to allow the strikers manning them a holiday with their families.

Approximately 200,000 employees of the largest of the automotive big three have been idle since Nov. 21 in America's greatest post-war labor walkout.

Prodded by government fact-finders, the UAW-CIO and GM will meet again Wednesday in their first conference since both sides were called to Washington last week.

The government has promised that it will intervene further unless the two parties adjust their differences.

WITH KAISER-FRAZER

On the following day, Dec. 27, the union will hold its second meeting with the Kaiser-Frazer Corp., latest firm to enter the car manufacturing field.

The UAW-CIO has already outlined its demands on this corporation, including a proposal for a wage scale 30 percent above that now in effect at the Ford Motor Co.

The company has said it may have some details of its own case ready for presentation at the next conference.

The Ford Motor Co., its plants idle during the holiday, is not scheduled to meet with the UAW-CIO again until Jan. 8. The union has turned down the firm's offer of a 15 percent an hour wage boost.

IN ONTARIO

Across the Detroit river, in Windsor, Ont., C. I. Hand, a justice of the Canadian Supreme court, will arrive Wednesday to

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FOURTH SNOW IN TWO WEEKS

Many Sections Of Two Carolinas Assured A White Christmas

By The Associated Press
A fresh snow blanket, fourth in less than two weeks, covered many sections of North Carolina and South Carolina today, and the weatherman's prediction virtually assures a white Christmas over most of the two states.

Snow was expected today in the northern sections of South Carolina, east and central North Carolina and sleet mixed with snow was forecast for the extreme west portions of the Tar Heel state.

Freezing rain was forecast for most of the Carolinas area tomorrow.

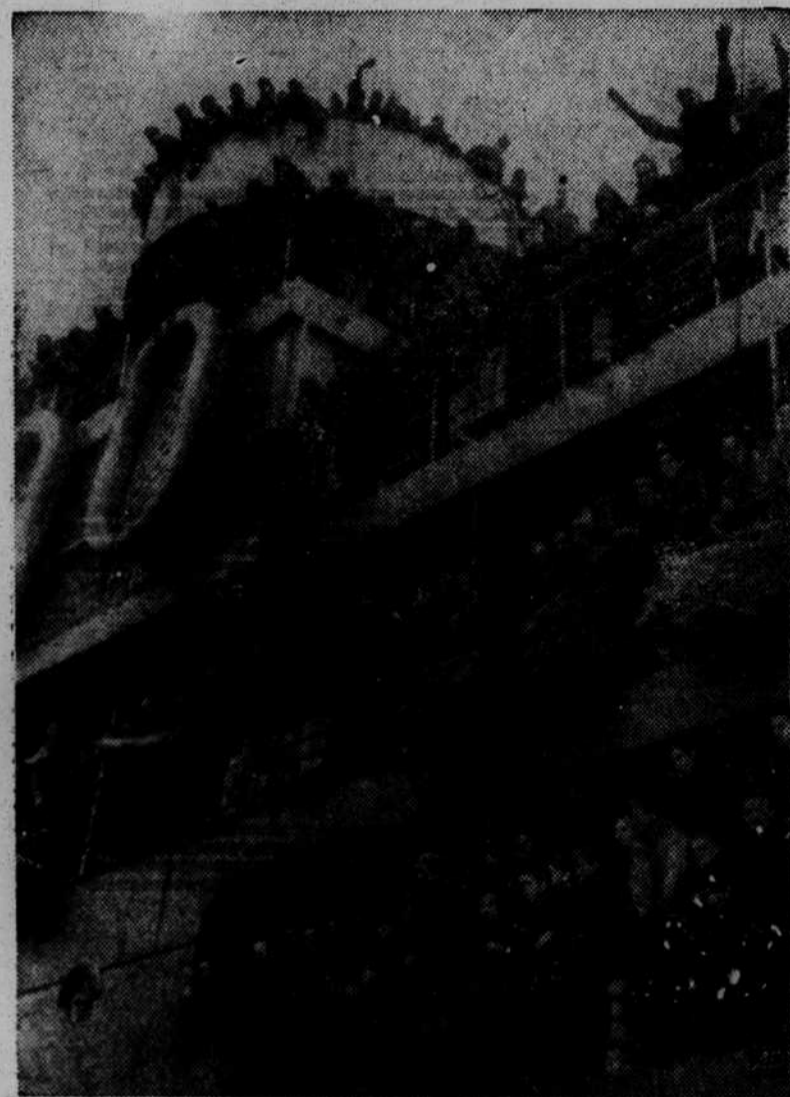
TWO INCHES

Asheville reported two inches of snow today with a minimum temperature reading of 22 degrees. Winston-Salem had one inch of snow and a 24-degree low, while Charlotte reported two-tenths of an inch of snow and a low of 25 degrees.

Eastern Air Lines officials in Charlotte reported cancellations of landings there after midnight last night, although through flights bypassing Charlotte were continuing.

Bus service for the most part was continuing in the two Carolinas under trying road conditions.

Sub-freezing temperatures prevailing over the two states found the mercury down to 25 today in Spartanburg and 29 in Columbia.



PROBABLY WON'T BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS—A full load, five thousand soldiers, crowded every vantage point along the rails when the USS Uruguay arrived from Yokohama in the already jammed port of Seattle. They will be forced to remain aboard ship for a few days and may not be home for Christmas.—(AP Wirephoto).

Lean Christmas For Most Of The World

In European Countries There Is Not Food Enough For Hearty Feast, No Toys

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—A lean Santa totes a thin pack for most of the world on this first peacetime Christmas in six years.

In conquering and liberated countries, as well as in the shattered remnants of the third Reich, there is not food enough for a hearty Yuletide feast, and the children's Christmas stockings literally gape at toes and heels.

American servicemen separated from their families on another Christmas, are filling their new familiar role of foster Santa wherever they can—for instance, they are entertaining 20,000 youngsters in Vienna tomorrow with food deducted from their own rations.

War orphans in Belgrade and Cairo and the children of released internees in Singapore also will share the Yanks' bounty—turkey and sweets, movies and laughter. SOLDIERS' TREATS

Some sort of treat is in store for the soldiers themselves, such as canned turkey in Chungking or beer (weak beer) on the edge of New Guinea's steaming jungles.

Hundreds of English families will share their meager Christmas fare with GI's "sweating out" the long wait for passage home. German housewives have begged a few luxuries from allied soldiers to supplement their families' hand-to-mouth existence. In a

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1945 Record Buying Year, Merchants Here Report

Despite many adverse conditions, including continuing shortage of merchandise in many lines, the year 1945 has been the greatest buying year in this area's history, Shelby and Cleveland county merchants report.

For the past week or two the city has been in the throes of the busiest shopping period ever known here as shoppers, apparently oblivious to snow, ice and general bad weather, crowded stores and downtown streets.

MAN SHELVES CLEARED
Merchants said the demand has been so much heavier than supply of many items—and many lines provided the best stocks of the past four war years—that their shelves were left bare in some departments.

BUYING SPLURGE
The buying spurge this year is attributed to various factors. One

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Van Mook Favors Dutch Recognition Of Java's Independence Claims

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Informants said today that Dr. Hubertus J. Van Mook, Acting Gov. General of the Dutch East Indies, had differed with other Dutch officials over the recognition for the self-proclaimed Indonesian republic.

Van Mook was said to have supported Indonesian demands for recognition of the Indonesian nationalist government, and to have told the Netherlands cabinet during the past week that Indonesians would accept nothing less than such recognition. The cabinet was said to have opposed the move because of fear that the Dutch parliament would turn it down.

BATAVIA, JAVA, Dec. 24.—(AP)—British parachute troops have fought into five districts of Batavia where Indonesian attacks since Friday have caused eight deaths and nine other casualties, the Dutch news agency Aneta said today, quoting British headquarters.

The British communiqué said engineers demolished three houses in one section where considerable opposition was encountered. In another district, three bodies were found and armed men were encountered. Sniping was reported in another area. The British said firing died down in the Kramat district of the capital, in clearing Bandoeng, 75 miles southeast of Batavia, the British took 75 prisoners. Organized sniping was reported continuing at Semarang, central Java port. East of the town, 50 prisoners were taken. An infantry company with tanks cleared Oeangan, south of Semarang, where Indonesian concentrations were found.

Many Service Men Not 'Home For Christmas'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—About 3,200,000 soldiers, sailors and marines will spend their first peacetime Christmas either at sea or in foreign lands.

The army and navy counted noses today and came up with this estimate. But they added that, even so, this should be a particularly Merry Christmas for the armed services because:

1. As you may have heard, the war's over.

2. Celebrations can be carried on without worrying what the enemy is up to.

3. Even though 3,200,000 are far away, that's a numerical improvement over last year.

Last Christmas there were 4,933,882 soldiers overseas compared with the 2,100,000 who are there now. A year ago 1,750,000 sailors and marines were at sea or overseas. This figure has been cut to 1,100,000.

The army and navy did their Christmas shopping early. Hundreds of thousands of turkeys, plus all the trimmings, were bought and shipped long ago. The navy started moving out Christmas trees as early as October.

How the soldier, sailor or marine actually will spend Christmas day is up to his theatre commander or ship's captain.

But Christmas traditionally is a big day on any navy ship. And the army's special services division hopes that enough entertainment is available to keep the soldiers fairly happy.

Your favorite GI may spend part of Christmas day at a movie, in a service club, or possibly he'll attend one of the shows put on by the 263 USO-camp units now overseas.

If he's a sports fan, he may holler his tonsils out at the army-sponsored Pacific Olympics. If he's in Europe, he may be on an army-conducted tour of Switzerland.

One army officer pretty well summed it up:

"At this season of the year, we can't fill the place of mom and pop and the family fireside. "But we're trying."

PATTON BURIED EARLY TODAY

Representatives Of Eight Nations Present To Pay Tribute

LUXEMBOURG, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., was buried this rainy morning-before-Christmas amid the graves of many of his Third army heroes, in the United States army cemetery at Hamm, five miles east of Luxembourg.

Representatives of eight nations whose victory Gen. Patton had helped win or whose freedom he had helped regain were in the cortege which wound through the crowded streets of this little capital on the way to the cemetery.

THIRD ARMY GUARD
Patton's body was guarded by troops of the mighty Third army, which he had led in smashing down Germany's fierce counter drive out of the Ardennes across upper Luxembourg just a year ago.

Mrs. Patton accompanied the procession and stood beside her husband's grave during the military ceremony.

The general's body arrived at the Luxembourg station before dawn from Heidelberg by special train which passed through Mainz and Saarbrücken and across the scarred battlefields of Metz and Thionville, scenes of Patton's victories.

G-W PRESSING FOR \$400,000

January 1 Goal In Need Of Further Contributions

Pressing for its \$400,000 goal by January 1, 1946, trustees of Gardner-Webb Junior College today issued a renewed appeal for Christmas and year-end contributions to assure success of another of the yearly quotas which have been met without failure each time.

Three and fifty thousand dollars of the sum was on hand at September 1 when the \$400,000 goal was set. Meanwhile, many churches and individuals have worked ceaselessly to get the memorial fund up to the goal as set and leaders are hopeful that it can be attained if contemplated gifts come through as expected in the remaining week of the year.

With actual construction slated to get underway on the expansion program in 1946 officials feel it desirable that the full \$400,000 in cash be on hand before any work is turned to the contractors.

Shelby And Cleveland Observing First Peacetime Christmas In Four Long Years

With exception of last-minute shoppers—and the late holiday shoppers are finding nearly all stocks in stores running low—it appears Shelby and Cleveland

celebrate the first peace-time Yuletide in four years and a white one at that.

Stores report the greatest rush of Christmas trade in history, while grocers and other food dealers say raids made on their shelves by shoppers indicate this will be "the best eating" Christmas, too.

Stores will remain open until 7 p. m. tonight for convenience of late shoppers however.

Happiest families, generally speaking, will be those who will have service men home on furlough, or where husbands, sons or brothers have been discharged and



EVIDENCE IN WAR CRIMES TRIAL—Thomas Dodd, an assistant prosecuting attorney for the United States at the Nuernberg, Germany, war crimes trial, holds a human shrunken head he introduced as evidence of the cruelty in German concentration camps.—(AP Wirephoto).

World Expects Good News From Big Three

End Of Big Three Ministers Meeting Is In Sight; Accomplishments Achieved

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The end of the big three foreign ministers conference is in sight, informed sources said today, and good news may be expected to be announced.

RECORD VOLUME AT POST OFFICE

Shelby's post office was clean as a pin this afternoon as an overworked staff completed handling the heaviest volume of Christmas mail in history of the local office, it's learned from J. Talmadge Gardner, superintendent of mails.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday witnessed the previous high mark of 30,000 cancellations a day shattered, one day's reaching 36,000. Four additional men on rural routes and three in town helped wrestle the heavy mailing, principally cards, down to where Christmas Eve found everything worked out.

TOTAL RECEIPTS
Total receipts may not reach last year's previous high for December as there was not so much mailing of overseas and service packages nor so much air mail stamp sales this year when so many of the boys are home, but it is possible this year's increased revenue on cards will press the 1944 figure when tabulations are complete.

Complicating work of the office has been the fact that trains are all but swamped under the record volume of mail, the incoming mail being as much as a whole day late.

Pastor's Burned Books Restored As Christmas Gift

A special Christmas gift of \$166.50 was raised by members of Central Methodist church to help the Rev. Lee Barnett, who lost most of his library when the First Methodist church at Cherokee burned December 16, to restore his religious volumes.

The Rev. W. Arthur Kale made the appeal at the morning and vesper services yesterday and the contribution resulted. Further gifts from any willing to help will be received, Mr. Kale said today.

Belgian, Dutch Troops To Join Occupation

BRUSSELS, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Belgian War Minister Leo Mundeeler said today that Belgian and Dutch troops would occupy territory in Germany early next spring. The territory to be occupied has not yet been decided.

are spending their first Christmas at home in two or three years.

RAIL JAM
Many families which had expected service men home for this Christmas season will, however, be disappointed because jammed rail traffic on the West Coast is holding there many who had planned to be at home for Christmas dinner tomorrow. The worst rail jam in history will delay a week or more return of thousands of soldiers and sailors there awaiting travel home.

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TIME LIMIT ON WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS ASKED

Say American Help To Chungking Will Aggravate Civil War

LEADERS CONFER

By Spencer Moore

CHUNGKING, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Communist New China Daily News urged General Marshall to set a time limit on the disarmament of Japanese troops in China and the withdrawal of American forces.

The newspaper asserted that any American help to Chungking—military, political, financial or technical—before a coalition government was established would aggravate "the current civil war."

The statement of the newspaper, which has been speaking authoritatively for the communist side, aggravated American efforts to settle China's troubled affairs.

After conferring with Chiang Kai-shek, Premier T. V. Soong and three communist leaders of the peace delegation assigned here, Marshall had admitted "it will be some time before I can hope to get a picture of China."

ENVOY TO CHINA
This statement by President Truman's special envoy to China, coupled with government suspicion of a communist truce proposal, strengthened doubt that the civil war would be halted quickly.

The communists had suggested immediate cessation of hostilities and "freezing" of troops in present positions. This would mean government forces would halt their movement into Manchuria.

Marshall said it was unnecessary to restate America's policy toward China, as President Truman had made that clear.

He had conferred with Soong just before meeting newspapermen, and earlier with Chiang. Yesterday he had a "friendly exchange of views" with Gen. Chou En-Lai, Deputy Chief of the Communist party and leader of the Communist delegation to the political council.

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SEAL SALES ABOVE GOAL

County Retains Approximately \$3,115 For Local Cases

Cleveland county's seal sale drive climbed over the top yesterday with \$4,421.68 passing the goal of \$4,200 set with the initiation of the drive. As the campaign ended today Mrs. C. Rush Hamrick, Jr., chairman of the tuberculosis association, expressed gratitude to the people of Cleveland county for their whole-hearted support and announced a tentative schedule to be undertaken by the association immediately after the holidays.

With the county retaining approximately \$3,115 of the total amount received during the drive for treatment of local cases, the severe need of a county health officer to put these funds to use in treatment of tubercular patients was reiterated in a meeting of the executive committee Friday afternoon. The program to be initiated at the first of the year includes a survey to be made through the county health office and doctors of known cases, the furnishing of books containing information as to preventive measures to schools and the general public and the promotion of educational movies in schools and civic organizations.

NO INCURABLES TAKEN
In connection with the new program it was pointed out by county health office officials that while curable cases of tuberculosis may be accepted for treatment in sanitariums, incurables are refused admission because beds are needed for those who have a chance of recovery. These incurables are thus thrust on the hands of the community where they are a greater liability in that they continue to spread disease to others.