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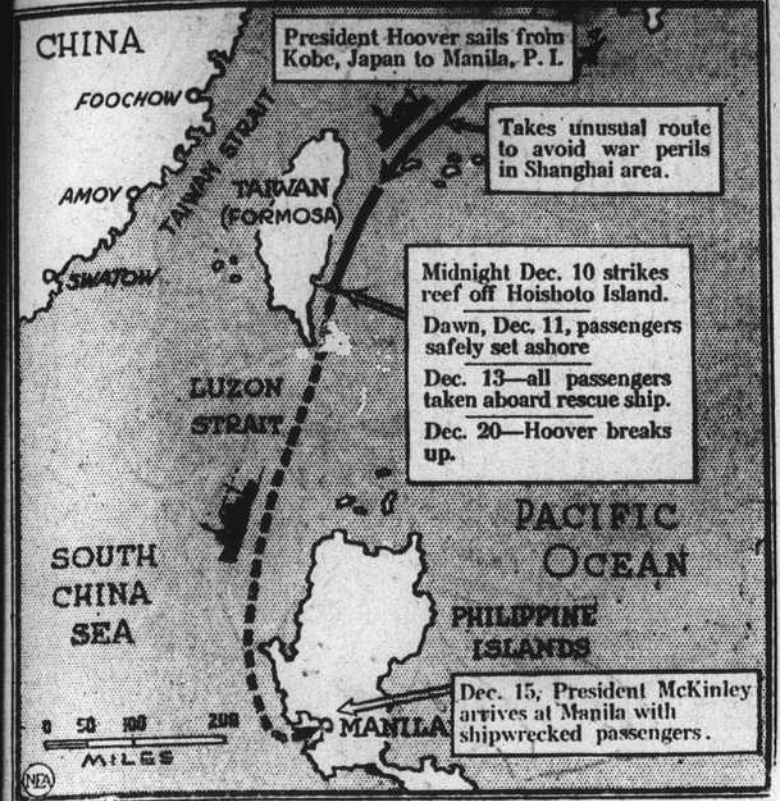
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CHRISTMAS EXPRESS LEAVES HANGKOW

Where the Hoover Went Aground



This map tells graphically the story of the luxury liner President Hoover's last voyage...

Unemployment Probe, January 4

London Perfects Technical Plan For Battleship Area In China

London, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Great Britain took steps today to insure quick action on part of her Mediterranean fleet to the Orient in any emergency.

Latest Hollywood Merger



The latest star and movie director to merge their domestic interests are glamorous Virginia Bruce and successful J. Walter Ruben...

Capitol Believes Investigation May Develop A Major Situation

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Officials arranging for the senate unemployment investigation being planned for January 4, today indicated it would develop into a broad analysis of the extent of the business recession.

Wives Of U. S. Mission Workers Leave City; New China Government

She Won't Be Sold as Bride



Fourteen-year-old Margaret Cozmannian, above, has returned from France to the home of her father, an unemployed laborer, in Newark, N. J., after figuring she had escaped from being 'sold' into marriage with a 40-year-old man who had offered \$350 to her uncle for her hand.

Hangkow, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Three hundred American and other foreigners fled a feared attack on this temporary seat of China's government tonight.

Shanghai, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Japanese officials today announced the formation of a new autonomous government at Nanking, presumably replacing the Chinese regime of General Chiang who fled from the former capital a month ago.

'Santa' Jumps From Plane With Toy Bag; Feared Lost

B. F. Spivey Dies Last Night In Randolph Hospital

For Benjamin Spivey, 46 year old owner of Home Building, Inc., succumbed last night in the Randolph hospital to pneumonia following a week's illness.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Alice Hancock, and the following: one son, Wayne; three daughters, Dorothy, Ruth, and Rena, all of the home; six brothers, Eli of Steeds, Temple and Henry of Star, J. W. and E. M. of Asheboro, and Jonah of Pleasant Garden; three sisters, Mrs. J. W. Lewis of Candor, Mrs. Jesse Harrison of Asheboro and Mrs. James Crawford of Mount Pleasant.

Memorial Today For Bingham At Westminster

London, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Strains of the Star Spangled Banner softly echoed today in Westminster Abbey's recesses as Great Britain's cabinet members and foreign diplomats and others attended the memorial service for United States Ambassador Robert W. Bingham.

House Caucus Planned For Budget Probe

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Representative Roosevelt (D-Tex.) told President Roosevelt in a letter today that a house group would call a caucus, or conference, to agree upon a definite program to balance the budget immediately after congress reassembles.

Moscow, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Soviet authorities last night announced plans to take four polar campers from a drifting ice floe as soon as they get far enough south so they can be approached by ice breakers.

Plan To Let People Vote On War Referendum

Washington, Dec. 23.—The national movement to amend the Constitution to require a vote of the people before a declaration of war has been accelerated with the formation of the national committee for a war referendum, headed by Major Gen. William C. Rivers of Pulaski, Tenn.

Japanese Admit Firing On Americans; Not Panay

Tokyo, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The Japanese army today admitted, for the first time, the machine gunning of Americans in the Yangtze river Panay incident but did not admit firing on the gunboat itself.

Twelve Die In Gas Chamber; 22 Waiting

Raleigh, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Twelve men died in lethal executions at state prison this year and 22 others sat on "death row" today wondering what the year 1938 would mean to them.

Raleigh, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Dr. B. J. Lawrence, Raleigh physician, has accepted the post of surgeon consultant at the Central prison here from Fred L. Dunlap, state highway and public commission chairman, said today.

National Guard Regiments May Be Reorganized

Raleigh, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts said last night the war department was considering and probably would approve a plan to reorganize four national guard regiments in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Cotton Highways May Prove Outlet For Crop

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Secretary Roper said yesterday he had received estimates that 10,000,000 bales of cotton a year eventually might be used in highway construction.

The weather: North Carolina: Probably rain tonight and Friday. Slightly colder in central portion tonight.

Roosevelt Plans Rough-Tumble Fight Next Year

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Evidence accumulated today that President Roosevelt forewarned, by his experience at the special session of congress, was preparing for a rough and tumble battle with administration foes in the forthcoming election year session.

Mexico City Hit By 'Quake; Many Pray In Streets

Mexico City, Dec. 23.—(AP)—A heavy earthquake shook Mexico City early today, killing at least two persons and crushing adobe homes at the outskirts of the city.

Wage And Hours Legislation To Be Revived

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—A new administration bid for enactment of wage and hour legislation came yesterday from Secretary Wallace.

Emporium, Penn. Dec. 23.—(AP)—An east bound express of the Penn. railroad ran through an open switch and crashed, head-on early today with a freight on a siding.

Merchants Will Observe Xmas; Offices Close

Virtually every business in Asheboro will be silent, Saturday, Christmas day.

Yeager Captured

Raleigh, Dec. 23.—Charles Yeager, 23-year-old safeflower, who was one of the seven men figuring in the sensational kidnap escape from Caledonia prison farm February 15 under the leadership of Bill Payne, has been caught in Anderson, Ind.

Dismal Picture Painted By PWA In Employment

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—A PWA official estimated today that 2,000,000 persons had become unemployed since September 1 and that 1,000,000 more might be cut of jobs by the end of February.

CHRISTMAS SUPERSTITIONS



Babies born on Christmas Eve possess a ready tongue, while those born Christmas Day do not have such a 'gift of gab' but better logic, according to a superstition in the Vosges Mountain region of Germany.

Shopping Day Till Christmas