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The WORLD of TODAY

70 DEAD IN GERMAN TRAIN COLLISION

By the Associated Press

In the collision of two express trains early yesterday at Genthin, Germany — the worst of a series of eight German railroad wrecks since the outbreak of the war — 70 dead are reported, and 100 injured. The probable number of dead would increase, it was believed, as many of the injured were in a critical condition. The exact cause was not determined. Genthin is 50 miles southwest of Berlin.

REPORT SOVIET MILITARY HEAD RETIRED

In Moscow, Soviet Russia admitted yesterday most serious difficulties are being encountered in Finland by natural and artificial fortifications, but denying that the Finnish invasion is not progressing according to schedule. Meanwhile, the sensational report circulated in Moscow that Gen. K. A. Meretskoff, chief of staff of the Leningrad military district, who has been in charge of the Finnish campaign, had been retired from his post.

AMERICAN PASSENGER LINER FIGHTS BLAZE

The American passenger liner Windrush arrived at Cristobal yesterday with her crew battling a blaze in the No. 3 hold which broke out Thursday 150 miles at sea. Firemen immediately boarded the vessel and began removing cargo.

URUGUAY TO INTERN SUPPLY SHIP

The Uruguayan government is reported to have decided to intern the German merchant ship Tacoma, the supply ship for the German pocket battleship Graf Spee.

Dr. Sheldon Tells Of Royalty Payments

NEW YORK, December 22—Grosset & Dunlap, Inc., New York publishers, sent to a writer a letter from Dr. Charles M. Sheldon of Topeka, Kan., author of "In His Steps," in which Dr. Sheldon says: "Your publishing firm is the only one out of more than fifty that have published my book that has ever offered to make any payment on sales, aggregating more than 20,000,000 copies in this country and on the continent." The letter was written in acknowledgment of the payment of royalties by the above firm.

On December 2 this writer noted, erroneously, that, because of a copyright error, Dr. Sheldon had "never received a cent of royalties." Grosset & Dunlap have made the payments of royalties voluntarily and without legal obligation, which Dr. Sheldon gratefully acknowledges in the letter.

Shoot for Gobblers Is Set for Today

Even though Pinehurst celebrated a double date Thanksgiving this year there are still plenty of gobblers left for Christmas dinners and anyone interested in trying his luck to win one of the birds may participate in the turkey shoot at the Pinehurst Gun Club today.

Glenn Davis, who is in charge of the affair, guarantees to have enough turkeys on hand to take care of as many contestants as care to compete. Prizes for top scores in each division of ten shooters will be awarded.

Mr. Davis hopes that enough of Pinehurst's feminine element will turn out to hold a ladies' competition, and that all and sundry have done their Christmas shopping early and can come out to join in the fun, whether as a spectator or participant.

The shoot will begin at 8:30 a. m. and last until 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

WHAT TO DO AND SEE Today

Tea dance at Pinehurst Country Club this afternoon.

Tin Whistles tournament today. Christmas dance at The Carolina tonight.

Keno at The Carolina tonight.

Ladies putting contest at Pinehurst Country Club this afternoon.

AT THE THEATRES

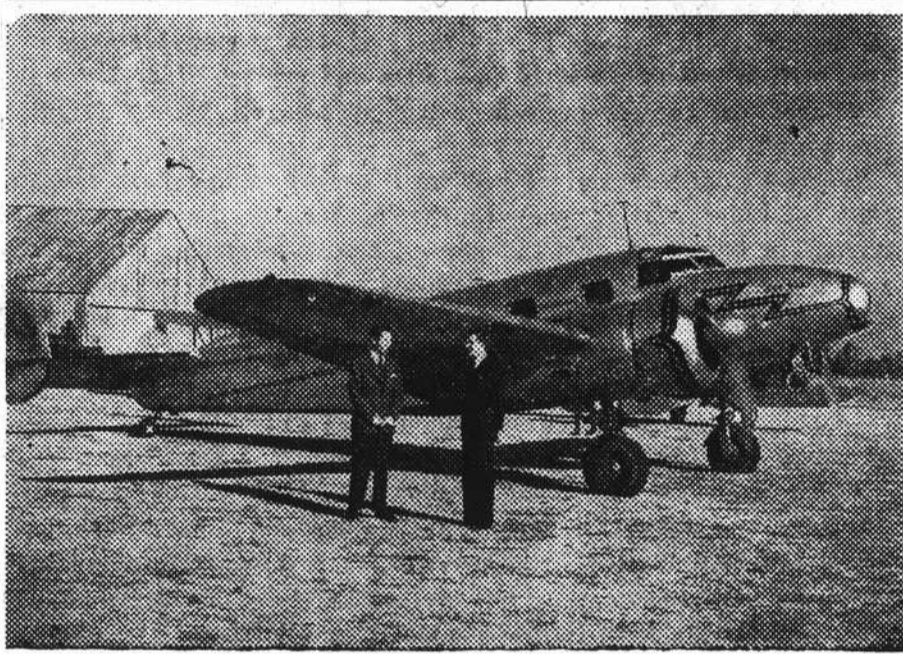
- Southern Pines -
Tonight at 8:15, matinee at 3:00, "Barricade," with Alice Faye and Warner Baxter.

- Aberdeen Theatre -
Tonight at 3:00, 7:15 and 9:00, "Roll, Wagons, Roll."
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WEATHER

Increasing cloudiness, followed by rain Saturday night and Sunday. Slightly warmer Sunday.

EXPECTED TO REVISIT SANDHILLS



A recent winged visitor at the Knollwood Airport, the all-metal Lockheed 12 owned by the Reiss Premier Corporation, which brought from New York Mr. Walter Baumhoger of New York, president of the United Cigar Stores Co., who came to North Carolina with several friends to shoot geese in the Elizabeth City vicinity. Shown in the photo are the two pilots, Karl Kalberer and Herbert Kuntz. The group is expected to return shortly.

PINEHURST SCOREBOARD

by THE STAFF

Walter Lippmann, well known newspaper columnist and commentator is spending the Christmas holidays in Pinehurst, accompanied by Mrs. Lippmann. Mr. and Mrs. Lippmann, who are guests at The Manor, arrived from Washington yesterday.

Mr. Lippmann and his wife plan a very quiet celebration of the Christmas season, having come here, according to Mr. Lippmann, to "play golf and sleep." He does not plan to do any writing while here, having completed enough of his columns before leaving Washington, to enable him to relax from the newspaper grind for a day or two.

When asked about his golf game Mr. Lippmann's reply was that he "wasn't keeping track of his scores, just playing for the exercise." This is the Lippmanns' first visit to Pinehurst, and he expressed himself as very pleased with the courses here, particularly the number 3 course, which he played yesterday.

Mr. Lippman spent several weeks abroad last summer, and when asked about the present European developments, particularly the Russian aggression against Finland, said that he was not in the least surprised by the Russian attack, inasmuch as he had felt that such a move would be forthcoming on the part of the Soviet nation, though he could not have predicted just which country would be the target of such aggression.

Mr. and Mrs. Lippmann proved themselves adaptable to the Pinehurst village atmosphere by taking in the usual Friday evening movie last night. They will remain here until Tuesday.

Johnny Bulla, son of a High Point clergyman, the youthful golfing professional who came close to winning the British open golf championship last summer, is after a pilot's license, and this has caused speculation among the touring golfers, as to whether Johnny and Sam Snead are going to buy an airplane, and use it in traveling to golf tournaments.

Bulla is an ambitious young man, and his pal among the professional golfers is Sam Snead. They travel together on tour. They started out on the tournament trail together on a budget which required that they win money or quit. They won enough to keep going, and Snead has become the outstanding player of his class.

If Bulla and Snead are planning to make the tournament hops via plane they will be the first young men to take advantage of this means of transport regularly in a business which calls for about 50,000 miles of travel, winter and summer, if a man makes the entire circuit.

Traveling by air would not only reduce the time spent in getting around, but would rate the fliers added publicity every time they landed in a community in which a tournament was scheduled.

'CHRISTIAN SCIENCE' IS TOPIC OF SERMON

"Christian Science" is the subject of the lesson-sermon at the Christian Science Church, Southern Pines, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday School convenes at the same time. The Wednesday evening meeting is on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 8 o'clock. The Reading Room, which is located in the church, is open Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 5 o'clock.

FIRST TEA DANCE AT COUNTRY CLUB TODAY

The first of the tea dances at the Pinehurst Country Club will be held this afternoon from 4:30 until 5:30. Music will be by the Keynotes, the Carolina Hotel orchestra. The Country Club has been decorated for the Christmas season, and presents a holiday appearance and atmosphere. Many of the cottage colony will hold parties.

Horseback Basketball To Feature Gymkhana

Pinehurst Tossers Will be Matched Against Southern Pines in Carolina Riding Ring Specialty

SPILLS THRILL CROWD AT DEDICATION OF HORSE SHOW RING

Charles Everest on Fox Glove Wins Open Hunters Event at Southern Pines; Tate Juveniles Do Well

Thrills and spills christened the new horse show ring at the Southern Pines Country Club yesterday afternoon before a fine crowd when Charles Everest Jr. captured the open hunters event over the outside course. Riding Fox Glove, beautiful bay mare from the W. O. Moss, Mile-A-Way stables, he topped a field of 15 entries after Miss Nancy Wrenn, up on Sailor, had startled the onlookers by taking a nasty tumble on the last jump when the big bay gelding hit the top rail and stumbled. Fortunately, Nancy sustained nothing more than a severe shaking up.

This event, in which several other minor spills occurred, was hotly contested, with Billy Tate, riding the big four year old gelding, Timber Rider, from the Pinehurst Livery stables, taking second place and the red ribbon, and Nancy Johnson, riding her own entry, High and Mighty, finishing third.

Miss Shirley Burke, up on Peppermint, and Miss Joan Burke, riding Black Bottom, won first and second places in the Children's event.

Mahoney Appointed To Try 11 Police

Mayor F. H. LaGuardia of New York in a surprise move has appointed Jeremiah T. Mahoney his Democratic opponent in the last Mayorality election in 1937, as temporary Sixth Deputy Police Commissioner to preside over the departmental trials of eleven police officers accused by an extraordinary Kings County Grand Jury of complicity in the Brooklyn bail bond racket.

Mr. Mahoney, a former justice of the Supreme Court, and who is Tammany leader of the 15th Assembly District, was sworn in for his new position by Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine just four hours after the Mayor had announced his appointment. John H. Morris resigned "for the time being" as Sixth Deputy Police Commissioner to make way for Mr. Mahoney.

Mayor LaGuardia, in announcing his appointment of Mr. Mahoney, said that the move was a result of his desire to have the accused men "get a fair trial."

Mr. Mahoney is a frequent Pinehurst visitor. He is an enthusiastic golfer, and on a recent visit played the number three course, in company with Paul Runyan, in 82 strokes. This was his lowest score here.

Christmas Equestrian Program Sunday also Includes Pig-Driving by Ladies, Musical Stalls and Other Novelties

STARTS AT 2:30 P. M.

Southern Pines vs Pinehurst on horseback.

Here is a competition that will pack the spectators in at the Carolina Hotel riding ring on Sunday afternoon.

At 3:30 p. m. the mounted basketball sides of Southern Pines and Pinehurst will don their boots and straddle their saddles and collide in the first game of the season.

This basketball game on horseback will feature an entertaining program at the Christmas Gymkhana. Lloyd M. Tate, ring master, has provided an entertaining program of events, which will include musical stalls, a potato race, overall race, knockdown and out, two open jumping events and a pig race.

The pig race will provide many hilarious moments, as young ladies attempt to steer the porkers over the proper courses and back into their pens.

The show will start at about 2:30 p. m.

Spirited competition developed last season in the basketball contests when Pinehurst won two games and Southern Pines one.

William Gale will captain Pinehurst and Wilbur Scheipers, Southern Pines. The line-ups have not been made public, but Captain Scheipers reports he will bring over a strong, well-mounted side.

Deer Seen Cavorting Around Golf Course

Anyone interested in a game of golf with a little deer hunting on the side, or vice versa, might try playing around the No. Three course at the Country Club. Thursday morning about 8:30 a magnificent buck was sighted running across the field at the racetrack. He jumped the fence and took off across the No. Three course near the seventh hole, headed toward the Pinehurst dairy.

The deer was seen by Glenn Davis and Herman Grimm in his flight across the course. Mr. Davis said that to his knowledge the buck was the first one seen in these parts this season.

WHITE CHRISTMAS NOT PROMISED BY BUREAU

Snow fell yesterday on both Atlantic and Pacific coasts and across the country intervening — 3,000 miles of an irregular layer of white. But Washington weather bureau declined to guarantee any section a white Christmas, the Associated Press says.

Smoke from Heater Causes Fire Alarm

The Southern Pines Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire reported to be in the Pine Needles vicinity late last night. Firemen found smoke coming out of the basement windows of Sweet Gum, the former Van Keuren House which is now being occupied by O. H. Stutts, Pinehurst business man. It was only the oil heater, which Mr. Stutts forgot to turn off before leaving town for the weekend. No damage.

PARCEL DELIVERY AT POST OFFICE SUNDAY

Pinehurst post office will be open for delivery of Christmas parcels from 11:00 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. Sunday, December 24. Postmaster Currie announces.