

Welles Remains In Serious Condition

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—(AP)—Sumner Welles, former Undersecretary of State, was found unconscious in a snow-flecked Maryland field yesterday, his fingers and toes frozen.

He remained in a serious condition today from "severe exposure and shock."

Welles apparently had lain in the field for several hours. The temperature was about 15 degrees above zero when he was found.

The 56-year old former diplomat, an insomnia sufferer for years, frequently took walks late at night to help him get to sleep.

Welles regained consciousness yesterday afternoon but was unable to say what had happened, his physician, Dr. George R. Huffman, said.

The doctor added it would be a day or two before he would know whether any of Welles' fingers or toes might have to be amputated.

Circumstances indicated that Welles left his estate at nearby Oxon Hill, Md., in the early hours of Sunday.

A son, Arnold Welles, said the family believes he suffered a heart attack while out walking. He was stricken with a heart ailment 18 years ago and has been under treatment for it since then.

Friends also reported that Welles has been deeply upset by the death in New York December 20 of Laurence Duggan, a close personal friend. Duggan, a protegee of Welles in the State Department, was killed when he fell or jumped from his 16th floor office window.

Fire Destroys Store Near Here Sunday

A store operated by T. M. Edmondson about three and one-half miles from Roanoke Rapids was completely destroyed yesterday afternoon in a fire which leveled the building.

Assistant Fire Chief Bruce Camp of the Roanoke Rapids fire department said local firemen were called to the scene about a quarter of a mile south of the Littleton highway near the "Zoo" about 4:30. He said when the truck arrived the building was ablaze all over and said the flames were completely out of control.

Firemen were able to direct a stream of water onto a pump house and a storage shed in which drums of oil and peanuts were stored and save the out buildings from the spreading fire. Camp said Edmondson lived in the store and said he lost all his personal belongings including clothing and two shotguns. Edmondson told firemen the stock was valued at about \$4,000 and it was estimated the fire caused damage in excess of \$5,000.

At the time the fire was discovered the store was not occupied, and it was thought the fire was started from an oil heater in the store. By the time assistance arrived the flames had gained too much headway to try and save any of the contents of the building.

Firemen stayed at the scene about an hour before they were able to save the outbuildings and make sure the store fire was not in danger of becoming dangerous again.

The local firemen answered another alarm about eleven o'clock yesterday morning, when they were called to the Walser Motor Company in the 1300 block of Roanoke Avenue to assist in extinguishing a fire in an automobile belonging to R. C. Brown. Firemen said the fire was apparently started from a short-circuit in the wiring of the automobile under the dashboard. The flames were extinguished quickly and damage to the car was limited to the floor board and instrument panel.

Funeral For Mrs. Sheffield Is Here Today

Mrs. Carrie Sheffield, 75, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Haston Rice, Saturday afternoon after a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Rice home by the Rev. James F. Herbert, pastor of the First Methodist Church. Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Sheffield is survived by Mrs. Rice; two other daughters, Mrs. Grover Tripp of Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. John Foraker of Ohio; two sons, Robert and Eugene, one sister, Mrs. M. E. Lave of Littleton, and seven grandchildren.

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Dutch Troops Enter Indonesian Capital



A Dutch jeep, brought into Jogjakarta airfield by plane, pauses on road as advancing troops enter the Indonesian Republic capital in Java. Netherlands government troops move along both sides of the street. A Dutch communiqué issued Saturday announced the capture of Madioen, rail center and last major city held by Indonesian Republic forces. Madioen is 75 miles east of Jogjakarta. (AP Wirephoto).

Early Christmas Morning Blaze Burns Weldon Negro Methodist Church

Weldon—A Christmas morning blaze of undetermined origin completely destroyed the St. Peter's A.M.E. Methodist Church here about five a.m. despite the efforts of the Weldon volunteer fire department who were aroused from their beds to fight the blaze.

The pastor of the church, Rev. Gibson estimated the loss of the frame and brick structure located on Third street at between \$8,000 and \$10,000 dollars.

The firemen saved two nearby homes by dousing them with water, but the fire in the church building had gained too much headway when they were called to the blaze.

Fire Chief D. R. Medlin said that the flames lit up the skies and a good-sized crowd of people gathered to see the fire.

Pastor Gibson said that a fund would be started immediately to rebuild the structure and asked that anyone wishing to make a donation to the new church for the colored people of Weldon to please contact him.

Nation's Death Toll During Holidays Is 381

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS The death toll in traffic and other accidents over the Christmas weekend had mounted to 381 early today.

The 267 traffic fatalities were two more than the estimate for the period by the National Safety Council. Of the 110 deaths from miscellaneous accidents, at least 32 were from fires.

At New Brunswick, N. J., seven members of one family perished in a fire which destroyed their home Christmas day. A family of six died in a fire at Barre, Mass., and a mother and two daughters died in a blaze at Terre Haute, Ind. Other fires took the lives of four members of one family at Kansas City, and five Negroes at Bessemer, Ala. A woman and her granddaughter died as the result of a fire which destroyed a trailer at Philadelphia, and three persons died in an automobile fire near Falmouth, Ky.

Truman Back To Work On Speech

Independence, Mo., Dec. 27—(AP)—President Truman got back to work today on his "state of the union" message to Congress.

His secretaries, Charles G. Ross and Matthew J. Connelly, reopened temporary White House headquarters in the Hotel Muehlebach at Kansas City, after the Christmas holiday weekend.

The rescue was witnessed by the other 16 crewmen who were taken aboard the Cherokee yesterday from the bow section. The Argentine vessel was under tow from Savannah to Baltimore when she split in two.

The Cherokee took the stern section in tow. The Agassiz was scheduled to land its two survivors at Morehead City.

ROANOKE RAMBLINGS

By PAT NANTZ

Well, we can't have everything... so now we must go back to work. And in another week, those lucky enough not to be working during the holidays will have to go back to school and college. It takes a long time, but it goes away in record time... Making an exception to this, though, are Mr. and Mrs. William Rainier and two children, Constance and Jerrie of Newark, arrived here on Christmas Eve to visit with Mrs. Rainier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Lambert of Franklin street... They will remain here until January 15.....

Mr. and Mrs. Alford Reeves of the Weldon-Roanoke Rapids Highway had practically all of their children who live out-of-town at home for Christmas... they are Mr. and Mrs. James Dean, Jimmie, Jr. and Sue of Roanoke, Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Jensen Huff and Kay of Danville, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Reeves and Bruce of Alexandria, Va.....

Everything seems to be changing now, even the naming of babies... and it always seems that it turns out to be done as it was in days gone by. For instance, many years ago, the people would name their oldest son after their father, whether the father was a "Junior" or not... some times they would even do so far as to name them the IVth, or Vth. In the past two weeks, I have heard of four recently born babies who were given their father's name with three ones

at the end of it. Mrs. and Mrs. Marvin B. Singletary Jr. of Jackson street have a Marvin, III; Mr. and Mrs. James L. King, Jr. of Madison street have a James III; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams Jr. have Richard III; and there is another "Tyck" Hudson, now. He belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry "Tyck" Hudson, Jr.....

Yesterday little Janet Drewery and Barbara Miller observed their birthday and today Alonza Harris and Edward Craddock will do the same. Here's wishing you all a very happy birthday and many happy returns of the day.....

Leslie Garris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Garris of Hamilton street, arrived at his home last evening to spend a twelve day leave with his family. Leslie, a graduate of the local high school, has been with the Navy seven years and will return to his ship at Norfolk Naval Base when his leave is up.....

The telegraph-editor of a Denver newspaper complained to a country correspondent who omitted names in his stories. He wrote the man that if he neglected this essential detail in his next yarn he would be discharged. A few days later the editor got this dispatch: "Como, Colorado, June 8—A severe storm passed over this section this afternoon and lightning struck a barbed-wire fence on the ranch of Henry Wilson, killing three cows—their names being Jessie, Bossie, and Buttercup....."

All Saved From Broken Ship

Elizabeth City, Dec. 27—(AP)—Coast Guardsmen today rescued two seamen from the stern portion of an Argentine merchant tanker which broke in two yesterday.

The pair had drifted in sub-freezing temperatures 70 miles from the scene of yesterday's break-up of their vessel, El Capitan.

The cutter Cherokee discovered the drifting hulk this morning in moderating seas. An hour later the Coast Guard Cutter Agassiz sent a small boat along the floating stern and took off the two men.

COLD, Cold, Cold That's The Way The Area Had It During The Holiday

Temperatures in this area took a post-Christmas tumble here Christmas night and hit their lowest point on the thermometer so far this winter early Sunday morning.

After light snows on Christmas eve and Christmas day, the section had what almost amounted to a white Christmas and the freeze kept the snow still in evidence in plenty of places here today. The snow spattered fitfully from Friday morning through Saturday afternoon until a chill wind out of the north drove the clouds before it late Saturday night and gave the mercury a downward shove as local residents started to shiver in the first really cold weather seen this season.

From Weldon, official weather bureau man Luke Shearin reported the temperature had dropped as low as 15 degrees zero F, which was 17 degrees below the freezing mark, and locally some unofficial thermometers climbed down as far as 12 above Saturday and last night.

One of the unusual occurrences accompanying the drop in the temperature was at the Weldon Methodist Church Sunday morning, where church attendants were forced to endure a heatless church because the boiler supplying heat had burst from the cold.

The weather was, as usual, a popular source of conversation and comment, but for a number of home owners in the Weldon-Roanoke area it was no joking matter for those who had water pipes to freeze tightly and burst or for those who stepped onto the sheet ice which froze from the melting snows into a glassy surface.

Motorists, too, who had either been lulled into a feeling of false security by the unusually mild fall or who had been content to fill their automobile radiators with anti-freeze which turned out to be not quite freeze-proof were seen driving their steaming cars up the street this morning looking like Stanley steamers. Service stations were besieged with people begging for anti-freeze and a quick thaw of their cars.

"Is it cold enough for you" was the standard greeting of the day, and a lot of people got either good-natured replies or icy glares, depending on the mood of the person asked.

The sun, which apparently had taken its own Christmas vacation from late Thursday until a brief appearance Saturday afternoon, came out again yesterday afternoon and this morning it had started the mercury on its climb back up in the tube, while the section joined the rest of the nation in shivering and hugging the stoves.

Asheville, N.C., was the coldest spot in the Carolinas reporting this morning with a low of 9 degrees. Mt. Mitchell, which usually wins the frigid sweepstakes, had a low of 18. A mass of warm air surrounded the lofty peak kept it warmer than neighboring Asheville.

Some Relief From Cold Seen By The Associated Press Slight respite from the coldest weather since last January was promised the Carolinas today.

For North Carolina, the outlook was increasing cloudiness and not so cold today and tonight. Cloudy and rather cold with occasional light rain over the west in the afternoon were due tomorrow.

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Dutch Claim More Gains In Indonesia

Batavia, Java, Dec. 27—(AP)—The Dutch claimed further gains today against Indonesians in Java and Sumatra.

A Netherlands army Communiqué said "mopping up operations" are being carried out around Soerakarta and Magelang in Java.

The report also said two Dutch fighter planes had gone down "as a result of an accident over Central Java." No casualties were mentioned.

Pulpwood Production Not Counted In Data Give By County Agent

EMPORIA, Va.—County Agent Stanford L. Vassar of Greenville County, Virginia, said today the farm income in his county for 1948 will be in the neighborhood of \$5,865,000 for the highest year on record.

He pointed out that the farm economy of Greenville County is based on four cash crops and some swine, adding that forestry products annually bring in an income estimated at a million dollars. He said the county is third highest in Virginia in pulp wood production, but said the long-range growing of pulp wood has kept it from being included in his estimate of strictly "farm commodities" income.

"Peanuts are by far the most important crop we have over here in Greenville County," Vassar said, "but we are trying to increase our yields in other products, and we have had particularly good luck in developing our corn production in the past few years."

He said there are about 16,000 acres of peanuts grown in his county and estimated the yield at about 14 bags to the acre. At present prices on the peanut market the estimated gross income from peanut production alone will be \$2,480,000 to make it far ahead of the other crops grown in the county.

He said most of the peanuts are grown in Greenville County are produced in the eastern part of the county and in the south along the North Carolina line. He pointed out that this section of Virginia and North Carolina are alike in their location as the vast two-state "peanut belt" of the nation.

He said peanut production this year has shown an increase over the 1947 crop, and said prospects are for a good harvest in spite of the unusually wet fall which has caused a late harvesting of most of the crop.

The County Agent said cotton is now being grown more extensively in his county, with about 5,000 acres under cultivation in 1948. He estimated the yield on the cotton crop as about 6,700 pounds of lint cotton per acre. The 33,500,000 pounds of lint cotton produced this year, Vassar said, will gross a cotton income of about \$85,000.

Negro Woman's Death Here Is Being Probed

Coroner Rufus Britton said here today he is still investigating the death of Louise Ash, Negro woman about 30 years old, whose body was discovered in an automobile about 11:30 Christmas night in Hodges Town after what Britton described as "a Christmas party."

He said officers were notified to come to an address in Hodges Town and on arrival they found the body of the woman slumped down in the seat of a car, adding that rigor mortis had already set in.

Britton and county officers made a further investigation and said they found the dead woman had been riding around with a large crowd for some time and had apparently "passed out" sometime during the evening and officers were called after an unsuccessful attempt had been made to rouse her.

The coroner said a jury has been notified to be on hand for an inquest, but said he has set no time for the inquest yet.

Hope For Peace In China Go Glimmering As Reds Publish War Criminal List

Nanking, Dec. 27—(AP)—Hopes for peace in China faded today.

Communist publication of the list and a subsequent proclamation making frequent references to a "peoples government" strengthened the belief the Reds have decided against permitting the present constitutional government to continue in any form—even under a negotiated peace which would give the Communist control of Hina. Instead, it is believed by most observers the Communist high command hopes to completely eliminate the national government and substitute its own.

From a study of recent troop movements, it seems that the government is hopeful of holding the Nanking-Shanghai area indefinitely with its west flank beginning on the Wuhu River, 50 miles southwest of Nanking, and extending southward along the former Wuha-Hweichow rail line. The railroad now operates only between Wuhu and Nanking.

Meager reports reaching here late today said that fierce fighting raged north of Kaoyu, 60 miles northwest of Nanking. There was no mention of the situation of Gen. Tu Li-Ming's trapped armies near Pengpu. Tu's men are without food and bad weather kept planes from airlifting them supplies.

Weather North Carolina: Partly cloudy with slowly rising temperatures this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Peanuts (\$2,480,000), Cotton (850,000), Corn (750,000), Tobacco (480,000), Hogs (300,000), Dairy, soy beans, poultry, etc. (\$1,000,000).