



This photo shows 500 automobiles that were stalled in the snow and left overnight along the East River Drive in Philadelphia in hopes that the sun the next morning would dry up the area so that traffic could move. (Acme Telephoto.)

SO YOU THINK YOU HAVE CAR TROUBLES!

Record Low Registered In Many Sections Cold Wave Takes Toll Of 121 Lives

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
The cold wave which has taken at least 121 lives in the last four days drove the mercury to new seasonal record lows in the East today.

It was 30 degrees below zero in Houlton, Me., in the early morning. Sub-zero minimum temperatures were reported in the northern states from the Rocky Mountains to New England. There were scattered below zero readings in the Appalachian mountains.

Some moderation was reported in the Southeast after temperatures went as low as 5 above zero in the North Carolina mountains and 25 degrees on the seaboard in South Carolina.

Temperatures went upward somewhat in Pennsylvania and from the Ohio Valley south, and it was milder in the West Gulf and Central Plains regions.

But a new storm was developing just east of the Rockies. It was expected to bring new snow and draw a new wave of intense cold southward from Canada.

The bitter weather took a heavy toll of suffering, damage, and a few deaths.

SABRE JET HOLDS TO-1 EDGE IN WAR

WASHINGTON.—The Air Force said today the F-86 Sabre jet has a margin of 10 to 1 in the air war over the Communist MIG-15 in Korea.

Noting that today is the anniversary of the Sabre jet's first combat use, an Air Force spokesman said the Far East command reported that through Dec. 14 the F-86 had destroyed 20 MIG-15s, probably destroyed 20 and damaged 145.

The Air Force officer said only fourteen Sabre jets were lost.

In addition the fourth wing is credited with bagging Carolina. Communist planes of other types—eight T-27 twin-engine jet bombers and three LA-9 fighters.

OUR WEATHER

Fair and not so cold today. Fair and not so cold tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy and showers expected. High 45, low 22. Lowest yesterday 32 degrees. Highest this morning 16 degrees.

Sunrise, 7:35 A. M.; sunset, 5:13 P. M.

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RAIN-MOUNTAIN

Ever hear of building a mountain to be a rain maker? Well, now you can. The idea is to build a mountain of clouds to bring rain to the dry areas.

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Investigation

No Progress Is Reported In Negotiations

By O. H. P. KING
MUNSAN, Korea.—U.S.-Truce negotiators haggled over prisoner exchange and armistice supervision again today. A United Nations spokesman said results were "absolutely negative."

"No progress," said the U.N. spokesman.

Only 19 days remain before the provisional cease-fire line across Korea expires.

Brig. Gen. William P. Nichols, U.S. spokesman, said the Reds have not asked for an extension beyond the Dec. 21 deadline.

"There is no question of extension of any time limit or anything," Nichols said. "This was a bluff trial offer, you might say."

Nichols said the time limit was proposed by the United Nations Command to hasten agreement on a truce, but "if the progress made this far is an indication of the effectiveness of the incentive, then we shall be glad to provide very much incentive."

Under terms of the agreement a provisional 44-mile cease-fire line across Korea would become the center of a 2-mile-wide buffer zone if an armistice were signed by Dec. 31. If no agreement is reached before the deadline, the negotiations and the fighting will continue. A new line will be drawn just before a truce is signed to include any battle changes.

FEAR LIFE TERMS
An Allied radio broadcast from Tokyo Monday night declared acceptance of Red demands for blanket exchange of war prisoners might sentence some Allied soldiers "to life in Communist slave labor camps."

The broadcast warned "if the Reds continue to play the role of modern slave master and hold out for blind acceptance of their terms then the issue seems destined to become insoluble."

The "Voice of the United Nations Command" said the Reds have released a few Allied prisoners at the front as a propaganda move, but only after they have signed an advance finding of security.

Results of Monday's two sub-committee sessions at Panmunjom were described as "absolutely negative. Both groups agreed to meet again Tuesday at 10 A. M. to discuss the exchange of prisoners."

The U.N. spokesman said Communist subcommittee members appear to be curious about the list of prisoners and the names of the prisoners who have been held for the past two days. The list covers 500 soldiers of paper printed on both sides.

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NEARLY BARE LUNCH BOX ONLY LOOT IN ROBBERY

PAWTUCKET, R. I.—A masked man armed with a shotgun, early today took the Hotel Arnold—and all he got was the night clerk's unfinished coffee.

Charles McNally, about 60, told police he was alone in the lobby when the man came in carrying the gun and wearing a yellow knitted mask that "looked like somebody's underwear."

He said he reached under the desk to grab a steel bar he keeps there and accidentally knocked his lunch box to the floor.

Apparently the thief thought it was the cash box. He grabbed it and fled.

McNally said the box contained a bottle partially-filled with coffee. He had eaten the sandwiches earlier.

Murphy Will Wield Broom For Cleanup

NEW YORK.—Federal Judge Thomas F. Murphy, an old hand at investigations, has accepted an assignment from President Truman to sweep wrongdoers out of the U. S. Government.

The jurist, who prosecuted the government's perjury case against Alger Hiss, will direct a non-partisan commission designed to take action against public officials who betray their trusts.

Protections for honest office holders also will be set up by the commission.

Murphy, a Democrat, will be given a free hand to direct the job as he sees fit. He will be responsible only to the Chief Executive.

No formal announcement of the board's selection has been made by the White House in Washington. However, it was learned here last night that Murphy will take the job.

The source of the information on Murphy's acceptance could not be reached for comment.

TALK TWICE
President Truman and Murphy met twice in Washington Saturday, apparently to discuss the new job. But no definite statement concerning the talks was made as Murphy returned here and the President left on an overnight yacht trip down the Potomac.

Mr. Truman returned to Washington last night by the Capital Limited.

565 Government Worker Loyalty Cases Reopened

WASHINGTON.—The Loyalty review board today reopened the cases of 565 Federal employees for a second look at their loyalty.

The board's announcement from the Civil Service Commission as a result of appeals over the board's decision to remove the loyalty of the person involved in the case.

It said that permits "borderline cases," lacking clear-cut evidence of disloyalty, "to be resolved in favor of the Government."

Of loyalty cases investigated by the board since the beginning of the program on Oct. 1, 1947, the board reported that the 8,889 were "decided favorably under the old standard." The number represents every loyalty case decided in favor of the employee after full field investigation by the board.

There have been many others which got only routine review.

The Port of New York Authority—which operates Newark airport—undertook to build a new runway to send planes to New York City.

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Special Squad Of Tax Agents Sent to State

WASHINGTON.—Revenue Commissioner John B. Dunlap said today he has more than 85 special agents investigating reports of heavy tax shakedown and other irregularities in New York.

The top Federal tax collector told a news conference the New York probe has some "exceptionally tough problems."

"It covers the entire water front," he said in a generally meaning it was broad enough to go into all phases of the situation in all the nation's biggest city and biggest taxpaying community.

Asked if the inquiry touches such upstate points as Syracuse and Albany, Dunlap said it covers the entire state but is centered in New York City.

Dunlap was asked whether the inquiry involves Daniel Bolich, former assistant revenue commissioner, and Carroll Messer, former head of revenue bureau's Alcohol Tax Unit.

TOUGH PROBLEM
He would comment specifically on that, but it was during questioning about it that Dunlap said the problems were tough.

Dunlap also was asked whether former Revenue Commissioner Joseph P. Kamp, Jr., figured in the New York investigation.

It was then he spoke of the inquiry as very broad.

In none of the three cases did Dunlap either rule out or confirm that the three former high officials were under investigation.

Dunlap announced the appointment of Frank W. Lohm as chief of the Internal Revenue Bureau's investigative Division, the top investigative job in the tax service.

Lohm, a revenue agent since 1927, will succeed William H. Wolf, who is retiring after more than 40 years of service.

Lohm is a "man of great loyalty, with a high sense of honor and integrity." He emphasizes that Wolf's retirement did not stem in any way from the inquiries into alleged irregularities in the tax service.

Asked if the picture in New York looks worse than that in other offices involved in recent tax scandals—such as in Boston, and San Francisco where Internal Revenue collectors have been indicted—Dunlap answered:

"You can say that's the only place where we have a special crew that big working now."

Army Helps Feed Gasless Augusta

AUGUSTA, Ga.—The Army set up emergency field kitchens to feed nearly 3,000 hospital patients after an explosion left this boom town gasless.

A blast at the booster plant of the Atlanta Gas Light Co. rocked the metropolitan area about 9 P. M. Sunday and did off service to about 11,000 meters serving, conservatively, another 300,000 people.

As a result there was no gas for heating or cooking—this morning and the hospitals in midtown Boston.

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