PET HATES

AP Columnist Hal Boyle pats down for your amusement and edification today his list of pet hates and irritations. Turn to Page 7-A and see if you agree with him.

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Six Killed As Flames Sweep Philadelphia Men's Home

MOB VIOLENCE FLARES IN MIDDLE EAST

Homeless Are Trapped In Blazing Dormitory

Cold Weather Hampers Firemen

PHILADELPHIA — (AP) — Wind-lashed flames whipped through a dormitory for homeless men today killing six persons and sending to hospitals 17 other men, some with critical injuries.

Some of the victims—many employed as street corner Santa Clauses—died or were hurt leaping from their quarters as the suffocating weather turned the water from firemen's hoses to ice.

Mrs. Edith Gallant, who lives across the street from the dormitory operated by the Volunteers of America, Inc., said she looked from her home and saw men, hopelessly trapped, at the windows.

"The fire was in back of them. I knew it was going to get to them. It was all too much to look at. I turned away."

Fifty-one-year-old William O. Wilson, who was asleep on the second floor of the building when the fire began, told of staggering to a window, aiding another man, and stumbling down a fire escape.

"We went down," he said.

"Thank God we got down. I saw some of the poor devils who were trapped at the windows. They couldn't make it to the fire escape. When you see something like that you feel all cut up inside. But you're thankful you're alive."

The search for bodies ended at 10 A. M. (EST), about ten hours after the blaze was first discovered. Forty persons were listed as safe or slightly injured.

The dead were listed by police as Stanley Bush, 45; Patrick Allen, 70; William Snead, 63; Michael Boyle, 58; Charles Kenney, 45; and Thomas Wallace, 38.

The flames—fanned by a high wind—spread rapidly through the four-story brick building which is occupied entirely by the Volunteers of America.

The organization, with headquarters in the damaged building at Oxford and Marshall Sts., used the first floor for a shop in which new and repaired toys are sold during the Christmas season and furniture and clothing the remainder of the year.

The second and third floors are dormitories for homeless men—many of them elderly and many of whom work as street corner Santa Clauses collecting donations for charity. The fourth floor is a repair shop.

Charles Berry, a reporter for The Philadelphia Inquirer, who was one of the first to reach the scene, said he saw "four or five men jump from the second and third floors of the building."

"Several men were hanging at arm's length from window sills," Berry said, "and then let go. Some of the feet that by then firemen had ladders raised. One man was discovered a half hour later standing on the roof."

Clergymen were among those who rushed to the scene together with all available fire and police manpower and equipment from the northern portion of the city.

Bernard Nathans, who lives across the street from the building, said he saw eight men get to safety by way of window sills and ledges to ladders. Several men escaped through a rear door, Nathans said.

FAST WORK—The News was on the job today when the duplex shown above, at 309-11 Baldwin Ave. caught fire. Going to another assignment, a News photographer and reporter were driving by the burning home as the fire trucks began arriving.

Freak Assignment

News Staffers 'On The Spot'

A reporter and photographer of The News "covered" a fire today before the firemen arrived, and then gave the firemen a key so that they could get into the burning house.

Reporter Nancy Brame and Photographer Bill Sumner were on their way to an assignment when they drove by a duplex at 309-11 Baldwin Ave. The house was smoking, and The News staff members stopped to investigate.

A neighbor had just dashed to a telephone to call Mrs. Lloyd T. Hovis, occupant of the duplex who was busily at work in her grocery store several doors down the street. Mrs. Hovis called the firemen and continued working at the store, while the neighbor, Miss Brame and Mr. Sumner waited at the burning home.

Four trucks were dispatched to the house, and firemen failed in their first attempt to get inside the locked house.

"Try my key in this door," Mr. Sumner said. A fireman grabbed his key, tried it, and the door opened.

While the firemen worked quickly to put out the fire, and The News staffers stood by to get all the details, Mrs. Hovis kept at her job in the store.

"The Fire Department will do all they can without me," she said. "I have faith in the firemen, and I know they do their job well.

"Similar thing happened last Winter. My store nearly burned when the house next door caught on fire. I didn't go down to the store. The Fire Department saved it."

Mrs. Hovis lives in one side of the duplex with her two sons, Billy and Buster. Billy was in school at the time of the fire, and Buster was uptown. Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Lynch and their son, Bobby, occupants of the other side, were at work.

Damage was slight.

Paris Labor Body Defies Strike Laws

Subway Service Comes To Halt

PARIS — (AP) — Strikes halted the Paris subway today and leaders of the Communist - dominated General Confederation of Labor defied the Government's anti-strike legislation. CGT leaders summoned all workers "to action," asserting they would refuse to negotiate further toward pending nation-wide walkouts if the legislation was enacted in the National Assembly.

Subways halted shortly after noon, when electric power was shut off by strikers. Gas pressure was reported at "danger levels" in the capital and service was reported stopped at Nice, Marseille and Cannes.

The Assembly, which last night approved a call of 80,000 men to the colors to combat the creeping paralysis induced by the strikes, became such a well of tumult that it suspended for two hours its consideration of the strike law. Neither the chairman nor speakers could be heard.

Police and motorized armed forces opened roads in northern France to struck coal mines, but few miners appeared to be returning to work. Fights erupted at Lievin when 700 miners tried, apparently without success, to return to work.

The majority leaders of the Labor Confederation, which is supporting the strikes which left 2,000,000 or more Frenchmen idle, issued a statement saying blanket increases of 1,125 to 1,500 francs (about $9.50 to $12) a month had been demanded effective today, but that the Government had countered by proposing to increase the wages of those still at work by 300 francs (about $2.40) for November only.

Minority leaders met separately, and apparently agreed with the majority only in denouncing anti-strike measures. The action appeared to represent a sharp cleavage in the labor movement at the moment when the new Government of Premier Robert Schuman was demanding extraordinary powers to beat down the Communist leadership and protect those workers still on the job.

The majority labor leaders said they had rejected Government proposals because of their "political and reactionary objectives," adding:

"The negotiations have failed and are terminated. No new negotiations will be undertaken after the promulgation of the wicked law now discussed in Parliament. The Bureau calls all workers to action, to solidarity and unity to defend their just demands."

Most of the Lille-Roubaix-Tourcoing textile industry was back at work and railroads in the area also were operating.

The Communist newspaper Ce Soir said police had struck at Toulouse and that general strikes had started in the Herault and Upper Garonne departments.

Three rows of barges which striking bargemen stretched across the Seine and Oise Rivers to interrupt river traffic were broken open by police.

Train service was being re-established from all Paris terminals, although a new railway walkout was reported at Strasbourg. The first train in four days from Lyon reached the capital.

Government sources said the strike call to long distance truck and bus lines had failed.

Senate Nears Vote

Part Of Relief Bill Cut Restored

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The House Foreign Affairs Committee today voted to restore $38,000,000 of the $108,000,000 it had ordered cut last week from the $597,000,000 emergency aid program for Western Europe.

Members said Rep. Lodge (R.-Conn.) made the motion to restore the funds for Italy.

The committee called an afternoon session to put the finishing touches on the bill.

The Senate, driving toward passage of legislation in about the form the Administration asked, wrote in a "freedom of the press" amendment.

It was one of three amendments offered by Senator Kem (R.-Mo.) which were adopted with little debate.

They would:

1. Guarantee that representatives of the American press and radio be admitted, upon request, to France, Italy and Austria to observe the working of the program.

2. Require a detailed report on next March 31 or as soon thereafter as practical on the amount of commodities distributed under the program, the number of individual recipients and other details.

3. Provide that the report be forwarded to Congress.

When the Senate met, Senator Vandenberg (R.-Mich.) admonished it to act swiftly to keep up morals in Western Europe.

"This morale is under particularly critical pressure at the moment," he said.

"We can get the most for our money by acting promptly. We can buy the most freedom at the moment by acting with vigor and dispatch."

There were indications on the House side, too, of an increasing disposition to get to a decision on the emergency aid question.

Speaker Martin (R.-Mass.) said after a meeting of House Republican leaders that legislation on the matter should be on President Truman's desk by the end of next week.

There is a possibility, Martin told reporters, that the House will start debate this week and complete action on the legislation by the middle of next week.

Martin said the conference of Republican leaders made no decisions concerning details of the legislation, leaving that to the Foreign Affairs Committee.

The Foreign Affairs Commit-

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12 Killed As Mobsters Run Riot In Holy Land

Threat Of War Hangs Over Area

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Violence stemming from the United Nations decision to partition Palestine has resulted in a dozen deaths in the Holy Land and Syria and brought the threat of war from the 33,000,000 Arabs clustered in the Middle East.

Eight Jews died violently in Palestine and police blamed Arabs, who were roving around in armed bands.

The United States was under insulting attacks from Arab demonstrations in Egypt and Syria because this country supported partition. Russia also was the butt of mob violence in Syria, where three defendants and one attacker were killed at Communist headquarters and the Soviet culture center.

Arabs called a general strike in Palestine for three days starting tomorrow, and warned "there may be trouble" at a demonstration within the old city of Jerusalem.

There was speculation in London that King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan might seek to incorporate Arab Palestine into his neighboring country and give the British rights to base in the port of Jaffa in return for support. The British are to evacuate Palestine before next August.

Trygve Lie, U. N. Secretary-General, called in his top aides to consider problems growing out of the partition decision. One question was whether the Security Council should have a special meeting to get reports on disorders.

FLAG TORN DOWN

The American Legation in Damascus was stoned, its flag was ripped down, its shutters torn off and some of its windows broken.

Shouts of "Down with the United States," "Down with the American University" and "Give us arms" rang through the streets of ancient Cairo. Students also cried out against Jews.

The threat of holy war seemed implicit in utterances of Abel Rahman Assam Pasha, secretary of the Arab League of seven nations with 33,000,000 Arabs. He declared the Arabs never would submit to partition.

"I cannot say where and when I will place my troops," he declared. "I can only say we will fight and are preparing for victory. It is a question of life or death. We never wanted violence or war. Now our hands are forced to a definite course and we will never wavering. The whole Arab world have no alternative."

A Cairo informant said Kood Bey Ibrahim Bey Hamdi had agreed to give all revenues paid him by U. S. oil companies, estimated at $18,000,000 annually, to support Arab military resistance. There was no comment from the king.

The Arabs called for a three day general strike throughout Palestine beginning tomorrow and tightened the boycott of Jewish goods. Sixteen Arabs were wounded slightly at Acre prison when guards opened fire on prisoners attacking Jewish inmates.

Haganas, the Jewish underground army, was said to have 50,000 to 70,000 troops ready for battle. It called for mobilization of Jews, women as well as men, between the ages of 17 and 35.

The Jews celebrated throughout Palestine with parades, street dancing and display of national banners.

2 Brothers Die With 2 Sisters

SUTTON, W. Va.—(AP)—The Dean brothers had a "double date" with the Brown sisters, but all had an appointment with death.

The bodies of the four young West Virginians were found yesterday in a carbon monoxide-poisoned automobile, State Trooper L. L. Gum reported.

He said the gas evidently seeped from a broken exhaust pipe. Killing Hayward I. Dean, 26, his sailor-brother, Levis J. Dean Jr., 21, and Margaret and Freda Brown, 23 and 20 years old, respectively.

WEATHER

Fair and continued cold today and tonight; Tuesday, fair and warmer.

Temperature at 2:00 today	42
High and low last 24 hours	42-25
Sunset today	5:11
Sunrise tomorrow	7:13

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Civic Leader Passes Away

E. B. Dudley Dies; Rites Tomorrow

Edward Beaumont Dudley Sr., prominent in Charlotte business, civic, and governmental affairs, of 210 Queens Rd., died this morning at 5:05 o'clock in a local hospital after an illness of seven weeks.

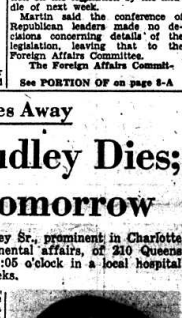
Mr. Dudley was born Feb. 5, 1886, in Kansas City, Mo., the son of the late George Dudley and Arthella Townsend Dudley. He grew up in Hickory and Washington, D. C., and attended the public schools in Washington and the University of Colorado. He married Miss Panaye Baird Remsburg of Washington, D. C., later moving to Salt Lake City, Utah, Amarillo, Texas, then to Detroit, Mich., where he was secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton Railroad. He came to Charlotte in 1921 to be associated with Travelers Insurance Co. He was then transferred to Chicago and for twelve years was manager of the Trevelers Insurance Co. offices there.

Returning to Charlotte in 1938, he became engaged in the real estate business. He was president of the Charlotte Board of Realtors, member of the Board of Adjustment, and had just been elected state director of North Carolina Real Estate Board. During the war, Mr. Dudley was chief air raid warden, chairman of War Price and Rationing Board, and a member and chairman of the Office of Price Administration. He was a Mason and a member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

Surviving are his wife; a son, E. B. Dudley Jr. of Charlotte; two daughters, Mrs. C. M. H. Pearson of Birmingham, Ala., and Mrs. J. H. Kelly of Baltimore, Md.; and four grandchildren.

RITES TOMORROW

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Harry & Bryant Chapel. The Rev. C. Alfred Cole, pastor of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, will officiate. Interment will be in Oaklawn Mausoleum.



MR. DUDLEY

Active pallbearers will be Paul B. Cluthery, J. R. Harrentine, Henry C. Dockery, James H. Carson, John M. Dwelle, and J. M. Trotter.

Honorary pallbearers will include members of the Charlotte Real Estate Board, and the following: Campbell W. Ansley, Henry A. Yancey, Mayor Herbert Baxter, J. J. Kilroy, Charles Blackburn, and Wilson H. Collin and H. G. Alsip, both of Chicago.

To Stay In Washington

Royall Is Out Of Governor's Race

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Secretary of the Army Kenneth Royall said today he can not "retire from my present position in time to become a candidate for governor" of North Carolina.

Royall said in a memorandum to the press that he had written last week to friends who have urged his candidacy:

"It now seems so apparent that I can not with good conscience retire from my present position in time to become a candidate for Governor that I am writing you and a number of my good friends in order that they may feel no embarrassment in making such other commitments in the Governorship race as they may think possible.

"I appreciate more than I can tell you your interest in my prospective candidacy. I shall also remember your friendliness and thoughtfulness."

Royal said this statement would serve to express his appreciation also to many others who orally urged him to become a candidate.

He said he came to his conclusion after considering his responsibilities as Secretary of the Army "and the present and future tasks which have been assigned to me and accepted by me in connection with the national military establishment."

Film Director Lubitsch Is Dead

HOLLYWOOD— (AP) —Death has taken Ernst Lubitsch, the producer whose deft handling of motion picture situations made the term "the Lubitsch touch" synonymous with sophistication in the film industry.

Lubitsch, 55, who elevated many a player to stardom and enhanced the reputation of many another who had gained fame before coming under his aegis, died yesterday after suffering a heart attack.

He had been ill for several years and collapsed in his bathroom where he was found by his manservant, Otto Werner. A fire department pulmotor squad failed in an effort to resuscitate him.

French Hint Zone Merger

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

LONDON —(AP)— French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault said today that if the London conference of foreign ministers fails to agree on the future of Germany, the French may be merged with the British and American zones to establish a unified western Germany.

Bidault, who is going to Paris tonight for conferences with French Government leaders, stated this position at a meeting with French reporters shortly before the foreign ministers council opened the second week of its sessions at Lancaster House.

Meanwhile it was authoritatively reported that Russia had turned down today a French proposal for settling the issue of German assets in Austria, which is the chief barrier to completion of an Austrian peace treaty here.

The French plan has been under consideration by a committee of Deputy Foreign Ministers who are due to report to the Big Four tomorrow. Action by the deputies may not necessarily be final.

The Russians contended they are entitled to all assets in Eastern Austria formerly owned by Germans. The French proposed that by way of settlement they accept payments of $100,000,000 plus the Danube Shipping Co. and a share

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Mrs. Willkie To Head Division Of Committee

NEW YORK —(AP)— Robert P. Patterson, chairman of the executive committee of the National Committee for the Marshall Plan to Aid European Recovery, announced yesterday that Mrs. Wendell Willkie, widow of the 1940 Republican Presidential candidate, will head the committee's women's division.

Denies Meyers' Story

Mrs. Lamarre Appears Before Grand Jury

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Mrs. Mildred Lamarre, who has defied she was ever the "girl friend" of Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers as Meyers claimed, today went before a grand jury investigating the former Air Force officer's wartime business deals.

Nervously, Mrs. Lamarre told reporters just before entering the grand jury room to give secret testimony:

"Nothing like this ever happened to me before."

Arriving with Mrs. Lamarre to testify before the grand jury was her husband, Bleriot H. Lamarre.

During a Senate investigation of Meyers, Lamarre testified the Army officer was the real owner of a wartime aviation subcontracting firm, Aviation Electric Co., Dayton, Ohio, and received $150,000 from it. Lamarre said he was only its "dummy" president.

Meyers denied that.

The two star general told the Senate Committee he established the firm and made Lamarre its president because Mrs. Lamarre was his "girl friend," a story Mrs. Lamarre labels as "lies, all lies."

With Lamarre was his brother-in-law, Thomas E. Readnower who was a vice-president of the now defunct aviation company.

District Attorney George Morris Fay has not disclosed whether he has asked the grand jury for any specific type of indictment against anyone.

Mrs. Lamarre was not a witness during the sensation-packed Senate hearings, but her husband lashed back at Meyers' testimony by calling him a "snake."

Since the hearings before a Senate War Investigating Subcommittee closed, Meyers has been stripped of his decorations and deprived of his $850 a month disability pension.

Unless Controls Granted

Harriman Says Pay-Price Freeze May Prove Necessary In Future

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Secretary of Commerce Harriman told Congress today that a general freeze of prices and wages might be necessary in the future unless authority is granted now for selective price and wage controls and rationing.

Renewing the Administration's plea for "stand by" power to put on economic controls, Harriman told the House Banking Committee:

"Adequate advance preparation makes for fairness. I believe that it is advisable to start developing a program now rather than to risk the need of hasty action later when the only feasible course might be to put on the brakes by some type of general freeze on prices and wages and then to proceed to correct the individual inequities as rapidly as possible."

Harriman told the committee that a great deal might be accomplished by voluntary programs but that such efforts, "can be undermined by a thoughtless or selfish minority.

"I feel therefore," he said, "that the power to impose limited direct control of prices and wages and to institute consumer rationing on a few items should be granted now, if we are to make every effort to keep the price of vital cost of living commodities within the reach of the average purse and to prevent an inflationary spiral which will hurt all groups in our economy."

Harriman emphasized that he did not propose a mammoth new OPA. He gave his idea of controls as follows:

"In the first place I believe that it is possible now to proceed on a selected basis, and to limit controls to those items which the average family needs to live, such as food, fuel, clothing and shelter, and to those key areas in industrial production where a price rise would have ramified effects on the general level of prices."

As for wages, he said he hoped it would not be necessary to use controls and believed it would not be if the cost of living "can be brought and held in reasonable relationship to the incomes of the people."

Harriman said steel "is the most important place in which this power can be exercised." He proposed channeling "a small proportion of steel to the most essential programs," specifying production of freight cars, farm equipment, nails and oil pipe line.

UNUSUAL! A RENTER BUILDS HIS LAND

On today's farm pages you will find an exceptionally interesting article about a renter who takes care of his land just as carefully as if he owned the farm he works. His name is W. R. Hudspeth. This is the first story of its kind CAROLINA FARMER has ever published. And there are many other interesting farm news items and features in today's farm pages of

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