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It Was A Long Wait, But It Was Well Worth While



David Shaw wasn't really dreaming in that picture in yesterday's News—and here are some photos to prove it. To David, as it must to all other good children, Christmas more finally arrived.



And, finally, the big happy moment when he finds a Panda—just what he'd ordered.

Little Stories Of The Day

Christmas Around The World

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
It's Christmas Day: time for joy—or perhaps a reminiscent tear—but always a time for renewal of faith, a reassertion of good will toward men, and a prayer that universal peace might prevail.

The Yuletide spirit brings to own special stories to tell throughout the world. And here are some of them:

In the little town of Bethlehem, where Jesus was born, pilgrims celebrated in song and prayer.

In Korea, the guns stilled after three years of bloody battle, servicemen joined in special rites and entertainment. Francis Cardinal

Spelman spent his third Christmas on the snow-covered front lines.

WHITE HOUSE TREE
In Washington, the big tree on the White House lawn is ablaze with red and blue lights. President Eisenhower and his family, after spending Christmas Eve at the executive mansion, flies to Augusta, Ga., to a holiday rest.

The President expressed his hopes for peace in a talk carried to the nation by radio and television yesterday.

In the Vatican, special masses celebrated the Nativity Day. Pope Pius XII, in his 15th annual message, urged European unity as a way of preserving peace on earth.

Three in Family Killed By Convict

MASSILLON, Ohio (AP)—A paroled convict took Christmas Eve revenge on his wife and her family for trying to send him back to prison by shooting three of them to death in an apartment in nearby Navarre. Then he killed himself.

Orvis Burdett, 30, who served 13 years in Meadville, W. Va. state penitentiary for kicking a man to death in 1936, did the shooting, Deputy Sheriff Howard Imboden said.

He killed his wife, Gwendoline, 26; her father, Columbus Cochran, 68; and his brother-in-law, Delbert Cochran, 33, all of Navarre. Imboden turned the pistol on himself, the deputy said.

Mrs. Frankie Cochran, 44, and Mrs. Christina Gwin, 20, ran from the second-floor apartment bedroom while Burdett was killing their husbands.

From statements the two women made later, Deputy Imboden reconstructed the shooting this way:

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White Holiday Chances Fade

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Hopes for a white Christmas—fresh falls of snow—faded today as skies cleared over nearly the entire nation. There was no severe cold.

However, there was snow on the ground in many sections of the Midwest, New England and the Rocky Mountain region.

The only precipitation early to snow flurries in the northern sections of New England.

Early morning temperatures ranged from a chilly 10 degrees below zero in Yellowstone Park and Fraser, Colo., in the central Rockies to a mild 73 degrees at Key West, Fla.

Comic Dictionary

MINT
The only business that makes money without advertising.

Tenneson Letters Reflect Changes In Viewpoint

By DAVID M. MASON
ALDEN, Minn. (AP)—Brightly-wrapped presents, tinselled trees, over-browned turkeys and church services filled Christmas Day for the people of this quiet southern Minnesota farming community.

A 30-year-old soldier who had enjoyed many such typical Alden Christmas was spending this one with 21 other American soldiers who had returned repatriation.

Mrs. Richard E. Tenneson and his companions had refused repeated appeals to come home.

Alone, Tenneson was in the case of "Ricky" Tenneson as they welcomed home his mother, Mrs. Folia Beve. She came home with a little barbed-wire Korean village. A 30-year-old soldier who had enjoyed many such typical Alden Christmas was spending this one with 21 other American soldiers who had returned repatriation.

Had he been easily swayed because of his youth? Was he afraid? Had his mind been twisted by inhuman treatment?

Ten days ago he wrote his mother, then in Tokyo. . . . It is impossible for me to live in the United States because I want to live as I wish.

What had happened in between? No one in this village of 608 appeared to have a complete answer.

Said Wayne F. Wright, editor of the Alden Advertiser: "He was too young when he went to the army; he was pretty easily swayed."

Said an ex-serviceman who came into the Advance office: "It must have been fear."

Said Mrs. John W. Jensen, Tenneson's grandmother: "They just scared the liver loose in his chest."

Other letters said, "The Chinese treat me very good . . . excellent doctors . . ." she said, in a letter written last Aug. 6:

"My outlook on life has changed completely."

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8th Army Keeps Watch

Cold But Quiet On Korean Front

CHORWON VALLEY, Korea (AP)—Love Company shivered by its 10th day—Christmas in Korea, 1953.

It's cold, but not as unpleasant as when a Christmas present might be a bullet-like Christmas.

An 18-year-old American soldier stood by a still and silent machine gun, looking through a bunker sight toward the snow-covered mountains across the valley.

On the other side of the hill, coils served turkey and dressing.

The soldier, Pvt. William E. Algood of Pitcairn, Pa., watched White Horse Mountain, scene of a bloody battle 15 months ago.

KEEP WATCHING
White Horse is on the Allied side of the line. That's our job," said Col. Marvin Trimmer, 52, of Reed City, Mich., who manned an automatic rifle.

Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor said the 8th Army would be on holiday schedule today, but that didn't mean rest for everybody.

The men of Love Company, who are closer to Communist troops than any other outfit in this sector, have to keep watching. Their mission is to give first warning of any possible attack and to fight a delaying action.

Charles W. Prinson, 25, of Barberton, Ohio, the company commander, arranged for half his men to eat dinner at a time so that all could still themselves with turkey. Love Company has a quonset hut mess—an unheard-of luxury before the armistice.

'Many' Die In Czech Wreck

VIENNA, Austria (AP)—Prague radio announced today that many persons were killed or injured yesterday in a railway disaster. Communist-led Czechoslovakia.

The broadcast did not mention any casualty figures but its report of extensive emergency measures taken by Czech authorities indicated a major disaster.

The broadcast quoted an official announcement by the Czech ministry as saying the Prague-Beratava train crash crashed into another passenger train near Slavice in Moravia, shortly after Christmas Eve.

"Many persons were killed or injured," it declared.

New Twist Is Added To Golombek Death Puzzle

NEW YORK (AP)—Mystery surrounding the death of Air Force Sgt. Joseph Golombek took an added twist last night with the disclosure that he was in a military hospital in a nearby town at the same time he died.

The body was identified by a former service friend now living in New York City—David Rosen, 34, and Josephine, 35, also of New York City.

The pair told of meeting with Golombek on Nov. 8, four days after he started his tour in Korea, at a nearby town. They said Golombek mentioned he would next visit friends in Brooklyn and would see them.

When Golombek failed to keep a later appointment, Johnson said, he telephoned two Brooklyn addresses and someone told him "Joe couldn't make it; something came up."

On Nov. 12, Johnson said, the person who talked with him before called and said, "Joe is sorry he couldn't say goodbye before he had to leave."

Air Force records list Golombek's only wife as Mrs. Rebecca Wassner, of Fort Worth, Texas.

Evening Prayer

O Lord, who art proving Thee self about us every day, forgive our blindness when we fail to see, and lead us into shining fellowship with Christ in His kingdom. Amen.

Train Wreck Toll Placed At 66 Dead

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP)—Prime Minister Sydney Holland estimated today 166 persons died in the Christmas Eve wreck of a speeding train that plunged into a flooded mountain gorge 250 miles south of Auckland. It was the worst rail disaster in New Zealand's history.

Traffic, Fire Deaths Bring Holiday Tragedy

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Fire and traffic accidents brought tragedy to many homes on Christmas as the nation started celebrating the long holiday week end.

Seven children and two women perished in a house fire during the night and traffic accidents during the first few hours of the holiday period.

Four children and their mother burned to death when they were trapped by fire in their home near Flat Rock, in southeastern Michigan. The father, Ross Hurst, suffered serious burns. The children ranged in age from 2 years to 9 months.

Three small brothers died in a fire which swept a four-family apartment in Gloucester, Mass. They were the children of Mrs. Margaret Luce and ranged in age from 10 to 5 years.

icy streets and heavy holiday traffic caused an increased number of mishaps in Midwest areas. Early today the traffic death toll was 60, with 120 more nearly half the fatalities in the MID section. In Chicago, where streets were jammed from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., there were two accidents a minute from mid-afternoon to midnight.

The National Safety Council estimated 10 persons will be killed in traffic accidents during the 72-hour period from 6 p.m. Thursday to midnight Sunday (local time). Traffic deaths this year have averaged about 125 per 24 hours.

In an Associated Press survey in a one-hour period of 70 hours, 6 P.m. Dec. 24 to 6 a.m. Dec. 6, there were 310 traffic deaths, 23 deaths in fire and 10 deaths in miscellaneous causes for a total of 433.

The record holiday toll of 500 traffic deaths was in the 1940s Christmas period last year.

The traffic deaths by state: California 4; Connecticut 2; Florida 1; Illinois 4; Indiana 3; Iowa 1; Kentucky 3; Maryland 1; Massachusetts 2; Minnesota 3; Missouri 2; New Jersey 2; New York 4; Ohio 3; Pennsylvania 5; Utah 1; Washington 1.

New Zealand Wreck Ranks With Worst

NEW YORK (AP)—Ten worst railroad wrecks of the past 75 years occurred in New Zealand.

Oct. 22, 1940, at Hovy Dore, Poland—100; May 29, 1940, at Formosa—171; Dec. 24, 1943, in Paris, France—167; Oct. 8, 1941, Yokohama, Japan—164; Mar. 4, 1952, Panama, Brazil—160; July 9, 1952, Nashville, Tenn.—151; Sept. 15, 1948, Pulaski, China—150; April 6, 1950, India, Brazil—140; June 26, 1953, East Indonesia—130.

der their weight. One of the coaches was carried 3/4 miles downstream and one body was found 1/2 mile away.

Fears were expressed that many of the victims were buried under the mud and still in the river bed and might never be found.

In a broadcast to his horror-stricken people, Holland said the locomotive and one of the coaches had been swept to the far side of the bridge when the structure collapsed.

The huge engine and the 20-ton coaches were swept into the icy driftwood in the river, which was 25 feet higher than normal. The train was moving at a speed of water 20 feet high was racing down the river bed when the bridge collapsed.

The train, which was also swept away a road bridge adjoining the rail structure and three other bridges along its course, was seen almost as quickly as it had risen.

'Partnership' Ideal Expressed

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP)—Queen Elizabeth II vowed today to give herself heart and soul to her partnership with the people of the Commonwealth as "an equal partnership of nations and races."

The Queen, who arrived in Auckland today, said in a radio broadcast to her people around the world, the young British monarch was "an equal partner in the Commonwealth of the empire but declared the Commonwealth ideal was "an entirely new conception."

To this ideal, she promised, "I shall give myself heart and soul every day of my life."

The Queen said the Commonwealth is built "on the highest qualities of the spirit of man: friendship, loyalty and the desire for freedom and peace. In that fellowship, the United Kingdom stands with many other proud and independent nations and she is leading yet other still but equal nations forward to the same goal."

The Queen, who arrived in Auckland Wednesday, was world tour, referred to hopes expressed by many Britons that her reign might mark a new era as golden as that enjoyed under Elizabeth I.

OUR WEATHER

Cloudy and cold today, tonight and tomorrow. Slight rain and showers Tuesday. Light scattered showers today ending tonight.

Low temperature this morning 28 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight 25 degrees.

High temperature yesterday 43 degrees.

High temperature expected today 45 degrees.

Sunrise 7:10 a.m.; sunset 5:17 p.m.

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