

## Truman Has Old-Fashioned White Yuletide

### Plans Radio Talk Today to World

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Dec. 24 (UPI)—A gleaming blanket of snow today assured President Truman of a real old-fashioned white Christmas at his family home.

Mr. Truman was preparing to send Christmas greetings to the nation and the world by radio at 4:16 p.m. this afternoon after he touches button which will light up the yule tree in front of the White House at Washington.

The first lady and daughter Margaret were busy with final preparations for the family's Christmas celebration tomorrow.

A traditional Christmas wreath, fashioned by Mrs. Truman and Margaret adorned the front door of the Trumans' big, comfortable frame house.

### Christmas Card Scene

They hung it last night to greet the President when he returned home about 10:30 after visiting his sister, Miss Mary Jane Truman, in nearby Grandview. Margaret also added a few final touches to the 10-foot tree in the front room and spread more presents around its base.

Outside, the town looked like a scene on a Christmas card.

Colored lights twinkled on the snow-covered lawns and Christmas decorations glowed in the night.

Children laughed and played and tossed snowballs. Neighbors shouted to one another as they went on last-minute shopping tours. Autos skidded on the tricky, snow-coated hills but the heavy snow added to the Christmas glamor instead of dampening it.

### Typical of Christmas Eve

The President's chauffeur, a secret service man, had to drive at reduced speed on the jaunt over to Mr. Truman's sister's house.

Margaret was invited to sing tonight at a midnight service in the Trinity Episcopal Church where she formerly sang in the choir.

Tonight the family will spend a typical Christmas Eve at home with friends and relatives. Tomorrow, they will open Christmas presents in the morning and have family dinner about 2 p.m. Dinner will consist of a huge gift turkey with all the trimmings.

## Sailor Smith Hits On All—Fours—With '110' Gas

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 24 (UPI)—Beryl Smith, a sailor stationed at the Port Columbus naval station here, thinks there may be something to the old saying: "You can get too much of a good thing."

Mr. Smith thought his 1936 model automobile needed some pep so he filled the gas tank with the 110 octane gas the Navy uses for its powerful fighter planes.

The CAR had pep and pickup and everything was all right until Mr. Smith stopped for a traffic light at a downtown intersection.

Then, the gas tank blew up, ripping the door off the car and blowing Mr. Smith through the opening.

He suffered a burn on his hand and the car was destroyed by the resulting fire.

## Railroad Makes Gift To 'Good Neighbor'

STEWART, III., Dec. 24 (UPI)—The Burlington Railroad presented Mrs. Pearl Cole with a special Christmas gift today for preventing a possible train wreck.

Early on the morning of Dec. 7, Mrs. Cole, a widow, noticed that trains passing her house "made a funny sound." She roused her son from bed to investigate.

He found a six-inch section chipped out of the rail. Mrs. Cole dressed, roused a neighbor and telephoned the Burlington agent.

Superintendent Glen Wesson today presented her with a cash gift and a letter praising her as a "good neighbor" of the railroad.

## Names Conciliator In Phone Dispute

Gov. Gates today appointed George T. Smith of Hammond to serve as State Conciliator in a dispute between the Communications Workers of America and the Richmond Home Telephone Co.

Conciliation was sought by the union under the 1947 Utilities Compulsory Arbitration law after a deadlock was reached in negotiations. Mr. Smith was a conciliator for the State Labor Department until recently.

## Pair of Thugs Give Barber a 'Trimming'

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24 (UPI)—Barber Florentino Zungolo got a sharper trimming than the customer last night.

Two men walked into his shop. One settled down in the barber chair after asking for a "trimming" while his companion read a newspaper. Mr. Zungolo cut the man's hair, helped him from the chair, dusted off his coat, and waited for the money.

The two men then flashed guns, hustled Mr. Zungolo into a rear room, and locked the door and escaped with \$32 from the cash register.

## Ship Movements

By United Press  
New York Arrivals—Marine, Marin, Hamburg, Germany  
New York Departures—American Clipper, Liverpool; American Clipper, Gourock, Scotland; Leith; Leicestershire; Auckland; Melville, Liverpool; Menorca, Penang; Motor Yacht, Queen Mary; Queen of the Orient; Stegham, Goethorpe; Westerdam; Rotterdam; Concord, Buenos Aires; Fort Lauderdale; Pernambuco; Santa Monica, Caracas; Santa Paula, Curacao.

## A Year Ago Life Hung by Thread



## Carrier With 'Copter to Try Icemap Rescue

### Task Force Ready If Others Fail

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 24 (UPI)—Equipped with the Navy's newest helicopter, the carrier Saipan sets out tonight on a dramatic mission of mercy to rescue 11 fliers stranded atop a barren Greenland icemap.

The 10,000-ton vessel will cruise as close as possible to the icemap and then dispatch a helicopter task force. Three previous attempts to snatch the marooned airmen to safety by glider have been frustrated by high winds, snow and bad luck.

Navy officers said it would take the Saipan about five days to reach Greenland. Hence rescue operations probably will not get under way until late Wednesday or Thursday.

### Weather Promising

Forecast of "Comparatively favorable" weather within the next 36 hours offered hope that the men might be rescued from the 7000-foot icemap before the carrier arrives.

Seven of the fliers have been grounded in 40-below-zero temperatures since Dec. 9 when their C-47 cargo plane made a crash-landing. Two others were aboard a B-17 that cracked up during a rescue attempt four days later. And the last two were in a glider that was dropped near the scene.

Because of the perilous winds, Navy rescue teams have made no attempt to reach the marooned men by helicopter.

## Thieves Rob Tavern Of \$350 in Liquor

### 17 Japs Released By Gen. MacArthur

#### Amnesty Granted On Christmas Eve

(Continued From Page One) was official foreign office spokesman.

Yoshihisa Kuzu, president of the Black Dragon Society, from 1937 to 1945.

Toshio Nishio, army general in command of the Japanese expeditionary forces in China from Sept. 1939 to Aug. 1941.

Tryolchis Sasakawa, under-

ground nationalist leader, de-

scribed as the organizer of many nationalistic societies and parties.

Yakichiro Ume, ambassador to Spain from 1940 to 1946.

Adm. Sankichi Takahashi,

member of the supreme war council and onetime commander of the combined fleet.

Masayuki Tanii, chief of the cabinet information bureau from October, 1941, to April, 1943; foreign minister from September, 1942, to April, 1943.

Ken Terashima, minister of communications from October, 1941, to October, 1943.

Kazuo Aoki, greater East Asia minister under Tojo.

Fumio Goto, minister without portfolio from May, 1943, to July, 1944.

Koichiro Ishihara, head of production industries with interests in Southeast Asia.

Michio Iwanura, minister of justice under Tojo.

Nobusuke Kishi, minister of commerce and industry from October, 1941, to October, 1943, and vice minister of munitions.

Yoshio Dodama, navy purchas-

ing agent from September, 1941, to September, 1945, and head of a secret society in Shanghai.

Requests Court Change His Name to 'Klaus'

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 24 (UPI)—Judge George C. Corson said he couldn't think of a more appropriate time to grant the petition of George W. Oelkelius, Glenside, Pa.

Mr. Oelkelius, a bank em-

ployee, told the court he was sat-

isfied with his first name and

didn't want it changed to Santa.

He bought a surname of

Klaus would be easier to pro-

ject.

Police said that Albert F.

Borneman, of Lawrence, started

to fight other prisoners in the

bull pen after being locked up on

charges of being drunk, reckless

driving and leaving the scene

of an accident.

Three police officers were re-

quired to quell the disturbance,

sheriff's deputies said.

One of the officers, Theodore

Buelher, was kicked in the ribs

and required medical attention.

X-rays were to be taken later

today.

'Long' Price on Eels Irks Italian Diners

ROME, Dec. 24 (UPI)—Italians,

counting on plenty of succulent

eels for their traditional Christ-

mas dinner, protested today

against inflation in the eel mar-

ket.

The first load of fresh eels to

reach Rome for the holidays went

on sale at 550 lire a pound, an in-

crease of 40 per cent over the

price last Christmas.

'Silent night, holy

night'

Tonight in the Memorial

Chapel which marks the site

of that now crumbled little

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