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Moorhead Daily News

BLASTS AT MUNITIONS PLANTS KILL 13

Moorhead and vicinity — Partly cloudy, snow flurries tonight; Wednesday continued cold. High yesterday 15. Low last night 8. Precipitation trace.

12 Persons Dead In Northwest AS Result of Devastating Storm

Plows At Work Clearing Roads; Trains Run Late

Franklin Pair Are Frozen To Death When Auto Stalls

As clearing of highways and railroads in an attempt to restore traffic to normal progressed today, United Press reports indicated that at least 12 persons were dead as the result of the "worst November blizzard" in the history of Minnesota.

The storm blocked nearly every road in the state, crippled communications in southwestern Minnesota and eastern South Dakota and marooned hundreds of travelers and duck hunters.

Snowplows opening roads. Snowplows were plowing through huge drifts on trunk highways in an effort to open up roads on which hundreds of trucks and cars were stalled because of the unexpected fury of the storm. A 31-mile-an-hour wind, however, was hampering operations.

Mrs. Clarence Trethar and a 13-year-old daughter, of Franklin, froze to death on a highway five miles from Mankato, when their automobile stalled on the highway. Her husband and two other children were overcome by the cold but doctors at a Mankato hospital said they would recover.

At least six persons died of heart attack caused by over-exertion, two were killed in accident and one duck hunter drowned, the United Press stated.

Trains Behind Schedule. Highway reports at noon today were that Highway 10 was open from Moorhead to Ferham and that Highway 52 was open as far as the underpass at Barnesville where a truck was stalled in a huge drift. Motorists, however, were advised to stay off the highways where numerous cars were stalled during the blizzard. Many reports were received of minor collisions and of machines sliding into ditches.

Railroad trains from the east were running far behind schedule because of the fury of the storm in the Twin Cities, one of the hardest-hit regions.

The Northern Pacific reported that No. 3, due in Moorhead at 5:30 (Continued on page 8)

Aviator Reports Hunters Frozen To Waist In Ice

Winona, Nov. 12 (UP)—Max Conrad, aviator directing the rescue of duck hunters marooned by the storm in the Winona "pool" along the Mississippi river, reported today that he saw three hunters who appeared to be "frozen up to their waists in ice."

"I couldn't tell whether they were alive or not," he said. Conrad reported he saw many overturned boats and hunters and their dogs stranded on islands apparently half frozen and almost overcome.

Conrad's report increased fears for the safety of the many hunters missing since the raging snow storm struck yesterday.

Supreme Court Upholds NLRB Contract Ruling

Invalidates Closed Shop Agreement of AFL in Indiana Plant

Washington, Nov. 12 (UP)—The supreme court today affirmed a national labor relations board order invalidating a closed shop contract between an American Federation of Labor union and an Indiana corporation in which the CIO-United Automobile Workers claimed a majority of all plant employees.

AFL attorneys had told the court that the case was of vital importance to the existence of all craft unions, especially in those plants where such organizations compete with larger industrial unions.

The invalidated contract was between the AFL international association of machinists, which claimed to represent tool room employees of the Serrick Corporation, Muncie, Ind., a parts manufacturing plant.

In another labor case the supreme court ruled that the NLRB has no legal power to require Wagner act violators to reimburse public relief agencies for amounts paid to strikers or workers illegally discharged.

The decision came in a Republic Steel case, one of the numerous litigations growing out of the "little steel strike" of 1937.

In a third major action the supreme court agreed to review a lower court decision denying the government the right to sue for triple damages under the anti-trust laws for losses alleged to have resulted from identical bids submitted by 18 rubber tire manufacturers on government purchases. Final decision in the controversy may have far-reaching effect on government buying under the multi-billion dollar defense program.

Report Mexican Plot For Revolt

Party Leader Avers Almazan Conspiring

Mexico City, Nov. 12 (UP)—General Heriberto Jara, president of the Mexican revolutionary party, said today he had uncovered a plot by followers of General Juan Andreu Almazan, defeated presidential candidate, to overthrow the government.

Jara exhibited maps, a notebook and other coded documents which he said, linked Almazan to a plot against the government of President Lazaro Cardenas.

Almazanista leaders immediately charged that Jara's charges were for the purpose of creating alarm in Washington in order to hasten official recognition of the regime of President-Elect Avila Camacho.

Jara did not disclose where the documents had been obtained. He said they would be turned over to the government for investigation.

The note book contained the names of several prominent Mexicans who, Jara suggested, might have been listed for assassination. One entry referred to the convening of congress in Piedras Negras on December 1, the day of Avila Camacho's inauguration.

44,000 British Prisoners London, Nov. 12 (UP)—War Secretary Anthony Eden told the house of commons today that British prisoners of war now total about 44,000.

Rumanian 'Quake' Victims Seek Aid

Thousands Homeless; Food, Shelter Sought

Bucharest, Rumania, Nov. 12 (UP)—Thousands of homeless pleaded for food and clothing today as officials sought to obtain accurate estimates of dead and injured and damage in Rumania's most devastating earthquake in more than a century.

The government sent building material and army tents to the stricken areas and neighboring Balkan nations contributed to relief funds.

Early, unofficial estimates had placed the death toll at nearly 1,000, but today officials said that the best estimate was 400 dead; 800 were injured.

Reports indicated that Campina, Polesti, Buzau and Focscani, in the oil district, had been hit hardest. All the quakes, beginning early Sunday and continuing yesterday morning rocked towns and villages in the foothills of the Carpathian mountains and were felt in sections of Russia.

In Bucharest, rescue workers dug into the ruins of the 11-story Carlton apartment building for an estimated 200 bodies.

High Winds Hinder Rescue of Hunters

Dallas City, Ill., Nov. 12 (UP)—A strong wind that whipped up five foot waves continued today to hinder the rescue of a score or more of duck hunters who were marooned on islands up and down the Mississippi river during yesterday's blizzard.

One man was known to have perished, two others are believed dead and seven men were removed from Folk Island, near here.

Leonard Reynolds, 35, Muscatine, was drowned after his small boat capsized near Little Dasher Island north of Burlington. Two companions, Louis Tubbs, Muscatine, and Ralph Sells, Okawville, Ill., managed to save themselves.

Molotov Holds Long Conference With Fuehrer

Conversations May Determine Axis Plans For European Order

By UNITED PRESS
Soviet Premier V. M. Molotov today held a 2 1/2 hour conference with Adolf Hitler on which may hinge axis plans for continental organization of Europe and an offensive to strike at the British empire, root and branch, from the stormy English channel to the China seas.

Molotov arrived in Berlin at 11 a. m. (3 a. m. CST) today accompanied by 32 aides. Within an hour he had gone into conference with Reich Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, who met him at Anhalter station.

There was vast speculation as to the purpose and possible outcome of the Molotov discussions but few concrete facts.

It was noted in Berlin, however, that the welcome to Molotov was not as elaborate as some which the nazis have provided in the past for distinguished foreign statesmen despite the fact that this is Molotov's first visit beyond the soil of Russia and the first occasion in history that a soviet premier has visited a foreign land.

At the station to greet Molotov were Ribbentrop, who paid two visits to Moscow last year to negotiate the Nazi-Soviet understanding, Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the German supreme command, Heinrich Himmler, head of the German gестапо whose chief task for some years was ferreting out communist opposition elements in the reich, and Robert Ley, leader of the Nazi labor front into which German trade unions were incorporated when Hitler came to power.

The British view of the conference was that whatever its result it probably would be bad news for England. One thing was generally assumed—British efforts to wear the soviet away from Germany now have little prospect of success.

However, it was revealed at Moscow that Sir Stafford Cripps, British ambassador, conferred yesterday with Vice-Commissar for Foreign Affairs Andrei Vishinski as Molotov's train was rolling toward Berlin.

At London and the Balkans it was believed generally that Turkey and the far east were the most likely subjects of Nazi-Soviet discussion. Istanbul expressed some doubt that an agreement affecting her status would be reached and Sofia pointed out that Bulgarian communists continued to circulate propaganda unfriendly to Berlin.

The British attitude, however, was summed up by the Daily Mail which asserted that it was now plain that Britain had but two assets in the international situation—herself and the United States.

Pays \$77,113

New York, Nov. 12 (UP)—Sonja Henie (above) the Norwegian skater and moving picture star, must pay Dennis Scanlon, St. Paul, promoter, \$77,113.44 for breach of contract, a New York supreme court jury ordered today. The sealed verdict was returned by a jury composed of five women and seven men after a six-day trial which was concluded last Friday.

Scanlon charged that through his efforts and contacts the ice star rose to movie stardom. He said that the contract to which they had agreed in February, 1936 stipulated that he was to receive approximately 40 per cent of her slim earnings. He charged that when she attained stardom in Hollywood, she ignored the contract and refused to meet its terms.

George Would Hike Debt Limit

Georgia Senator Seeks New Tax Structure

Washington, Nov. 12 (UP)—Senator Walter F. George, democrat, Georgia said today the new congress should raise the national debt limit to \$75,000,000,000 and overhaul the federal tax structure immediately after convening January 3.

George is slated to succeed the late Senator Key Pittman, democrat, Nevada, as chairman of the senate foreign relations committee. He also is the ranking democratic member of the senate finance committee which will have to consider the debt and tax problems.

He allied himself with Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., who last week said that the debt limit must be raised to \$85,000,000,000 because of defense spending. The defense tax bill enacted last summer permitted expenditure of \$4,000,000,000 above the existing \$45,000,000,000 debt limit for defense purposes only.

George asserted that the nation's economy is in danger of becoming dependent on defense spending which, he said, must end some time.

Blizzards Disasterous To Supply of Turkeys

Omaha, Nov. 12 (UP)—Thousands of Thanksgiving turkeys were killed in Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota during the severe storms of Sunday and Monday, according to reports reaching commission houses here today.

Clark Swanson of the Jerpe commission company estimated that on the basis of reports, from 20 to 30 per cent of Nebraska's estimated 800,000 turkeys were frozen to death.

The Roscoe Hill Hatchery company, located near Lincoln, Neb., reported a loss of between 15,000 and 20,000 turkeys. Dan M. Ellstrand, Seward, Neb., national president of the U. S. Livestock association, lost 3,000 head. Others reported losses of from 100 to 800 turkeys. Value of the average turkey was placed at \$2.50.

The storm came very early in the season and caught turkey raisers unprepared. It started with rain. Then the wind whipped up a velocity of as high as 50 miles an hour and temperatures dropped to close to the zero point. With insufficient shelter, the rain-soaked birds froze to death, according to the reports.

Turkey herdsman, who care for as many as 5,000 in one flock frantically sought shelter for their charges but there was not enough to take care of all of them. Most of the birds would have been killed for the Thanksgiving trade within a few days.

Swanson said the loss probably would be total, as there was little chance of salvaging any of the birds.

Nazis Claim 18 British Planes Downed Monday

Berlin, Nov. 12 (UP)—Nazi informants said today that 18 British airplanes were shot down yesterday; that German bombers had attacked a convoy near the Pirith of North, scoring a direct hit on a 9,000 ton ship and sinking a 6,000-ton ship, and that "the mintage of British harbors continues."

They said nine German planes were missing after yesterday's encounters.

Japs Expected To Name Nomura U. S. Ambassador

Tokyo, Nov. 12 (UP)—Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, former foreign minister and a leading exponent of Japanese-American friendship is to be appointed ambassador to the United States, it was learned today.

Nomura's name had been mentioned for the post ever since the recall of Kensuke Horikouchi. He has been considered a friend of the United States and in Washington diplomatic circles is known as "a good sport."

Georgia Police Find Body of Missing Infant

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 12 (UP)—The Georgia highway patrol reported today that Murray Uphaw, Jr., 2, missing since last Friday, had been found dead in the woods back of his parents' farm home near Cartersville, Ga.

State Public Safety Commissioner Lon Sullivan, head of the highway patrol, said the finding of the body was reported by a state trooper on duty at the Uphaw home, center of a four-day search for the lost boy.

Sullivan said it had not been determined what caused Murray's death. The condition of the body and other details were not immediately available.

52 Killed As Wintry Gales Rage Unabated

Most Severe Advent of Cold Weather In Years; Damages Great

By UNITED PRESS
Snow and freezing temperatures clamped most of the nation in a wintry grip today as destructive gales which left at least 52 persons dead in the Midwest battered furiously at the eastern seaboard.

Winter's early invasion was the most severe in decades, causing uncanceled millions of dollars' property damage across a broad belt of the central and southern sectors in addition to the heavy toll of human lives.

High Winds Persist. And the force of the storm — a terrifying compound of wind, snow and cold — was not spent. Fifty-mile-an-hour winds tore at property in New England and the middle Atlantic states as temperatures dropped to freezing levels. Icy squalls and snow pounded at the Rocky mountain region for the fourth day with a reckless regard for shelterless humanity, transportation and communication.

Only the southern Pacific coast area escaped the storm's wrath, which swept in from the extreme northwest five days ago and heaved to a costly course southeasterly, then northeasterly across the nation — sparing only isolated points.

The U. S. weather bureau at Chicago forecast continued cold, with snow flurries, and frosty winds in the north-central states. The outlook along the eastern seaboard north of the Mason-Dixon line was for severe cold and snow-laden clouds. Flurries had started today in the northern points of New York.

The cold was sudden as it was severe and caught agricultural areas off-guard, imperiling fruit growing between the Texas and California and livestock through the plains' states. The accent of winter was in Montana — (Continued on page 8)

Concealed Greek Mountain Guns Halt Italian Drive

Fascist Alpine Troops Forced To Retreat Toward Albania

Belgrade, Nov. 12 (UP)—Concealed Greek mountain artillery has halted a new Italian attack midway between the Koritza and Janina fronts, frontier reports said today, and has forced Italian Alpine troops to retreat toward Albania after penetrating a short distance into Greece along the Sardoanopore river.

The Italians were reported to have lost 12 officers, about 600 men and considerable war materiel in the unsuccessful attack upon Greek strongholds in the Pinus mountains.

The attacking elements comprised part of the third Alpine division—the same Italian unit which the Greeks previously had beaten back near Koritza. The Alpine division was supported by cavalry and some Bersaglieri troopers, it was reported.

It appeared that the attack had been designed to drive a wedge between the Greek forces, which have advanced to the northwest toward Koritza, a strong southern Albanian Italian base, and Greek troops resisting the Italian drive along the coast.

Greeks Take Cannon. At the same time the Greeks, fighting toward Koritza on the road from the border town of Bilkista, were reported to have captured Cannon, an important mountain pass town, forcing the Italians to retreat toward Pityasa which is only about five miles from Koritza.

In the Bilkista road fighting it was said that 26 Italians were killed, 70 wounded and seven officers and 140 soldiers taken prisoners.

The Italian set-back in the Pinus mountains was said to have occurred after the Alpine troops penetrated the valley of Orestias and the Anselica mountain ranges, the northern spur of the Pinus mountains.

Missing Plane Search Resumed

Hunting Parties Were Halted By Blizzard

Spirit Lake, Ia., Nov. 12 (UP)—A portion of the plane and the body of one of three U. S. army fliers who plunged into Spirit Lake were discovered frozen in ice near the east shore today.

Spirit Lake, Ia., Nov. 12 (UP)—The search for a missing U. S. army plane believed to have fallen into Spirit Lake was resumed today despite rough water.

A blizzard driven by a 40 mile an hour wind prevented the launching of boats yesterday.

The plane was believed to have washed about 6:30 p. m. Sunday. Lake front residents heard a spluttering motor and a loud splash about that time but no one saw the crash because of darkness.

The plane left St. Paul at 4:15 p. m. Sunday bound for Omaha, Neb. Spirit Lake is directly on the route.

Lieutenant Robert M. Prange, 22, Fredericktown, Mo.; Lieutenant G. A. Smith, 26, Clinton, Ill, and Private Anthony J. Carrato, 22, Canton, O., were aboard the ship.

Slayer Attempts To Burn Bodies

Firemen Find Mother, Son In Burning Home

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 12 (UP)—Firemen who rushed into a home to put out a fire today discovered a spiritulist mother and her 8-year-old son shot to death. The mother had been gagged.

The victims were: Mrs. Alma Katzenmiller, 36, Noel Katzenmiller, 8.

The coroner said both appeared to have been killed by a shotgun.

Mrs. Emma Conerton, a neighbor, called firemen when she saw smoke pouring from the basement of the one-story frame Katzenmiller dwelling. Police believed the slayer might have attempted to destroy the evidence of his crime by fire.

Peter Katzenmiller, the husband with whom Mrs. Katzenmiller conducted spiritulist sessions for pay, was not located immediately. Police records showed he was given a dismissal in 1937 and last year on charges by his wife and son Peter, Jr., that he had pointed a gun at them.

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Annual banquet and business meeting of the Clay County Bar association will be held at the Comstock hotel Wednesday at 6:00 p. m. it was announced today as the November term of Clay county court convened.

Election of officers will take place at the meeting to which a number of guests have been invited. Present officers are Edwin Adams, Moorhead, president; Magnus Weisald, Hawley, vice-president; and Ronald Desjardins, Moorhead, secretary-treasurer. The organization has met annually for over 20 years.

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First case set for trial in the November term of Clay county district court will be that of Harry Schwarcz against Walter W. Lund. The court calendar was set this morning and jurors will report at 9:30 Wednesday.

Schwarcz has brought a suit for \$5,000 against Lund for personal injury and damage to his car which he alleges were received in collision with Lund's machine in Moorhead August 10. James A. Garrity represents the plaintiff, Garfield H. Rusted the defendant.

Following the Schwarcz-Lund case will be the criminal cases on the calendar. One abandonment case, that of Norman Wiger, was dismissed this morning and another one added to the calendar that of Harold Hanson. Hanson pleaded not guilty when arraigned before Judge Byron E. Wilson Monday and his bond was set at \$500. J. M. Withrow was appointed his attorney.

Garfield H. Rusted, appearing as attorney for Tony DePorge, who is charged with a statutory offense, was granted an additional 24 hours in which to enter a plea.



Three Eastern Factories Hit By Explosions

FBI Agents Called To Probe Incidents For Possible Espionage

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 12 (UP)—At least \$1,000,000 worth of army material was destroyed by fire that swept the Atlanta Municipal Auditorium today. Origin of the blaze was unknown, but the building manager, who said that \$250,000 damage was incurred in the structure itself, publicly called the fire the result of "sabotage."

Woodbridge, N. Y., Nov. 12 (UP)—State police estimated that 15 persons had died in the blast at the United Railway Signal corporation plant here and a rescue worker said he counted 13 mangled bodies in the wreckage.

By UNITED PRESS
Powerful explosions blew up three plants in the industrial east today, killing at least 15 persons and injuring scores more.

The blasts occurred at the United Railway Signal corporation, Woodbridge, N. Y.; the Trojan Powder company at Sipples Station, Pa., near Allentown, and the American Cyanamid and Chemical corporation, at Edinburg, Pa.

The three explosions, all of which shook the surrounding countryside, took place at approximately the same time—between eight and nine a. m.

No Sabotage Indications. Federal bureau of investigation agents were called in but there were no immediate indications of sabotage. At least one of the plants—United Railway—was engaged in fulfilling government orders.

The known casualties: At Woodbridge—At least seven killed, 39 injured at a hospital. At Sipples Station—Three killed, a number reported injured. At Edinburg—Three killed; none believed injured.

Although the Woodbridge plant is a small one—made up of half a dozen scattered one-story structures—the detonation there was terrific and was felt sharply even at Jersey City, 20 miles away. Motorists driving in Staten Island, across Newark Bay, felt their cars jerk out of control at the concussion.

100 In Miraculous Escape. The Edinburg blast took place in the Burton explosives division of the plant. The three workers were killed when dynamite they were packing in the gelatin tank house exploded. The 600-square-foot building was shattered. Authorities believed it miraculous that none of the 100-odd men employed at the plant—apart from the three dead—had been victims.

The Edinburg plant makes commercial explosives only and it was believed the firm had no government orders on hand.

The three victims were packing the dynamite into wrappers when the blast shook the small building.

FBI, State Police Investigate. The Allentown explosion occurred in the cap plant, a one-story building where detonators for blasting are made. Company officials said they "doubt" that explosives were involved. Both the FBI and state police began inquiries. The work had no connection with national defense orders and plant officials believed the blast might have been accidental.

The Woodbridge plant makes small torpedoes, used chiefly as signal devices on railroad lines. It was reported that some government orders were on hand there.

Chef Questioned In Poisonings

12 Die From Effects of Pittsburgh Dole

Pittsburgh, Nov. 12 (UP)—A former chef was questioned in Philadelphia today about the poison deaths of 12 men and violent illness of 43 others as result of eating pancakes tainted with sodium fluoride, a roach powder resembling flour.

The poisoning took place at the Pittsburgh Salvation Army center during the Monday morning "handout." The men sat down to a breakfast of pancakes, bacon and coffee. A few hours later they began dying, writhing in pain and were taken to hospitals. Two men died at the center before they could be moved; the others at hospitals.

Police immediately began searching for a discharged chef who Adjudant Roy Barker said had threatened to "get even." They believed he had fled to Philadelphia.

Early today Philadelphia police detained Larry Mertz, 42, for questioning in connection with the poisoning. He was described as a former chef in the Salvation Army home here. Mertz said he had worked in Pittsburgh until October and then went to Philadelphia where he had remained since.

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