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FOG, COLD CAUSE TRAFFIC MISHAPS

Temperature fog and a night of freezing temperatures, which made streets and highways hazardous, caused numerous accidents again last night and this morning.

The Boeing Field station of the Weather Bureau recorded a minimum temperature of 25 degrees, two degrees below the previous night's low. The bureau forecast the mercury would get down to 25 again tonight.

For the second consecutive morning, Seattle Transit System coaches ran generally behind schedule, as drivers obeyed orders to exercise the utmost caution, even though it meant being late. Some lines this forenoon were 15 minutes behind, and many Seattleites were correspondingly late to work.

Drivers Go Slow
Motorists, too, found discretion the better part of valor, and joggled along carefully through the fog. The list of injuries was smaller than yesterday.

County Commissioner Archie E. Phelps said "every available man and truck" in his South Road District will work over the week-end to attempt to combat the slippery conditions.

"Right now," Phelps reported, "most of the men are working 16 hours rather than 8, and all of them have volunteered to keep right on working over the week-end."

Mrs. Grace Isom, 30 years old, of 128 Highland Dr., suffered a compound fracture of the right leg when the car in which she was riding struck a utility pole at Second Avenue and Denny Way (this morning about 3 o'clock. She was taken to Harborview County Hospital.

George Devlin of 418 W. McGraw St., the driver, told traffic investigators he became confused in the fog. He was not hurt.

Thomas Jepson, 55, an employe of the Great Northern Railroad, suffered a brain concussion when struck by an automobile in the fog at Fifth Avenue West and West Lawton Way at 12:15 o'clock this morning. The driver was Albert Kamp, 47, of 1804 Hamlin St. Lewis F. Dyer, 33, of Renton, suffered a brain concussion and possible fractured back when the car he was driving failed to negotiate a curve a half-mile south of Bellevue and rolled over twice at 11:30 o'clock last night, the State Patrol reported.

Tacoman Hits Train, Dies
Henry C. Kruger, 40, Puyallup, Tacoma shipyard employe, was killed when his automobile struck a Seattle-bound 17-car Union Pacific passenger train near Fife yesterday, the Associated Press reported.

George L. Buehler, Yakima, was killed and five persons were injured in an automobile accident 25 miles east of Yakima last night.

Traffic - Injury Cases Up 37 Pct. Here in Month

The number of injuries resulting from traffic accidents in Seattle increased 37 per cent last month over October, with a 17 per cent increase in accidents. City Traffic Engineer J. W. A. Bollong reported today. There were 6 traffic fatalities recorded each month. The report shows 874 accidents in November, with 89 injuries.

The first 11 months of the year, compared with the corresponding period of 1943, shows a 7.4 per cent increase in accidents, a 13.2 per cent increase in injuries and a 12 per cent decrease in fatalities.

The fatality rate here now is 16.4 per 100,000 population, and 5.2 per cent per 10,000 registered vehicles. "The pedestrian condition has improved greatly over last year," Bollong said. "Up to December 1, this year, 15 pedestrians had been killed during daylight hours and 26 during hours of darkness, or a total of 41. During the same period of 1943, 16 pedestrians were killed during the hours of daylight and 41 during hours of darkness, or a total of 57."

Idaho Reclamationist Dies
CALDWELL, Idaho, Dec. 15.—(AP) J. H. Lowell, 85 years old, veteran Idaho reclamationist for whom Canyon County's Lake Lowell was named, died at his home here yesterday after an extended illness.

Murder Suspect's Testimony Contradicted at Riot Trial

By ROBERT MAHAFFAY

Testimony contradicting the alibi of Sergt. Arthur J. Hurks, one of three men accused of murder, was given the Fort Lawton court-martial today by Sergt. Grant N. Farr, the white man Hurks had testified assisted from the Italian area after Farr had suffered three knife cuts.

Hurks, 23 years old, Houston, Tex., is one of 41 charged as a result of the August 14 riot at the fort, when members of two Negro port companies attacked Fort Lawton Italians.

No attempt has been made to link the three soldiers charged with murder directly with the hanging, Lieut. Col. Leon Jaworski, trial judge advocate, having advanced evidence the three were ringleaders in the riot, and as such were responsible for the death of the Italian, Guglielmo Olivetto.

Hurks' Testimony Recalled
Hurks previously testified he encountered Farr in the protective custody of a Negro soldier in the vicinity of Barracks 719. He assumed the guardianship of Farr, he said, and escorted him out of the danger zone.

Farr, 25, Ogden, Utah, formerly attached to the Italian service company, was recalled to the stand as a witness of the court. He was subjected to intensive questioning by a majority of the court after he had told them he was informed by a Negro soldier in the orderly room that "we don't want you," and was escorted outside.

"You say they 'led you outside,'" said Col. Delmar W. DeWitt, president of the court. "How many colored soldiers led you out?"

"Two or three."

"Could you describe any of the colored soldiers who led you out?"

"No."

Escort Not Changed
"At any time during the trip, were you turned over from one group of conductors to another?"

"No, sir."

"Is the man who brought you out of the orderly room the same man who left you at the point on Virginia Road where you say you were released?" asked Lieut. Col. Gerald W. O'Connor, law member.

"Yes, sir," replied Farr.

"When you were released, how many colored soldiers were with you?" inquired Lieut. Col. Anthony F. Stecher.

"More than one."

"When did you first become aware you were injured?" asked Colonel DeWitt.

"When I started to walk, I found it was difficult for me."

"When you passed lower Virginia Avenue, did you see any vehicles parked along there?"

"No, sir."

(Hurks had testified he saw Farr in the headlights of an ambulance parked in that vicinity.)

Denies Being in Lights
"While you were on Virginia Avenue, approaching Barracks 719, were you ever placed where lights of a vehicle shone on you?" asked Colonel Stecher.

"No, sir. I recall no vehicles."

"I understand you left the orderly room with the original escort?"

Colonel Stecher asked "Where did you pick up the rest of the escort?"

"Outside the orderly room."

"Then you all moved along the path?"

"Yes, sir."

"Were you at any time transferred from one individual to another?"

"No, sir."

Transfer Denied
"You did not change over to another escort near Barracks 719?" persisted Maj. Samuel A. MacLennan.

"No, sir."

"And no vehicle's light shone on you?"

"No, sir."

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Packers' Job Turned Down By Wallace

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Vice President Wallace, who goes out of office next month, says "I am not looking for a job at the present time."

Nathan Sweedler, counsel for several independent slaughterers in metropolitan New York, said today that Wallace, replying to the former's suggestion that he represent small meat-packing concerns when he leaves office, answered: "Thank you so much for your telegram. I appreciate your thinking of me, but I am not looking for a job at the present time."

"If the meat packers wish to send me a letter concerning their troubles, I shall be glad to forward it to the Department of Agriculture."

Blackout Orders Still in Effect

Blackout regulations promulgated by the Western Defense Command still are in effect here, Mayor William F. Devin reminded today in response to numerous inquiries.

The only relaxation made in the order, he said, is that where formerly lights in homes had to be extinguished immediately upon the blackout signal, there now may elapse a period of five minutes before the lights must be out.

Wartimes have caused a great increase in divorces in South Africa.

Labor Paper Urges Rights of Nisei

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 15.—(AP)—The Oregon Labor Press, in an editorial, pointed out today that Japanese Americans are citizens of the United States and have the same constitutional rights that other citizens enjoy.

"We have laws to take care of any citizens who are disloyal... and we should not violate our Constitution by denying the privileges given by it to any group, regardless of race, creed or color," the editorial said.

Thirty-three per cent of the United States adult population has at least entered high school.

Aborigines now account for nearly two-thirds of Guatemala's population.

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\$7.50

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Large Selection Locket & Crosses
\$3.95 to \$35

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\$14.75 to \$100

Man's Wedding Band
\$9.95-\$35

Zircon Solid Gold
\$27.50

14-K Gold Diamond Earrings
\$50.00

"The Store That Values Built"

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Jeweler

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Fluent's Ads

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County Veterans' Aid Bureau—Russell Fluert, commissioner in charge.

"Mr. Fluert's name appears in bold black type, and credit is given him in the ad for the conduct of the Veterans' Aid Bureau. These ads were prominently displayed in the following papers in King County: Auburn Globe News, Enumclaw Courier-Herald, Issaquah Press, Kent News-Journal, Renton News-Record, Snoqualmie Valley Record, Vashon News Record, Seattle Star, Northwest Veteran, Buyers Guide, and Military News.

"These ads were run in the above named papers during the last of October and first part of November, 1944. We are unable to find that such ads were ever run in any newspaper at any other time. Curious enough, the general election was held November 7, only a few days after these ads appeared. By another curious coincidence, Mr. Fluert was a candidate for the office of state treasurer in the November 7 election.

Total Cost \$640.58

"The total cost of these ads, which the taxpayers of King County would be required to stand if these vouchers are approved is \$640.58. At the time this expense was incurred, there was no budget item in the Veterans' Aid Fund from which this cost could be paid, but by a resolution signed by Commissioners Whetstone (Joseph A. Whetstone) and Fluert on December 11, the Veterans' Aid budget was revised so as to transfer \$650 to 'printing and advertising' within the maintenance and operation budget, thus providing sufficient funds to meet this account.

"It would require no great insight to determine that the underlying purpose of these ads was to promote the candidacy of Mr. Fluert through the use of King County taxpayers' money.

"Mr. Fluert doubtless has a great affection for the mothers, wives and sweethearts of returning service men, but the ad has coupled with this announced affection a rather laudatory message regarding the commissioner's ability and past performance in conducting the Veterans' Aid Bureau.

"Whatever may have been the motive behind these ads, as a matter of law, they are not a legal expense of the county, for the reason that the statute neither expressly nor by necessary implication gives to the county commissioners the right to advertise the Veterans' Aid Bureau."