

RESCUE 'DUCK' LURES ANIMALS

By JAY W. WELLS

KENT, Dec. 14.—Animals, big and little, clustered around amphibious "ducks" wherever the bulky, bumbling Army rescue craft ventured into water-covered farm yards for frightened families.

The "livestock" came along when a duck, piloted by big, hard-working Maj. C. S. Leidy of Fort Lawton, a veteran of Anzio beachhead landings, moved into the home of Mrs. Rose Sanders on a road between Kent and Renton.

Along with crippled John Zeach, 70 years old, who was removed on a stretcher, and Mrs. Sanders came four dogs, three cats and a canary.

Shannon Hogue, president of the White River Lodge, a private club on the banks of the river at Renton Junction, has a "50-yard-line view" of flood proceedings.

"We're on a bend of the river where we can see everything that comes downstream," he said. "So far we haven't seen any houses or people floating by, but lots of rubbish."

Hogue said the lodge property was not flooded.

"But from here over to Renton, especially by Longacres, oh boy, that's something!"

Flood gazers scanning Longacres race track, where only the roofs of stables remained visible, joked about last summer's slow horses "who should be out on the track now so they could float to the finish line."

Many a lowland "old-timer" stubbornly resisted all gestures of assistance from rescue craft. One, in particular, standing on the roof of a shanty which wobbled each time he shifted a leg, yelled through cupped hands:

"You sissies go back to dry land. I'm safer here than in that damn thing you're riding."

But an hour later he did come off, cold, bewhiskered, glum and hungry.

Deputy sheriffs learned the Army's "ducks" are anything but cushioned.

"Toughest ride I ever took," one deputy who had slept but two hours in the last 48, told newsmen. "Everytime the duck whirled around a turn I'd fall flat and slide the length of the deck."

The ducks maneuvered like fish in calm water but were thrown about by swift water. Nerve soldier operators who failed to cross a stream on the first attempt would circle around and make a long run at it on the second try.

Everything is relative, even high water. It was pouring rain when an Army "duck" struck solid pavement and climbed out of water eight feet deep. Word was passed back to Mr. and Mrs. George Parullo, Mrs. Parullo's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Mott, and the Parullo children, Arlene, 9 years old, and Patricia, 5, that they could step out of the "duck," but Mrs. Parullo's first words were an exclamation:

"Dry land—ain't it wonderful!"

For two days and a night the family had been marooned in their home near Earlington.

W. C. Thompson, who owns a cabin camp near the Longacres race track, crouched down in a boat with his two dogs, Boots and Mickey, and said: "That's all that's left of my camp."

With water 6 feet deep in the cabins, he had no idea what he would be able to salvage. At that place, the water rose more than a foot in 20 minutes when the flood first struck.

In 24 hours the Seattle chapter of the American Red Cross served more than 800 meals to refugees and rescue workers at Kent. The meals were served in St. James' Episcopal Church, which has five feet of water in the basement, so that the furnace could not be used.

Mrs. Lee L. Mellen, in charge of the chapter's canteen work, said that during that period the relief kitchen used 25 pounds of potatoes, a case of string beans and a case of peas, half a case of corn, 25 dozen eggs, 15 loaves of bread, 25 gallons of milk, 35 pounds of coffee, and 40 pounds of meat.

The coffee was kept hot all day and night, ready for any refugees or relief crews that came in.

Rescue work was a cooperative undertaking with the Army, Coast Guard, local officials, the State Patrol and volunteers working as a team.

Maj. C. S. Leidy of Fort Lawton had a "duck" crew that consisted of two Negro soldiers—Cpl. A. C. Roberts of Fairmont, N. C., and Pfc. Ned Byrd, Jr., of Greenwood, Miss., and five Kent boys—Ronald Armstrong, Wayne Deeringer, Alan Anderson, George Hastings and Richard Van Horne.

Ignorance can be bliss, even if distasteful.

Deputy Sheriff Gordon Harris had to take time out from rescue work to lock up a drunk who was wandering around, barefooted, in two feet of water—and didn't even know it was raining.

Between Kent and Earlington was a barn with water six feet deep in it. The barn was leaning and looked as though it could collapse any minute, but the neatly-painted sign in front was plain. The proud owner had named it "The Ark."

Rats and mice which were not drowned were driven by hunger to forget their distrust of human beings. Instances were reported in which the rodents swam up to boats and tried to get in.

Free Cars for Vets Worth \$8,000,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—A Veterans' Administration spokesman yesterday estimated \$8,000,000 worth of shiny new automobiles has been delivered free to 5,000 disabled veterans under the car-for-amputees program.

An estimated 15,000 additional veterans may qualify for the vehicles in the \$30,000,000 car-for-amputees program which became effective in September. The government pays up to \$1,600 for each automobile.

Water Reaches Roofs Water rose close to some homes but did not penetrate the Renton city limits. One hundred and thirty homes in near-by Earlington were made uninhabitable, some submerged under the roof gutters.

Longacres buildings were held under their foundations in the muddy but slow-moving backwaters of the Duwamish River and tributary sloughs. The clubhouse basement was flooded, and administration offices at the north end

'SEA-GOING' SOLDIERS KEPT BUSY



Mrs. Rose Sanders was rescued from her flooded home on the east highway between Kent and Earlington after water rose almost a foot inside her house. Here she is being helped into an Army "duck" by Maj. C. S. Leidy and Corp. A. C. Roberts, while the third member of the duck's crew, Pfc. Ned Byrd, uses a hook to hold the craft steady against the porch.



This is the water-covered highway between Renton and Earlington, although nothing could travel over it yesterday except a boat or a "duck" such as the one here, "sailing" toward Renton with its crew and rescued refugees.

of the grandstand and the track superintendent's home were under water. Damage to barns was extensive, but the only owner reporting loss of race horses was Tommy Thomas of Earlington Flats, who said he lost two.

Northwest Washington rivers rapidly were draining off flooded areas, which, although experiencing high water, at no time suffered the inconvenience forced upon residents of the Renton-Kent sector.

High water in Southwest Washington was raising havoc, chiefly around Kelso, where the Cowlitz River kept some 80 families from their homes. Army "ducks" were assisting.

Kelso Area Dikes Hold Dikes in the Kelso area were holding, but surface water surrounded 100 homes in the North Kelso district. A drainage-canal break, which flooded several hundred acres west of Longview yesterday, was under control, and the water was dropping.

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of Bilbo, now in a hospital at Quilman, Miss.

Terry, who had disappeared after writing that he feared for his life and the safety of his wife and daughter, will "appear here forthwith," Chairman Mead said.

From his hospital bed in Quilman, Terry said he expects to leave for Washington tonight or tomorrow, asserting his testimony will have "a definite effect on Bilbo's political future," Terry said.

"I'll appear before the committee if I have to go by ambulance," Terry said he was suffering from a run-down condition and a recent heart attack.

Falling Limb Kills Logger DALLAS, Or., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Harley Teal, 40-year-old logger, was injured fatally yesterday by a falling limb near Falls City.

The United States bird population has been estimated at least 5,000,000,000.

Nazi Flight Reported Over Atlantic Coast BOSTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—A report that a German plane flew over American cities along the Atlantic seaboard, including Boston and New York, during the war was made yesterday by the former commander of an American photographic reconnaissance squadron.

Richard S. Leghorn, who held the rank of lieutenant colonel, told a group of optical scientists that documents found after the German surrender said a modified Focke Wulf "200" flew the reconnaissance trip over the Atlantic seaboard in 1943.

Leghorn said the flight of the German plane originated at an air field in France.

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DEATHS IN RAIL WRECK TOTAL 19

MANSFIELD, Ohio, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Results of a 12-hour search in the wreckage of three trains near here set the death toll today at 19—four crew members and 14 soldiers, mostly teen-agers headed home for a Christmas leave before shipment to Japan.

The injured list totaled 50, also mostly soldiers, four of them in critical condition here. Eighteen others were transferred to the Fort Hayes Hospital in Columbus last night, eight by litter. Some were treated for minor injuries near the wreck scene.

One coach of the Pennsylvania Railroad's "Golden Triangle," Pittsburgh-Chicago flyer which plowed into two eastbound freight trains, carried 62 soldiers who left Fort Dix, N. J., Thursday en route to the Army's port of embarkation at Camp Stoneman, Pittsburg, Calif., with seven days delay en route at their homes, Maj. Cornelius T. Morris of Fort Dix said last night.

The "Golden Triangle" piled up on two eastbound freight trains that had crashed a few seconds earlier 12 miles southeast of here at 2:45 o'clock yesterday morning. Twelve hours later, rescue crews completed their search of the twisted steel cars for bodies, freeing many of the dead and injured with acetylene torches.

Louis Potoskey, 55-year-old engineer, whose freight rammmed another freight train which had stopped because of a broken air hose, denied last night a statement by a Pennsylvania spokesman in Pittsburgh that he failed to heed a signal to slow down.

TRIBUTE IS PAID NISEI WAR DEAD

A group of more than 1,300 persons, attending a testimonial banquet for Nisei war veterans last night in the Civic Auditorium, paid solemn homage to the Japanese-American soldiers who fought and died for the country of their birth rather than the country of their ancestry.

Fifty-three white candles, flickering on a flower-decked table, served as a memorial to the 53 King County Nisei who fell on Second World War battlefronts as a bugler sounded "Taps" in the darkened hall.

The banquet, sponsored by the Seattle Chapter of the Japanese-American Citizens' League, was an impressive affair. Honor guests included 50 "Gold Star" parents, mothers and fathers of the men who stayed overseas asleep in foreign graves.

General Speaks The principal speaker was Maj. Gen. Paul W. Kendall, who commanded the famed "Purple Heart Battalion," a Nisei unit, attached to the 88th Infantry Division during the Italian campaign.

General Kendall, now commanding the 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, declared: "Nisei soldiers began to fight at 7:35 o'clock on the morning of December 7, 1941, and throughout the rest of the operation set an unparalleled record. In Italy, on the 42nd Regimental Combat Team (which included the Purple Heart Battalion) won 4,000 Purple Hearts and 1,254 other awards ranging from the Distinguished Service Cross and the French Croix de Guerre to the Soldier's Medal and division citations.

Only Difference "The only difference that could be seen between Nisei and American soldiers was in the spelling of names on the roster."

General Kendall pointed out that the Pacific Northwest had the largest share of 20,000 Nisei who volunteered for war service before the draft was extended to apply to them.

"Now that most of the Nisei are back in the United States," he said, "I trust they are repeating in their hearts the words of the American citizenry and assisting the nation to bind up its wounds and to begin again a life which will show the same devotion to the welfare of the nation."

Testimonials paying tribute to the Japanese-American veterans were presented by Henry H. Okuda, Toru Sakahara and Col. John J. Sullivan. More than 500 Nisei veterans attended the affair.

Claire T. Arai acted as master of ceremonies.

Precanceled Stamp Collectors Organize Organization of the Puget Sound Precanceled Stamp Club was made today by David V. Nelson, 5616 Roosevelt Way, the club's president.

The club, which will hold monthly meetings, is open to anyone interested in collecting precanceled stamps.

Internuncio Reaches China SHANGHAI, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Archbishop Antonio Riberi, first apostolic internuncio to China, arrived today en route to Nanking. He was met by Thomas Cardinal Tien.

'VERY GOOD FRIEND'



IN LOS ANGELES—George Raft, who was sued for \$300,000 damages by Attorney Edward Raiken, who said in his complaint that the actor assaulted him in the apartment of Betty Doss (left), 20-year-old aspiring movie actress, a year ago when the lawyer attempted to recover some jewelry. The picture was taken while Raft and Miss Doss were attending horse races at Hollywood Park, Inglewood, Calif., October 8, 1945. She said Raiken never was her attorney; she knew nothing of his assertion he was beaten in her behalf; is still a "very good friend" of Raft.—A. P. wirephoto.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Edward Raiken, Los Angeles attorney, filed suit yesterday for \$300,000 damages from George Raft for a beating he charged the actor gave him when he tried to recover for a young movie aspirant jewelry and other presents he declared Raft had given her.

Raiden's complaint asserted he called at the apartment of the 20-year-old actress, Betty Doss, one evening last December and that, while a bodyguard held the attorney's arms behind him, Raft, who had arrived later, beat him and struck him in the groin and stomach with his knee.

Later, it was charged, Raft compelled Miss Doss and her mother to sign a paper dismissing Raiken as her attorney, then took the girl to a train and "saw to it that she left the state."

Raiden demanded \$50,000 for his personal injuries and \$250,000 more on the ground that the actor and his employees sought to obstruct justice. Besides Raft, defendants are his agent, Ben Platt; his bodyguard, Mack Gray, and the latter's brother, Joe Gray.

"The whole thing is ridiculous. This matter was settled some time ago," Mack Gray, the bodyguard, asserted.

Mrs. Daisy Doss, mother of the young actress, told reporters her daughter now has all Raft's gifts, which he returned to her during an eight months' absence from Hollywood.

Mrs. Raft asserted he knew nothing about them having been taken away from her and said the persons who took them were acting on their own because they thought she was dating other men, Mrs. Doss said.

"Betty still talks to Mr. Raft occasionally; they're still friends," Mrs. Doss said.

Mrs. Jean Danielson, formerly field supervisor on the East Coast, has been appointed port director of the United Seamen's Service in Seattle, Kenneth Fisher, chairman of the service's board, announced today.

Mrs. Danielson, who helped organize the unit here before going east, succeeds Harry Truman, who will be a field representative for the West Coast until June, when he plans to open a boys' camp.

52nd Traffic Fatality PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Mrs. Mary Devaul, 21 years old, died here yesterday of injuries suffered when struck by an automobile Sunday, the city's 52nd traffic fatality of the year.

Seamen's Service Director Is Named

Special Election Date Is Permanent OLYMPIA, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The City of Yakima may not hold a special election to amend its charter or for any other purpose on any day except the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, Attorney-General Smith Troy said yesterday.

He issued an opinion to that effect for Prosecutor L. L. Wiesel of Yakima County.

New Order Issued For Rock-Drilling OLYMPIA, Dec. 14.—(UP)—A safety order regulating rock-drilling operations throughout Washington was issued yesterday by Dan Adair, safety chief of the Department of Labor and Industries.

The new regulation states that rock-drilling operations shall be performed with a suction-type dust collector to prevent dust from reaching the breathing zone of the drill operator.

TENEMENT TOLL CLIMBS TO 37

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Haggard rescue workers, counting 37 bodies extricated from the tomb of rubble that marked the site of a six-story upper Manhattan tenement, neared the end of their grim task today in the search for further victims of the tragedy.

Officials who had given up hope of finding any others alive expressed belief early today that only one more body remained buried under the tons of twisted steel girders and chunks of bricks of the building at 2515 Amsterdam Avenue, which housed 22 families.

The structure was smashed early Thursday morning by a two-foot thick wall of an adjoining ice house which toppled on it after a five-alarm fire.

All five members of the Sloane family perished in the tenement collapse. The bodies of Mrs. Madeline Sloane, 36, and her daughters, Rita, 17, and Judith, 4, were removed previously.

Fire Marshal Thomas P. Brighy reported to Mayor William O'Dwyer that two fires in the ice house Wednesday weakened the plant's roof beams, causing the roof to cave in and push the wall onto the tenement.

Two boys, 13 and 10, were held as juvenile delinquents on arson charges in connection with the first blaze. Justice Hubert T. Delany and members of the Board of Children's Court convicts the boys of juvenile delinquency yesterday in connection with the first blaze, but declared:

"There is no evidence that was disclosed that the fire they set caused the collapse of the ice house. I don't want any neighbors or schoolmates to point out these children as the ones who caused the deaths of so many persons. There is no proof that they did."

COMMUNICATION MEN TO RETURN

Three hundred and sixty-nine employees of the Western Electric Company in Washington and Oregon, members of the Associated Communications Equipment Workers (Independent), will return to work Monday.

An agreement was reached in New York City on expense allowances for men away from home, a union official in Seattle said. The equipment workers struck Tuesday in Oregon and parts of Washington and Wednesday in Seattle.

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their special voting privilege more sparingly.

4. The way was paved for setting up U. N.'s last major body—the Trusteeship Council—with the approval of eight trusteeship agreements for League of Nations mandated territories submitted by Great Britain, France, Belgium, New Zealand and Australia.

Troop Strength Given Byrnes, making his first platform appearance before the Assembly here, surprised the delegates by naming the countries where American soldiers were billeted and then set down the exact figures on all units outside former Axis territory.

Byrnes announced first that most of the American troops abroad were in ex-enemy territory—Germany, Japan, the Japanese Islands, Korea, Austria and Trieste. He then gave these specific figures on others:

The Philippines—96,000 military personnel, including 30,000 combat troops.

China—19,000 troops, with 15,000 of them combat men.

Panama—1,500.

Reporting on noncombat military personnel, he said the United States had 600 men in Iceland and 300 in the Azores.

U. N. Session Called 'Fruitful' by Izvestia MOSCOW, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Izvestia termed the United Nations General Assembly session in New York "fruitful" today in perhaps the warmest commendation the Soviet communist newspaper had given any international gathering in many months.

Canada to Drop 'Gas' Tax OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Canada will drop its 3-cent Dominion tax on gasoline April 1, the government announced today. The tax was a wartime measure. Provincial taxes on gasoline will continue.

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