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Admirals Change Duty

Gen. boomed and whistled as camera shutters clicked when this picture was snapped aboard battleship *Arizona* in Los Angeles Harbor because Rear Adm. Isaac C. Kidd, right, was taking command of Battleship Division 1. Rear Adm. Russell S. Van Fleet relinquished command to become superintendent of Annapolis Naval Academy.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. ECKROAT

A host of friends today mourned the passing of Mrs. Vera Eckroat, 48, one-time resident of the community who died last evening at 5:30 p.m. at the family residence, 201 Veneta ave. (West) came after an extended illness.

Mrs. Eckroat was born in St. Louis, Mo., June 9, 1884, and attended a high school in St. Louis, Mo., graduating from the same high school. She also attended the Washington State college.

She was a member of the Altar Society and the Parent-Teacher Association of the First Lady of the Sea church, was a member of the Ladies of Elks and an active member of the Y.W.C.A.

Members of the bereaved family include the husband, George Joseph Eckroat, well-known Bremerton harbor and four daughters, Patricia, Barbara, Josephine and Valera, and two sons, Mike and Joseph Eckroat.

Funeral services will be held by Rev. J. J. Dowd, Canon of St. Joseph's church, at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday morning at the First Lady of the Sea Catholic church. Burial will be at a clock Thursday evening.

Tragedy on Railway Averted by Heroic Action of Trainmen

QUINCY, Ill., Jan. 27.—(UP)—An engineer and fireman who clinging to the air brakes even as their locomotive plunged down a 250-foot embankment in Feather river canyon were credited today with saving the lives of 50 passengers on the Western Pacific Exposition Flyer when it hit a landslide on the tracks yesterday.

The only fatalities were James Curry, 61, San Rafael, Cal., an American Railway Express clerk who was mistaking and believed drowned in the baggage car which rolled into the river. All passenger cars stayed on the track.

The locomotive slid halfway down the steep bank and jammed its nose into a narrow ledge of broken rocks. Engineer Fred G. Locks and Fireman Eric C. Becker, who refused to jump, were only slightly injured.

3 Reserve Officers Assigned Duty Here

Three naval reserve officers called for active duty were being lined up their assignments at the Puget Sound navy yard today according to the commandant's office.

Ensign Charles D. Baker and Ensign Delton E. Walter reported for duty today. Baker comes from Hoquiam and Walter from Seattle. Reporting today were 12 Commodore duty were being lined up their assignments at the Puget Sound navy yard today according to the commandant's office.

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WOODSTEP UP IN Campaign NEW PROBLEMS IN THE FAR EAST

Willkie, Churchill Confer Two Hours; Visits Ruins

LONDON, Jan. 27.—(UP)—Wendell L. Willkie revealed today that he plans to study British airplane production with a view of co-ordinating with U. S. production, and then had lunch and a two-hour conference with Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

The British premier's statement of the specific considerations which brought him to Britain for a personal visit was a report that he had accepted a post in President Roosevelt's official family having to do with the production of airplanes, the dependability on American production.

\$275,000 BLAZE AT NAVAL BASE

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 27.—(UP)—A naval board of inquiry today investigated a fire at the naval base administration building here Sunday which did approximately \$275,000 damage and left the base out of communication for more than five hours.

The fire started in the radio room at communication headquarters. Also destroyed were a number of official documents, department apparatus and naval records.

Starting in the radio room about 10:30 p.m. yesterday the flames spread to the auditorium and paymaster's office. Two women telephone operators remained at their posts until driven away by flames.

The central section of the building was destroyed. The west wing, housing the administrative offices of Rear Adm. Joseph K. Tausig, commander of the 4th naval district, was damaged by water. The east wing, housing the naval training station administrative office, was not damaged.

Three Norfolk fire companies, three base companies and about 200 service men battled the blaze for three hours before bringing it under control.

Boeing Union Head Under Suspension

SEATTLE, Jan. 27.—(UP)—Harry Bomber, vice president of the Aeronautical Mechanics Union at the Boeing Aircraft Co. plant, today assumed the acting presidency following the suspension of Barney Baker by Harvey W. Brown, president of the International Association of Machinists.

Tempers already were near boiling here along the northern border as the first cold wave of the past week moved westward toward the Atlantic coast. Some sections of Missouri and Iowa were covered by a heavy fall of snow over the weekend.

Patriotic Girl Cheers Bullfighter

History Made in Mexico City

Mexico City, Jan. 27.—(UP)—"Never," said Verdugillo, the famous bull fighter today, "has anything like it happened at a bull fight."

Verdugillo was referring to the compliments paid matador Carlos Arzuz by a beautiful American girl at yesterday's bull fight.

Arzuz had just finished killing a bull. The woman raced down to the edge of the ring, and in the seventh row, shrieking her admiration, removed her panties and flung them at the matador. They were a flaming red.

Arzuz had no time to recover from his amazement,

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Three of the men were completely overcome when a valve in the engine room was accidentally tripped by a reserve mill station at the terminal. The valve released a blast of gas.

When the blast was released about 50 men, most of them pipefitters and workmen, were in the room. Pandemonium broke loose and men closest to the outlet began dropping. Most of the men who were not seriously affected returned to the room and helped carry out those unable to walk, although they said they had been drinking heavily.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hemenway, 927 N. Wycoff ave., a daughter, at the Bremerton Private hospital, Jan. 25.

Marriage License Applications

Walter Harmon Lester, 33, Bremerton, and Edris June Genest, 29, Edmonds.

Gerald Keith Tish, 21, U. S. S. Saratoga, and Margaret Ruth Hartung, 19, Topeka, Kas.

Alvah Lockwood, 47, Bremerton, and Violet Luks, 36, Bremerton.

Henry Rutt Jr., 23, Tacoma, and Debra Lee Sepp, 16, Centralia.

Alfred O'Brien, 28, Marquette, and Madeline M. Hanns, 27, Escalator, Minn.

Born

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hemenway, 927 N. Wycoff ave., a daughter, at the Bremerton Private hospital, Jan. 25.

Deaths

Mrs. Valera Eckroat, 46, at home, 703 Veneta ave., Jan. 26.

Funerals

Veneta in Port

U. S. S. Nevada.
U. S. S. Eagle St.
U. S. S. C. G. Falkland.
U. S. S. Pyro.
U. S. S. Pango.
U. S. S. Kane.
U. S. S. G. C. G. Alert.
U. S. S. G. C. Bomham.
U. S. S. Oriole.
U. S. S. California.

Tides for Tuesday

First low—11:47 a. m., 2.6 ft.
First high—10:21 a. m., 10.2 ft.
Second low—11:49 p. m., -0.5 ft.

THE WEATHER

Cloudy with occasional light rain; with valley fog tonight and Tuesday; little change in temperature; fresh southerly winds off the coast.

SENATE SEEDS THE MEASURE TO F. D.'S DESK

Navy to Utilize Lessons Learned from European War

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(UP)—The senate, by voice vote, passed and sent to the White House today a \$300,000,000 authorization bill for strengthening the fleet's anti-aircraft protection on the basis of lessons learned in the European war.

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PUDS TO FIGHT CITIES' SCHEME

ATTEMPTS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF WATERWORKS TO GET A BILL THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR CITIES TO STAY OUT OF THEIR OWN BUSINESS.

The move is an entering wedge to break up county utility districts. Hartine said to make them smaller. The few cities which could benefit by such a change in the PUD law, he said, now have their own utility systems. In many instances the cities in county-wide districts control election of PUD commissioners, he said, and thus control the entire system.

No bill to make the proposed change has been produced in the legislature yet.

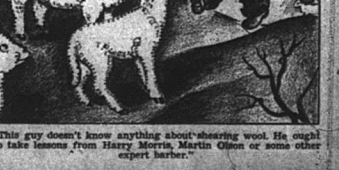
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Times Case to Court

EVERETT, Jan. 27.—(UP)—Petitions for a writ of prohibition were filed in Snohomish county superior court today in an attempt to prevent commissioners of Snohomish County from continuing to appointing a successor to Sen. Lerent Westman, whom the state senate refused to seat Friday on the ground he was a Communist.

Westman, vice president of the State Old Age Pension union, and Sen. N. P. Atkinson, Dem. King state president, said the court fight to get Westman back in the legislature was based on the contention the senate has no right to bar a member because of his political affiliations and that a two-thirds vote was required to do so.

The senate voted 27 to 17 to allow a minority report barring Westman.



"This guy doesn't know anything about 'shoring wood. He ought to take lessons from Harry Morris' (Bremerton) or some other expert barber."