

BLIZZARD

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P.S. Friday, December 26, 1947.

In New York tonight, there's one mention made everywhere - the blizzard of eighteen eighty-eight ~~eight~~ eight. That's the New York legend, with many a fabulous tale about the time of the big snow.

Today's blizzard along the Atlantic Coast made new records for snowfall ^{*- that is for*} ~~in~~ a period of twelve hours.

At six o'clock this evening, twenty-two-and-a-half inches had fallen. In eighteen Eighty-eight the snow for a similar period was less - twenty-point-nine. So it looked as if the old famous story were being repeated, at long last.

However, it's not that bad. The blizzard of Eighteen Eighty-eight lasted ^(*more*) ~~more~~ than two days, ^{*while*} ~~which~~ the Weather Bureau states that today's blizzard will shortly blow out to sea - clear cold weather to follow quickly. Right now the metropolis of the ~~East~~ is a giant version of snowbound. ~~Its~~ Transport tied up on all sides, with lines of automobiles, motor cars by the thousands, half buried in snow. Its ~~the~~ same thing all up and down the line of the

coast - ~~xxx~~ bus service cut off, railroads impeded, travel almost impossible, myriads of people marooned in the record-bfeaking snow. And even I, ~~xxxxxxx~~ confirmed snowbird that I am got stuck for a couple of hours until a big snow plow got us out.

Stores in New York closed early to give their employees a chance of getting home. But thousands ~~xx~~ are stranded in the city - with hotels jammed.

This afternoon Central Park West looked like a modern ~~xxxxx~~ retreat from Moscow with cars stranded as far as the eye could see.

Tonight parts of the city are deserted. Especially Broadway. Theaters ~~xxxx~~ empty, and only a few people facing the drifts, in Times Square.

Even the sailing of the Queen Mary was cancelled because of the storm.

Railways tied up, and at least a thousand commuters stranded at White Plains.

And similar stories are coming in from
~~Phix~~ Philadelphia ~~and~~ all the way to Boston.

Fire Chief Quale is fearful because of the
difficulty of getting fire apparatus to the scene
of any blaze.

Here's the latest: After letting up for
a time the storm has started up again, snowing
as heavily as ever.

LOS ANGELES

By way of contrast with the east coast,
Los Angeles, ~~California is experiencing~~ *is still enjoying that* heat wave.

Yesterday the Mercury ~~climbed~~ ^{up} to eighty-three to
break a Christmas Day record set in Nineteen Twenty
five, and today it ~~added two degrees more~~ ^{went on up to} eighty

~~four degrees of heat in southern California the~~

~~the~~ ^{The} hottest December ~~twenty-six~~ th for fifty-seven

years. - ~~and it seems the people of Los Angeles~~

~~are complaining that it's difficult to keep cool~~
TP We could do with a few of those
Southern California degrees where I
~~A few inches of New York's snow might help, then~~
~~perhaps~~ *am at this moment -- here where*
this blizzard is still raging around us.

NEWFOUNDLAND FOLLOW BLIZZARD

However dramatic the blizzard news from these parts may be, its doubled and redoubled in Labrador - and ~~is~~ compounded with heroism. Today in the howling snowstorm, an Army transport plane, A C-47 achieved the rescue of nine Americans forced down in a B-17, in the frosty wilds north of Goose Bay. The castaways had gone out to deliver Christmas mail and packages to lonely Army outposts, and had to make a landing on a frozen lake.

The storm was increasing today, and Army officers decided that no plane could take off until tomorrow. But the crew of the C-47 volunteered insistently - determined to go to the aid of their comrades. These, to be sure, were in no grave danger - their B-17 providing them with ~~the~~ shelter. But it was no fun up there in the howling gale and immense snows of the Labrador blizzard.

So the ~~C~~-47 took off, with rockets to help in taking ~~it~~ off from the frozen lake - in case they were able to reach the survivors. They did it - the latest news telling a blizzard story of ^{brave rescue.} ~~brave~~ ~~rescue.~~

MANILA

Manila tonight, a scene of wreckage. The Christmas typhoon ~~is~~ the worst in ~~the~~ ten years, winds up to a hundred-and-twenty-miles an hour. ~~RA~~ Damage is heavy, though the death list is light - but it's expected to increase as news comes in from the provinces. The island of Leyte ~~for~~ for example, was devastated by the typhoon.

PALESTINE

From Palestine - dark news. Four officials of the Jewish Agency killed in an Arab ambushade.) The chief of the political ~~an~~ department of the agency, Mrs. Goldie Mayerson, injured in the attack - she escaped as if by a miracle.

(A convoy of Jewish Agency automobiles left Tel Aviv ~~for Jerusalem~~, and ~~twice~~ was attacked *on its way up to Jerusalem*.) ~~on the thirty five mile highway.~~ In the first ambushade, the motor cars put on speed when hidden ~~Arabs~~ ^{-and} began to shoot ₁ they got through safely. This was halfway between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, and then further on another blast of gunfire.

This time, the motor convoy was hit by a fussillade of bullets - and four officials of the Jewish Agency ~~xx~~ were killed. One was Hans Beydt, head of the youth immigration Department of the agency. Another Aaron Silman, was sitting beside Mrs. Goldie Mayerson, when he was hit. She was cut by flying glass and the tires of the car were ~~piexed~~ pierced by bullets, as were the tires of other automobiles in the convoy. It looked as if the

survivors, including the chief of the political department of the Jewish agency, might be stalled there on the highway - at the mercy of the Arabs. But, in what is described as miraculous fashion, they were able to drive on, with punctured tires, and reached safety in Jerusalem.

The Jewish agency immediately issued a bitter protest to the British, declaring that all the way from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem not one British military patrol was seen, although the highway was supposed to be guarded.

Still another Jewish motor convoy was attacked, four Zionists killed. The deaths today numbered twenty, eighteen Jews, one Arab, one British. One Jewish casualty was Elo Katz, a former long distance runner of the Olympic Games. He was to have coached the Palestine team for the coming Olympics, but now has been ^kmilled by Arabs ~~in~~ near Gaza.

CAIRO

Today in Cairo, Abdul Azzam Pasha Secretary General of the Arab League told Senator ~~Over~~ Brewster ^{of Maine,} that "Congressmen like him are opening the gates of the Middle East to Communism." A passionate declaration by the Arab Leader made to the U S Senator and representatives of the U S Embassy when they called on the Arab League leader to learn first hand the Arab attitude towards the proposed partition of Palestine.

^{Sen.} Brewster hoped to discuss the situation with the exiled Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, but the Mufti's Secretary told him bluntly that Abdul Azzam the Arab League Secretary is the highest official who can be interviewed. Said the Mufti's Secretary "The Grand Mufti has not seen ^{Sen.} Brewster, and does not want to see him." To which Abdul Azzam added that he had flatly declined to reveal to the U.S. Senator, any of the Arab plan for the campaign against the partition of the Holy Land, which indicates that Senator Brewster and ~~these~~ ^{the} U.S. Embassy officials did not

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have a very enlightening interview with Abdul Azzam Pasha, Secretary General of the Arab League.

GREECE

(In Greece, a new red offensive, following quickly upon the formation of a Communist guerrilla government. Over Christmas, one rebel column, two thousand strong, besieged the town of Konitsa, near the border of Soviet Satellite Albania.) Today's bulletin from Athens declares that a unit of the Greek Army stood the siege successfully, the Reds driven off with heavy loss. Other towns are under attack by the guerrillas, Athens expressing the belief that the new Communist regime is trying to capture a town to procure a capital. Apparently, the Red regime, at the moment, has no place to hold forth except ~~in~~ in the mountains; and, a government needs a capital.

~~THE~~ There are increasing signs of support from the Soviets and the puppets - Red Bulgaria today announcing the formation of a national committee to aid the communist guerrilla government proclaimed in Greece.

TOJO

In Tokyo, after nine months of war crime trial, Tojo finally took the stand today - a witness in his own defense. Upon being sworn in, he confirmed the authenticity of a statement, which his attorney thereupon began to read. Tojo's lawyer is George Blewett of Philadelphia. The Tojo statement is sixty thousand words long.

Japan's Premier who started the war against the United States takes full responsibility for the Pearl Harbor surprise attack and for the trial and execution of ^{the} Doolittle flyers. As for Pearl Harbor, ~~his~~ his contention is that Japan ^{is} stuck in self defense. That was in today's installment of the sixty thousand words.

STIMSON

Here's a point of history that has occurred from time to time to deep students of politics - or to just plain you and me. How to compare those two Presidents with the same family name -- ^{T.R.}~~Teddy~~ and F.D.R. For example, how would Theodore Roosevelt have ~~fixt~~ dealt with the war that actually was directed by Franklin D. Roosevelt? ^{TR} Today an interesting answer comes along - from Henry L. Stimson, who was given his start in politics by the Republican Roosevelt and ~~wixix~~ climaxed as Secretary of War in the cabinet of the Democratic Roosevelt. Stimson has written his memoirs, which now begin ~~wi~~ their appearance in the Ladies Home Journal.

Having known both Presidents intimately, he decides that, in World War Two, Teddy Roosevelt would have done what Stimson calls - "a better and ~~xxx~~ more clean cut job." That is, a better and more clean-cut job ~~nk~~ when this country was faced with the issue of war. He says that in convincing the American people

of their duty to enter the war, Theodore Roosevelt would have taken ~~time~~ direct action. He ~~would~~ would have come plainly to the point. But F. D. R. was different. "Franklin Roosevelt" Stimson writes, "was not made that way. With unequalled skill he could pave the way for any given political step, but, in so doing he was likely to tie his own hands for the future, using honeyed and consoling words that would return to plague him later."

Stimson regards F.D.R. as the greatest figure in World War ~~Number~~ Two, and writes enthusiastically about the Franklin Delano Roosevelt qualities of leadership. But he had what Stimson calls, "a weakness for snap decisions." Brilliant but erratic, with an amount of confidence in himself that made him reluctant to delegate authority to ~~other~~ others. Stimson cites the North African campaign - to which he, the Secretary of War, and General Marshall, the Army Chief of Staff, were opposed. But F.D.R. was for it, ^{so} ~~and~~ ~~is~~ ~~that~~ ~~was~~ ~~that~~. ~~It~~ ~~was~~ ~~backed~~ ~~by~~ ~~Winston~~ ~~Churchill~~, ~~but~~ ~~expresses~~ ~~the~~ ~~highest~~ ~~admiration~~ ~~for~~ ~~Britain's~~ ~~wartime~~ ~~Premier~~.

NAVAJOS

Today brings a new conflict - the battle of the Navajos. Time was when those redskin warriors of the great plains fought many ~~■~~ a battle of their own, but this time the Navajos are sitting on the sidelines - watching the palefaces ^t Tomahawk each other with words; ~~and scalp~~ ^{watch the pale faces scalping} each other with oratory. The new noisy argument concerns the recent stories telling of the unhappy plight of the Navajos on their reservations in Arizona and New Mexico [^] starving Indians, perishing ~~■~~ redskins, who need an eighty million dollar appropriation, for which the Indian Bureau of the government is asking.

All this is ridiculed by a physician missionary Dr. C. G. Salsbury, head of the Canada, Arizona, mission, famous for its work among the Indians, also - head of the Sage Memoria ^l hospital down there. Dr. Salsbury has worked for twenty years among the Navajos, and he accuses the Indian Bureau of the following: "Blowing up out of proportion a pseudo starvation Navajo scare to secure eighty

million dollars more to play with."

The doctor denies that there is any special crisis among the tribes. There is some destitution on the fringes of the Navajo Reservation - but this, says he, is because of a failure to enforce the law against the sale of liquor to the Indians. Outside of that, there is what the doctor calls - "a little more than the ordinary run of needy cases."

He admits that the tribal life is not one of modern luxury". The living standards of the illiterate pagan Navajo are terribly primitive", *he adds,* "but no amount of used clothing and canned food will change his primitive way of life. Nothing but education will do that," *so he tells us, he adds*

The doctor holds that the trouble with the Navajo is to be solved ~~in a different way~~ by educating the Indians to the normal life of civilization, by giving the Indians a chance to become citizens instead of keeping them as wards of the nation. Also - by abolishing the Indian Bureau. The

physician - missionary puts in these words: "The Indian Bureau was organized to prepare the Indians to become full fledged citizens at the earliest possible time. If, after eighty years of Indian Bureau coaching, a Navajo finds himself starving, ignorant, destitute, naked and sick, it would seem a safe bet to let the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ resourceful, intelligent, industrious Navajo see what he can do on his own hook." To which the doctor adds: "He couldn't make a much worse mess of it."

All of which draws a counter-blast from ~~the Indian Bureau, which denies that the proposed eighty million ~~xxx~~ dollar program is to give the Navajos "canned food and used clothing."~~ D'Arcy McNickle, Bureau representative ~~xxx~~ for the Navajos, states that under a ten year plan suggested, the eighty million would be spent to build roads and schools, and develop water resources on the Navajo reservation. He describes the physician - missionary, Dr. Salsbury, ~~xxx~~ as - ^{"a} ~~sort of~~ self appointed prophet." *So, its paleface on the war path against paleface, with Navajo leaders*

urging them to bury the tomahawk and smoke the Pipe of Peace.

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In Washington today, Dr. Herbert Brandes of the Casualty Hospital was all set to perform an operation of plastic surgery. It was a mere matter of sewing on a nose that had been sliced off. The doctor remarked that, as a facial repair job, it wasn't too difficult -- Army surgeons having replaced noses successfully during the war.

The patient was Russell Brown. Russell, it appears was a ~~casualty~~ casualty at Christmas, the Yuletide celebration ~~at~~ ~~home~~ at home having resulted in a family argument, in the course of which Russell's brother, Otis, had seized the big butcher knife and cut off Russell's nose. Which may not have been exactly according to the Christmas spirit in the best of families, but the doctor was sure he could fix it.

There was only one difficulty. Where was the nose? Russell, brought in by the police, did not have the severed schozzle in his possession. The doctor asked Russell, and asked the cops - where was the missing probosis? They didn't know. Presumably

Brother Otis, who had cut off the nose, might know. But Otis was missing - a fugitive from that Christmas party. So all that Dr. Herbert Brandes could do was to send them home to look around - a hunt for the missing nose.

They found it. They found Russell's nose in a pile of trash. If that's where Otis tossed brother's beak after cutting it off - it was most unbrotherly.

The latest is that the doctor has sewed on the nose, and hopes it will - "take". All of which makes medical ~~his~~ history. For the first time in the annals of science plastic surgery has replaced a nose recovered from a pile of trash. Will it succeed? ~~He wouldnt know~~ I wouldnt know would you, Nelson ?