

REPORT AIRLINER DOWN, A FIRE

CAB DRIVER IS ROBBED, FLEES ACROSS FIELD

Threatened With Gun, Knife By 2 Men; Abandons Car

Harry Swartz, 31, 1712 12th avenue, a Yellow Cab driver, was robbed of his billfold containing identification papers and about \$1.50 in cash after being threatened with death shortly before 7 o'clock last night by two Negro passengers he had picked up at 300 Peoples avenue a few minutes previously, he reported to police.

Seen Burning In Mountains; 12 On Board

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 24—(AP)—A Western Airlines passenger plane, with 12 aboard, was reported down and burning in the mountains 55 miles southeast of here tonight by an American Airlines plane which flew over the scene.

45 UNHURT IN CRASH

Los Angeles, Dec. 24—(UP)—A four-engined United Air Lines mainliner carrying 45 passengers from Portland, crashed into a shack near the end of a runway at Municipal airport tonight when it lost braking power. No one was injured and the plane was not badly damaged, U.A.L. officials said.

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ASK \$100,000,000 PORTAL PAY BY HARVESTER CO.

Suit Filed By C. I. O.; Rock Falls Plant Is Named

Chicago, Dec. 24—(UP)—A suit for \$100,000,000 portal-to-portal pay was filed against the International Harvester company today, bringing to at least \$644,500,000 the amount sought by unions from industry in portal pay suits throughout the nation.

Other Big Suits Filed

A suit for \$4,500,000 was filed today in U. S. District court at Cincinnati, O., by the C. I. O. United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers against three firms: Talmadge Railey, union business agent, said the defendants and amounts sought were Formica Insulation company, \$1,900,000; Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing company, \$2,000,000; and J. H. Day company, \$600,000.

Retelling The Old, Old Story That Never Loses Its Magic



Nine pairs of bright eyes looked solemn, and nine pairs of little ears listened intently as the story of Christmas—the story that never grows old—was read to this cluster of small residents at the Children's Home of Rockford last evening. The reader was Miss Josephine Clifford; and this scene was a rehearsal for a later scene in the home's gaily decorated dining room at the supper hour.

TRUMAN VOICES LASTING PEACE HOPE FOR 1947

Declares Good Start Made During Past Year

Washington, Dec. 24—(AP)—President Truman set aglow tonight the lights of Christmas, and sounded the hope that 1947 may bring a lasting peace.

SOVIET ORDER WITHIN RIGHTS

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FIRE SWEEPS GEORGIA HOTEL

Phone Girl, Officer Save Guests

Macon, Ga., Dec. 25—(Wednesday)—(AP)—A general alarm fire which swept through the right wing of the Lanier hotel here shortly before midnight routed 73 guests, some of whom were rescued by firemen who elevated ladders to the upper floors of the six-story structure.

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Boy Hit By Car In Dash Across Street

Knocked down by an automobile when he attempted to dash across 7th street at the Illinois Central crossing at 2:30 p.m. yesterday afternoon, James Bond, 8, 1315 7th street, suffered minor head injuries in treatment at Swedish-American hospital. He was sent home.

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