Boy Loses Legs During Bottle Hunt But Police, Firemen To Buy Mom's Gift

EVERETT, Wash. (AP)—Christmas will not be as nine-year-old Robert Forges Long had planned it but his mother will get the Christmas present for which Robert nearly gave his life Saturday.

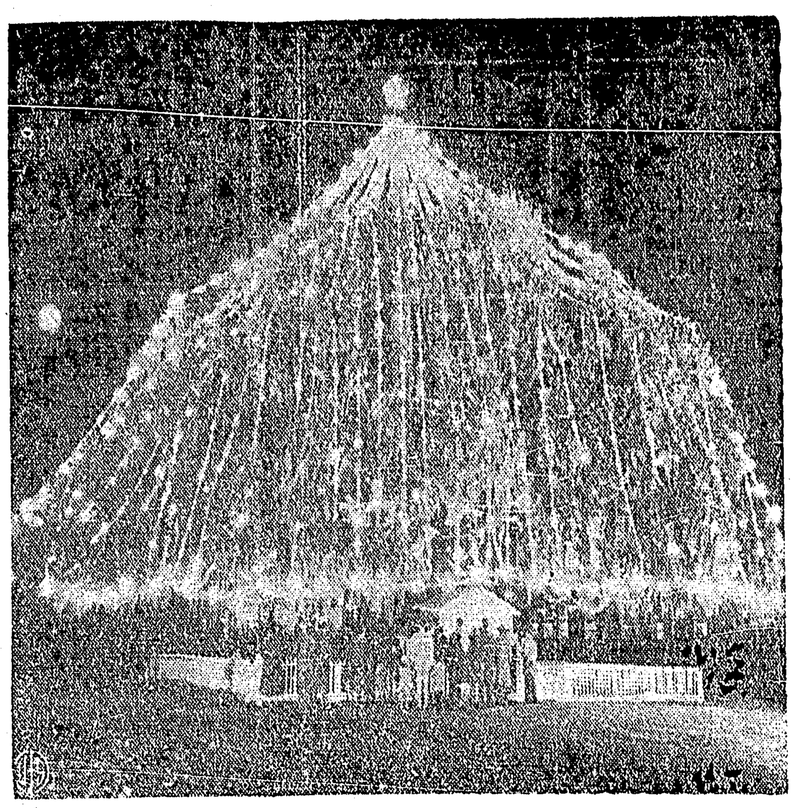
Robert had both legs amputated while he was hunting for bottles in the Northern Pacific railroad yards here. The little boy told ambulance driver Lonnie Nichols he had been looking for bottles to sell "so I could buy mommy a Christmas present.

He had already collected 16 cents for bottles when he went to the railroad yards. A switching engine ran over him. On his way to the hospital he told Nichols he knew he had lost both legs—the left one above the knee, the right one below. And he also told Nichols he had lost the 16 cents.

Police, city firemen and railroad employees heard about it and contributed. Nichols hasn't disclosed how much was collected but he says there was plenty for a present. And what is left over will provide the nucleus of a fund for artificial limbs.

Robert, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Long, has been conscious most of the time and recognized his parents when they arrived at the hospital shortly after he was admitted.

About that present for his mother. Robert's father knows what it is but he's not telling. And neither is young Robert.



CAPPED WITH A GLISTENING STAR and strung with a many-splendored array of 5,000 multicolored bulbs, this 300-year-old live oak tree at Wilmington, N.C., boasts the title of the "World's Iargest Living Christmas Tree." Decorated for the first time in 1929, the majestic tree has a limb spread of 110 feet, and rises to a height of 55 feet. According to automatic traffic counters, approximately one-quarter of a million people view the tree each December.

Crash Fatal To Motorist

HARRISON MILLS, B.C. (CP)—A car carrying two men crashed through a bridge railing into the Harrison River near here, Saturday night. One of the occupants is presumed to have died.

Missing and presumed dead is James Williams, 29, driver of the car which sheared through 100 feet of railing and plunged into the river to a depth of eight feet.

Marvin Peters, 21, escaped through a door and swam to a bridge piling, where he hung on until rescued. Both men are from the Scowlitz Indian reserve near Agassiz, B.C.

Two tugboats and a wrecker hauled the car from the river Sunday.

Brown Resigns Herald Position

VANCOUVER (CP)—Gerald M. Brown, for years prominent in Canadian newspaper life, Sunday night announced his resignation as publisher and editor-in-chief of the Vancouver Herald, effective Jan. 1. The Herald, a morning publication, is one of the Roy H. Thomson group of newspapers.

21 Found Dead In Plane Wreck

OSSANA, Italy (AP) — Rescue teams climbed today to the wreckage of an Italian airliner missing in the Alps since Saturday night and radioed that "all 21 aboard are dead."

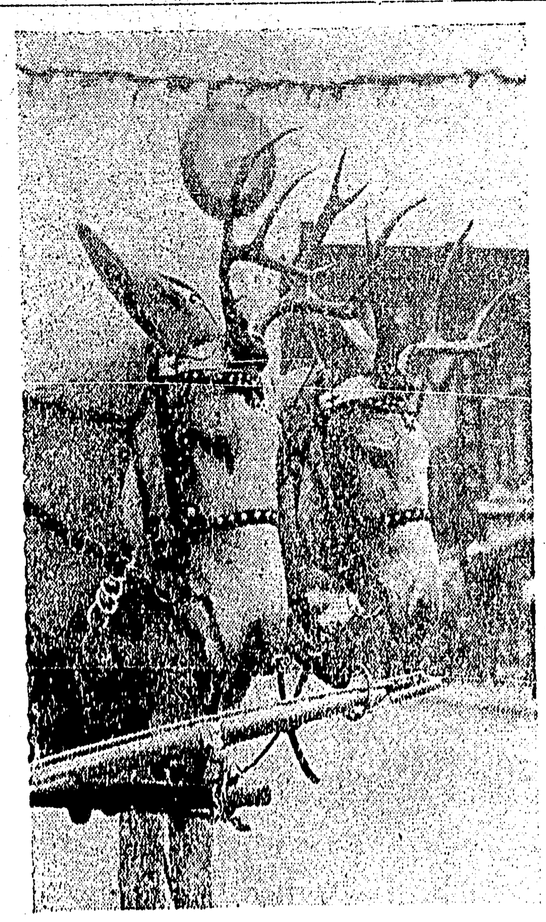
The dead included an American couple, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Gray Jr., of Greenwood, Miss. Gray, 42, was Mediterranean representative for the Coca Cola Company and their two daughters, six and 14 were waiting in Milan to spend Christmas with them.

Rescuers already had abandoned hope for all aboard, saying none could have survived the bitter mountain cold.

The DC-3 had plowed into the side of a mountain near the litle village of Malga Bon, to the north of 10,016-foot Mount Ginor in the Trento area of Northern Italy.

PIONEER BEVERAGE

A favorite backwoods tea in early days was made by steeping birch leaves and twigs, and the bark of roots, in hot water.



WHEN IS A BURRO not a burro? This riddle is answered by this handsome pair of burros shown above, who masqueraded as a couple of reindeer during a Christmas parade in Atchison, Kan. In addition to doing a bang-up job at pulling Santa's sleigh, the "reindeer-for-a-day" gave rides to all the kids who clambered around for a look at authentic animals from the North Pole. The poor burros will probably never be the same again after they have to take off their fing set of antlers and go back to being beasts of burden again.

BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

More Profitable To Play High Card Later

On the two previous hands of this rubber, Mr. Abel had gone set both times. In each case the contract could have been made by perfect play. But the correct plays were not too easy to see.

East deal.
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH
Mrs. Keen
♠ Q 10 9 5 3
♥ 8 6 5 3
♦ 6
♣ A 5 2

WEST
Mr. Dale
♠ 6
♥ A 10 9 2
♦ J 10 9 7 4
♣ K J 4

EAST
Mr. Abel
♠ 8 4
♥ K J 7
♦ A 8 5 3
♣ Q 10 9 8

SOUTH
Mr. Champion
♠ A K J 7 2
♥ Q 4
♦ K Q 2
♣ 7 6 3

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
All Pass			

In today's deal, Mr. Abel had an even more difficult decision to make. See what you would have done.

Mr. Dale was on lead against the four spade contract and he selected the jack of diamonds. This was a normal enough lead and one which was (apparently) least likely to lose a trick. But it made the successful defense of the hand pretty difficult.

IDEAL LEAD

The ideal lead from the standpoint of the defenders was a club but Mr. Dale could hardly be criticized for not leading away from his holding in that suit.

In any case, Mr. Dale opened the jack of diamonds, the singleton six was played from dummy and now what would you have done if you had held Mr. Abel's cards?

Mr. Abel thought that if his side was going to win a diamond trick, it had to be right now. And he was correct. But that wasn't the whole story.

He went up with the ace of diamonds and led back the ten of clubs. Mr. Champion won on the board with the ace, took two rounds of trumps ending in his own hand, and then laid down his two high diamonds, discarding both of dummy's small clubs. He conceded two heart tricks but made an easy game.

"You know," said Mr. Abel, "I believe we would have beat him if I hadn't taken my ace of diamonds at the first trick. We wouldn't have won any diamond tricks, but we would have taken two clubs and two hearts. How about it?"

Mr. Dale, who knows that a happy partner is much more likely to be a winning partner, had no criticism to offer. Instead, he said, "Could be you are right, partner. Yes, I believe you are. Very nice analysis. But it's a play you could hardly be expected to make. Too bad we can't know at trick one what we know at trick 13. We'll get 'em the next hand."

Seeing Film "Not Sin" ... Unimportant

NEW YORK (AP)— A leading Protestant-Episcopal clergyman says that although he does not deem it a "sin" to see the controversial movie Baby Doll, he wou'd not recommend it to others.

Very Rev. Dr. James A. Pike, dean of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, devoted his sermon Sunday to a discussion of the film. Francis Cardinal Spellman has exhorted members of his Roman Catholic New York archdiocese not to see the film "under pain of sin."

Dean Pike, who attended the premiere showing of the picture here last week, told 3,500 persons: "I don't think it would be sinful to see it," but added:

"Actually, it is not especially important that you see it at all. There are other plays, motion pictures, novels and poems which can serve as well or much beter to deepen your understanding of yourself and others."

Planes Resume Search Today But Little Hope Remains

VANCOUVER (CP)—At 7:09 p.m. PST, the night of Dec. 9 Capt. Allan Clarke, pilot of a Trans-Canada Air Lines plane eastbound from Vancouver with 62 persons aboard, radioed from the vicinity of Hope, B.C., that he was turning back because of engine trouble.

After that nothing was heard from the plane. A search organized by the RCAF went into its third week Sunday night without having found a trace of it.

There no longer is any real hope that any of the 59 passengers and three crew members will be found alive. The disaster goes down as the worst in Canadian aviation. Strong doubts are held that even the wreckage will be found before spring when the snow melts.

WEATHER STALLS HUNT

Since the strange disappearance of the airliner a search armada of 50 planes has been held to the ground here almost constantly by bad flying weather. Most days only a few aircraft have gone aloft to poke among the clouds billowing around mountain peaks near Hope, 100 miles east of here.

Air force spokesmen said the hunt would be resumed today, weather permitting, following two days in which planes were grounded by what were described as "grim" flying conditions. Search crews will also work Christmas Day if the weather is favorable.

When Capt. Clarke radioed Vancouver that he was turning back his No. 2 engine — the inner one on the port side of the four-engine North Star — had been feathered after giving off a fire warning. TCA officials have emphasized that there is no indication the plane actually caught fire.

A nation-wide test to spot defective hearing among schoolchildren was organized by the Norwegian health directorate in 1956.

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