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Receding Torrent Leaves Big Damage in Lowlands Along Willamette River

Farms Suffer Heavy Losses; 9 Lives Lost

West Springfield Homes Swept by Flood; Red Cross Busy With Relief Task

(By the Associated Press)
Western Oregon communities were in the midst of a costly clean-up chore today as flooded rivers which took a toll of nine lives receded to their banks.

The Willamette River, which wrought the heaviest damage, was falling rapidly after its murky crest flowed into the Columbia River without passing flood stage at the river mouth.

Last reported victims of the inundation were Joe Jones, 10, whose body was recovered near Coos Bay; a war veteran; and family of four whose car struck a washout en route to California.

Earlier believed victims—though not all the bodies have been recovered—were a retired minister and his employee at Coos Bay; a war veteran; and family of four whose car struck a washout en route to California.

Red Cross on Job
Authorities began compiling damage reports and reestablishing families evacuated from the lowlands. The National Red Cross established a central relief office at Springfield, center of the greatest loss.

The Red Cross estimated 75

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

STATE SECRETARY BYRNES' verdict on the Big Three foreign ministers conference, the dispatches tell us, is that it was "very constructive in accomplishments and RESTORING cordial relations."

Since relations between the U. S. and Britain were ALREADY cordial, it must be assumed that the big achievement lay in MAKING RUSSIA HAPPY.

(THE Moscow conference was called at BYRNES' suggestion. It must therefore be regarded as his baby. To be other than HOPEFUL of its accomplishments could only be regarded as an admission of FAILURE on his part.)

WHAT were its accomplishments?

Well, on the WORLD security side it moved toward international co-operation in the control of atomic warfare. Russia agreed to join Britain and the United States in laying the atomic prob-

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Hitler's Letter Prophecies Spirit's Return From Grave, World to See He Was 'Right'

NUERNBERG, Germany, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler was pictured today as going to his death with a defiant prophecy that his spirit would arise from the grave and that the world one day would see that he had been right.

The new version of the Fuehrer's final words was contained in a long-secret letter written by Joachim von Ribbentrop, Nazi foreign minister, to Winston Churchill and Anthony Eden just before he was captured in Hamburg last summer.

The war moved so swiftly, however, that the rambling handwritten letter, which von Ribbentrop described as Hitler's "last political will," was never delivered to the then British leaders.

Von Ribbentrop, pictured the Fuehrer as a broken and bitter man, said Hitler had never wanted war with Great Britain or the United States and that he had hoped until the last to come to terms with the British. The letter declared, in fact, that Hitler had entrusted von Ribbentrop with the task of delivering an



HERO AND LEANDER—1945 VERSION—Principals in a modern but happier version of the love legend of Greek priestess Hero and her beloved, Leander, are ex-GI John Lamoureux of Fitchburg, Mass., and his English wife, Veronica, of Liverpool. Discharged in the U. S., Lamoureux promptly shipped out for England. His anxiety to spend Christmas with his wife and baby daughter caused him to leap from the ship as it passed five miles off-shore from Liverpool. There the Hero-Leander parallel ends. Leander drowned attempting to swim to Hero and she "threw herself into the sea." Lamoureux was taken out of the water exhausted after swimming a couple of miles. He was turned over to the British immigration officers who ordered his deportation to the U. S. The deportation order has aroused a storm of indignation in England.

Red Cross Job Taken By O. A. Kennerly, Jr.

Appointment of Orle A. Kennerly, Jr., as Red Cross Home Service Secretary for Douglas County was announced today. Kennerly will be employed as a full-time service officer to assist returning veterans. His work will be devoted almost exclusively to assisting veterans in full understanding of their rights and benefits under the G. I. Bill of Rights, handling claims, employment, help for dependents and other veterans affairs. The Red Cross is inviting any veteran to use the facilities of the office for information or assistance. Kennerly, who was discharged in Feb. 1944 from the Army Air Forces for disability suffered in combat, was especially trained for his present post at American University, Washington, D. C.

Son Accidentally Kills Father With Shotgun

MEDFORD, Jan. 2.—(AP)—John Vaughn, 64, was killed almost instantly Sunday when a shotgun being unloaded by his 15-year-old son, Jackie, discharged. Deputy Coroner Morris reported.

The deputy said the shot struck the older Vaughn under the left shoulder blade. The victim and his son had been hunting woodpeckers, the deputy reported.

Broken Neck Fatal

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Jan. 2.—(AP)—Hugh Nisbet, 68, prominent Chumacum dairy farmer, Jefferson County commissioner and former member of the Port Townsend Port Commission, died today of a broken neck received in an automobile accident New Year's eve.

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Hirohito Seen In Bold Move To Hold Throne

Renunciation of Divine Myth, Other Royal Jolts Win M'Arthur's Praise

TOKYO, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Emperor Hirohito, in a surprise renunciation of the myth that he is divine, started the New Year with a bold gamble to hold his position before antichristian fresh international attacks.

His unprecedented New Year's day rescript also frowned upon "radical tendencies" in an evident play for the people's support against Japanese Communists, who advocated his overthrow.

Further, the document stung the government lightly but definitely for dilatoriness in solving problems of livelihood. In that, it indicated the Emperor's continued interest in political affairs.

General MacArthur promptly applauded the streamlined and unusually straightforward rescript. He said it propelled Hirohito into "a leading part in the democratization of his people."

This timing indicates that occupation authorities knew in advance the general outlines of the rescript and were ready with unusually swift comment. However, it is understood that court officials undertook the renunciation without allied prompting.

People Braced For Shock

The rescript said that ties between the Emperor and his people "are not predicated on the false conception that the Emperor is divine."

He never has claimed divinity. However, that claim was made by officials who cleverly utilized that concept to bind the people to the throne. No ruler heretofore had dis-

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Holiday Fete Death Toll Passes 500

(By the Associated Press)
A more somber note to the nation's New Year's holiday celebration was recorded today as the number of deaths from violent causes passed the 500 mark.

A survey across the country showed that at least 528 persons suffered violent deaths from 6 P. M. last Friday to midnight Tuesday. The tabulations listed 247 killed in traffic accidents. The National Safety Council had estimated between 375 and 400 motor fatalities over the holiday period.

The other 281 violent deaths resulted from a variety of causes—plane and train crashes; shootings, stabbings, fires, drownings, explosions, exposure, falls on icy streets and accidents in the home. Two deaths resulting from alcoholism were reported.

States leading in the toll were Pennsylvania with 46; Texas and New York each with 41 and Illinois 39. Of the Illinois total, 31 were in Chicago and suburbs.

Man Nearly Scalped by Collision of Autos

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 2.—(AP)—William R. Crosby, 58, Talent, was nearly scalped yesterday when struck on the Pacific Highway by a car driven by Thomas Madden, 24, Portland.

State police reported Madden said he rounded a curve near Phoenix and did not see Crosby in the center of the road. Madden was driving home from Ventura, Calif., where he was discharged from the Army.

Jobless Payments in Oregon Set New Record

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2.—(AP)—Unemployment benefits in Oregon established at all-time monthly record in December of \$1,590,700, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission said today.

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Baby With Two Heads Has Little Chance to Live

BIRMINGHAM, Eng., Jan. 2.—(AP)—A girl with two heads was born yesterday to the wife of an American soldier, officials of the Selly Oak Hospital said today.

Nurses in the maternity ward said the child—born about a month prematurely—was being kept in a ward with other premature babies and that she awakens for feedings and cries normally. They said, however, that she was "quite feeble."

Hospital officials said both the child's heads were perfect and were attached to twin necks on normal shoulders and body. Weight at birth was five pounds, 12 ounces.

The hospital declined to disclose the name of the parents. The mother was said to be recovering normally.

A doctor who examined the baby said she had a very slight chance of living. He said the infant apparently had two sets of respiratory organs and the two heads were breathing at different rates.

Printing Plant in New Quarters

The Roseburg Printing Company, owned and operated by Harlan Carter, has completed removal from the News-Review office into new quarters in the Medical Arts Building. The printing company occupies space recently vacated by the Douglas R. E. A. headquarters.

The plant is mechanically complete to handle printing contracts of all types.

The News-Review's mechanical department, which is being expanded to meet anticipated newspaper production needs, is to be remodeled, utilizing the space vacated by the commercial printing department.

A new typesetting machine, which is to be incorporated in the News-Review mechanical equipment, has arrived in Roseburg and will be installed within a few days.

Marriages in Douglas Exceed Divorces in '45

Marriages kept pace with and surpassed the number of divorces in Douglas County last year. Almost 200 couples applied for marriage licenses in 1945, while 97 divorces were granted, County Clerk Roy Agee said. But 149 divorce complaints were filed, and what became of the ones who haven't received their decrees, Agee can't say. There were exactly 194 marriage license applications, but Agee cannot tell if all the couples were married or not, for the stubs which record the "return" of the license by justices of the peace or ministers authorized to perform marriages, are often still blank.

China Takes Over Jehol; Truce Proposal Pending

CHUNGKING, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Chinese cabinet spokesman said today China's central government is taking over Jehol as "a matter of course" and is sending administrative personnel on the heels of national troops moving into that inner Mongolian province.

Meanwhile, China awaited the Communist reply to the government's counter proposal for a truce in civil strife. It appeared likely none would be announced until after the counter proposal is studied by the Communist central executive committee in Yenan.

Temperatures on Rise In Most of Nation

(By the Associated Press)
Temperatures were on the rise today west of the Mississippi and the warmup will spread eastward for the next 48 hours, with mild weather continuing for the rest of the week in most of the nation.

The U. S. Weather Bureau said a January thaw had begun in Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and Eastern portions of the plains states, where temperatures have risen from 20 to 30 degrees in the last 24 hours.

Hitler Order To Slaughter Captives Read

Commandos, Paratroops Specified; Massacre of 5,000 Jews Described

NUERNBERG, Germany, Jan. 2.—(AP)—A secret order in which Adolf Hitler personally decreed the "slaughter to the last man" of all Allied commandos and paratroops captured after Oct. 18, 1942, was read to the International Military Tribunal today as the trial of 21 Nazi leaders was reopened.

The Fuehrer's order of which only 12 copies were made—was inspired by his fury over the Dieppe raid and similar operations. American prosecutors told the court.

"From now on," the order asserted, "all enemies on so-called commando missions in Europe or Africa challenged by German troops, even if they are to all appearances soldiers in uniform or demobilized troops, whether armed or unarmed, in battle or in flight, are to be slaughtered to the last man."

"It does not make any difference whether they are landed from ships and airplanes for their actions or whether they are dropped by parachute. Even if these

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M'Arthur Reverses Stand On Army-Navy Unity Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Congressional opponents of an Army-Navy merger quoted Gen. Douglas MacArthur today as seeing "potential possibilities of disaster" in the unification proposal.

They went back nearly 14 years to get the quotes, but Chairman Vinson of the House Naval Committee insisted the reasoning behind MacArthur's stand then remains the same today.

MacArthur has since reversed his stand. On Nov. 1, the Senate Military Committee made public his statement to a special Army-Navy Committee that experiences of World War 2 had "absolutely convinced him the fighting forces should be consolidated. Furthermore, he said then, there should be only one uniform for all services."

Two Filipinos Slain in Row Over Gaming Party

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2.—(AP)—State police today still were trying to piece together the details of the New Year's eve brawl at Lake Labish which ended in the slaying of two Filipinos and the wounding of a third.

State police said Bernardo Jacutan, 45, said the quarrel started when others objected that Jacutan was winning all the money at gaming. The confession related that Jacutan shot and killed Lucas Galvez with a .22 rifle, and fatally stabbed Marcelino Ducsin with a kitchen knife.

Negro Mother, Infant Killed in Train Wreck

BLANEY, S. C., Jan. 2.—(AP)—Two Negro passengers—a mother and her infant daughter—were killed and about fifteen other passengers were injured when the Seaboard Air Line's east coast Meteor derailed near here at 5:15 A. M. today while on its way from New York to Miami.

Alonso H. Wilson of Williamson, W. Va., a Negro, identified the dead as his wife, Helen, 22, and their four-month-old daughter, whom he was taking to Florida to make her home.

Wage Boost to Re-Open Goose Lake Box Factory

LAKEVIEW, Ore., Jan. 2.—(AP)—Operations at the Goose Lake Box Factory will resume tomorrow as the result of a 13-cent an hour wage increase granted AFL workers.

Mill Manager Jack Weddle said the sawmill would reopen about Jan. 15 on a 40-hour week basis.



CHINA'S CARDINAL—First to represent China in the College of Cardinals will be Msgr. Thomas Tien, above, Titular Bishop of Ruspe and Apostolic Vicar of Tsingtao. He was among 32 new Cardinals named recently by Pope Pius.

Cult 'Kidnapping' Conviction Upset

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The Supreme Court today set aside conviction of three members of a "Fundamentalist" cult who were charged with violating the Lindbergh kidnapping act.

The three—two men and a woman—were convicted in Federal Court in Salt Lake City of transporting a 14-year-old girl from Utah to Mexico to become the polygamous wife of one of the men, William Chatwin, 68.

The other defendants were Charles F. Zitting and Edna Christensen.

The court recently heard argument on the case and on appeals in another case in which six members of the cult were convicted of Mann act charges.

Justice Murphy, who wrote the court's opinion, summed up the finding with the statement that the purpose of the Lindbergh act was to outlaw interstate kidnappings, rather than general transgressions of immorality involving the crossing of state lines.

The court ordered retrials in the second case involving the Mann act charges.

Seattle Street Car Men Set Strike for Pay Hike

Seattle, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The AFL street car men's union has set a strike for January 11 in their wage dispute with the Seattle Transit Commission unless a settlement is reached. C. H. Paulson, union financial secretary, announced today.

Negotiations for a new contract and their demands for a \$2,880 annual salary for drivers are continuing, he said. The old contract expired December 31. Drivers are now getting \$2,700 annually and the commission has proposed a cut to \$2,520, Paulson said. The system employs 1,100 drivers but 1,200 employees of the system would be affected.

New Counsel Named for Pearl Harbor Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The Pearl Harbor investigating committee today named Seth W. Richardson, Washington attorney, as its new counsel.

Richardson will succeed William D. Mitchell, counsel, who resigned with his staff because the investigation's scope had so broadened that the time for its conclusion was extended by Congress to February 15. Originally the inquiry was to wind up tomorrow.

Richardson is a former assistant attorney general in the Hoover administration.

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Pay Hike for 200,000 CIO Toilers Asked

147 Plants Across U. S. Said Affected; One Firm Grants Wage Increase

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—(AP)—A nationwide strike of approximately 200,000 members of the CIO-United Packinghouse Workers of America has been called for January 16, Lewis J. Clark, union president, announced today.

He said that not only the large packers—Swift, Armour, Wilson and Cudahy—but also "most smaller independent packing plants" would be affected and the strike would involve 147 plants across the nation.

The strike is being called, Clark said in support of the union's demand for a 25 cents an hour wage increase. Clark said, however, the union would be willing to accept an increase of 17½ cents an hour immediately with an agreement to negotiate the remaining 7½ cents. He said the overall average hourly wage in the industry now is 87 cents an hour.

Union chieftains contended the demanded wage boost could be granted by the packers without necessitating an increase in meat prices. Cooper said the costs to the packers of the wage hike would be offset by elimination of the excess profits tax, increase in productivity and elimination of overtime.

One Firm Ups Wages

The Hormel Company, with plants at Austin, Minn., Mitchell, S. D., and Dallas, Tex., employing about 4,500 in all, was the only concern which had agreed to the 17½ cents boost and negotiations on the balance of 7½ cents demanded.

They said that during the strike hospitals and similar institutions "will be taken care of" for necessary meat supplies but that generally no slaughtering or meat

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Television Talk To Follow Truman Report Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—President Truman prepared today to carry his fight for his legislative program direct to the people both by radio and television.

Mr. Truman speaks at 7 P. M. (PST) tomorrow on all radio networks in his first straight-to-the-nation appeal to knock loose in 1946 the chucks a balky congress placed in 1945 under his 21-point legislative wagon.

And on January 15 he will go before congress in person to deliver the first televised presidential message. This is expected to be an elaboration of his Thursday night speech which White House aides have described as an "overall report to the nation."

Except for tax revision, limited government reorganization authority and a single administrator for surplus property, congress left Mr. Truman's domestic legislative program in various stages of frustration when it went home before Christmas.

Mr. Truman is expected to go to the plate swinging tomorrow night for most if not all of his remaining proposals.

Army and Navy merger, fact finding boards for labor disputes, employment aids, health insurance—these are some of the things high on his schedule.

Six Oregon Highways Are Still Closed

SALEM, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Six Oregon highways were still closed by high water and slides today as ice and snow made mountain travel hazardous without chains, the State Highway Commission said.

The Willamette Highway was still closed by a washout above Oakridge, while the Cascade secondary near Portland, the Independence—Grainger, Willamette ferry, Hillsboro-Silverton, and Bellevue-Hopewell Highways remained closed today by high water.

The South Santiam Highway, which had been closed by a slide, was opened last night.

Indian Held in Fatal Stabbing of Another

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 2.—(AP)—William Williams, 29, Klamath Indian, was held here today in the fatal stabbing of Egbert Smith, 19, another Indian, whose body was found on a porch of a house on the reservation here.

Special Indian Officer Willis Pankey quoted Williams as saying Smith had "picked" on him at a New Year's party at Beatty.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

If world conditions show no sign of improvement, don't resent the pessimist if he writes it nineteen forty-six.



GERMAN PRISONERS GUARDED IN NUERNBERG—The main section of prisoners' cell block in the Nuernberg, Germany, jail is pictured with cells occupied by Goering and Hess at extreme right. Each defendant is watched by an individual guard who is constantly posted at his door. Signal Corps Photo via Acme/NEA Telephoto.