

TEXAS TORNADO CLAIMS TWENTY LIVES

The Weather

Partly cloudy today;
Sunday; colder tonight.

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137 Injured; Casualty Toll May Go Higher

100-Yard Wide Sweep Razes Homes, Business Buildings in Five Areas

PALESTINE, Tex., Jan. 5.—(AP)—A tornado which hit Northeast Texas last night killed at least 20 persons and injured 137. One man is missing.

Continuing rain and heavy mud is delaying search for additional victims.

Northward, in Hunt County, a score of business and residential buildings were destroyed at Peniel, near Greenville.

The tornado cut a 100-yard swath across 18 miles of Anderson County, passing three miles south and east of this city. State police aided local authorities and the Palestine unit of the Texas State Guard in relief work.

Twelve dead have been identified in Southwest near here. Six others are critically injured and 25 seriously hurt and in hospitals.

At least five were killed in Nacogdoches, about 75 miles away. Two others were killed at Lufkin, 25 miles south of Nacogdoches.

Appleby, near Nacogdoches, was hard hit and it is feared several deaths occurred there. Disrupted telephone communications make a check difficult, but highway patrolmen are en route to the community.

Known Dead Listed

A Negro boy was reported killed at Shilo in Leon County. The known dead at Southview are: Teague Wylie, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morrison, Charles Ray, 2, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ray and daughter Mary Sue, 10; Richard Lipscomb, 9; a Mr. Jones, Mary

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Pay Loss Threat Faces Gen Morgan

LONDON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—A spokesman for UNRRA said today Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick E. Morgan, head of the International Relief Agency in Germany, had been instructed to return to London and presumably would be cut off the payroll and deprived of authority if he refused to resign.

The spokesman said the general would be succeeded temporarily by his deputy, Brig. William Stawell.

Morgan has been under fire since stating at a press conference in Frankfurt that a secret Jewish organization was responsible for a mass exodus from Poland.

Dispatches from Germany late last night said Morgan was standing by his earlier refusal to quit.

FRANKFURT, Germany, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, commander of U. S. forces in Germany, asked by correspondents today for comment of the controversy of UNRRA and Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick E. Morgan, said:

"Gen. Morgan is an honest, conscientious and efficient administrator and he will be extremely hard to replace.

Opening Set for New Mill at Myrtle Creek

The Fir Manufacturing Company, which recently completed construction of its new mill at Myrtle Creek, will hold formal opening at 1 P. M. Monday, January 7.

The company has constructed a completely new mill to replace the plant destroyed by fire several months ago, shortly after purchase from the White Star Lumber Company. The new mill has a fully equipped capacity of approximately 175,000 b. m. r. d. feet. It is electrically equipped.

Plans include later development for manufacture of plywood and wood waste utilization.

Negro Educator Slated To Govern Virgin Islands

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—President Truman has decided to appoint Judge William Henry Hastie, Negro dean of Howard University of this city, as governor of the Virgin Islands, to succeed Charles Harwood of New York.

The appointment will go to the Senate when it reconvenes January 14.

The White House did not say whether Harwood had resigned.

Locity Fact Rent

By L. F. Katsenelson

Truman and Congress can't co-operate, the Army and Navy balk at the unified command plan, labor and management are at odds, reconversion generally is in a stalemate and John D. Consumer is staggering in confusion. Strike up the band: "Where do we go from here?" For a Truman encore on the piano: "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Had."

Truman Averts Strike on Frisco Railroad

Board Named To Investigate 12 Grievances

Nationwide Walkout Of Phone Unions, to Support Electric Strike, Impends

(By the Associated Press)

President Truman today named an emergency board to investigate a labor dispute which threatened to affect the operations of the St. Louis-San Francisco (Frisco) Railway Company in nine states.

The board was notified by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen that a walkout affecting 7,000 workers would begin at 6 P. M. central standard time Sunday. The president's action took advantage of a provision of the Railway Labor act, which decrees that appointment of an emergency board stays any walkout while the board investigates the dispute.

The three-member board will report within 30 days. The Railway Mediation Board said both the road and the union had refused to arbitrate 12 listed grievances. Wages and hours are not involved, a railroad spokesman said.

States in which the railroad's operations would have been affected were Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

Phone Strike Impends

In New York, the president of a striking union said the walkout by the independent Western

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE clattering fingers of the teletypes carry to us on Wednesday morning the statement that in four days from Friday midnight to Tuesday midnight—covering the New Year holiday with its Monday fringe—there were 528 violent deaths in the United States.

The total of 528 includes 247 traffic fatalities and 281 assorted major casualties resulting from train and plane crashes, shootings, explosions, falls on icy streets and falls sustained in homes (slipping in the bathtub, etc.).

AT FIRST glance, it is a SHOCKING revelation, conjuring up visions of the whole American population GONE UTTERLY MAD and dashing hither and yon in complete and reckless disregard of the consequences as reckoned in terms of lives and limbs.

From that, it is only an easy (and woody) step to picturing

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Oregon Grand Lodge IOOF, Rebekahs Schedule Meeting In Roseburg to Give Degrees

A special session of the Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F. of Oregon and the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon has been called by Grand Master Ralph L. Russell and President Ethel Bailey to convene in Roseburg Jan. 12, for the purpose of conferring the Grand Lodge degree and Assembly degree upon all candidates present.

Visitors from all parts of Oregon are expected, including 20 or more Grand Lodge and Assembly officers from Baker, Klamath Falls, Hood River, Portland, Lebanon, Eugene, Salem, Medford and other points.

The Grand Lodge will be convened at 4:30 P. M. Saturday in the I. O. O. F. hall. Officers participating, in addition to Grand Master Russell of Roseburg, will include Deputy Master A. J. Lenon, editor of the Pacific Odd Fellow, Portland; Grand Warden Earl Ivie, Hood River; Grand Secretary, Earl Shank, Portland. A turkey dinner will follow the afternoon meeting. Tickets have been placed on sale at the Dimmick real estate office. The dinner will be served in the dining room at the lodge hall.

The assembly will be called to order at 8 P. M. by President Ethel Bailey, Roseburg. Other officers expected to be in attendance include Vice President

Bayonetting of GI Condoned By U. S. Officers, Jap Claims, "Butcher of Manila" to Hang

YOKOHAMA, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Tearful Lt. Kel Yuri told a U. S. military commission today he "lost his head" when he ordered the bayonet execution of Pvt. Noah C. Heard, Salinas, Cal., at the Omuta prison camp—but insisted his act was tacitly condoned by American officers imprisoned there.

Yuri said he decided to kill Heard after his sixth escape and recapture because he was "incurable." Such drastic punishment is permitted under Japanese penal law and Heard earlier had been warned he would be put to death if he persisted in his escape attempts, the commandant declared.

His mind was confused by his own decision to commit harikiri if he let a prisoner get away, he added, and by repeated warnings from higher authorities against permitting any of his charges to escape.

MANILA, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Lt. Col. Seichi Ohta, known as "The Bloody Butcher of Fort Santiago," has been condemned to hang for his war crimes.

The U. S. Military Commission which convicted and sentenced Ohta today said:

"He is not being held guilty of one crime but for a systematic series of crimes committed over a period, which became a definite pattern."

Ohta was commander of the Japanese secret police in Manila, which operated a torture mill at Fort Santiago during the occupation.

Witnesses described Ohta as "the most feared man in Manila."

Mrs. Mansfield Found Sane, Gets Prison Term

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Mrs. Irene Mansfield has been sentenced to serve a one to 10-year prison sentence for killing Mrs. Vada Martin, a nurse she suspected of having a love affair with her physician husband.

A jury yesterday decided the 45-year-old society matron was sane when she shot Mrs. Martin. Previously, the same jury had convicted her of manslaughter.

Prosecutor Norman Elkington explained that if Mrs. Mansfield receives full credits for good behavior, she would be eligible for parole after a year and a half in prison.

Her husband, Dr. John Mansfield, committed suicide soon after the shooting of the nurse.

Majority of Responses Endorse Truman's Talk

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The White House reported today that more than 500 telegrams and letters have been received in response to President Truman's radio appeal for congressional action on his legislative program. More than 80 per cent of them were described as "favorable."

Charles G. Ross, press secretary, told reporters that "quite a number" have come from groups, including labor organizations. Democratic leaders in Congress also have replied favorably, he said.

Lack of Lumber Ceiling On Exports Protested

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Chief obstacle to new home construction is that ceilings apply to lumber sold in the United States but not to exports. Multinomial County Commissioners have written President Truman, asking that the President use his influence "to bring about necessary procedure to provide an adequate supply of lumber for home builders."

Earlier, the Portland Home Builders Association claimed domestic lumber purchases were hampered by "too many" export orders.

Russia Wants Time to Study Bretton Woods Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—A State Department spokesman said today that Russia has notified the United States it will not sign the Bretton Woods agreements until it has had more time to study them.

As of today, 35 countries have signed the agreements which set up multi-billion dollar banks and funds to stabilize world currency. Russia is the only major power which has not signed.

State Department officials have said that about 83 per cent of both the bank and the fund were subscribed to by the January 1 deadline.

Army Slows Down Return Of Veterans

Breaks Applied Because Replacements Are Short Of Overseas Requirement

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The Army slowed the brakes on demobilization today with a declaration that replacements would be insufficient to maintain necessary forces abroad at the present rate.

By full use of available shipping, all of about 1,553,000 overseas troops who are or will be coming eligible could be returned to the United States in three months, a War Department official said.

Instead, the Army plans to spread the returns over six months.

This slower rate combined with replacements will reduce total overseas strength to a planned minimum of 797,000 by July 1, Lt. Gen. J. Lawton Collins said yesterday.

He declared, however, that no man should be held in a foreign theater more than three months after he becomes eligible for discharge.

"Our overseas forces would be dangerously under strength in occupying hostile countries if all eligible men were to be returned before sufficient replacements arrived," the War Department information chief said.

On July 1 the War Department plans to have an Army of 1,500,000, distributed as follows: Europe, 335,000; Pacific 375,000; other non-continental areas, 87,000; Filipino troops in training, 50,000; Continental United States, 703,000, including 360,000 operating personnel and 343,000 training, in transit, or held as

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Physician Killed When Auto Crashes Into Truck

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Dr. George R. Parkinson, 35, a physician and surgeon, was almost instantly killed Thursday afternoon when his car crashed into the rear of a cattle truck on the Napavine road two miles south of here.

State patrolmen said the traffic accident occurred near a curve where the truck had halted. Driver of the truck was Gordon Pratt, of Centralia.

The physician graduated from the Oregon Medical School after attending local schools and the University of Washington. Surviving are his wife, a small daughter, and his parents.

Lt. Col. Irving Succeeded In Procurement Service

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—(AP)—New commanding officer of the Oregon district military personnel procurement service, succeeding Lt. Col. Robert L. Irving of Roseburg, is Lt. Col. William M. Cohoon of San Jose, Calif.

Colonel Cohoon has had 20 months' service with the infantry in the Aleutians. He assumed duties Friday, when Colonel Irving left for Fort Lewis separation center.

Colonel Irving plans to return to his ranch near Roseburg after reverting to inactive status.

Drug Assn. Fined Under Anti-Trust Statute

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Federal Judge Thomas F. Meaney fined the National Wholesale Druggists Association and 23 of its member companies a total of \$87,000 on anti-trust charges today. The fines were imposed after the defendants changed their pleas of innocent to no contest to a government indictment charging them with conspiracy to violate the Sherman anti-trust act by fixing wholesale drug prices.

Isadore Bean Joins in Supply Co. Management

Isadore Bean, a partner in the Olympia Supply Company, has arrived in Roseburg from Olympia, Wash., and will be associated with his brother, Abe Bean, in management of the local business. He recently was discharged from Army service after three years in the South Pacific. He will serve as assistant general manager of the Roseburg branch and will make his future home in Roseburg.

Douglas County Exceeds E Bond Quota 12.7 Pct.

Douglas County topped its Victory Loan E bond quota by turning in sales amounting to \$422,510, as compared with a quota of \$375,000, H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the County War Savings Staff, was informed today. E bond purchases amounted to 12.7 per cent of quota.

Total sales, including all series, amounted to \$1,860,246, or 232.5 per cent of the county's assigned quota of \$800,000.

Sales included the following: Series E bonds \$422,510, Series F bonds \$2,683, Series G bonds \$49,300, Series C notes \$208,463, 4 per cent C. of I. \$449,290, 2 1/2 per cent bonds \$161,500, 2 1/2 per cent bonds \$568,500.

Chairman Pargeter has not yet been advised of Douglas County's standing in relation to other counties of the state, but it is believed the over-all percentage of 232.5 will be one of the highest in Oregon.

The reports are not yet complete, as all sales have not been cleared through the Federal Reserve Bank, and it is expected, Pargeter reports, that the final compilation will show Douglas County's percentage to be even higher than now reported.

Willamette River Starts New Flood

(By the Associated Press)

Heavy rains during the last 24 hours have created a new flood in the Willamette River, following its recent rampage that inflicted damage estimated at \$6,000,000.

With livestock already removed from lowlands because of last week's inundation, the Weather Bureau predicted no material damage except from erosion. Officials said the flood would not be great enough to close roads.

The McKenzie River rose above flood stage at Leaburg, where 184 inches of rain fell during the last 24 hours.

With only showers forecast for today and tomorrow, weather officials expected flood only at three main points: Eugene and Harrisburg on the Willamette; Jefferson on the Santiam.

"It leaves us, however, in a critical situation should a storm develop within the next 36 hours," said Elmer Fisher, Portland meteorologist.

The Santiam River neared the 13-foot flood stage at Jefferson and was expected to continue rising to 14 feet early today.

Creation of Atomic Bomb Control Body Proposed

LONDON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—A resolution proposing the creation of an atomic control commission was filed with the United Nations Organization just before midnight, the deadline for submitting resolutions for the general assembly session opening January 10.

The resolution, embodying the agreement drawn up on the subject at the recent Moscow conference, was submitted by the British delegation on behalf of the United States, Britain, Soviet Russia, China and Canada.

2 Students Die As Auto Hits Bridge

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Two Camas High School students were dead here today, another seriously injured and little hope was held for a fourth member of the group after their car crashed into the Lacamas Creek bridge on the Pacific Highway 18 miles south of Chehalis late Friday night.

Dead are Orin Edgley, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edgley, and Roberta Marie Watrouse, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Watrouse.

Little hope was held for the recovery of Robert Trosper, Jr., 19, seriously injured in Betty Watrouse, 17, sister of the dead girl. Ormer Hale, 19, driver of the car, although hospitalized, was not seriously injured. All are of Camas but young Trosper and Hale are not students.

The crash occurred at 11:30 P. M. as the five young people were returning to Camas from a high school basketball game at Centralia.

Drowning of Clarence Boye Followed Fight With Brother, Third Man in Boat Declares

State and county police officers were continuing their investigation today into the disappearance of Clarence Boye, recently discharged from the Navy and believed to have been drowned on Smith River, about Dec. 17 or 18. A brother, Wilson Boye, is being held in the Douglas County jail at Roseburg on an open charge, and was being subjected to questioning today.

Information obtained to date leads officers to believe the two brothers, who reportedly had been drinking, engaged in a scuffle in a fishing boat, that both fell overboard and only one was rescued, Sgt. Paul Morgan of the state police reported.

Jack Cowan, 50, a sailor, who was the third member of the party, returned to Reedsport from Eugene Friday and reportedly told officers that Wilson and Clarence Boye were fighting in the boat from which the three men were fishing in Smith River. Cowan was reported to have told police that when the two brothers fell in the river, he rescued Wilson by grabbing his hair and

Senator Taft Strikes Back At President

Congress Balks Because Truman Adopts CIO-PAC Course, Ohioan Declares

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—President Truman was pictured today as a man who has turned from belief in free enterprise to "left wing" economic ways.

Senator Taft of Ohio declared "half the Democrats and most of the Republicans" on Capitol Hill disagree with Mr. Truman because "he has chosen to follow the CIO-PAC course on every economic measure except the last fact-finding labor proposal."

As a result, the Ohioan asserted, "the Democratic party is hopelessly split" and the president's legislative recommendations are stalled, despite the party's majority in Congress and in the committee which control the flow of legislation.

Taft, who is chairman of the Senate Republican Steering Committee, broadcast the speech last night from Cincinnati. The text was released in Washington, however, by the Republican National Committee, a hint that party strategy is forming for the year's congressional election campaign.

Soviet Copped, Claim

The address was Taft's reply to the president's radio appeal Thursday night for the people to apply pressure on Congress in behalf of legislation Mr. Truman says is vital.

A law for fact-finding to control strikes and the so-called "full employment" bill and more unemployment compensation were high on the list.

The "full employment" proposal, Taft said, "came directly from the Soviet constitution, the communist platform, and from the CIO."

It would have Congress require the president, he added, "to submit vast programs for the

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Champion Picket on Job Three and Half Years

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Alex Orr, 47, said today that he probably is the country's champion picket.

Six days a week for the last three and a half years Orr has been on the job as a picket in front of the Peterson Auto Sales Agency on South Michigan Avenue.

Orr estimated that in his picket duty of about one-third of a block alongside the agency's office he had walked enough to have circled the globe twice. He said he likes his job, believed it is good for his health and he meets "all kinds of people."

The picket line was established in 1939 by Local No. 701 of the AFL Auto Mechanics union, which charged the agency refused to grant a closed shop. Orr is the third picket who has marched back and forth in front of the agency.

Decrease Fish, Game Bags, U. S. Warns Sportsmen

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The government hopes sportsmen will fish and hunt more for fun and less for kills.

Unless they do, "additional restrictions are as inevitable as night and day," Fish and Wildlife officials said today.

A special Senate Committee has prepared legislation for a nationwide educational program. It authorizes the Wildlife Extension Service to organize the program in cooperation with the states and private citizens.

Moving pictures, radio talks, newspaper articles and lectures in schools are planned. The cost would be about \$50,000, the committee said. The bill also provides for propagation and conservation through consultation with land owners.