

PHONE COMPANY GRANTED REVENUE BOOST

Trio of Bank Bandits Taken, 2 Pals Sought

New Orleans Prisoners Yield \$65,000 of Booty, Fugitives Have \$49,000

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Three of the bandits who staged the biggest bank robbery in years were captured before the sun had set yesterday, but two others—described as the "brains of the outfit"—remain at large today with almost half of the \$114,000 loot.

Police Superintendent A. A. Watters said \$65,000 was recovered after arrests of the three, leaving \$49,000 in the hands of the two "brains."

In view of the remarkably clever handling of the robbery and in light of the daring arrogance of the missing bandits, officers said the pair might have climbed aboard an interurban bus, lugging in a suitcase their share of the haul.

Buses are being halted and checked in Alabama and Mississippi as well as Louisiana.

Meantime officers of Mississippi and Alabama set up a motorized dragnet along the Gulf Coast, patrolling the area in search of a black sedan which may have been used as the getaway car.

One conspicuous kink was apparent, however, in plans to capture the fleeing robbers: no one seemed certain what either of them wore, or what they look like.

Employees of the mid-city Hibernia National Bank who were on the scene at the time of the holdup were told by the gunmen: "If you look at me I'll put a bullet in you."

None Wore Masks

This obviously discouraged any close study of the men by the employees and after the robbery, despite the fact that none of the five men wore masks, their identity remained a puzzle.

Detective Chief Joseph Scheuring identified the men in jail as George W. Ricketts, 23, of Chalmette, La., his nephew, 21-year-old Tommie Ricketts, of New Orleans, John Hassenback, 27, also of New Orleans.

Scheuring said a suitcase packed with \$35,000 was found in the house where the Ricketts were arrested and that \$30,000 was

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Russian government at Moscow announces the signing of a new trade treaty with Norway. This agreement, the Moscow announcement says, "will result in a significant increase in the mutual exchange of goods between the two countries."

THERE is a tip there for us. If we're really going to rebuild western Europe, we'll have to make up our minds to BUY what western Europeans have to sell.

We can't go on indefinitely selling to everybody and buying from nobody. That is a one-way road that if traveled too long leads inevitably to bad trouble.

Trade is TRADE.

OLD-TIMERS in the West will recall that some two decades ago Los Angeles sent emissaries to small towns all up and down the Pacific Coast. They came before local chambers of commerce with a NEW STORY. They said, in substance: "What do you have that WE CAN BUY FROM YOU?"

It was a knockout. They got an

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Oakland Bank Robbery Aide Pleads Guilty; Judge Defers Sentence On Legal Question

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—Joe Berry Bishop, 35, of Sessakwa, Okla., pleaded guilty in federal court to having received \$9800 from the robberies of two Oregon banks last year, and U. S. District Judge Fee said he could not sentence the prisoner, who was the "getaway" driver for the three men involved in the actual holdups of the E. G. Young bank of Oakland and the Bank of Sweet Home, until he had all the facts in both robberies.

The judge ordered both trials set for January 27 and notified Chief Deputy U. S. District Attorney E. B. Twining that if all three of the indicted men were not in court on that day he would dismiss the cases against them.

Henry Clay Tollett and Sam Scribner of Bakersfield, Cal., are charged with the robbery of the Oakland bank, in which approximately \$30,000 was the loot. Tollett and Henry Clay Green of Okmulgee, Okla., are charged with the \$50,000 Sweet Home robbery.

Two Held in California

Tollett and Scribner are in federal custody at Bakersfield, where they recently received sentences of from five years to life for hold-

The Weather

Occasional light rain tonight and Sunday.

Established 1873

U. S. Navy Too Small To Win War, Chief Declares

GOP Plug for "Ike" for President Met by Advocacy of Marshall For Second Place on Democratic Ticket

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Senator Tobey (R-NH) declared today "nobody" can stop a campaign to line up New Hampshire's eight votes for the Republican presidential nomination behind Gen. Dwight G. Eisenhower—"Not even the general himself."

Tobey said he thinks Eisenhower has a "good chance" to win out in a convention delegate battle with supporters of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Harold E. Stassen in New Hampshire's primary election March 9.

Eight of the first 17 to file for election as delegates yesterday were pledged for Eisenhower, two for Dewey and one for Stassen. The filing deadline is a month away.

The senator, at the same time, was elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Draft Eisenhower League, with headquarters in New York.

Eisenhower, ill at home with a cold, made no comment on the developments, which projected him more forcefully than ever before into political discussions along with two other top ranking wartime military leaders.

Chavez Boosts Marshall

Senator Chavez (D-NM) brought the name of Secretary of State Marshall—who preceded Eisenhower as Chief of Staff—into the political arena with the declaration that he is supporting Marshall "and no one else" for the Democratic vice-presidential nomination.

There were indications that some of Marshall's friends were not pleased by Chavez' suggestion, since it comes at a time when the Secretary is asking congress

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Truman Tax Cut Program 'Buncombe,' Speaker Says

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 10.—(AP)—President Truman's proposal to cut low-bracket income taxes and increase the taxes on business was held out in the President's message for House Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr. (R-Mass.).

The Republican-dominated Congress will pass a tax bill to "give the greatest relief to the small-income groups," Martin said in a speech before the New Jersey Taxpayers Association.

"It will be a bitter disappointment that not a single hope was held out in the President's message for any reduction in the gigantic cost of government," Martin said.

"To transfer the load of excessive taxation to business would compel business to pass the excessive taxes on in higher prices to all the people," Martin added.

He predicted that the administration would seek to blame business for the high prices, and added "this latest maneuver of the administration is plain buncombe."

Suspect in Phony Auto Purchase Arrested

Arrest of Robert O. Keys, 30, at Eufrasia, Okla., who is suspected of purchasing an automobile at Corkrum Motors with a fictitious check, was reported today by State Police Sgt. Lytle Harrell. It is not known whether Keys will be returned here, Sgt. Harrell said. Keys has a prior criminal record, he added.

Rites Held for Oregon Co-Ed Frozen to Death

BOARDMAN, Ore., Jan. 10.—(AP)—Dagmar Skoubo, 19-year-old University of Oregon co-ed who was frozen to death near Palmer, Alaska Dec. 31 when she became lost in a storm, was buried here today following services in the Boardman Community Church.

Miss Skoubo, who was working in a Palmer restaurant to gain funds for spring quarter fees, became lost in a storm that came up suddenly while she was out for a walk. Her body was not found until Jan. 2 because of heavy snow.

Miss Skoubo, a Pendleton High School graduate, had been staying with her sister, Asta and Erla, nurses at the Palmer hospital. She also leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Skoubo of Hermiston.

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Victory Calls For "Tenfold" Size Increase

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Admiral Louis Denfeld, new chief of naval operations, said today while his mother struggled desperately against time and obstacles.

Bobby Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Phillips, of near West Union—about 25 miles from here—swallowed an uncooked bean and it became lodged in his throat.

Carrying the child, the mother stumbled two miles across country fields to a house in hope of finding an automobile in which to bring the infant to a Memphis hospital. No one was at home.

Coming from house to house, Mrs. Phillips found more of the same—"no car." Finally she reached a man who had one.

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Police said the remainder of a 190-ton consignment of explosives still was missing.

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Some 5,200 combat knives originally made for the U. S. Navy and a quantity of first-aid kits also were found in the warehouse.

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Roads in the south end of Douglas County were hardest hit of any of the county roads during this week's heavy rains, said County Commissioner Lynn V. Beckley today.

A 36-foot bridge on the Rice Creek Road was washed out by the high waters. The Woods Creeks Road near Days Creek, and the Belcher Creek Road near Glendale are still closed, he reported.

Elsewhere in the county, flood waters have receded and roads are back to normal use.

VFW Chief Dislikes Term "War-Monger"

PORTLAND, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Ray H. Brannaman, national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, objects to the term "war-monger."

His campaign for universal training doesn't warrant that sort of name-calling, he said here.

"Our first objective of the VFW is peace, and our top program is national security, because we can't have peace without national security," he said.

Objection to universal military training, he said, was coming from "Communist groups, college people, some preachers and some mothers."

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EQUIPMENT MOVES TO BRIDGE SITE—First piles for a temporary bridge over the South Umpqua River near Dillard were driven last night by Ben Doerksen, Roseburg contractor. Bridge building equipment is pictured above, as it moved to the bridge site Friday.

BAILEY BRIDGES WILL BE USED PENDING REPAIRS TO STRUCTURE NEAR DILLARD

Baby Gulps Bean, Mother Loser In Race to Save Him

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Driving of Pilings Started; 24-Hour Job Basis Slated

Heavy bridge building equipment was moved to the site of the Pacific Highway bridge four miles south of Dillard yesterday, for the construction of approaches to the Bailey bridges, which will be used during repairs of the main span over the South Umpqua River.

First pilings for the temporary bridge were driven last night by Ben Doerksen, Roseburg contractor, who was released for the emergency project by the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co., for whom he is building 11 railroad bridges east of Sutherlin.

The Bailey bridges are being loaned to the State Highway Department by the Army. It is not definitely known yet when the bridges will arrive here, but they will probably be sent from the Seattle area.

Doerksen said the pilings for the bridge approaches will be driven in not less than two weeks. His bridge building crews will be placed on a 24-hour basis, however, working under batteries of floodlights installed by the California-Oregon Power Co.

Needed Lumber Pooled

Heavy bridge timbers for the temporary span were delivered to the scene of operations last night, by the Roseburg Lumber Co., the Rock Island Lumber Co., and the Youngs Bay Lumber Co. In a pooled order, Doerksen said.

The temporary span is being built on the upstream side of the

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British Take Part In Holy Land War

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Twelve Jews and eight Arabs have been killed in three-cornered fighting among Arabs, Jews and British forces on the southern coastal plain, the government announced tonight.

An Army statement said the Royal Sussex regiment and police units were called to assist in restoring order in a clash between the Arabs of Isdud, north of Gaza, and Jews of the Yavna settlement.

On the northern frontier, meanwhile, British lanciers of the "Death or Glory" regiment stood guard in what appeared to be a move to seal off the Holy Land's partition battle from outside Arab help.

Government sources in London, meanwhile, said Britain would welcome any force the United States might want to send to guard the U. S. consulate in Jerusalem. The U. S. according to the sources, had "sounded out" the British high commission for permission to send a "small force" of Marines. They added, however, that no formal request had been made and no decisions reached.

Bullets fired from ambush narrowly missed Maj. Nicholas and two British U. S. military attachés in Jerusalem, today while he was riding on a bridge path on the outskirts of the city, the major's horse was struck twice by the rifle bullets.

Petrillo's Foe Predicts Musicians' "Break-Away"

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Jan. 10.—(AP)—James Petrillo's ban on recording will "break" the American Federation of Musicians within a year, in the opinion of his longtime foe, Dr. Joseph E. Maddy.

"Leading recording artists will break away from the AFM and form an independent union," predicted the head of the Inter-Union Music Camp, who was ousted from the union in 1943, four years after his student musicians had been barred by Petrillo from radio broadcasting.

Says Atom Bomb Bars Soviet From The Dardanelles

BRYN MAWR, Pa., Jan. 10.—(AP)—The only reason Russia has not seized the Dardanelles and the Arabian oil fields is because the United States has possession of the atomic bomb, says John M. Hancock, a co-worker with Bernard Baruch in forming U. S. atomic policy.

Hancock said he realized "these are brutal statements" but added that he thought his point of view "realistic."

He pointed out the impasse created by Russia's refusal to agree to a system of free international inspection of atomic energy plants and declared:

"If we can't get world-wide control, we must get a system less than world-wide, guaranteeing every nation signing the agreement not to use the bomb unless armed troops cross their border."

He said atomic bombs will be used unless they are outlawed by a wide system and admonished:

"We shouldn't see preparations for war going on and wait until it is too late—we should recognize the fact early and hit early."

He added that "as of this date there is no reason for the United States to be concerned about the discovery of any quantity of uranium in territory we don't control."

He expressed the belief "no other nation can build the bomb for years and years."

Life Imprisonment Meted Eugene Slayer

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 10.—(AP)—Clarence Eubank, 61, was sentenced to the "rest of his natural life" in the state penitentiary here yesterday by Judge Skidmore in Lane County Circuit Court.

Eubank, who beat 45-year-old Eva Sather over the head with a hammer in a drunken brawl in the shack in which they lived, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder.

Garney Walker, a former husband of the victim who was held in jail as a material witness, was released following the sentence.

Cancer Specialist Still On "Case" in Moscow

MOSCOW, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Dr. Ellis Berven, Swedish cancer specialist, still was in Moscow today, although he had planned to return to Stockholm today or tomorrow, if possible by plane.

Dr. Berven was called to Moscow last week for consultation on a "serious cancer case." The message did not give the name of the patient. The Swedish news media said that the patient might be Prime Minister Stalin. Soviet newspapers this week published stories inquiring whether Stalin was dead. The Russian embassy in London and Tass said he was not.

Damaas Asks In Suit Over Truck-Horse Crash

John Carl, Roseburg, filed suit for \$10,000 general damages and \$733.34 special damages in Circuit Court Friday against the Precast Concrete Co. for injuries suffered last May 5, when a truck operated by the company allegedly struck Carl and his horse on E. 2nd Ave. S. near the Roseburg Lumber Co. In his complaint Carl recited that he suffered several bruises and leg and back injuries.

TWO DRIVERS FINED

Two traffic violators each paid \$5 fines in Municipal Court this morning for operating motor vehicles with illegal mufflers. Chief of Police Calvin Baird reported he saw their names as Carl Westcott and Alan Dale Albertus, both of Roseburg.

Oregon Order Allows Less Than Sought

Company Enabled to Earn 5.5 Per Cent on Operations in State

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 10.—(AP)—The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. was granted a revenue increase in Oregon of approximately \$1,560,000 per year in an order released by State Public Utilities Commissioner George Flagg today. The company had sought an increase of \$2,249,000.

The order is effective immediately.

In general, individual lines business rates are increased 75 cents per month in Portland and most other cities. Individual business line rate in Salem increased \$1.25; individual residence rates in Salem 75 cents, Portland 25 cents two party resident in Salem raised 50 cents, Portland 25 cents; four-party residence rates in Portland, Salem and most other users raised 25 cents per month.

There are a large number of smaller exchanges where there is no increase in either residence or business rates.

This increase will provide an added net in operating revenue of \$833,733, the balance being absorbed by federal taxes, Flagg indicated. The order is aimed at enabling the company to earn a return of approximately 5.5 per cent on the original cost, depreciated of its property in Oregon.

All basic changes in toll rates, which would have increased the differential between intrastate and interstate rates, have been denied.

All Major Roads Open to Traffic

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 10.—(AP)—All major roads were reopened to traffic today as swollen rivers washed away their banks across the state, the State Highway Commission reports. A few secondary roads remained closed, however.

The Pacific Oregon Coast and The Dalles-California highway was all open to traffic, although a detour was required around a damaged bridge on the Pacific highway 11 miles south of Roseburg.

Both the Albany-Corvallis and the East Side Corvallis secondary highways are open.

The Oregon City-Parkplace road continued under water. Traffic over the North Santiam highway was resumed Friday night but motorists were warned to be cautious as there are still some danger spots.

One-way traffic also continued three miles east of Lowell on the Willamette highway and 7 and 15 miles west of Astoria on the Astoria highway.

The Woodburn-Sandy Secondary was closed between Woodburn and Molalla and the Hillsboro-Silverton highway between St. Paul and Newberg.

Welfare Heads of Four Counties Meet Here

County welfare administrators and state workers from Clatsop, Curry, Lane, and Douglas counties met in Roseburg yesterday to hear Dr. Herbert E. Chamberlain, consulting psychiatrist of Los Angeles, whose topics were "Psychology of the Aged" and "Psychology of the Adolescent."

Dr. Chamberlain was accompanied here by Andrew Juran, staff assistant with the State Welfare Department, and they attended a similar conference of welfare workers.

Mrs. Claude Baker, Douglas County welfare administrator, said approximately 25 persons were in attendance at the meeting here. Dr. Chamberlain's talks were of great help to the welfare workers in creating understanding of their work, she said.

CIO, Lumber Executives Fail to Reach Pay Accord

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—(AP)—CIO lumber union officials said today that they were possible wage demands. Their session followed the break-up of wage discussions by AFL negotiations and western Oregon and Washington fir industry employers.

CIO delegates from Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho and part of Montana were present.

The AFL-employer session ended yesterday after two days in which a union spokesman said "no progress" was made. No future meeting was scheduled.

Under discussion was a November request for a 30-cent hourly wage increase. It would boost the fir industry minimum generally to \$1.62 an hour.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rasmussen

The wished-for happy new year gives promise of being a "scrappy" new year, with Uncle Sam foremost in the preliminary of calories vs. Communism.