

Man Who Hiked To Safety From Snowy Chateau Tells Of Dangers To Five There

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After two days spent in Cave Junction trying to aid the stranded workers at Oregon Caves, Jack Taber of Canyonville arrived home Monday evening. At present he is under a doctor's care, having received frost bitten feet during his hike out from the Caves Saturday.

Taber will remember for a long time his 12½ hour trek to civilization on snow shoes which he improvised himself. He said if anything had happened to the snow shoes he would have been in snow drifts six to eight feet deep.

He left the Caves at 11 a. m. Saturday and reached the foot of the mountain, which is a distance of eight miles, at 11:30 p. m. After so many hours through darkness and deep snow, the lights of a fireman's truck were a welcome sight to him. The servicemen took Taber to Cave Junction, a distance of 12 miles.

Installing Sprinkler System
Taber and three other men who are all employed by the Automatic Sprinklers of America have been working at the Oregon Caves chateau installing a sprinkler system as a means of fire protection. They began work in November. The Canyonville men spent the weekend of Jan. 8, at their homes here returning on Sunday to finish a job which was to take only two days. They took only food to last for two days, then the snows began and they were unable to get out.

After being snowed out a week one of the workers, Fred Schroeder of Canyonville, skied to the highway and returned here. The following day Taber came out. The other two workers are still at the Caves and Taber and Schroeder are worried for fear they may try to come out and not be able to make it.

Three Others Stranded
Also stranded are the caretaker of the chateau, his wife and son. Taber said they were without butane to run their light plant, without heating oil and with very little food. They have lined up roll-away beds around the fireplace where they sleep to be near the heat. The wood supply is covered with several feet of snow.

When James A. Christensen, manager of the resort, was called Monday morning he stated "there is nothing to worry about." Later that day he admitted "there is

need to worry." These are reports taken from the Roseburg News-Review and the Oregon Journal respectively.

An appeal for "Snocat" service to carry oil and food into the resort was received by E. P. Leavitt, superintendent of the Caves monument and Crater Lake National park. The Snocat equipment is located at Crater Lake and it is thought that it could not be moved from the park, where there is danger of other snow equipment breaking down under pressure of the blizzard raging there. Local planes are grounded and Taber is of the opinion the only other solution to the situation is to take snowshoes in to bring out those stranded.

Lived in Trailers
The four workers of the sprinkler company were living in their trailers on the job there. They later moved into the chateau when their trailers and cars became buried in several feet of snow. The highway department reported it would be about May 1 before they would be opening the road, Taber said.

As a humorous note Taber added he cooked the last of the beans the day he left, as he had no meat, bread or potatoes he felt he should try to make the trip that day. He never could have made it on the canned food which was reported on hand at the resort, because it consisted mostly of catsup, he said.

He forgot his razor and toothbrush but he added his homemade snow shoes could never have carried the extra weight that last half mile.

Germany, France Arguing Over Coal-Rich Saar

(By The Associated Press)
France and Germany argued over the future of the coal-rich Saar today following the German visit of French Foreign Minister Schuman.

France now occupies the 738-square mile industrial area. She is reported seeking a 50-year lease.

Chancellor Adenauer argues that the rich coal mines are the property of the West German republic he heads, because it inherited all property of Hitler's third reich.

Both Adenauer and Schuman agreed that the Saar's future would not be settled until the peace treaty is concluded. However in the meantime, Adenauer charges, France is making incorporation of the Saarland an accomplished fact.

Russia meanwhile advanced her propaganda campaign in Germany. The Soviets announced they are giving up control of east zone concentration camps where 30,000 Germans are believed to be held. The propaganda-wise East German Communists ballyhooed the opening gates of Sachsenhausen, Buchenwald and Bautzen concentration camps.

The West German government had a big announcement, too, for hungry East Germans to consider. It said all food rationing, except for sugar, would end March 1.

In Paris, a Spanish embassy official denied reports that Spain and the Soviet union are negotiating a multi-million dollar trade deal. An unofficial source in Madrid yesterday said Spain would swap mercury, wolfram, olive oil and wines for Russian wheat and petroleum products. The report said Spanish and Russian trade envoys were discussing the trade pact in Cairo and Paris.

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Oregon Vets File First Petition For Bonus Vote

SALEM, Jan. 20. — (P) — The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars filed a preliminary initiative petition Thursday for a bonus for soldiers of World War II.

The maximum bonus would be \$600. The payment would be \$10 for each month of domestic service and \$15 for each month of overseas service.

If 25,482 signatures of registered voters are obtained, the measure would be on the November election ballot.

"FRAT" TRIAL DATED
SALEM — (P) — Salem's high school fraternity sale will be heard here Feb. 20 before Circuit Judge King of Coquille.

The case involves the expulsion of 19 high school boys who were accused of belonging to a secret society. The boys appealed to the court. They now are attending school under a temporary court order.

President Wants Vote On Civil Rights Program Even If It Takes All Summer

WASHINGTON — (P) — President Truman Tuesday disclosed administration plans to get a vote on civil rights legislation "if it takes all summer."

At the same time he stepped personally into the fight against a proposed change in House rules designed to block consideration of the civil rights program.

He said he was doing everything in his power to beat the resolution, proposed by the House rules committee.

Administration leaders depended heavily on this today while they marked time in their maneuvering to thwart a bold bid by Republicans and southern Democrats to get a firm hold on the situation.

The Truman lieutenants indicated that the President may take a public stand at his weekly news conference Thursday.

They said he is vigorously opposed to a proposed change in rules which would restore to the House rules committee its former power to pigeonhole bills.

The committee lost this power in January, 1949, when the Democrats regained control of the House and changed the system. A coalition of Republicans and southern Democrats is seeking to restore it.

As it is now composed, the rules committee is dominated by four Republicans and three southern Democrats who are unfriendly to much of the President's program.

A rules committee recommendation that the old rule on membership be restored is due for a House vote late this month.

There were unconfirmed reports that administration leaders were seeking a compromise. Coalition strategists, figuring they have the votes to win, were in no mood to compromise.

Chairman Sabath (D-Ill.) of the

Driver Convicted Of Homicide In Death Of 3 Girls

SPOKANE, Jan. 20. — (P) — Frank R. Suchy of Spokane, was convicted on three counts of negligent homicide Thursday in connection with the death of three young girls Oct. 29, 1949.

The three children, ages 3, 4 and 5, were killed in a collision near Spokane between Suchy's automobile and a logging truck owned by the girls' parents.

An investigation disclosed that they died of burns and suffocation in a fire that followed the collision. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Martin of Emida, Idaho, were injured in the accident.

The verdict returned by the superior court jury held Suchy was criminally responsible for the deaths.

Grant Kimer, attorney for Suchy, told the court he would file a motion for a new trial. Suchy was allowed to remain at liberty under a \$2,500 bond pending the motion.

County Physician Dr. A. E. Lien testified as a state witness that blood tests taken several hours after the accident revealed the presence of enough alcohol to line up almost solidly for the old rules committee set-up, have set a caucus for today.

Powell told a civil rights gathering here that "if there is any double dealing Monday" on taking up the FEPC bill, he will seek to tangle action on every other legislative proposal offered in Congress.

Democratic leaders have issued no call for a party caucus to solidify their ranks for the forthcoming fight. They may do so before the end of the week.

Republicans, who are expected

Senate Demos Back "Hands-Off" Policy On Formosa

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20. — (P) — Senate Democrats have United behind President Truman's "hands-off" policy on Formosa.

Senator Lucas of Illinois, the Democratic leader, said a party caucus showed that all of the Democrats supported the stand of the president and Secretary of State Acheson in refusing to give military aid to the Chinese nationalists on the island.

"The Democrats think the State department and the president are definitely right in the actions they have taken," Lucas told reporters. "The Democrats are fearful that any intervention there ultimately will mean war."

Republicans have taken the lead in sharp criticism of the President for refusing to move to Formosa, an island 100 miles off the China coast, secure against attack by Chinese Communists.

The reported agreement followed a suggestion from Senator

George (D-Ga.) that Moscow may be calling all the signals for the Chinese Communists' treatment of American Diplomats.

And a Republican senator, who asked that he not be identified by name, said of the previous intervention of Americans and the recent seizure of the Peiping consulate:

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