

Truman Ready To Act In Coal Strike

The Weather

Mostly cloudy with occasional snow showers today and Tuesday. Continued cold.

Sunset today 5:20 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:32 a. m.

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ROSEBURG, OREGON—MONDAY, JAN. 30, 1950

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January Snowfall Posts New Local Record

Fresh Storm Breaks Mark Of 63 Years

More Snow To Come With 32-Degree Repeat, Weatherman's Forecast

Longtime Roseburg citizens had reason to grumble about the "unusual" weather today. The local weather bureau office reported the 28-inch total snowfall so far this month shattered the old mark set in 1887 and posted a new high for this area.

Nearly three inches of the white stuff fell since last night, although the 28-inch total does not include snow which fell since 6 a. m. today.

The all-time record is expected to be boosted today and tomorrow, with the weather forecast reading: "Mostly cloudy with occasional snow showers today and Tuesday." Today's low of 32 degrees is expected to be repeated.

Other Spots Much Colder
Local citizens can gain some measure of comfort from readings posted by other Oregon points and reported to the Associated Press.

One of the coldest spots in the state was Pendleton with a minus 17 recorded during the night. Baker posted ten below and it was five above at Klamath Falls.

All city schools were closed at Salem by five inches of new snow. A nine inch snow fall during the night brought total depth at Corvallis to 17 inches.

Road conditions were termed "generally bad" by state police, with motorists urged to use chains.

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Walky-Talkies To Gift Yet Mit Der Groundhog

QUARRYVILLE, Pa., Jan. 30.—(AP)—Ach, now give walky-talkies mit der groundhog yet. Which is Pennsylvania German comment on the announcement that next Thursday members of the Quarryville slumbering Groundhog lodge will conduct their annual ceremonies with the aid of walky-talkies.

Every Feb. 2 lodge members stand anxiously by the hole of their favorite groundhog (grundsau to the initiated). If the little animal sees his shadow, the nation is in for six more weeks of winter. No shadow—spring comes quick.

Yesterday, William U. Hensel, 3rd, secretary of the lodge, announced the groundhog hunters will keep in touch with each other on Thursday by means of walky-talkies—the portable radios used by army and marine forces during World War Two.

Ex-Model Robbed In N.Y. Of Gems Worth \$428,000

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Hunts of known fences and other underworld characters were checked today by FBI agents and police investigating the burglary of \$428,000 worth of jewels in the apartment of a former model.

The thieves—with a keen eye for the best—spurred the less valuable gems and synthetic ones as they went through the apartment of Mrs. Maxine Sanson, wife of a wealthy hosiery manufacturer.

Returning from the movies late Saturday night, she found a score of jewelry boxes looted in her 14th floor apartment at Madison avenue and 35th street.

The jewelry was insured, Mrs. Sanson told police. The burglary brought her husband, Stanton D. Sanson, up from his home in Philadelphia. He and his wife have lived apart by agreement for the past six months, his lawyer said.

The burglary was the second major jewel job in Manhattan in 48 hours. On Thursday night, robbers forced their way into the home of showman Billy Rose and his wife, former swimming star Eleanor Holm, and stole gems, furs and other valuables estimated by Rose at \$100,000. The Roses were not at home at the time. The three robbers tied up their butler.

Unlike the robbers of the Rose home, the Sanson burglars passed up several mink coats.

Gay Nineties Dance Set At Vets Hospital

Roseburg ladies are asked to attend a Gay Nineties dance at the Veterans hospital recreation hall. The entertainment begins at 8 o'clock, tonight, and during intermission Miss Helen Casey and Mrs. Paul Jenkins will present a skit.

The dance was to be sponsored by the Splinters' club of Eugene but they are unable to attend.

Music will be furnished by Jack Foster's orchestra, and decorations for the dance are in keeping with the Gay Nineties theme, according to the hospital.

Fire Kills Father, Three Children

HANNIBAL, Mo., Jan. 30.—(AP)—I'm going to get my babies or die with them!

With these words, a 29-year-old father plunged into the flames consuming his tiny two-room house yesterday on the bank of the Mississippi river.

The father, Thomas Woodward Armstrong, and three of his children, died in the fire. The dead children were Barbara Ann, 3, Thomas Woodward, Jr., 2, and Pearl, 11 months.

Mrs. Armstrong, 25, rushed from the house with a fourth child, Norma Jean, 5, just after the fire started. Norma Jean was hospitalized with burns, but her condition was good.

The father was visiting relatives next door when he saw his house burning. He shouted "I'm going to get my babies or die with them," broke a window and disappeared into the house.

Later his body was found huddled over one of the children.

Mrs. Armstrong said the fire started when her 11-year-old brother, Sterling Owen, poured some gasoline on the stove while starting a fire.

Ex-Roseburg Policeman Accused In Raid On Club

A former Roseburg policeman, now working as bartender in a Portland night spot, was charged with illegal sale of intoxicating liquor following a raid by Multnomah sheriff's deputies and state liquor control agents, according to the Oregon Journal.

The bartender was identified as William W. Olsen, 37-year-old former Roseburg policeman. Officers armed with a district court search warrant reported three bottles of whiskey and five cases of mixer were seized as evidence. They said there were 35 patrons in the club at the time of the raid.

South Korean Aid Urged By Secretary Acheson

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Secretary of State Acheson told Congress today that to stop economic aid to Korea would be "most unfortunate." He said it would affect not only that young postwar republic but all of Southeast Asia.

It is a "safe bet," the secretary added, the Democratic South Korea can resist anything short of a "major attack" from the Russian-dominated northern half of the Korean peninsula.

Acheson outlined American responsibilities in Korea at an amicable session of the House foreign affairs committee.

The House urged reversal of the House defeat last Monday of the \$60,000,000 Korean assistance bill.

After 1952, he said, "we hope that Korea will be a self-supporting nation."

Street Drives Up Funds For Polio Cause

Boy Scouts And Jayvees Work In City's Business Zone With Good Results

Local citizens and weekend shoppers dipped into their pockets Saturday as Boy Scout troops and Junior Chamber of Commerce—members canvassed the business section in an effort to swell the polio drive fund to the \$1 per capita goal set.

The scouts politely asked the passing throng to "please donate to the March of Dimes," dropped their "take" into cigar boxes and later lined the sidewalk on Jackson street with coins and bills for a distance of nearly a half block, as their part in the milio-dimes.

Their older brothers, Jayvees, bundled up against the cold rain and snow, were less gentle with their approaches, but results were more in evidence. A chain-of-dollars, set up in front of the U. S. National bank, grew steadily as Jayvees pleaded with passersby to add to the total. Their efforts were aided by a loud-

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Foresters Form District Chapter

Ed Kotok of the Siskiyou-Cascade research center was elected chairman of the Society of American Foresters Friday night at the Hotel Umpqua. Twenty-seven foresters met for dinner to establish the S. A. F. chapter for the Umpqua and Coquille valleys.

Dick Grant, industrial forester for the Engel-Worth Lumber Co., was elected vice-chairman, and Louis Gabel, Umpqua National forest staff member, was elected secretary-treasurer.

The foresters established the third such chapter in Oregon. Others are the Willamette valley and Siskiyou chapters.

Membership is open to all members of the Society of American Foresters, a national organization. Future meetings will plan committees and membership.

Regular monthly meetings throughout the winter period are scheduled.

Gas Fumes Kill Children Sleeping In Automobile

LA GRANDE, Ore., Jan. 30.—(AP)—Two children sleeping on the rear seat of a sedan died of carbon monoxide fumes while their parents were driving here Saturday from Spokane.

Police said Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Edmiston, Lincoln, Neb., found their sons, Robert, 3, and James, 18 months, dead when they stopped here for groceries. The youngsters were sleeping beneath a blanket as the car traveled in sub-freezing weather.

Coroner William Arrivey said gas from the exhaust pipe leak had seeped into the sedan and concentrated in the back portion. Edmiston, his wife, and a third child in the mother's arms were not affected.



JOB SECURITY—Sam Hobson lives in the workingman's dream. He's clerk in the Kroger company's warehouse in Memphis, Tenn., and holds more stock in the firm than its president. President J. B. Ball says so himself. Hobson started out with \$2,800 worth of stock in 1908 which is now valued at an estimated \$92,000. (AP Wirephoto).

Northwest Again Digging Out Of Snow

(By The Associated Press)
The Pacific Northwest, besieged by snow and ice since New Year's day, was digging out again today, as one of the worst Januaries in history drew toward a close.

A new storm struck much of Western Oregon and Southwest Washington last night, closing many schools and piling up 22-foot drifts near Portland.

East of the Cascades the temperature plummeted to as low as 42 degrees below zero. That was at Chatteroy, Wash. Newport, Wash., recorded an all-time record of 41.

Charles G. Davis, 58, Portland, was crushed to death last night during a card party at his home. He went outside to look for a tree that was heard crashing in a snowstorm.

When he failed to return, his wife and guests went outside and found him pinned under another falling tree.

All Portland and Salem schools were closed. So were scores of rural schools and others in smaller cities.

Trains were pulling into Portland as much as 12 hours late. Airplane travel, however, was still normal.

Oregon temperatures ranged from 17 below at Pendleton to 31 above at Roseburg.

Plane Search Intensified In Frozen North

More Men And Air Craft Comb Sub-Zero Region For C-54, Lost On Trip

WHITEHORSE, Y.T., Jan. 30.—(AP)—More men and machines were poured today into the search for a missing U. S. Air Force transport and its 44 occupants.

Pace of the two-nation hunt, already ranking as the largest in the history of the frozen north, was stepped up as it entered its fourth day with reports of sub-zero temperatures bringing new fears for the survival of any of the plane's occupants.

Temperatures at Snag, a tiny weather station 20 miles inside the Yukon territory from Alaska over which the huge transport made its last contact with the outside, were 10 below zero last night. Even colder readings were in prospect before morning.

The big, four-engine C-54 radioed its position from Snag last Thursday afternoon, about two hours after leaving Anchorage, Alaska, on a non-stop flight to Great Falls, Mont.

Aboard were 34 servicemen returning on furlough or for reassignment, an expectant mother and her two-year-old son, and eight crew members.

The search has been dubbed "operation mike," a name taken from the missing plane's commander, 1st Lt. Kyle E. McMichael, 28, whose wife lives in San Antonio, Texas.

As the long arctic night called a temporary halt to the gigantic

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Ed Dahl's Absence Poses 'Mystery'

Ed Dahl, announcer for radio station KOOS at Coos Bay and former Douglas county sheriff deputy, was reported absent from his job under what the Coos Bay Times calls "somewhat mysterious circumstances."

KOOS manager Hal Shade notified Coos Bay and state police authorities of Dahl's absence when the announcer failed to arrive at work. Shade said Dahl had telephoned him that he would be late to work, then failed to show up at all. No resignation had been presented him, Shade said.

According to the Times, a check with West Coast airlines revealed Dahl left the North Bend airport on a Friday and that his wife and children left the following day. Dahl was formerly stationed at Gardiner as a Douglas county deputy sheriff. Before then, Dahl was chief of police at Canyonville and at one time drove for a bus line serving Roseburg.

Polio Fund Increased By 'Mile-O-Dollars'

Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce Saturday collected \$400.40 in its "mile-o-dollars" stunt to help the polio drive in Roseburg.

Chairman Bill Endicott released the figure after his committee, consisting of Duane Baker, George McIntosh and Irv Pugh, pulled the staples that connected the bills together.

Roseburg Polio Chairman Del McKay expressed his appreciation to the Jayvees for their efforts in helping to raise money for the local drive.

Mercy Hospital Annex Bids Not Yet Revealed

Information concerning bids submitted for the proposed new annex to Mercy hospital in Roseburg remained unavailable today.

Bids reportedly were opened in Portland last weekend, but the architect declined to report the offers to the Associated Press. Members of Mercy hospital staff, attending the opening, were unavailable for comment.

Bible Class Raps Bishops For Segregation Stand

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 30.—(AP)—A men's Bible class here yesterday denounced Methodist bishops for working to renounce racial segregation.

The John Wesley Methodist church class of 30 members unanimously adopted a resolution declaring that the bishops failed to express "the wishes, desires, beliefs or opinions of a large segment of Methodist laymen."

The reference was to the active leadership of Methodist bishops in the Federal Council of Churches for Christ in America. The council has called racial segregation "unnecessary and undesirable."

White House Checking On Men At Work

Miners Won't Return To Pits Unless Given More Than 3-Day Job Week

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—The White House checked today on the number of coal miners at work and there were reports President Truman was ready to act quickly if strikers do not go back to the pits.

At a news conference, Charles Ross, presidential press secretary, said Mr. Truman had nothing to add to what he has already said about the coal situation. The president has repeatedly said he would step in if the situation required action from him.

It was learned the White House is getting reports on the response of the miners to week-end hints that presidential action could be expected unless they got back to the three-day work week ordered by John L. Lewis, their union leader.

They apparently were not inclined to abandon the strike.

The Associated Press bureau at Pittsburgh, compiling reports from over the country, figured at least 88,500 miners stayed at home this morning when work whistles blew. This compares with 88,000 last week.

The United Mine Workers chose to brush off a suggestion from Lewis that they go back to work on a three-day week while he tries to get a new contract.

3 Days' Pay Not Enough
The situation has now reached a point where at least the three-day work week must be put into full operation to avoid White House action, said a high White House official.

Only the return of the men to work by today, or evidence by noon that they are returning immediately will make it possible

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Russians Abandon Berlin Blockade

BERLIN, Jan. 30.—(AP)—The Russians dropped their "little blockade" tactics early today and allowed road traffic to flow normally from the west to Berlin for the first time in ten days. Soviet guards, obviously acting on higher orders, passed all trucks through the frontier posts at Berlin and Helmstedt, 100 miles to the west, with only perfunctory checks.

The Soviets did not give any reason for the armistice, just as they never gave any official reason for starting their highway heckling. It was assumed, however, the slowdown began in retaliation for the seizure of the Berlin railway headquarters building by West Berlin police acting on orders from the U.S. commandant in Berlin.

The railways and the building are administered by the Soviet-backed east zone government. U.S. officials later ordered the west Berliners to evacuate the building, which is in the American zone.

Allied officials concluded that the Soviet objective was more psychological than anything else. One allied spokesman commented:

"The Russians made their point. They showed the Germans and still the zone and Berlin in the middle of it. Whenever they think the West Berliner is getting too cocky, they turn these things on and off like a spigot."

Meanwhile two protests filed with the Soviet authorities by the American, British and French commandants went unanswered.

Pastor Plans To Appeal Morals Case Conviction

BENTON, Ill., Jan. 30.—(AP)—A circuit court jury has convicted a former Baptist pastor of statutory rape of a 14-year-old member of his congregation. The jury, which returned its verdict Saturday, found James L. Pettit's punishment at two years in prison.

Pauline Fowler, who is eight months pregnant, testified Pettit, 52, told her their relations were "a matter of the flesh only and do not bother the soul."

Pettit, married and the father of two grown children, denied the girl's story. His attorney said the case will be appealed.

GAS KILLS BOAT OWNER

EVERETT, Jan. 30.—(AP)—John P. Seat, 53, of Everett, lost his life here yesterday because snow and ice had sealed up the cabin of his 36-foot cruiser.

Snohomish county coroner Kenneth Baker said Seat was killed when carbon monoxide leaked into the cabin from the boat's gas engine. The tightly closed—and sealed—doors and windows shut out the fresh air.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Prolonged continuance of snowfalls suggests that those who were disappointed in their dreams of a white Christmas might seek consolation in dreams of a white Fourth of July.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
COMMUNIST Russia "recognizes" the new Indonesian republic, which already has a rebellion on its hands. The rebellion is LED BY COMMUNISTS.

The leaders of the young Indonesian nation (who seems to be trusting souls) are reported from Jakarta, their new capital, to be "taking heart and pleasure from Soviet Russia's surprise action in extending diplomatic recognition to them."

They think Russia will help them lick their own communists!

WHAT Moscow wants, of course, is to get a Russian embassy into Indonesia so that it can use the embassy staff as spies and saboteurs to upset the Indonesian government and bring Indonesia into the communist fold.

THE Jakarta dispatch adds:

"The Indonesian leaders also saw the Russian action as an unexpected, but welcome, lever to

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Gunmen Stage Robbery In Home-To-Store Trip

PORTLAND, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Gunmen held a woman and her son as hostages to force a chain store manager to drive from his home to the store and open the strongbox Saturday night.

Police said Wesley K. Bailey and his son, 14, were taken from the home while one gunman remained with Mrs. Bailey.

The gunman held a revolver muzzle to the body of the boy while Bailey drove to the store and opened the safe. He was then forced to return to the home, where the two gunmen lined the family up along the wall before fleeing. The telephone wires had been cut earlier.

The amount of cash in the store safe—the Saturday receipts—was not disclosed.

Earlier the same night, two masked men held up a cleaning establishment and fled with \$475 in cash.

Maximum Salaries Are Listed For Teachers In Rural Schools

County Board Order Guides In Preparing District Budgets

Maximum salaries of \$3,000 average for elementary teachers and \$3,300 average for high school teachers will be allowed by the rural school board for Douglas county schools governed by the board. This includes all schools except the Roseburg district.

The statement of policy, signed by Gilbert Weaver, chairman, and Kenneth F. Barnburg, secretary, has been mailed to all school officials of local school districts for their guidance in preparing budgets to be submitted for the 1950-51 school year.

The rural board suggests that \$2,800 be the starting elementary grade salary for normal school graduates who have had no previous teaching experience. This same amount is suggested for those teaching on emergency certificates who meet all the Oregon requirements for regular certification except for the courses in Oregon history and school law. The board suggests \$2,500 salary for anyone teaching on an emer-

gency certificate who lacks more than the Oregon history requirements.

Other Maximums Set
An additional \$400 for each high school will be allowed for extra curricular activities. A maximum of \$3,000 is recommended for high school teachers with provisional certificates.

Maximums permitted for elementary principals serving as administrative heads of districts range from \$3,100 for a two-teacher school on a graduated scale up to \$4,750 for a school with 15 or more teachers.

Maximums permitted for high

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LOOKING OVER THE PHONIES—U. S. Secret Service and New York officials look over some \$200,000 in surplus money seized in a raid in New York. The raid was described as the smashing of a plot to flood the Far East with excellently-made counterfeit money. Left to right: A. E. Whitaker of U. S. Secret Service, Police Capt. Raymond McGuire, Commissioner William O'Brien and U. S. Attorney Irving Saypol. (AP Wirephoto).