

Flood Damages Water Systems Of Four Towns

Cheers For M'Kay, Chills For Flegel In Verbal Duel

(By the Associated Press)
Governor Douglas McKay and his Democratic opponent, Austin Flegel, pounded away at each other today as the fall political campaign neared its climax in Oregon.

The two tangled in an unprecedented session before the Portland chamber of commerce here Monday. It was the first time the rivals had appeared on the same platform.

It was a cool — occasionally hostile — audience for Flegel, but his aplomb was unshaken. He had sharp words for McKay's record and McKay's aims.

McKay, warmed by cheers from businessmen present, responded in kind.

Flegel's principal criticism was that the McKay administration had done little to get more cheap electricity for Oregon and more favorable freight rates. He asserted the two were needed for Oregon's industrial growth.

McKay hotly replied he had done everything possible — short of supporting a CVA, which he said he abhors — to gain the additional power and to lower freight rates.

Flegel chilled the crowd at the start by characterizing the chamber of commerce as "one of the most partisan organizations in Oregon." He accused its members of a "belief that the larger proprietors should be the chief beneficiaries of state government."

By the time he finished the audience was openly hostile.

When McKay stepped forward a long, cheering ovation forced him to wait for minutes.

Flegel nonchalantly accepted the hostility to him. "I didn't know there were this many Republicans left," he taunted.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

For an hour I've been reading the teletype, trying to think of something to write that would be worth reading. . . . About all I can think of to say is "Ho-hum."

There's a tradition in our business that when the news gets to the ho-hum stage and stays there for several days all hell is due to break loose soon.

Rumors that red Chinese are fighting alongside the red Koreans in what is left of North Korea are growing in number and plausibility.

But I have the feeling that the Kremlin boys don't relish the licking they've taken in Korea and would like to do something about it.

In Boston, discovery of an inexpensive drug that seems to act like ACTH, the wonder hormone, is announced to the American College of Surgeons.

The new drug fires up our adrenal glands to produce more cortisone. . . . Both ACTH and cortisone bring dramatic relief from rheumatoid arthritis, knock

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Flood, Then Fire Erase Asst. Fire Chief's Home

It was double trouble for Ray Norton Jr., assistant fire chief at Myrtle Creek, according to reports received here.

Norton, who lived near the bridge at the south end of town, evacuated his family. He returned to get some possessions, but found his home in flames.

The fire department could not get in to put out the fire.

What was left of the home reportedly was washed away by the flood.

Sutherland Seaman Killed In Korean Naval Action

According to an Associated Press report from Washington today, Seaman I-C Harry C. Hudson Jr., husband of Mrs. Ida Kay Hudson of Sutherland (previously reported wounded), was killed in action while serving with the USN in the Korean area. This report originated from the U.S. Defense department.

'DEATH SIGN' DEFIED

Youth Names Nine Cops As Bookie Ring Grafters

NEW YORK — (AP) — A youth braved the dread "death sign" in court Monday and named nine policemen as grafters in a Brooklyn bookie ring.

It was the latest turn in the Kings county grand jury gambling probe that has shaken New York with one revelation of police corruption after another.

The names of the accused police were not made public, but were sent on to the new reform

police commissioner, Thomas F. Murphy.

The witness, 22-year-old Charles Tomack, gangling and pasty-faced, told how he was lured into the racket at the age of 16 and then piled up a record of 10 gambling arrests — half of them phony — dope addiction, and finally burglary of a drugstore to get more dope.

Tomack started to talk when he was called up for sentencing on the burglary charge. The minute he opened up, County Judge Samuel Leibowitz, who has been supervising the rackets grand jury, brushed aside the schedule and told Tomack to keep talking.

Suddenly Leibowitz ordered his courtroom cleared, saying unknown spectators had made the terrifying "death sign" to Tomack.

This is a gesture imported from Europe — a finger knuckle bitten and pointed toward the witness. It has frozen many men and women

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Former Son-In-Law Of F.D.R. Kills Himself

John Boettiger Dies In Leap Of 7 Stories

Mentally Ill Man Gains Open Window In Room After Dodging Nurse

NEW YORK — (AP) — John Boettiger, former son-in-law of President Roosevelt, leaped to his death early today from his seventh-floor hotel suite.

The 50-year-old newspaperman, who married the late President's daughter, Anna, in 1935 after a White House romance, dodged past a male nurse and jumped through an open window.

Associates said Boettiger had been mentally depressed recently, and four days ago took an overdose of sleeping pills.

After his divorce in August, 1949, from the President's daughter, he was remarried. He left two notes, one of them illegible, the other addressed to his present wife. It said: "Good night, darling, we love you."

Mrs. Anna Roosevelt Boettiger, now living in California, charged desertion in her divorce from Boettiger. The two had worked as a team in publishing newspapers in Seattle and in Phoenix, Ariz.

Custody of their only child, John Boettiger Jr., was awarded to her. She has two other children, Eleanor "Sis" and Curtis "Buz" Dall by a former marriage to New York investment banker Curtis Dall.

For the last year, Boettiger has been partner in a Park avenue public relations firm.

Had Nervous Breakdown
Thomas Swanson, the firm's president, said Boettiger had suffered a nervous breakdown a week ago. He had since been under the care of a male nurse, Joseph Payne, at his suite in Manhattan's Hotel Weylin at 40 east 34th street.

Payne said that about 3:30 a.m. today, Boettiger complained of restlessness, and the nurse gave him a sedative. Later on, Boettiger awakened, said he wanted fresh air, and asked that a window be opened.

Payne said he opened the window, then seated himself on a chair with his feet on another chair and his body blocking the window. Boettiger got out of bed, Payne said, then wheeled suddenly and jerked the chair from beneath the nurse's feet. Using the chair to fend off the nurse, Boettiger maneuvered himself to the window and dived through without saying a word.

The pajama-clad body landed on the sidewalk below.

Boettiger's present wife, the former Mrs. Virginia Daly Lunn of Phoenix, Ariz., was reported on route, having been told of the sleeping pill episode. They were married Nov. 1, 1949 at The Hague, the Netherlands. Her former husband was Richard Lunn, step-son of former Senator Wallace White of Maine.

MURDER CHARGE DENIED

OREGON CITY — Wayne LeRoy Long pealed innocent Monday to a murder indictment in the gun slaying of Portland carpenter Walter Rucker. His trial was set for January.

Long is also charged with armed robbery of a Portland branch of the First National bank and wound ing an FBI agent in a gun battle.

into complete silence in the middle of his testimony.

But Tomack kept on, naming nine out of 12 policemen who were paraded before him in private as those who tagged him for "standing arrests" — pre-arranged bookings to make the police look good.

Tomack, who said he had cured his drug habit in jail awaiting sentence, said his boss was Mile Hackmeyer, a Brooklyn bookie with a 50-arrest record who had a \$50,000 bail as a material witness in the probe.

When he was 16, Tomack said, Hackmeyer approached him and asked him to undergo a phony arrest while taking bets at \$2 a day. He consented, and in the next four years worked his way up to a \$100-a-week street corner bookie for Hackmeyer, getting arrested 10 times in all.

Pacific Highway Open In Entirety; Other Roads Shut

SALEM — (AP) — The Pacific highway was open over its entire route through Oregon today as flood waters receded rapidly in southern Oregon.

But the Oregon coast, Redwood, Willamette and Albany-Corvallis highways were still closed.

The highway commission said the section of the Pacific highway between Myrtle Creek and Canyonville is restricted to one-way light traffic.

The coast highway was closed between Coquille and Bandon by high water.

A slide near Lowell still blocked the Willamette highway.

While the Redwood highway was reopened in Oregon, a big washout south of the state line closed this route between Grants Pass and Crescent City.

Both routes between Albany and Corvallis were closed by high water. The CoosBay-Roseburg route was reopened today.

The Tiller-Trail route was closed by a slide three miles above Tiller. The Siuslaw and Umpqua highways were open today after being closed yesterday.

Forget-Me-Not Sale Scheduled By Disabled Vets

Roseburg Dean-Perrine chapter of the Disabled American Veterans will conduct its annual Forget-Me-Not drive on Nov. 3 and 4. Commander Ray C. Lyles announced today.

All funds collected in Roseburg during the Forget-Me-Not drive will help disabled veterans in need. Commander Lyles pointed out that no part of the money will be expended for purposes other than welfare and every cent will remain in this community.

President Truman purchased the first Forget-Me-Not to be sold by the Disabled American Veterans in its national sale this year. The President has endorsed the annual campaign and stated, "This is a welcome opportunity to extend in a small measure our gratitude to those who became disabled defending our nation."

The Forget-Me-Not will be sold by members of the Veterans hospital, Camp Fire Girls, members of the D.A.V. auxiliary and the local D.A.V. chapter. Roseburg's Mayor Albert G. Flegel has endorsed the drive and encouraged all citizens to buy a Forget-Me-Not and support the D.A.V. welfare program.

Commander Lyles said in conjunction with the drive, the D.A.V. welfare, service and rehabilitation work of the local chapter reached a new peak during the past year. He said the large number of World War II veterans drawing disability compensation has greatly increased the work of the local chapter. Lyles asked everyone to support the Forget-Me-Not drive so the D.A.V. can continue to expand its welfare.

North Korean Resistance To Allies Grows

(By The Associated Press)
North Koreans — aided by an undetermined number of Chinese Communist troops — stepped up their resistance today against United Nations forces on a 250-mile northern peninsula north below the Communist Manchurian border.

The mountainous front, easily penetrated by allied spearheads, has now become a blazing check-board. The Communist aim apparently is to stall United Nations forces until wintry blasts freeze the campaign into another year.

A U.S. army spokesman in Washington said the belated appearance of Chinese troops shows Red China's determination to protect the huge Suho-Supong power dam on the Yalu river which supplies electricity for Manchurian points as distant as Harbin and the Russian naval base at Port Arthur.

Field dispatches indicated the Reds have thrown scores of tanks and heavy guns into the fighting in all sectors.

Against this mounting resistance, the only impressive gain of the day was made by an armored column of the U. S. 24th division. It skirted the British Commonwealth 27th brigade and reached within 33 miles of the border.

Proof of Chinese Aid
An intelligence officer at G. N. MacArthur's Tokyo headquarters confirmed that ten Chinese Reds were captured in North Korea. He added that there is no conclusive evidence that organized Chinese units have entered the fighting.

However, there was this indication of Chinese Communist participation: Chinese prisoners were captured in four widely separated areas. Resistance has stiffened tremendously and there is evidence the North Koreans have received powerful reinforcements and additional armament.

The reinforcements that have come into the fighting are well trained, the intelligence spokesman said. The sudden flurry of counterattacks indicates that the North Koreans are again being directed from a general headquarters, that they have restored their communications and have a definite plan of defense.

South Douglas Routes To Get News-Review Today

The News-Review is making special arrangements today to serve carrier routes into Riddle and Canyonville. Motor carriers were unable to get through to either community Monday. A separate delivery was being organized today to supply the two towns and intervening area.

Washout Closes N. Umpqua Road Above Steamboat

The North Umpqua road is closed indefinitely by a washout four miles above Steamboat.

Reports of widespread flood damage are coming in from the Umpqua national forest, but only a few sections have been contacted and no appraisal of loss is possible at present, Bob Aufderheide, supervisor, reports.

The washout is known to be extensive and will force road closure for several days, the supervisor said. No report has been received concerning road conditions between the washout and Toketee Falls Copco camp. Copco crews are working toward Steamboat. They are expected to report conditions later today.

A slide blocking the North Umpqua road two miles west of Steamboat was cleared Monday.

The Associated Plywood company's bridge across Little river to the Red Butte road was washed out.

As telephone lines to the Tiller ranger station are down, no report has been received from the South Umpqua district, but damage to the South Umpqua river road above Tiller is expected to be extensive, Aufderheide says.

New Pavement Cutting Machine Almost Silent

FRANKLIN, Pa. — (AP) — One of the big city's street noises may be partially stilled thanks to a new machine.

The Joy Manufacturing company announced it has developed a pavement cutting machine which makes relatively little din as it slices through concrete and bricks.

Joy officials said the machine will be a boon to city dwellers who have trouble sleeping because of the ra-tat-tat of pneumatic hammers used by street repair crews.

The new machine, the company said, also will triple the speed and halve the cost of pavement removal operations.

The machine, mounted on rubber-tired wheels, includes two 48-inch wheel cutting elements. Tungsten carbide tipped bits cut dual slots two inches wide in concrete and brick pavements up to 15 inches thick.

When the machines are being turned out on a regular basis, the company said, the price will be about \$35,000 each.

Truck-Switch Engine Collision Kills Driver

EUGENE — (AP) — A train-truck collision near Oakridge killed Earl A. Cottengen, 55, of that town, branch manager of the Lane County Cooperative association today.

State police said Cottengen was driving a co-op pickup truck when the collision occurred with a Southern Pacific switch engine.

New Storm Batters Part Of Flood Area

PORTLAND — (AP) — A new storm struck the battered, flooded southern Oregon and northern California coasts today, and the weather bureau warned the rest of the Pacific Northwest to expect the blow shortly.

The area, struck by winds that claimed five lives, then floods that claimed five more, still has not recovered from successive storms of the past week. High water receded in most places, but still covered some roads today.

Winds up to 40 miles an hour were expected in the new storm from the Pacific ocean. These were not expected to be particularly damaging, but the fear was that heavy rains might also sweep in.

With the ground already soaked, flooding again could result.

Headwater streams that had driven 2,000 people from homes over the weekend were receding almost as fast as they had swirled out of their banks. Some communities were still isolated behind flooded roads and broken or unsafe bridges. Many families in rural southern Oregon were marooned a third day.

Father and Son Drown
The evacuation of a Coquille valley farm family led Monday to the drowning of a Leo A. Landive, 35, and son Dan, age 9. Landive's wife, another son and neighbors Joe Howanick and Tom Iverson struggled ashore when a rowboat capsized in the churning river.

Two of the other victims perished in the same wild Oregon coastal range river earlier.

The Willamette's crest rolled northward today through the heavily populated and fertile farmland valley that stretches 100 miles from Eugene to Portland.

Willamette's Crest Rolls
The Willamette river crest rolled past Albany today, flooding some lowlands and reaching up to 26 feet on the high banks there. That was six feet above official flood level, but the water did not get into the city.

The crest soon reached the Salem area. It was not expected to go above 23 feet at Salem, three feet above flood level, but too low to cause much damage. Only low-lying pastures and rural roads were affected.

At Myrtle Point, Mayor J. M. Meyers said 40 buildings in town and about 250 homes outside the city limits were flooded. He said all residents were safe and he said there was enough food at hand until roads were opened.

In addition to the evacuations at Glenwood and Springfield, a Red Cross official said there were perhaps 600 motorists stranded there when highways were covered. This situation was repeated elsewhere over the weekend.

Safety Instructions Issued By Health Office; Additional Details Of Havoc Are Received

The water supplies of Sutherlin, Myrtle Creek, Riddle and Canyonville have been damaged by the weekend flood. The Douglas County Health department today issued an order that all water in these cities should be boiled before drinking.

The health department also requests all persons having springs and wells as a source of water which were flooded should exercise special care in protecting their health. All drinking water should be boiled, or treated with chlorine, until the source of supply has been thoroughly purified. Information for cleaning and sanitizing springs and wells may be had at the health department office in Roseburg.

Red Cross Field Heads Arrive To Aid Flood Victims

Red Cross Field Supervisor Larry Woods and Miss Edith Olson, assistant director, nursing service, from the San Francisco office, arrived today to assist the local chapter with disaster rehabilitation plans.

Mrs. R. E. Herman, local executive secretary, has been conducting the work in Roseburg, and will continue to do so, with the assistance of the field office advisors.

Also Keith McCoy from the San Francisco office was scheduled to arrive. He will work in the Myrtle Creek section with Mrs. Madge Garley.

The work of rehabilitation will be a long one, said Mrs. Herman. It will consist first of spot checking damaged homes and coordinating information from other agencies. A detailed check will be made later, and final awards to disaster victims will be determined by a local committee.

Red Cross work consists of two phases, said Woods. First is emergency, during the disaster period, and the second is rehabilitation. Disaster cases are met by the Red Cross on a basis of need, plus the fact certain losses must be replaced. Replacements can be made of food, clothing, repair of homes, and replacement of furniture. But each case is determined on an individual basis, he said.

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Freezing Weather Hits Much Of Eastern Oregon

(By the Associated Press)
Freezing weather struck wide sections of eastern Oregon early today, sending the thermometer as low as 22 degrees.

It touched, that low reading at Baker and Prineville, worrying potato growers in the region around Prineville.

Skim ice covered the ground today, but growers had hopes the unharvested potato crop escaped damage, since the mercury soon rose above freezing.

Some of the crop has been dug up, but digging was suspended last week, when heavy storms struck. The growers were to resume today, speeding the process in an attempt to save the rest of the crop.

La Grande and Bend reported lows of 27 degrees, Klamath Falls 26, Burns 28 and Lakeview 32.

Plotters Against Tito Receive Prison Terms

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — (AP) — A former army major and 12 comrades accused of plotting the overthrow of Marshal Tito were given prison terms of from five to 15 years by a district court Monday.

Vilihal Tomasic, 40-year-old former officer in the Yugoslav army, was the leader of the group of peasants, merchants and intellectuals alleged to have distributed leaflets urging farmers to stay out of government-sponsored collective farms and to sabotage government grain collections. He also was accused of seeking aid from American and other foreign embassies.

Tomasic was sentenced to 15 years.

Shoots His Son-In-Law In Mistake For Squirrel

PEORIA, Ill. — (AP) — A Peoria man was in serious condition today from a bullet wound in the head because he was mistaken for a squirrel by his father-in-law.

The hunting mishap occurred Sunday on a farm near Carthage, Ill. F. F. Bracken, 35, of Peoria, his father-in-law, Archie Stuart of La Hupe, Ill., and two other men were stalking squirrels.

The story related by Bracken's wife, Mary, is that Bracken spied several squirrels in a tall tree. After waiting some time for a shot without glimpsing them again, he climbed the tree hoping to flush them.

As red-haired Bracken worked his way among upper branches of the tree, Stuart caught the glint of sunlight what he thought was a red squirrel. He fired, hitting Bracken near the base of the skull.

Filipino Bandits Loot Train, Kill 3 Employees

MANILA — (AP) — Twenty-five armed bandits netted more than \$60,000 pesos (\$40,000) today in daylight raids on a pay car and a passenger train near Manila.

Three railroad employees were killed and three wounded.

There was no estimate of the money and valuables lifted from passengers.



THE SOUTH APPROACH to the bridge near Ford's at Canyonville on the South Umpqua river was seriously damaged by the flood Sunday. The underpinnings of the approach were ruined by debris carried by the flood waters. The bridge was restored to temporary use today. (Picture by Paul Jenkins.)

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Don't forget to remind Junior that after tonight he must be a 'good little boy' until (and including) Christmas or else.

Cloudy with occasional rain this evening and Wednesday.
Highest temp. for any Oct. 96
Lowest temp. for any Oct. 22
Highest temp. yesterday 52
Lowest temp. at 24 hours 35
Precipitation last 24 hours .06
Precipitation from Oct. 1 12.78
Excess precip. from Oct. 1 10.07
Precipitation from Sept. 1 13.34
Sunset today, 5:07 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6:47