

# 82 KILLED, 500 INJURED WHEN PASSENGER TRAIN LEAPS TRACK

## Easing Of Rail Paralysis Spotty; Parley Continues

By The Associated Press  
The critical and costly tie-up of the nation's railroad transportation appeared easing today as more striking switchmen joined in the back-to-work movements which started Tuesday.

However, there was not a full-scale return across the country marking the end of the "sick call" walkout which started on Jan. 30. Indications were that the crippling week-long stoppage was nearing an end in most parts of the country.

Several bright spots appeared on the troubled rail front following the first major break Tuesday when thousands of switchmen returned to work.

Service was normal on major lines in the New York and New England areas. It was near normal in many other cities. And many carriers expressed hope for normal service soon as the back-to-work movement spread from city to city.

But there were some dark spots, too, in the overall picture. There were a couple of new, although small, walkouts. And not many trains were moving in some of the key rail centers—namely Chicago, St. Louis, Cleveland and the twin cities.

The delay in a full return to work delayed the recall of thousands of workers in rail-related industries. More than 250,000 had been made idle in the last week because of the rail work stoppage.

Despite the apparent growing back-to-work moves, the Defense Transport Administration in Washington ordered trucks to give top priority to movement of vital government shipments and to help break the log jam of undelivered mail.

A railroad spokesman in Washington said that "any idea that the show is over is completely erroneous." He said that for every group that goes back to work "there's another bunch that goes out."

The situation in Chicago, where about 95 percent of the normal freight movements were paralyzed, remained serious. Only one of 24 carriers—the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy—reported a near normal number of workers, 68, on the job early today.

The number of switchmen back to work on the Milwaukee, the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern and the Chicago and Eastern Illinois, was far below normal, the army's railroad control office said.

The back-to-work movement appeared not developing in some parts of the west. But there were signs of the walkout ending on the Union Pacific line in San Francisco, Los Angeles and other far west cities.

Mediation Continues  
The national mediation board met with rail union leaders in Washington and obtained written demands from the four brotherhoods involved in the negotiations with the carriers in the long-standing wage-hours dispute.

The carriers are insisting on terms of an agreement signed last Dec. 21, calling for a 25-cent hourly wage hike for yard service employees and a 10-cent raise for road service workers.

Both the unions and the carriers remained "on call" from the board today.  
The contempt case continued in (Continued on page Two)

# The News-Review

Established 1873 ROSEBURG, OREGON—WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1951 ★ ★ 32-51

## Teachers Request Pay Boost

### Custodians, Clerks Join Application

Living Costs Coverage, Adjustments Desired, School Officials Told  
Employees of the Roseburg school district have asked for a cost of living raise.

Three employees committees, representing teachers, custodians and clerical help of the district, appeared at the Roseburg school board meeting Monday to request a cost of living raise and working conditions' adjustments.

Paul S. Elliott, city school superintendent, said the committees showed definitely that prices and living expenses had increased 11 percent since the last cost of living adjustment in 1949.

The city school superintendent reported the school teachers and custodians requested approximately a nine percent adjustment on the average salary with increments to be set at \$110 per year.

Representing the teachers at the meeting were the following members of the welfare committee: Ralph Scudder, senior high; Mrs. Dorothy Spencer, junior high; Mrs. Maxine Burt, Benson; Mrs. Thelma F. Eshman, Riverside.

Students Exceed Polio Fund Goal  
The Roseburg Senior high school students have completed their March of Dimes campaign and collected \$175 over their \$500 goal.

The freshmen class won the inter-class trophy for raising the most money of the four high school classes. The freshmen collected \$227.40 which was an average of 79 cents per student.

Woman Gets Probation On Forgery Sentence  
Lois Irene Lewis, 24, a Bond waitress, was sentenced here Tuesday to serve one year in the Oregon State penitentiary and placed on probation by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly.

U.S. Casualties Nearing 48,000 In Korean War  
WASHINGTON — (AP) — Announced U. S. combat casualties in Korea have reached 47,388, an increase of 574 in a week.

The Weather  
Showers today, tonight and Thursday.

## Allies Gain Initiative, Maul Reds At All Korean Points; Seoul Now Within Gunshot

By OLEN CLEMENTS  
TOKYO — AP — Allied ground forces smashed forward today with three powerful tank-columns to the last hills guarding the plains of shattered Seoul.

American doughboys with flashing bayonets drove Reds from vital heights at one point. The Chinese and Korean Reds were digging in for a new stand on the ridges just south of Seoul.

Sacrifices Life To Aid Comrade; Medal Awarded  
Linn E. Kibler, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kibler, Look-in-glass route, Roseburg, has been posthumously awarded the silver star medal for bravely rendering medical aid to his wounded comrade at the sacrifice of his own life.



Linn E. Kibler, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kibler, Look-in-glass route, Roseburg, has been posthumously awarded the silver star medal for bravely rendering medical aid to his wounded comrade at the sacrifice of his own life.

Private Kibler was awarded the United States' third highest decoration for gallantry in action against the enemy on Nov. 11 near Kumi-ri, Korea, while a member of the First cavalry division.

Greyhound Line Ends One Strike, May Face Second  
PORTLAND — (AP) — As one Greyhound bus tie-up ended here Friday, another threatened.

Senate OKs Sale Of Colored Oleo  
SALEM — (AP) — Sale of colored oleomargarine in Oregon was approved 16 to 14 by the Senate today.

Operation Rids Woman Of 304-Pound Tumor  
BURNIPS, Mich. — (AP) — An operation reduced the weight of Mrs. Gertrude Levandowski by half.

Roseburg Mail Service On Restricted Basis  
Postmaster L. L. Wimberly said mail service from Roseburg continued to operate on a restricted basis Tuesday during the strike of switchmen.

Boy Scout Judge Sends Two Drunks To Jail  
Kenneth Reeder of scout troop 93, substituting for Municipal Judge Ira B. Riddle during the annual Boy Scout civic day, reported the disposition of two cases in court Wednesday.

Dewey Slates Speech  
NEW YORK — (AP) — Gov. Thomas E. Dewey will deliver "an important address on foreign policy" on Feb. 12.

## Corporations Fight Income Tax Proposal

Consumer Would Stand Bill, Spokesmen Tell Oregon's Legislators  
By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.  
SALEM — (AP) — Electric, telephone and railroad companies protested to the house tax committee that if they are forced to pay corporation income taxes, the consumer would have to pay the bill.

Utilities now are exempt from corporation income taxes, but the committee is considering a bill to take away this exemption. The bill would give the state about \$1,000,000 a year in extra revenue.

Clarence Phillips, Portland General Electric company attorney, said his company already pays \$5,153,000 a year in taxes, of which \$2,684,000 goes to the state, counties and school districts.

He said that if the bill is passed, his company would have to obtain a rate increase. Phillips said the bill would result in double taxation.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company representative, Bruce Pickett, Salem, protested the bill as "unfair."

Lobbyists for the Portland chamber of commerce and the Portland retail trade bureau favored lower taxes on all business. They said high taxes would keep business from coming to Oregon.

Fireworks Ban Fought  
The legislature's education committee opened a long series of public hearings on the bills to reorganize the state's school system.

Fireworks wholesalers pleaded with the house state and federal affairs committee to kill the Senate-passed bill to outlaw fireworks.

License Fee Cut Opposed  
The senate game committee voted to kill bills by Sen. Ben Day, Gold Hill, to change the non-resident fishing and hunting license fees.

Under the bills, the fishing and hunting licenses for non-residents would cost the same as the non-resident's home state charges.

Senate OKs Sale Of Colored Oleo  
SALEM — (AP) — Sale of colored oleomargarine in Oregon was approved 16 to 14 by the Senate today.

Operation Rids Woman Of 304-Pound Tumor  
BURNIPS, Mich. — (AP) — An operation reduced the weight of Mrs. Gertrude Levandowski by half.

Roseburg Mail Service On Restricted Basis  
Postmaster L. L. Wimberly said mail service from Roseburg continued to operate on a restricted basis Tuesday during the strike of switchmen.

Boy Scout Judge Sends Two Drunks To Jail  
Kenneth Reeder of scout troop 93, substituting for Municipal Judge Ira B. Riddle during the annual Boy Scout civic day, reported the disposition of two cases in court Wednesday.

## Pennsylvania R.R. "Broker" Plunges From Overpass Into Street Of New Jersey City

WOODBRIDGE, N. J. — AP — A crowded commuter train plunged off a newly-erected trestle last night, killing 82 persons and injuring about 500. It was the nation's worst train wreck in 32 years.

Throughout the night and far into today, rescue workers hacked through the twisted mass of wreckage. They said other bodies still may be found in the crumpled coaches and debris.

The 11-car Pennsylvania railroad train, "The Broker," swerved wildly and jumped the tracks as it sped onto the midtown overpass. The cars, jack-knifing crazily, hurtled down a 20-foot embankment.

The new, temporary overpass had been put in service only five hours before the crash. In Newark, the FBI said it was investigating to determine "whether sabotage was involved."

Prominent Citizens Among Victims  
The railroad, conducting its own probe, said it could offer no immediate explanation for the cause of the wreck. The dead included bankers, lawyers and businessmen, prominent in their localities and civic life, most of them home-bound from New York City offices.

The rush-hour crackup was the worst in the nation since 1918 when 115 were killed in a Nashville, Tenn., wreck, and more disastrous than a 1943 accident outside Philadelphia that took 80 lives.

It was the third major train wreck in the metropolitan area in less than a year. A total of nearly 200 died in the three crackups.

Engineer Joseph H. Fitzsimmons, a veteran of 33 accident-free years on the road, blamed the overcrowded coaches and the new trestle for the tragedy.

Alive but injured, the 57-year-old Fitzsimmons said from a hospital cot: "The moment my engine passed over the trestle and lurched sharply, I felt the rest of the cars would never make it."

"I hit the trestle at about 25 miles per hour and the speed of the train certainly couldn't be blamed for the crash. When I started to sway, I applied the brakes, but it apparently was too late."

The Pennsylvania said six trains passed over the new trestle safely before "the Broker." The railroad said the trestle itself was not a factor in the accident—despite the engineer's statement.

Excess Crowd Aboard  
It was more crowded than usual because another commuter line, the Jersey Central, was knocked out by the switchmen's "sick call" strike. Many central commuters elbowed in with the estimated 900 passengers who daily ride "The Broker."

The big engine left the tracks and plunged in an arc to the pavement of a street below, in this city of 27,000 persons 30 miles south of New York.

Behind it, the first five cars of the train went this way and that in a jumble of jagged steel. Some of them turned over in the thick mud of the embankment. Others stayed upright, grotesquely twisted across the rails or along the embankment.

Passengers were tossed about inside the coaches like dice in a cup. Many were mangled to bits under the grinding weight of sharp, broken metal.

Others survived or died in tomblike crevasses of steel, as some of the cars were bent into a U-shape by the terrible force of the crash. It took about seven hours—until after midnight—to dig and saw the last one clear.

## Louisiana Sheriff Agrees To Testify At Crime Inquiry

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Frank J. Clancy, a Louisiana sheriff, has been given a chance to escape a possible charge of Congress because by telling what he knows about gambling in his county.

The senate crime committee, at the sheriff's request, agreed to hold a hearing here to give Clancy an opportunity to prove he has had a change of heart since he refused to answer many questions at a hearing in New Orleans late last month.

Clancy said then he might incriminate himself by answering the questions, but he since has expressed a willingness to "answer anything."

Chairman Kefauver (D-Tenn.) notified Clancy last week that the crime committee had decided to let him have a chance to "purge himself of contempt." The sheriff notified the committee he would be on hand.

Clancy, who has a 1,000-acre ranch near Kenner, La., is a key political figure as well as the sheriff of Jefferson parish (County), adjacent to New Orleans.

Lush gambling casinos continued to operate openly in the parish while Kefauver's committee was in New Orleans for two days of hearings as part of its nationwide investigation of organized crime.

Shortly after the committee asked the Senate to cite Clancy for contempt, he clamped the lid on gambling in the unincorporated parts of his parish, closing the casinos and yanking out slot machines. He also sent word to the crime committee he would like to testify.

He told reporters before leaving for Washington that he now was ready to "answer anything they ask." He said his new ban on gambling was going to stick as long as he was sheriff, that he was "through with these people."

## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
From Chicago, headquarters of the National Safety Council, we get these figures:  
The U. S. home front experienced its safest year on record in 1950, but accident casualties easily outdistanced U. S. losses in the Korean war. The National Safety Council totaled today the cost of the nation's 1950 accidents, and this is what it shows:

Killed—90,000  
Injured—8,900,000  
Cost in dollars—\$7,700,000,000.

I don't doubt the killed and injured figures, but I find myself a little skeptical as to the alleged dollar cost. On that point, the Safety Council's report says:  
"The estimated \$7,000,000,000 (seven billion seven hundred million) economic loss covers fatal and (Continued on page four)

Fate Of Colored Oleo Sale Proposal In Doubt As Oregon Senate Nears Decisive Vote  
By ESTHER GEDDES  
SALEM — A bill to permit the sale of colored oleo in Oregon is still undecided. If one senator changes his stand from opposing to favoring this bill, it will have a majority in the Senate and will be sent to the House.

## Deer Creek, Glide Vote To Unite School Districts

The Deer Creek school district will consolidate with Glide, according to reports from the election boards of both districts, Kenneth Barneburg reports.

The two districts held a consolidation election Monday, Barneburg said the merger proposal carried by a heavy majority.

The official voting figures must now be examined by the boundary board, which will make the final decision on the consolidation election, Barneburg said. The board is composed of the county school superintendent and county court members.

Woman Gets Probation On Forgery Sentence  
Lois Irene Lewis, 24, a Bond waitress, was sentenced here Tuesday to serve one year in the Oregon State penitentiary and placed on probation by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly.

U.S. Casualties Nearing 48,000 In Korean War  
WASHINGTON — (AP) — Announced U. S. combat casualties in Korea have reached 47,388, an increase of 574 in a week.

The Weather  
Showers today, tonight and Thursday.

Table with weather forecasts and news snippets.

Table with weather forecasts and news snippets.

Levity Fact Rant advertisement by L. F. Reizenstein.