

56 DIE IN FLAMING AIR CRASH

W. VA. BONUS BONDS SOLD

But Oregon's Prospects Differ, Support Lacking, State Treasurer Advises

PORTLAND — (AP) — Oregon, unlike West Virginia, probably could not sell its veterans' bonus bond issue at a public sale, Walter J. Pearson, Oregon state treasurer, said.

That is because industrialists, banks and insurance companies wanted the bonds sold and the bonus paid in West Virginia, he said.

But the veterans' bonus has gained little support in Oregon since the bond sale was stymied by the regional voluntary credit restraint committee, he added.

Wanger's Trial Awaits Medical Report On Lang



WALTER WANGER

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — (AP) Three physicians will examine actor's agent Jennings Lang, probably today, to learn how soon he can discuss the Walter Wanger triangle shooting.

This was decided after a conference among Dist. Attorney Roll; Grant Cooper, attorney for Joan Bennett; and J. W. Ehrlich, attorney for Lang.

At the same time, Ehrlich assured Roll that "Lang has expressed to me his desire to cooperate fully with the authorities."

Wanger, husband of Miss Bennett, is free under \$5,000 bond after admitting to police Chief Clinton Anderson that he shot Lang last Thursday "because he tried to break up my home."

Lang was painfully but not critically wounded in the groin by bullets fired from a pistol at close range.

Meantime, Roll and Chief Anderson studied a private detective's report on activities of Lang and Miss Bennett, presumably Wanger, 57-year-old movie producer, hired the detectives to report on conduct of his 41-year-old actress wife and Lang, 39, her agent for 12 years.

Lang and Miss Bennett have denied any romance.

Neither Roll nor Anderson would even hint at what was in the private eye reports. Roll said they might be used as testimony in a trial.

The officials said a formal charge will be filed against Wanger. He was booked on suspicion of felonious assault.

Locomotive, Derailed Near Yoncalla, Now OK

EUGENE — (AP) — Southern Pacific locomotive, derailed with three top flat cars Saturday near Yoncalla, south of here, was back on its wheels and ready to be re-railed this morning.

The train, an empty with five cars, struck a broken rail while moving about 20 miles an hour, according to the chief dispatcher in Eugene.

The only injuries were bruises received by conductor R. W. Meissner and brakeman J. O. Wallace.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Chicago: Democratic Chairman Frank E. McKinney, defending the administration against charges of corruption, told some 2,000 midwest party leaders at a \$100-a-plate fund raising dinner that "some Republican critics are undermining confidence in government."

He termed these critics "disciples of doubt — trying to sneak into office in a cloud of negative criticism." He attacked them for "belittling every constructive thing accomplished by the government of the greatest nation on earth."

He added: "Their frenzied scramble for power, they are resorting to tactics which are undermining confidence in government itself."

Washington: Republicans met President Truman's assertion that he is taking continued action to clean up the

The Weather

Increasing cloudiness today with rain tonight and Tuesday.

Highest temp. for any Dec. — 70

Lowest temp. for any Dec. — 5

Highest temp. yesterday — 50

Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 33

Precip. last 24 hours — .83

Precip. from Dec. 1 — 2.84

Precip. from Sept. 1 — 14.56

Excess — 3.29

Sunset today, 4:39 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 7:40 a.m.

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DEATH RIDES COLD WAVE

Toll Of Lives In Four Days Mounts To 121

Midwest, East Shiver In Below-Zero Blasts; Yule Shopping In Chaos

By The Associated Press

The cold wave which has taken at least 121 lives in the last four days drove the mercury to new seasonal record lows in the east today.

It was 30 degrees below zero in Houlton, Me., in the early morning.

Sub-zero minimum temperatures were reported in the northern states from the Rocky mountains to New England. There were scattered below zero readings in the Appalachian mountains.

Some moderation was reported in the southeast after temperatures went as low as 5 above zero in the North Carolina mountains and 25 degrees on the seaboard in South Carolina.

Temperatures went upward somewhat in Pennsylvania and from the Ohio valley south; and it was milder in the west and central plains regions.

But a new storm was developing just east of the Rockies. It was expected to bring new snow eastward and draw a new wave of intense cold southward from Canada.

HOUSE-CLEANER NAMED Federal Judge Murphy Accepts Job Of Purging Government Of Grafters

NEW YORK — (AP) — Federal Judge Thomas F. Murphy, an old hand at investigations, has accepted an assignment from President Truman to sweep wrongdoers out of the federal government.

The jurist, who prosecuted the government's perjury case against Alger Hiss, will direct a non-partisan commission designed to take action against public officials who betray their trusts.

Protections for honest office holders also will be set up by the commission.

Murphy, a Democrat, will be given a free hand to direct the job as he sees fit. He will be responsible only to the chief executive.

In Washington, reports persisted that FBI director J. Edgar Hoover would play a key role, along with Murphy.

The word of Murphy's selection came as the administration found itself beset by a wave of scandals uncovered by congressional investigations. Key targets have been the bureau of internal revenue and the justice department.

In New York, Murphy confined his statements on his talks with the President to the single assertion that any investigation of corruption, "wherever it might be, would be 100 percent investigation."

Murphy will not leave his lifetime post on the federal bench to direct Mr. Truman's investigation. It was understood that he will be given a leave of absence after clearing his docket.

High Reputation Earned

At 46, the husky, mustached jurist has a wide reputation as an investigator. He headed the criminal section of the U. S. attorney's office in New York before gaining national prominence by successfully prosecuting Hiss, a former State department official, of lying to a federal grand jury.

Last March, when Murphy was New York city police commissioner, Price Stabilizer Michael Di Salle asked him to head the enforcement bureau of the Office of Price Stabilization. Murphy turned the post down with "regret."

Edward Morgan got the job.

Judge Murphy was appointed to the bench succeeding federal judge Harold R. Medina, who was moved up to the circuit court of appeals.

As New York city police commissioner, Murphy was known as a reform official expected to clean up the department, torn by disclosures of crooked cops linked to gamblers.



THOMAS F. MURPHY Chosen For Purge

Brakeman Dies Trying To Stop Runaway Train

L'ANSE, Mich. — (AP) — Death was the price brakeman John Chapman had to pay for his heroic but futile effort to keep a runaway train from piling up on an icy northern Michigan track.

Chapman, 45, died Sunday of the injuries he suffered in the Friday night wreck near this Lake Superior city. The crash also killed fireman James B. Bennett, 40, and injured two other crewmen.

The train, carrying a cargo of copper, logs and scrap metal, ran into trouble while climbing a steep grade between here and Marquette, Mich., in a blizzard. The engine and 22 cars started to skid on icy tracks, and the brakes were useless because of a frozen air-line. So Chapman and a companion climbed to the top of the bounding line of cars and tried in vain to apply the hand brakes. The train's momentum was too much for them. The locomotive overturned at the curve and plowed eight feet into the ground.

Chapman's companion, Joseph Raake, and engineer John Brogan are expected to recover from the injuries they suffered. The brakeman died in the St. Joseph Medical center in Hancock.

3 Persons Injured In Auto Mishap

Three persons were injured Saturday when a convertible failed to make a curve four miles north of Rice hill, state police said.

Injured were the driver, Carol Ann LaMarr, 18; her husband, William, and a passenger John Mollett.

Mrs. LaMarr was cited for violation of basic rule.

Officers said the driver lost control on the curve and plowed over a shoulder. LaMarr and Mollett were treated for minor injuries and released from Community hospital. Mrs. LaMarr suffered broken ribs and remained in the hospital.

In an accident Sunday morning, Jack Scherer, about 47, Sutherlin, suffered minor injuries when he lost control of his car and ran into a ditch containing three feet of water. He told police the lights of an oncoming car blinded him. The accident occurred about six miles north of Roseburg.

Scherer was treated at Mercy hospital and released Sunday afternoon.

Burglars Loot Nielsen's Market

Burglars entered Nielsen's market, S. Stephens St., early today and took \$299.50 in assorted packaged goods from the store's safe, Deputy Sheriff Ira Byrd reports.

The lower door on the safe was forced off, but the upper door, which enclosed the main cash drawers, withstood their attempts, Byrd said.

Entrance was gained by forcing that a padlock on the side door.

Some merchandise, including seven or eight cases of cigarettes, were also taken, the officers said.

The market is being dusted for fingerprints.

Byrd said a wave of similar thefts had been reported, and warned merchants to take precautions against robbery. He said thieves are operating in Medford, Grants Pass and along the coast.

Hungary Unveils Huge Statue Of Joseph Stalin

BUDAPEST, Hungary — A bronze statue of Joseph Stalin, 26½ feet tall and mounted on a stone pedestal 32 3/4 feet high, was unveiled here Sunday. It considerably dwarfs a nearby statue of George Washington.

It was a tribute to the Soviet prime minister, who will be 72 years old next Friday.

The official Hungarian Communist newspaper, Szabad Nep, in an editorial called Stalin, "the greatest figure in Hungarian history."

To make room for the huge statue, several buildings were demolished. One was a Roman Catholic church.

Tipton Buys Permin's Interest In Agency

G. W. (Bill) Tipton announced that he has purchased Carl Permin's interest in Tipton and Permin Insurance agency, effective as of Dec. 1.

The business, located at 214 W. Cass, has been renamed Tipton Insurance agency. Walter Ackley is associated with the agency.

Permin entered partnership with Tipton in 1948. He has announced no immediate future plans.

Tipton returned to Roseburg Nov. 2, after having served 15 months in the navy. During that time he was stationed at Astoria.

Tax Scandal Extends Probe To New York City

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Revenue Commissioner John B. Dunlap says he has more than 65 special agents investigating reports of heavy tax shakedowns and other irregularities in New York.

The top federal tax collector told a news conference the New York probe has some "exceptionally tough problems."

"It covers the entire waterfront," he said in a generality meaning it was broad enough to go into all phases of the situation in the nation's biggest city and biggest tax-paying community.

Short-Change Artist Busy In Oregon Cities

SALEM — (AP) — A Salem drug-store reported that a short-change artist duped the store cashier out of \$40. Police said they had reports that in similar operations an Albany theater lost \$20 earlier in the day and a Grants Pass establishment \$60 Friday.

Tiller Man Fatally Hurt On Highway

Ray E. Rayer, Logger, Pinned Between 2 Cars At Own Halted Auto

Ray Estle Rayer, 34, Tiller, died in Forest Glen hospital, Canyonville, this morning from injuries received when he was pinned between two cars three miles east of Canyonville, reports Deputy Sheriff W. I. Worrall.

Attempts are being made to notify Rayer's wife, who is en route to Cedar, Utah, to attend the funeral of her father.

Worrall said the accident occurred near the A. Brown ranch on highway 227 when the ignition system of the Rayer vehicle shorted out. Rayer pulled his car to a stop in the left lane of the road, the officer reported, and was attempting to repair the faulty wiring.

A car going toward Canyonville passed the stalled car, and the lights from it blinded Richard Endicott Worthington, who was traveling in the opposite direction, the deputy sheriff said.

Edward Pickett, a passenger in the Rayer car, warned the victim that a car was approaching. Rayer attempted to leave the side of the car, but was caught between the Worthington vehicle and his own.

Worrall said Rayer was rolled between the two machines, and was crushed.

He was taken to the Canyonville hospital shortly after the accident, which happened about 6:35 Sunday night. This morning at 8 he died of internal injuries.

Says Accident Unavoidable

Worthington said he was unable to see the car until he was too close to avoid the accident. His car was driven into the ditch, and went 24 feet past the Rayer car, Worrall said. He was not cited.

Riding with the victim were his daughter, 15, and son, Dwayne, 10, and Pickett. They escaped injury.

Occupants of the other car were also uninjured.

Damage to the cars was negligible, the deputy sheriff reported.

Rayer was employed as a cat-skinner for the Powell Logging company at Tiller.

The body has been removed to Grants mortuary, Myrtle Creek, and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Love-Marriage Adviser Passes On At Age Of 90

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — Dorothy Dix, who ministered to the nation's heartaches for a half a century, died at Touros infirmary Sunday at the age of 90.

Miss Dix, whose real name was Mrs. Elizabeth Meriwether Gilmer, received thousands of letters from persons seeking advice on personal problems, usually pertaining to love or marriage.

During the half century that her syndicated column was published her humor and understanding drew the confidence of men and women from all corners of the globe.

"People tell me things," she once said "that you would think they wouldn't even tell to God."

Behind the cheerful exterior was a career torn by misfortune. She married at 18. Her husband, George O. Gilmer, was incurably stricken. She nursed him and carried on her writing. There were no children.

Automobile Hubcaps Loot Of Petty Thieves

Hubcaps may still be registered at the Roseburg police department, reports Police Chief Ted Mazac.

The registration program was begun recently after a number of car owners reported hubcaps missing.

Each of the ornaments are numbered on the inside, and the number is recorded in police files. Mazac said the measure was taken to aid in identifying caps that may be recovered.

Owners of Cadillac have been hardest hit by the thieves. One man left his Cadillac at the airport and returned to find all the ornaments missing. They are worth about \$9 each.

Oxbow Ranch In Eastern Oregon Changes Owners

BAKER, Ore. — (AP) — The Oxbow ranch, a showplace layout in the Blue mountains near Prairie City, was sold at auction over the weekend for a reported \$98,000.

Its famed herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle was broken up and sold at auction in Ontario, Ore., for \$448,000.

The 12,000-acre ranch itself went to Oliver Abney of Lind, Wash., for a price that Blaine Hallock, Baker attorney, said was \$450,000. Hallock represented the former owners, the Grafe-Caliban Co., of Los Angeles.

Abney said he would stock the ranch with Herefords.

Safe Withstands Yeggs Bar Building Suffers

PORTLAND — (AP) — Burglars attempted to crack a safe at the Mixermobile Manufacturers plant here Sunday. They almost cracked the building.

Police arrived at the scene after an explosion to find evidence that the burglars had plastered an explosive around the door of the safe, and covered it with mud. In the mud were stones.

The safe withstood the blast, but the building was riddled by stones, which shattered partitions and windows and even were imbedded in the ceiling. The frustrated safecrackers fled before police arrived.

Goldenweds To Skate

MAYNARD, Mass. — (AP) — A skating party on Christmas day will highlight the golden wedding observance of Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Larkin of 8 Hillside street.

The couple have gone skating on each wedding anniversary with the exception of last year when there was no ice.

He is 73, she's 71. Mr. Larkin has worn the same skates since she was nine.

Korean Reds Claim Seizure Of 2 Islands

SEOUL — (AP) — The North Korean Red radio station said Communist troops have recaptured two yellow sea islands off the West coast of Korea.

A communique broadcast from Pyongyang, the Red capital, and monitored here said Communist troops killed, wounded or captured 174 U. N. soldiers in the amphibious operation.

There was no confirmation from U. N. sources.

The Reds retook three other islands off Northwest Korea about two weeks ago. The U. N. command confirmed that.

Airliner Smashes Into New Jersey Riverbank; Heroic Pilot Dodges City

ELIZABETH, N. J. — (AP) — A flaming Florida-bound airliner — its pilot battling it to the end — missed a mid-town zone by yards Sunday, then smashed into a riverbank fringed with buildings. All 56 persons aboard perished.

It was the nation's second worst commercial airline disaster, topped in horror only by the death of 58 persons June 24, 1950, in the Lake Michigan crash of a New York-to-Minneapolis plane.

But onlookers called it a miracle that hundreds didn't die as the two-engine plane rattled windows and shook the very earth in its death plunge. Terrified, screaming children fled its path.

It crashed in the only fairly open space for a mile around. Even then it clipped a vacant home and smashed an unused water pumping station, slightly injuring one man.

"I kind of think he hit the spot intentionally to save us," a resident said of the pilot, Albert C. Lyons of Miami.

And another spectator of the grim drama as Lyons fought the burning, sinking plane, parking lot operator J. P. Ward, added:

"The pilot ought to have a place in heaven for trying to save it."

The unscheduled C-46 plane took off from nearby Newark airport at 3:02 p.m. It crashed seven minutes later. It was headed for Tampa and Miami, with 48 adult passengers, four children, a three-man crew and a stewardess.

It was scant three miles from the airport when it came down in this city of more than 100,000 population. Elizabeth is about 19 miles from New York City.

It was the first crash in 23 months of an unscheduled airliner — one that takes off on an irregular schedule, usually when it has a full load. The plane was operated by Miami Airline, Inc. The line has been in operation since March, 1946, and its five planes have flown more than 100,000,000 passenger miles.

The ill-fated plane seemed to be in trouble even before it cleared the ground in its takeoff. Its right engine was smoking badly and emergency crews had sprung to an alert.

Public Anger Spurs Probe

State and federal officials began an immediate probe into the tragedy, goaded by the white-hot anger of townspeople who long have complained of the shuddering terrifying thunder of plane takeoffs.

Only a few weeks ago, residents of Elizabeth threatened to block Newark airport runways with their bodies to end takeoffs over their homes. As a result, the port of New York authority — which operates Newark airport — undertook to build a new runway pointing to the sea instead of Newark and Elizabeth.

Most of the passengers were from New Jersey and New York. A few were from New England, as far north as Maine. Some were returning to their homes in Florida.

Plane Explodes In Air

Robert Collins said he saw two fire engines head toward the plane when field officials sensed it was in trouble. But the vehicles were left in the backwash as the plane was airborne.

Pilot Lyons seemed to realize his trouble and turned the plane around to go back to Newark. But its plume of black smoke mushroomed into ghastly vivid orange flames above the crowded business heart of Elizabeth. People below froze in anguish at the sight.

Flames from the engine cut short Lyons' heroic battle. The

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Like Says "No" To Demos, "Yes" To G.O.P., Report

WASHINGTON — (AP) — U.S. News & World report said today Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has said a final "no" to offers of a Democratic nomination for president, and "yes" to Republicans who want to put his name before the GOP nominating convention.

The magazine added it cannot establish that President Truman had any part, direct or indirect, in the purported Democratic proposals, but it said Eisenhower himself had no doubt his callers "could deliver the nomination."

Pan American Airways' Ground Crewmen Strike

NEW YORK — (AP) — Pan American World Airways sought today to maintain its international schedules in the face of a strike by 610 ground crewmen and flight service personnel to replace strikers as the walkout over a wage issue entered its second day.

The strike also affected Pan American's terminals at Miami, San Francisco, Seattle, Brownsville, Tex., and Honolulu.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Senator Wayne Morse plays safe in backing General Eisenhower for the presidential nomination. Nobody seems to know at this writing whether Ike is a Democrat, a Republican or a political hybrid; and the same may be said of . . . you guessed it.