



THEATRE ROOF COLLAPSES; DEATH TOLL LARGE

EAST COAST PARALYZED BY SNOW STORM

Entire Stretch from the Virginia Capes to Maine Feels Sting of Worst Blizzard of Winter.

Several Cities Are Buried Under White Blankets; Transportation Lines, Wire Systems Crippled.

New York, Jan. 28.—(U. P.)—Sweeping up the Atlantic seaboard from the Virginia capes to Maine, the winter's worst storm held the eastern coast in its grip tonight, with record snowfalls reported from many points, wires down, transportation disrupted and hurried storm warnings being relayed to ships at sea.

The weather bureau here this evening issued the following storm warning: "N. E. storm warning: North of the Virginia capes to Eastport, Maine. Central and north off the Virginia capes, moving N. N. E. Northeast gales tonight, shifting to northwest Sunday, with heavy snow."

Snow was predicted for New England and the vicinity of New York city tomorrow, ceasing about noon, when the storm center would have passed northward off the Maine coast.

Astoria Man Resigns to Answer Klan

William P. O'Brien Retires as President of Chamber Because of Klan's Activities.

Astoria, Jan. 28.—William P. O'Brien, president of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, tendered his resignation to the board of directors this afternoon, declaring that, in view of the activities of the Klux Klan in Astoria, he felt impelled to reply to allegations laid to them and that he did not wish to involve the chamber in personal and religious matters. The board has not acted upon his resignation.

ARMS CONFERENCE MAY END ON FEB. 2

American Delegates Say Parley Has Accomplished Much in Interest of Peace.

Washington, Jan. 28.—While the gradual shaping up of the final accomplishments of the Washington arms conference was at a dead standstill today the subject of Japan's 21 demands to China was deemed tonight the last medium that may offer anything in the nature of a surprise or further reveal an American policy in the parley.

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PUBLIC BACKS STEP TO OPEN UP HIGHWAY

All Interested in Move Expected to Attend Meeting at Courthouse Called for Monday Afternoon.

Delegations From The Dalles and Hood River Will Participate; Suggestions for Work Offered

Thousands of persons applauded the proposal that the Columbia river highway should be reopened without further delay.

Room 301 at the courthouse will be jammed at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon and greater accommodation will be needed, according to present appearances, for the conference of all interested in the subject which has been called by Charles Rudeen, chairman of the Multnomah county commission.

Particularly is interest keen in the conference since it was announced that anyone who wants the highway open, who has a plan to offer, or who will join in a plan involving organization of all agencies concerned.

CHEST DRIVE TO GET UNDER WAY MONDAY

45 Different Appeals and Year's Solicitations Grouped in One Campaign Extending Over Week

\$798,777 Needed for Charitable and Character-Building Agencies; None Exempt From Giving

MONDAY'S COMMUNITY CHEST EVENTS

Early Morning—Everybody in Portland should be on the job of filling Portland's Community Chest.

By Marshall N. Darr The lid is up. Take a look inside. Empty? Yes, today. But before the week ends it will be full.

'SURE, WE'LL HELP,' IS SLOGAN FOR WEEK

THESE little folk and hundreds of others like them who are wards of Portland's institutions depend upon your subscription to the Community Chest for their care and development.



Landis Will Not Bow to Union Men

Arbiter in Chicago Building Trades Declines to Quit; Plans More-Wage Cuts.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—(U. P.)—Federal Judge K. M. Landis, arbiter of disputes in Chicago's building trades, isn't a quitter.

Non-Partisan Head To Face New Arrest After Serving Time

Jackson, Minn., Jan. 28.—(U. P.)—Arthur Townley, president of the Non-Partisan league, will step from jail here after completing a 90-day sentence, following charges of sedition.

Snow Turns Flood As Chinook Passes

Milton, Jan. 28.—Chinook winds melted the snow so rapidly that the water ran down Main street in torrents Thursday, people being taken from stores in automobiles in some instances.

FORMER S. P. AGENT BOYS RUN GAMUT ACCUSED OF THEFT OF BONE BREAKING

Federal Detective Arrests J. O. Dewell of Dayton on Embarrassment Indictment.

Embezzlement of large sums of money from the Southern Pacific company while on the railroad was under government control is charged against James Oliver Dewell, former Dayton, Or., station agent, who was arrested Saturday afternoon at Hickmanville by Tom Word, deputy United States marshal.

One Youth Suffers Some 25 Separate Breaks, Another Seven; Brittleness Is Cause.

Life is just one broken bone after another for Robert Phillips, aged 17 years, son of Dr. R. A. Phillips, 1665 Sandy boulevard. On Friday afternoon, only a few days after he discarded crutches, use of which was occasioned by a fracture of the right bone some months ago, he slipped and fell, a break of the right femur resulting.

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DISASTER IN CAPITAL IS FATAL TO 50

Knickerbocker Movie Theatre Is Crushed by Heavy Weight of Snow During Performance.

Moans and Cries of Injured Heard From Wreckage—The Severe Weather Hinders Rescuers.

Washington, Jan. 29.—(Sunday)—(U. P.)—The death toll in the Knickerbocker theatre mounted steadily as rescuers worked through an all-night blizzard that added to their difficulties.

Estimates at 4 a. m. were that the death list would reach 50, though police said this must stand as a guess until they could get to the remaining bodies still pinned in the wreckage.

Nearly 300 were believed to be still imprisoned under the fallen roof—6 hours after the collapse occurred.

Washington, Jan. 29 (Sunday)—(U. P.)—The collapse of the Knickerbocker movie theatre here Saturday night—Washington's worst disaster in many years—brought a toll of at least 50 dead and 250 injured, according to the latest estimate by police and firemen.

Figures shortly after midnight were: Identified dead, 44; unidentified, 6. Many more believed buried in the ruins.

A heavy layer of snow over a foot deep on the roof during the day is said to have caused the roof to give way. It may be three days before the extent of the disaster is fully known.

Several persons passing on the street came running to the theatre when they heard the terrific noise of the crash.

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Elma Widow Tries To Commit Suicide

Elma, Wash., Jan. 28.—"Mama, I told you I could not live without Will," Mrs. Anna Combes told her mother, Mrs. Moore, shortly after shooting herself at 4:45 o'clock this evening. Her husband, W. A. Combes, died last summer after a lingering sickness, and last week the Combes home was partially destroyed by fire.

More News Resources For the Journal

On Monday, February 6, The Journal will add to its news resources the daily leased wire report of the Consolidated Press Association, a supplementary news service that includes a variety of important news features, among them: A complete financial news report. Business news from all over the country. The Chicago Daily News foreign cables. The David Lawrence dispatch. Sports news features. This service is dedicated primarily to afternoon newspapers and specializes on "today's news today."