

## Bridge Chairman Finds Engineers' Job Done Wrong

Report Given City Council Monday Night Shows Previous Charges Well Founded; Alderman Dancy Tells of Investigation

NOT enough clearance was allowed under several bridges across North Mill creek, designed by the city's bridge engineers who were relieved of their duties last September, to permit the passage of water which flows down this street in flood periods, the city council was informed at its meeting Monday night by Alderman W. H. Dancy, newly appointed chairman of the bridge committee.

The flood which recently occurred when water backed up from the North Winter street bridge, came at a time when the flow was not as great as it has been many times in the past, Mr. Dancy mentioned. Mr. Dancy was not one of the councilmen who opposed the retention of the bridge engineers last summer.

The bridge committee's report on this matter was made as a result of a claim filed against the city for damages resulting from the flood. The property owners affected, since making their first complaint, have filed a bill totaling \$310, but their chief concern is for assurance that the flood will not be repeated.

The committee recommended that at the Winter street bridge, additional room for flood water be provided by placing a 48 inch drain pipe outside the bridge foundation on each side. It proposed to do this before the fills for the approaches are made. The committee was authorized to proceed as it had suggested.

Dredging May Also Be Found Necessary

In addition to this makeshift measure, it may also be necessary (Turn to Page 2, Please.)

## WORST AIR WRECK IN HISTORY OCCURS

16 Lives Lost As Gigantic Monoplane Cracks Up on Southern Jaunt

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LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 20.—(AP)—A pitiful, crumpled mass of wreckage in muddy California beach field 80 miles south of here, marks the greatest disaster in American air transportation. Sixteen persons, eight women and eight men, went to a quick death by fire there last night when one of the most modern sky liners, a trim motor, all-metal transcontinental air transport—Maddux monoplane, cracked up.

All on board were lost, the two pilots and 14 passengers. It was a tribute to the storm, this snuffing out of 16 lives, in the opinion of officials in the preliminary stages of investigation today. A sudden squall from the sea pressed the great monoplane down to earth and its destruction as the pilot was seeking to turn and scurry to safety, in the opinion of D. W. Tomlinson, chief of the operations of the owning company, who today surveyed the wreckage.

Independent investigations are being carried on by the U. S. department of commerce, division of aeronautics representatives, the coroner of San Diego county, and the T. A. T. line officials. A formal inquest, merely to legally identify and release the bodies of the victims to their relatives, will be held tomorrow morning at Oceanside, near the scene. The resumption of the inquest to determine the cause of the accident and fix the responsibility, will not be had until later in the week when field examinations are completed, the San Diego coroner announced.

It was dark, shortly after 6 o'clock last night, when the sky

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## SPEARS TO ARRIVE EARLY NEXT MONTH

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Dr. Clarence Spears, newly elected football coach at the University of Oregon here, will arrive at the local institution by the first of February, Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the university, said today upon his return from Missoula, where Dr. Spears signed the five year contract to coach here.

Dr. Spears will come here by himself, leaving his wife and three children in Minnesota. When spring practice is finished he will return for his family, Dr. Hall said.

The new coach is planning to settle here and is inquiring eagerly as to rents and other living expenses. Dr. Hall said as soon as Dr. Spears has been here long enough to become familiar with real estate values he will purchase his own home as he was a "home man."

## MERCURY HERE CONTINUES TO DROP STEADILY

Cold Spell Establishes New Mark in This State Says Weather Bureau

Temperature in This City Is Lowest in Many Years; No Relief Seen

Welcome rays of sunshine coursed down through an unclouded sky and did their best to warm Mother Earth in the Salem vicinity Monday, but the populace thus favored with a degree of comfort during the day, paid in renewed cold shivers for the clarity of the atmosphere when the sun sank behind the hills and another frigid night set in.

After setting a new low mark for the year and a ten year record of two degrees below zero on Monday morning, the temperature rose to 29 degrees above, the highest mark since last Wednesday in the afternoon.

No Hope of Rise in Temperature Given

Down town thermometers indicated early this morning that the official temperature would be close to Monday's record, and the government forecaster held out no hope of moderation today.

After getting a good start on a silver thaw early Sunday morning, the weather man evidently decided that would be a mistake and sent snow to cover up the icy surface created when rain froze as it fell.

Person, who shoveled away the last three days' covering of the earth Monday, found three distinct strata; on top, three-quarters of an inch of snow; next, a thin layer of ice; below that, a quarter of an inch of tightly packed snow which fell Saturday morning.

City Streets Covered by New Snow Layer

This new snow covered the downtown streets which had been cleared last week, and the tenants of business houses on the streets cleared Monday, enjoyed the thought that a competition for the delay, they had really clean streets instead of a thin sheet of snow which lay where the earlier snow removal operations had been conducted.

Eight blocks of streets were cleared Monday, nearly completing the area of greatest business density.

Thanks to the generous response from individuals and sportsmen's organizations, the birds whose welfare had caused so much concern last week, appeared to be better fed Monday than they would have been under normal circumstances.

Steps had been taken to avert a fuel shortage, but the non-operation of the sawmill made it necessary to haul in wood and run it through the "hog" to supply furnaces which use only this type of fuel, and that resulted in an increase in price.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20.—(AP)—A new cold weather record was established here today (Turn to Page 2, Please.)

## NORTH DAKOTA MAN HELD FOR OFFICERS

Sheriff L. V. Duncanson will leave Mott, North Dakota, Tuesday for Salem, according to a telegram received by O. D. Bow-Pherson, Marion county sheriff, Monday.

The North Dakota official is coming here to take Edward Dornbush, who was arrested near Keizer Monday, on a telegraphic warrant from the middle western state.

Dornbush is charged with removing chattels which were under lien in his former home in Dakota. When arrested at the home of a relative near the Keizer school Dornbush declared that there is a misunderstanding about the deal and that he will be cleared of the charge.

It is thought from the nature of the warrant telegraphed to the local authorities, that Dornbush removed an automobile to this state. It was asked that the automobile be held by the Marion county sheriff.

## District Attorney Denies Oregon Crime Increasing

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Crime in Oregon, instead of increasing as reported Sunday by Arthur E. Benson, clerk of the Oregon supreme court, is actually decreasing, Stanley Myers, district attorney of Multnomah county, declared here today.

Myers took exception to a conclusion of Benson that criminal cases in court had nearly trebled since 1917.

While he did not question the accuracy of Benson's figures, Myers said he believed the court clerk's statements gave a wrong impression. Benson, he indicated, apparently used appeals from all municipal court cases of the

## Still Lost



Maurice Graham, ace of western aviation circles, whose friends are searching for him in the snow-filled mountains of Nevada, where he has been missing for more than a week.

## HUNT FOR GRAHAM IS STILL FRUITLESS

Pilots Return From Search To Report Nothing Seen Of Lost Aviator

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 20.—(AP)—A bonfire on the mountains across Utah lake from Provo, Utah, late tonight resulted in reports that it may have been built by Maurice Graham, missing Western Express pilot.

Little evidence was attached to the reports, however, as officials considered it virtually impossible for Graham to have landed in that vicinity without having been located.

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Jan. 20.—(AP)—After another day of fruitless search for Maurice Graham, Western Express aviator pilot, missing since January 10, planes tonight were collected at two bases in the search area.

Six navy ships from Rockwell field, San Diego, Calif., flew from Las Vegas to Salt Lake City today in wide formation, over the air and route, and returned on the route again at 4 p. m. Milford, Utah, where they were tonight. One Western Air Express plane also was at Milford.

Ten army pursuit planes from Rockwell field and March field, Riverside, Calif., one of them a trim motor transport, and a navy transport plane returned tonight to Las Vegas. The major portion of the Western Air Express searching fleet also was here for the night.

The returning pilots had nothing new to report. Two planes during the day circled Mount St. George, where signals were reported to have been seen, but found nothing.

## Brakeman Crushed When Freight Car Hops From Tracks on Front Street

Ice covered tracks caused a box car to jump the track and crush the body of a brakeman into the local platform of the Terminal Ice and Cold storage plant on Front street about 6:15 Monday evening.

Rudolph L. Bronlewe, 47, the brakeman for the Oregon Electric switch engine, was removed from between the car and the platform and taken to the Salem General hospital by ambulance.

A report from the hospital late last night revealed that the man was not seriously hurt although he had suffered a crushed thigh and leg as well as a broken foot. The injuries were quite painful but the man is holding up well, according to the report.

## Man Accused of Having Bitten Officer's Finger; Mayhem Charge Pushed

A. C. Iverson was arrested by local police Monday on a justice court warrant charging mayhem. Iverson was alleged to have bitten Officer Davis of the local police force, on the finger November 20, so severely that Davis has been unable to work since. Davis was arresting Iverson on a charge of drunkenness at the time.

Iverson will be arraigned in justice court today.

MASSEY GETS NOD PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Law Massey, Philadelphia featherweight, was awarded the decision over Battling Battalino, world's featherweight champion, in a 10 round bout featuring the card at the arena tonight. The title was not at stake. Massey weighed 127 pounds, Battalino 127 1/2.

## FAMILIES ARE MAROONED BY FLOOD WATER

Red Cross Makes Arrangements for Rescue of People in Boats

Situation in Arkansas Area Rapidly Growing Worse Reports State

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The western branch of the American Red Cross tonight was notified that between 100 and 150 families were marooned by the flood waters of the St. Francis river in the Big Lake district of Arkansas. They were without means of rescue, the Red Cross was told.

The Red Cross made arrangements for construction of six flat bottom boats at Blytheville, Ark., to bring the families out and shipped outboard motors from here to power the craft.

"The situation steadily grew worse today," the Red Cross said, "and a two-foot rise is forecast by tomorrow night. The water is up to the eaves of some of the houses already."

The families are from the rural districts of Mississippi county, Arkansas, and they are on the opposite side of the river from Blytheville.

The reports to the local office were made by Walter Ower, disaster representative of the Red Cross, who was sent to Blytheville to direct relief operations.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 20.—(AP)—The St. Francis river broke through its levee today for the tenth time in a week, releasing another sheet of water into the lowlands of its basin.

Approximately 1,200 families have been affected by the floods here, in Missouri and eastern Arkansas, and the American Red Cross began relief work.

The latest break came in the dike 18 miles southwest of Marked Tree, Ark. A crew worked frantically in freezing weather to close the gap, but the skill of government engineers availed nothing, and the river poured through, in vicinity without having been located.

## FIRE ALARM BOXES AUTHORIZED HERE

Automatic System to Be Installed in Salem; Bids Are Called for

Authority for a call for bids on a 60 box automatic fire alarm system to be installed in Salem, was granted by the city council Monday night at the request of Alderman W. H. Dancy, chairman of the fire department committee.

This alarm system, installation of which was recommended by the insurance underwriters, will take precedence in the fire protection improvement program this year over construction of the South Salem fire station.

Recorder Mark Poulsen was instructed to call for bids to be opened in 90 days, as it will require that length of time for the manufacturers of the fire alarm systems to survey the city and

be on the cost.

Mr. Dancy also reported that the fire station was ready to be turned over to the city. He asked, and was granted, authority to obtain bids and purchase furniture and materials necessary to equip the fire station for use.

## Cold Weather Suggestions To Motorists

Cold weather need not be "hard" on your car if you keep it in condition. Here are some suggestions to car-owners:

1. Have your anti-freeze solution tested. Alcohol evaporates and with addition of water after continued driving the mix may be too weak to withstand freezing. Have it checked, you may need to add some anti-freeze.

2. Check your battery. If it is low in strength or the water is low, the battery may freeze up on you, which would mean a new battery.
3. If your car starts hard, you may have faulty spark-plugs or poor electric connections. Have them all checked over to make sure they are in condition. Otherwise you draw down your battery and foul your motor with feeding it too much raw gas.

4. Make sure your chains are well secured; you might lose them.
5. DON'T START YOUR MACHINE IN A CLOSED GARAGE. Also leave a window down slightly when on the road. Ventilation is needed to avoid carbon monoxide.

## Naval Limitation Session To Get Under Way Today; Arrangements Completed

Congress Hears Speech Urging Abolition of Battleship

Renewal of Construction Race Feared by Idahoan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Advocating that all categories of naval ships be clearly defined at the conference opening in London tomorrow, Representative French, republican, Idaho, urged in the house today the abolition of the battleship from the navies of the world.

After a White House conference with President Hoover, the Idahoan addressed his colleagues for an hour. Significance was attached to his views by many because of his position as chairman of the subcommittee which handles appropriations for the navy department.

French said that if the London conference failed to attain definiteness all categories of naval vessels and reasonable limitation in each category, the construction race between the powers would begin again on those ships on which there is no limitation.

Failure of Meet to Cause Great Expense

Discussing the entire subject of armaments from an economic view, the Idahoan said the naval construction program of this country would amount to \$2,000,000,000 within 15 years besides the \$400,000,000 annually for maintenance and operation should the London parley fail. He advocated the scrapping of all vessels which had passed from the use for which they were built, and listed the battleship as the first which should be abandoned.

French contended the battleship was no longer the backbone of the fleet, saying the submarine and aircraft would make it necessary for the largest combat vessels to seek the safest harbors in the next war.

Kellogg Peace Pact Cited by Speaker

"Then from another standpoint," he continued, "the nations have adopted the Kellogg peace pact in which we promise not to engage in an aggressive war. If that is so, and the nations have faith in what they have done, then eliminate this one great expense type of ship—a ship whose greatest use ought to be and will be in attacking another ship of the same type."

The Idaho representative made plain, however, that he was not opposing the scrapping of the battleship unless other nations agreed to do likewise.

## PERRYDALE HOME IS BURNED TO GROUND

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The boy who had remained at home had built up a fire and then gone to a neighbor's home to remain until his parents returned, and the fire apparently became too hot and ignited the wallpaper near the stove.

## Mid-Year Commencement Exercises Will Not Be Staged at High School

No mid-year commencement exercises will be held for Salem high school seniors this year, it was announced yesterday by Superintendent George W. Hug. Some consideration was given to the matter following an effort among some of the mid-year graduates to have exercises the last week in the semester, but in view of the short time, the fact that a program suitable for the occasion could hardly be worked up and that diplomas had not been ordered, the matter was dropped.

A mid-year commencement program may be instituted next year, Hug said in announcing the decision to stick to the spring exercises only this year.

## COUGARS BEATEN

MISSOULA, Mont., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Washington State college, leader in the northern division of the Pacific Coast conference basketball race, suffered a stinging 54 to 24 defeat here tonight at the hands of Montana university.

GUARD WOUNDS NEGRO MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 21.—(AP)—A negro was shot and wounded early today after coast guard picket boat 9031 had chased a speedboat three miles up the Miami river.

## List of Officials Representing This Country Is Given

The American delegation at the London Disarmament Conference consists of: Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson, chairman; Senator David L. Reed, from Pennsylvania; Senator Joseph T. Robinson, from Arkansas; Honorable Hugh S. Gibson, ambassador to Belgium; Secretary of the Navy, Charles Francis Adams; General Charles G. Dawes, ambassador to Great Britain; Honorable Dwight W. Morrow, ambassador to Mexico; Admiral William V. Pratt, commander-in-chief of the fleet; Admiral Hilary P. Jones, retired; Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, chief of the bureau of aeronautics; Rear Admiral Joel R. P. Fringle, president of the Naval War college, R. L. Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, chief of the bureau of engineering; Rear Admiral Arthur R. Liepburn, chief of staff, commander-in-chief of the United States fleet; Captain Alexander H. Van Kesteren, chief of the design division, bureau of construction and repair; Captain W. H. Smyth, member of the special board on naval ordnance; Commander Harold C. Train, on duty with the naval general board; Lieutenant-Commander Charles W. A. Campbell, aide and flag lieutenant to the Commander-in-chief United States fleet.

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