

STORM SWIRLS TO EASTWARD FROM ROCKIES

Communication and Traffic Hampered; Snow, Sleet and Cold Prevail

New Mexico man Freezes To Death on way to Seek Help for Family

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 20.—(AP)—A winter storm riding east from the Rocky mountains tied knots in wire communication and hampered rail and highway traffic through the west today in the wake of tornadoes that took 21 lives and injured about 100 persons in Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas yesterday.

Snow, sleet, rain and sharp drops in temperature were the accompaniments of the storm's sally into the mid-west.

Wire service to the Pacific coast was badly hit as lines snapped through the prairie country from accumulations of ice, sudden temperature changes and high winds.

Passenger trains from the west were running several hours behind schedule and highways were blocked in many sections.

Druggist Frozen To Death, Report

Another fatality was added to the list of several lives claimed since the blizzard broke over the Rocky mountain section. Guy D. Miner, 47, druggist of Des Moines, N. M., was found frozen to death near Mount Dora, N. M. He succumbed to exposure while going for aid after his automobile became stuck in a snowdrift.

Aged man named Whitehead from Amarillo, Tex., who was left in Miner's car, was found unconscious and may die.

Hundreds of motorists were marooned in towns and farm houses along snow blocked highways.

Twenty school children were forced to spend last night in a country school near Pueblo, Colo., when huge drifts isolated the building.

MEIER MAY LEASE MILES RESIDENCE

That Julius L. Meier, governor-elect of Oregon, may establish his residence in Salem in a real home and not in an apartment or hotel was indicated in a report that he might take a lease on the beautiful E. C. Miles residence at the corner of Court and Capitol streets, just across the street from the state capitol. This spacious house would be well suited for a governor's mansion.

Mr. Meier, who has been in San Francisco since the election, has made a definite announcement as to his plans. On his behalf a Salem man did discuss a lease of the Miles home with Mr. and Mrs. Miles. Mr. Meier is expected to be in Salem next week to make a selection of residential quarters.

Some time ago Mr. Meier discussed with the Marion hotel a possible lease on a five room apartment in the hotel; and if he decides not to take the apartment house he may conclude a lease with the Marion.

Mercury Soars To Spring Level

Balmy air of spring greeted Salem residents on Thursday when the thermometer registered a minimum of 32 degrees and a maximum of 52 degrees.

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TO PLAY COMMERCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 20.—(AP)—Announcement was made here today that the La Grande high school football team would play Commerce high in a benefit game here Thanksgiving day.

The 20-year age limit, which had threatened to block the game, will be waived, it was said after officials of the state athletic association and the Portland interscholastic league had agreed to meet at a later date to attempt to reach some agreement.

COAST UNIT PLANNED

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 20.—(AP)—Pacific coast creamery men met today and organized a merger of leading cooperative creameries of the coast into a general marketing unit. The organization would be under the auspices of the federal farm board.

The three leading co-operative organizations in the west are the United Dairymen's association of Washington, the Interstate Dairymen's association of Oregon, and the challenge cream and butter association of California.

Bossy Didn't Jump Over Moon but She Made More Trouble

HARRIMAN, N. Y., Nov. 20.—(AP)—Once upon a time a cow jumped over the moon. It was quite a while ago and has never been substantiated. On the other hand, right here in Harriman, today, Mat Mulligan's cow—

The Mulligans were asleep in their quarters on the second floor of a building the lower floor of which is occupied by a Guernsey cow. The family was suddenly awakened by noise on the stairs.

"Boo!" shouted Mulligan. "Moo!" replied the cow. The animal had climbed 21 steps into the Mulligan quarters.

That was nothing, compared with jumping over the moon; but it required several workmen, a rope and tackle to put her back in her place.

RED CROSS DRIVE TO END SATURDAY

Response Here Slow Says H. E. Eakin, Chairman For Roll Call

With but two more days remaining for the annual Red Cross roll call campaign, concentrated effort will be made materially to swell the membership lists today and Saturday. Committees declare the response so far has not been what it should be in Salem, and are urging that all who can, subscribe tomorrow night.

H. E. Eakin, chairman of the roll call drive, had the following to say yesterday:

"The Red Cross is dependent for its very existence upon the support it receives from the rank and file of the people who, at roll call time, pay their dues and receive the certificate of membership. Those dues, offered by the rich and poor alike, form a fund which enables the Red Cross to go immediately into action when disaster strikes down a community.

Public Health Work Also Aided

"In addition, these same dues finance the work of Red Cross public health nurses; programs of life-saving and first aid that have done so much to reduce hazards from accidents; they help finance the Junior Red Cross, that international alliance of school children; and they bring aid and comfort to the disabled veterans of the world war.

"I strongly urge every man, woman and child in this community to become members of the Red Cross during the present roll call."

In charge of the booths about the downtown area today were the following: First National bank booth, Mrs. E. V. McMechan, Mrs. Roy H. Simmons and Mrs. Clifford Farmer, young society matrons; Ladd and Bush bank booth, Mrs. O. L. Poe and Mrs. Glenn Seelye of the Legion auxiliary; United States National bank booth, Mrs. Ida Niles and Mrs. George Bayne of the Woman's club; Miller's booth, Mrs. E. T. B. Hill and Mrs. J. C. Davis of the First M. E. church; and Mrs. H. T. Love and Mrs. C. C. Best of the D. A. R.

Classmate of Pershing Dies

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 20.—(AP)—Brigadier General Albert D. Kalskner, West Point classmate of General John J. Pershing, died at his home today of heart disease. He was in charge of the army supply depot in Chicago during the war, and was killed in the Spanish-American and Philippine campaigns.

La Grande Eleven Called Creamery Merger Talked Press Conference Soon Buckaroos Take Opener

TO DISCUSS PLANS EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 20.—(AP)—The annual Oregon Press conference will be held at the University of Oregon January 22, 23, and 24.

A meeting of conference officials will be held here Saturday to discuss plans.

SCORE THREE EARLY

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 20.—(AP)—The Portland Buckaroos won the first Portland game of the Pacific coast hockey season here tonight, defeating the Tacoma Tigers, 3 to 1.

Portland scored all three of its goals in the first period. The first came after 13 minutes, 24 seconds of play when Downie, the Pacific coast hockey star, scored with a backhand shot from the back and forth in front of the Tacoma net until Downie finally managed to shoot it past Goalie Robertson.

The game was slow because of the new outside rule. The whistle blew 32 times because players crossed the blue line ahead of the puck.

MORATORIUM IS THREAT OF GERMAN CHIEF

Sluggishness of Nations in Disarmament Move is Complained of

Herr Curtius Says Germany Will not Avoid Debts Unless Necessary

BERLIN, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Foreign minister Julius Curtius tonight told the nation and the world that Germany might be compelled to invoke the safeguard measures of the Young plan. These safeguard measures refer to a moratorium and the convocation of a special advisory committee to bring about alleviation permissible under the plan.

The foreign minister's speech constituted Germany's first official intimation she is likely to invoke her right under the plan to declare a moratorium.

Herr Curtius expressed sharp criticism of Europe's sluggish attitude toward disarmament and in connection with a recent speech he was not offering the Tardieu of France, he declared Germany would demand an early disarmament conference "where each nation must show its colors and its real intentions."

He prefaced his speech with the assertion he was not offering the subject of the country's financial position for discussion, but was making a plain statement of facts. He assured the world Germany had no intention of scrapping the Young plan and that Germany would not invoke alleviatory measures of the Young plan until its burdens became dangerously oppressive to its people.

OREGON PRODUCTS USE TO BE URGED

Wives of Salem Lions club members, in keeping with the prosperity movement which the men are sponsoring, will wage a "Use Oregon Products" campaign among themselves.

Agreement to that end was reached yesterday afternoon when Newell Williams, president of the Lions club, met with the wives of Lions at a social gathering at the home of Mrs. W. B. Mott, Williams' wife.

The Lions wives will gather a list of items made in this state, and will direct purchases in this channel as far as possible, thus helping up with the business revival campaign which begins December 1 and which the Lions club is sponsoring.

MISSING TRIO IS FOUND AT ILWACO

ASTORIA, Ore., Nov. 20.—(AP)—Terminating a four-day search for three missing Marshfield trawlers, newspapermen and officers today located W. C. McLean, Pete Murphy and Calvin Beck at Ilwaco, Wash.

Families of the three men instituted the search from Ketchikan, Alaska, when they failed to arrive when expected.

The trawlers told Tom Reeves, Astoria newspaperman, they left Marshfield October 4 in the trawler Tloga and arrived at Astoria October 28. They put out from Astoria for Ketchikan again October 28, but were forced back by heavy weather. They have been at Ilwaco since that time.

The three men said they had engaged Bill Howald, an experienced pilot, to take them to Ketchikan and expected to sail within a few days. In the meantime they are making necessary repairs to their boat.

Robinson Claims Mexican Arrest

NOGALES, Ariz., Nov. 20.—(AP)—Theodore D. Robinson, former assistant secretary of the navy, reported here he and Mrs. Robinson, sister of the late President Roosevelt, were arrested today in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, and \$200 in Mexican gold in their possession was confiscated by Mexican customs authorities.

The Robinsons arrived in Nogales this morning from Mexico City.

Dazed Wanderer Found by Police

POCATELLO, Ida., Nov. 20.—(AP)—Suffering from cold and exposure, Allan Larsen, 24, reported lost at Thistale, Utah, during a blizzard November 14, was picked up by police here tonight.

Police said the man had suffered a case of memory loss. The whistle blew 32 times because players crossed the blue line ahead of the puck.

Collins, New Chief Of Telephone Firm Here, Coming Today

Local Manager Arrives Today Successor to Aller; Dancy Resigning, Announced



H. V. COLLINS

'SQUEEZE PLAY' ON DEALERS RUMORED

Oil Companies Said Ready To Exercise Means of Enforcing Prices

Talk of "squeeze plays" in the motor fuel situation in Salem was prevalent here yesterday. Oil companies, it was said, were enforcing restrictive clauses of service station leases to bring larger dealers into line with companies' demands that gasoline sell for 24 cents a gallon, in contrast to lower figures of Portland dealers.

Super-service stations were attempting to maintain the 21 to 21 1/2 cent figure in order to retain the volume of their gasoline business and the incident business of oil sales, washing, greasing and other services, which customers usually confer upon the dealers from whom they buy their motor fuel. At this figure, they were voluntarily selling on the margin for handling cost and profit of only 1 to 1 1/2 cents, 20 cents being the wholesale price set by distributors.

Through a newly devised contract one oil company was refusing to deliver its product to dealers retailing gasoline for less than 24 cents. These contracts are said to evade federal price fixing laws by providing for delivery of the fuel to dealers on consignment, the legal theory being that the oil company until it has been sold to the public and that the company has the right to fix whatever price it sees fit on its own goods.

Further methods of enforcing the higher price brought to light through dealers' holding their properties on sub-leases from the oil company, which holds leases on the grounds. The sub-lease bind operators to handle products of the lease-holding company.

Sources of the difficulty seem to lie in the fact that Salem dealers are required to pay more than freight costs for their supply of fuel, above the wholesale figure offered to Portland dealers. Although the freight rate paid is only .76 cents on a gallon, the companies are required to make an actual charge of 1 1/2 cents. Considering low profit made on gasoline, fractional differences in wholesale price affect dealers materially.

LAD OF 11 KILLED IN TRAFFIC CRASH

DAYTON, Ore., Nov. 20.—(AP)—Joseph Cockerham, 11, was killed and three others were injured seriously in an automobile accident on the Dayton-McMinnville highway today.

The injured were: Lucille Loret, 22, a teacher at Unity; Robert Hodge and Florence Hodge. All three are in a McMinnville hospital.

The sheriff's office reported Miss Loret was driving the automobile in which the party was riding and drove onto the highway without stopping. The automobile was struck by a truck driven by Bernard Potts who told authorities he thought Miss Loret was going to stop. Potts and Floris and Evelyn Bond, who were riding with him, were uninjured.

Potts was arrested.

Rebellious Red Troops Halted; Officers Slain

LONDON, Nov. 21.—(Friday)—(AP)—Berlin dispatches to the Daily Express carry reports that two battalions of the Red army mutinied while engaged in winter maneuvers at Iamulovo, a village 10 miles from Moscow. The reports add that the men killed some of their officers but ultimately were subdued by the gop (secret police) after a fierce battle in which many soldiers were killed or wounded.

It was added that 700 arrests had since been made in the Red capital.

Verdict Favors Swope Guardian

Verdict for the plaintiff for \$900 was returned by the jury late yesterday in the case of Roy Nelson as guardian for Cecil A. Swope, incompetent, vs. United States Casualty company. The case, over collection on an insurance policy, occupied two full days in court.

"FLU" SAID RAGING LONDON, Nov. 20.—(AP)—An Exchange telegraph dispatch from Warsaw says that an unprecedented epidemic of influenza is raging in Poland, especially in the Lodz textile district.

FIFTY MILLION FOR HIGHWAYS NOW PROPOSED

Appropriation is Urged as Drought Relief Plan By State Groups

Suggest States be Allowed To Repay Their Part At Later Time

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Resolutions urging the next congress to appropriate \$50,000,000 for highway construction in drought states and to authorize loans for seed, fertilizer and livestock feed were adopted tonight by representatives from more than a score of state drought relief committees and the national drought committee.

The highway resolution calling upon congress to appropriate the \$50,000,000 without requiring the states to match the fund dollar for dollar at the time the distribution is made.

The portion to be borne by the state would be repaid to the government by an annual deduction from the normal federal road appropriation over a period of ten years.

Earlier in the day the delegates to the drought conference received word from C. W. Warburton, secretary of the national committee, that congress would be asked to make the \$125,000,000 allotted for federal aid in road construction in 1932 available immediately on enactment on the agriculture department's supply bill.

The conference also urged liberal contributions to the American Red Cross to enable that organization to meet the relief problems in more than 1,000 drought stricken counties.

SOILED TOWEL NEW BOWLES CASE FIND

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 20.—(AP)—A soiled towel, apparently smeared with blood, tonight was in the hands of detectives who said they considered it a possible clue to the solution of the alleged murder of Mrs. Leone Bowles, 33, Portland society matron.

Mrs. Bowles died three days ago in the apartment of Mrs. Irma Loucks Paris, 28, former secretary to Mrs. Bowles' husband, Nelson C. Bowles, 34, Portland capitalist. Bowles and Mrs. Paris is told police they were in the apartment at the time and that Mrs. Bowles stabbed herself. First degree murder charges were placed against them today, however.

The towel was found in a linen closet in Mrs. Paris' apartment by detectives and surveyors who had gone to take measurements. It was found under clean linens. Police said the towel bore stains which probably would support the theory the death knife had been cleaned.

One of the chief developments today, District Attorney Myers said, was the statement of Dr. Paul D. Cooper, who was called to attend Mrs. Bowles, that he, Bowles and Mrs. Paris had "rehearsed" the story they were to tell authorities.

Noted Railroad Executive Dies

WEST PORT HARBOR, Mass., Nov. 20.—(AP)—The shingle mills of Bloedel, Stewart and Welch, Ltd., said to be the largest in the world, were almost destroyed by a fire of unknown origin here tonight.

Fire apparatus from Vancouver and Burnaby were being rushed to the scene. Scores of firemen and hundreds of civilians at a late hour had failed to control the fire. Several huge drying kilns because of their highly inflammable contents were destroyed. The heat from the flames was so intense fire fighters were repeatedly driven back.

The mills had been operating 24 hours a day up to the time of the outbreak.

Pure Alcohol is Gill Car Cargo

When local policemen stopped a car driven by one Bob Gill, halting from Bellingham, Wash., last night, they discovered 15 gallons of pure alcohol, said to retail at \$15 a gallon.

Showdown Meeting on Hotel Project Tonight

Tonight a meeting of Salem citizens will take place at the Elks club where a definite decision will be reached on whether to proceed with the financing of a new community hotel. A meeting was held in Governor Norblad's office yesterday morning, and it was decided to have a showdown meeting tonight to settle the matter of whether to go ahead or not.

Business conditions and other reasons have been advanced as a reason for dropping the matter at present. On the other hand the need of Salem for a new hotel and the need of employment of workmen are given as reasons why the project should be pushed through.

About 30 attended the meeting which Governor Norblad called in his offices at the capitol. Thursday a decision will be reached on whether to proceed with the financing of a new community hotel. A meeting was held in Governor Norblad's office yesterday morning, and it was decided to have a showdown meeting tonight to settle the matter of whether to go ahead or not.

County Agent Need Tod County Court By Big Delegation

Crowd Overflows One Place of Meeting, is Heard at C. of C.

Facts Brought Out by Representatives of Farmer Groups

An extensive but well-organized presentation of the need of Marion county for an agricultural agent was presented Thursday to the county court, Judge John Stegmann, James Smith and Henry Porter, commissioners, hearing the affirmative arguments for the proposal and announcing that next Monday, November 24, the opponents of the proposition would have opportunity to present their case.

Without the slightest rancor and with apparent willingness to get at the facts concerning county agent work, nearly 30 witnesses were presented as proponents of county agent work for Marion county. Collectively the men represented agricultural leadership in the county and as individuals they came from a wide-scattered body of granges, community clubs and chambers of commerce as well as from business and banking groups in the county.

Hearing of the county agent proponents began shortly after 10 o'clock in the morning and lasted until after 3 p. m. and gave for a noon adjournment, the meeting being held in the chamber of commerce because the 125 men attending could not be accommodated in the small judicial chambers at the courthouse.

John Ramage, president of the Woodburn Cooperative association, was the leader for the presentation of the county agent arguments. Lawyer-like, he presented each witness to the court and asked him to state his specific reasons for the employment of an agent in Marion county.

Ramage explained to the court that before he took the leadership of the county agent movement he had made a careful study of county agent work in other counties in the state. He said that questionnaires sent 21 granges in various parts of Oregon showed 20 out of 21 of them to be favorable to the work of an agricultural agent employed by the county.

"As farmers who have known what the agent can do we have laid aside prejudice and considered the facts and thus favor the employment of a man locally," Ramage said. "We don't want higher taxes but we want better farmers. We know that an agent will cost only one-tenth of one mill on the assessed valuation of the county and we also know that out of a million dollars levied annually by the county there must be a place somewhere for the \$460 needed by an agent."

Summarized, the arguments then presented by the speakers were: County agents are employed by 29 out of 36 counties in Oregon. Not in six years has any county abandoned its county agent program.

Marion county, highly diversified agriculturally and favored by nature, needs agent work to improve methods of production to make possible greater farm profits.

While a slight increase in taxes may be necessary, the expenditure is valid because the results obtained, as proved in other counties, are far larger than the expenditure.

County agent work in particular would be valuable for dairymen in developing cow-testing associations and stopping menacing diseases such as contagious abortion.

Marketing associations for small fruit growers and vegetable raisers, checking of diseases in fruit, vegetables and berries, and development of proper irrigation methods are sure to follow a county agent leadership.

The following are summaries of the remarks with the names of the organization he represented:

C. E. Jorgensen, Silverton grange; Sixty members in the grange and the organization voted unanimously for the employment of an agent by this county. Jorgensen, once a resident of Coos county, said individual production per cow had been greatly helped by a cow-testing association formed under county agent leadership.

O. S. Larson, master Woodburn grange; Out of 32 members, there were only two or three dissenting votes to the county agent proposal. An agent would be a great help in 4-M club work said Larson. He emphasized the value of an education.

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ASHEVILLE, N. C., Nov. 20.—(AP)—With the real estate boom of a few years ago held responsible by the state banking department, The Central Bank and Trust company here failed today, causing four other banks in western North Carolina to close their doors, and tying up total deposits of more than \$22,000,000.

The Bank of Lowell, at Lowell, Gaston county, also closed today but its closing was said to have no connection with the western North Carolina situation. Whether any of the banks would re-open was in doubt tonight.

The Central Bank and Trust company alone had deposits of more than \$18,000,000 at the time of its last statement of condition on September 30. It was capitalized at \$1,000,000 and on September 24 its resources were given as \$21,753,000.

The other banks closing were the Biltmore-Oteen bank in Biltmore, Asheville suburb, with a capital of \$50,000 and deposits of \$615,051; The First Bank and Trust company, Hendersonville, capital \$150,000 and deposits \$1,207,628; the Citizens National bank, Hendersonville, capital \$100,000, deposits \$1,077,987; and the American Bank and Trust company, Hendersonville, capital \$50,000, deposits \$111,638.

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