

HIGHWAYS OPEN AS FLOOD ENDS

River Drops Below 20-Foot Mark Here; Most State Roads Passable

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PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23 (AP)—Clear, cold weather had brought considerable relief to Oregon tonight from what threatened to be one of the most serious flood conditions in its history. Trains were once more moving, though with difficulty in some instances, and most of the highways were reopened.

The Northern Pacific Railway company managed to get through train service from Portland to Seattle and from Seattle to Portland today, on a "hop, skip and jump" basis. Working northward, the company put through a special train to Rainier. There the passengers were taken by automobile across the Longview bridge to Kelso, where they boarded another train for Seattle. This service will be continued, the company said, until pile-driving crews working at both ends of the Woodland washout can clear the tracks.

Union Pacific trains east were operating on greatly retarded schedules. Southbound Southern Pacific trains were getting through without difficulty.

The Columbia river highway east was still blocked by slides, but the highest west was cleared, and traffic was going through to Astoria. The Oregon Coast highway was open from Astoria to Tillamook. The Pacific highway was open through Oregon.

The Columbia highway east was expected to be closed for several days but the Evergreen highway paralleling it on the Washington shore of the Columbia river was open.

The town of Tualatin was flooded by the swollen Tualatin river. Rowboats were used through the main streets, where automobiles were abandoned in the swirling water.

DE MINTO HOTEL TO HAVE YULE DINNER

Generosity of local businessmen will bring to all transient men in Salem Monday the opportunity to partake of a special Christmas dinner to be prepared for that afternoon at Hotel de Minto, third floor of city hall. Starting at 3 o'clock the hotel chefs will begin carving the mutton for the main course. Half a dozen dressed sheep were delivered to the hotel by Warren Pohle.

In the morning cigarettes, socks and candy will be distributed to the men from two large Christmas trees decorated last week with ornaments given by the Lions club.

At least 100 men will be fed and given the individual gifts, R. R. "Bob" Boardman, transient relief supervisor, estimates.

EDUCATIONAL TRIPS ARE PLANNED BY Y.

Among the activities which will keep Salem boys busy during the holidays the educational trips sponsored by the Y. M. C. A. loom large. Each morning at 9 o'clock a group will leave the Y. building and will include in its itinerary industrial firms or state institutions. Tuesday, December 26 the lads will be conducted through the Valley Packing company plant and the Miles Linnen mill. Boys interested in

making the trip are asked to be at the Y. by 8:30 a. m. The Y. building and its facilities for sports and entertainment will be open throughout the week to school boys in the fifth grade or above. Boys may swim any afternoon with the exception of Wednesday, when the regular classes for girls will be held. A holiday basketball league to exist only this week is being organized, while ping pong and shuffleboard tournaments are also on the schedule.

Elaborate plans are being made for the New Year's day Open House, an annual event at the Y; the program beginning at 2:30 will include exhibitions from the various gymnasium, tumbling, boxing, wrestling, swimming and diving classes as well as competition in the various sports.

CHRISTMAS TO BE MERRY DAY HERE

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on long sentence in the state penitentiary. The foods for the special dinners, however, will be provided by the state.

Increase in Holiday Buying is Marked

Salem bankers yesterday said that the total debit items against checking accounts here exceeded by more than one million dollars the debit items a year ago.

Many merchants said their Christmas stocks had been completely sold. Some said larger sales could have been handled had they stocked more Christmas goods in anticipation of the rush.

Merchants last night generally expressed approval of the Christmas trade. Uniformly reports were that last year's marks were bettered. A cessation of rain yesterday helped the last minute trade. Stores were thronged with shoppers. Gains in sales ranged from 5 to 40 per cent above the 1932 mark which was the lowest in a decade.

Good feeling prevailed among downtown business yesterday. Generally the outlook for the 1934 year was held to be good. Merchants said they anticipated material gains over the disheartening first six months of 1933.

Police Committee Backing Chief in Liquor Check-Up

"The council police committee is definitely backing up Chief of Police Minto in the latter's recent order that provisions of the Knox law relating to sale of liquor to minors and drunken persons should be enforced in Salem," declared Alderman O. A. Olson, member of the committee, yesterday. He warned that reports of illegal liquor sales would also be kept in mind for the time when the state liquor commission receives applications for vendors' licenses.

Christmas Greetings

For you and yours we express the sentiments of the season—in all sincerity. We wish to continue to serve you.

Standard Feed Co.

228 Ferry St. - Phone 6858
N. R. A. MEMBER

Merry Christmas To All Our Friends

Salem Bargain House
Salem Junk Co.
L. SAFFRON S. KLINE

HOGG BROS. APPLIANCE STORE

Wishes You a Very Merry Christmas

Good Cheer

For this Christmas and the New Year, may joy surround you and those you love—is our earnest wish to all our friends and patrons.

Douglas McKay Chevrolet Company

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WITH THE TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

With the world deep in the joy of Christmastide, let us add our greeting to the others...

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KLAMATH'S ATTACK ON-KNOX LAW FILED

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Both Mahoney and Watkins indicated the case would be carried to the state supreme court no matter which way it was decided. They said the suit should be welcomed by all sides to the Knox bill controversy since it would determine the legal status of the measure.

Earlier in the day Watkins had announced in Portland that he would seek a referendum on the Knox bill if the home-rule test failed. He declared the measure could not lawfully contain the emergency clause since it provided a means of raising revenue.

Watkins said if this test failed he would seek an initiative petition to repeal the Knox act and substitute a system of private liquor sales therefor. In the pending case, he said, his fees were paid by the city of Klamath Falls. He denied that he represented any private interests.

Law Would Cost Klamath \$10,000

Mayor Mahoney said the Knox plan would cost his city a \$10,000 revenue loss if it became operative. He held this sum would be received by Klamath Falls from license and stamp taxes on liquor and had already been provided for in the city's budget for 1934. The state legislature cannot take this tax income away from the city, he contended.

Mahoney said hard liquor was being sold by druggists in Klamath Falls for \$250 licenses each a year. Four out of 13 druggists have taken out licenses, the mayor said. He admitted the southern Oregon city had an agreement with the druggists to refund their license moneys ratable if the state succeeded with the Knox law plan. He said wines and beers up to 22 per cent alcoholic content as well as mixed drinks, could be sold in restaurants, confectioneries and hotels. Grocery stores can sell liquors, in bottles, up to 22 per cent alcoholic content.

Mahoney said he thought the state should not regulate the traffic in liquor. Cities like Klamath Falls have a vastly different problem than cities like Eugene, he contended. He averred that the state also should leave the cities the revenues liquor sales will bring.

PAGEANT CANCELLED

The pageant program of the Presbyterian church school, originally scheduled for 5 o'clock this afternoon, has been cancelled. The main event at the church today will be the Christmas cantata by the church choir directed by Prof. F. E. Churchill, at 11 a. m.

State Tire Service Wishes Salem a Merry Christmas

See Us For RETREADING

MERRY XMAS

Good cheer... good health... good spirits are our Christmas wish for you — to extend all through the year.

Square Deal

New and Second Hand Store
Wolf Cohen
263 Chemeketa Tel. 3924

A Merry Christmas to All

from
F. W. WOOLWORTH CO. and EMPLOYEES

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Elks Play Santa For Children at Temple at 2 p.m.

Santa Claus will hold forth in Salem today at the Elks temple where lodge members will distribute toys, clothing, candy and nuts to all needy children who come at 2 p. m. Robert Cole is again in charge of the Christmas fund. The large collection of toys to be given away were reconducted by city firemen to whom they were given by the citizenry.

WASHINGTON, NORTH IDAHO FLOODS RAGE

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away. Pavement torn up. Thousands of acres inundated.

Southwest Washington: Longview-Kelso — Worst situation in state. Rivers seven feet over flood stage; dikes weakened. Kelso covered by water to depth of six feet in some places.

Puget Sound: Tacoma — Rivers receding, conditions better. Auburn, Kent, Renton — Flooded. Rescue work progressing. La Conner — Under water.

British Columbia — Conditions improved after heavy damage.

EIGHT TO WORK ON COURTHOUSE PLANS

The national re-employment agency here yesterday received orders to employ eight professional men to draw up plans and spe-

cifications for the proposed remodeling of the Marion county court house, Manager E. T. Barnes announced. These will include five architectural draughtsmen, one mechanical engineer and two structural engineers. In addition there will be a general supervisor, W. C. Knighton of the Portland firm of Knighton & Howell, and a draughting overseer, Guyler VanPatten of Salem. The job will cost approximately \$3000 of which the county will pay \$300.

Turner Suffers From High Water

TURNER, Dec. 23. — Turner people encountered higher water than for some years this week. A few families south of town were unable to get out; a milk truck had difficulty in getting through. Two feet of water covered the highway north of town, near the Ahrens place. Two boys in a car dropped off the pavement into a deep ditch at that point before daylight Friday, but managed to crawl out.

CHAUTEUPS WINS OUT

PARIS, Dec. 24. — (Sunday) — Premier Camille Chautemps' budget balancing program to safeguard the franc was passed early today in parliament over the stormy protest of taxpayers and civil government employees at the end of a year of political fighting which has been fatal to three cabinets.

DRUNKENNESS LAW REPEALED, FOUND

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Discovery of the alleged oversight or omission by the special legislative session was reported to the police Saturday by attorneys who made an exhaustive analysis of the Knox liquor law. Officers said that no difficulty would be encountered in the municipalities which have ordinances covering the crime of drunkenness. The law prohibiting the operation of motor vehicles by drunken drivers also remains intact and was not disturbed or repealed by the Knox act.

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CROUCH ARRESTED; ADMITS BANDITRY

CHICAGO, Dec. 23. (AP)—Hilton O. Crouch, 29, member of the notorious Indiana gang headed by John Dillinger, was arrested here today and confessed, Police Captain John Stoge said, to participation in the robbery of the Massachusetts Avenue Bank of Indianapolis along with Dillinger and Harry Copeland, another member of the band, in which "about \$25,000" was taken.

Stoge said the confession followed less than an hour after Crouch's apprehension in front of an apartment as the "Dillinger squad" of police, detailed with orders to kill or capture the gang, closed in.

Also seized for questioning was a woman giving the name of Miss Violet Barrett.

In Crouch's possession, Stoge said, was a .45 calibre pistol and a \$10 counterfeit bill on the New York Federal Reserve bank.

Dillinger, paroled from the Indiana prison on a robbery charge, is one of the most hunted men in the nation.

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