



WORST STORM IN YEARS HITS EASTERN AREA

Several Hundred Thousand
New York Workers Lack
Transportation

Airmail is Hampered But
"Goes Through" Except
In Few Sections

(By the Associated Press)
The worst winter weather in years clamped down over the northeastern seaboard yesterday, crippled ships on the Atlantic, left several hundred thousand New Yorkers without transportation for hours, tied up the railroads throughout New England, delayed the airmail, and caused deaths and intense suffering.

Sixty mile an hour winds put coastwise shipping in distress. Thick ice-locked doors in New York City and made skating rinks of streets.

Whistling gales swept snow ranging in depth from six inches to a foot into drifts that trains between Boston and New York and in many other sections of New England could not negotiate.

Ships were battered by high winds, ice floes, and pounding waves. Lives of crews aboard were endangered.

Although some delays could not be avoided, the army took over its job of flying the airmail with a spirit that postal officials likened to that of Paul Revere.

Temperatures ranging downward from 15 below zero prevailed in the upper air, and gales, blizzards, and low ceilings made going hazardous, especially for army pilots who in many instances were flying their routes for only the second or third time.

All had made at least one practice flight before taking over the job formerly handled by commercial air lines.

Lieut. Donald Wackwitz arrived at Newark, N. J., from Chicago, one of the first mail pilots to land at that important eastern air terminal a full day late because of "dirty weather," a report of "having flown blind the last half of the way, his wireless set being out of commission. He told of having to fly as low as 500 feet in order to follow landmarks.

Except for the interference caused by the storms at Newark, the army flew the mail close to schedule. There was snow on fog around Louisville, Ky., Cheyenne, Wyo., and other points but delays were limited to an hour or two. There were cancellations in the New England states and in northern Utah, where rain, sleet and snow intermingled to make flying impossible.

Over practically all of the nation it was too cold for comfortable flying in the army's open cockpit ships—and for any other occupation or diversion that might take citizens away from stoves and radiators. Even in Florida the temperature fell below freezing. It was 31 at Jacksonville.

The coal steamer Northern Sword hove to off Winthrop, Mass., in a perilous condition. Coast guardsmen rigged up a breeches buoy to remove the crew. The captain radioed that his vessel was pounding on the rocks and leaking.

After a furious struggle, the coast guard towed the schooner Hope Leslie safely to Woods Hole, Mass. The crew of six was suffering from exposure and fatigue.

Tragedies accompanied the swirling snow and bitter cold. Ten women died in a fire that destroyed a home for the indigent (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Old Swimm' Hole Has Lure in Alaska; Plants Bud; Coast Won't Brag

Portland Experiences no Frost in Over Year;
Lawn Mowers and Shirtsleeves Prevail
In Seattle While East Shivers

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Of course the Pacific coast wouldn't brag about its weather, particularly while much of the east is congealed in snow and ice, but the folks back there ought to know the facts anyway.

Up in Ketchikan, Alaska, the youngsters went swimming in the channel yesterday about the time freezing temperatures were sweeping across northern Florida. Bushes and strawberry plants were beginning to bud in that section of the northern territory. Ketchikan's maximum temperature for the day was 57 against northern Florida's minimum of 31 this morning.

While snow clogged the sidewalks of New York and other eastern thoroughfares, Portland, Oregon, had its 370th consecutive day without freezing temperature and a knitting firm there received an order for 10,000 bathing suits.

Southern California farmers were struggling through labor troubles to harvest the pea crop (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Child stealing charges against Leo M. Fisher of Independence were dismissed on motion of the state at conclusion of hearing before Justice of the Peace Miller Hayden yesterday afternoon. The charges were made by Fisher's divorced wife, Mrs. Preetta Johnson of Salem, after she learned Fisher had taken their son, Dean, age nine, from Garfield school Monday afternoon.

Evidence in court failed to show any attempt upon part of Fisher to conceal the child, and in a statement on his own behalf Fisher said he intended to return the boy to Salem Monday night, but that the boy himself had said he preferred to stay in Independence, at the home of Fisher and his grandmother, Mrs. Lillie Fisher.

Fisher denied using any force when the child went with him at the close of school Monday, and this was substantiated by one of the state's witnesses, Miss Margaret J. Cosper, principal of Garfield school, who said Fisher waited about an hour for the boy and then was most polite to her when she asked him not to take the boy, inasmuch as the mother had asked her to turn the boy over to no one but the mother.

Mrs. Johnson and Miss Cosper were the only state witnesses; appearing for the defense, whose case was handled by Martin Ferrer, were L. S. Fisher, brother of the defendant, and the boy, Dean. Deputy District Attorney Page appeared for the state.

Custody of the children was given the wife in a divorce decree, and Fisher was warned that any quarrel he has with the terms of the decree should be presented to the circuit judge.

Arrest Burtner
Where He First
Eluded Officers

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—A nation-wide manhunt ended where it started when P. H. Burtner, alias Phil King, wanted at Fort Worth, Tex., for using the mails to defraud, was arrested today at his lonely cabin retreat in the wilds of the Coast range, west of here.

Federal marshals arrested Burtner in 1931 when he was found working for one of the Sitka forest crews west of here. He eluded them in the woods before he could be taken out, and was subsequently trailed over the entire country.

TOURNEY DATES SET
ROSEBURG, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The Oregon State archery association will conduct its county tournament here July 2 to 4. Extending the tournament to three days and including an archery golf match the first day are new features this year.

Bishop Titus Lowe of Portland and Dr. R. E. Diefendorfer of New York will address the closing sessions tonight of the Methodist mid-winter rally which was opened last night at the First church here by Dr. W. S. Bond of Chicago and Dr. W. A. Dawber of Philadelphia of the boards of education and home missions, respectively. Dr. Louis Magin, Salem district superintendent, presided.

BEGIN ROUNDUP OF WAREHOUSE THIEVES GANG

Albin and Trambitas Held
Members; Arrest Here
Signal For Drive

Foiling of Robbery Here is
Work of Winslow; Roof
Entrance is Tried

Round up of a gang of thieves who have been looting tobacco warehouses generally throughout the valley and particularly in Portland recently was believed likely by city and state police last night. This development is anticipated as a result of the arrest of John Albin, ex-convict, for investigation in connection with the attempted theft of between \$4000 and \$5000 worth of cigarettes from the George E. Waters wholesale store, 229 State street, early Tuesday morning.

The second of three men thought to have participated in the Waters store entry, George Trambitas, was arrested by state police at Portland last night, local officers were notified. He will be returned here this morning for questioning, they said. Police were hopeful of apprehending the third man.

Whether or not a case of cigarettes found in Trambitas' car when he was arrested came from the Waters store could not be ascertained last night.

Full credit for apprehending Albin in the act of climbing a ladder onto the roof of the Waters store was given Patrolman Frank Winslow. While patrolling his beat at about 2:30 a. m. yesterday, Winslow noted several pieces of tin lying in the alley beside the Salvation Army hall. Knowing these scraps formerly had been piled in a small side alley back of the hall and leading to the Waters store, Winslow kept watch nearby until he saw a man disappear in this alley. The officer found Albin (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

NEW ENTRANCE TO
ARMORY PROPOSED
Utilizing Unused Property
On Liberty Street is
Plan; Fund Sought

Where can some \$6000 be found to construct with CWA help a new entrance and lobby for the Salem Armory?

That is a question which interested citizens of the community are raising in hopes of getting some enlightenment. The new entrance would be on Liberty street occupying the ground now used for a gas service station. The ground is owned by the state for the armory but has never been enclosed within the armory building.

The chamber of commerce board is studying the problem and has approved efforts to secure the improvement, the total cost of which would be around \$14,000, of which about \$6,000 would be furnished outside of CWA funds.

A sketch of the entrance has been drawn by Frank H. Struble, architect, and shows a greatly improved lobby for the auditorium. The area is 51 feet on Liberty street and 56 feet deep to the present southeast wall of the auditorium. This space would be used for lavatories, ticket booths, and spacious check-rooms. The entry to the auditorium would be an incline, with no steps. The front of the entry would be designed to make it attractive to the public.

The objection to the present entrance on Perry street is its small size and the steps which are there. To leave the auditorium (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Rainfall Slight
in February So
Far; Under Inch

Tuesday's light rainfall brought the total precipitation for February to little more than a thimbleful. Altogether .98 inch has fallen here, coming on eight out of the 20 days, in contrast with 2.50 inches on the 12 rainy days in the same period last year. Occasional rains are predicted for today and Thursday.

The Association of Commercial Truck Owners sought immunity from alleged derogatory reports and asked \$50,000 damages in a suit filed in circuit court here today against members of the Oregon petroleum committee, NRA petroleum code administrators for the state.

Heads Up Army Airmail Corps



Brigadier General Oscar Westover who has been appointed commander of the newly established army air corps mail operations headquarters in Washington.

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NITRATE SHIPPED TO EUROPE ADDS TO WAR RUMORS

Canal Zone Shipping Men Comment on Marked Increase
In Cargoes of Explosives' Ingredient, Scrap Iron to
Azores For Eventual Transfer to France, Russia and
England; Arms Solution is Sought

Agitation by Exiled Austrian Nazi Leader is Deflated by
Hitler's Disclaimer; "Show Down" by Mussolini and
German Chancellor Looked For in Paris; Gone Too Far
To Back up, is View

(By the Associated Press)
WITH news of a danger-fraught European situation occasioned by another Nazi demand of the Austrian government came the revelation Tuesday that large amounts of nitrate, useable in the making of munitions, are being sent to Europe.

Shipping men in the Panama canal zone remarked about the increase in cargoes of nitrate and scrap iron in transit to the Azores for trans-shipment to France, Russia and England and shipments of metals to Japan.

In Berlin Captain Anthony Eden, British lord privy seal, was seeking a way out of the disarmament tangle in talks with Chancellor Hitler; Paris and Rome were concerned over the Austrian situation, and Vienna had a demand from Nazis for cooperation.

Hitler acted to prevent a clash between Austrian fascists and Nazis. He let it be known that Theodore Habicht, exiled Austrian Nazi leader, acted without authority when the latter delivered an ultimatum to the Austrian government giving Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss eight days to take the Nazis into the Austrian government.

By deflating the ultimatum, Chancellor Hitler reduced the tension produced throughout Europe today over Habicht's sensational speech at Munich.

Despite Hitler's action, Paris believes matters have reached a point where a "show down" between Hitler and Premier Mussolini of Italy over Austria will take place.

Informed French circles regarded Austria's political future as "obscure" and said Austria's plight is due primarily to the Hitler-Mussolini battle which has gone so far neither is able to give up now.

Newspapers in Italy attacked Germany today, referring to the three power declaration on Saturday, the newspaper warned that Austria must not interfere with Austrian independence.

Deputy Ezio Garibaldi of Italy suggested the holding of a conference to settle the Austro-German problem.

Mussolini dissolved the Nazi party at Trieste and had a German and two Austrians arrested when police found 350 bombs in the possession of the Nazis in that city.

While Europe watched the situation created by the Habicht speech with no little apprehension, the Austrian government remained quiet and refused to comment.

World Newsat a Glance

(By the Associated Press)
Domestic:
NEW YORK. Half million commuters stranded in suburban homes as blizzards tied up transportation systems.

BOSTON. — Scores at sea imperiled by storm; 15 trains snow-bound; Collier washed ashore.

WASHINGTON. — Former Postmaster General Brown tells senators air line operators met in 1930 to determine "equities" in mail routes.

CHICAGO. — Former beer truck driver for Touhy gang admits he helped collect \$70,000 ransom in John Factor kidnaping.

PITTSBURGH. — H. C. Frick Coal company signs labor agreement with United Mine Workers of America.

Foreign:
VIENNA. — Martial law to be lifted Wednesday after enforcement throughout civil war.

BRUSSELS. — Eighty thousand Belgians pay homage at Bier of King Albert I, lying in state in palace.

BERLIN. — Hitler punishes ultimatum to Austria of exiled Austrian Nazi leader.

BERLIN. — Second son of crown prince of Sweden disowned for refusing to give up girl he loves.

Engine 'Missing'
And It's No Joke

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Pun no more about missing automobile engine.

Mrs. J. Jefferson Wilcox of Portland attempted to start her car this morning, but found the engine was missing. Thieves had stolen it during the night while the machine was parked in the driveway of her yard, she reported.

Court Dubious of
Remodeling Grant

Members of the county court are dubious if the courthouse remodeling project will proceed. CWA authorities have said it was unlikely that any funds would be available after May 1. By the most favorable calculations of the court, not more than 40 per cent of the work could be done by that time. If CWA would put up money for all materials, the court might consider appropriating enough money to pay for 60 per cent of the labor. CWA indicates, however, it would only furnish a share of the materials and labor for the next nine weeks.

Forest Boundary Change Approved

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The McNary bill authorizing the revision of the boundaries of the Fremont national forest in Oregon, and to include in the forest not over 250,000 acres for the production of timber, protection of stream flow and regulation and improvement of grazing resources was passed today by the senate. The house has yet to approve the measure.

SAWMILL TO OPEN
GLENDALE, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Employment for about 20 men will be provided when the Clare Lumber company's sawmill, about 15 miles east of here, is placed in operation this week. The mill has been shut down since last fall.

The Washington Spotlight

(By the Associated Press)
Presidential opposition failed to do the bonus issue in the house.

Walter F. Brown, Hoover postmaster general, said the meeting of air line officials here in 1930 was no spoils conference.

The senate voted 7-1 an investigation of electric rates through the country.

Intermediate industrial banks were advocated by the Federal Reserve advisory council.

Methodist Winter Rally is Under Way; Visitors Many

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The opening session today will be at 8:45 o'clock this morning with Dr. D. L. Leach of Frattun leading devotions and addresses by Dr. Dawber and Dr. Diefendorfer of the foreign mission board. For the session beginning at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Rev. W. G. Bruce of Dallas will lead devotions and Dawber and Diefendorfer will speak again. Rev. W. J. Morrow of Sheridan will lead devotions for the meeting tonight, which will open promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

From his travels over the country, Dr. Bovard brought this find-

New Projects In County Are Being Held Up

All proposed new CWA projects in Marion county are being held up pending instructions from state headquarters, Administrator Glenn C. Miles stated yesterday. A change in the method of purchasing materials is anticipated.

Niles said he believed well over half of the county's job quota of between 1300 and 1400 men were employed on existing projects yesterday, although a number of projects were temporarily discontinued.

Power Law Case Dismissed Here

Circuit Judge L. G. Lowell Tuesday dissolved the injunction and dismissed the complaint which was intended to keep the referendum on the grange power bill of the last legislature off the general election ballot. An appeal probably will be taken to the supreme court.

Late Sports

SEATTLE, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Shooting bolo-like right belts into his opponent's mid-section, "Kid" Moro, rugged Manila lightweight, scored a decision over Ah Wing Lee, Portland "Chinese lullaby" in spite of being on the sitting end of one knockdown in a six round bout here tonight.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—It took Ernie Cavelli, 143, Walla Walla, only three of the scheduled six rounds to knock out Allan Franks, 144, Bellingham, Wash., in the main event of tonight's fight card here.

The best bout was the four-round decision Louis Nelson, 128, Portland, turned in over Ros Dumaguille, 127, Manila. Roy Ockley, 134, St. Johns, took a four-round decision from Sonny Jones, 133, Vancouver, B. C.

Marion County Road Fund In Best Position of Any

Marion county ended the year 1933 with \$265,768 cash on hand in its general and roads and highway funds, a measurably smaller total than at the close of business in 1932, but a better position than shown by any other county in the state. According to the county clerk's semi-annual report, released yesterday, outstanding and unpaid warrants against these cash funds totalled only \$4704, leaving a net cash balance in the two funds of \$261,064.

The roads and highways fund had by far the larger cash balance, there being \$170,070 in this fund as the year ended. In prior years this balance has reached about the half-million mark, due to accumulations of state motor vehicle license moneys by the county. Last year to keep down the levy on real property, the county court transferred more than \$150,000 from this fund to pay the state taxes without making a levy on real property. This fund last year also

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