

Railroad Strike Averted Near Zero Hour River Holds Steady for Hours at 22.4 Feet, Apparent Crest

Receding Near Albany, Roads Still Are Wet

Silverton's North Route Still Closed; Varied Conditions Noted

Truck Gets to Island in Nick of Time, Bridge Falls Soon After

The Willamette river last night appeared to have spent its best efforts toward flooding its valley and receding waters were in immediate prospect.

At midnight the river stood at the 22.4-foot level, unchanged since 5 p. m. and only four-tenths foot above the 8 a. m. reading.

The weather bureau reported the Willamette had reached its crest at Albany, would touch the Salem peak last night and start falling today.

Waterfront building basements in West Salem were under water yesterday but the water had not reached the floor of the Mellow Moon dance hall or of the city hall pumping station.

When the river began to threaten the temporary wooden bridge the water department had built across the river last summer, the workmen, names unknown, drove a truck across to the island for use in case the bridge went out.

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Salem Is Fourth In State Typing Event, Corvallis

CORVALLIS, April 16—(AP)—Tigard high school for the third time in four years holds the state typing championship winning the 15th annual contest at Oregon State college.

After relinquishing the title to Ashland last year, Franklin high of Portland regained first place for accuracy. Lois Murphy of Franklin won the gold medal for individual accuracy.

Results included: Championship division: Tigard first, Dallas second, Franklin third, Salem honorable mention.

Most accurate teams: Franklin first with 95.04 per cent, Roseburg second with 91.76 per cent, Newberg honorable mention.

(Based on highest percentage for five minutes writing.)

Novice or first year: Kelley Clifford, Franklin, first; Eunice Virginia Johnson, Salem, second; Nina Ruth Pleasant, Dallas, third; Dorothy Mamie Kisor, Philomath, honorable mention.

Decision on Rickey-Auburn Boundary Issue Is Deferred

With remonstrations heard from both districts, the district boundary board yesterday took under advisement a requested change in the line between the Auburn and Rickey districts intended to permit children living around the Four Corners to attend the former school.

Auburn school is 1.1 miles from the corners and Rickey 1.9 miles.

Several proposals were made to the board for solution of the problem but that of annexing part of the present Rickey district to the Auburn district seemed most in favor.

The board was forced, by the size of the crowd which appeared at the courthouse, to conduct its hearing in the large circuit court room.

District Built Up Rapidly, Observed

Since the two schools were built, 66 new families have settled near Four Corners in the Rickey district and eight on the Auburn side of the line.

Both school buildings are in the physical but not the population centers of their respective districts.

Those remonstrating from the Rickey district pointed out that their building was uncrowded while the proposed boundary change would remove approximately 350 acres of land having an assessed valuation of \$90,000 from the district, now assessed at \$319,094.

Auburn protested. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Four-L Complies With Wagner Act, Decrees Leader; Strongly Opposed Now

Is Not Company Union, Ruegnitz Says; Contends Labor Strife Unnecessary, Conforms With All State and Federal Laws, Announces

PORTLAND, April 16—(AP)—W. C. Ruegnitz, president, defined the position of the Four-L under the Wagner labor act today as "stronger than ever before."

"The Four-L organization has not only been working under the act since its approval by President Roosevelt on July 5, 1935," the president said, "but it has, since its establishment in 1917, worked to achieve the objectives of the act in the lumber industry."

"The four-L has much broader purposes than merely negotiating hours, wages and working conditions. It holds that strikes, walkouts and lockouts are unnecessary; that those directly concerned in the industry are the proper persons to solve its problems; and that industrial peace and prosperity are to be attained only through mutual understanding and cooperation."

Ruegnitz said a similar statement has been distributed to the membership through the four-L lumber news.

He asserted that the four-L was not outlawed by the supreme court. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Hurlmann Chosen Orchestra Leader

Philharmonic Board Picks Noted Portland Man to Fill Vacancy

Edouard Hurlmann, assistant conductor and concertmaster of the Portland Symphony orchestra, was chosen conductor of the Philharmonic Symphony orchestra at a meeting of the board of directors last night.

Mr. Hurlmann will succeed Jacques Gershkovitch, who retired at the end of the 1936-37 season.

A native of Switzerland, Mr. Hurlmann studied in Berne conservatory, at the state conservatory in Prague, Czechoslovakia, at Cologne, Germany and in Paris. He came in America in 1925.

Mr. Hurlmann is conductor of the Reed college chorus at the present time. He has conducted the Portland symphony in the absence of Willem Van Hoogstraten and will conduct that organization when it gives a broadcast in the Standard symphony series on May 6.

His work with the Salem orchestra will not start until fall.

Court Scheme Hit At C. E. Conclave

CORVALLIS, April 16—(AP)—Voicing strong opposition to President Roosevelt's court reorganization plan, Dr. George E. Ralston, of Philadelphia, predicted a compromise would be ultimately adopted, in an address before the Christian Endeavor convention here.

"The president always asks for more than he wants, like a diplomat in a foreign parley," Dr. Ralston said.

P. T. Chiplero, in an address this afternoon, urged the youth of the nation to stand firm in their principles and convictions.

Students of Northwestern Christian college put on a play, directed by Conley Silby.

With more than 1,000 from Oregon and northern California already present, delegates who were delayed by the storm continued to arrive.

Science Meeting Set

PORTLAND, April 16—(AP)—Representatives from nine Oregon colleges will attend the third annual Willamette valley student science conference to be held at St. Helens Hall junior college April 24.

All-Cast Iron Mains System Gets Approval

Cost of \$72,340 Is Well Below Estimate Made Before Bids Eyed

Put Up to Council; New Hydrants Included in 12th Street Plans

The Salem Water commission last night adopted recommendations from R. E. Koon, its consulting engineer, favoring an all-cast iron pipeline at cost of \$72,340.45 for the 12th street arterial water main to be laid as a WPA project from Rural avenue on the south to the highway undercrossing on the north.

The recommendation was directed to the special water construction committee of the city council which in turn will advise the aldermen at their regular meeting Monday night.

The \$72,340.45 recommended contract amount is \$11,937.35 below engineering estimates made Thursday before the bids were opened.

After poring over the intricate maze of bids, blocked off into 16 schedules for pipe, valves, fittings and fire hydrants, Engineer Koon said he found the recommended combination of proposals incorporating an all-cast iron pipeline the best.

He said that on the fact that cast iron pipe deliveries can be had in 60 days as against 120 days for steel pipe and on the longer life of cast iron, as well as on the price quoted.

Lowest Combination Calls For \$41

The lowest bid combination calling for steel pipe in the lot. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Oshawa Strike Is Reported Settled

Agreement Is Revealed by Homer Martin; Ford Is Next UAWA Target

(By the Associated Press) An agreement to settle Canada's troublesome automotive strike at Oshawa, Ont., held out prospects last night for an end of the controversy which involved provincial politics and threatened hard-won peace in this nation's motor industry.

Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers of America, made a belated announcement of the agreement reached Thursday at Detroit.

Martin went to Oshawa, where the pact, calling for negotiation of union demands, was presented to the 3,700 striking employees of General Motors of Canada for ratification.

Indications were the plant would be reopened Monday.

Detroit, the automobile "capital," continued to buzz with union activity.

A U.A.W.A. official announced that "open mass meetings of Ford" (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

To Select Oregon Art

PORTLAND, April 16—(AP)—Mrs. F. R. Hunter, state chairman of the American Artists' Professional League, said five easel paintings and one piece of sculpture will be chosen to represent the work of Oregon artists at an exhibition in New York June 16 to July 21.

Latest Target, Extortion Note



Ginger Rogers, film star, who received the letter demanding \$5000, authorship of which is charged to John Buzzes, 18, Chicago garage helper who said he had an "urge to destroy."

International Illustrated News photo.

Spanish Blockade To Start Monday

To Be Established Before Withdrawing Foreign Troops Discussed

LONDON, April 16—(AP)—Final details were arranged today for the international naval blockade of Spain upon which European hopes of isolating the civil war.

When the vessels of Great Britain, France, Italy and Germany start their patrol at midnight, Monday, April 19, they will seek to prevent further foreign arms and men entering Spain.

Proposals for the recall of volunteers already in action in Spain, informed sources said, will not be brought before the full non-intervention committee until the effectiveness of the blockade has been proved.

Vessels flying the U. S. flag, as well as ships of all other non-member nations, will be subject to examination, and their governments will be notified. Member nations are bound to bar arms and men, which the committee has (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Pinball Test Prepared

PORTLAND, April 16—(AP)—Municipal Judge Julius Cohn today paved the way for a supreme court ruling on whether pinball machines violate city ordinances against gambling when he fined Dominick Carlasco \$25 for possession of a gambling device—a pinball machine.

Leaders of Rival Unions Square Off

DAVE BECK (left) versus Harry Bridges (right), Beck, of Seattle, who leads the Brotherhood of Teamsters, carrying the A. F. of L. banner recently opened fight with Bridges and his maritime followers, who swung definitely into the left wing group to line up with the C. I. O. Beck recently went to San Francisco on a peaceful mission and stepped into a hostile jurisdictional dispute between the I. L. A. and Alameda county Teamsters' Union, Local 70.

Beck called a mass meeting to demand that teamsters go through I. L. A. picket lines. Shortly after Beck arrived in San Francisco the American Radio Telegraphists' Assn., a member of Bridges' powerful Maritime Federation of the Pacific, formally joined forces with the C. I. O.—International Illustrated News photos.

Topeka Bandit Pair Captured In Long Chase

Nebraska Sheriff Takes Them As They Halt to Get Their Bearings

One Federal Agent Hurt in Gun Battle Inside Kansas Postoffice

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., April 16—(AP)—Cass County Sheriff Homer Sylvester said he and his brother, Sheriff's Deputy Cass Sylvester, captured the two men who had shot their way out of a G-man trap at Topeka, Kas., today.

The sheriff said the capture occurred at the edge of Plattsmouth after he and his brother had trailed the car on highway 75 eight miles into Plattsmouth. The sheriff said the men admitted they were the pair sought in the Topeka shooting.

He and his brother surprised the men when they stopped their car, apparently to get their bearings, and disarmed them, the sheriff said. He said the men each had a loaded .38 caliber automatic pistol.

Sylvester said the men gave their names as Robert Suhay, 26, and Alfred Powers, 45.

The wounded federal agent was Wayne W. Baker.

TOPEKA, Kas., April 16—(AP)—The Kansas state highway patrol today reported two men who shot their way out of a G-man trap in Topeka postoffice, critically wounding an agent, forced a doctor to treat wounds for one of them at a farmhouse near the Nebraska line.

Frank Stone, jr., assistant director. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Visit to Parents Here Is Disputed

SEATTLE, April 16—(AP)—Superior Judge Roger J. Meakim today postponed until Friday a decision between the divorced parents of three-year-old Marilyn White on the issue of a proposed visit for Marilyn to her mother's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bartlett of Salem, Ore.

Marilyn's mother, Mrs. Ella Mae White, who obtained an interlocutory decree March 20 giving her the child's custody, asked it be modified to permit her to take Marilyn on the two-months' visit.

The girl's father, William J. White, opposed the request, his counsel expressing fear the mother might not return to the court's jurisdiction.

Late Sports

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16—(AP)—San Francisco's Missions won a 7 to 5 victory over the Seattle Indians in a coast league game tonight despite a 5-run scoring spree by the Indians in the seventh inning.

Seattle 5 13 2 Missions 7 12 0 Ulrich, Horne and Fernandez; Lamanski, Bolen, Beck and Outen.

OAKLAND, Calif., April 16—(AP)—Pounding out 16 hits out of Manuel Salvo and Manager Frank Shellenback, the Oakland Oaks defeated the San Diego Padres 7 to 2 here tonight.

Salvo, Shellenback and Detore; Bonham and Raimondi.

CORVALLIS, April 16—(AP)—Oregon State college tennis squelmen drew first blood this season with a 5 to 4 victory over the leader team of Portland. The Orangemen took four singles and one double match. They will play Willamette here tomorrow.

MONMOUTH, Ore., April 16—(AP)—A traditional seventh inning rally gave the Oregon Normal Wolves an 8 to 7 victory over Reed college here today.

Cliff Baxter headed the Normal hitters, with three safeties in four times up. Two hits in three tries for Roseburg was the best for the Reed players.

Oregon Normal ... 8 8 9 Reed 7 5 4

EUGENE, Ore., April 16—(AP)—University of Oregon batters hammered in seven runs in the first inning in drubbing Linfield college 12 to 3 for the Webfoots' third straight diamond victory this year.

Firemen, Trainmen Agree to Wait for Federal Mediation

Officials Announce Walkout Delayed Less Than Two Hours Before It's Scheduled to Go Into Effect

No Discrimination If Any Stay Away Because Uninformed; Interest of Public Cited as One Factor

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16—(AP)—Two railroad brotherhoods late today postponed at the last minute a projected strike of 8500 employees on the Southern Pacific system.

With the 6 p. m. strike deadline less than two hours away, C. V. McLaughlin and C. H. Smith, vice presidents, respectively, of the railroad firemen and the railroad trainmen, announced they had deferred the walkout pending action by an emergency board appointed by President Roosevelt.

They said the postponement was decided upon "in view of the public interest and advices from Washington as well as the urgent request" of A. D. McDonald, president of the Southern Pacific company, who was quoted as saying he would see that the two complaining unions were "treated fairly."

Brotherhood head quarters rushed telegrams to concerned local unions along the Pacific coast, in the southwest and as far east as Ogden, Utah.

McLaughlin said McDonald had agreed there would no discrimination against any brotherhood man who remained away from work tonight through failure to receive notification that the strike was off.

No Discrimination Promised, Announced

Southern Pacific offices also said McDonald had assured him there would be no discrimination against anyone involved in the strike movement.

McLaughlin declined to say what the "advices from Washington" were.

The brotherhood offices said the postponement would defer the strike at least 60 days, giving the emergency board 30 days in which to report findings and another 30 days for acceptance or rejection of the board's conclusions.

The board, composed of Dr. Dexter Keezer of Portland, Ore.; Stanleigh Arnold of San Francisco and Charles Kerr of Washington, D. C., is to meet here next Tuesday.

County Research, Plan

PORTLAND, April 16—(AP)—The executive committee of the association of Oregon counties voted today to apply to the Spellman fund of New York for a grant of \$5400 for establishment and maintenance of an office at the University of Oregon to conduct research and study of county problems.

Port District Proposed

CASCADE LOCKS, April 16—(AP)—Business men are circulating petitions here asking the county court to call a special election to authorize establishment of a port district for Cascade Locks.

Rain Festival Is Scheduled Early in June; New Venture

It's a touchy subject right now, what with farmers delayed several weeks in their spring work and the Willamette river at flood stage due to April's record downpour, but nevertheless, Salem is going to have a Rain Festival.

What's more, civic club leaders chose this inauspicious date to announce it.

The Rain Festival is scheduled for June 3, 4 and 5, and it makes little difference whether any rain falls then or not. The purpose is not to encourage rain. Rain needs little encouragement here. The idea is to glorify rain and the benefits it literally showers upon the Willamette valley.

Board of Directors Chosen at Meeting

S. L. Stevens is general chairman and Miss Josephine Forney, formerly an active worker for the Portland Rose Festival, will be director. An elaborate three-day program will be arranged.

Decision to stage the Rain Festival was reached Friday night at a meeting of 60 representatives of civic organizations at the Quella. A board of directors composed of Mayor V. E. Kahn, Harry Collins, Douglas McKay, Dr. Bruce Baxter, W. L. Phillips and

BALLADE of Today By R. C.

In spite of storm or snow or flood the trains keep running day and night, they never bog down in the mud or suffer any luckless plight, and though disputes sometimes arise, they are always gently ironed out, a model that some other guys will sometime take to heart, no doubt.