

Storms Cover Northwest; Floods Battled

Pres. Hoover Passengers All Removed

Vessel Is Grounded On Hoishoto Island And Aid Is Speeded

Message Early This Afternoon Says Passengers Are All Landed; Liner Badly Damaged

Two Destroyers Leave Manila Under Full Speed; one Report Says Removal Aim Abandoned

MANILA, Dec. 11—(Saturday)—(AP)—A message indicating all passengers aboard the grounded liner President Hoover had been landed on Hoishoto island, where the vessel struck early this morning, was received here today by Globe wireless.

The message, picked up from the vessel at 1:25 p. m. (12:25 a. m. Saturday, Eastern standard time), said: "All passengers safe. Landed on island. Latitude 22.40 north, longitude 121.3 east."

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10—(AP)—Rescue vessels sped to the aid of the grounded transpacific luxury liner President Hoover tonight amid conflicting reports concerning the safety of 1053 persons aboard the vessel, ashore near Formosa.

Two U. S. destroyers left Manila under orders to proceed full speed for the \$8,000,000 vessel, while two other transpacific liners, the Empress of Asia and the President McKinley, were reported also rushing aid.

News advices received in Manila from Hongkong said the big Dollar line vessel was pounding heavily with a hole forward in her hull and that efforts had been abandoned to transfer the 650 passengers and 405 crew to the German vessel Preussen, standing by.

Dollar line headquarters here said it was without information concerning the Hongkong report and refused to answer any questions concerning the vessel.

"The publicity department has closed for the night," callers were informed.

The liner, sailing a new course between Japan and Manila, grounded early today on Hoishoto island, described as 55 miles northeast of Formosa's southern tip.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10—(AP)—The \$8,000,000 transpacific liner President Hoover, sailing a new course between Japan and Formosa, ran aground early today on a tiny volcanic island near Formosa, but the 1053 persons aboard were reported safe.

Officials of the Dollar Lines, operators of the palatial vessel which struck while coursing through darkness, expressed hope the big ship might be pulled free by a tug now en route from Hongkong. The tug was expected alongside in 20 hours.

When the liner left San Francisco the passenger list included: Carl Johnson, president of Rasmussen Paint Co., Portland.

Roy A. Reed, former owner of the Twin Falls News, Twin Falls, Idaho, and Mrs. Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cery, The Dalles, Ore.

Chris R. Fimmel, Beaverton, Ore. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2.)

Oddities

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—(AP)—Coach Fred Mesmer, of Georgetown, gazed at a vacant gymnasium today and wondered what's come over the modern basketball player.

"They've absented themselves to go to an art gallery," he snorted. "Last week it was a lecture and a concert. I don't know what we're coming to!"

PAWUSKA, Okla., Dec. 10—(AP)—Menu tonight at a banquet for members of the Oklahoma Poultry association: Barbecued buffalo.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 10—(AP)—Willis Van Devanter, retired supreme court justice, is taking no chances of running afoul Texas game laws.

He brought back a buck he killed in south Texas and Gov. James V. Allred obliged by detailing a game warden to take care of shipping it out of Texas.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Dec. 10—(AP)—Former Governor Harry Leslie of Indiana died here tonight of a heart ailment. He was 59.

Struggle Battle Japanese After Nanking

Foothold Gained in City by one Detachment, Others Battering

Chinking Said Captured and Wuhu Battle Is Still at Height

SHANGHAI, Dec. 11—(Saturday)—(AP)—Japanese announced their "grand offensive" against Nanking was launched at 10 a. m. today (6 p. m., Friday, P.S.T.) after their troops had gained a foothold within the abandoned Chinese capital.

The invaders were reported battering at key gates in the formidable walls of Nanking after a detachment of infantrymen fought through Kuangshumen, the southeastern gate, late yesterday into the city's streets.

(In Tokyo, the foreign office notified Japanese embassies and consulates that "the imperial army has made a victorious entry into Nanking.")

(Domestic Japanese news agency—reported in Tokyo from Nanking that street fighting was resumed at dawn Saturday and the Japanese had mounted machine guns on the walls to sweep all open spaces.)

Following the breaching of the city's inner wall, Chinese and Japanese reports said, the attackers drove against three other ancient gates.

Japanese also officially announced the capture of Chinkingiang, 40 miles east of Nanking, and of Taijing, midway between Nanking and Wuhu, which lies 50 miles southwest of the capital.

Capture of Taijing cut off Chinese retreat from Nanking up the Yangtze river along the south bank.

Severe fighting was reported progressing in the suburbs and streets of Wuhu.

Although Japanese announced the fall of Chinkingiang fighting continued at the Golden Island forts in the middle of the Yangtze river and at forts on the opposite shore.

These drives, Japanese said, followed the success Friday of Japanese infantrymen of the 4th division in gaining a foothold inside the massive walls of Nanking. The Rising Sun banner fluttered above the principal southeastern gate of the city.

Ask Modification On Poultry Label

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Dec. 10—(AP)—State Senator W. A. Johnson today carried a plea for modification of coast label officials' demands for union labels on the Oregon poultry to Ben T. Osborne, state federation of labor secretary, at Portland.

Johnson feared union label demands would be extended to all farm products. He conferred yesterday with Stuart Horne, Medford, secretary of the AFL butchers union local which has attempted to aid turkey growers.

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Two More Forgery Suspects Arrested by Salem Officers

City police yesterday added two more alleged forgers to the growing list that have been taken into custody over a period of two weeks. Those arrested yesterday by Sergeant Don Nicholson and charged with forgery were Merle Beane and Wayne Kimple, both of Salem.

It is alleged that the two young men signed the name of Francis De Harport, operator of a wood yard here and also affiliated with the Salem Shopping News printing concern, and former employer of the men arrested.

According to Officer Nicholson, Beane and Kimple cashed forged checks here amounting to between \$75 and \$100. Merchants allegedly victimized by the pair were the J. C. Fenney company, the Smoke Shop, Busick's Market and Piggy Wiggy.

Nicholson said one check for \$18.60, the largest amount, was cashed by the Penny store, one for \$14.30 cashed by Piggy Wiggy, and two, for \$15.30 and

AFL Defiant Upon Opening Of Sawmills

EUGENE, Dec. 10—(AP)—Delegates to the convention of the Oregon-Washington Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers union, meeting here today, Saturday and Sunday, presented a united front in opposition to any peace moves or compromise with the CIO at the opening session of the convention this afternoon.

The stand of the LSW was keynoted earlier in the day in a speech by Ben T. Osborne, Portland, president of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, who told the convention "there must be no peace nor compromise with the rival labor group, the CIO."

Echoing Osborne's sentiments was James Taylor, president of the Washington State Labor Federation, also a speaker on the opening day's program. Taylor also scored the alleged misuse of the Wagner labor relations act, saying "Unless the Wagner act is changed to prevent use of it as it is now being misused, then it ought to be done away with."

PORTLAND, Dec. 10—(AP)—The AFL was steadfast today from President William Green to the northwest lumber units in its determination to fight for control of the sawmill industry despite an employe election giving preference at one plant to the CIO.

The threat of a national AFL boycott of CIO handled products menaced a lumber trade already paralyzed by a 121-day closure at eight major sawmills.

"Governor Charles Martin may open the mills but he can't open the markets," said Gust Anderson, secretary of the Portland central labor council and the AFL policy committee, in a message to the Oregon-Washington AFL sawmill employe convention at Eugene.

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Major Change Announced in Bus Schedule

Lee Street Line Will Be in Service Monday, 2 Routes to Change

Capitol District Given 40-Minute Service in Future, Revealed

Announcement of important changes in street bus routings in Salem, effective next Monday, December 13, was made last night by R. W. Lemen, president of Oregon Motor Stages.

One complete new route on Lee street has been added; the North Commercial line has been extended to provide the Capitol district with 40-minute service, every other bus making that loop, which will extend out Highland and circle around Pine street.

The Market street route is changed to go out Madison to 20th and Market, and then over and down D street; it will also, inbound, proceed south on Summer street to Court, then west on Court, thus giving passengers to and from the statehouse additional service.

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House Favors Crop Control; Vote Decisive

But Bill Is Almost Sent Back to Committee in Previous Contest

Soil Payments Continue but Contingent Upon Limit of Acreage

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—(AP)—The house made good today its leadership's pledge to President Roosevelt and passed, 267 to 130, a bill to control the production of crops and the marketing of surpluses.

The bill got through by a narrower squeak than the final vote indicated, however. Only a few minutes earlier, the house rejected, by the close tally of 206 to 197, an amendment by Rep. Anderson (R. Minn.) to send the measure back to the agriculture committee for complete overhauling.

A switch of five votes would have thrown the bill right back where it started and possibly have prevented action on President Roosevelt's No. 1 recommendation until January.

The measure, among other things, provides for continuation of present payments for "soil conserving practices." Cotton, wheat and corn farmers would get this money provided they agreed to abide by acreage limits set by the secretary of agriculture. In times of surplus production, the secretary could impose marketing quotas on wheat, corn and tobacco farmers, if two-thirds of producers voting in referendum agreed. Penalties would be imposed on farmers failing to comply with quotas.

The bill now goes to the senate, where Majority Leader Barkley of Kentucky forecast a roll call vote on a companion measure by Monday or Tuesday.

Administration democrats said the house action broke the legislative jam that for three weeks has tied up the entire program of the special session.

Final Coulee Dam Bids Are Scanned

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 10—(AP)—Builders of the nation's two greatest engineering projects—Grand Coulee foundation dam and Boulder dam—combined at the last minute to submit the low bid for completion of the \$126,000,000 Grand Coulee high dam.

The bid was \$34,442,240. The only other bid was \$42,185,802.50, by an eight-company syndicate under the name of Pacific Constructors, Inc., and headed by S. M. Griffith, Los Angeles.

The \$63,000,000 foundation dam, on which the high dam will be constructed, will be completed within the month.

The two contractor combinations which combined to submit the low bid were the Mason-Walsh-Atkinson-Kier company and the Interior Construction company. The M-W-A-K is the builder of the \$63,000,000 foundation dam which will be completed within a month on the Columbia river in north central Washington.

Transient Killed By Officer's Gun

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Robert Ragsdale Is Found in SF

18-year-old Willamette student, who disappeared December 2, was located yesterday in San Francisco, according to telegraphic word received by relatives here. The report was that he had an attack of amnesia which caused him to wander away. The Travelers Protective association put him on the train last night and he is expected to reach Salem today.

His disappearance started a coastwide search.

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Hurricane Forecast North of Columbia; Ships Take Cover

Lakeview Streets Afloat With Rocks and Mud; Downieville, Calif., Inundated, 400 Homeless

South Santiam, Willamette Highways Closed, Columbia Highway Has Slides Blocking Traffic

LAKEVIEW, Ore., Dec. 10—(AP)—Fire sirens warned residents of flood danger tonight as more than three inches of water covered Lakeview streets.

Rocks, weighing up to three pounds, and mud impeded traffic. Basements were flooded.

Rain, totaling 1.86 inches in the past 30 hours, continued. Flood water receded as citizens aided city employes to clear drains.

GRASS VALLEY, Calif., Dec. 10—(AP)—Reports reaching here from Downieville said one man was missing tonight and almost the entire population of between 400 and 500 was homeless as the result of a flood that swept away 16 Downieville houses and wrecked many other buildings.

Downieville, historic mining community, is situated in a canyon through which runs the north fork of the Yuba river.

(By The Associated Press)
Heavy gales at sea, floods in inland valleys and additional suffering in snowbound New York state areas where 10 lives have been lost, accompanied a storm of enormous proportions which lingered over the far west and the north-eastern Pacific ocean last night.

Van Vlack Suicide Probe Is Started

Had Safety Razor Blade; Mother Fails to Aid Before Leap, Said

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 10—(AP)—The finding of a jagged piece of safety razor blade concealed under the upper lip of Douglas Van Vlack brought tonight an investigation into the slayer's suicide a few hours prior to his scheduled death on Idaho's prison gallows.

Van Vlack, sentenced to hang for the murder of his former wife, Mildred Hook of Tacoma, Wash., broke away from his guards, climbed to a rafter above the third tier of cells and dived head first to a concrete floor 30 feet below, even as guards and his attorney pleaded with him not to jump.

He died 4 1/2 hours later and only a few minutes after he would have been taken to the gallows.

Gov. Barzilla W. Clark headed the three-man prison board that briefly this afternoon and inquired into particulars preceding the suicide and particularly how an Vlack obtained the razor blade.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 10—(AP)—The deputy warden of the state prison disclosed tonight that Douglas Van Vlack's mother waved farewell to him as he was poised for the leap that saved him from the gallows.

"Goodbye sonny; I'll see you tomorrow," were the words of Mrs. Edna Van Vlack in saying goodbye to her son some minutes before his 30-foot suicide jump, Deputy Warden H. Rex Smith said.

"Van Vlack was out on the beam, and Mrs. Van Vlack disregarded our request to use her influence to get him down," said Smith.

"I tried to get her assistance, but she paid no attention."

Everybody Buys and Uses Christmas Seals

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