

## Northwest's Storm Intensified on Coast

### Tsingtao Fall Likely; Tsinan Already Taken

Gunboat Ready to Leave With Americans From Beleaguered City

Punitive Action Planned by Japanese Because Mills Destroyed

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28.—(Tuesday)—Japanese armies rolled outward across Shantung province today after capturing Tsingtao, its capital, and isolating Tsingtao, its great industrial and port city.

The fall of Tsingtao, cut off from the rest of the province, seemed imminent. The some 300 American civilians remaining in the city were ready to take refuge on three United States warships in the harbor.

A dispatch from Tsingtao said the United States gunboat Sacramento would leave today for Shanghai with any Americans who wanted to flee the province.

The Japanese announced Tsingtao, seventh provincial capital, fell before Nippon's armies, was occupied completely Monday.

Throughout Sunday night heavy Japanese guns imploded on the north bank of the river pounded the city. At midnight the north and east gates were captured and at dawn three columns of infantry began mopping up the feeble resistance.

Chinese asserted the city had not yet fallen.

The capture of Tsinan followed the army's capture of Tsingtao. Tientsin that "drastic punitive action" would be taken for Chinese destruction of some \$100,000,000 worth of Japanese property at Tsingtao.

The property, chiefly cotton mills, had been held by the Chinese since the outbreak of the undeclared war as hostage against invasion.

Because of the still uncompleted task of cleaning up the country around Nanking, as well as the city itself, the Japanese asked foreign nations not to reopen their embassies at Nanking.

The presence of foreigners, it was pointed out, would be dangerous and undesirable until absolute Japanese control had been established.

The United States had planned to send two consular officials to Nanking today to reopen the embassy which was abandoned when the Chinese government left the capital. Washington, however, was understood to be considering the Japanese request.

TOKYO, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Japanese government officials today praised the peaceful settlement of the Panay crisis between Japan and the United States as demonstrating the ability of "two civilized nations" to solve their serious problems.

"Fifteen or 20 years ago," a foreign spokesman said, "such a tragedy (as the Japanese sinking of the United States gunboat Panay) would have been followed within a few hours by a declaration of war."

"Japan's prompt apology and the United States' prompt acceptance of the final note, plus a dispassionate searching for facts during the intervening period, should set an example for the whole world."

### Oddities

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Police officers told today how a wire-haired fox terrier stood guard over a prostrate Pekinese in a busy Buffalo street, snarling at rushing automobiles that passed too close to its fallen companion.

Detective Arthur J. Gibbons and Lt. Nelson Gattine, approaching in a police patrol car, said they blocked traffic with their machine to relieve the terrier of its vigil and took the injured Pekinese to an animal shelter.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(AP)—If turkey could talk turkey—Talking turkey by proxy, Inspector Thomas F. Morgan of the department of weights and measures gave a tip in court today to housewives who may have suspected that the Yuletide bird seemed to have lost weight after being the butcher's scales—before being popped into the oven.

Thomas said he went into a L.L. town butcher shop and bought a gobbler that weighed 10 pounds and four ounces inside the gobble, which he snatched from the scales, he found three pieces of lead weighing one pound and 10 ounces.

The proprietor and butcher were held in \$1,000 bail each.

### Russian Aid For Chinese Is Indicated

HANKOW, China, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Foreign diplomats today savored the arrival of the new Soviet ambassador to China, a soldier rather than a diplomat, indications that closer military relations between China and Russia were in prospect.

Ivan Tewfimovitch Luganets-Orelsky, 38 years old, with the longest name but shortest diplomatic experience of any foreign envoy in this temporary embassy of China, arrived Sunday by airplane.

Arrangements were in progress for an early meeting with China's leader, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, at the latter's headquarters at an undisclosed spot in the mid-Yangtze valley. Of particular interest to other diplomats was the fact that Luganets-Orelsky was several weeks on his journey from Moscow to Hankow, apparently spending much time along the great continental highway from Russian Turkestan across Chinese Turkestan (Sinkiang) and Kansu, along the Tientsin-Peking railway.

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### McNary Backs Provisions of TVA Board's Moves

Norris Support Also Is Reported, Indicating Discord Serious

Condemnation Suit Said to Have Brought It out Into Open

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### Valley Streams Continue Their Rise

Gale Reaches 75 Miles Per Hour Near Astoria

That City Entirely Cut off Communication Except by Radio

Grand Island, Wheatland Threatened; Many of Highways Blocked

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—(AP)—A southeast gale which struck the Oregon coast Sunday reached a velocity of from 65 to 75 miles an hour at Astoria tonight, a dispatch received via the naval communications reserve station here said.

Four inches of rain fell today in one of the heaviest storms on record.

Astoria was entirely cut off from wire communication.

Two vessels lay outside the Columbia river mouth and several inside. Coast guard officials said no distress calls had been received.

New slides halted traffic on the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway at Broadwood and piled additional debris on the lower Columbia river highway at Westport, closed by slides Sunday.

The Danish East Asiatic motorship Europa, moored at the Astoria docks with two dozen lines, threatened to break away in the gale.

Traffic proceeded cautiously over the Portland-Astoria highway, menaced by slides and falling trees which halted wire communications for the past 24 hours. Emergency messages were carried by the naval radio.

At Coos Bay, to the south, a 50-mile an hour gale continued for the second day, but rainfall was lighter. Stages continued on schedule but trains ran only during the day to guard against accidents from possible washouts and slides.

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### Four Deaths Are Caused by Storm

2 Trainmen Killed When SP&S Train Wrecked Near Washougal

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Four deaths in Oregon, and two more across the Columbia river at Washougal, Wash., where an SP&S train crashed into a slide last night, were left in the wake of the Christmas storm which swept the northwest this weekend.

John Malloy, 27, of Vancouver, a brakeman, and Everett S. Wilson, 59, Portland, a fireman, died when the 75-car freight train, drawn by two engines, piled up on the slide four miles east of Washougal, caught fire and burned.

Jack Raab, engineer, was in a Vancouver hospital with both legs severed and head lacerations. N. P. Larson, Portland, engineer, suffered a scalded face. Three other crew members were uninjured.

Wreckage was cleared and traffic resumed late today.

The head engine rolled 100 feet down an embankment. Five of the cars were smashed to kindling and their cargo, principally wheat, scattered.

The wreckage continued to burn brightly today as wrecking crews cleared the track.

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### Tillamook Region Is Badly Flooded When Dikes Burst

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Shortwave radio messages from Tillamook picked up by amateur operators here tonight said Trask, Kilches and Wilson rivers had overflowed, bursting dikes, flooding farm lands and highways and washing livestock out to sea.

The messages said the Kilches river had covered the highway north of Tillamook with four feet of water for a mile and a half.

Slides and fallen trees blocked the Wilson river highway and a log jam 30 feet high was reported to have dammed the river.

KELOSO, Wash., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Runoff water from surrounding hills flooded nearly a dozen homes in north Kelso and threatened more than 50 others tonight.

Families were evacuating to higher ground.

A flood control project to protect the area, damaged several times in recent years, was held up several weeks by a wage dispute.

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### Ralph McCullough Live Wire Victim

Electrocuted or Drowned in Home at Portland; Recently Married

Ralph Hubert McCullough, 25, graduate of the Willamette university law school in 1926, was electrocuted or drowned after he came in contact with a live wire in the flooded basement of his home at 15504 SE Martins street in Portland early Monday.

McCullough had gone into the basement, in which there were 40 inches of water, to remove a pump which the flood had submerged, shortly after 5 o'clock Monday morning.

Mrs. McCullough, formerly Gwen Gallagher of Salem, heard him scream; then he shouted to her to cut off the electric light switch. She did so immediately, then went into the basement to find her husband dead and lying under water.

Deputy Coroner Snook said he was unable to determine whether McCullough died from the electric shocks or from drowning after the shock rendered him unconscious.

Delayed by storm conditions, a deputy sheriff and two PGE company linemen tried artificial respiration without success.

Mr. and Mrs. McCullough had been planning to entertain friends at a party at which they were to announce their marriage, performed September 24 in Stevenson, Wash., and kept secret even from Mr. McCullough's office associates.

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### County Roads And Highways Here Flooded

Pilot Car Is Needed on Salem-Dallas Route; Rain to Continue

River Level Climbs but Flood Mark Unlikely; 13.1 Feet Latest

Storm-drenched mid-Willamette valley citizens yesterday saw county roads and state highways flooded, small streams overflowing their banks and the rivers rising rapidly as the day brought 5.2 inch of rain in addition to 2.90 inches which fell in Salem during the 24-hour period ending at 7:30 a. m.

Many Marion county roads were washed out in varying extent. Several important thoroughfares were covered by overflow water. In Polk county pilot cars led motorists through water on the Salem-Dallas highway and several farmers were isolated when small bridges near Rickreall were carried away.

The Willamette river rose steadily yesterday at the rate of nearly three-tenths foot an hour to reach 13.1 feet by 10:30 p. m. The weather bureau at Portland predicted the river would reach 17 feet at Albany and 15 1/2 feet in Salem tonight. The late forecast stated that flood stage was not indicated for Salem although the upper river was still rising.

December Rainfall is Above Average

The weekend's rains brought the total precipitation for the month to 8.54 inches, slightly less than one-half the all-time record established in 1933 but 3.21 inches above the mean average for December. Rainfall since Wednesday, the last dry day in Salem, has totaled 4.94 inches.

Near Derry on the Salem-Dallas highway, water from overflowing Rickreall creek reached a depth of nearly two feet yesterday afternoon and traffic was directed by a state department pilot car. The same stream flooded the highway in Rickreall from the Haunted Mill dance hall to the Richfield service station before it receded three feet from its peak stage.

Bridges washed out by the Rickreall left the families of J. P. Hamilton and Charles Larkin marooned on their farms.

In Marion county the Turner highway was flooded to running-board depth in the flats south of the state penitentiary annex, water flowed across Turner road near the Salem airport for the first time in several years and the lower Salem-Silverton highway was again inundated. At last report the North Santiam highway remained open as far as Detroit.

Breaks in Roads Reported Serious

County Engineer N. C. Hubbs said numerous reports of minor county road washouts and several of a serious nature were being received. Among the most serious was the newly constructed D street line, near the intersection of D street and another east of St. Paul.

Although Sunday night's wind storm reached 28-mile an hour velocity, no serious damage was reported in Salem. The accompanying torrential rains, however, kept the city sewer department's crew busy attempting to clear up trouble in isolated zones, Assistant City Engineer J. H. Davis reported.

The storm caused flooded basements in the vicinity of 24th and Center streets for the first time in the memory of engineering department employees.

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