

Death Toll Is Set at 10,000

Accurate Check Is Still Impossible; Disease Danger Is Faced

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evacuation of the disaster-stricken city of Chilian.

Estimates of the toll of dead in the region centering 200 miles south of Santiago ranged from 4,000 to 12,000 with conservative estimates placing casualties in Chilian at 5,000 alone. In Concepcion at 3,000, and in other cities at 1,000.

Not less than 50,000 were homeless, it was believed, and probably many thousands more.

Broken communications systems and the immensity of the catastrophe prevented accurate and comprehensive compilations of the death and destruction which reached from Valparaiso, north of Santiago, to Valdivia, 250 miles south.

Chilian Is Almost Totally Destroyed

In Chilian, a city of 40,000 people, the disaster was worst of all, many bodies remained to be disposed of, though efforts at hurried burial had been made by workers digging trenches in several streets about the town plaza. The town was almost destroyed.

Last of doctors, medical supplies and sanitary facilities increased the danger of disease.

President Aguirre Cedra, who took office only a month ago as the first popular front president in South America, personally visited the scene today and sought to organize relief measures.

Two trainloads of trucks, motor cars and tractors were sent to the quake area, while 100 doctors, with nurses, food, medical supplies and sanitary equipment were rushed forward on a third relief train.

Authorities in the stricken zone requisitioned automobiles and trucks to clear away debris, and to convey the dead and the injured.

It was believed that about 100 Americans were vacationing in the Lake region near Puccon and Valdivia. It was believed they all were safe, however, as the district is south of the area where damage was greatest.

300 International Vols Die, Report

International Brigade's Train Bombed While Leaving Spain

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and Emmett Gully of Newberg, Ore., decided despite their experiences to return to government service and carry on their mission of distributing food and clothes to the needy in the Madrid-Valencia zone. They are representatives of the American Friends Service, a Quaker organization.

Josquin Segura, 16, and his sister, Maria, 15, who twice fled advancing insurgent forces, counted upon returning to the United States as soon as possible.

Born in New York of Spanish parents, they went to Spain with their family 10 years ago. When the war broke out in 1936 their father, Ramon, was caught by the insurgent uprising in Teruel, where he was a government civil administrator.

Josquin and Maria lived in a little Aragon village until March, 1938, when Generalissimo Francisco Franco's Mediterranean drive forced them to go with other refugees to Barcelona.

They have not heard from their father in months and believe he is dead.

Pretty, dark-eyed Maria said, "My only thought was that it would be funny if, after two and a half years of suffering aerial bombardments, we were to be killed just as we were on our way to safety."

ROME, Jan. 26—(AP)—Premier Mussolini received the following message today from Spanish insurgent Generalissimo Francisco Franco following the fall of Barcelona:

"I am grateful for the brilliant effort of the Italian troops who will receive the laurel of triumph with their Spanish comrades in Barcelona."

Bill Due to Fix Sodaville Tangle

Senator Charles Childs is preparing a bill which he hopes will straighten out a municipal government tangle at Sodaville, Lane county.

Childs said that at an election there last December the voters elected two sets of officials. This election was illegal, Childs continued, for the reason that the charter provides that the municipal election shall be held at the same time of the general election.

The bill to be introduced by Senator Childs will provide for a

substitute for Mrs. Burns until she returns.

Hearing on Senator George T. Burr's bill repealing the law establishing automobile inspection stations in Portland will be held next Tuesday night under the direction of the joint roads and highways committee.

Ray Conway, general manager of the Oregon Motor Association, visited friends and associates at the 40th session Wednesday.

Notes around the press room

Prepares to Divorce Gable



Mrs. Maria (Bibi) Gable, estranged wife of Clark Gable of the films, settled down in her seven-room home at Las Vegas, Nev., to establish residence preparatory to filing suit for divorce from the actor. Mrs. Gable is shown as she began reading a lengthy novel.

Multnomah Group Will Drop Move

Civil Service Extension Bill May Be Entered by Other Group

A bill that would extend Multnomah county's civil service law to include approximately 100 new employees employed on maintenance and repair of county property, will not be introduced by the Multnomah county delegation, it was decided definitely at a meeting of that body Thursday.

Several members indicated that they would join in introducing the bill in the house. Representatives of a number of labor organizations appeared before the delegation.

Union Supports Bill

G. W. Royer, representing the city and county employees union, declared that the measure had the support of his group and that union membership would not be affected by extension of the civil service.

R. B. Mathis, appearing for the Portland building trades council, termed the bill a "freeze-in" in favor of the employees already holding jobs.

The delegation approved a motion to ask a ways and means committee hearing on the Multnomah county relief situation.

Four-Year Tests Of Drivers Asked

A bill was being drafted here Thursday which would compel all automobile drivers in Oregon to submit to an examination every four years.

The measure is being sponsored by the Portland Junior chamber of commerce, and amends the existing law, under which the only persons who have to take examinations are those over 70 years of age and those never before licensed.

The bill would become operative July 1, 1943, and examinations would be given during the preceding four years.

The examination would include eye tests, ability to read and understand highway signs, knowledge of road laws and an actual demonstration of ability to drive.

Urge Texas Plan Of Fire Insurance

Appointment of a legislative interim committee to investigate and report on the advisability of adopting in Oregon the general fire insurance plan now in operation in Texas, will be sought in a resolution to be dropped in the senate hopper Thursday, prepared by Senator Harry Kenin, Multnomah county.

The committee would be composed of seven members who are not in any way engaged in the insurance business.

Under the Texas system fire insurance rates are based on actual losses plus a reasonable amount as operating costs. The resolution carries an appropriation of \$1000.

Kenin said steadily decreasing fire losses in Oregon justified adoption of the Texas fire insurance plan.

Special election in April, following the close of the legislative session.

Here and there behind and in front of the scenes at the 40th legislative assembly.

on the second floor was Larry Smith, of The Oregon Journal, introducing his newly acquired wife to members of the fourth estate, and his many other friends.

Like a postman taking a walk on his day off, C. V. Bernhard, news-round veteran of eight or nine sessions, couldn't stay away from this one, and genial "Barney" seemed to be enjoying shaking hands and talking with old acquaintances among the members and news staff. "Barney" was formerly manager of the Associated Press bureau in Salem.

\$2 License Upon Drug Sale Ousted

House Votes Against Fee on Small Shopowners' Sale of Aspirin

The house Thursday sustained an unfavorable committee report on a bill to eliminate a \$2 license requirement for sale of aspirin and other drugs by small shopkeepers after Rep. Harry J. Wiley (R-Albany) made the report an occasion for an attack on the state pharmacy board.

Wiley claimed the purpose of the license requirement, enacted in 1935, was "to take from the small shopkeeper a \$2 fee for the kiddy of the pharmacy board."

Wiley Attacks License Plan

"If it's injurious and wrong to sell these drugs (aspirin, Bromo-seltzer and Alka-Seltzer)," Wiley said, "is that injury removed by taking out a \$2 license?"

Dr. J. F. Hoesch (Independ-Bend) chairman of the house committee on medicine, dentistry and pharmacy, said the license requirement gave the pharmacy board power to insure that the drugs were kept at required standards.

Rep. John Steelhammer (R-Salem) said the board of pharmacy's income from the shopkeepers' fees was but \$5000 while the administrative expense was \$7200.

Better Pensions Asked of Solons

Holding a dinner meeting in the Latter Day Saints church last night, the Better Pensions steering committee, together with legislative committee, adopted a resolution instructing its officers to collaborate with pension-friendly legislators in developing the committee's proposal into legislative form.

The committee went on record: "Believing that all citizens, regardless of occupation, who have reached old age without sufficient means to provide a reasonably comfortable living should be given the full benefit of federal aid now available, we earnestly request those seeking pensions for special groups in this session of the legislature to broaden their activity so as to join hands with the Better Pension steering committee in its effort to provide comfort in old age for all."

Parole Standards Conference Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26—(AP)—Attorney General Frank Murphy, acting at the request of President Roosevelt, called a national conference today on parole standards and administrative procedure.

The conference will be held in Washington April 17 and 18. Murphy announced at a press conference the plans for the conference and made public a letter from Mr. Roosevelt, dated yesterday, suggesting such a conference "as a means of presenting the facts about parole, reaching an agreement as to desirable standards and procedures in its administration, and pointing the way to closer cooperation between the federal government and the governments of the several states."

Storm Flags Fly At River Mouth

PORTLAND, Jan. 26—(AP)—Slightly higher temperatures in Oregon were accompanied today by storm warnings.

Shipping was warned against strong winds from the Columbia river north to the Strait of Juan de Fuca following a disturbance 200 miles at sea. Weather conditions resulted in cancellation of plans to fly the 74-passenger Boeing clipper from Seattle to Oakland via Astoria and Tongue Point.

The general Oregon forecast was for rain tonight and Friday. Snow was predicted in the mountains.

Celilo Indians to Ask Free Fishing, Hunting

THE DALLAS, Jan. 26—(AP)—Fishing and hunting license exemptions for Indians will be urged at Salem next month by

John White, Chairman of the Celilo Indian Club

White said he would meet with Indian fishermen in a tribal council at Yakima before leaving for the state capital. He contended the Indian treaty rights

Cougar Bounty Increases To \$50 Voted by House

Bounty on cougars would be increased from \$30 to \$50 by a bill passed and sent to the senate by the house yesterday. Rep. H. H. Chidgrew (R-Molalla) said the black deer population was decreasing and evidence shows that the cougar is the big factor in the decrease.

Would Bar River Fishing

A bill making it illegal to fish from a boat in the Willamette river above Lowell was introduced in the house Thursday by Reps. Truman A. Chase (R-Eugene), and others.

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