

Snow Follows Cold in East

Salem Slightly Warmer as Wind Does Harm, Bonneville Lines

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the state and along the coast. The wind was expected to shift to the southeast, occasionally reaching gale force off the coast.

By The Associated Press)

Wind whipped snow, sleet and rain impeded traffic yesterday in many sections of the United States.

The wet blanket covered virtually the entire eastern half of the nation, with the exception of Florida. Snow fell in most of the midwest. Sleet and freezing rain slicked highways in other central and northeastern states. Downpours doused the lower Mississippi, Ohio and Missouri valleys. The heaviest snow and sleet storm of the season swept over Iowa. The burden attained a maximum depth of a foot and a half in 48 hours. In some districts cars were stalled and schools were closed.

Many Minnesota Roads Are Blocked

Drifts blocked a number of secondary roads in Minnesota. Plows bucked hummocks reared by the wind in the wake of snow that measured a foot at Albert Lea, 10 inches at Rochester and eight at Austin.

More than 500 workmen strove to clear drifted roads in southeastern Nebraska. A 7 1/2 deposit was a foot deep in level spots. Two men drowned under a Platte river ice. Two died of over-exertion while wading through the snow.

The fall scaled up to 14 inches in northern Wisconsin, while lighter snow and sleet hit highways in extremely hazardous condition elsewhere in the state.

Eight inches of snow piled up at Maryville, Mo., while sleet cleared in neighboring Kansas after a weekend of snow and sleet which resulted in 12 traffic deaths. The snow ranged up to 15 inches in northern Kansas.

A sleet and rain storm made automobile travel dangerous in most areas in New York state. Bus schedules were disrupted in the central sector.

Across the continent, showers were general in northern California and a mountain blizzard trapped more than 200 trucks and passenger cars on the ridge route, main inland highway between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Residents of Vancouver, B.C., groped through the heaviest fog in 35 years.

The abundance of moisture in the western farm belt—the greatest in several years—enhanced crop prospects, and wheat futures prices dropped almost two cents at Chicago.

Nazi Bombers Thought King of Norway Was in This Town



This graphic photo depicts the horror inflicted upon the Norwegian city of Kristiansund (Fonan), 17,000 population, by Nazi bombers who thought King Haakon of Norway had taken refuge there on his flight from Oslo in the immediate van of the invading hordes of Germans. This extraordinary picture was brought to Los Angeles recently on a freighter by a Norwegian seaman. Photo shows the ruins and desolation of the little city in northeastern Norway 18 hours after a three-day pounding by bombs. The hunted and harried Haakon escaped the savage onslaught by a few hours.—IN photo.

Defense Speedup Tackled by FDR

Commission Change Eyed; Knudsen Sends Urgent Note to Industry

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—President Roosevelt returned from a Caribbean cruise today to tackle the problem of speeding up rearmament in a situation described by William S. Knudsen as one of "terrible urgency."

The chief executive came home to find the capital absorbed in speculation as to whether he might give the chairmanship of the defense commission, and with it substantial powers over industry, to Knudsen. Many persons close to the defense program advocated such a step; other high officials were as firmly opposed to any fundamental change in the setup of the commission, which which now has no chairman.

Action Forecast

To many analysts, some major presidential move seemed foreshadowed by Mr. Roosevelt's statement yesterday that he hoped to visit Warm Springs, Ga., again next spring "if the world survives."

Knudsen, former president of General Motors corporation and now production chief for the defense commission, spoke briefly in letters made public today to machine tool manufacturers and their employees.

Declaring that nothing was more vital to the country's welfare just now than to hasten the production of machine tools "desperately needed" to make airplanes, torpedoes, destroyers and other weapons, Knudsen wrote the manufacturers.

"I'm not telling you how to do your job. But if you could see as I do, from the inside, the terrible urgency of the situation, you would agree with me that I am not asking too much in requesting that you use every conceivable effort to speed up delivery and increase the production of machine tools during 1941. Let's forget everything except the welfare of our country."

"The industry as a whole has done practically the impossible in declaring rate of output in the last two years. I am appealing to you to do the impossible again."

In other letters addressed to machine tool workers, and designed for posting on bulletin boards in their plants, Knudsen said they were even more important than soldiers and sailors today because the latter were helpless without munitions.

"Every day, hour and minute saved by greater efficiency helps Uncle Sam arm that much faster."

Federal Control Of Rivers Wider

Decision Was Opposed by Oregon but Effect Is Probably Slight

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5 to 4, the court upheld a Wisconsin tax on the dividends of out-of-state corporations doing business there. The tax is assessed against that portion of the dividends attributed to the profits from the business done in Wisconsin.

Monday's United States supreme court decision extending the government's authority over the nation's streams will compel Oregon's public and private power companies to obtain licenses from the government before constructing new hydroelectric generating facilities. Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle said.

Van Winkle, one of 41 state attorney generals who protested that the government was seeking to invade state rights by controlling non-navigable streams, said that under the decision "the government can claim that a trickle of water is subject to government regulation if the water is to be used for commerce, such as navigation, flood control, watershed development or power development."

The attorney general said he contended that New River, Indiana, in today's decision, is not navigable.

State Engineer Charles Stricklin said he doubted that the decision would affect Oregon as much as the other western states, but he declined comment until he studies the decision.

"The decision may affect Oregon as far as tributaries to navigable streams are concerned, but it won't affect any existing water rights," he said.

Carrie B. Adams Dies in Portland

Portland, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Mrs. Carrie Belle Adams, 31, an anthem composer who wrote thousands of musical scores since she began her career as a girl of 16, died here yesterday.

She authored more than 4000 anthems, six special anthem books, 12 cantatas, seven operas, 10 Sunday school cantatas and six glee club books.

Included were: "Christmas Adoration" and "The Holy Child," cantatas, and "Remember Thy Creator," an anthem.

She came here in 1920 after serving nine years as head of the Indiana state normal school music department at Terre Haute, Ind.

Mrs. Adams was a sister of C. E. Wilson, former mayor of the Salem chamber of commerce. She visited here frequently during his Salem residence.

Mrs. Myrtle Hunt Dies at Sublimity

Mrs. Myrtle E. Hunt, 73, widow of County Judge J. T. Hunt, died Sunday at her residence in Sublimity. Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 from the W. L. Rigdon company, Rev. G. L. Drill officiating. Concluding services will be held at City View cemetery.

Surviving are children, Clarence J. Hunt, Salem; Marion S. Hunt, Stayton; Norris E. Hunt and Mrs. Helen H. Tate, Sublimity. She is also survived by two grandsons and one grandniece.

She was a member of the First Christian church of Salem and Acocha chapter, No. 63, Order of the Eastern Star, Stayton.

Council Winds up Its Year in Hurry

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erment improvement of the airport, was "a monument to the efforts of people who didn't want to see tin cans littering our streets." A voluminous petition sponsored by a number of Salem residents was presented before Williams talked.

Approved expenditure of not more than \$175 to provide two-way radio equipment for the Salem first aid car. The sum will be added to \$250 collected through donations by the Salem peace reserve.

Held a public hearing, in which no one had anything to say for or against, on changing some of three lots adjacent to the George Waters ball park from a class two residential zone to a class three business zone.

Authorized the ways and means committee to contract for the annual audit of the city's books.

Approved a street light for the D street entrance of the Jason Lee cemetery and approved a report recommending placing of Walker street between 14th and 18th streets on the list for WPA grading and graveling.

The meeting was the last for Aldermen S. B. Laughlin, C. F. French and D. O. Lear, who was not present. Terms of the three, declared for reelection, expire December 31.

Ward Negotiation Shifts to Oakland

PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Negotiations in the labor dispute at the Portland Montgomery Ward & Co. store will shift to Oakland, Calif., Wednesday.

A third meeting between employers and the striking clerks, office workers and warehousemen today failed to settle the controversy, and Frank J. Ashe, federal conciliator, announced the meetings would move south.

Oakland negotiating committees will represent the Portland unions.

Ashe said company representatives refused to accept "any sort of union shop agreement, arbitration clauses or wage increases."

The strike, which followed an Oakland walkout, has been conducted by 1300 AFL members since December 7. The store is still in operation.

Schwollenbach Is On Federal Bench

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Lewis B. Schwollenbach, after months of waiting, today ascended the federal bench for the eastern district of Washington, running the gamut from US senator to plain citizen to judge all in the space of a few hours.

The former democratic senator, one of the junior stalwarts of the new deal administration from his first days on the senate floor, was given the oath of office in an unusual and quiet ceremony by the man whom he succeeds, Judge J. Stanley Webster, retired.

Flames From Bedding Fatal to Portlander

PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Flames from his bedding inflicted fatal burns on Vernon Elmer, 28, the coroner reported yesterday. He was believed to have fallen asleep while smoking.

Band Ban Lifted

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—(AP)—James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians (AFM), gave permission today for the broadcast of army band programs, which he had banned temporarily.

Whitney Olson Is Floated off Spit

OLSON AND COMPANY, SAN FRANCISCO, SHE WAS RUNNING LIGHT FROM LOS ANGELES TO KNAPPON, WASH. THE COAST GUARD TOOK THE SHIP TO ASTORIA FOR REPAIRS. CLATSOP SPT, A LONG FINGER OF SAND ON THE SOUTHERN ENTRANCE OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER, WAS WRECKED AT LEAST 18 SHIPS.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16.—(AP)—An east wind that reached a 40-mile-an-hour force in the Columbia river gorge yesterday raised havoc with river shipping.

The 40-foot dredge tender Ruby I, owned by the General Construction company, was swamped above Vancouver, Wash. The operator, C. E. Stevens, Bridal Veil, jumped ashore, and the craft was blown onto a sandbar.

The barge Umattila was beached near Corbett, but was undamaged and will be towed off.

The tugboat, which the dredge Washington to halt operations along scattered pipeline mounted on pontoons.

Driverless Auto Goes Traveling; Damage Is Light

PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—(AP)—A driverless automobile held a west side neighborhood breathless as it rolled imperturbably around traffic and straggle here today.

The car rolled out of a parking lot, dodged through heavy traffic on a main thoroughfare and cut across the lawn of a restaurant on the other side of the street.

Pedestrians and motorists were wiped perspiration from their foreheads, but the only damage was a bent bumper and a dislodged shop window frame.

Insanity Is Plea As Salmon Derby Fraud Case Opens

SEATTLE, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Anthony Zuanich of Everett went on trial in superior court today on a charge of grand larceny for the alleged use of purchased fish in the Seattle Times salmon derby last September.

Zuanich and three others "won" prize automobiles, which they surrendered after authorities testified that he received for his used prize-winning fish from Indians' traps. Of the other three, two men pleaded guilty and a young woman was not charged.

Zuanich has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity.

Robert Roop, 24, a steel worker, testified that he received for Miss June Smaalden, the woman in the case. He said Zuanich rowed over at a pre-arranged signal and tossed a 22-pound fish into the boat, then rowed away. Roop said he was paid \$1 by Zuanich for his part in the affair.

The other accused "winners" were Frank Dupay, Everett, and M. E. Smith, 24, Seattle.

Mannheim Target Of British Bombs

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—The royal air force during the night heavily attacked the German industrial town of Mannheim, it was reported authoritatively today.

Informed sources said the raid lasted from 8 p. m. last night until the early hours this morning.

"Many important targets were left in flames," it was said.

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Otto Abetz Goes To Vichy Capital

HINT SEEN THAT OUSTER OF LAVAL, OTHER PETAIN ACTS NOT LIKED

By CHARLES H. GUPTILL, BERN, Switzerland, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler sent Otto Abetz, his Paris representative, to Vichy today for conferences with Chief of State Marshal Philippe Petain and foreign observers here believed the visit might mean life or death for the reorganized French government—possibly even total Nazi occupation of France.

What the future holds for the old marshal's regime, these observers said, hinges on what explanation he gives Abetz, sometimes called the "unofficial king of France," regarding the sudden dismissal of Pierre Laval as vice-premier and foreign minister.

Authorized sources in Berlin said the cabinet upheaval at Vichy came as a surprise. They said also that not until Germany has obtained full information concerning the purpose, intentions and effects of the change would the Nazi press event be permitted to publish the news of Laval's dismissal.

Speculation Futile

German-French relations may or may not be affected decisively by Petain's action, the Berlin officials said, and added that any speculation is useless.

Berlin reports indicated the Germans are unconvinced that France, minus Laval, remained a likely recruit for the axis-projected "new order in Europe."

Abetz, the first important German official to visit Vichy since the armistice, presumably was to determine whether Petain's assurance that nothing is changed in French-German relations could be taken at face value.

The belief was expressed in some diplomatic quarters here that to reassure the Germans, the marshal would have to follow his statement with action. This might include giving Pierre-Etienne Flaminio, Laval's successor as foreign minister, the same power in the government previously enjoyed by the ousted minister as vice-premier.

Four in Basel Bomb Victims

AERIAL ATTACK ASSUMED TO BE RESULT OF ERROR ON PART OF BRITISH

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Pogradetz toward Etbasani, knitting through massed Italian reserves for large gains.

A British general headquarters communique from Cairo said the vanguard of Lieut.-Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson's desert blitzkrieg forces had crossed into Libya while other British troops dealt with Italians especially attempting to hold one of its strong positions around Salum. Egyptian port five miles from the Libyan frontier.

Supporting the land offensive, RAF bombers pounded a dozen-odd fascist air bases in Africa and reported a raid on Naples, Italy, where they said five direct hits were registered on a formation of Italian cruisers and destroyers.

Fires visible 60 miles were left burning at Bardia, 15 miles inside Libya.

Start of the mid-winter rainy season as well as the necessity of carrying out "mopping up" operations somewhat retarded the British land offensive in Egypt.

Premier Mussolini's high command reported heavy casualties on both sides in the conflict and acknowledged that "enemy forces continued pressure in the frontier zone in Cirenaica (Libya) under bombardments of our air force."

On the political front, Adolf Hitler's personal representative in Paris, Ambassador Otto Abetz, arrived in Vichy amid speculation that Germany may now decide to occupy all of France.

The Nazi Fuehrer, it was said, was angered over France's reported refusal to permit German troops to pass through unoccupied France en route to help Italy.

It was also expected that Abetz would inform France's aged Marshal Philippe Petain of Hitler's reaction to the French cabinet shakeup which resulted in the ousting of pro-Nazi former Vice-Premier Pierre Laval.

In One Ear.. More Schools Closed by Flu

WEST SALEM, Dec. 16.—The West Salem school was closed this morning until Wednesday when nearly half of the student body failed to attend, because of illness.

Weather conditions will determine whether or not the closing may be extended beyond today.

Willamette university classes will continue through Friday, scheduled last day's attendance before the Christmas holidays, unless a sharp increase in illness develops on the campus, Dr. Ralph Purvine, university physician, indicated last night.

Salem public schools continued to meet yesterday although there were 1309 pupils and 32 regular teachers absent.

Bennett to Be Hayden's Aide

WU Grad of '38, Deputy Now in Washington County, Chosen

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Willamette university college of law, and by other judges and attorneys who are familiar with his record as a prosecuting officer," Judge Hayden wrote.

Efficiency Declared

Only Consideration

He also stated that while "Mr. Bennett is a republican, nevertheless this appointment has been made from the standpoint purely of efficiency in the district attorney's office in Marion county, Oregon."

The latter statement Judge Hayden amplified by stating informally that he had widely canvassed the field of applicants for the office, and had made his choice of Bennett solely in anticipation of efficient discharge of the duties of his office.

Bennett is known locally as a former student at Willamette university, where he was president of the student body. He received the bachelor of arts degree in 1935, and his law degree in 1938.

As a student he for two years held the Northwest conference tennis singles championship.

His appointment yesterday came as a surprise to local political circles, in which it had been assumed that Judge Hayden would make his selection from an extended list of Marion county applicants.

Food Matinee Is Set Next Monday

That each child who attends will present one can of food, no matter what the variety, instead of the usual ticket; and the food will be used in filling the Salvation Army's Christmas cheer baskets.

The Statearm-Salvation Army fund for this purpose continued to grow on Monday, but it appeared that two recent developments would increase the need for such a program. One was the cold weather, which always increases need for welfare activity; the other was the spread of influenza which is adding to some families' distress.

There is one family in Salem which includes a mother down with "flu," a father ill of a malady of more seriousness, and one of two boys suffering with a broken arm. This is just one of many families who will have a brighter Christmas than otherwise might be the case—if the Christmas cheer fund is availed as it should be.

War Debt Is Paid Only by Hungary

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The World War debt came due again today, but only Hungary paid, and she did not pay in full.

For the first time, Finland was absent from the pay window, availing herself of a special act of congress authorizing her to skip the payment in view of her heavy war losses.

Great Britain not only failed to pay the \$127,670,765 principal and interest installment due today, but was dickering with the cashier with a view to obtaining more money. Sir Frederick Phillips, undersecretary of the British treasury, was in town, presenting the facts of British financial resources to Secretary Morgenthau.

Hungary, which has made a practice in recent years of paying only a portion of the installments due, transmitted \$9338 of the \$52,770 due today. Only one other country currently is paying. Greece makes token remittances, but her bill does not come due until Jan. 1.

Big Timber Wolf Tracks Reported

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Timber wolves are in the Cascade range, two Indian youths reported today.

The youths, Martia Orita and Blair Weeks, stationed for the winter on isolated Sional peak, said by short wave radio that wolves approached within 200 feet of the lookout cabin and left "tracks as big as a cow's."

Arranges Own Funeral, Then Leaps to Death

PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—(AP)—A leap from a hotel's third story ended the life yesterday of Mrs. Frank Mariette, about 60, who bought a cemetery plot and paid for her own funeral arrangements Oct. 15. Deputy Coroner Earl Shea pronounced the death suicide.

Violation Charged

Salem police last night cited Robert E. Monroe, 750 N. Street, on a charge of failure to give right of way to a pedestrian.

THE SPIRIT OF 76

by JOHN CLINTON

Tales of the absent-minded professor are legion—you've heard the one about the fellow who dropped a penny in the mail box, looked up at the courthouse clock and muttered: "Dear, dear, I've gained three pounds!"

Well, there's a servant absent on bed five in the house on the corner. He had a local record for running out of gas, out of oil, and of having no idea in the world of what state his car was in. Local cops regarded him as a cross between a traffic hound and a lovable misanthrope.

Mrs. Clinton suggested to the professor's wife that she take her bespectacled spouse gently in hand and lead him down to our corner Union Oil station and let the Minute Man take over the servicing of his car.

All of which worked out beautifully except for one flaw. Union Minute Man, true enough, now call for the Prof's car regularly every thousand miles, keep it full of Vtron, give it Drop-Wear Lubrication and keep it in A-1 condition. The Prof doesn't even have to forget to remember. The Minute Man tend to everything.

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