

Heaviest Snowfall in Six Years Curtails Traffic Here; Mercury to Fall

Schools Close, But Most of Roads Open

Snowplows Busy; Airport Reports 17.2 Inches

Deepest snow in Salem since the last day of January, 1937, when 25 inches fell within 24 hours, covered Salem on Thursday. At 11:30 p.m. the official measurement at the Salem airport was 17.2 inches, but in parts of the city a thicker and undrifted blanket was spread and in the hills a still heavier snowfall was reported.

Combining with gasoline and tire rationing to create a transportation problem, the snow caused closure of most Marion county schools, brought cessation of air lines traffic in and out of the capital city, delayed trains and buses and left Street streets almost untraced.

Working with two bulldozers, city crews scraped streets and moved stalled cars Thursday night.

Middle-westerners, to whom the Thursday weather in another state would have been declared "mild," laughed but found inconveniences accompanying the snow multiplied in a city where a snowplow is a rarity.

Railroad workers kept tracks open with salt and sweeping, but Southern Pacific north-bound trains were said to be far behind schedule and connections were not being made with trains from the north and east. Stage service was somewhat delayed, but connections with California highways had been reopened by Thursday night.

Wire difficulties were few, W. M. Hamilton, district manager for the Portland General Electric (Turn to Page 2-A)

Four Enemy Vessels Hit By Bombers

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Friday, Jan. 22 (AP) In two widely separated attacks on Japanese ships, allied bombers Thursday hit a cruiser and at least three merchant vessels, while ground forces, operating in pouring rain, continued the final bitter stages of mopping up around Sannanda.

At Ambon harbor a cruiser was left listing and smoking heavily and a 5000-ton merchant ship was hit by a formation of Liberators, all of which returned after downing two out of 20 Japanese fighters and damaging others.

Allied aircraft were intercepted by approximately 20 enemy fighters and shot down two and damaged others. "All our planes returned."

At Rabaul, New Britain, medium and heavy bombers swooped low over the harbor before dawn.

Two merchant ships, one of 6000 tons, the other of 2000, were damaged, the communique reporting the larger ship was so badly mauled that it was being beached.

On the fighting front at Sannanda, New Guinea, where isolated pockets of Japs still are holding out, 150 of the enemy have been slain.

Most Miners Back at Work

WILKES BARRE, Pa., Jan. 21 (AP)—Striking Pennsylvania anthracite miners, obeying President Roosevelt's order to "return at once to their job of producing vitally needed coal," Thursday ended their 22-day strike for a 42 cent a day pay increase and a 50 cent a month reduction in union dues.

Of the 12,000 miners idle Wednesday, all but 2400 were back at work by or shortly after noon deadline fixed by the president. The White House said President Roosevelt was "confident that the comparatively few who have not returned to work will join their associates in the mines."

When Will He Be a General?

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 21 (AP) Everything seemed to be happening at once Thursday to Corp. Elmer M. Painter, 24, of Reading, Penn., who is stationed at Gowen field.

At 10 a.m. he received notification that he had been promoted to corporal; very pleased, he was telling friends about it, when he received word that he had been promoted to the rank of sergeant. The time was 11 a.m.

Sgt. Painter began sewing his chevrons on his sleeve and had just about finished the stitching when he received word from the second air force headquarters in Spokane, that he had been advanced to warrant officer.

Warrant Officer Painter has been in the army a little over a year.

Army Replaces 'Sol' Marines

Leathernecks Rest After Invasion, Hard Fighting

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—The fighting marines who wrested Guadalcanal from the Japs back in August and hung on to it triumphantly through five months of bitter fighting now have turned it over to the army, officials announced Thursday.

The navy in a communique and Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson at a press conference disclosed that hard-bitten Maj. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift of the marine corps had turned over command to Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, jr., 53-year-old infantryman with 29 years of army service.

Patterson forecast a difficult hard fighting, saying that "while our position in the Solomon islands has materially improved, it is probable that the Japanese will make further efforts to recover lost territory there."

He paid high tribute to those dogged leathernecks who battled day and night for months against the Japanese. Now they are en route to a well-earned rest—and later there will be other hostile shores to win.

They spent more time in the 24-hour-a-day battle of Guadalcanal than ever was spent in day-to-day fighting by any other American unit, navy men believe. The first division of the AEF spent 223 days at the front in the first World war but that time included a training period and some battle lulls.

But there had been few lulls for the marines since they leaped into the surf and raced into the narrow beaches of Guadalcanal August 7.

They battered the enemy back from the airfield the Japanese were constructing and took it for their own. They named it Henderson field and with the navy carried on the construction job. Now that airfield is a base for far-flung attacks on enemy shipping, and for forays against the Japanese air and naval bases at Munda, on Bougainville and other islands.

Mail Carrier Weather-Hit

Pity the poor mail carrier. He's really in for it this winter. First the high water and then if the snow keeps on falling, prospects will look very dim, according to Postmaster Henry R. Crawford.

Only one delivery was made in Salem Thursday, that one taking all day, the postmaster admitted. Parts of the rural districts, routes and star routes, were inaccessible, he continued, but mail was picked up at central points such as Silverton, Woodburn, etc., where there are postoffices. Mails are being delayed when brought in by train but due more to uncertain freight schedules than to weather conditions so far.

"People can aid materially in delivering mail by clearing their walks," the postmaster suggested. No opinion was ventured as to regularity of service Friday if the snow continues.

Oregon Notes One Quality; Industry Hit

Power Interrupted At Some Points; Chinook Blows

PORTLAND, Jan. 21 (AP) The Portland weather bureau warned Thursday night of continuing snowfall and lower temperatures as most of the state lay under a white blanket that curtailed war industries, transportation and power services.

With one death already attributed to the storm, the weather bureau said that snow would continue to fall in Portland and vicinity until Friday morning. The mercury will hover near the freezing point in the area until around midnight Thursday night, then drop to about 18 degrees above Friday morning.

Storm warnings still flew along the coast.

Shipyards and lumbering were hard hit. The only fatality reported was George Cameron, lumber worker, killed in an automobile accident on an icy road near Eugene in the Willamette valley where the snowfall was unusually heavy.

Three Henry J. Kaiser yards kept on swing and graveyard shifts Thursday night but at about half-force. Steel yards, plate and assembly shops and salvage departments were off the job. Willamette Iron & Steel corporation announced that its hull department would suspend operations.

Lumber production was slowed in many sections of the state as some mills curtailed operations and logging camps were impaired. Mills at Klamath Falls, Albany and Portland were among those forced to lay off men, mainly because transportation difficulties prevented arrival of logs.

Many power interruptions were reported. Eugene's connections with the Bonneville power grid and with its own two hydroelectric plants on the McKenzie river were cut. Half of Grants Pass was without electricity for several hours, but the trouble there, oddly, was caused by a warm wind instead of snow and several trees and billboards were blown down. Wednesday night's Chinook sent the Rogue river roaring up toward flood stage at Grants pass.

Deep snow forced closing of schools at Portland, Salem, Albany, and numerous other points. Most closures were effective until Monday.

New Parity Bill Planned

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP) The house farm bloc plan to open a new campaign Friday for upward revision of the farm parity formula to include the cost of farm labor.

Chairman Fulmer (D-SC) said the house agriculture committee, at its first meeting since the 78th congress convened, would consider bills by himself and Rep. Pace (D-Ga) proposing the parity change, and he predicted the legislation soon would be placed on President Roosevelt's desk.

The revision, which some experts estimated would add 10 to 12 per cent to parity price computations, was defeated last September during the writing of the price and wage control bill, after the president expressed "unalterable opposition."

However, in December, near the end of the 77th congress, a bill by Pace embracing the proposal swept through the house without a dissenting vote, but the measure died in a legislative log jam in the senate.

First War Year Has Bumper Baby Crop

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (AP)—America's first year at war produced a bumper crop of babies totaling at least 2,900,000.

Statistics of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company pointed out that this 1942 figure tops any other year in the country's history, and is at least 200,000 more than the previous high of 2,600,000 in 1921.

1st Citizen



—Kennell-Ellis photo. ROY HARLAND

Roy Harland Wins Honor

School Director and Churchman; Portland Man One of 10 in US

The number one honor of the year for young men in Salem, designation as the city's junior first citizen, was accorded Roy Harland, attorney, school board chairman and churchman, at the annual founders' day banquet of the capital city chapter of the US junior chamber of commerce at the Golden Pheasant restaurant Thursday night.

Harland is a graduate of Willamette university college of law. Active in the Rotary club, in Community Chest drives, a past president of the Marion County Bar association and a leader in his church, the Knight Memorial Congregational, he was especially commended by the selection committee for his work on the city's school board, of which he has been a member for three years.

The annual selection of a young man for the junior first citizen honor is made by a committee of civic leaders whose identities are not disclosed. None are members of the junior chamber.

Charles A. Sprague, editor and publisher of The Oregon Statesman, who made the presentation of a plaque and an honor pin to Harland, expressed the opinion that the "1942 first citizen" measured up to the requirements set out by the banquet speaker, James Palmer, associate general secretary of the Portland YMCA.

Speaking on the subject, (Turn to Page 2-E)

Ceiling Asked On Army Size

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—A proposal that congress look into the question of putting a ceiling on the size of the armed forces came from Senator Bankhead (D-Ala) Thursday and promptly won strong farm state backing.

Bankhead contended the United States could make its greatest contribution to defeat of the axis by devoting itself primarily to the production of food and weapons, leaving it to the other United Nations to provide any additional fighting men needed.

Agreeing in principle with this view, Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) said he understood Russia needed food even more than ammunition. He declared that if the United States tried to raise an army of 12,000,000 and still furnish food and munitions to the United Nations the national economy would be wrecked.

Sensors McNary (R-Ore) and Thomas (D-Okla) also expressed favor for such an investigation as Bankhead proposed.

Half Million Axis Killed

LONDON, Jan. 21 (AP)—More than 500,000 axis troops have been killed and 200,000 captured on the Russian front from November 19 to January 19, a Moscow broadcast recorded by the Associated Press said Thursday.

The figures were attributed to Chairman Alexander Sherbakov of the Moscow soviet, who made the report at a meeting commemorating the 19th anniversary of Lenin's death.

In the same two-month period, it was declared the axis had lost more than 6000 tanks, 12,000 guns and 3500 planes.

The announcement that 500,000 invaders had been killed and 200,000 captured since November 19 followed a Moscow broadcast which Reuters quoted as saying that German dead, wounded and missing on the Russian front in the past six weeks totaled 750,000 men, including 250,000 killed.

Red Columns Push Southward To Threaten Cities; Allies Said Fighting in Outskirts of Tripoli

Rommel Falls Back Under Punishment

More Fighting French Join Allies; Axis Tanks Gain in West

LONDON, Jan. 21 (AP)—New advances for the axis forces in Tunisia in a campaign apparently aimed at throwing a strong barrier between the allies and the coast to protect the line of Marshal Rommel's retreat westward from Libya were reported Thursday from allied Tunisian headquarters as the British Libyan army drove on behind Rommel to within about 30 miles of Tripoli. Another small forward move-

LONDON, Friday, Jan. 22 (AP) The Daily Mail's Madrid correspondent, quoting reports there from North Africa, said Friday that great fires were raging in Tripoli, main axis base in Libya, and that the British Eighth army's advance units were only five miles outside the city.

ment for axis tanks and infantrymen into French-held mountain positions southwest of Pont du Fahs was announced in an allied communique and a headquarters spokesman disclosed as well that German armored columns were pushing down parallel valleys toward the town of Ousseltia, apparently attempting to isolate and then occupy the intervening heights.

This maneuver, if successful, would afford protection for a large section of the coastal route over which Rommel's retreat from Libya would take him in the effort to join up with Col. Gen. Jorgen Van Arnim's Tunisian army.

Rommel still was falling back fast, but under heavy punishment from the pursuing British Eighth army of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, from the allied air arm, and from Fighting French columns supporting the advance of the British left.

It was announced Wednesday that a column from the Lake Chad troops of Fighting French Gen. (Turn to Page 2-G)

RAF Attacks Naziland Day, Night

LONDON, Jan. 22 (AP)—Royal air force bombers attacked Germany during the night for the first time since their two raids last week ended on Berlin, it was stated authoritatively Friday. Details were not announced immediately.

LONDON, Jan. 21 (AP)—Swarms of RAF fighters and bombers, including two squadrons of the United States army air forces, swept northern France and the lowlands Thursday without loss in raids in Caen, Cherbourg, Flushing and an airbase near Le Havre. Three German planes were destroyed.

Several German planes crossed the southeast coast of England Thursday night and were met by heavy ground fire. There were no immediate reports of bombings.

The US planes were part of an escort for Ventura modern bombers and Bostons which bombed the German airfields at Caen and the airport near Le Havre, the air ministry said.

Other Bostons battered the docks at Cherbourg and at Flushing, in Holland. Le Havre and Cherbourg are major French ports. (Turn to Page 2-F)

Jap Pocket Wiped Out

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Jan. 22 (AP) One of the four pockets of resistance still held by the Japanese in the Sannanda sector of New Guinea has been liquidated, the allied high command reported Friday.

One hundred fifty Japs were slain in this operation. The pocket was the one about 700 yards in from the beach near Sannanda road.

The fighting was seriously hampered by the ten inches of rain, falling in a single day, but the troops slogged on for the kill.

Jap Base at Lae Attacked



Coming in for new attention in the southwest Pacific war is the Jap-occupied Lae area in New Guinea. Allied bomber are shown over the port. Chief target is the airbase, while bombs also burst on the port and in the water near a Jap ship.—IIN Soundphoto.

Variable Ratio Question Appears but Unargued; Tax Problems Outlined

By RALPH C. CURTIS

"Variable ration of assessment" reared its ugly head in the legislature Thursday for the first time, but in a manner which served chiefly as a reminder—to those few observers who were not keeping sharp watch—that no bill on the subject has yet appeared.

Multnomah representatives just tossed it out as a tentative topic for discussion at a meeting of the house committee on assessment and taxation. Rep. John Steelhammer of Marion county suggested that in the absence of such a bill, discussion was pointless; and the blank silence which followed gave consent to the unspoken agreement that it was indeed pointless, even for the sake of determining "how the land lay."

RAF Attacks Naziland Day, Night

LONDON, Jan. 22 (AP)—Royal air force bombers attacked Germany during the night for the first time since their two raids last week ended on Berlin, it was stated authoritatively Friday. Details were not announced immediately.

LONDON, Jan. 21 (AP)—Swarms of RAF fighters and bombers, including two squadrons of the United States army air forces, swept northern France and the lowlands Thursday without loss in raids in Caen, Cherbourg, Flushing and an airbase near Le Havre. Three German planes were destroyed.

Several German planes crossed the southeast coast of England Thursday night and were met by heavy ground fire. There were no immediate reports of bombings.

The US planes were part of an escort for Ventura modern bombers and Bostons which bombed the German airfields at Caen and the airport near Le Havre, the air ministry said.

Other Bostons battered the docks at Cherbourg and at Flushing, in Holland. Le Havre and Cherbourg are major French ports. (Turn to Page 2-F)

Nurse's Condition Said Excellent

Mrs. Dale Moon, 21, special nurse at Salem General hospital who was accosted and stabbed as she waited for a street bus Wednesday night at the hospital's entrance, was reported in excellent condition Thursday night.

The wound was not as serious as had at first been feared, hospital attendants said.

Meanwhile, police said they were not ready to make an arrest, although they maintained they had clues. Mrs. Moon told the investigating officer Wednesday night she would be able to identify her assailant and at the same time she gave a description of him.

Voroshilovgrad Aim of Drive; Towns Taken

Nazis' 1941 Front in Danger; Rostov Noosing Attempted

LONDON, Friday, Jan. 22 (AP) Red army troops striking west below Voronezh have reached a point only 85 miles southeast of Kursk, thus threatening the entire nazi 1941 front extending from central Russia to the Sea of Azov, according to a mid-night Russian communique as broadcast by Moscow and heard by the soviet monitor Friday.

The red army already has two columns pushing toward Kharkov, south of Kursk, another threatening Voroshilovgrad, and several more, including those in the Caucasus, menacing Rostov, the German communications peg for southern Russia.

The latest Russian communique announced the capture of Gostofrovia, on the Yekits-Kavpyansk railway only ten miles below the communications center of Staraya-Orskol, a 45 mile from Kursk. Sini Libyagi, 100 miles east of Kursk, also fell to the advancing red army. The latter town is 35 miles southwest of Voronezh, and 30 miles northeast of Staraya-Orskol, which apparently is being enveloped in this latest westward sweep.

Earlier a special communique had announced the fall of Voroshilovsk, including Staromaryukva, 10 miles to the east, and Kugulva, 20 miles to the northeast.

Other soviet troops driving toward Armavir are beyond Nevinnomysskaya, 50 miles southeast of that railway junction and 35 miles south of Voroshilovsk.

MOSCOW, Jan. 21 (AP)—The great industrial center of the Donets basin, Voroshilovgrad, was menaced Thursday night by the red army which had advanced within 20 miles of that strategic point and appeared to be driving (Turn to Page 2-B)

Germans May Lose Half of Gain in East

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—The surging Russian offensives from the Baltic to the Caucasus may hurl the Germans back half way across the Ukraine to a winter line along the Dnieper river, Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson forecast Thursday.

In a general review of the war, Patterson found the outlook "decidedly bright" for the United Nations on all battle fronts, the continued Russian successes being "particularly heartening." These other phases of the global war also were discussed by the undersecretary.

Ship construction now has passed the rate of sinkings by enemy submarines. However, German undersea raiders continue to take a heavy toll, creating a heavy drain both on ships and supplies.

German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's forces apparently intend to abandon Tripoli without a major effort to defend the Libyan capital against the advancing British Eighth army and "it would seem very plain that the fall of Tripoli is only a matter of hours."

In Tunisia, there has been a lull in ground fighting due chiefly to bad weather, but considerable air activity has found the allied planes still maintaining a 2-1 combat advantage over axis aircraft. (Turn to Page 2-C)

Farm Machine Boost Okehed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP) The war production board authorized a 30 per cent increase Thursday in production of farm machinery, and at the same time Chairman Donald Nelson questioned the fairness of a senate committee's criticism of the previous program.

He did not think it "fair," Nelson said in a statement, "to criticize the office of civilian supply for not having acted in June in the light of a situation which did not develop until long after the 1943 farm equipment program was formulated."

The senate defense investigating committee, headed by Senator Truman (D-Mo.), had taken the OCS severely to task in a report filed with the senate earlier in the day. It said the agency had "fumbled dangerously and unwisely with our nation's food supply" by rejecting agriculture department recommendations and approving a smaller program of farm machinery production.

Little Hercules

Your paper is delivered to you today by a home front hero—your Statesman carrier. It's no fun and not easy to carry papers from door to door through the snow. If your paper is late, have patience with the little hero on your route. He is doing the best he can, and he is doing very well, indeed, to make delivery at all.