Schools Close; Roads Cleared

Snowplows Busy; Airport Reports 17.2 Inches

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company, indicated, declaring that any great increase in the moisture content of the snow would overweight tree limbs and cause breakage of service. Meantime, PGE crews completed the task of rebuilding and reconnecting their Bonneville transmission line, which went out during the flood.

A county road crew was on call all night at the shops, with equipment to break a road in case of emergency, such as need for medical aid. Every county road, with the exception of those high in the hills, was open at 9 p. m., County Engineer N. C. Hubbs said, and men and equipment were to be on the job early this morning so that rural residents may get into the city in time for work.

Two snowplows and a grader were in use Thursday to open and keep open the county's roads, Hubbs said. The county's third snowplow was last heard from on the now-closed North Santiam highway, and may be keeping open a section of that road, according to Hubbs.

The Willamette highway was closed Thursday.

Public school attendance in Salem dropped from 60 per cent in the morning to less than 50 per cent in the afternoon, and directors following an informal session with Supt. Frank B. Bennett authorized him to close schools today, with reopening set for Monday morning.

Similar action was taken in the county's second largest school system, Silverton, and from over the mid-valley area came reports of school closure, particularly where bus transportation has been in use.

Monmouth schools were closed Friday afternoon, with Monday set tentatively as reopening date.

County and state offices were to be open today, employes were told Thursday afternoon.

Twelve volunteer Red Cross workers braved weather, walked across the city and traveled out into rural areas making 13 investigations for army and navy, answering telegraphic requests, notifying families of deaths or illness or ascertaining need for emergency furloughs. All calls within the city were made on foot, although some of the rural investigations were carried on by telephone.

Every worker was at her place, information desk, cutting table or in the field, declared Miss Elizabeth Putnam, volunteer service chairman for Marion county chapter, American Red Cross, as she commended the women and expressed her regard for the wartime services they are performing.

Adults joined children in celebrating the unusual snowfall and on half a hundred fronts in Salem, small boys reenacted wartime maneuvers, specializing, observers said, in the African campaigns.

Skis made their appearance on downtown streets. In Silverton one enthusiast died from a heart attack as he traveled down a main thoroughfare.

At Willamette university, where examination week draws to a close today, no cancellation of activities was announced. Oregon College of Education at Monmouth continues its classes today.

One Killed When Balloon Explodes

VALLEJO, Calif., Jan. 21 —(AP) An army barrage balloon exploded at its moorings Thursday, shattered a barracks building, which burst into flames, demolished at least ten war workers' houses nearby, killed one man and injured 17 other persons.

Army officials in San Francisco announced the man killed was Richard S. Cail, technician fifth grade, of Eaton, O., and listed five other soldiers who were injured. They announced Thursday night the condition of these was "satisfactory," and said an investigation was under way to determine cause of the explosion.

Variable Ratio Question Appears but Undiscussed

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servative viewpoint as well.

Multnomah's dilemma is this, that under the tax commission's 1941 order later confirmed by the supreme court, there can be no assessment practice in one section of Oregon unless it operates "uniformly throughout the state." Taxation is one of the subjects upon which no "local or special" laws may constitutionally be enacted.

According to typical upstate solons' opinion, "variable ratio" is contrary to the theory of property taxation; more practically, they recognize that farmers would almost solidly oppose it. Multnomah members recognize the same fact and so, if a bill does appear, it will be introduced merely as a sop to the "folk back home" in the metropolis.

Development of an affirmative tax program is still in the "study" stage and even the studying is not progressing too rapidly, for though members are delving into the subject on their own hook, they are planning to rely somewhat upon the findings of Guy Cordon, who already has the facts well in hand but who isn't on the scene just now and will not be until next Monday.

The problem has however been boiled down to a set of definite questions which must be solved. Some of the key qestions are outlined by Rep. Giles French, chairman of the taxation and revenue committee, as follows:

1. Shall all of the income tax surplus go to school districts, or shall a reserve be set up for emergencies or post-war property tax relief as proposed by Gov. Snell?

2. What limitations shall be placed upon the use of this reserve if it is created? Shall it be earmarked strictly for tax relief, or shall there be leeway for some discretion?

3. Shall the income tax be reduced, or left as it is?

4. Shall proposals for new taxes be entertained?

5. Shall the sales tax with accompanying property tax millage limitation be considered?

6. Shall a pay-as-you-go program similar to the Ruml plan be instituted?

That the taxation committees feel equal to their task and that the lower house has confidence in them, was expressed in the all-but-unanimous voice vote by which the house rejected Rep. J. D. Perry's resolution providing that public hearings on taxation matters be held. The resolution was killed after Rep. French had explained that the taxation and revenue committee intended to arrangé whatever hearings were necessary, and needed no prodding.

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RAF Attacks Naziland Day, Night

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chanel ports and Caen lies inland about midway between them.

Many squadrons of Spitfires also carried out offensive sweeps over northern France.

Canadian, New Zealand, Polish, Czech, Norwegian and Fighting French pilots participated with the Americans and British fliers in the raids.

The air ministry disclosed that the new Hawker Typhoon, a faster fighter with longer range and better armor, has come into service and destroyed five of the 14 nazi craft shot down in the defense of London Wednesday.

The Typhoon is known to make more than 400 miles an hour and is armed with cannon and machine guns. Its 12-cylinder napier-sbare engine generates 2400 horsepower. The Typhoon was designed by Sidney Camm, creator of the Hurricane. It can "climb like a rocket" going almost straight up with a full war load.

Longest Pipeline, 551 Miles of Oil, Reaches Illinois

NORRIS CITY, Ill., Jan. 21—(AP) Laying of the world's largest oil pipeline—a 551-mile, 24-inch conduit from Longview in the east Texas oil field to Norris City—was completed Thursday as one of the biggest transportation projects of the war.

Construction crews, rushing work because of the eastern oil shortage, finished the job in less than six months, battling mud and swollen rivers. Floodwaters of the Mississippi tore out 600 feet of pipe last month before the river crossing was made with new and heavier steel as the last link on the dine.

In speeding the mammoth Texas-to-Illinois project, workmen at times reached a daily average of about six miles of pipe and set a record of 9.93 miles in one day.

The line cost $35,000,000 and will have a capacity of 1,600,000 barrels. It will deliver 300,000 barrels of crude oil daily to rail tank cars here for trans-shipment to the east.

Wind Whips Fire In Colorado Camp

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Jan. 21—(AP)—A storm-whipped fire razed 25 newly-finished buildings in an internment camp and flattened a large Camp Carson warehouse, causing damage estimated Thursday by army engineers at $1,000,000.

The city of Colorado Springs suffered heavy damage in the severe windstorm Wednesday night that smashed store windows and broken power and communications lines.

Hoover Avers Exports Less Than in 1918

NEW YORK, Jan. 21—(AP)—Former President Herbert Hoover declared Thursday night that we are exporting less than half the meats and fats to our allies than we did in World war I and yet are facing a greater shortage of these commodities on the home front than we did then.

In a prepared address before the national industrial conference board broadcast over NBC, Hoover urged that we envisage agriculture as a munitions industry.

He listed the shortages of farm labor, the methods of food price control and the 75 per cent reduction in the manufacture of farm machinery as blockades to possible increased production necessary to support military operations and to aid in saving "the world from anarchy after the war."

"The larger problem which confronts us," the former president said, "is that since the last war American livestock has decreased in production to the growth of human population.

"At the end of that war we had 26 per cent more beef cattle for each 1,000,000 of human population than we had 23 years later on January 1, 1942. We had 26 per cent more hogs in proportion to the population. We had approximately 5 per cent more milch cows than now. But the modern cow gives more milk. We have in 1943 about the same sheep proportionately as in the last war. We have less chickens in proportion to our population but the chickens work harder and produce more eggs."

The imperative demand now, said Hoover, who served as relief director in World war I, is to build up flocks and herds and the production of vegetable oils.

Seattle Area Back at Work

SEATTLE, Jan. 21 —(AP)— Most war industries in the Seattle area, except for the Boeing Aircraft plants, returned to restricted production Thursday after the snowfall and cold of Tuesday and Wednesday had brought virtually total paralysis.

Power failures, which were the most important factor in shutting down the big shipyards on Harbor island Wednesday, continued to harrass some outlying districts of western Washington. Port Angeles was especially hard hit this morning.

Licensed Game Sought

Rep. John Steelhammer of Marion county said Thursday he had ready for introduction a bill providing license fees for pinball games played "for amusement only." It is his contention that, since these games have been declared legal, the state may as well derive some revenue from them.

Voroshilovgrad Aim of Drive

Nazis' 1941 Front In Danger; Rostov Noosing Attempted

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toward the sea of azov to throw a noose around Rostov and all the Germans in the Caucasus.

Continued advances were reported in the north Caucasus. Driving down the Stalingrad-Tikhoretsk railway across the Placid Manych river, dispatches said, the red army was within 15 miles of Salsk where another railway leads 100 miles northwest to Rostov.

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Along the Rostov-Baku railway, the capture of Nevinnomysskaya on the Kuban river placed the soviets only 50 miles short of Armavin and 100 miles from the Maikop oil fields, served by a branch line from Armavir.

Overnight gains of 10 to 20 miles indicated the great Russian winter offensives were increasing in speed and power, even though at places the reds were battling reinforced troops in deep defenses. The noon communique listed 2200 enemy troops killed or captured.

Around liberated Leningrad the Russians were said to have "continued engagements in the same directions" south of Lake Ladoga.

(The Germans said that violent Russian attacks were repulsed all along the southern front and that hard fighting continued south of Lake Ladoga. Mass assaults on the Germans before Stalingrad were reported and the fighting in the center and south of Lae reported and the fighting in the center and south of Lake Ilmen was termed local.)

The Caucasus army of Col. Gen. A. I. Yeremenko with its superb Cossack cavalry was reported to have cleared all the Germans from the north bank of the Manych and was pressing toward a junction with the troops moving up the Rostov-Baku railway. The capture of the rail town of Proletarskaya north of the Manych came after three days and nights of battle in which the Germans were defeated in street fighting, the noon communique said.

The Germans tried without success to fix a stable defense line south of the Manych by blowing up bridges and strewing mines. The river is not yet frozen. The Germans were reinforced there by storm troops and were reported offering determined opposition.

WMC Asked For Coal Men

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 —(AP)— The war production board called on the war manpower commission Thursday for action on a request by solid fuels coordinator Harold L. Ickes that 2000 coal miners be sent into five far western states to relieve a "critical situation" there.

The apparently unprecedented call by WPB followed an appeal to its labor requirements committee by Ickhes' associate deputy, T. J. Thomas, who complained he had sought action from WMC since last summer but so far had "obtained little or no relief."

Ferdinand Eberstadt, program vice chairman of WPB, released a letter to WMC chairman Paul V. McNutt backing up Thomas' contentions that:

1. Washington, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming coal needs have become "critical" because of a lack of manpower although the northwest and Rocky Mountain states could produce enough coal to meet their needs if they had sufficient experienced miners.

2. It has been necessary to transport coal all the way across the country from Pennsylvania and West Virginia to meet the fuel needs of these states, laying a further burden on already hard-worked carriers, which Thomas called "stupid and silly."

ON the HOME FRONT

Snowmen, 1943, are more colorful than they were when we competed to make the most lifelike creations, although they are still rotund and decidedly snow men. On my street, a small girl had apparently used her mother's lipstick—or the juice from a youngberry pie to put a vivid scarlet mouth on the statue she had built beside the front porch.

But, no snowman I have seen wears a bright scarf; nor is there an opera hat—at least not in my section of town—on any one of these white gentlemen. Thus the war affects even the joys of childhood.

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He was a brown-faced, smiling lad, and his smile widened as he slid on a slushy sidewalk. You know the trick: You run four steps and slide an equal distance, if you remain on your feet!

"Grand weather?" said I. "Uh hus, swell," answered the boy, and then, probably not because he was a boy but because he was first of all a human being, he added, "But I'd rather have a nice sunny day."

Rommel Falls Back in East

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Jacques Leclerc had contacted the British moving on Tripoli. A second contact of Fighting French soldiers with allied forces was announced Thursday by the Brazzaville radio, which was quoted by Reuters as saying that a Leclerc column under Col. Cartier established contact with French troops of Gen. Henri Honore Giraud in the Bjanet region of Algeria, some 900 miles southeast of Algiers.

A British communique from Cairo headquarters announced the occupation Wednesday of the towns of Tarhuna and Homs along the left and right British flanks—the one 40 miles southeast of Tripoli and the other 56 miles east of Tripoli — in a continuing push that by tonight had proceeded considerably farther and was driving Rommel down the coastward slope from Nefusa ridge.

"Close contact" with the enemy was being maintained, the British command said.

Almost continuous bombing attacks on Tripoli kept that city alight. German radio announcements that it was aflame suggested that the axis public was being prepared for its loss to the allies.

(The German tank advance was in the mountain positions southwest of Pont du Fahs. Hurricane bombers came to the support of the French defenders with a devastating attack with 500-pound bombs on enemy troop and supply columns moving up to support the panzers. RAF headquarters announced.)

"Escorted by a strong force of Spitfires who added their fire power of cannon and machine guns, Hurricane bombers swept down on columns of transports scoring many hits and scattering troops," the RAF announcement said.

Stanford Elects Head

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Dr. Donald Bertrand Tresidder, president of the Yosemite Park and Curry company, Thursday was elected president of Stanford university. He will take office September 1. The new president succeeds Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, who became president of Stanford January 1, 1916, and continued in that office until June, 1941. Since then he has been chancellor of the university and acting president.

Roy Harland Wins Honor

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

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"Young Men America Needs Today," Palmer listed as their attributes, purpose in life, willingness to work, clear thinking, level-headedness, honesty, ability to face hardship, moral fitness, friendship and Christianity.

Pat Crossland, president of the junior chamber, presided over the meeting, with City Attorney Lawrence N. Brown serving as toastmaster. Mayor I. M. Doughton and President Carl W. Hogg of the senior chamber of commerce were honor guests.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21—(AP)—Pvt. Paul C. Smith, 34, of the US marine corps was designated Thursday night by the United States junior chamber of commerce as the nation's outstanding young man of 1942.

He is the fellow of the low rank(plain name and humble beginning who catapuleted to national prominence before he was 30 as editor in chief and general manager of the San Francisco Chronicle and successful mediator of the San Francisco warehousemen's strike in 1938.

Smith, too, was the $9000 a year assistant to Elmer Davis of the office of war information, with a lieutenant commander's commission, who resigned late last year.

Now he's taking the marine boot training at Parris Island, SC. He's on leave of absence from the Chronicle.

Smith was one of 10 men selected by "Future," the junior chamber's official magazine. He was then picked for the top honor by a committee of distinguished judges. The selections were announced Thursday night at the Jaycee's annual Founder's day banquet.

The other nine included:

Theodore R. Gamble, 33, Portland, Ore., theatre chain operator, appointed last June as assistant to the secretary of the treasury at Washington, supervising war bond field organizations in all states.

Yorktown Rushes Champagne Bath, Beats Schedule

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 21 (AP)—As if impatient to undertake completion of the task begun by her late, great predecessor the new aircraft carrier Yorktown carrying much equipment usually added later in a fighting basin jumped the gun on her launching Thursday and without mishap slid proudly into the James river before a group of surprised and cheering spectators.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, here to duplicate her mission of seven years ago when she sent the first Yorktown down the ways, stepped forward quickly, however, and saw to it that the great naval craft got her proper wetting with wine.

The Yorktown was 2000 tons heavier than any warship ever launched here, said Rear Adm. O. L. Cox, superintendent of naval construction at the shipyard, adding that she was "months ahead of schedule."

507 Lost on Carrier

LONDON, Friday, Jan. 22 —(AP) The admiralty announced Friday that 507 British seamen, including 68 officers, were lost in the torpedo sinking of the aircraft carrier Avenger during the French Nortf African landing operations.

Nazis Removing Party Emblems

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Travelers reaching Sweden from Germany said Thursday that many nazis from officials down to small fry ward heelers are beginnings to remove their party badges from their lapel buttonholes because they are losing faith in victory and fear the consequences.

These sources added, however, that although this is one of the first signs of the nazis running for cover, they still carefully carry the buttons with them and wear them at official functions to keep up appearances.

Deposition Denied NLRB

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 21—(AP) The Kaiser shipyard labor hearing recessed late Thursday after national labor relations board attorneys were denied permission to take a deposition from a former Kaiser employe now residing in Ohio.

At the conclusion of testimony by O. Alexander Mechlin, US maritime commission resident plant engineer at three Kaiser yards in this area which are accused by the CIO of signing illegal closed shop agreements with the AFL, Trial Examiner Robert N. Denham halted the hearing. Denam said it might be convened again Friday.

Mechlin, called to identify contracts and plans pertaining to the Kaiser yards, testified that the commission was interested in shipyard production but that workers were responsible to the commission's contractors — the Kaisers.

64 Below Coldest

NORTH BAY, Ontario, Jan. 21. —(AP)—It was 64 below zero Thursday at Horne Payne, above Lake Superior in northern Ontario, the lowest of several readings far below zero in a cold wave sweeping this area. Others were 62 below at Armstrong, 54 below at Schreiber, 52 below at Capreol, 42 below at Temagami, and 40 below at Englehart.

Winnipeg reported temperatures rising in the prairie provinces from Wednesday's lowest readings of the winter.

Prince Albert, in northern Saskatchewan, which was the low point for the prairies at below zero Wednesday, was 25 below Thursday.

It was 30 below at Calgary and Jasper, in Alberta, and the same temperature at Broadview, Sask., and Saskatoon. At Winnipeg the reading was 24 below.

Germans May Lose Half of Gain in East

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craft. The French forces have been aiding materially on the Tunisian front, and political troubles in North Africa "have in no way interfered with the military effort of the French against the common enemy."

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces in New Guinea have almost completed the Papuan campaign, in which the Japanese army of about 15,000 men was almost annihilated. Allied losses have been comparatively small with preliminary indications that Australian casualties were somewhat greater than the American.

In his analysis of the campaigns, Patterson said the evident hope of the Germans was to establish a winter line as deep in Russian territory as possible, and one objective of last summer's offensive "was undoubtedly to secure a firm line along the Volga."

The Volga was reached in one or two places, but the Germans were unable to drive the Russians beyond the river. Now, he said, Hitler's forces probably would be satisfied if they could hold along the Don, but the red army already has pushed west of that river and the Germans probably would "have to fall back to the Donets, possibly even to the Dnieper.

Probe Asked Of AP Suit

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21—(AP)—A formal demand for a congressional investigation of the circumstances of the justice department's anti-trust suit against the Associated Press was made in the house Thursday by Representative Shafer (R-Mich).

Shafer introduced a resolution providing for an inquiry by the house judiciary committee to determine whether "attempts are under way to curb the freedom of the press quaranteed by the constitution."

Chairman Sumners (D-Tex) of the judiciary committee said the committee would be "glad to undertake the investigation if the house passes the resolution, and will do a good job."

The government filed its suit in federal district court in New York last August 28, charging the Associated Press was a monopoly, and sought an order directing the organization to open its membership rolls to any newspaper willing to pay its proportionate share of the cost of gathering news.

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