

Storm Clings to Area; Snow Buries Car on Columbia Highway

SEEMINGLY TO BE OPEN BY NOON

By Charles S. Stroup

I see where the president of some national organization solemnly pontificates that "the country is in a mess." Others lament the "confusion" that abounds. That talk strikes me as pretty silly—a gospel of futility. It exaggerates present ills and invites a do-nothing attitude toward them.

Actually, the country isn't in such a bad fix, except for the coal strike, which all hope will be of short duration. Where is there any general distress? Our lines are not for free soup but for purchasing nylons or theatre tickets. Employment is general; wages are high; profits in most businesses are good; farmers are well off from their year's cropping and harvest.

We had OPA, but that is nearly washed out. We lack many items but the dearth causes less real suffering than did the one-time super-abundance.

Why let ourselves get into the psychological rut of complaining, like the old woman who got her real joy out of never feeling better than "toler'ble"? If we should consider what we have and enjoy it, this miasma of self-induced confusion would disappear. Our ills are chiefly illusory, but we have made hypochondriacs out of ourselves.

Besides, what do we have brains in our heads for if not to employ them to solve problems as they arise? The troubles are chiefly those of human relationships, not of the perversity of nature; and if we use intelligence we can readily resolve them.

In some respects the biliousness is just a pose. Even under poor, condemned OPA most businessmen prospered. Despite the high cost of necessities, workers have enjoyed more luxuries than ever before in their lives.

Why not change the national anthem from this "in-a-mess" theme-song? We suggest this: "Back to Work We Go," or the old hymn "Count Your Many Blessings."

Release of Dam Projects' Fund Forecast

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (AP)—Sen. Guy Cordon predicted today that the budget bureau would shortly announce release of more funds for flood control work, including Dorena dam, Lookout Point-Meridian dam, Detroit dam, and Willamette river bank protection.

Cordon said an expected relaxation of the federal economy order, which sharply cut army engineers' funds, would provide only a small amount for McNary. He expressed hope that more funds for rivers and harbors projects would be available later, too.

Cordon had urged that the Oregon projects be allowed to continue, declaring that the Willamette channel could not be kept open after Jan. 1 under the reduced program.

The expected relaxation, Cordon said, would enable the army engineers in Portland to keep their present payroll.

Aiken Predicts Budget Deficit

George Aiken, state budget director, despite the contention of some state officials here that the state's financial condition is not as bad as pictured, still insists that Oregon taxpayers will face a \$15,000,000 deficit for the 1947-48 biennium.

Aiken blames the state retirement law of the 1945 legislature for much of the current financial difficulty. This law involves approximately 7000 state employees. Governor Earl Snel has refused to discuss the state's financial condition but indicated that he would present a balanced budget to the 1947 legislature.

Gorge to Be Open By Noon

By the Associated Press

An early winter has apparently set in over the Pacific northwest, with blocked passes and highways, the worst situation in 20 years on the Columbia river — heavy snow at high elevations and icy rains and a coal shortage to aggravate it all.

R. H. Baldock, highway engineer, said last night, however, the Columbia river would be free for travel by noon today, barring further snow. Salem continued to escape freezing weather, but rain, 64 of an inch of which fell in the city Friday, was scheduled to continue over the weekend.

A blizzard raged yesterday at Sand Point, Ida., and Bonners Ferry, Ida., with a low of 15 degrees, had 33 inches of snow on the ground.

Oregon state highway crews dug into a deep snowslide a mile and a half east of Multnomah falls to locate an automobile buried with two hitch-hiking soldiers as passengers. The owner, seeking help after it stalled, found 25 feet of snow over the spot on his return. The soldiers were not in the buried car.

The fatalities rose to eight today when Frank McNeil, 55, tripped in the darkness and fell down stairs, breaking his neck at Bandon, Ore., where the storm had blacked out lights. McKenzie Pass, between Bend and Eugene, Ore., was blocked, probably for the winter.

Schools Dismissed — Walla Walla schools were dismissed last night until further notice to save coal, with the nationwide strike on.

Snowplows on the Columbia river highway of Oregon freed a Greyhound bus which had been snowbound since Thursday night. The bus with 37 passengers was driven back to Hood River, where the passengers changed to buses that were being re-routed to Portland on the Evergreen highway on the Washington bank of the Columbia.

Ten foot snow drifts left several scores of passenger cars stalled in the Columbia gorge, but there were no reports of motorists suffering exposure. All were believed to have hiked back to safety. The cars are expected to be freed today.

Baldock warned that chains are required in all mountain passes. Friday's road report: **Priddy Summit** — Roads slushy because snow turned to rain Thursday night. Slide at Hogg Rock has been plowed out and is now open to two-way traffic.

Willamette Highway — Chains required because of packed snow. **Siskiyou Summit** — Chains required because of packed snow on Pacific highway. **All roads normal.** **Klamath Falls** — All roads normal.

Sun Pass, The Dalles-California highway — Chains advised. **Astoria** — Rain, roads wet and slippery. **Pendleton** — Overcast, with silver thaw.

'Yes, We Have Some Bananas'

The old song, "Yes, we have no bananas" doesn't hold true this week-end, so far as Salem is concerned.

A leading wholesaler has received the first full carload of Central American bananas to be received for sale distribution in the Salem area since shortly after Pearl Harbor.

Retail price, the firm said, would approximate 15 to 16 cents a pound. The ceiling, when there was one, was 14 cents. The bananas are declared considerably superior in quality to the Cuban product which, when available, has sold for 23 to 25 cents a pound.

Incidentally, the carload approximated 23 bunches of 2500 pounds or around 100,000 bananas.

C. OF C. BACKS HAWAII BID WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (AP)—The board of directors of the United States chamber of commerce tonight announced it would support Hawaii's efforts to become a state.

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Plan May Aid Issue Of Trieste

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 (AP)—The United States offered a new compromise tonight to meet a Russian demand for a definite deadline on removal of foreign troops from Trieste.

Persons present at the deliberations of the foreign ministers' council said that Secretary of State Byrnes suggested a clause which would call for simultaneous withdrawal of all foreign troops from the area within 45 days after the governor of Trieste notifies the United Nations security council that he is able to maintain order without them.

Byrnes said that the existing feeling between Italians and Yugoslavs in the territory was the reason for setting up an international administration there.

Byrnes laid down an eight-point program for administration of Trieste in the interim period after conclusion of the Italian peace treaty and before the establishment of a permanent government. It called for these powers for the provisional government:

1. The right to organize a temporary government.
2. To appoint a provisional council of government from representative groups of the population.
3. The right to issue decrees with the force of law.
4. To make appointments to public offices.
5. To determine the system and procedure for election of a general assembly.
6. To issue a decree for elections at the earliest possible moment when conditions permit.
7. To organize police force and to take necessary security measures.
8. To recommend withdrawal of foreign troops when conditions permit.

Molotov wanted time to think it over.

Soviet Police Said in U. S.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (AP)—Louis F. Budenz, former communist editor, testified today that Russian secret police probably are operating in America as part of a soviet conspiracy "against the people and safety of the United States."

Budenz, who renounced communism and the editorship of the Daily Worker to rejoin the Catholic church, told the house committee on un-American activities that "military conflict could flow from the conspiracy he described."

He testified he knew secret Russian police "were here because I dealt with them for two years." He added that "they were here for a number of months in 1936 or 1937 and, when asked whether they still are, Budenz replied: "I certainly am of the opinion they are."

Glider to Try Glacier Landing To Aid Eleven Wrecked in Alps

INTERLAKEN, Switzerland, Nov. 22 (AP)—Swiss mountain climbers began tonight a gruelling race and a glider crew and parachutists prepared for desperate ventures to reach 11 passengers of a crashed American army transport plane who had survived three days and nights of bitter cold on the icy slopes of an 8000-foot Alpine glacier.

Experienced Alpinists said the ground party faced a 20-hour climb over rugged and treacherous terrain — the last lap on hands and knees — to the scene of the crash 12 miles southeast of here. But there was a chance that a glider and parachutists would get there first.

Thomas Frewin, pilot of a big British glider, said in Paris he was going to attempt to land tomorrow on the 30 degree slope of the glacier in the face of prevailing 70-mile an hour winds and despite the fears of many

"Something for You, Mr. Lewis"



WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 22—UMW Chief John L. Lewis, came in hand, steps from his car in front of his Washington office as he came out of seclusion at his home in nearby Alexandria, Va. A few minutes later he accepted service on a summons calling for him to answer a contempt citation resulting from the soft coal strike. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

AFL Compiles Vote, May End Seamen Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22 (AP)—The AFL masters, mates and pilots tonight completed their return to work vote, which if affirmative, will end the labor dispute that has tied up the Pacific coast waterfront for 53 days.

Capt. Charles F. May, president of the West Coast deck officers union, said the tabulation would begin at midnight and the results would be announced at 8 a. m. (PST) tomorrow.

The CIO unions of the committee for maritime unity, their shipping strikes settled, crossed the AFL picket lines in some areas today but many union workers balked at doing so despite the CMU announcement that its members would work all ships except those operated by the Pacific American Shipowners association.

CIO Re-elects Philip Murray

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Nov. 22 (AP)—Philip Murray, re-elected by acclamation to his seventh year as president—brought to a close today the eighth CIO convention, which saw any factional disputes kept far in the background.

Noteworthy at the closing session was the ascendancy of the United Auto Workers in CIO councils.

Their 39-year-old president, Walter Reuther, and their vice president, R. J. Thomas, both were named CIO vice presidents. Their secretary-treasurer, George Addes, was elected to the executive board.

Suit Charges Failure To Build 600 Homes PORTLAND, Nov. 22 (AP)—A \$231,718 damage suit involving a Eugene housing project was on file in circuit court today against John C. Webb.

Fred G. Snyder, Harry A. Lundgren and Erwin T. Ellis, doing business as the Ace Construction company, charged in the complaint that Webb had breached a contract to build some 600 houses at Eugene.

New Drop In Budget Predicted

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (AP)—Reduction of federal expenditures in the next fiscal year by \$12,000,000,000—\$3,000,000,000 more than his previous estimates—was declared to be feasible today by Rep. Taber (R-N. Y.).

Taber is to become chairman of the house appropriations committee in January.

"I believe we can cut \$3,000,000,000 from the nation's debt and still reduce individual income taxes," he also told reporters.

However, another leading Republican, Rep. Carlson, who becomes governor of Kansas in January, admonished that the coal strike "gravely threatens" Republican plans to slash the personal income taxes by 20 per cent, but cutting national income.

Last week Taber told newsmen the number of federal employees should be cut by 1,000,000 and the budget trimmed back next year at least \$9,000,000,000 from the present \$41,000,000,000 level.

Moreover, Taber declared today, there will be "no effort to impair needed national defense."

"I intend to make every effort to prevent duplication and waste in government," he said. "I already have instituted inquiries along the line of getting the proper information; and proper basis for proper appropriation procedure. We do not want any more waste."

FFA Honors Mrs. Cooley

Mrs. Earl Cooley, home economics teacher in Salem high school, was made an honorary member of the Albany chapter of the Future Farmers of America at a banquet Friday night at Albany.

The banquet was held in celebration of the chapter being awarded the gold clock honorary section of the country for the third consecutive year. This is the FFA's high national award.

Mrs. Cooley is one of the few women members of the Future Farmers, for it was not until the national meeting this year that women were admitted into membership. Earl Cooley, until his death last fall, was state supervisor of vocational agricultural education and state supervisor of Future Farmers.

Extradition Waived On Kidnap Charge

PENDLETON, Ore., Nov. 22 (AP)—Sheriff Robert Goad said tonight that Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morris had waived extradition to Olympia, Wash., to face second-degree kidnaping charges.

They are accused of taking a child from a Tumwater, Wash., home. Mrs. Morris told Goad the child was hers by a former marriage, and showed the sheriff what she said was the child's birth certificate, made out in Napa, Calif., to Mrs. Florence Griffin.

Steel Firms Cut Production, No 'Break' in Sight

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (AP)—The government decreed a pre-Christmas dimout for a large part of the nation tonight and drastic steps to save coal as John L. Lewis, readily accepting service of a contempt citation, indicated determination to fight it out.

Civilian Production Administrator John D. Small ordered sharp curtailment of the use of electricity generated from coal in 21 states and the nation's capital starting Monday, as the strike of 400,000 coal miners passed into its second day. Advertising signs and store windows will be dark.

Walter Pugh, Pioneer State Architect, Dies

Walter David Pugh, 83, pioneer Salem resident and well known Oregon architect, died Friday at his residence, 441 N. 18th st., after a short illness.

Many of Salem's older buildings and houses were designed by Pugh, among them being the city hall, the dome of the old state capitol building, as well as many residences. As state architect under Gov. Penoyer, Pugh designed many state institution buildings. Kidder hall at Oregon State college, halls at Chemawa Indian school, and buildings for the Indian reservation at Phoenix, Ariz., were also part of Pugh's work.

Pugh was born in a small house on the corner of Winter and Union streets April 4, 1863, of David H. and Catherine Pugh, and attended Prof. Selwood's private school and Willamette university. He received architectural training while he was in apprenticeship to the Portland architectural firm of McCull and Wickham, after which he set up his own firm in Salem.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Jessie H. Q. Pugh; three daughters, Mrs. Inez Cable, Portland, and Mrs. Katherine Montgomery and Mrs. Mildred Emmons, both of Salem; a son, Allan E. Pugh, Hermiston, Ore.; a brother, Dave W. Pugh, Salem; nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be announced later by the Clough-Barrick company.

County Corn Show Dec. 6

The fifth annual Marion county corn show will be held at Central Howell school Friday, December 6, and is sponsored by the Central Howell Farmers Union and its auxiliary will serve dinner that night in the school basement.

All corn growers of the county may exhibit, each display to consist of six ears either in the open class, Future Farmers, or 4-H club class. Judging will take place in the afternoon. Harry Riches, Marion county agricultural agent, has announced.

8 Die as Bus Hit by Bomber

LOCKING, England, Nov. 22 (AP)—Eight Royal Air Force members were killed and about 30 were injured today when a bombing plane crashed in the double-deck bus in which they were sitting out on weekend leave.

The bus, carrying 57 RAF men, was just leaving an RAF station near Locking when the plane, a two-engine Douglas attack bomber, coming in for a landing, sheared off most of the upper deck, hurling the passengers into the roadway.

The crew escaped injury.

Senators Taft, Vandenberg Bid For 'Freshman' Solon Support

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (AP)—Senators Taft (R-Ohio) and Vandenberg (R-Mich) bid today for cooperation of the 17 republican "freshmen" in 17-point program to be laid before the senate majority conference of the new congress.

In a letter to all GOP senators, released by his office tonight, Taft said the party steering committee which met here last week planned to submit only recommendations to the conference, adding that "the decision on all matters is reserved for that conference."

In a similar letter, Vandenberg expressed hope that the newcomers will work with the older members in "common and mutual partnership" in the forthcoming session.

Taft listed 17 assignments of subcommittees, all composed of present members, to study problems the steering committee thought will face the republicans in the new congress.

The assignments include: Labor legislation—Ball, Smith, Morse, Taft and members of the education and labor committee.

Federal program for education—Taft, Aiken, Morse and other members of education and labor committee.

Federal aid to scientific research—Smith, Cordon, Revercomb.

ASKS BOATS REGISTERED CORVALLIS, Nov. 22 (AP)—In precaution against possible future floods, the Benton county Red Cross chapter today asked all power boat owners to register their boats for emergency use.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"But I tell you white shirts just aren't available."