

14 Perish as Missouri Trains Collide

Communications Workers Strike To Affect Overseas Cable Messages

NEW YORK (Friday), Jan. 2 (AP)—Last-ditch negotiations continued early today in an effort to avert a strike of overseas communications workers but as the midnight strike deadline passed...

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Marion county lost one of its bridges last Tuesday when a log truck went through a bridge on the Little North Fork above Mehana. The bridge was undergoing reconstruction...

Holiday Accident Toll 118

OTTERVILLE, Mo., Jan. 1 (AP)—At least 14 holiday travelers, including former ambassador to Spain Alexander W. Weddell and his wife, were killed today in the rear-end collision of two Missouri Pacific passenger trains in a heavy snowstorm.

Two Men Held After Holiday Eve Accidents

Six charges are facing two automobile drivers today, following their arrests New Year's eve by city police. Few traffic mishaps were reported for the holiday.

War Mars New Year Of 'Peace'

LONDON, Jan. 1 (AP)—The world began a new year of "peace" today with civil war in Greece and China, bloodshed in Palestine and unsettled conflicts in India and Indonesia.

7 Babies Born In Salem on January 1st

Salem's first 1948 baby, first of seven born here on New Year's day, is the seven-pound son of Mr. and Mrs. David Loewen, 1533 Ruge st., West Salem who greeted the new year at 9:21 a. m. Thursday.

Alaska Winter Veils B-29 Fate

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Jan. 1 (AP)—The Alaska winter kept a tight veil today over the fate of a B-29 bomber plane, which vanished early yesterday morning, and blocked efforts to locate five men who vanished after earlier superstorm struck and damaged two parked cars.

Open Bachelor Season Hailed by Nation's Misses

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—Lace up those running shoes, men, and make for the escape hatch. Leap year dawned this morning while you were in no condition to defend yourself.

Victim

OTTERVILLE, Mo., Jan. 1—Former U.S. Ambassador to Spain Alexander W. Weddell, who with his wife and 12 other passengers of a Missouri Pacific passenger train were killed tonight in a train wreck.

War Brides Arrive One Day Too Late

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (AP)—Eighteen European girls arrived by plane today to marry ex-soldiers, but immigration authorities said the girls were a day too late.

Italy Republic Flags Raised

ROME, Jan. 1 (AP)—Drums of military units throughout Italy rattled today in brief ceremonies heralding the Italian republic which came into legal being at midnight.

Fare Rise on City Buses Takes Effect

Increased fares on city buses took effect Thursday, along with the end of a competitive line for Oregon Motor Stages. Single rides are now 10 cents, compared with the recent 8-cent price.

Defeat Inflicted on Greek Guerrillas

ATHENS, Jan. 1 (AP)—The Greek general staff said tonight the army had inflicted a "crushing defeat" on "communist forces" in the battle of Konitsa, where a seven-day guerrilla siege of the local government garrison was lifted today.

50-mph Wind Lashes City; Power Failures Reported Over State in Wake of Gale

Tornado Toll Raised to 20 as Storms Hit U.S.

A violent Mother Nature hurling destructive tornadoes and damaging ice and snow storms marred the New Year's debut in wide sections of the country. Excessive rains accompanied by freezing temperatures brought severe ice storms and later heavy snows New Year's day to sections of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Michigan, disrupting communication and power lines, toppling radio transmitter towers and causing damage estimated in the millions.

NEW YORK, Friday, Jan. 2

Freezing rain coating electric wires, sidewalks and streets, brought new peril to New Yorkers early today in the wake of last week's paralyzing snowstorm. The ice made vehicle travel—and even walking hazardous.

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The Illinois Bell Telephone company estimated it had suffered at least \$1,000,000 damage to its lines and equipment. A company spokesman said the entire staff of 1,000 maintenance men had been summoned to emergency duty.

Prof. Inlow of OCE Stricken

Prof. Harvey E. Inlow, staff member of Oregon College of Education at Monmouth, remained in critical condition at Salem General hospital Thursday night following a heart attack at his home in Monmouth Wednesday.

Air Freight Jumps 600% at Salem Over 1946 Figure

A 600 per cent gain in the amount of air freight shipments during 1947 over 1946 was announced this week by the local United Airlines company.

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Football Scores

- Rose Bowl Michigan 49, USC 0. Shrine Game East 40, West 9. Cotton Bowl So. Methodist 13, Penn State 13. Sugar Bowl Texas 27, Alabama 7. Orange Bowl Georgia Tech 20, Kansas 14. Delta Bowl Mississippi 13, TCU 9. Gator Bowl Maryland 20, Georgia 20. Dixie Bowl Arkansas 21, William & Mary 10. Sun Bowl Miami (Ohio) 13, Texas Tech 13. Raisin Bowl Coll. Pacific 26, Wichita 14. Salad Bowl Nevada 13, N. Texas State 6. Pineapple Bowl Hawaii 33, Redlands 32.

Salem Junior First Citizen Selection Due

Salem's Junior First Citizen for 1947 will be named at the Junior Chamber of Commerce annual Founder's day banquet, Wednesday, January 21, Jaycee President Howard Walker announced Thursday.

Regal Miss Admits Love For Ex-King

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Jan. 1 (AP)—Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma said in an interview today that she was completely in love with Mihai, the abdicated king of Romania and wherever he goes I will follow him.

Fainting Spell Foils Hostage Plan Of Portland Thief

PORTLAND, Jan. 1 (AP)—A gunman robbed a service station of \$210 in cash early today, but his attempt to kidnap a woman hostage was foiled by a fainting spell.

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1.46 Inches of Rain Brought By Local Storm

Rainy blasts of wind roared into the Salem area on the wings of the New Year causing some damage, but by late Thursday night had abated enough to allow the weatherman to forecast showers and warmer temperatures for today and Saturday.

Yuletide Decorations Stretched Across Downtown Streets

Yuletide decorations stretched across downtown streets were being ripped away by the blasts, and by late last night were nearly all removed by the United Artists company of Portland and the Denison-Stone electrical firm of Salem.

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Many Minor Troubles

A PGE crew of about 70 men, however, worked throughout the day taking care of other minor troubles. Some lines were down and in several areas snapped-off tree limbs had toppled onto lines. Street lights in several areas in south Salem were out for a short period Thursday evening.

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company Reported "the usual hard wind trouble"

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company reported "the usual hard wind trouble". Some lines in scattered sections of the city were down but were quickly repaired. The company reported an open wire toll failure south of Salem, which isolated Salem from southern contact for a short while early Thursday afternoon.

Flights Held Up

Local United Air Lines terminal reported that Thursday flights were not hampered because the extremely heavy wind was blowing in the direction of the runway instead of pointer to it.

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Reports of Rough Weather

Meanwhile reports of wind and rough weather in other areas in the northwest part of the state were received here early this morning.

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Cold Cripples Mummies Fete

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1 (AP)—The mummies pranced on Broad street again today in spectacular disregard of biting cold and a soaking rain that washed out much of the color and one whole section of the Quaker city's annual New Year's carnival.

Marshall Plan Delay Hinted

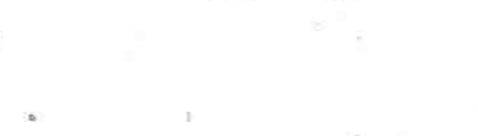
WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—Congress action on the Marshall plan may be delayed two months beyond the administration's April 1 deadline, Rep. Eaton (R-NJ) chairman of the house foreign affairs committee, predicted today.

Mukden Tide Turning

NANKING, Jan. 1 (AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek told officials of his national government today that communist attempts to encircle Mukden had been "completely frustrated" and that the situation in Manchuria and in north China was improving.

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