

Lincoln County Strip In Question; Railroad To Investigate Claim

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3 (AP)—A former Oregon governor, Oswald West, started the state today by declaring that the Southern Pacific railroad is the true owner of a scenic section of Oregon beaches long claimed by the state as public highways.



By Charles A. Sprague

The navy's "memo to the press" issued Friday announcing the dispatch of a contingent of marines to duty on American warships in the Mediterranean might send shivers up the spines of our people except for the fact that their nerves have become somewhat deadened by war stimuli.

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Ex-Governor West, 74, declared in an interview that an almost forgotten railroad grant made by the 1874 legislature gave ownership of the tide and overflow lands there to the Willamette Valley & Coast railroad, a line eventually absorbed by the Southern Pacific.

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The issue came up after an argument about beach sand. The last state legislature repealed West's 1913 act and passed a similar one, which included permission for sale of beach sand for construction work.

When the state highway commission last week sold the first of this sand, West protested and declared it would endanger Oregon's title to the beach.

Mihai Leaves For Hungary

SINAI, Romania, Jan. 3 (AP)—Former King Mihai and his mother, Queen Helen, left the royal estate here by special train tonight for Hungary.

Horse, Wrestler To Vie in Portland

PORTLAND, Jan. 3 (AP)—The horse and the man are at it again. "Baldy," the 1,900-pound horse which won a tug of war with a 220-pound Irishman at Waterloo, Ore., is going to defend his title here January 29.

Federal Aid for Education Sought

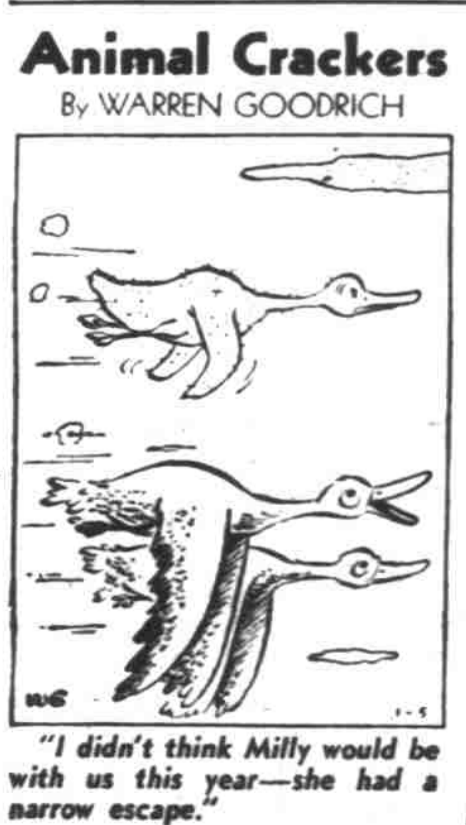
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—A campaign to win congressional approval of a \$300,000,000, one-year program for federal aid to public schools was opened today by the National Education association.

Volume of White House Mail Called 'Astonishing'

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Animal Crackers

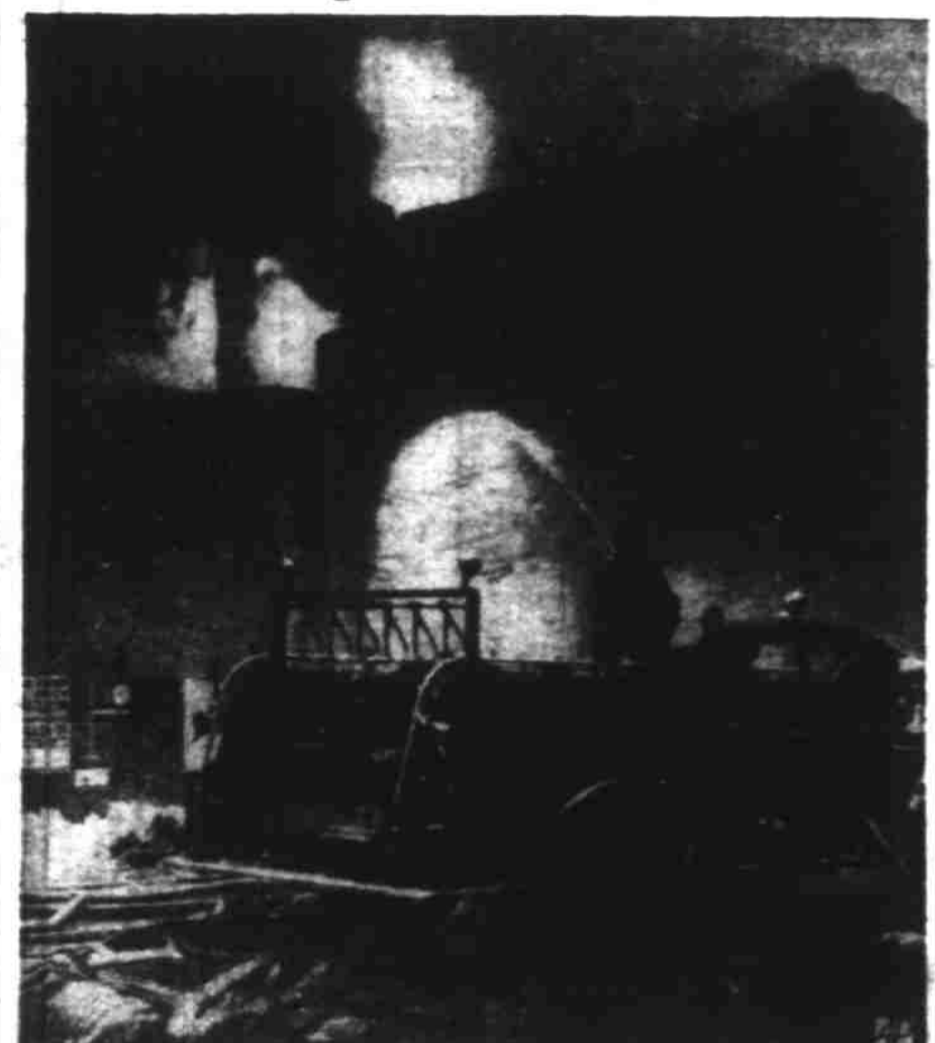
By WARREN GOODRICH



"I didn't think Milly would be with us this year—she had a narrow escape."

Portland Zoo Keeper Outruns, Captures 700 Pound Polar Bear

Fire Accompanies Bad Weather



NEW YORK, Jan. 3—A fireman standing on a pumper directs a stream of water against a blazing building on 58th street west of Broadway. The fire, starting in the five-story structure, spread to adjoining buildings. The fire was one of many which accompanied snow and cold weather to the New York area.

General Thaw in Store For East Coast 'Ice Belt'

Forecasts of a general thaw cheered millions of residents in the nation's "ice belt" Saturday.

The most destructive storm of the winter laid a 2,000-mile-long ice and snow blanket from the Texas Panhandle to New England, but forecasts said temperatures would rise gradually and that by Monday a "considerable portion" of the cover would be melted away.

Independence Day in Burma

RANGOON, Burma, Sunday, Jan. 4 (AP)—Burma, an exotic land of pagodas, jewels and rice terraces, became an independent country today after more than a century of British rule.

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Large Cache of TNT for Palestine Found in U.S. Port

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Jan. 3 (AP)—A quantity of tri-nitro-toluene (TNT), described by police as sufficient to "blow up Jersey City and five Jersey cities to bits" was discovered on a pier here today in packing cases consigned to Palestine.

Tourists Flee As Huge Beast Roves Area

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3 (AP)—A full grown polar bear romped for almost an hour inside the Washington park zoo's main cage early tonight, trapping Superintendent J. L. Marks atop a cage after sending four tourists scurrying for safety.

Trucks Reach Isolated Area; Bridge Readied

Installation of the Bailey bridge across the Little North Fork of the Santiam river above Mehama will not be completed until Tuesday, but county officials Saturday night said they did not believe that three expectant mothers marooned behind the wrecked Lumker span were in immediate danger.

Salem Schools' Vacation to End

For more than 9,000 students and teachers locally, today is the end of a vacation. All Salem public, parochial and private schools will resume classes Monday morning.

OMS to Extend City Bus Service to Suburban Sections Starting Monday

New bus service will begin Monday to include "essentially all" of the territory formerly served by Salem Suburban buses.

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Truman to Fight Tax Slash Plan, Confidants State

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