



Salem's new first aid car will be in regular service today. Its crew ready for all emergencies. The gleaming red Cadillac shown at the right is the result of contributions from Salem labor union groups and donations by business concerns and private individuals, and cost \$10,000. At left is the old first aid car, and the two crews which will operate the new car. Left to right, they are Capt. Arthur Bloom, Drivers Clinton Hart and Don Hill, and Capt. Charles Charlton, who drove the new ambulance to Salem from the factory in Ohio. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The way the driftwood is floating shows the way the current of a river flows. But sometimes floating debris appears to be moving upstream. It has struck an eddy or a whirlpool and had its direction reversed.

A few days ago General Electric announced reductions of from 3 to 10 per cent on a long list of its products, chiefly those appliances going into home consumption. And painters at Everett, Wash., not only backed up on a demand for a wage increase of 14c an hour, but also voluntarily cut their pay 2 1/2 cents an hour.

Phone Rate Ruling Today

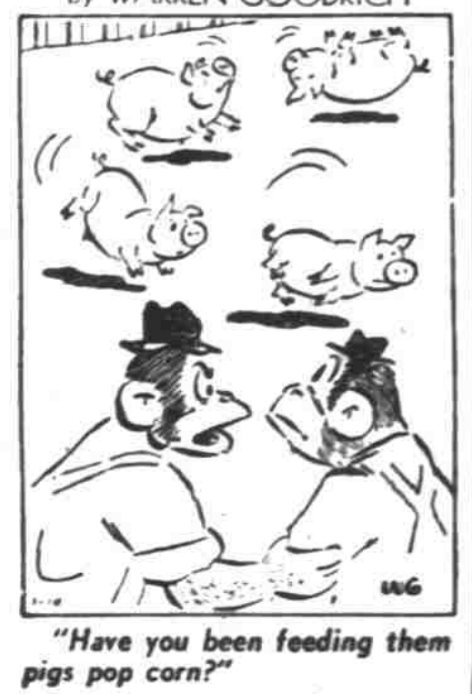
Order in the application of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company for an annual rate increase of \$2,249,000, based on its Oregon operations, will be released today, Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg announced.

Hearings before the public utilities commissioner covered several weeks during the past summer and writing the order has since been in progress. The city of Portland intervened in opposition to the rate increase.

10 Film Writers Plead Innocent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—Ten Hollywood movie writers and producers who tangled with house members in an investigation of alleged communism in the movies, pleaded innocent today to charges of contempt of congress and were ordered to stand trial.

Animal Crackers



"Have you been feeding them pigs pop corn?"

Unions to Present New First Aid Car To Salem Today

Following presentation ceremonies at 3:30 this afternoon on the city hall steps, Salem's new first aid car will be in service, replacing a 10-year-old emergency vehicle. Both have been financed principally by local organized labor.

Lumker Bridge Sections to Go To Roseburg

Four sections of the Bailey type bridge completed over the Little North Fork of the Santiam river above Mehama last Tuesday will be removed and shipped to Roseburg to help replace a steel span damaged by flood waters Wednesday, Marion county bridge foreman Ted Kuenzi said Friday.

The Bailey bridge was borrowed from the state highway commission and installed over the Little North Fork when the Lumker bridge collapsed under a heavy logging truck, leaving several families stranded, including three pregnant women.

Sen. Tobey to Support Ike

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—Senator Tobey (R-NH) announced tonight he is supporting Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for the GOP presidential nomination as the man "best qualified to lead this nation in this time of great crises in national and international affairs."

Tobey's announcement came on a day which brought these other political developments: 1. A declaration in the senate by Senator Chavez (D-NM) that he is supporting Secretary of State Marshall for the democratic vice presidential nomination.

Plan Would Force New Firms To Provide Own Parking Space

Any new enterprise coming to Salem must provide off-street parking for its own share of the increase in parking. This is the plan which will shortly be submitted to Salem city council for enactment through appropriate ordinances, said Carl Hogg, parking chairman of the Salem long range planning commission, at the Salem Credit association's Friday noon luncheon at the Golden Pheasant restaurant.

Floodwaters Recede; Crest Due at Portland

The four-day flood which has taken six lives and cost millions of dollars in property damage in the Willamette valley is moving slowly away from Salem today.

The boiling Willamette river reached a 27.5-foot crest here early Friday morning—one-half foot short of the forecast crest of 28 feet, but had dropped to 24 feet at midnight Friday. Although still four feet above flood stage of 20 feet, the U. S. corps of engineers had predicted the river would not drop to the 24-foot mark until 8 a.m. today.

While the rampaging stream moved northward toward Portland and Oregon City Friday night, West Salem merchants and householders who were flooded out of their stores and homes Thursday and Friday were preparing to move back to their quarters. At midnight the river had receded at least 20 feet from the highway at the foot of the West Salem bridge.

The bridge was closed at 8 p.m. Thursday, but was reopened to traffic at 9 a.m. Friday morning. The Southern Pacific Railroad company ran four shuttle trains between 6:30 and 9 a.m. Friday morning to carry approximately 1,000 persons between Salem and West Salem to their work and schools.

In Salem proper nearly all streams, ditches and roads were flooded Friday morning. Several sections of highway on the North and South River roads were still under water, but open to traffic. Salem Golf and Country club on the South River road was still under, but little damage was reported.

County school authorities reported that all Marion county schools would reopen Monday. The river passed the 18-foot flood stage at Portland Friday afternoon and was expected to crest this morning at 19 feet. Then it will empty into the wider Columbia.

Damage Not Too Great South of Salem residents moved over water-soaked land to survey the river's havoc. At Eugene, where 1,400 inhabitants fled the flood, the river had fallen to six feet below flood stage, and officials said damage did not appear to be too great.

Seven routes were still closed by flood: The two Albany-Corvallis highways, Woodburn-Estacada, Cascade, North Santiam, Bellevue-Hopewell, and Wilsonville ferry roads. The district army engineer has said that the Willamette valley loss probably will reach \$7,000,000 to \$13,000,000.

Dinner to Fete Marine Flier

Lt. Col. Marion Carl, marine flying ace from Hubbard, will be in Salem next Wednesday in connection with marine reserve week, local reservists announced Friday. Lt. Col. Carl recently set a new official world's speed record in a jet plane.

Lumber Industry Wage Talks End

PORTLAND, Jan. 9 (AP)—Two days of negotiation ended here today for the Oregon and Washington AFL lumber unions, seeking a 30-cent hourly wage increase. The conference between the unions and three employer associations in the Douglas fir belt ended in what a union spokesman said was "no progress."

U.S. May Send Marines to Palestine to Guard Consulate; Navy Gives Four Subs to Turkey

33 Former U.S. Vessels in Turkish Fleet

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—The United States today bolstered the defenses of the Dardanelles by the transfer of four powerful long range submarines to the Turkish navy, plus 11 other warcraft especially suitable for operations in that strategic middle eastern area.

This brings to 33 the number of former U. S. war vessels assigned this week for service with the Turkish and Greek fleets and serve as a potent reminder to Soviet Russia that this country does not intend to permit the Black Sea waterway to fall under communist control.

Today's announcement by the navy climaxes a series of military and diplomatic moves to put Russia and her Balkan satellites on notice that any action to change the balance of power in that traditional "tinder box" area will result in serious consequences.

And it pointed up a recent statement by Rear Admiral Felix Johnson, navy public relations director, that the United States fleet is the "big stick" of American diplomacy.

The navy said that the four fleet type submarines, the Brill, Blueback, Boarfish and Chub, will be delivered to a Turkish port by American crews. The other vessels—eight motor sweepers, one net laying vessel, one gasoline tanker and one repair vessel—will be handed over to Turkish sailors specially trained in this country.

Sheep Flocks Decline Noted

PORTLAND, Jan. 9 (AP)—Oregon's sheep flocks have declined 53 per cent since the heaviest drop any state, C. M. Jones, secretary of the National Wool Growers association, said today.

Jones told the Oregon Wool Growers association convention that research in new wool processing stems the downward trend of the industry.

Wool is the key to the sheep industry's success, said Ira D. Staggs, state president. Without wool, sale of sheep as meat animals would not be profitable, he said.

He called upon the expanding Willamette valley sheep industry to help form a united front in the national demands of sheepmen. His recommendation of a fee of 75 cents per carload shipment to finance a national publicity campaign about lamb as meat was accepted.

Effect of Initiative To Divert Excise Taxes Questioned

Whether a proposed Oregon initiative measure would actually put corporate excise tax revenues into the state general fund, if passed by voters, was questioned in statehouse circles Friday.

Petitions have been filed by state farm and labor leaders to set in motion the measure which would divert into the general fund corporate excise tax revenues now earmarked by law for offsetting property taxes. Measure sponsors estimate the change would add \$12,000,000 each year to the general fund.

Fee Threatens to Dismiss Charges In Bank Robberies

PORTLAND, Jan. 9 (AP)—A federal judge ruled today that three men charged with Oregon bank robberies must be brought to trial by Jan. 27 or not be tried at all.

Federal Judge James A. Fee said that if the three men—Henry Clay Tollett, Sam Scribner and Henry Green—are not in court on that date, he would dismiss the robbery charges against them.

Fee announced his decision after Joe Berry Bishop, 28, pleaded guilty to possessing money stolen in the bank holdups. Fee declared he could not sentence Bishop until the facts of the robberies at the Oakland and Sweet Home banks were brought out in trials.

The difficulty is that the three men are resisting removal to Oregon for trial. Tollett and Scribner are under sentence in another robbery at Bakersfield, Calif., and Green is held in Oklahoma.

Stassen Avoids Names in Grain Traders Probe

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—Harold E. Stassen told senators today that government "insiders" have made about \$4,000,000 profits in post-war commodity trading.

He declined to name any traders who have not been identified already.

Appearing before a senate appropriations subcommittee investigating the effects of speculation on prices, the republican presidential aspirant also declared that Edwin W. Pauley and Brig. Gen. Wallace H. Graham have not told the whole truth about their trading transactions.

Stassen contended that Pauley, a special assistant to the secretary of the army, made a profit of about \$1,000,000 in the market since the war, "moving in and out with never a loss."

The witness, a former Minnesota governor, said that he and his staff have uncovered the names of about 11 "insiders" who— he asserted—have made personal profits through the use of official information. He added he does not consider it in the public interest to disclose their names although Senator Green (D-R.I.) demanded heatedly: "Give us the names. Don't deal in generalities."

British Repel Syrian Force With Planes

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9 (AP)—Six hundred Arab guerrillas—in the first major invasion across the Palestine border from Syria—attacked two Jewish settlements in upper Galilee today and were beaten off by British troops and planes, the Palestine government said.

The British-administered government disclosed that the had asked its minister in Syria to make representations to the Syrian government concerning the attacks.

For three and a half hours the battle swirled around the settlements of Kfar Seld and Dan before reinforced British troops supported by artillery and RAF Spitfires brought the situation under control. Reports from the area said sporadic firing was continuing tonight.

Three Jews were killed and eight others wounded in the Arab attacks which centered on a finger of Palestine extending northward between Syria and Lebanon.

Fair Weather Due—But Cold

Fair weather with evening and early morning temperatures skidding near the freezing mark were forecast for the Salem area today, tonight and Sunday by the U. S. weather bureau at McNary field Friday night.

Brisk southwest winds brought the mercury down to 28 degrees early Friday morning and the bureau said the thermometer is likely to skid below the freezing point again this morning. With exception of a few scattered showers and cool over the week end, the bureau said.

Counterfeit System Uses Paste, Scissors

HERMISTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—The cut-and-paste counterfeiting system was in action here today. Several merchants received what appeared to be \$10 bills. They proved to be a half of a \$10 and a half of a \$1 bill, pasted together.

Warns



WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 — Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.) who warned his fellow senators Friday that European aid must be put on a businesslike basis.

Vandenberg Asks Aid Made Businesslike

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) warned the state department today that it must make its plan for handling the European recovery program businesslike "or you are sunk without a trace."

If it is to succeed, the plan must gain the confidence of the American people, said the Michigan republican, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee.

A "new element of business operation" must be infused into the multi-billion program, he told Lewis W. Douglas, ambassador to Great Britain and Secretary of State Marshall's chief deputy on foreign aid.

He said that element is "lacking in the bill you submitted." Marshall himself, meanwhile, said speculation that he might resign if congress failed to adopt the full program was wholly incorrect.

Arabs Envision 'Challenge' in American Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—The United States is considering the possibility of sending marines to guard the recently bombed consulate at Jerusalem, the state department revealed tonight. It added that no decisions had been reached during "informal" discussions with the Palestine government.

Simultaneously the Arab office in London issued a statement that "the arrival of American military personnel in Palestine, no matter in what guise or how few, will not intimidate the Arabs. On the contrary they will see in it a reckless, provocative challenge to which they will react with increased anger and determination."

First hints that the United States was considering ordering marines to Palestine came from London today. Informants in Whitehall (where British government offices are located) told newsmen the United States has asked and received approval from the Palestine government for dispatch of the Devil Dogs to embattled Jerusalem.

The state department then issued this formal statement: "This government has never asked permission from either the Pan-Arab government or the British government to send marines to Palestine."

Discussed Informally "Reports from London probably arise from the fact that the consul general in Jerusalem has discussed informally with the Palestine government the necessity for taking measures to increase the security of the consulate general personnel and property."

During the informal discussions with the Palestine government the question of the necessity for sending American guards arose. No decisions were reached and have not been reached.

"It will be recalled in this connection that the consulate general in Jerusalem was recently bombed." The bombing incident occurred October 13 and two women employees, one an American citizen, were hurt.

Men Held in \$130,000 Theft

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 9 (AP)—Police arrested three suspects and recovered a haul of money today a few hours after five bandits pulled the biggest bank robbery in years by taking about \$130,000 from the Mid-City Branch of the Hibernia National bank.

Police Superintendent A. A. Waters estimated that a suitcase seized by police when two men were arrested contained \$35,000. The detective chief Joseph Scheuring said that \$30,000 was found in a paper bag in the room of another suspect.

Scheuring identified the men in custody as George W. Ricketts, 23, of Chalmette, La., his 21-year-old nephew, Tommie Ricketts of New Orleans, and John Hossenback, 23, of New Orleans.

German Workers Strike for Food

BERLIN, Jan. 9 (AP)—Strikes by German workers for more food spread from the industrial Ruhr into the American occupation zone today and a U. S. military government official advised German authorities "to get out and dig harder to get in your own potatoes."

A strike halted all street cars in Munich, paralyzing pedestrian traffic.

Aerial View Shows Extent of Flood Damage



Completely surrounded by water, the hop ranch pictured in top photo is in Marion county opposite Independence which was inundated by the swollen Willamette. The buildings stranded in the water between the town and the ranch building is a gravel works which is normally on the edge of the river. David Tolle, of the Statesman advertising department, took this aerial photo while flying his plane over flooded areas Thursday. The flood looked like this (lower photo) from Fairmount Hill Friday. In the background is West Salem, while in the foreground are logs anchored in Willamette slough opposite Minto station on the Oregon Electric railroad line. (Lower photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

REF. VANDYKE TO RUN MEDFORD, Jan. 9 (AP)—Frank Van Dyke, one of the state representatives who has been mentioned as a possible candidate for speaker of the house, said today he would run for his fourth term as representative this year. Van Dyke is a Jackson county attorney.

BUTTER PRICES TUMBLE NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (AP)—A spokesman for a large grocery chain predicted today that tumbling butter prices would reach 89 cents a pound retail by the end of next week.