

Flood Cuts Off Cities, Detours Road Travel

PORTLAND, June 1—(AP)—The Columbia river flood isolated several towns tonight and snarled Pacific northwest communications. Kalama, Wash., was completely cut off. Planes and army DUKWS carried bread and milk to the town. Further downstream the Columbia river highway on the Oregon side was closed by high water at Clatskanie.

Vancouver, Wash., lost all its major roads except the Evergreen highway up the Columbia gorge to the east. A dike broke on the Portland side of the river last night and swept out the gas main that supplied Vancouver.

Principal telephone cables to the north from Portland also were snarled. There was a 10 to 12-hour delay on telephone calls from Portland to southwest Washington towns. Telephone crews began making an aerial repair over the break.

The Pacific highway was cut north of Portland. Traffic to Vancouver was routed up the Columbia gorge and across on the Bridge of the Gods at Cascade Locks. Traffic to Seattle proceeded from Portland down the lower Columbia river highway and across the river via the Longview bridge.

East of Portland the Columbia river highway was covered by water at The Dalles and Arlington. Detours were set up around the spots. In Washington the Yakima valley highway was closed between Benton City and Pasco. A detour provided access to Kennewick.

Repairs will start tomorrow on the Pacific highway breaks north of Portland. The Union avenue and Denver avenue approaches to the Interstate bridge had gaps torn in them last night by 15 feet of water. The state highway commission approved repair contracts today. The roads were expected back in operation in two weeks.

Army Sends Relief to Area

SAN FRANCISCO, June 1—(AP)—All facilities and personnel of the Sixth army have been made available for relief and flood control work in the Portland area. Gen. Mark W. Clark announced tonight. More than 900 officers and enlisted men from Fort Lewis, Wash., under Brig. Gen. Ira P. Swift, already are engaged in flood control activities near Vancouver, Ore.

In addition, General Clark said, blankets, cots and cabbies to provide for more than 5,000 refugees are available at Fort Lewis for immediate dispatch. At Red Cross request, to the disaster scenes.

Service teams from Fort Lewis are prepared to feed homeless victims if called upon, the Sixth army commandant added.

Reclamation Official to Aid

BOISE, Idaho, June 1—(AP)—R. J. Newell, regional director of the bureau of reclamation, has been appointed the department of interior's representative in helping to relieve victims of the Pacific northwest flood.

Newell said he received a telegram from Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug directing him to act as the department's special representative in mobilization of all available facilities of men, machinery and equipment in the Pacific northwest to relieve flood victims and to help avert further disaster.

BOY KILLED IN FALL. HOOD RIVER, Ore., June 1—(AP)—Nine-year-old Gary Carl Banister fell 100 feet to his death today over a bluff in Starvation Creek state park, 10 miles west of here. The boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Banister of Hood River, fell while on a picnic.

Lioness Gives Birth to Quads

HARRISBURG, June 1—(AP)—The lioness gave birth to quadruplets today.

The 400-pound circus lioness nursed her cubs at the farm show building where all last week she was the star performer in a wild animal act.

Dick Clemens, Peoria, Ill., owner of Dolly and her nine fellow trouper, said he kept the entire act behind when the circus left here for Houston, Tex. He planned to ship the rest of the act to Texas tomorrow.

Clemens said the average lioness gives birth to litters of two, or sometimes three cubs, but that a quadruplet birth is very unusual.

Salmon Take Over Road in Washington

By Elmer Vogel

ON U. S. HIGHWAY 99, Cowitz County, Wash., June 1—(AP)—Salmon were swimming by this main north-south highway today.

We met them as they moved gracefully through the now tranquil flood waters which have merged the Columbia, the Lewis and the Cowlitz rivers. Salmon were only a small part of what one sees. They meet and feel in an attempt to patrol a 60-mile water covered flood "front."

Everywhere are the residents who have been driven from their homes by high waters. Pathetically uninterested in our army duck as it roars by with its load of mail, refugees, food or burlap bags. They look like people who have lost not only their homes but their hopes. There is a sullen acceptance of nature's prank.

Children are a study in contrast. They are afraid of the dark, silent waters. They absorb some of the disquiet of their elders, but it all has a strange fascination—they show it in their faces; in their ventures to the water's edge to probe the masses of debris with long poles or sticks, occasionally shouting with delight at some find.

We were stopped regularly by flag-waving watchmen, some official, some self-appointed. "Go as slow as you can," they would warn us. "When you get in the water you make waves and that breaks windows. Stashes water high on the walls."

And there is an unbelief that goes almost beyond belief. A woman, standing in three inches of water in front of her home at Woodland, asked in all seriousness: "Do you think the water will come up this high?"

Woman Cited After Accident

Citation on a charge of failure to give right-of-way to another vehicle was issued by city police Tuesday evening to Roma Rae Teets, Salem route 8, box 990, following an accident at Portland Road and Beech street.

Miss Teets is to appear in municipal court this morning. Her car was involved in a collision with one driver by William R. Powers, Salem route 7, box 147.

Petition Would Bar Horse Race Betting

Preliminary petition for an initiative measure outlawing pari-mutuel or other forms of wagering on horse races in Oregon was filed in the state elections bureau Tuesday by George Gordon of Aloha, Washington county.

A similar petition involving dog races was filed here a few weeks ago. In event completed petitions, containing 18,969 signatures, are filed in the state department by July 1 the horse racing pari-mutuel measure will go on the ballot at the November general election.

Train Service Htdicapped By Floodwater

SEATTLE, June 1—(AP)—The northwest's network of railroads was operating at a slackened pace today due to the floods, with the two Vancouver as the main danger points.

The line from Seattle to Portland through Vancouver, Wash., remained broken in two places—by high water at Kalama and an embankment failure at north Portland junction. The Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Union Pacific all use the double-track line.

Traffic over Great Northern rails from Seattle to Vancouver, B.C., was normal today, but the rising Fraser river threatened to flood the line south of the New Westminster, B.C., bridge. Both the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific lines were down east of Vancouver.

Northwest Airlines said tonight it was moving all its operations from Portland to Salem. United Air Lines had made the switch earlier.

The Great Northern's main line east was broken at Monitor, a few miles east of Wenatchee, and east of Bonner's Ferry, Ida. All main-line service was expected to be restored by Sunday or Monday.

Great Northern trains are being detoured over other lines. The G.N. is building a 1,150-foot trestle to bypass a washout at Monitor.

Milwaukee and Northern Pacific main lines were open and operating. The Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway expected to have its line from Spokane and Pasco open to Vancouver, Wash., by morning. The Union Pacific was providing shuttle train service between Portland and The Dalles for steamliner connections.

Steam-drawn trains were forging high water at The Dalles.

Holiday Death Count at 404

By the Associated Press

Accidents took at least 404 lives during the three-day Memorial day holiday.

This compared with 504 killed during the three-day holiday last year and 292 in a similar period in 1946. The 1947 total was boosted by two plane crashes in which 95 were killed and tornadoes which took 43 lives in Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Between 6 p. m. Friday and midnight Monday this year, 204 were killed in traffic accidents. This was below the forecast of 225 made by the National Safety Council.

Too Late to Classify. LOST: Grey suitcase east of Court apts. on N. Cottage St. Finder call 4310 or 5647.

T-H Act to Retain 'Union Shop' Vote

WASHINGTON, June 1—(AP)—The Taft-Hartley labor law will stay as it is until 1949 at least.

That became practically certain today when a committee of senators and representatives refused to recommend an amendment to wipe out "union shop" elections among employees.

This amendment had been considered the only one that had a real chance of enactment this year.

Rain During May Doubled Average Fall

The prevailing winds changed, so Salem, which last year had its driest May on record, this year had more than double the normal May rainfall. The change was from .18 inch a year ago to 4.15 inches last month.

Meanwhile, the U.S. weather bureau office at McNary field recorded a maximum temperature of 80 degrees Tuesday and forecast fog, cloudiness and late afternoon showers for today.

Because of a prevailing south wind, rains last month kept farmers from even planting many crops and delayed much farm work.

During May, 1947, berry crops were a week or more ahead of normal schedule and were withering on the vines for lack of moisture, while a north wind and a hot sun pushed the mercury to 93 degrees, 10 points above the highest so far in 1948.

The month helped to bring Salem's total precipitation since September 1 to 45.8 inches, almost 10 inches above the normal 35.87 and more than 12 inches above last year's 33.79 for the same period.

Heaviest rainfall in any one day was 1.26 inches on May 3, one of the 20 days in which rain fell.

May's temperature averaged 55.2 degrees, 11 degrees below normal, while the mean maximum was 65 and the mean minimum reading 45.4 degrees.

The period was the fifth wettest May on record here. The top spot is held by 6.23 inches in 1895, followed by 5.54 in 1896, 4.61 in 1933 and 4.44 in 1945.

K of C Elects Sylvester Ripp

New grand knight of Salem council, Knights of Columbus, is Sylvester Ripp, following an election Tuesday night. He succeeds Al Cramer.

Other officers elected are Don Doerfler, deputy grand knight; Andy Fisher, chancellor; Walt Link, recording secretary; Cyril Sung, advocate; Joe Thomas, warden; Bruce Wiesner, inside guard; Bill Stewart, outside guard, and Al Cramer, trustee for three years.

Newfoundland Vote to Decide Nation's Future

ST. JOHN'S Nfld., June 1—(AP)—The campaign over Newfoundland's future, in which economic union with the United States is an issue, reached its pre-election peak today.

About 170,000 of Newfoundland's 320,000 inhabitants in this oldest of Britain's colonies are expected to vote Thursday on three alternative proposals:

1. To join Canada as that dominion's tenth province.

2. Return to independent status with a responsible government such as it had before 1934.

3. Remain for at least five years under the present commission form of government with a governor appointed by the British crown.

The question of economic union with the United States has been injected by a new party organized by Chesley A. Crosbie, St. John's businessman, who is campaigning for independent status. He says when that is realized he will head a movement to lead the country into economic union with the United States.

Willow Grove Men Battle to Save Island

LONGVIEW, Wash., June 1—(AP)—For two feverish days and nights, the men of Willow Grove have battled to save the dikes around what has become an island colony.

They haven't had a chance to sleep. They have barely had time to snatch a bite to eat now and then on the run.

Today, and on into tonight, they waged what looked like a losing battle. But the Willow Grove farmers are stubborn men—stubborn about giving up their land and homes to the muddy, power-swollen Columbia river.

The men of Willow Grove are typical of hundreds of farmer and fisher folk who depend on the mighty Columbia, in its tamer moods, for much of their livelihood.

Willow Grove is normally separated from the mainland near here by a road atop a causeway. Water two feet deep over the road has converted their home area into an isolated island. It is eight miles around, all diked.

The water was within inches of the top of their vital dikes all day. The dikes were softening; there was a dangerous seepage. But the battle went on.

They didn't even have sand enough to fall the sandbags. A barge was trying to get some to them late today.

If the dikes go, say that familiar with Willow Grove, the Columbia will engulf the land and homes to as much as 15 feet deep.

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Alabamans May Leave Convention

BIRMINGHAM, June 1—(AP)—Alabama democrats voted today to leave the party's national convention if a strong civil rights plank is included in the platform.

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How to get your car ready for a vacation trip
it's easy...when we do all the work

We asked our service experts what a vacationer should do to his car before he heads for the highway. They say the check list below covers most of the points that cause trouble on a long trip. Let us go over the list with you and take care of every danger point so thoroughly that you can start out without a car worry on your mind.



Just so you'll be prepared for any emergency, here are a few items it's wise to take along: flashlight and extra batteries, a tube repair kit, spare auto fuses, Handy Oil and sun glasses. Most of us carry these, and we all have Chevron Supreme Gasoline and wear-saving RPM Motor Oil to keep your car at its best.

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(Just check items that need attention on your car, tear out list and give to attendant. Do it a week or so before you leave and save last-minute delays.)

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