

River Dragged for Independence Bridge Builder, Companion

PGE Rate Rise Plea Includes Salem Area

Higher electric rates and lower gas rates were in the making Wednesday for Salem consumers. Both utilities are seeking the approval of the state public utilities commission.

Announcement of higher electric rates came in the form of an amended tariff schedule filed with the PUC by Portland General Electric to include the Salem area which had been excluded from an application for rate increases in an earlier filing this year.



By Charles F. Smyke

In her own account of her arrest and deportation from Russia as a "spy" Anna Louise Strong attributes the ouster to the prevailing hysteria in international relations. Her persistent effort to obtain permission to travel to Manchuria aroused antagonisms in some of the bureaus in Moscow and so the security arm reached out, picked her up, held her in jail, then put her on a plane bound for Poland. The bureaucrats, she reports, seemed completely ignorant of her journalistic activities and her long record as a friend of Soviet Russia, ignorant also of the favor she had enjoyed among high Russian officials. She was an American; she had tried to travel through Russia and into Manchuria which was "verboten"—hence out with her as a spy.

Of course Miss Strong was no spy, certainly not a spy for our government. Of course her deportation was a "mistake" as far as Russian security is concerned. Yet she does make a point, which her case reinforces, that fear is responsible for much of our cold war.

This point deserves attention as the general assembly of United Nations begins another session at Lake Success. It starts with ominous overtones. Russia will condemn the Atlantic pact as a violation of the U.N. charter. Western nations are readying motions to take up such matters as the conviction of Cardinal Mindszenty in Hungary and of the Protestant pastors in Bulgaria. Here then we have the material for fresh outcry, denunciation and stalemate. Again the assembly will be (Continued on editorial page)

U.S. Displays Armed Might In Germany

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany, April 6—(AP)—The biggest concentration of American troops and armor in Germany since the end of the war passed in review before Gen. Lucius D. Clay here today.

Clay said in an address that the American army is pledged to keep the peace, by force if necessary. The American military governor spoke at an Army day review of 5,000 skilled soldiers, 200 tanks, 3,000 armored vehicles and many planes at this training center 25 miles from the Soviet zone.

PGE Reports Record Income

PORTLAND, April 6—(AP)—The Portland General Electric company today reported a 1948 net income of \$2,604,987 on a record gross business of \$18,817,608.

Board Chairman Thomas W. Delzell said the gross was a 12.6 per cent increase over 1947. The net gain was slightly above 1947-48. He noted that the sale of 1,733,223-kilowatts of power represented a 300 per cent gain over 1939. Delzell said the dollar volume of business had doubled in the period.

Stockholders reelected all members of the board. The stockholders also voted sale of additional common stock to finance expansion and improvements. Of the original 1,500,000 shares authorized, only 998,987 have been issued.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs . . ."

Boat Tips; 3rd Man Rescued

Robert Woods, W. A. King Lost In River Tragedy

INDEPENDENCE, April 6—(Special)—Two men apparently drowned and a third swam ashore after their small boat capsized in the Willamette river here this evening. Robert C. Woods, 33, co-owner of Valley Concrete Co. here, and W. A. King, 47, superintendent of the new bridge construction here for Macco Corp., were missing late tonight and believed drowned. The river was being dragged until a late hour by the Independence life boat.

A. J. Prichard, a Western Logging Co. employe, was rescued as he swam near the east shore. An unidentified man who saw him struggling in the water helped him ashore and shortly after the Independence ferry operator, Willard Lawrence, picked him up.

While stringing cable, the accident occurred about 5:30 p.m. as Prichard was stringing a cable from the Valley Concrete Co. gravel plant here in connection with its gravel operations. Woods was observing the cable laying for his firm and King had joined the two as a spectator.

Woods, a resident of Monmouth, is partner of his brother Arthur B. Woods of Dallas in the gravel business. He has a wife, Anne, and nine-months-old daughter, Teri. King, who has lived with his wife Frances at 8th and G streets here since opening the bridge project last week, has his permanent home at Hawley, Tex.

Lester Reed, Independence city policeman, and Hal Mallinger and Thomas Richey, local residents, searched for the two missing bodies until 10 p.m. They intended to resume their search tomorrow at 5 a.m.

Independence police reported that the boat capsized when a river current pushed it against the cable. Prichard was swept downstream several hundred yards in the swift current before he reached shore.

Capital to Get Newspapers

WASHINGTON, April 6—(AP)—Striking AFL pressmen voted tonight to return to their jobs, ending a 25-hour walkout that had halted publication of Washington's four daily newspapers.

The pressmen acted within a few hours after their top international union officials had ordered them back to their jobs. The walkout, which began at 6 p.m. Tuesday, previously had been termed "unauthorized" by Louis A. Lopez, the union's international representative.

Washington locals have been without local newspapers since Tuesday afternoon.

Stores Moved At Silverton

SILVERTON, April 6—(Special)—The H. H. Holland company will open its new interior decoration and household appliance store at 108 N. Water st. April 23. Mrs. Holland and W. C. Cross will assist Mr. Holland in the store.

The building, now used by the Tucker and Morley grocery, will be completely redone inside. The basement has already been remodeled into a factory-facility plant for rebuilding and remodeling washing machines, and other laundry equipment. There is also a laundry room in the basement.

Tucker and Morley will move into their new store building, also on North Water street, over the weekend and be open for business Monday morning. However, opening day will be observed at a later date.

Rent Lids Lifted in East Marion County; Detroit Dam Area Free

Rent control is removed from eastern Marion county and from several of the non-metropolitan areas of Oregon under the new federal rent act, it was announced officially Wednesday by E. Darv' Mabee, area rent director, in Portland.

The decontrol affects the part of this county east of the Willamette meridian, including Detroit, Mill City, Lyons, Gates and Idanha. E. G. Clay, rent representative for this area, reported that the decontrol affects only about 5 per cent of the some 4,000 rental units registered for the Salem area (made up of all Marion county plus West Salem). Since most of the rental housing in the eastern part of Marion county is new and hence not under control, it was considered impractical to continue rent control on the older units, he said.

The decontrol order also removes from control much of Linn county outside Lebanon and Albany. Sweet Home, with some 300 rental units, is decontrolled in that county. Most of Benton county outside Corvallis (where most of the rental units are located) is also decontrolled.

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Death List in Hospital Fire Reaches 74

Bereaved City Holds Funerals

EFFINGHAM, Ill., April 6—(AP)—The toll of dead and missing in Tuesday's holocaust at St. Anthony's hospital rose to an estimated 74 today, with 69 known dead.

The Catholic chancery office, which governs the hospital, reported that 62 of 69 bodies recovered from the blackened ruins of the hospital have been identified. Bodies of seven others remained unclaimed and five others listed as missing are believed buried in the wreckage.

Begin Burying Dead This grief-stricken city, meanwhile, began burying the dead. First were tiny white coffins bearing the charred remains of some of the 13 babies who perished in the fire.

Priests and nuns worked today near rescue crews bringing more bodies out of the blackened ruins. The nuns cleaned the slightly damaged operating room and said it will be available for use tomorrow. The nuns will care for the sick and injured in private homes. Deputy state fire marshals said the cause of the fire still is obscure.

New Tales of Heroism New tales of heroism were disclosed. Mrs. Shirley Clements, a young nurse from Granite City, Ill., died saving patients on the last night she had planned to work. She was to have retired as a nurse Tuesday to become a housewife. After the fire started, she led a number of patients to safety, then leaped from a window. She suffered a broken hip and severe burns on almost her entire body.

Shortly before she died she refused first aid and cried: "Don't worry about me. Get the others out. I won't live long." Six other hospital staff members died in the inferno. Among them were two nuns, a priest, and three nurses.

Gov. Warren Denies Designs On River Water

PORTLAND, April 6—(AP)—Governor Earl Warren of California said here tonight that Oregon's southern neighbor has no designs for tapping Columbia river water. He also had a word on another question before Oregon residents—daylight saving time. The California executive is against shifting the clock ahead.

"Nothing I ever encountered in my political career so infuriated the public as daylight saving," he said. "I bore the brunt of complaints from people whose children had to get up and go to school in the dark, farmers who couldn't set their hens ahead and just plain people everywhere."

Sandy River Fishing Licenses Set Record

PORTLAND, April 6—(AP)—A record number of licenses—more than 38,000—have been sold to amateurs fishing for smelt in the Sandy river, the state game commission reported.

The smelt run, which dwindled last week end and then resumed, was reported strong again today.

Truman Sees A-Bomb Threat End Attempt to Cut ERP Funds Beaten

Morse Accepts 'Prima Donna' Label in Debate

By Roger D. Greene WASHINGTON, April 6—(AP) Senate administration leaders won all tests today in their fight against major changes in the \$5,580,000,000 bill for European recovery, but failed to get to a final vote.

Sharply rebuked for keeping the senate in session late at night, Majority Leader Lucas (D-Ill.) recessed the chamber at 6:08 p.m. But once again, he called the senators back at 11 a.m. tomorrow—an hour early—to resume the debate which has been dragging on for 11 days. Nearly 20 amendments still await action.

In seven hours today, the senate rejected a republican move to toss the whole question of how many billions in American aid should be spent in fiscal 1950 into the hands of the senate appropriations committee.

The bill they have been debating since March 25 merely put a ceiling on the money to be appropriated later.

The lawmakers adopted an administration-approved amendment by Senator Brewster (R-Me.) for cutting on the Marshall plan another 15 months.

Angry words crackled as floor leaders of both parties tried to speed up the pace of the slow-moving debate on the proposed bill for carrying on the Marshall plan another 15 months.

The fraying of senatorial nerves was highlighted by an explosive clash between Senator Morse (Ore) and Majority Leader Lucas (D-Ill.) with Morse holly accusing Lucas of "cracking the whip" and treating senators "like kindergarten kids."

"Some of us happen to be prima donnas enough not to want to be treated so far, to obey a United States school master who says if we don't obey, he is going to take us out in the woodshed," Cooly, Lucas retorted he was happy to hear Morse "admit he is a prima donna."

Navy to Provide Scholarships for 3 Salem Youths

Three Salem high school seniors are eligible for naval reserve officer training under four-year scholarships as a result of examinations and screening by the U. S. navy.

They are Michael Kay, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Kay, 1349 Center st.; Fred Richard Fuhr, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Fuhr, 443 N. 24th st.; and James Cooke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cooke, Mill City.

The boys received word this week from the U. S. navy that they will be sponsored by the navy through college if their regular college entrance applications are accepted. Stanford University is the first choice of each boy.

Students Visit Portland by Train

Nineteen 4th and 5th graders at West Salem grade school spent the day in Portland Wednesday as part of their education in transportation.

The group traveled by train and it was the first train ride for 14 of the group and for two of the women chaperones accompanying the students. While in Portland they visited the Union station and train shops and traveled by trolley to Washington park and then to the museum.

MEASLES CASES DROP

PORTLAND, April 6—(AP)—Measles decreased in prevalence last week in Oregon, the state board of health reported today. There were 59 cases compared to 112 during the previous week.

Banker-Thief on Return Trip



TAMPA, Fla., April 7—Richard H. Crowe, (right) New York banker arrested in Daytona Beach yesterday on charges of taking \$88,000 from the National City Bank of New York, is shown here in back seat of automobile with federal officer as he leaves for airport to board plane for New York. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

Atlantic Pact Credited with Aiding Security

WASHINGTON, April 6—(AP)—President Truman expressed belief tonight it will never be necessary to drop another atom bomb. But he said he would not hesitate to use the bomb again if necessary for the welfare of the democracies.

The president said he believed the signing of the Atlantic defense pact had placed the United States in a position "where we will never have to make that decision again."

"I hope and pray that that will never be necessary." He spoke off the cuff at a buffet dinner attended by more than 100 freshmen senators and congressmen.

The president told of making the decision to drop atomic bombs on Japanese cities in 1945 "on the basis of welfare of not only this country but of our enemy country."

"Now I believe that we are in a position where we will never have to make that decision again, but if it has to be made for the welfare of the United States, and the democracies of the world are at stake, I wouldn't hesitate to make it again."

He said the United States' only objective "is peace and the welfare of every nation and every race in the world."

He said no monetary or totalitarian country would have "offered surrender" of such a weapon.

State Pension Measure Wins Test Vote in House

By Wendell Webb Managing Editor, The Statesman An amended old-age pension bill, minus the \$50 monthly minimum but including a so-called lien clause, is scheduled to come up for final action in the house today, and on the basis of a test vote Wednesday its passage seemed assured.

The pension measure, as amended by the ways and means committee, highlights a long house calendar which also includes the veterans' bonus bill and the cigarette tax designed to finance it.

The senate also faces a busy day. A move to restore the pension bill to the social welfare committee's original version failed by a 39 to 18 vote Wednesday. Rep. Joseph Harvey, prime mover of the attempt, contended the lien clause, giving the state prior claims to the estates of old-age pensioners, should be considered separately in another bill. The amended pension measure, as up for final consideration today, recognizes \$50 as a minimum monthly need but does not make its payment mandatory.

In other actions Wednesday, the house refused to concur in senate amendments to its tax program conference committees were not expected to have serious difficulty in ironing out differences. The senate favored using present corporation excise taxes, the house only future receipts.

The house Wednesday also adopted and sent to the senate a memorial asking congress to limit the report of the Hoover commission on governmental reorganization (48 to 10), and a resolution continuing the highway interim committee. It also adopted a senate-approved resolution for an interim committee to study post-high school educational facilities in Oregon.

The senate passed and sent to the house bills to amend the state department of education for vocational rehabilitation; and closing the Alsea river at Waldport to commercial fishing.

Sent to the governor by the senate were measures to allow the union high school district at Lebanon to operate a junior high school; exempting certain port commission properties from property taxes; and appropriating \$22,500 for construction of a greenhouse at Oregon State college for disease experiments on seed potatoes.

The upper house also killed a bill which would have closed the Yaquina river at Newport to commercial fishing. Opponents said the measure would have seriously affected the city's economy.

The senate taxation committee tabled a house-approved proposed constitutional amendment which would have abolished the property tax for state purposes. The adverse action will leave the field to county and city governments. It would have been referred to the people.

Both houses resume at 10 a. m. (Additional details on page 12)

Streets Named At Mill City

MILL CITY, April 6—(Special)—All Mill City streets have been given names, Robert Veness has reported to the city council. A new city map is being prepared and signposts with the new names will be erected soon.

East-west thoroughfares will be known as streets, and the first letters of their names will be in alphabetical order going away from the river on both sides. First one on the Linn county side is Ash street, while the county road will be North-south roads will be known as avenues, beginning with the main road as First Avenue.

Chinese Reject Red Ultimatum

NANKING, April 6—(AP)—The Chinese communists today handed the government an ultimatum to surrender its army by April 12 and acting President Li Tsung-jen reportedly refused.

Official Chinese quarters said the communists threatened to drive across the Yangtze into south China by the deadline. The red radio kept up a propaganda drumfire, calling for immediate government surrender.

Semi-official sources said Li still is trying desperately to strike a better bargain with the reds. Li is said to have informed the diplomats that the red ultimatum amounted to virtual surrender. He could not accept it in that form.

Guernsey Cattle Clubs Meet Tonight

The Marion-Polk Counties Guernsey Cattle club will meet tonight at 8 p.m. at the Salem Chamber of Commerce rooms. Complete details for the annual Pacific Northwest Guernsey sale to be held at the Pacific International Exposition buildings in North Portland will be told. (Additional Farm News Page 6 & 7.)

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	73	38	00
Portland	71	31	00
San Francisco	62	44	00
Chicago	57	28	01
New York	56	47	00

Willamette river 2 feet.
Forecast (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Continued fast today and tonight. Highest temperature today near 75; lowest tonight near 41.
SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to April 7)
This Year Last Year Average
37.41 39.13 21.65