

Rammed British Sub Sinks; Fate of 58 Aboard Unknown

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SNOW PILES HIGHER IN NORTHWEST

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sorenson

Carried over from the previous session of congress is the bill H.R. 1572, which is pending in the senate. This is a bill for blanket authorization of proposed rivers and harbors and flood control projects in the Pacific northwest. Amendments are proposed which would blanket in some fourteen irrigation projects. In brief the combined program of the army engineers and the reclamation bureau would receive congressional authorization. The only congressional action then required would be appropriations to do the work. A proposed amendment would set up a Columbia basin account into which would go all the net revenues of power plants and transmission lines for use in constructing further power facilities and "upon authorization" construction costs for other authorized projects. Specific authority is given to divert interest charged on the power investment to meeting costs of non-power projects. We might hail enactment of this bill and the proposed amendments as victories for the northwest. But I seriously question the wisdom of any blanket approval by congress of the whole program of work embraced in the reports of the army engineers and the bureau of reclamation. The president himself put a halt to the Magnuson bill pending review by the bureau of the budget. The whole report should be studied by a national board of review, both as to practicability, necessity and timing of the items in this development program. The Hoover commission report called for such a body for impartial analysis. Until such a body is created authorizations by congress should be on a single project basis. At the risk of seeming disloyal to the northwest, which is not (Continued on editorial page 4.)

Rescue of Oil Tanker Stalls Santiam Traffic



Traffic was impaired between Salem and Stayton Thursday morning as an Arrow Transport Co. oil tanker stalled on the highway just beyond the Cottage Home farm. Above is the tanker being pulled out of the shoulder by wreckers as long lines of cars from both directions wait. Driver of the tanker, Donald Downs, Portland, said that his truck stalled on the steep hill just before it began snowing and then when he tried to start again heavy snows prevented him from pulling off the shoulder. Service on the highway was restored at noon Thursday. (Statesman photo.)

Trestle Sags with Engine, Tank Car

Man Killed in Car Crash on Icy 99-E

WOODBURN, Jan. 12—A Portland man, 56, was killed today on an icy Pacific highway two miles south of here. The deceased, Andrew M. Joys, 7223 N. E. Mallory st., was a passenger in one of three automobiles involved in the accident. Two ambulances were dispatched to the crash scene from Salem, but attendants reported no one was hospitalized. Joys was traveling southbound in a sedan driven by his son, Richard A. Joys of the same address. Their car, a 1949 Oldsmobile, collided head-on with a car driven by William Weiss of Oak Grove, reported state police. The Joys auto careened off the road and back in the path of a third car, the report continued. The third car, southbound, was driven by J. C. Millar of West Vancouver, B. C. It struck the Joys car and the elder Joys was hurled to the pavement by the impact, police reported. Investigating officers said death was instantaneous. The accident happened about 11 a.m. in front of the Belle Passi school.

Explosion Kills Two Mothers, Three Children

VINCENNES, Ind., Jan. 12—(AP)—Two young mothers and three small children were killed today in an explosion at Bowman Terrace, a federal housing project. The dead were identified as Mrs. Wanda M. Cooper, 23, wife of Granville F. Cooper; her two children, Charles Wayne Cooper, 5, and Barbara Jo Cooper, 3; Mrs. Rose Overfelt, 21, wife of William H. Overfelt, and her daughter, Vickie June, 18 months. The bodies were torn to pieces by the terrific concussion of the explosion. Two hundred soldiers from Fort Knox, Ky., who are here on flood duty, dug the remains out of the shattered concrete block structure which housed the two families. Capt. James Compton and Lt. Paul Keene of Fort Knox said the explosion apparently occurred in a utility room housing a gas furnace. The room was between the two apartments.

Lloyd Girod of Idanha First in Race for State Representative

(Picture on Page 5) Lloyd Girod, Idanha business-ly, who missed a republican nomination for state representative by less than 200 votes in 1942, said Thursday he would be a candidate for that office again this year. Girod, 39, World War II veteran and a native of Oregon, grew up in the Fruitland community and formerly was a teacher. He was principal of Richmond school in Salem when he left the teaching profession in 1946 to purchase a general store at Idanha. He also taught at Shaw, Gates and Aurora, and in 1937 was coach of the first Leslie junior high grid team to beat Parrish. He is a graduate of Salem high, holds BA and MA degrees from Willamette university, and has been president of Marion county associations of principals, teachers, social workers and 4-H leaders. His interest in sports in earlier years led him to play baseball at Salem high, football at Willamette, and to catch for Pade's state

Weatherman Predicts More Snow for Salem

A mantle of snow which buried the fringe of the Pacific northwest Thursday began to creep inland at night and the weather bureau said "you haven't seen anything yet." Some Oregon and Washington coastal points began reporting blizzard-like conditions before noon Thursday with up to 12 inches of snow now covering the areas. The Salem weather bureau called for a steady snowfall to start late this afternoon and perhaps continue during the night. Southwesterly winds of 15 to 25 miles an hour were slated to accompany and weather officials said several inches of snow might fall on the floor of the valley. The weather was making a punching bag of British Columbia Thursday. Seven thousand school children in the province's Fraser valley stayed home as the blizzard forced school closures. Seventeen vehicles, including snowplows, were snowbound in one spot there. Parts of Washington were nearly as bad off. Bellingham, Port Angeles and Grays Harbor reported blizzard-like conditions with temperatures down to 10 above.

A rampaging 60 mile an hour wind accompanied snow at Bellingham. Roads were blocked by both snow and falling trees. The wind also came to the Spokane area Thursday where highway crews were reportedly fighting a losing battle to keep roads open. One fatal traffic accident was reported on the mid-Willamette valley's icy highways. Andrew M. Joys, 56, Portland, was killed instantly in a three-car wreck near Woodburn, state police reported. At least three Salem residents were hurt in falls on the ice. Nona M. White, county juvenile officer, incurred a fractured pelvis in a fall Thursday afternoon. She was reported in good condition at Salem Memorial hospital later.

Wife Broken Gertrude Alfredson, 1810 Trade st., broke her right wrist in a fall near the state capitol where she is employed. Betty Rhine, 482 S. High st., incurred a knee injury in a fall on a downtown street. A skid off highway 99-E eight miles south of Salem hospitalized a local woman and three children late Thursday night, state police reported. Taken to Salem Memorial hospital were Mrs. Frank R. Groat, Joan Chastain, 15, Ann McWaters, 12 and Marjorie Ellis, 9, all residents of 1315 N. Cottage st. Their doctor reported none of them was seriously injured. Police said Groat was driving.

Two Salem brothers incurred minor injuries when an Oregon Electric train struck a city dump truck about 3 p.m. at the Hazel and Pine street crossing during a snow flurry. City police listed Ernest Robins as the driver and Arthur Robins as passenger. Both lived 3840 S. Commercial. They were sent to for cuts and bruises at a doctors' clinic. The truck was badly damaged.

All school buses in the Salem public district were scheduled to make their runs this morning, reported W. J. Buck, transportation superintendent, late Thursday night. He said drivers encountered no trouble during the day but considered roads the most treacherous of the season. An inch and a half of snow was measured at the Salem weather station Thursday. Most of it fell prior to 10:15 a.m. although a dense flurry briefly blurred visibility about 3:15 p.m. The temperature hovered just above the freezing mark early this morning and was expected to drop to 25 degrees before daybreak. A high of 34 to 36 is forecast for Salem today.

Man Accused of Stealing Book on Alcatraz Prison

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12—(AP)—Officers arrested Rudolph M. Nelson, 30, in a downtown department store today and booked him on suspicion of robbery. Store detectives accused him of shoplifting a book. The title: "Alcatraz Island Prison and the Men Who Live There."

THE WEATHER

City	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	36	32	.04
Portland	36	32	.04
San Francisco	47	33	.29
Chicago	44	29	.22
New York	37	27	.01

Willamette river 9.4 feet. FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary road, Salem): Partly cloudy this morning with snow flurries; increasing cloudiness this afternoon and tonight with snow beginning late in the afternoon. High today 34 to 36; low tonight 27 to 29. SALEM PRECIPITATION
This year Last year Normal
20.33 21.86 19.28

Marker Seen on Surface

By Sidney Mirkin LONDON, Friday, Jan. 13—(AP)—The British submarine Truculent, carrying 76 men, was rammed and sunk in the Thames estuary last night by a small Swedish vessel. Discovery early today of a marker buoy fired from the sunken hulk spurred hope that some of the trapped crew might still be alive. Fifteen crewmen were rescued, three bodies were recovered and 58 were still missing 11 hours after the collision. The missing may be trapped alive in the sunken hulk, naval officials said.

Fifteen of the Truculent's crew were picked up today by the water by rescue craft in the busy shipping lane where the Thames empties into the North Sea shortly after the collision. Discovery of the marker buoy after 10 hours search in the foggy darkness revived the hopes of British admiralty rescue authorities. Search vessels sent this message to Sherness dockyards: "Marker buoy fired from submarine has been located."

Earlier a senior officer at the nearby Chatham naval base expressed fear that no more survivors would be found on the surface of the swift-running tide waters. Admiralty spokesmen in London, however, said it would be possible that the men trapped under 54 feet of water could live for days in watertight compartments of the crippled sub. The Truculent carried two marker buoys on deck, one fore and one aft. The floating buoy could have been cut loose by the impact of the collision or released by someone inside the vessel, naval officials said.

The marker buoy, which was attached to the sunken sub by a cable, was found by the faint light of a thin moon just before dawn. Naval authorities said efforts to raise the Truculent would start as soon as possible. Location of Hulk Until the buoy was found, ten hours after the accident, no one knew exactly where the battered hulk lay. The sea was calm and the sky was clear as dawn approached. The Truculent, a veteran of Pacific fighting against the Japanese, was rammed by the 643-ton Swedish tanker Divina whose bows were built like a battering ram to withstand the icepacks found in northern waters.

The Divina, with part of the sunken submarine still caught in her bows, was being escorted into Sherness harbor by the naval vessel Cadmus. An admiralty statement said six officers, 52 seamen and 18 workmen from the royal naval dockyard at Chatham were aboard the Truculent. Four officers and one enlisted man, who were on the bridge of the sunken submarine, were hauled from the water by the Dutch merchant ship Almidijk, which radioed the first word of the collision.

The Divina was reported to have picked up nine other survivors who later were transferred to a coast guard lifeboat from Southend. Reports received immediately after the accident said the Divina was out of control, flying two red lights.

Flying Arrow At Red Port

ABOARD FLYING ARROW, Friday, Jan. 13—(AP)—The Flying Arrow today reached the communist port of Tsingtao, where it will repair the damage wrought by shells of a Chinese nationalist gunboat. The ship arrived shortly before 1 p.m. Tsingtao time (midnight, Thursday, EST). The U.S. Destroyer Bausell, which had accompanied the American freighter on the 350-mile voyage northward from the Yangtze's mouth, left eight miles outside Tsingtao. No nationalist gunboats were sighted on the voyage. It was a gunboat that shot up the freighter Monday as it neared the Yangtze enroute to nationalist-blockaded Shanghai.

Acheson States Soviet Grabbing Vast China Area

Asserts Russian Policy Presents U.S. With Chance to Win Far East Friends

By John M. Hightower WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—(AP)—Secretary of State Acheson today accused Russia of taking over four vast areas of northern China, including Manchuria, in a far reaching sweep of soviet communist imperialism. He pictured this development as a great opportunity for U.S. foreign policy in the far east. The best way for this country to win friends and stop communism, he contended, is to pursue its policy of fostering the independence of Asiatic peoples and their economic well being.

By contrast, Acheson declared, Russia's action in northern China will arouse the "righteous anger and wrath" of the Chinese people and show up the soviet union as an imperialistic power throughout Asia. "The only thing that can obscure it," he said, "is the folly of ill-conceived adventures on our part. Nothing we do or say must be allowed to obscure this fact."

Enumerates Areas The areas which Russia is in the process of taking over, Acheson said, are Manchuria, outer Mongolia, inner Mongolia and Sinkiang. His accusation was the first such to be made by a top western official.

For the first time since the issuance of the China white paper last summer, Acheson spoke out publicly on the far east in a speech at the National Press club here. He touched only briefly upon the continuing controversy over whether the United States should intervene with armed forces. Senator Taft (R-Ohio) and others have suggested using the navy to protect Formosa, but Acheson heavily emphasized his warning that the United States should avoid any "adventures" which would turn the expected anger of the Chinese from Russia to the United States or cover in any way what the Russians are up to. Have Money to Fight Reds Acheson recalled that the administration has a \$75,000,000 fund from the state of China against communism but did not say how it would be used. As for the present session of congress, Acheson said that what the government wants is authority to do better the things which it has been trying to do all along—that is to help the peoples of Asia to help themselves. The administration is pressing congress for action soon on a program to make available to backward countries American scientific and industrial know-how and capital investments.

Several times Acheson struck out at the critics of the government's far eastern policy. Evidently referring to yesterday's suggestion by Senator Taft that there is no doubt that a little American aid now would save Formosa, Acheson said there are "no infallible judgments" in the field of foreign relations. ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Jan. 12—This picture is identified as Mrs. Elmer Epperly, 23, Rock Island, as she arrived at the courthouse here today to discuss Davenport's tragic Mercy hospital fire with State's Attorney Bernard J. Moran. A warrant has been filed in Davenport charging her with "murder committed in the perpetration of arson." She was a patient in the hospital. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.) (Story on Page 2)

Trees Provide Food for Birds During Snows

By Mrs. Scott Young Statesman News Service MARION FORKS, Jan. 12—Tiny birds by the hundreds brave the winter snows in this mountain settlement daily to feast on cedar seeds and small bugs on the tops of tall timber. Busy all the day, they circle a tree and sweep down only to knock snow from the densely laden branches. The next sweep they make a landing and it looks like a veritable beehive of busy birds. In a few minutes they again fly off to another and better tree. They fly so high one cannot tell their variety or color. They never seem to fly low. Every year it can be determined that winter is here when the feathered flocks arrive.

COMMISSIONER ACCUSE POLES PARIS, Jan. 12—(AP)—France rounded up about 50 more Poles today on charges of interfering in French politics and 18 were immediately escorted to the border for expulsion. The state tax commission and state civil service today were involved in controversy Thursday in connection with payment of overtime to employees of the state income tax division of the tax commission. Commissioner Ray Smith, in charge of the income tax unit, said he had asked members of the civil service board to meet with him January 20 to discuss the problem.

Objection was voiced by Smith to a ruling of the civil service board banning any overtime for employees who receive a salary in excess of \$280 a month. "We now have a crew of auditors at work checking the 1936 returns in an effort to collect unpaid taxes before the statute of limitation expires," Smith said. He said that in order to complete this work it was necessary for the auditors to work nights and Saturdays. "I believe it is unfair to ask any of these employees to work additional time without compensation," Smith averred. "I cannot see why the amount of salary paid to any employee should have anything to do with the payment for overtime work when such employees put in more than the required 40 hours a week," Smith continued. The commissioner added that auditors checking returns of previous years are recovering many thousands of dollars in unpaid taxes for the state and should be entitled to overtime pay. Smith explained that many field auditors, working as late as 10 p.m. in some town, then drive to another town sometimes 100 miles distant. He said no overtime was asked for these men covering such driving time. "I will ask the civil service board to waive its salary ruling relating to overtime work by employees of the state income tax division," Smith declared.

POLIO, DIPHTHERIA CASES PORTLAND, Jan. 12—(AP)—The state board of health reported two new cases of diphtheria and two of polio in the first week of 1950 in Oregon. The taxi stand and that a company policy against women passengers in a taxi's front seat was enforced by suspensions or dismissals. Defense Attorney Bruce Williams presented the contention that the girl's complaint against Clark was in reprisal for and in resentment of such advice. In cross-examination, the girl said, breaking into tears, that she "didn't want to cause anyone any trouble." The defendant said he had issued such instructions because "it's bad for business." The girl testified that Clark had advised her not to hang around the taxi stand, that she was "on the wrong track." Clark was arrested last November along with 13 other men. All except him faced statutory rape charges later reduced to contributing to the delinquency of a minor, to which they have pleaded guilty and been sentenced. (Additional details on Page 4)

Conflicting Stories Told at Trial Resulting from Morals Case

By Winston H. Taylor Staff Writer, The Statesman The only trial in the Salem morals case involving 14 men and a 14-year-old girl, the charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor against taxi owner-operator Don Clark — was ready today for closing arguments and jury deliberation. Testimony was completed Thursday, and the case will resume at 9:30 a.m. today before Marion County Circuit Judge George R. Duncan. Testimony featured the girl's story of a night-time invitation and visit to Clark's apartment and of his wrongful associations with her, and the defendant's denial that she was ever in his apartment or that he ever touched her. Clark's testimony included statements that he had told the girl "half a dozen times" to stay out of the cabs and away from

Senate Board Okehs Sherman Nomination

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—(AP)—The senate armed services committee today unanimously okayed Admiral Forrest P. Sherman for chief of naval operations as republican members called off a probe of Admiral Louis E. Denfeld's ouster from the post. Action came swiftly after Secretary of the Navy Matthews had testified that: 1. The navy won't put up with a subordinate who disagrees with policies of his superior. He'll get transferred but not "punished or demoted." 2. He didn't fire Denfeld because the admiral lambasted pentagon policies before the house armed services committee. He had called for a change before the admiral testified. "I could not have administered the navy with Admiral Denfeld as chief of naval operations."

Denfeld, now on leave of absence, has not decided whether to stay in the navy in other capacity or retire.

Sherman's nomination now goes before the senate. Committee Chairman Tydings (D-Md) tried to get unanimous consent for its approval in the senate after the group acted but Senator McCarthy (R-Wis) objected. It must lie over a day.

Animal Crackers

