

Swollen Ohio Snills Across More Farms

By The Associated Press

The swollen Ohio river spilled across more acres of farmland and town property Friday, but a forecast of colder clear weather eased the immediate threat of new widespread floods in the Midwest.

At the same time, a frigid new storm whistled down the west coast, a freak windstorm accompanied by heavy rain felled some trees and flattened some grain storage bins in central Illinois and dense fog blanketed Iowa.

Rain splashed ominously against the water-soaked earth throughout most of the Ohio river valley. Forecasters revised upward again their predicted flood crests for points along the Kentucky-Illinois border. Some communities started evacuations and braced for major floods.

Clearing Skies

But the outcome of the worst flood threats of the season will rest on weather conditions in the immediate future. A mass of cold air moving down from Canada brought the promise of clearing skies. If new rains hold off until the crests pass downstream, the threat may fizzle out.

The Ohio river, rising three feet overnight, poured completely across the main street of Rosiclare, Ill., and flooded numerous business establishments. Rosiclare is a town of nearly 2,000. Telephone service failed when the waters poured in.

Includes Request

Rosiclare has no flood wall. But ironically, the national guard submitted to congress Monday included a request for a \$383,000 flood control project there.

Harry Porter, publisher of the Hardin County Independent, said the community is "faced with a disastrous flood. Some 60 families already have been evacuated."

Across the river in Kentucky, the waters forced evacuation of all business houses in Smithland. Several families have been evacuated there. At Paducah, Ky., where the Ohio has reached a state of 49.4 feet, workmen put up flood-wall gates in expectation of another three foot rise. Several families have been evacuated at Kuttawa and Edgelyville, Ky., both on the Cumberland river, an Ohio tributary.

Phone Strike Threatened in 6-State Area

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 13 (AP) Six states threatened with a strike by 50,000 Southwestern Bell Telephone company workers were left guessing tonight over what action union leaders may take after midnight Sunday.

A truce arranged by Gov. Forrest Smith of Missouri expires at that hour.

Hardly any hope remains for a peaceful settlement of the prolonged contract dispute.

Leaders of Southwestern division 20, CIO Communications workers, notified governors of the six states today they will feel free to call a strike when the truce ends.

Frank P. Lonergan, vice president of the union, said later that strike action might be deferred to fit in with the union's plans for a nationwide strike next month.

Russian Eyes Said on Navy Bases in China

LONDON, Jan. 13 (AP) Information reaching a major western power from Moscow says Russia is dickering for new naval and military bases in Communist China.

A qualified informant, reporting this tonight, stressed the information may be speculative in view of the highly secret nature of current Sino-Soviet Moscow talks.

However, officials representing two other western powers said there is good reason to believe a defense, trade and friendship pact between Russia and Communist China is on its way.

Blaze Damages 4 Corners Home

Statesman News Service

FOUR CORNERS, Jan. 13—Fire damaged the Oliver Ethell home at 2875 N. Lancaster drive about 5 p.m. today.

High winds handicapped volunteer firemen from the Four Corners department, but the blaze was checked with a minimum of damage. Damage from the fire, which started from a floor furnace, was estimated at about \$700 to the five room structure.

Mothers Club Elects Officers at Hayesville

Statesman News Service

HAYESVILLE—The Hayesville Mothers club met Thursday for a dessert luncheon with Mrs. Oscar Noren on Blossom drive with 20 ladies attending despite the inclement weather.

Election of officers resulted as follows: president, Mrs. Oscar Noren; vice president, Mrs. Robert Burton; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Ed Zahara.

Ruins of Eridu in Iraq are believed to be those of the world's oldest city.

\$300,000 Building to Replace State Blind School Structure

(Story also on page one.)

Expenditure of \$300,000 to replace what officials have termed a "firetrap" classroom building at the state school for the blind in Salem was approved here Friday by the state emergency board and board of control.

A report from the state fire marshal said the present structure contains many hazards. Pending construction of the new building the present structure will be repaired and some fire dangers will be eliminated. The two upper floors will not be used as sleeping quarters hereafter, officials said.

A budget increase of \$15,700,000 was approved for the state unemployment compensation commission to pay unemployment benefits during the last half of the fiscal year.

Silas Gaiser, commission administrator, declared that during the first 6½ months of the current year about \$11,000,000 was spent. These benefits come from the trust fund on deposit with the federal government, Gaiser said.

Also approved was \$4,175,000 for the state public welfare commission. Lo Howard, public welfare commission administrator, said money spent for old age pensions has increased 14.8 per cent, while direct relief has jumped 50 per cent. The increase is for the remainder of the current biennium.

The emergency board deferred action on a request of the board of control to spend \$115,000 for an addition to the nurses home at Eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton.

Approved was expenditure of \$20,000 for construction of two houses at the state penitentiary. One will be occupied by Dr. Richard C. Moore, Eugene, new prison physician who will start work for the state February 1.

A proposed budget increase of \$24,263 for the state board of health to cover its hospital construction program in Oregon was defeated, but will be considered at a future meeting of the boards.

Fire Damage At \$650,000 In Northwest

By The Associated Press

Fires caused damage totaling more than \$650,000 Thursday night and Friday in three towns in central Washington state and British Columbia.

A 20,000-gallon gasoline tank exploded during a blaze that destroyed the Grange Supply company warehouse and office building at Waterville, Wash., the blast hurled the tank's metal top a block through the air and broke windows in every building for blocks around, but no one was injured.

An insurance adjuster at Wenatchee placed the waterville damage at \$65,000. A truck left Wenatchee with window glass to install in homes, while occupants took refuge with neighbors in the 15 below zero weather.

The biggest fire loss was at Kelowna, B.C., where a \$500,000 blaze destroyed the Rutland packing house of the Kelowna growers exchange. An estimated 125,000 boxes of apples were destroyed. Firemen battled the blaze in 15 below zero weather.

In Wenatchee fire destroyed the S. and M. garage Thursday night, with loss of four automobiles and six jeeps. Fire Chief Mid Adams estimated the loss at nearly \$100,000.

Bus Express Rate Jumps

Portland, Jan. 13 (AP) The Pacific Greyhound Lines announced today that minimum express charges now will go up from the present 45 cents to 75 cents.

The company said the State Public Utilities commission had authorized the increase, to go into effect in ten days.

Besides the minimum rate for small packages shipped a short distance, other rates will go up 10 per cent, the firm said.

Russ Said Aiding In Chusan Invasion

TAIPEI, Formosa, Jan. 13 (AP) The Chinese nationalists charged tonight that Russian advisers were aiding communist preparations for an invasion of the Chusan islands, important nationalist airbase.

The nationalist defense ministry, which made the allegation, said each red division assigned to the assault had four Russian officers assigned to it. No other details were supplied.

Smelter Union Will Fight to Remain in CIO

CHICAGO, Jan. 13 (AP) A spokesman for the CIO United Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers said today the group's executive board, meeting here, has voted to "fight to stay in the CIO."

The union recently was suspended by the CIO for non-payment of its per capita tax, but the spokesman said the tax has been paid and the mine, mill and smelter workers have been "reinstated in good standing" as far as the tax matter is concerned.

However, the union has been summoned to a hearing in Washington Jan. 18 where it will answer charges of communist domination. The hearing will be conducted by a three-man panel of judges—Jacob S. Potofsky, New York, president of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers Joseph Curran, New York, president of the CIO National Maritime union, and Emil Massey, Detroit, secretary-treasurer of the CIO United Auto Workers.

40 DIE IN ARAB BATTLE

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 13 (AP) The Arab news agency reported from Damascus today that 40 persons were killed and many injured in a desert fight over disputed lands between two Syrian tribes.

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17 Injured as Bus Smashes Into Snowplow

PORTLAND, Jan. 13 (AP) — A Trailways bus, struggling through a blinding blizzard near Mount Hood, smashed into a snowplow today and injured the snowplow driver and 17 of the bus occupants.

They waited in the wrecked bus — its front caved in — for a half hour until another bus could reach the scene and take them to the nearest shelter: four mile distant Government Camp.

There they were given first aid treatment. An ambulance brought three passengers to a hospital here. They were Mrs. Essie Peterson, Redmond, Ore., who suffered a hip injury; Mrs. J. O. Hansen, Terrabone, Ore., whose throat was cut; and her husband, whose hip was fractured.

The others, less seriously hurt, climbed aboard a relief bus and returned to Portland for a medical check-up. Two passengers escaped injury. The Trailways bus, bound for Salt Lake City from Portland, was driving along the Mount Hood highway when it hit the rear of the snowplow.

The driver, Chet Bryant, Bend, Ore., was reported moving slowly, but the snow was so heavy that visibility was down to zero. He suffered a twisted leg, and the relief driver, Dale Holmes, Bend, a chest injury.

Friday the 13th Unlucky for Prison Guard

CANBY, Jan. 13 (AP) — Today was Friday the 13th.

A man wasn't driving a truck that wasn't damaged in an accident, but he still faces traffic charges.

The man is Roy Bosley, state penitentiary guard, who was charged by state police with allowing an unlicensed person to drive. The driver was Theodore Johnson, a prison trusty.

Two vehicles were damaged. Mrs. Lucille Holt, Canby, driver of one, was hospitalized at Oregon City. Traffic over the Molalla river bridge on the Pacific highway was blocked for nearly two hours. Cars were rerouted through Lone Elder.

State police said Johnson, driving a prison pickup truck, passed Mrs. Holt's private car, southbound, with insufficient clearance.

A semi-trailer truck, northbound, swerved to avoid the pickup, hit the bridge abutment and the trailer swung out, colliding with Mrs. Holt's car, police said.

State prison officials report that driving of penitentiary trucks by trusties is quite customary, as long as the convicts are accompanied by licensed guards.

This doesn't help Bosley. He is slated to appear soon in justice court here.

Defense Brass To Testify on Formosa Value

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP) — Republican critics of the administration's hands-off Formosa policy scored a point today as the senate foreign relations committee agreed to call the nation's defense chiefs to testify on the island's strategic value.

Over strong opposition from Chairman Connally (D-Tex.), the committee voted to summon Secretary of Defense Johnson and Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, to give their views January 26 on Formosa's military importance.

'Scout Run' of Smelt Detected in Columbia

ASTORIA, Jan. 13 (AP) — Although there have been some early catches, the main smelt run hasn't really started yet.

That's the report from the Smelt Fishermen's association here, which said first catches were from a "Scout Run." Fishermen expect the bulk of the run in the Columbia river later this month.

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Girl Missing In Bend Area

BEND, Jan. 13 (AP) — Fourteen-year-old Dorothy Jean Reeves is being hunted today after her disappearance from home here yesterday.

Her father, John S. Reeves, notified state police today and said the girl might have tried to get to the home of relatives in the snow.

The girl was last seen walking down a street with a small suitcase. However, neither bus nor rail lines reported having seen the girl. A short time later a girl answering her description was noticed on the Bend-Burns highway.

3 Hurt at Shaw In SP Freight, Auto Collision

Three persons were injured, none seriously, Friday night when their car smashed into a Southern Pacific freight train at the Shaw crossing about 6 o'clock.

Hospitalized at Salem Memorial hospital was Jaunita Bales, 17, Aumsville route 1, with facial injuries and possibly a fractured cheek bone. Released after treatment at the same hospital were Paul Lohse, 22, Turner route 1, and Theodore Nichol, Springfield. Lohse suffered a four-inch cut across his forehead. Nichol incurred bruising.

The driver of the car told Salem first aidmen he was headed west on the Silver Falls highway and failed to see the train in time to stop. The 1941 Plymouth car was heavily damaged by the crash.

The freight was southbound for Lebanon at the time of the accident.

Gerig Clan's Tree Topples

Statesman News Service

FRUITLAND, Jan. 13 (AP) — The Gerig clan will have to find a new spot for its annual reunions.

The 55-year-old black walnut tree which afforded shade for the family's past summer reunions at the Jacob Gerig farm here bowed to strong winds in this week's storm.

The tree, measuring 35 inches in diameter at its base, struck the Gerig house, but little damage resulted. It was planted by Jacob Gerig, early Willamette valley settler, in 1894.

Dallas Police Force Boosted To Five Men

Statesman News Service

DALLAS, Ore., Jan. 13—Charles McCarthy, former Oregon City Policeman, was appointed to the Dallas police department today by Police Chief Paul Kitzmiller.

The appointment boosts the Dallas force to five men including the chief. The addition was approved by the city council.

McCarthy will take over his patrolman duties Monday. He is a graduate of the FBI police school and the Portland police institute. Before moving to Oregon City last summer, he worked on the Dallas force for two months.

Kitzmiller also announced the promotion of Officer James Born to assistant chief. He fills a vacancy left by Art Tetrad, who resigned last summer. He has been on the force for two years.

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