Boston Bandits Escape with \$1,500,000

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Ice Jam Adds Flood Threat in North Oregon Thousands Flee Path of Raging Mississippi

Battleship Missouri Soldiers Runs Aground; Tugs May Pull Fail to Release Ship Dike Plug

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 17-(P)-The nation's only active service bat-tleship the 45,000-ton Missouri, drove hard aground today on a Chesapeake bay mudbank.

Twice she resisted attempts by more than a dozen tugs to pull her free. Tonight she remained fast in the mud a mile and a half eastnortheast of old Point Comfort.

tomorrow morning to assist.

explained, is to record the pres-ence of ships.

He added that the recording device is classified, which means the

navy will permit no information

aground, the sea and wind were

moderate and visibility was good,

Commercial

Business zoning may be consid-

block of South Commercial, in the

face of a remonstrance by owners

of 36 per cent of the nearby prop-

erty. Roy Ferris requested the

change from apartment zoning in

order to erect a dental office build-

But several property owners who

objected to the change as "spot

zoning" gave indication they might

favor a move to convert to busi-

ness zone all the remaining apart-

ment zone lying between the down-

town area and a business zone

farther south. One of them, Keith

Brown, indicated he might initiate

such a general zone change when

In other action the zoners rec-

ommended that the city council re-

zone for apartment use a lot on

15th street between Ferry and

State streets where Robert Seam-

ster seeks to convert a residence

he returns to the city.

to an apartment house.

Business Zone

ing at city hall.

When the mighty Mo went

concerning it to be published.

naval spokesmen reported.

probably tomorrow.



At last Senator Wayne Morse has an opponent for the republican primaries. He is Fred E. Robinson, partner in a men's clothing store in Medford. Evidently tired of waiting on the big-wigs of the party to hatch a hard-boiled egg for the primary contest, Robinson tossed his own name in the pot. He's against deficit spending and uses as a slogan: "Elect a man who will vote with the rest of Oregon's congressional delegation. Considering the pedestrian record of the "rest of the Oregon delegation" that would hardly appear as a winning slogan for the general election, no matter how strong its appeal may be in the primaries. Republicans who have been running around the circle dropping the handkerchief behind some strong and conservative alternate to Morse will probably regard Robinson as a nuisance entry in

the race. Meantime Richard L. Neuberger picks out a prominent opponent to Morse-Morse himself. He does this in a piece for The Nation entitled "Morse vs Morse". He tries and convicts Republican Morse of seducing Liberal Morse, It was the former of this split political personality, says Neuberger, who campaigned for Harry Cain for senator from Washington in 1946, who supported Guy Cordon in Oregon in 1948 and who now endorses Governor McKay for reelection. He chides Morse for inconsistency in supporting TVA but gagging on CVA.

Neuberger says "That Morse is basically a liberal there can be no doubt"; and he cites his vote to confirm Leland Olds as member of the federal power commission as one bit of evidence Morse's concessions to

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THE WEATHER

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Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



"I'm atraid, as a blood hound you're through—what else can you do?"

The first of some 12,000 Missourians Tuesday began leaving lowland homes and farms which army engineers may flood delib-After two attempts to float the erately to combat the mighty Misbig battlewagon, the first shortly sissippi river's worst rampage in after she grounded and the second | 13 years.

at tonight's high tide, the navy Flood swollen rivers and streams called off the operation until to- continued to rise at several enmorrow. The army engineers dangered points in the midwest dredge, Comber, will arrive early and south. More rain was forecast for the vital Ohio river valley-To lighten the Missouri for to- key to the current flood threat. night's attempt to float her, two Ready to Dynamite

fleet tankers this afternoon began The U.S. army engineer's ofremoving her two million gallons fice at Memphis was ready to order dynamiting of a "plug" on Navy spokesmen said they had the Birds Point-New Madrid, Mo., no explanation as to how the ship floodway, if necesary. This would wandered astray. A board of investigation will be appointed, send the Mississippi spilling over 200 square miles of farm and resi-An unofficial but informed dential lowlands in southeastern Missouri where 12,000 persons source said tonight the Missouri may have run aground as a result dwell. It would relieve pressure on of following orders to pass over an other levees along the river.

experimental recording device Son after the army warned the which, he said, was installed last floodway residents to be ready to Friday on the bottom of Chesaevacuate on short notice, the exopeake bay about 50 yards to the left of the main ship channel. Purpose of the device, this source dus started. The Missouri highway patrol

said more than 100 trucks were pressed into service to exacuate hundreds of residents from the northern end of the Hoodway about 90 miles southeast of St. Louis. School buses also were offered to transport refugees to the Malden air force base. Equipment Sent

Fifth army headquarters in Chicago sent 1,000 cots, 3,500 blankets and a kitchen with a 24 hour food supply for 1,000 to the Malden base, where a refugee camp has been set up. Additional supplies readied for possible shipment included 2,000 cots, 6,000 blankets and two similar kitchens.

Only once-in 1937-was the levee dynamited to relieve water pressure in more vital areas along that stretch of the Mississippi,

ered for a strip astride South Comered for a strip astride South Com-mercial street between Bellevue Wild Ducks and Mission streets, it developed Tuesday night at a Salem plan-ning and zoning commission meet-The commissioners deferred acfor a small property in the 600

INDEPENDENCE, Jan. 17-More than 100 wild ducks were tated. stranded in a Willamette river da; when freezing weather froze

their feet in an ice sheet. Ray Howard, Independence police chief, said the weather tragedy was reported by Arthur Waldron, whose farm is located near the bayou three miles south of hers. Waldron told Howard he noticed the ducks frantically flapping their

wings in the early afternoon, vainly attempting to free themselves. Thousands of other wild fowl in the area were swimming unconcerned in icy ponds, streams and feeding area where the water was not completely frozen.

Howard said he notified state police of the ducks' predicament.

TO GIVE AWAY POTATOES GUILTY OF EMBEZZLEMENT WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 -(AP)-PORTLAND, Jan. 17-(AP)-A cir- The government announced today cuit court jury tonight found Ar- it will give away some of the vast nold E. Johnson, Portland invest- pile of potatoes it has bought and pital. Six of the burned soldiers ment broker, guilty of embezzle- is buying to keep market prices ment. He had been accused of mis- up. The Commodity Credit corusing over \$300,000 of clients' poration tagged 1949-crop pota- ized. funds in the business operated toes as the first commodity on its

State-Employed Doctors

Granted Pay Increase

Pay increases Tuesday were au- | eight doctors including three at thorized by the state board of con- both the state hospital in Salem

trol for all doctors employed by and the eastern Oregon hospital

The board expressed hope this view home and the tuberculosis

William C. Ryan, director of in- closing up the second and third

action would relieve a critical doc- hospital.

stitutions, and Harry Dorman, floors.

the increases had been

doctors working at institutions a high of \$750. and \$100 for state board of health In other acti

Ryan said the state now is short proof structure.

tor shortage at state institutions.

The increases, \$50 monthly for

medics, must be approved by the

state budget director, told the

agreed upon at a recent confer-

ence of institution superintend-

ents with health bureau represen-

civil service commission.

"give away" program.

at Pendleton and one each at Fair-

In other action, the board de-

cided to use only the first floor

and basement of the blind school

The building has been condemn-ed as a fire hazard by the state

fire marshall. The state emergen-

Winter Decorates Waterfalls Easing



FALLS CITY, Jan. 17-For motorists who braved the trek to snowcovered Falls City this week end a rare scene of turbulent water in a serene winter setting was the reward. The falls from which this city was named form a sharp step for the Little Luckiamute rive at a point just west of the downtown section. Snow covered the banks to a depth of 20 inches and more. (Abel photo).

Fire Destroys Section of Camp Carson, Colorado

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Jan. 17-(AP)-A wind whipped brush fire flashed across the army's Camp Carson today, killing one soldier, seriously burned 27 others and destroyed 39 buildings.

The flames, fought throughout the day by 7,000 civilian volunteers tion on a proposed business zone In Polk County and Fountiers, were reported under control tonies south of bere Scores north of Fountain, a town of 300 about 10 miles south of here. Scores of civilians suffered minor burns. More than 60 square miles of

timber and brush land were devas-tated. Punch Bowl Most of the destroyed buildings bayou two miles south of here to- were in the warehouse area of the vast reservation, which housed 30,000 troops in wartime. There are more than 1,300 buildings within the sprawling camp, six

miles to the south. A public information officer, in announcing the casualty list, said the flames were under control within the camp. There were many "spot" fires in the brush but patrols were quickly extinguish-

ing them. Winds, which had ripped up to 75 miles an hour today, died down table. tonight. A breeze of about five miles an hour was fanning the fire but was blowing northward. That would send the fire back across the burned area and should

cause it to soon die out. The soldier, whose name was withheld, was fatally burned fighting the fire He was dead when received at the camp hoswere reported on the "danger" list. The other 21 were hospital-

The Fifth army headquarters at Chicago reported 39 buildings were gutted by the fire. Fire Chief Fred Lausch said a number of mountain cabins and summer homes in the foothills section southwest of Colorado Springs were destroyed. The fire started there early this morning and swept into Camp Carson after first threatening palatial residences in the swank Broadmoor suburb of Colorado Springs.

Willamina Phone Pay scales for physicians now run from a low of \$480 a month to Rate Hearing Set

Statesman News Service WILLAMINA, Jan. 17 - The public utilities commission will conduct a hearing Monday, January 30, at the city hall on a proposal by the Northwest Telephone company to boost rates in this area. cy board last week approved a The application, if approved, \$300,000 appropriation for re- would raise rates about 75 cents a placing the building with a fire- month per customer in Willamina,

Sheridan and Grande Ronde.

Of Cold

tional guardsmen prepared to had been placed by 2 a.m. (EST).

evacuate the town of Tygh Valley Hottest clue to the swiftly movtonight when White river waters dammed behind an ice jam poured into the village streets. The homes of about 30 families

were endangered by the rising Police planned to dynamite the ice in a move to save the homes and the town's lumber mill, the

only industry there. The town is 30 miles south of here along The Dalles-California

highway route 97. The ice jam is below a highway bridge. The houses in possible danger are on the south bank of

The army engineers corps would be asked to dynamite the ice tomorrow morning.

Teeth - chattering temperatures of 13 to 20 degrees chilled Salem all day Tuesday. Some relief from the sub-freez-

ing temperatures which have numbed the valley since Monday morning is forecast today. Thermometers here may edge past the 34 degrees, said the weatherman. Snow, or snow and rain mixed, will accompany.

While the seven men, wearing Halloween masks on their faces, operated in the office, two more Blizzard in Gorge

A blizzard in the Columbia river gorge forced state highway crews to abandon efforts to keep U.S. highway 30 open there. police erected barriers at Troutdale and Cascade Locks. All Columbia river ferries east

of Portland were idled by drift-Unemployment figures jumped in the Marion-Polk county district

due to weather shutdowns. (Story on page 2.) 'Not quite so cold" was forecast for eastern Oregon and Washington, also. Residents there could

instead of 20-below again. More Chilly Days Three more days of readings crime world." constantly below 40 degrees are

morning. For tonight, a low of ures it takes to protect such huge 23 to 25 is forecast. Snow that started about noon nearly three times the combined be made before tomorrow."

Salem's public schools will be open this morning. Many others company and receipts of Filene's in the valley will be closed. (Dedepartment store, police said. tails and more weather news on page 2.)

fall of the past six years in Salem,

plosion and fire at a banquet table Six Fringe Areas Annexed, Mill City

MILL CITY, Jan. 17-Six fringe areas comprising about two square miles were annexed to Mill City by 108 to 42 majority yesterday

In a race for two council seats. udges and Malcolm W. Bingay, Albert P. Toman was re-elected editorial director of the Detroit and Wesley Green, a new candidate, nosed out incumbent R. T. Veness, 50 to 41. Toman received 58 votes. Another new candidate, other risks. lected when the air became char- Byron Davis, ran third with 48

7 Masked Gunmen Rob Armored Car Company of Cash

Exact Sum of Currency Unknown; Leave Another \$1,000,000 Behind

BOSTON, Jan. 18-(Wednesday)-(AP)-Seven precise masked gunmen pulled off one of the nation's biggest robberies last night, stealing more than \$1,500,-000 cash at gunpoint and leaving behind another million because they couldn't carry it.

At 2:30 a.m. (EST) this morning, Police Commissioner Thomas F. Sullivan said that Brink's Inc., victim of the sensational stickup, estimated its loss at a million and a half "and I'll go along with that figure."

Sullivan's announcement revised upward an earlier figure announced by Police Superintendent Edward W. Fallon. Fallon put the loss earlier at "more than \$1,000,000."

The crime set off a nationwide who marched into the money transportation firm's office in the manhunt for the squad of gunmen North End's waterfront area.

Within six hours, police picked up 10 men for questioning including six ex-convicts. No charges

ing, well-rehearsed bandit gang 400,000 soft coal miners are on was a five passenger black Cadillac sedan. Police unsuccessfully

Included in the cash loot was bers, police said, are on record. The robbers hid their features

behind Halloween masks and wore rubbers to avoid leaving footprints. All wore gloves.

The robbers struck with pre-Brink's Inc., a money transportation firm, on the waterfront.

Obviously following a well-rehearsed plan, seven of the group walked into the second floor office at 7:10 p.m. To reach there, they had to open six locked doors.

Police said they opened the doors "probably with a passkey." automobiles at the curb.

Boston police broadeast a 14state alarm for two men described as former Brink's employes. It asked police to pick up for ques-tioning Stanley Kobak of Boston, and Edwin Bradshaw of Somerville. No other identifying de- a full time secretary. tails were given.

Bradshaw later went voluntarily to police headquarters and answered questions. He was not

"Cream of Crime World"

"The robbery was so neatly executed," Capt. John D. Ahearn of expect reading near zero tonight, the police special service squad said, "that it must have been engineered by the cream of Boston's

Fallon, after inspecting the robpredicted here. It was 16 degrees bery scene, sharply criticized the at McNary field at 1 a.m. this firm for "the poor security meassums of money.

Shortly before Fallon's announ-Tuesday added another inch to cement, Herbert Humphrey, this area's monthly total. The Brink's manager, said "No accumeasured fall of 21.4 inches is rate picture of the actual loss can

Left behind by the robbers was "about \$1,000,000" in a brown according to weather bureau releather bag which represented the payroll of the General Electric A company spokesman said several employes have pass keys and

"possibly some former employes still have them." The money, all in paper bills, was scooped from an open vault into two laundry bags brought by the robbers. They left behind nearly 50 bags of silver lying in

the vault. Witnesses told police the men raced out of the Brink building into two waiting automobiles. John Morley, representative of the National Surety corporation, said the loss is "fully covered" by insurance. He said a syndicate underwriters in sures Brink's be \$900.

Clyde Dickey, vice commander of the Oregon American Legion, at the state of the patition at the state. insurance. He said a syndicate of

Tied with Cord Thomas B. Lloyd, head cashier, said he and four other workers were trussed with heavy wrapping

cord carried by the gunmen. Before that, one of the holdup men, Lloyd said, pushed a gun through a wire cage enclosing the vault and ordered Charles S. Grell, another employe, to "open up." should be given an op That was the first sign of a express their opinions. holdup, Lloyd said. After Grell opened the door, the men rushed n and tied up the workers.

He said that was the first alarm that a holdup was in progress. As soon as the door was open-

ed, Lloyd said, seven men rushed in and tied up all five employes with rope they had brought with Lloyd said they took "four or five" guns from holsters hanging

near the vault entrance before they made their getaway. Sherman D. Smith, one of the bound employes, said he worked himself free and then cut the ropes binding the other four. Company employes said the stolen money had been collected from business establishments during the day for deposit in banks today.

Hottest clue to the swiftly mov- More than 88,000 of the nation's strike tonight.

In Washington there are indicachased it through the west Rox- tions the government may soon bury section of Boston shortly af- seek a count order against John L.

In Flushing, Ohia, a truck carry-\$400,000 from the Federal Reserve ing union-mined coal struck and Bank of Boston. The serial num- killed a picket at a road blockade set up by striking miners.

In Pittsburgh strike-caused coal shortages threatened the steel capital with a cut in electric power and 300 big industrial plants may have to shut down, Railroad servive is already curtailed.

General Counsel Robert Denham cision of a well-drilled squad at of the National Labor Relations board indicated he may ask tomorrow or Thursday for a court order against the three-day week which Lewis fixed for miners last July 1.

James Beard i rade Bureau

James R. Beard was reelected president of the Salem Retail Trade bureau Tuesday and called upon bureau membership to study plans for a paid membership basis and

Beard, department manager at the Salem Montgomery Ward store, has led the bureau during the past year. Other officers elected at a Marion hotel luncheon Tuesday are Reynolds Allen, vice president Kenneth C. Perry, secretary, and Fred McKinney, treasurer. New di-rectors are Harold Busick, Richard Cooley, Leonard Kremen and M. B. Rudd.

Some 30 bureau members discussed possible functions of a strengthened organization, ranging from combined sales promotions to store detective service, salesmanship studies or investigation of solicitation schemes. Members agreed such an organization should be citywide in scope.

Vets' Groups To File Bonus **Petition Today**

PORTLAND, Jan. 17 -(P)- The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars plan to file an initiative petition at Salem tomorrow to get a veterans bonus measure on the November ballot. World war II veterans of Ore-

go would receive \$15 for each month of overseas service and \$10 for domestic service if a resident of Oregon for one year prior to entering service. Veterans serving between Sept. 16, 1940 and Dec. 31, 1946 would be eligible. The maximum payment would

will file the petition at the state house. Gov. Douglas McKay plans to be present for the filing.

Dickey estimated 25,000 to 26,-

000 signatures would be needed to get the measure on the ballot. He said "this is being presented as an initiative petition rather than asking for legislative action because the veterans feel that the voters should be given an opportunity to

Storm-Starved **Bobcat Slain**

DETROIT, Ore., Jan. 17 — A storm-starved bobcat was slain here today after killing 13 chickens at the Raymond Sophy farm,
The skinny cat, weighing only
7 pounds, was shot about 200
yards from the chicken house where it was tracked by Walter Ball and his hounds.

Sophy said the cat had apparently staged the daring daylight raid after being starved into civilization by heavy snows in the nearby hills.

A punch bowl of "Cafe Diablo" - so-called "devil's coffee" - blew up as lighted brandy was being poured into it. The glass shattered. Flames and Statesman News Service broken glass sprayed over the

Some of the victims, who included prominent Detroiters, were reported seriously hurt. in a special election.

The injured included two court

Blast Burns 6

DETROIT, Jan. 17-(AP)-An ex-

injured at least six men tonight.

Alcohol fumes apparently col-

ged, causing the explosion. Salem Contractor Submits Low

construction projects Tuesday.

Carl underbid nine other local

among six for the addition to the south front of the city hall. The city council will act on the bids Monday night.

Bidders submitted three alter-

said that in lieu of the bids sub-

ed to start this spring, said Franzen. It is a federal aid project and will be located on the west side Construction on the enlarge-

for the police department. Other low basic bids on the air-

low. Cecil A. Lantz was next with

Work on the building is expect-

ment of the city hall probably zen. It will provide more space

port building were \$39,476 by Smith and Nelson, and \$39,872 by On the city hall project E. E. Batterman bid \$9,465 for second

Bids on Airport, City Hall Work H. G. Carl, Salem contractor, would have reduced the cost submitted low bids on two city about \$2,000 if necessary. Franzen The bids were for an annex to mitted the alternates would not the city hall and the first unit of be exercised.

an administration building at Salem's McNary field.

contractors on the airport building with a base bid of \$37,398, said of the airport. The city will fur-City Manager J. L. Franzen. The nish less than half the funds. bids were opened in Franzen's of-Carl's bid of \$9,231 was low will start next month, said Fran-

Cost of the airport structure had been estimated at \$45,000. Eight Cecil A. Lantz. contractors submitted prices below that figure.

nate bids on the project which \$10,630.