

Passengers Help Halt Runaway Streamliner

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 30 - (AP) - A Milwaukee railroad streamliner rolled smoothly eastward today with its passengers still talking about a wild backward ride.

Some 200 passengers were aboard the nine-car Hiawatha streamliner last night when it ran backward and out of control down a three-mile stretch of track in central Washington. None of the passengers was hurt.

The runaway came to a gentle halt after handbrakes in each car were set.

A fire in the electric engine of the eastbound train was the start.

Edward Maxwell of Spokane, 67-year-old engineer of the train, said he first smelled smoke as the train pulled up a slope near Kittitas in central Washington.

He set the brakes and, with Fireman Dick Liberty of Spokane, fought the blaze as the train slowed to a halt.

For two hours they fought the fire. Choked and blinded with smoke and gas fumes, they finally resorted to throwing snow on the burning engine.

Wheels Broke Loose
While they worked, the wheels broke loose from the locked brakes.

The train picked up momentum as it rolled, but hand brakes in each car applied by crewmen with the help of passengers halted the runaway.

Passengers estimated the speed of the free-running train and its useless engine at 30 miles an hour. Maxwell estimated it wouldn't have gone much faster than 15.

George Harris, a porter, praised the passengers for their courage. He said there was no sign of hysteria even though most of them knew the situation.

Glen Hurlbut of Spokane said he didn't realize anything was wrong.

Passengers Joke
Dan Crooks, also of Spokane, said some of the passengers in his car were joking during the eerily ride.

Train officials had asked the passengers through the loudspeaker system to move to the front cars.

The engineer and fireman were driven from the engine cab by the gas fumes and later received medical attention. A relief engine picked them up from the side of the track and returned them to the runaway train.

Railroad officials here had no comment on the cause of the fire or the wrong-way ride.

A steam engine brought the streamliner into Spokane 10 hours behind its schedule.

The train started in Tacoma, Wash., at 1:30 p.m. (PST) yesterday on a regularly scheduled run to Chicago.

Escapes to Face Larceny Charge Here

(Story also on page one.)
Both Marion Watson, state hospital criminal ward escapee who was recaptured in Stockton, Calif. Monday, and his partner, Robert Burr, who was recaptured earlier, face a charge of larceny of an auto owned by W. J. Wellard, hospital employee, from the hospital garage. Burr has told police the car was used in the getaway two days after the actual escape last December 2.

It was the second time Watson had been captured in California after escaping from the Oregon hospital. He fled with Burr about six months ago and both were apprehended in Los Angeles.

Watson engineered the four-man break in December by feigning illness to get an attendant inside his cell. He tied the attendant with a sheet, took his keys and walked away from the hospital grounds.

Originally Watson was committed Oct. 19, 1948, from Oregon City on a robbery count. Twice he has attempted suicide while confined at the hospital, attendants said.

Icing Causes Forced Landing
REDMOND, Jan. 30 - (AP) - An airplane engine conked out in the sub-zero air over central Oregon today, but the Seattle lumberman pilot brought his craft in to a safe landing on a snow-covered field near Culver.

Max H. Wyman of the Wyman Lumber company, Seattle, blamed carburetor icing. He thawed out the carburetor and tried to take off again. The deep snow stopped him.

With Wyman was Herbert Kimsey, Seattle. They left the plane, a Waco biplane, on the field and rode to Redmond with a rancher. There they boarded a commercial airliner to continue their trip to Sacramento.

Silverton Textile Painting Class Canceled
SILVERTON, Jan. 30 - Cancellation of the textile painting class scheduled Tuesday night by the Silverton recreation association was announced today by Mrs. Norman Eastman, representative of the recreational group.

GONZALES WINS
VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 30 - (AP) - Scoring with his smashing service and an accurate backhand, Pancho Gonzales tonight continued his pursuit of Jack Kramer in their professional tennis series with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 triumph. The victory was the 15th for Gonzales. Kramer has won 45.

The boundaries of U.S. public lands are based on star observations.

CIO to Picket Some Oregon Phone Offices

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PORTLAND, Jan. 30 - (AP) - CIO communications workers of Oregon plan to picket Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company "strategic" exchanges February 8.

Dan Harris, president of the local union here, said today he had been notified of the strike call announced by the national union headquarters against Bell system affiliates.

Workers of Western Electric company, which installs and maintains Bell system equipment, are involved directly in the contract dispute with the CIO-CWA. Some 5,000 other phone workers might respect the CWA's picket lines.

Harris said there were about 250 union men involved in negotiations for the Oregon and Washington area. Harris said contract talks have been underway since November with the aid of Guy V. Lintner, federal conciliation service mediator. A meeting is scheduled here for tomorrow, Harris reported.

Three years ago, the union crippled phone service for about six weeks. Dial circuits operated about normal, but long distance calls were on an emergency and priority basis. At that time, the Oregon workers' union was independent. They since have allied with the CIO.

Sen. Tydings Urges H-Bomb Manufacture

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 - (AP) - Senator Tydings (D-Md.), chairman of the senate armed services committee, urged tonight that the United States go ahead with the development of the hydrogen bomb, saying its failure to have it could invite attack.

Tydings was the second major senate committee head to come out flatly for development of the H-bomb, which reportedly would be eight to 1,000 times more powerful than the present atomic weapons.

Over the week end, Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) of the senate foreign relations committee said the United States should arm itself with the bomb.

The words of both men take on added significance in that they are members of the joint senate-house atomic committee. The committee today disclosed that it had the matter of the H-bomb under continuous and comprehensive study for several months and may be nearing the point of making a recommendation to the president.

Tydings told reporters that the senate armed services committee "will undoubtedly look into the matter and will want to be brief about the consequences of this bomb in our own and enemy hands if it were to be used."

Senator Bridges (R-NH), a member of the armed services group, also has said that the committee should look into the matter.

2 Members of Airport Zoning Board Chosen

First members of a city-county joint airport zoning board were named Monday by Marion county court. They are Donald Cannon, president of Salem Gun club, whose range is near one corner of McNary field, and Hedda Swart, county engineer.

Two other members will be named by the city, and a fifth will be chosen by other board members.

The board is being established at the request of the civil aeronautics authority to zone and regulate areas surrounding the airport, as to uses and heights of buildings, poles or trees.

Stock Market Jumps to New 1949-50 High

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 - (AP) - Under leadership of radio-television news, the stock market today staged a broad advance that took it to a new average high for 1949-50.

Gains were from fractions to more than 2 points with virtually every major section of the list participating in the rise.

The radio group started higher for the opening bell, and by mid-morning others joined in the movement that continued with only slight interruptions to the close.

Buying demand never was urgent but a steady pace was maintained throughout piling up a volume of 1,640,000 shares.

Today's rise wiped out the remainder of the severe loss suffered in a series of severe setbacks during the past three weeks. Before the succession of jolts, the market was at a 3 1/2-year high January 11 with the Associated Press average of 60 stocks at 73.4. At the bottom of the drop the average was down to 71.6.

Today the average advanced .6 of a point to 73.5, just above the previous high and the best since Aug. 26, 1946.

Electricity Bills In Salem Under U.S. Average

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 - (Special to The Oregon Statesman) - Residents of Salem pay less for electricity than do consumers in most other cities, according to a comparative study recently completed by the federal power commission. All 3,814 cities in the United States with populations of 2,500 and over are included in the survey.

In Salem, the typical monthly bill for 25 kilowatt hours of current, the usual amount for small-scale lighting purposes, was 85 cents, as compared with the U.S. average of \$1.30 and with an average of \$1.35 for cities of Salem's size group, 10,000 to 50,000 population.

For 100 kilowatt hours, the amount generally used for lighting, small appliances and refrigeration, the monthly bill in Salem was \$2.62, as against an average of \$3.78 for all other cities. Among cities of its own size, the bill was \$3.68.

In the 250 kilowatt hour class, where cooking is involved in addition, the monthly bill locally was \$4.20, contrasted with \$7.01 elsewhere. In Salem's size group, the average was \$7.16.

During the period January, 1948, to January, 1949, states the federal power commission, a total of 949 communities, served by 308 utilities, had changes in residential electric bills. More than twice as many showed increases in rates than showed decreases. Covering the 10-year period, 1939 to 1949, the FPC notes, however, a general reduction in household electric bills of about 10 per cent.

3 Valley Men Enlist In Marines Reserve

Three valley men enlisted in Salem's organized marine corps reserve unit at Tuesday night's drill session.

They were Sgt. Ray B. Moore and Pfc Clarence A. Wilson of Salem and Pvt. William B. Duncan of Aumsville.

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