

Broken Mains Bring Drought To Aberdeen

ABERDEEN, Feb. 4 —(AP)— A "state of emergency" was ordered today in this city of some 25,000 persons after two municipal reservoirs went completely dry early this morning.

Mayor Ed Lundgren issued the order after many homes reported no water at all and supplies in others down to a mere trickle.

The crisis was brought about by breaks in the city's ice-clogged watermain.

Police were patrolling the city to stop the draining of open faucets which might be left running to prevent freezing.

Lundgren said anyone caught draining water will be subject to arrest.

Tonight the mayor and Police Chief A. M. Gallagher ordered all theaters, taverns, public meetings and dances closed because of the fire hazard.

Liquor stores, closed today because of a local school election, remained closed instead of reopening briefly this evening.

Two New Breaks

Breaks in the ice-ruptured Wishkah water line were repaired by 4:30 p.m., but increased pressure on the freeze-weakened pipes caused two new breaks.

The mayor said 2,500,000 gallons of water had been drained from the Aberdeen system in 20 minutes this morning.

He did not comment on reports that many people were storing water in various containers.

Fire Chief Charles Borum said the fire threat was the greatest in the city's history.

He said if a fire broke out now, it might be as disastrous as that of 1903 when the entire city burned because of inadequate supplies.

Sending Pumpers

Neighboring cities of Montesano, Cosmopolis and Hoquiam are sending what pumps they can to aid Aberdeen in the emergency.

Only 500,000 gallons are entering the city daily from the Wishkah river supply.

Pumping of the Wynochee industrial water and Stewart creek adds about 1,500,000 gallons during a 24-hour period.

But the city's daily consumption during the current cold spell has been about 2,500,000 and, said the mayor, "we just can't get enough."

"We are doing everything in our power to get the water back to normal," he said, "but we must have the full cooperation of every citizen in conserving the tiny supply we have."

An emergency plea for water, issued by the city's major hospitals as their taps ran dry, was answered by townspeople who carried portions of their meager supply to the institutions.

Silverton Men Jailed After Head-On Crash

Two Silverton men landed in the Marion county jail Saturday night on charges of intoxication after their car had collided head-on with another automobile near Hayesville on highway 99E.

One was injured in the crash. Charged with driving while intoxicated was James Edward Baylie, Silverton star route.

Carl Berton Riggs, Silverton, a passenger in Baylie's car was charged with being drunk on a public highway.

State police, who made the arrest, had been alerted minutes earlier of a "wildly driven" southbound vehicle. However, the accident occurred before police could intercept Baylie and his companion.

The driver of the northbound car said she was driving north when she saw the other car approaching in her lane. She had stopped her car before the collision occurred, she told police.

Only minor damage was done to both cars.

MOUNTAINEERS LOSE

NAMPA, Idaho, Feb. 4 —(AP)— A final free throw tonight gave Northwest Nazarene college a 62-61 basketball victory over Eastern Oregon College of Education.

It was the Crusaders' second victory over the Mountaineers this weekend.

REDS CAPTURE TOWN

TAIPEI, Formosa, Feb. 4 —(AP)— Communist capture of Fenghu, a small island near Swatow, was acknowledged today by the Chinese nationalist defense ministry.

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Midgents Wed In 'Tom Thumb' Ceremony

ASHLEY, Pa., Feb. 4 —(AP)— A genuine "Tom Thumb" wedding today climaxed a romance begun sixteen years ago as two midgents were married in Holy Rosary Roman Catholic church.

Looking like a queen-size doll in a satin wedding gown she had made herself, Odette Pilkerton, 36, of Nashville, Tenn., three feet ten inches tall, became the bride of Joseph A. Katalik, four feet six of Ashley, while a crowd of 2,000 jammed the church and surrounding grounds.

In the wedding party were twelve midgents, some of them associates of the bridal couple when they appeared on the stage with a traveling Ziegfeld follies troupe and Rose's Midgents.

AFL Charges Russ' Policy Aims at Jews

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 4 —(AP)— Leaders of the American Federation of Labor charged today that Stalin is trying to wipe out Jews behind the iron curtain.

The AFL's executive council said Russia is imitating Hitler by making life miserable for Jews as a class—in a way that means "virtually sentencing these human beings to death."

These charges were included in a council statement urging the senate to ratify quickly the pending international treaty against genocide. This is the term that has been given to the international destruction of racial, national or religious groups.

The AFL council said what Stalin is doing to the Jews is a "raging extension and frightening innovation in this crime of mass murder."

The American Federation of Labor keeps a force of trained observers in Europe operating close with underground movements in Russia-dominated territory.

The council said the genocide treaty would mean international sanction could be applied against this treatment of the Jews and "against the destruction of life through slave labor."

Suicide Victim Writes Report For Coroner

SEATTLE, Feb. 4 —(AP)— A young man, found dead today in his gas filled apartment, wrote his own coroner's report.

Deputies found a letter addressed to the coroner's office near the body of 27-year-old William C. Benedict of Seattle. It read in part:

"It is not necessary to justify my actions as I consider suicide an individual right. My reason is too complicated to explain — so merely say 'despondency.'"

Mrs. Parker Hospitalized After Accident

Mrs. Edith Parker, Salem route 7, was in Salem Memorial hospital for observation early Sunday following an accident at Lancaster drive and Silverton road.

Cyrene Melvern Stebbes, Springfield, told police he was driving north on Lancaster. He said he was unfamiliar with the road and pulled too far onto Silverton and into the path of a car operated by Charles Lent Parker, husband of the injured woman.

Mrs. Parker's injuries were not believed to be serious.

OSC DADS ELECT

CORVALLIS, Feb. 4 —(AP)— Oregon State college Dads club members elected Chet Marklin, Portland, president of the booster organization at the annual meeting today.

New directors include Stanley Summers, Eugene, and Glenn Gregg, Bend.

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Richland Firm To Close, Says 'Rent Too High'

RICHLAND, Feb. 4 —(AP)— First major cancellation of a business lease in Richland was disclosed today by William Simonds, operator of the Richland Motor company (Ford).

Simonds made the disclosure in an announcement that he is liquidating his business. He has operated the Ford agency here since September, 1944. In his announcement he said "fantastic rents" had forced his decision.

He also stated he felt the atomic energy commission had not acted in good faith in negotiations which have been carried on for about a year to get a "fair rent" and the right to have his own choice for a new site.

Simonds is operating in a government-erected building. Since he has been in Richland, he has paid more than \$100,000 in rent, he said. This includes \$50 for every new car he sells. He estimates he has sold 1,000 new cars since February, 1946.

Recently the atomic energy commission informed him he would have to vacate his present location. He said the reason given was "that the 'master plan' puts the present site as a part of the Richland civic center."

This master plan was drawn up about a year ago by the commission for the layout of Richland.

Choice of Locations

Simonds said he was given a choice of two other locations where he would be permitted to build new facilities at his own expense.

"It has been nothing but proposals and counter-proposals," Simonds said. "I have found General Electric company very reasonable and cooperative in so far as they could go. However, the atomic energy commission has refused to meet me personally to discuss my situation personally until last Tuesday when they were notified of my decision."

Simonds said that neither of the sites designated was acceptable to him.

Acheson Points To Decision Offered China

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 —(AP)— Secretary of State Acheson said today that the Asiatic people have a decision between moving toward the free west or toward Soviet communism and we must not risk "hasty or ill-considered action" that might do "irreparable harm."

Acheson gave his views in a letter made public by Senator Lehman (D-Lib-NY), who wrote Acheson that he was deeply troubled "that no positive course suggests itself" in China.

"I assume," he said, "that we must seek the closest possible contact with the Chinese people and show them that our desire is . . . the advancement of their welfare and their interest . . ."

Acheson replied: "I fully understand your uneasiness that no positive course for us to follow within China suggests itself. You have gone on to suggest, however, what I think is a positive course and, in the long run, a most important one—we should seek to maintain the friendliest relations with the peoples of Asia, and we should show the Chinese people that our desire is, as it ever was, the advancement of their welfare and interest."

"Beyond this, we should lose no opportunity to insure their being fully aware of the threat to their national independence and territorial integrity which arises from Soviet communism."

Hydrogen is lighter than helium

Dispute Centers Over Eventual Fate of PP&L

SPOKANE, Feb. 4 —(AP)— Approval of an offer to buy control of the Pacific Power and Light company "assures continued operation of the utility by private interests," the Spokesman-Review said tonight in a front page story.

The paper quoted an "authoritative source" as saying that the PP&L will not be dismembered and sold to public utility districts.

The story referred to the securities and exchange commission approval yesterday of a \$16,125,000 offer by a New York syndicate to buy common stock control of the utility that serves Washington and Oregon. The syndicate is headed by A. C. Allen and Co., and Bear, Stearns and Co. investment banking groups.

In Seattle today, a leading public power advocate expressed the opposite view from the Review story. Frank A. Stewart, managing director of the Washington Public Utility Commissioners' association, hailed the approval as "a victory" for public power.

The New York syndicate, meanwhile, has announced it will have no statement on the situation at least until Monday.

Broken Hips Hospitalize 2 Salem Persons

Two Salem residents were hospitalized Saturday with broken hips incurred in falls at their homes.

In Salem General hospital with a fractured left hip was Frank Needham, 63, 1000 McGilchrist st. Needham fell from a stable door.

Jesse Lucas, 81, 823 N. Commercial st., was in Salem Memorial hospital with a fracture of the left hip incurred in a fall on the ice near his home.

Both men were taken to the hospital by Eddie's ambulance after receiving treatment by the Salem first aid crew.

Enrollment of 200 PE Majors Visioned at OSC

CORVALLIS, Feb. 4 —(AP)— About 200 students may take advantage of Oregon State college's new physical education department.

Dr. C. Langton, head of the physical education department, said an enrollment of about 200 appeared likely, now that the state board of higher education has granted OSC a physical education major.

The new plan will go into effect at the start of fall term. It will not involve any new courses or additional teaching personnel, but will enable students to receive a degree in physical education.

Langton said one of the key benefits will be for women students planning physical education careers. He reported a wide field for women graduates, both as instructors and as municipal recreation supervisors.

Jury Convicts Man In Manslaughter Case

GRANTS PASS, Feb. 4 —(AP)— A circuit court jury convicted Frank C. Paul yesterday of manslaughter in the shooting of Bird M. Wilson, 46, a missing Missouri Flat moonshiner.

Wilson was killed after a drinking bout in his cabin Dec. 23. Judge O. J. Millard set Tuesday for sentencing.

Morse Urges GOP to Adopt New Platform

CUMBERLAND, Md., Feb. 4 —(AP)— Sen. Wayne L. Morse (R-Ore.) told republicans at an annual Lincoln day dinner here to abandon the worn platitudes of the "late lamented campaign" and adopt a platform offering solutions to the country's problems.

He urged the GOP to place human values and human rights above materialism and called for the carrying out of the platform adopted at the 1948 convention. He termed it "the most progressive program developed by republicans in 25 years."

He charged democratic leaders with stalling and blocking reform of the Taft-Hartley act so they could carry it into the 1950 campaign.

Morse told his audience of some 300 persons that both parties are guilty of playing politics with taxes. He contended both promised reductions in taxes and an increase in appropriations which he called a false economy.

"The economy of the country must be expanded to meet the fiscal needs of the government," he said.

He urged continuation of the bi-partisan foreign policy and the adoption of the Hoover commission recommendations.

The Oregon senator also called for complete unification of the armed forces, contending there was a huge waste in the three-headed set-up. He also asked for a central procurement agency.

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Storm Warnings Ordered Down

SEATTLE, Feb. 4 —(AP)— The weather bureau tonight ordered storm warnings down from Tatoosh to Cape Blanco, through the Strait of Juan de Fuca and inland Washington waters.

Southeast storm warnings of winds up to 50 miles an hour had been posted previously.

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Snow Used to Wash Hands As Water Fails

ABERDEEN, WASH., Feb. 4 —(AP)— The dry-up of the city's water system today reminded Mayor Ed Lundgren of his early days in the old county.

"First time I've washed my hands and face in the snow since I left Sweden," he said.

Lundgren lives in one of the city's higher areas, where pressure is insufficient to pump what meager water is available.

House Project Scheduled at Fort Stevens

HAMMOND, Feb. 4 —(AP)— Historic Fort Stevens is about to be turned into a playground for youngsters and dwellings for their parents.

A Warrenton contractor, Jacob Besshart, announced he would build some 16 rental houses out of the surplus fort buildings. He arranged with the city to pay the \$55,000 due the federal government for the property.

The remaining structures and part of the 155 acre site will be used by the Hammond school district for school buildings, an athletic field, and parade ground. Work will start in the spring.

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That means easier parking, easier tucking away in family garages, easier maneuvering in crowded traffic.

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