

Flash Flood Kills 3 in Washington

Damage High in Ohio Valley Flood

CROOKSVILLE, O., June 17—(AP)—A flash flood rolled down a narrow southeastern Ohio valley last night, leaving one dead and damage only partly estimated at more than \$1,500,000 in its wake.

The water, piled up by a near-coldburst, caused the explosion of a pottery kiln, destruction of the pottery by fire, failure of power for a big segment of the area and flowed into seven towns and villages.

Pottery damage is estimated at \$1,000,000. The Ohio Power Co. set damage to its substation in Crooksville at \$250,000. The mayor of Roseville said his citizens faced loss of \$250,000.

But, these preliminary estimates did not take into account the many inundated homes and business places in other communities and on farms. Authorities said no complete accurate estimate of property damage is available.

It was the worst thing I've ever seen around here," said Mrs. William Dalrymple of Rose Farm, also known as Tropic, a village of 200 persons in the northwest corner of Morgan county.

An Associated Press staffer called Crooksville a "battered, muddy mess."

Druggist Edgar Souders said he and his wife were at a movie when they heard the fire siren and rushed out. Told it was a flood warning, they hurried home to change clothes before going to their store.

"In 20 minutes the water rose four feet," Souders related.

A four-hour downpour last night sent Jonathan and Moxah creek out of their banks over a 25-mile square mile area in Muskingum, Perry and Morgan counties.

The water poured down a narrow southeastern Ohio valley and forced hundreds to flee from their homes. It ran seven feet deep through this town of about 3,000 but eased to about two feet by midday.

Mrs. Alice Adrian, 55, drowned in Rose Farm, a village about five miles from here. Rescuers recovered her body. Five homes there were destroyed and residents of 20 others forced to evacuate.

Other towns hardest hit by the deluge were Roseville, another pottery center; Tropic, White Cottage, Sallito, and Fultonham. Most are mining villages.

City Manager Plan Advised For Portland

PORTLAND, June 17—(AP)—A committee appointed by Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee nearly a year ago to investigate Portland city government recommended today a shift to the city manager plan.

The committee accordingly filed an initiative petition to submit the city manager proposal to the people. The petitions will be circulated to obtain 19,923 signatures.

The signatures must be obtained by Aug. 19 to put the proposal on the November ballot. The proposal would put the city manager plan into operation Jan. 1, 1951.

The mayor's committee also studied possible consolidation of Multnomah county with the city government, but decided that such a merger should wait until the manager form of government is established here.

Under the proposal, the mayor's salary would be boosted from the present \$6,000 to \$10,000 a year. The mayor would have legislative and appointive powers, but not administrative.

Administration would be under a city manager, to be called an "administrator," and appointed and paid by the city council. The council itself would include eight elected councilmen, paid \$2,500 annually on a part-time basis. At present Portland has four, who get \$5,000 for full-time work.

Boys Cling to Capsized Boat In Columbia

ASTORIA, June 17—(AP)—Two of four boys who went out in a boat yesterday were being treated at a hospital today for the effects of 2½ hours in the icy river.

John Webb, 15, and Richard Langdon, 13, were tossed into the Columbia river when their skiff overturned. They clung to the sides of the craft until help came.

They had gone out with two other boys to swim on a sandbar. The latter two were marooned on the sandbar when the skiff swamped, but could not help.

The boys' parents finally missed them, and came to see what was wrong.

Newport Taxi Driver Assault Trial to Start

TOLEDO, June 17—(AP)—The trial of Harry Thomas, Newport taxi driver accused of shooting his ex-wife and a friend of hers in a street fight at Newport, will open here Monday.

The charge will be assault with intent to kill. A first degree murder charge is also on file against Thomas, but has not yet been pressed.

Thomas, himself wounded in the battle, left a hospital today. His ex-wife, Lola, was injured in the shooting, and Dale Tull, Salem, was killed.

Strikes Cripple Facilities in 3 Big Cities

By The Associated Press

Milk strikes in Pittsburgh and Washington and a street car and bus tieup in Los Angeles continued Saturday night without a break in sight.

A work stoppage by 600 AFL longshoremen virtually stopped coal and ore shipments at Four Lake Erie ports. CIO steelworkers struck at the Bethlehem Steel company's Jamestown, Pa., works.

This was the situation by industries:

Pittsburgh: With their husbands' strike in its 10th day, wives of western Pennsylvania milkmen produced payroll receipts to show the drivers need pay raises. One woman said her husband, a wholesale ice cream driver, averages 68 hours a week and made \$4,300 last year.

Only emergency cases are getting milk deliveries in the Pittsburgh area.

A similar situation caused by an AFL milk drivers and dairy employees union strike exists in Washington, D. C., but Washingtonians are finding it easier to buy a quart or two of milk at the 65 non-union outlets in the city.

Transits: With 200,000 Shriners beginning to gather for their national convention next week, Los Angeles was the nation's fastest growing city Saturday—but most of the visitors were walking. Some 4,000 AFL bus and streetcar workers struck Friday for a 20 cents hourly pay raise over their present \$1.47 an hour.

Shipping: Virtually all coal and ore shipping at four Lake Erie ports—Toledo, Huron, Lorain and Fairport—were tied up by the longshoremen's walkout. The union wants a 20 cent hourly pay hike and a 10-cent night differential. The longshoremen now get \$1.57 an hour and a five cent night differential.

Steel: The evening shift in Bethlehem's open hearth department at Johnston walked out Friday night, idling a total of 1,600. But the stoppage threatened to shut down the whole plant, which employs 16,000. Bethlehem claimed the strike violates the union's contract. The company claimed the men walked out without any filing of grievances as required by the contract.

5 Arab League Nations Unite In Defense Pact

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, June 17—(AP)—In the face of a boycott by Jordan's King Abdullah, five of the seven Arab league nations united themselves today in a defense pact for the Middle East.

The agreement may be tied to a western power decision to arm the strategic crossroads countries against any Soviet aggression.

Iraq, the other league nation, held off from the collective security and economic treaty because of its Hashemite family and other ties with Jordan.

Iraq hopes Jordan will join the next league council session in October.

(Jordan was the only league member that scored a major victory in the Arab war with the Israelis for Palestine. Abdullah's British-equipped and trained Arab legion captured Eastern Palestine and the old city of Jerusalem.)

The five-nation pact was accompanied by conditioned reply to the recent American-British-French decision lifting arms embargoes on Middle East countries—including Israel—and promising arms against aggression.

The pact signers are Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon and Yemen.

The text of their joint reply to Washington, London and Paris on arms is to be published June 21, after delivery to the big powers. Informal sources said they believed the note:

1—Refuses to accept the present armistice lines with Israel as permanent boundaries.

2—Rejects any big power interference in Arab internal affairs.

3—Expresses hope that the big powers do not intend to "equalize" total Arab country arms with those of Israel.

Hughes Given Jail Sentence

DETROIT, June 17—Wendell Brown Hughes, 45, Detroit, today received a six-months jail sentence, five months suspended, when he pleaded guilty in Breitenbach justice court to a disorderly conduct charge.

Hughes appeared before Justice Edison Vickers who also fined him \$10. The defendant was committed tonight in the Marion county jail in Salem.

MONTANA TOWN FLOODED

HARLOWTON, Mont., June 17—(AP)—A flash flood swirled through this central Montana town late today, tearing out highway bridges and railroad tracks, menacing homes and cutting telephone lines.

GENERAL EXECUTED

TAIPEI, Formosa, Sunday, June 18—(AP)—Gen. Chen Yi, once one of Chiang Kai-shek's high lieutenants, was executed today on charges of conspiring with the communists.

Details Told of Wilsons Arrest In Sacramento

POMEROY, Wash., June 17—(AP)—The first degree murder trial of the Wilson brothers for the kidnapping-slaying of 18-year-old Jo Ann Dewey recessed for the weekend today, after testimony about the brothers' capture in Sacramento.

Three witnesses—two FBI agents and a Sacramento police officer—told how Utah Wilson, 20, and Truman Wilson, 24, were arrested in the California state capital March 30.

They testified that the brothers gave conflicting stories about what they had done between March 19, when Miss Dewey was snatched off a Vancouver street, and their arrest in Sacramento.

The witnesses, whose testimony occupied all the morning, were Guy L. Tull, FBI; James F. Tanner, FBI, and Robert E. Doyle, Sacramento police officer.

Defense Attorney Irvin Goodman, who contends the Wilson boys fled Vancouver only because they were not on happy terms with the police, brought out in cross-examination that they gave their true names immediately upon their arrest in Sacramento.

But the officers added that the Wilsons had registered at a Sacramento hotel with fictitious names, and only revealed their identity when confronted with arrest.

Goodman succeeded in keeping out of the record testimony about the brothers' being armed upon their arrest in Sacramento. Superior Judge Eugene Cushing upheld Goodman's contention that such testimony—since the Wilsons, as ex-convicts are prohibited from bearing arms—would accuse them of another crime.

The jury was excused while prosecution and defense attorneys debated this point.

NEW YORK CITY 'DROUGHT' ENDS

NEW YORK, June 17—(AP)—New York City's water woes appeared ended today, thanks to Mother Nature and assists, perhaps, from the city's \$100-a-day rainmaker.

Runoff of recent rains in the watershed area sent reservoirs up to 92.9 per cent of capacity, only one half of one per cent lower than the level at this time last year.

As a bounty, officials have lifted some water conservation restrictions in effect since last fall. For the next 30 days New Yorkers who have lawns may water them without penalty and swimming pools with water recirculating equipment may be filled.

BOONERS FERRY, Idaho, June 17—(AP)—A sober warning went out today that the Kootenai river, now above flood stage, would go even higher.

The Spokane weather bureau issued an official warning that the Kootenai would continue to rise.

Some dikes protecting 30,000 acres of farming land were softening. Crews were busy patching and strengthening places where water had seeped through.

Dayton Douglas of the flood control office established here said, "everything is under control at the moment, but the situation is becoming more serious."

Missing Plane Lands Safely

BOISE, June 17—(AP)—Family of three from Portland, Ore., landed safely at Willow Creek, Calif., tonight, the Boise CAA office said.

The plane was piloted by Gerald Smith, Portland.

The plane landed at Klamath Falls, Ore., at 4:30 p.m. to refuel, then took off for Arcata, Calif. Arcata is 155 air miles southwest of Klamath Falls. With him were his wife and son.

Officer Shoots, Beats Father --In Golf Match

SEATTLE, June 17—(AP)—A Seattle policeman shot three times and beat his father today after he found him trying to steal the head-lines.

The father, Harold Danbom, was setting the pace in the Post-Intelligencer's hole-in-one contest at Jefferson park. His best shot stopped only 11½ inches from the cup.

Then son Bill Danbom, a policeman, roared up to the course on his three-wheel traffic motorcycle.

He fired three shots from the tee. The third beat his dad. It was a hole in one.

Father won a caddy cart for being closest to the pin. But son won \$100 in merchandise for his ace.

FLYING LIMB KILLS LOGGER

COOS BAY, June 17—(AP)—A flying limb was fatal today to Ugo N. Labate, 28, Empire logger. He died in a hospital today, after being struck on the head by the flying limb yesterday south of Coos river.

The Gold Coast of West Africa has about 2,800 miles of motor roads.

Amerasia Case Principal Calls Former Navy Officer Commie

WASHINGTON, June 17—Emmanuel S. Larsen, who was fined \$500 in the 1945 Amerasia case, has sworn to senate investigators that former Naval Officer Andrew Roth is a "real communist" and was "the principal conspirator" in the secret documents episode.

This was learned today from the official transcript of the testimony of Larsen, who was a defendant in the case, to a senate foreign relations subcommittee.

Larsen testified he based his opinion of Roth, who also was a defendant, on "his presence right now with Ho Chih Minh, the communist leader in Indochina."

Charges Dropped

Roth never came to trial, the charges against him having been dropped.

Larsen, a former state department employee, gave his testimony regarding Roth, one-time naval intelligence lieutenant, at closed sessions of the committee on June 5 and 6. Some newsmen today obtained a copy of Larsen's testimony, which has not yet been made public by the inquiry group.

Larsen also told the committee, it was disclosed, that in his opinion Career diplomat John S. Service's wartime reports from China "had a communist slant."

He added, however, that he does not regard Service as a communist or as pro-communist.

The disclosure of the Larsen testimony followed a charge by Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin that John E. Peurifoy, deputy undersecretary of state, had promised Larsen "pay-off" favors in the form of legal advice and loyalty clearance for a government job in return for favorable testimony about Service.

Both Deny Charge

Peurifoy and Larsen both had denied the charge.

The transcript of testimony showed that Larsen was asked if Peurifoy had promised to make legal assistance available to him. Larsen replied that Peurifoy told him that if he required any legal assistance involving state department questions, he could ask the department's chief lawyer questions.

Asked if Peurifoy indicated to him in any way that his record was clear with respect to government employment, Larsen replied: "No, sir. He merely indicated that my record in the state department had no annotation as to disloyalty."

YAKIMA TOPS SPOKES

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Truman Bares Tax Records Of Gamblers

WASHINGTON, June 17—(AP)—President Truman today tore the seals of secrecy off the income tax records of underworld big shots for the eyes of senate investigators.

The action handed a powerful weapon to the inquiry committee digging into crime and corruption.

At the same time Mr. Truman ordered all executive departments to cooperate with the committee to the fullest extent. He already had told Chairman Kefauver (D-Tenn.) he would do everything in his power to support the investigation.

The committee can call for what it wants in the way of federal tax returns on income, excess profits, declared value excess profits, capital stock, estates and gifts for any period up to and including 1949.

A committee official said it has "no pre-determined list" of names of persons whose taxes it wishes to investigate.

"This just cuts through the red tape and gives us access to information as we develop our cases," he said. "The names we submit will depend on the developments."

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CHERRYLAND Festival Features

SUNDAY, JUNE 18
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Rose Show, at Valley Motor Co.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, June 19-21
7:45 p.m.—Armstrong Dance Revue.

8:35 p.m.—Presentation of Queen and Court.
Pageant of Progress follows immediately. All events at state fairgrounds.

Grange Orders Reapportion Study Made

ONTARIO, Ore., June 17—(AP)—The Oregon State Grange refused today to endorse any plan for reapportionment of the state legislature.

Instead, the delegates followed Grangemaster Morton Tompkins' recommendations, and directed a committee to study the reapportionment proposals further.

A stormy argument, that began last night and continued today, preceded the vote.

The grange, winding up its 7th annual convention, sidestepped action on socialized medicine. A resolution which would have condemned socialized medicine was substituted by another recommending federal aid to cooperative health plans and training schools.

The delegates criticized the state public utilities commissioner for what they said was discrimination against a PUD at The Dalles and recommended that that office be made elective instead of appointment.

The also recommended that county courts be given control over welfare payments, and that county quotas not be set by the state public welfare commission.

The grange also:
Asked for a higher tariff on imported nursery stock.

Requested a larger share of gas taxes and a 10 license fees for county roads.

Opposed removal of controls on retail milk prices, but asked that standard milk contain 4 per cent butterfat instead of the present 3.5 per cent.

Shriners Gather At Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, June 17—(AP)—Los Angeles was the nation's fastest growing city today.

By plane, train, bus and car red-tipped Shriners streamed into this flag-draped metropolis. The great influx will continue through Monday when—with 200,000 on hand—the Masonic order begins its 76th imperial council session.

Judges Select Delegates to Girls Nation

Two delegates to Girls State, Ann Charles of Eugene and Ruth Joseph of Ontario, were selected Saturday night as Oregon's delegates to Girls Nation, scheduled July 28-August 1 in Washington, D. C. Miss Joseph is Oregon's girl governor.

The selections were announced after competition among 12 delegates in Waller hall on the Willamette university campus. The competitors were judged on speaking ability, personality and leadership.

Amber Spinning of Portland and Greta Titcomb of Eugene were named as alternates to the national girls congress.

The week-long session of Girls State in Salem will close today with a farewell breakfast. Saturday night's ceremonies were highlighted by an impressive vespers service and candle-lighting ceremony at the sunken gardens on the state capital grounds.

Called for restoration of the law permitting only property owners to vote on school taxes.

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