

Steel Mediation Fails Floodwater Still Rising; Truman To Fly to Scene

OMAHA, Nebr. (AP) - Missouri River savagery, which President Truman aims to see first-hand Wednesday, intensified Tuesday night in this flood battered midlands area, America's valley of misery.

The number of farms, of towns a doc acres smashed by the unashed power of millions of tons of rolling water climbed higher. The Red Cross reported 21,640 families, or more than 86,500 persons are homeless because of Midwest floods.

IT SEEMS TO ME By Charles A. Sprague

Travel Letter No. 2 Between Coquille, Ore., and Eureka, Calif., is a distance of 150 miles, unserved by line of railroad. This throws the transportation burden on trucks and hence on the single life of highway which is improved along the Coast-U.S. 101.

It was interesting to note the volume and direction of this travel. Down to Gold Beach the prevailing movement of logs and lumber was northward to railroad at Coquille or shipside at Coos Bay (which now is the leading lumber shipping port in Oregon and Washington). From Gold Beach south the movement was chiefly southbound. Logs didn't go farther than Ukiah, but lumber trucks kept on rolling for delivery to wholesalers in the Bay area or even to Southern California. The railroad line from Eureka also handles a big volume, but trucks are carrying big quantities of Oregon and northern California lumber to the great California lumbering centers. Throw all this on a tortuous two-lane highway built to modest standards and you see at once the problem both for highway departments and for highway users. The tourist season is not yet under way; but already the use is heavy, especially from Eureka south.

The Redwood Highway is hailed as a scenic wonder and tourist attraction. I fear it will lose much of its charm as tourist cars compete with log and lumber trucks for use of this highway which abounds in twists and grades.

The only public transportation provided on this (Concluded on editorial page 4)

Judge Forbids Rail Walkout CLEVELAND (AP) - A federal judge Tuesday forbade three railroad unions to strike against the government, but said the courts should not be used "to impel collective bargaining."

Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



"I'm getting tired of these husbandly pecks on the cheek!"

Gov. Val Peterson of Nebraska announced he will call a special session of the Nebraska Legislature to consider flood emergency appropriations.

But Omaha and Council Bluffs, Ia.—with the worst due Thursday morning—will be ahead in the dramatic fight against nature. The levees and flood walls still contained the swirling, chocolate colored water that pressed against them higher and harder than their builders ever had dreamed.

Ghostly City Fully two-thirds of Council Bluffs, a city of 45,000, stood in ghostly silence, abandoned to the flood that may or may not hit it.

That was the picture as the White House in Washington announced that President Truman has asked seven Mid-Western governors to meet with him here Wednesday to discuss measures for dealing with the flood emergency.

The list of governors was just about a roll call of states in the throes of flood troubles, not only from the Missouri River, but also from the upper Mississippi river and the Red River of the North. Involves 87 Towns An Associated Press check showed a minimum of 87 towns and cities in the upper Midwest, either flooded or threatened.

A Red Cross report listed more than a million acres flooded in the Missouri and Mississippi River valleys, with at least 34 towns inundated. Heaviest damage to date has been in the Dakotas and Iowa, the agency said.

Stay By Prediction River forecasters stayed by their prediction of a 31.5 crest. Tuesday's reading passed 27 feet. The previous record high was 24.6 feet in 1881. Dikes and flood walls were designed originally to withstand a crest of 27 feet. A mighty effort to add two feet and more of topping to the levees was just about complete Tuesday night.

The peacetime army of soldiers, engineers, civilians and construction men mobilized in the Omaha-Council Bluffs levee-holding effort reached 8,000.

While the scene of flood crisis moved southward with the crest, bringing Missouri and Kansas squarely into the picture, the big question still hung over the Omaha and Council Bluffs levees.

The answer from engineers was guarded but optimistic. "We have a good chance to hold," said Lt. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, chief of Army Engineers, already on the scene.

A-Blast Visible For 75 Miles LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)-The second nuclear blast of the Atomic Energy Commission's spring series flashed quickly Tuesday in the Southern Nevada sky.

DEFENSE PACT AGREED LONDON (AP) - Britain agreed Tuesday to enter into a 17-year mutual defense accord with West Germany and Italy.

Government to Consider Pay Raise for Union

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal mediation efforts in the seized steel industry's pay dispute broke down Tuesday and the government announced it will "proceed promptly but not precipitately" to consider whether to give the CIO-Steelworkers a pay raise over management's head.

Secretary of Commerce Sawyer, government manager for the seized mills, announced shortly after the breakdown of the talks: "Inasmuch as the negotiations which had been going on between industry and labor have ended, I shall proceed promptly but not precipitately to consider the terms and conditions of employment as I was instructed to do in paragraph three of the President's executive order."

"I have nothing further to say on the subject at this time." At the same time a conference of more than 100 business executives, called here by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers, called on Congress to undo the action, which it described as "a step which places the freedom of every American in jeopardy."

Cancer Society Plans 'Porchlight' Fund Campaign

A "lights-on crusade," consisting of a house-to-house canvass will take place in Salem Thursday night from 7 to 9 p.m. by volunteers in the American Cancer Society fund drive.

Householders desiring to make a contribution are asked to leave their porch lights on. The crusade has two objectives, leaders said: Fund raising and cancer education.

Tax Collection At Record High

Oregon state income tax collections in the nine months ended April 1 were at an all-time high of \$4,284,408, the State Tax Commission said Tuesday.

The nine months' total was \$12,500,000 more than for the same period a year ago. Personal income tax collections were \$26,351,181, up 5 million from a year ago. Corporation income tax collections totaled \$15,513,227, a gain of \$7,500,000 over a year ago.

The number of personal income tax returns also set a record of 211,406, a gain of 18,000. There were 3,098 corporation tax returns, a decrease of 152.

New Discovery May Wipe Out Polio Threat

BY HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE, AP Science Editor NEW YORK (AP) - The end of polio may be in sight due to a surprising discovery that polio strikes first in our blood instead of nerves.

The discovery already is used to prevent polio in monkeys and chimpanzees. Two reports of the blood discovery, one from Johns Hopkins University and the other from Yale, were made Tuesday to the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology.



2 Scio Men Electrocuted In Well-Drilling Accident

ALBANY—Two men were electrocuted Tuesday in a well-drilling accident on a farm near Scio.

The two, L. N. Locken, about 35, Scio, Box 245, and Roy Lee Henderson, 42, Scio Route 3, were drilling a well on Henderson's property when the fatality occurred about 1:45 p.m. A wire was being strung from a tower constructed near the site of the well to the main portion of their machinery.

Locken, a resident of the accident shortly after it happened and reported it immediately. They were unable to touch the two because of the voltage still traveling through the circuit.

Henderson had only recently moved to this farm in Scio. He had lived in Jefferson most of his life and leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson, of Jefferson, and his widow and several children. Locken, a resident of Turner, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Otomie Locken, Turner; daughters, Mrs. May Hermiston, Mrs. Carlene Oswalt, Mrs. Alice Lee Harrigan, and Mrs. Patsy Whitfield, all of Turner, and a son, Hubert Locken, Blue Lake, Calif.

Services for Locken are being handled by the Virgil T. Golden Company of Salem.

Saturday Kept As Opening Day For State Fair

This year's Oregon State Fair again will open on Saturday preceding Labor Day and continue eight days, the State Fair Commission decided at a meeting Tuesday.

Previous to the 1951 state fair it opened on Labor Day and continued one week. Dr. E. B. Stewart, Roseburg, was reelected chairman of the commission.

One of several groups appearing before the commission urged that draft horses be included in this year's stadium competition, but no action was taken. Commission members decided to appear before the State Emergency Board here May 8 and seek an appropriation to cover the cost of improving the stadium estimated at between \$30,000 and \$35,000. This action was necessary, Dr. Stewart said, because of a recent order of the state fire marshal in which he said the stadium is unsafe in its present condition.

Leo Spitzbart will continue as fair manager for another year, it was decided. Officials of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation asked the fair commission to consider improving the 4-H Club housing facilities on the fairgrounds with funds that will become available through a recent amendment to the internal revenue act creating an exemption on general admission taxes. The amendment exempts payment of admission tax to agricultural fairs where no part of the net earnings inures to the benefit of the stockholders.

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Voter Sign-Up Ends With Rush



Rarely during the past two days has the Marion County Courthouse been without the lineup pictured here, last-minute voter registrations. It won't be there today, for the sign-up closed Tuesday night until after the May 16 primary election. During most of the time, the line extended the length of the stairs between second and third floors, while six or more were being registered at the counter all day.

Registration at Courthouse Keeps Staff Overtime

Marion County Clerk's office staff kept registering voters until 9:30 p.m. Tuesday night, an hour and one-half past the official deadline.

The clerk's office was to have closed at 8 p.m. but Henry C. Mattson, County Clerk pro tem, and staff, patiently agreed to sign the folks up. At 7:30 p.m. the line extended from the office on the third floor, down the stairs, across the second floor and partway down the Church Street entrance stairway. Nearly 2,000 persons signed up in the last two days.

It was expected that the accelerated registration of recent weeks would push the county's voter rolls to record heights.

Oregon Files Suit to Block Pelton Dam

The State of Oregon Tuesday filed with the U. S. Court of Appeals to try to stop Portland General Electric Company from building Pelton Dam on the Deschutes River.

The petition was filed by assistant attorney general for the state, Arthur G. Higgs. It asks that the Federal Power Commission's order giving a license to PGE for construction of the dam be set aside.

Objections to construction of the dam voiced by the Oregon Fish and Game Commission last June were declared by federal authorities not sufficiently valid to block a permit.

In the petition filed Tuesday the state presents its opinion that the FPC lacks authority to give a permit to a private utility for a dam on a non-navigable river within the state.

Control of the stream is given the state by the Desert Lands Act of Congress, according to the petition.

SEN. KERR DUE IN OREGON PORTLAND (AP)-Sen. Robert S. Kerr D-Okla., who is after the Democratic presidential nomination, will speak at a luncheon here May 8, Monroe Sweetland, state national committeeman, said Tuesday.

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Majority Favors General

By JACK BELL NEWARK, N. J. (AP)-Homescoming Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower Wednesday pocketed most of New Jersey's 38 Republican presidential votes in an impressive Eastern Seaboard primary victory.

Outdistancing Sen. A. T. Robertson A. Taft of Ohio after a shaky, lead-shifting start, the five-star general swept this industrial state's Republican popularity contest by a margin that might give him an 150,000 edge over Taft in a total vote of about 500,000.

In possibly the last on-the-ballot clash between the two before the July Republican Convention in Chicago, Eisenhower got a big boost toward the nomination to which he aspires.

Stassen Poor Third In 3,051 of the state's 3,940 districts, Eisenhower received 322,450 votes to Taft's 165,907, Fred E. Stassen, whose name was also on the popularity poll, was in third place, far behind with 14,894.

For Taft it was a second defeat at the hands of Eisenhower under somewhat similar circumstances as those which prevailed in the nation's first primary in New Hampshire in March. Against this, Taft marked up a write-in victory over the general in Nebraska's April 1 primary.

Tried to Get Off Ballot But Taft's claim that only the expected had happened, since he tried unsuccessfully to get his name off the ballot and did not campaign in the state.

In the little-noticed Democratic primary race, Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee—alone on the ballot—won away from a crowded field of write-in candidates. Kefauver polled 112,283 votes in 2,458 districts.

But one of the write-in candidates, Gove Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois, seemed more in line than Kefauver for support of the state's 32-vote delegation to the Democratic National Convention. Clarification Due Stevenson announced in Springfield, Ill., that he will clarify Wednesday his previous statement that he is running only for re-election as governor.

Eisenhower's New Jersey victory seemed likely to cement for him a bloc of delegates from this state, New York and possibly Connecticut which would rival in size Taft's bloc in Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin and Nebraska.

Taft still leads in delegates publicly supporting him, but Eisenhower's smashing win here might help him gain ground in other primaries and in state GOP conventions.

Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll issued a statement saying: "What happened in New Jersey today was a truly remarkable victory for General Eisenhower and I might add for the people of New Jersey and the nation."

Mrs. Evans, 96, Dies, Leaves 96 Descendants

A 96-year-old former Salem resident, who died Tuesday in Silverton, is survived by 96 direct descendants.

She is Mrs. Catherine Annina Trout Evans, who died early Tuesday morning at her home in Silverton. She had lived in Salem from 1907 to 1942. She is married by eight children, 32 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Evans was born Aug. 15, 1855, in Henry County, Iowa. She resided in Ohio, Illinois, Kansas and was married to Allen Edward Evans in Missouri in 1876. They moved to Oklahoma in 1904 and then to Salem three years later.

Politics on Parade . . . Who's Running for What in the May Primaries!

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If elected, Wipper will endeavor to discharge his duties impartially and courteously. He believes that every matter, large or small, coming under the jurisdiction of the county court should receive due and deliberate consideration.

THE WEATHER

Table with columns: Max, Min, Precip. Rows: Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, Willamette River 3 ft.

SALEM PRECIPITATION Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1

This Year 38.91 Last Year 46.29 Normal 22.78