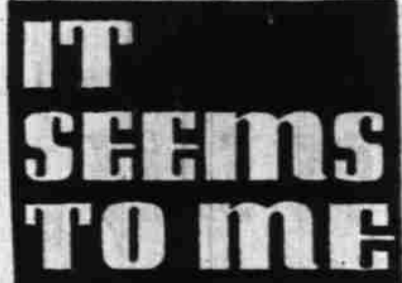


Slides Throw 2 Trains Off Track

CASCADE LOCKS, Ore. (AP)—An eastbound Union Pacific freight train plowed into a mud and rock slide in the Columbia River Gorge near here early Sunday, derailling ten cars and a twin-unit diesel locomotive. There were no injuries.

Another slide at Ridgefield, Wash., caused a minor derailment of a Union Pacific passenger train.



By Charles A. Sprague

This is the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, universally acclaimed as the Father of our Country. The lapse of time—it is now 222 years since Washington was born in colonial Virginia—makes him seem rather a remote figure, which the changes in costumes and modes of living accentuate. He is revered rather than loved, as is the case with Abraham Lincoln who seems much closer to our time and to our common humanity.

We Americans have always had trouble managing a war. Grafters and gougers seek huge war profits. Grave mistakes are made in ordering supplies, locating camps, employment of manpower. That we have usually achieved victory has been due in large measure to the super-abundance of our resources rather than to their expert muster and use. The waste which we recall from our two world wars was not matched in the war of the Revolution, for supplies never were adequate; but even the patriots were not above turning an extra profit before selling to the army.

Washington was a forever complaining of the unreliability of militia. Enlistments were for a short term, so he never had full complement of trained soldiers. Desertions were common; and often the poorly disciplined troops made a poor showing in battle. Likewise Washington was in a continuous war with Congress for (Continued on Editorial Page, 4.)

Norse Orphan Heads for New Oregon Home

NEW YORK (AP)—A 10-year-old orphan boy from Drammen, Norway, arrived by plane Sunday en route to a new home in Oregon. The boy, named Peter, previously was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Boquist of Tillamook, Ore., who learned of him through an aunt living in Norway. He was met at Idlewild Airport by Mrs. Ida W. Otto, of Staten Island, a cousin of Mrs. Boquist.

Increased Wind, Rain on Forecast

Partly cloudy skies this morning with increasing cloudiness, gusty winds and rain tonight is the weather picture in the Salem area, according to forecasters at McNary Field. The Willamette River reading was 11.8 feet early this morning, a rise of 2.4 feet during the 24 hour period ending at 12:30 this morning. The river level is expected to start dropping today, weathermen said.

Short Circuit Causes New York 'Air Raid'

NEW YORK (AP)—A short circuit in an air raid siren Sunday caused a 21-minute "all clear" blast that shattered the Sabbath in Manhattan, Queens and the Bronx. The high powered howl was traced to a switch relay failure. It brought hundreds of telephone calls to police and civilian defense offices.

Animal Crackers



"Pardon me but aren't you the lever boy who used to swoon over a full moon?"

Ex-German Soldier Finds New Life Here



Hans Kiessling and Leo Wahl look back to southern Germany where the two met two years ago. That event was the beginning of a new life in the U. S. for Kiessling, onetime German paratrooper. He was sponsored to this country by Paul Wahl, father of Leo, after the pair became fast friends while young Wahl was on occupation duty in Kiessling's hometown of Ulm. (Statesman Photo—Story on page 12.)

Plans to Welcome New Company Here Halt as Advance Men Arrested

Plans for a dinner to welcome a "new manufacturing company" to Salem were halted Sunday evening when city police arrested the company's two advance men on charges of vagrancy and registering at a hotel under a false name, police reported.

The two men, who had registered at a local hotel last Wednesday under the names John D. Martin and John D. Drane, were picked up at a Salem bus depot, police said. After a two-hour interrogation the pair admitted to the true names of Young J. Moore, Birmingham, Mich., and James Henry Spencer, Searcy, Ark., police added.

Semi-Finals In Spelling Contest to Start

Thirty-six girls and 15 boys have won spelling championships in the mid-Willamette Valley and will compete in semi-finals of The Oregon Statesman-KSLM Contest starting next Monday night, March 1. Another 33 schools have yet to report their champions.

The initial semi-finals will be held at Dallas Junior High for champions of Ballston, Bethel, Buell, Dallas, Grand Ronde, Perrydale and Rickreall. Other semi-finals will be at Keizer, March 2; School for the Blind, March 3; Turner, March 4; Dayton, March 5; Woodburn, March 8; Independence, (Henry Hill), March 9; Mill City, March 10; Greenwood, March 11; Mt. Angel (St. Mary's), March 12.

Locomotive Sets Another World Mark in France

BEAUNE, France (AP)—The French electric locomotive which has been scorching the rails in speed tests between Dijon and Beaune claimed another world record Sunday.

The French-owned railways said the 4,350-horsepower flyer, pulling three coaches, streaked over the run at 151.8 miles an hour. This bettered the record of 143.48 miles per hour the locomotive set Saturday.

Youth Accused of Holding OSC Professor's Wife at Gunpoint

CORVALLIS (AP)—A 17-year-old youth, accused of holding the wife of an Oregon State College professor at gunpoint in her car for more than an hour, was in custody here Sunday. Police Chief Cecil Pruitt identified him as Raymond Lee Denman, 17, of nearby Harlan. The woman, Mrs. Paula Schudel, wife of Harold L. Schudel, assistant professor of farm crops at OSC told police this is what happened.

Denman was booked on an armed robbery charge after signing a statement of admission, Pruitt said.

Church Votes Not to Sign Loyalty Oath

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The congregation of the First Unitarian Church voted Sunday against signing a loyalty oath, required by state law of all non-profit organizations seeking property tax exemptions.

However, the chairman of the church board of trustees, Robert Schmorleitz, said that the tax exemption will be applied for anyway, and that the constitutionality of the state law will be tested in court.

The trustees have said they regard the loyalty declaration to be contrary to freedom of religion and to individual liberty.

Schmorleitz, an attorney, told newsmen the vote, taken secretly, was 206 to 31.

The church pastor is the Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman, who has been listed by the House Un-American Activities Committee as a sponsor of "no less than 22 pro-Soviet organizations." Fritchman refused to testify before the committee, denouncing it as "seeking to invade the intimate confidence of the confessional."

One section of the state's revenue and taxation code was amended by the legislature in 1953 to provide that the property tax statement for churches and other non-profit groups shall include a loyalty declaration which must be signed if tax exemptions are sought.

The loyalty declaration applies to churches of all faiths and denominations, but the Unitarian is the only church so far to make an issue of it.

W. K. HOWARD DIES HOLLYWOOD (AP)—William K. Howard, 58, who entered the motion picture business as a theater manager and became a leading director, died here Sunday.

FIRE CHIEF DIES PASCO, Wash. (AP)—Fire Chief Larry Mathias, 40, died Sunday evening when he was overcome by smoke while fighting a fire in a Pasco home.

ARMY READY TO MARCH 'MANILA (AP)—Philippine Army troops waited Monday for the signal to launch a major campaign against the Communist-led Huk unless they surrender before midnight.

RAIN CAUSES CAVE-INS ROME (AP)—Rain poured more misery on Southern Italy Sunday. Authorities counted three dead in Calabria and Sicily because of caved-in houses. The Sicilian village of Montemaggiore Belasito, with 8,000 inhabitants, was virtually isolated by landslides.

By TOM REEDY BERLIN (AP)—Russian and satellite people here for the Big Four conference have lifted the curtain a little and given the West a peep at Soviet Premier Georgi Malenkov. They said:

1. The Kremlin master is not adverse to a Big Two or maybe even a Big Three meeting.

2. He has concentrated on popularizing the government rather than any individual and has won in some circles the unexpected dividend of popularizing himself.

It seemed strange to hear a Russian official and a journalist saying so openly that Malenkov wants to meet with British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill and perhaps even with President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Quizzed about it, Polish and Czech newsmen said that is true. East German Communist authorities concurred.

It is a well-planned plan on the West for reaction, it certainly was a well-planned one, with

U. S. Bayonets Prevent South Koreans From Grabbing India Troops

Salem Area Schools Win 4 Awards in Freedom Foundation Selections

Salem area public schools claimed four of six Oregon awards Monday in the 1953 National Freedom Foundation competition and a Salem parochial school figured prominently in one of the other two.

Keizer School and Bush Grade School of Salem qualified for annual "pilgrimages" to Valley Forge this year by winning Principal School Awards. The school principal and one student from each school may make the trip.

Washington Award Englewood School which claimed principal awards for the past two consecutive years, won this year's George Washington Honor Medal Award, and a Freedom Library Award went to Richmond School.

Winner of second place award for a speech went to the Rev. Robert Howard Sweeney of the University of Portland. Father Sweeney can claim \$50 and George Washington Honor Medal for his prize-winning speech which was delivered at Sacred Heart Academy in Salem.

The annual awards were revealed today at Valley Forge by Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, president of Pennsylvania State University and a Foundation director.

Sixth Oregon winner was Henry L. Slater, Burns principal, for his entry in the Americanism essay contest. Slater, who was first place winner last year, won \$50 and a George Washington Honor Medal for his second place effort this year.

(Additional details on page 3.)

GALES SWEEP NEW SOUTH WALES; 16 DIE SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—At least 16 persons are believed dead in weekend storms which swept New South Wales, leveling houses, knocking out bridges and killing hundreds of cattle.

The gale-whipped floods—worst in the North Coast's memory—devastates some 3,000 square miles, extending from the New South Wales-Queensland border south to the dairy center of Lismore and west to Kyogle.

The Royal Australian Air Force rushed planes to operate an airlift for the stricken areas. The Army dispatched amphibious craft. Isolates Towns

The storm, which knocked out railroad lines and disrupted gas and electric services, isolated a number of towns.

The Sydney Herald said at least 16 persons were drowned and that more than a dozen are missing. This report said 10 persons, including five children, were drowned at Kyogle when a house in which they sought shelter was washed away by the swollen Richmond River.

At Armingtondale, four others were reported drowned and a 21-month-old baby was missing after the car in which they were riding was washed into a flooded creek. Cut by Landslides

The Brisbane-Sydney Railway line was cut by huge landslides for miles between Kyogle and the Queensland border.

Thousands of panic-stricken persons trying to flee by car to higher land jammed inland roads, their vehicles piled with household belongings. Airmen said that for miles out the Pacific fringing the northern coastline was a frothing mass of floating debris.

Climate Mostly Calm in Nation

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Mild weather and generally cloudy skies extended across the nation Sunday.

Remnants of the severe dust storms which clouded the Southern plains and Midwest late in the week settled in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi.

Rain extended from the middle Mississippi Valley to the upper Ohio Valley and the lower Great Lakes.

Light snow fell in areas from Nebraska northward to the upper Great Lakes.

Showers in the Pacific Northwest dumped more than an inch of rain in Washington and lesser amounts in Oregon and Northern California.

A 65-year-old record for Feb. 21 was broken in San Diego when the mercury climbed to 79 degrees. The previous high for Feb. 21 was 77, set in 1889.

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U.S. Troops Disperse 300 Milling ROK

SEOUL (AP)—The U. S. 8th Army reported Monday that American troops with bayonets drove off—without bloodshed—about 300 South Koreans who attempted to block Indian troops from leaving Korea.

The Army said the Koreans tried to stop a train. The last Indian troops—who had custody of war prisoners in the neutral zone—were leaving Korea Monday. Their work ended officially last midnight.

A Korean police official said the American troops brought up tanks to the tempestuous scene three miles north of Seoul.

Kim Chang Heung, vice chief of the Korean National Police, denounced what he called "heavy counter-measures" of the Americans. He said the South Koreans were former prisoners of war who had been in Indian custody.

Kim termed their action "a righteous move by indignant men." The incident erupted in darkness at 1:30 a. m. The American troops, aided by military police, dispersed the crowd in 30 minutes.

Heung said none of the Koreans was injured.

An 8th Army spokesman said a crowd of Koreans gathered early Monday on the railroad tracks three miles south of this Republic of Korea capital. Infantrymen and military police dispersed them after about 30 minutes.

The spokesman added that insofar as could be determined no one was injured, although "our men probably jabbed the Koreans lightly with their bayonets."

The train which American troops were guarding was moving 217 troops from Panmunjom through Seoul to the Port of Incheon. The train reached the port and the Indian troops boarded the Indian ship Jalbarata.

South Korean officials had threatened to prevent the Indians from leaving Korea until "given assurances" that 76 Korean war prisoners who chose to go to India would not eventually wind up in Communist hands. The 76 and 12 Chinese rejected invitations to return to communism, but neither did they want to go to South Korea or Formosa.

Most Public Offices to Stay Closed Today

Most public offices will be closed today in observance of Washington's Birthday but banks and schools will remain open.

Post office windows will close and no mail delivery is scheduled. The Marion County Courthouse will be open for the issue of dog licenses but other county offices will remain closed as will City Hall and state and federal offices.

No special programs are planned in public schools during the day, according to Harry B. Johnson, assistant superintendent of schools, but elementary schools have been studying about the first president for several days.

Albany Boy, 4 Dies As Result Of Gun Accident

ALBANY, Ore. (AP)—Four-year-old Michael Neuschwander was fatally wounded Sunday night by a bullet from a gun in the hands of his 8-year-old brother, state police reported.

Officer William Ewing said the boy's mother, Mrs. Kate Neuschwander, told him the children, playing before bedtime, apparently found the gun which had been stored away in their bedroom.

The bullet struck Michael in the chin and then became lodged in his neck. He was taken to an Albany hospital where he died late Sunday night.

Crash Damages Two Automobiles

Two cars received minor damage in a collision at the 12th Street junction south of Salem Sunday night, state police reported.

The vehicles were operated by Oral Benjamin Campbell, Eugene, and Arthur Breed, Port Orchard, Wash., police said. No injuries resulted.

News: Man Tries To Bite Dog Back

ONUKO, Japan (AP)—His troubles started when a dog bit him, Shin Nakamura explained to police who arrested him for arson.

The 39-year-old office worker said he tried to bite the dog back. But the dog got away and that made him so mad he set fire to the dog's kennel.

Daily Speller

Following are 20 words from a list of 1000 which will form the basis for semi-final and final oral competition in The Statesman-KSLM Mid-Valley Spelling Contest for 1954, in which 83 schools are participating.

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vast occupant  
desperate analyze  
coin  
aware determine  
directly concern  
confess surround  
state muzzle  
rebel suspect  
lamp jealousy  
perilous

THE WEATHER table with columns for Max, Min, Precip, and Forecast for various locations like Salem, Portland, Baker, Medford, etc.