

Floods Race Through South, Damage High

By the Associated Press

Violent floods continued to race throughout the south yesterday, leaving thousands temporarily homeless and causing tremendous property damage.

Twenty-two deaths attributed to the high water were counted in Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas and Georgia. Tennessee and Kentucky rivers, swelled by torrential rains, began receding in the upper regions but the upper Ohio was rising and more water was expected later in the week.

In Tennessee, where eight persons died in the murky waters, the Tennessee river crested at Chattanooga at 25.82 feet, nearly six feet above flood stage.

The Cumberland river began falling at Harlan and Pineville, Ky., and citizens began digging mud out of lowland homes. The Big Sandy and Kentucky rivers also began receding.

The death list in Kentucky remained at six. Arkansas counted six deaths and Georgia two. Alabama and Mississippi rivers were rising, with some of the streams expected to go above the danger mark.

Arrests Provide Robbery Solutions

Two 16-year-old boys, arrested by city police Wednesday night on a traffic charge, may provide solutions to a series of burglaries, car-prowl jobs, school locker thefts and shop liftings covering a period of one year.

In their ear officers said they found several hundred dollars worth of loot, while more was cached at the home of one of the youths. The boys readily admitted having stolen the merchandise, which included automobile accessories, expensive tools and school books, police declare.

Navy Reveals Jet-Propelled, Carrier Based Fighter Plane

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—(AP)—The navy tonight announced development of its first exclusively jet-powered fighter plane for carrier operation. Its top speed exceeds 500 miles an hour.

Designated the FD-1 "Phantom," the plane was designed and built by the McDonnell Aircraft corp., St. Louis, Mo.

Despite its high speed, the "Phantom" has a landing gait comparable to conventional carrier-based fighters, making "wave-offs" feasible.

The plane, already extensively flight-tested, has a service ceiling of "well over seven miles," the navy said.

Primarily designed as an interceptor, it has an extremely high rate of climb and a range of approximately 1000 miles.

"This plane," the navy announcement said, "constitutes a significant milestone in the history of naval aviation as it opens the field of carrier operation to the all-jet interceptor."

Power is furnished by twin axial-flow Westinghouse turbo-

Seattle Transit Strike at Hand

SEATTLE, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Mayor William F. Devin stepped into the picture today in an attempt to avert a strike by the city's bus drivers, set for Friday morning unless they reach a wage agreement with the Seattle transit commission.

The mayor called the drivers' union negotiators into a session at his office and the union group passed up a scheduled negotiation meeting with the commission's representatives to attend. Mayor Devin's office said the latter also were being called in for consultation.

AFL Man Opposes Kaiser-CIO Plan

PORTLAND, Jan. 9.—(AP)—The recently announced Kaiser-Frazier automobile plant bonus system was called "a step backward toward the sweat shop" by J. T. Marr, executive secretary of the Oregon State Federation of Labor (AFL).

The bonus plan, accepted by the CIO United Automobile Workers union, will lead to piece-work as a substitute for hourly pay, Marr predicted.

The Kaiser-Frazier plan provides for a share-by-all bonus for each completed car in addition to regular hourly pay.

Obituary

Voris
Rose Voris, late resident of 3400 Myrtle ave., at a local hospital, January 9. Survived by son, Wayne C. Voris, Kent, Wash. Announcement of services will be made later by Howell-Edwards chapel.

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Brutalities of 'Death March' Reach Stand

By Hal Boyle
MANILA, Thursday, Jan. 10.—(AP)—A 57-year-old American colonel, John S. Ball, broke down and wept today as he described the brutalities of Japanese on the infamous Bataan death march in April, 1942.

Ball, of Williamsport, Pa., testifying at the war crimes trial of Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, said the Japanese wantonly shot prisoners who lagged or broke ranks on the torture march. Describing how they clubbed him, Ball wept, saying "I had to take it; there was nothing I could do about it."

He broke down again when he described how a callous Japanese guard thrust a bayonet between the shoulder blades of a delirious Filipino soldier who had thrown himself down in a ditch seeking water.

"This Filipino made a noise I can't forget," Ball told the court. "Like a baby crying..."

Asked if he had been treated like a prisoner of war Ball testified that "I was not treated like a prisoner of war under any covenant with any nation, or under any human rule."

M/Sgt. James Baldassarre, another survivor of the death march, earlier described how he had watched his own commander killed.

Grain Futures Regain Rise

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Varied influences had grain futures prices in the swing today but stout demand beat off minor recessions to chalk up gains wherever ceiling prices left room.

The strong securities market, higher rye prices at Winnipeg and talk of inflation all weighed in favor of buying sentiment which absorbed the heaviest sell-off of oats in early trading that had come into the pit in several sessions.

Commission houses took all the offerings with prices pushing almost steadily upward. Profit taking and hedge selling brought about the short lived minor recessions.

Wheat closed unchanged to 3/4 cent above the previous finish, May \$1.80 1/2; corn unchanged at \$1.18 1/2; oats 1/2 to 3/4 up, May 77 1/2; rye unchanged to 2 1/2 higher, May \$1.78 1/2; barley unchanged to 1/4 higher, May \$1.22 1/2.

Monitor Telephone Board Is Elected

MONITOR, Jan. 9.—(Special)—The Cooperative Telephone company re-elected Lee Sargeant and Ernest Boesch to the board of directors for two years.

Boesch replaces Drexel White, who has served for a number of years. Improvement of the line, a new switchboard, a new home for the telephone operator, and the raising of the yearly rates were business details considered.

A special meeting to decide these questions will be held at a later date.

Norblad to End Salem Campaign Tonight

Walter Norblad, republican candidate for congressman from the first Oregon district, will close his campaign in Salem tonight, speaking over KSLM at 9:30 o'clock. Joe Felton, his campaign manager, announced here Wednesday night.

Norblad will speak on the Willamette valley project for flood control and irrigation, on veterans' problems and on other issues.

Prisoners Here on Way to Seattle

Two men, charged with a hold-up and slaying in a Seattle shoe store, December 13, were placed in the Marion county jail last night by the three Seattle officers who are returning the men from Texas, where they were apprehended.

Richard C. Britton and Homer C. Britton are held on a warrant charging first degree murder. The manager of the shoe store was killed by a sawed-off shotgun during a holdup.

Dr. Rossman Named To Head Portland School Board

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 9.—(AP)—Dr. J. H. Rossman became chairman of the board of directors of Portland schools tonight and appealed to Oregon parents and taxpayers to support new school legislation.

"Education in Oregon has not kept pace with the development of the state," Dr. Rossman declared.

He said new education programs must be instituted at all levels of school government and warned Portland in particular that city schools "face a crisis."

TOASTMISTRESS TONIGHT
Salem Toastmistress will hold election of officers tonight at the meeting following a 6 o'clock dinner at the Quelle. Mrs. Lew Arens is the current president.

State Highway Passes Slick, But Passable

Packed snow on the highways near Santiam junction with most of them sanded was the report Wednesday of R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. The Wilsonville ferry was reported still closed because of high water.

Other road conditions Wednesday:

Government camp—Snow has reached a depth of 48 inches, with sanding operations in progress. There was packed snow on the highways throughout the entire district.

Odell lake—Packed snow on road east of milepost 53 with temperature of 9 degrees above. Sanding operations in progress. Total snow at summit 105 inches. Still one-way traffic between Oakridge and summit.

Klamath Falls—Fog on Hayden mountain with road sanded. No new snow.

Astoria—Columbia River highway closed at east city limits with detour through Tongue Point naval base. One-way traffic at milepost 91 on Oregon Coast highway. Also one-way traffic in vicinity of Manzanita on Nehalem secondary highway. Slide east of Astoria but traffic going through.

The Dalles—Overcast and highways normal.

Meacham—Packed snow on highways. Roads sanded.

Bend—Clear with temperature 17. Some ice and roads being sanded. Detour 16 miles west of Mitchell where bridge is washed out.

Bellevue—Hopewell highway—Opened for traffic early Wednesday.

Rosson Urges Vets to Check Life Insurance

The fact that a person is discharged from the service does not terminate his or her national service life insurance policy provided the premium payments are continued, Hugh E. Rosson, director of the state department of veterans' affairs, stated this week.

"Veterans should remember to keep their service policies paid up," he said. "If the veteran has allowed his insurance to lapse, however, he may have it reinstated, either within six months after date of discharge or within three months after date of lapse, whichever is later, by payment of only two monthly premiums without interest and by filing a statement showing that he is in as good health as he was on the date of lapse."

Complete physical examinations for reinstatement of insurance policies may be obtained free through the veterans' administration. Advice of any kind relative to service insurance can be had at the veterans' affairs offices in the state library building.

Rites Set for Silverton Boy

SILVERTON, Jan. 9.—(Special) Funeral services for little David Graves, who died in a hospital here Tuesday several hours after he had fallen into a tub of hot water, will be held Friday, the day he would have been two years old. They will be conducted at 2 p.m. in the memorial chapel of the Ekman funeral home and interment is to be in Belle Placemetery.

David was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Graves of the Scotts Mills area. Among his survivors are three brothers, Virgil, Edgar and Robert, and a sister, Evelyn.

Lebanon Building Permits Set Record

LEBANON, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Building permits here in 1945 set a new record at \$400,000, nearly 50 per cent above the previous high in 1941.

Most of the permits were for business buildings. The city's population has grown 70 per cent but only 300 residential permits were granted.

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4-H Club Members Take \$126,506 in Auctions

CORVALLIS, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Livestock sold in 13 auctions last year by Oregon 4-H club members netted the youngsters \$126,506, the state 4-H office said today.

Sale of 1219 animals were at an average price of \$30.72 per hundred pounds for sheep, \$24.97 for hogs and \$27.37 for beef.

Millworker Faces 15-Year-Old Army Desertion Charge

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 9.—(AP) An Oregon millworker charged with deserting the army 15 years ago, who has since married and become the father of four children, will be court martialled at Fort Douglas, Utah, the FBI reported today.

Federal Agent Howard J. Bobbitt said Paul Llewellyn White, 37, was arrested today under a new army directive that extends active time of desertion charges from seven to 20 years.

He said White is charged with deserting June 6, 1930, and was arrested at his home at Florence, Ore., near where he worked at a coast lumber mill. White is now held at Camp Adair for transfer to Fort Douglas.

Air Mail Rate Drop Proposed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Reduction of the air mail rate to five cents an ounce was advocated by the air transport industry today. Spokesmen also expressed hope that the gap between air and first class mail rates eventually will be eliminated.

The present rate for air mail is 8 cents an ounce, but this is to revert by law to six cents upon formal termination of the war.

The air carriers' recommendations were presented by Former Representative Robert Ramspeck, executive vice president of the Air Transport association, at a meeting of air line and post office department representatives.

Negro Charged With Murder

MEMPHIS, Jan. 9.—(AP) A 16-year-old negro was charged with first degree murder today in the slaying of an infant white boy. The dead boy's mother and brother also were beaten brutally and left to die in the smoking ruins of their home.

Dist. Atty. Gen. Will Gerber said the murder charge was filed against Fred Jackson after the negro schoolboy was identified by the mother, 37-year-old Mrs. I. T. Goss, from her hospital bed.

Sheriff Oliver Perry and two deputies took the youth this morning to the hospital where one-year-old Sammie Goss died yesterday and where the mother and three-year-old Freddie lie critically injured.

Greeks Form New Coalition

ATHENS, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Premier Themistokles Sophoulis expressed "stupefaction" tonight at the news that dissident leaders of his own liberal party had formed a coalition with right wing populists, and conceded that the surprise agreement "may cause a government overthrow."

The coalition announcement said liberals, led by former Premier Sophocles Venizelos, who split with Sophoulis last November, were ready to form a new government which would supervise Greek general elections scheduled for March 31.

FATHER REEDY VISITS HERE

Maj. John Reedy, army chaplain corps, was in Salem this week visiting friends. Father Reedy was assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church in the fall of 1940 when he left with the Oregon National Guard to become part of the U. S. army. He was stationed for a time at Ft. Stevens attending special chaplains corps school and later was in the Aleutians. He celebrated mass Sunday at St. Vincent de Paul's church.

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