

Die, 50 Injured in Train Wreck

Crack Pennsylvania Flyer Rams Derailed Freight at High Speed

MANSFIELD, O.—(AP)—A pile up of the Pennsylvania road's crack "Golden Triangle" and two freight trains killed at least 15 persons Friday and caused injuries to an estimated 50 or more.

Hours after the wreck at Coulter, 12 miles southeast here, seven of the dead had been identified and seven bodies had been found in the wreckage.

Rescue crews with torches still were cutting through the mass of twisted steel and splintered wood in search of other victims. Approximately 150 of the passengers were soldiers en route from Dix, N. J., to Chicago for a 12-day Christmas furlough before their return to Japan. Seven of the known dead were soldiers.

The 13-car train ploughed into the wreckage of two east-bound freight trains which had derailed just a few minutes before at about 10 a.m. (EST).

The freight train had stopped because of a broken air hose and was being pulled by a second freight.

An Engineer Blamed
A spokesman for the Pennsylvania Railroad said at Pittsburgh that the engineer of the second freight, failed to heed an "approach signal" two miles west of the accident and thus was unable to apply his brakes in time when a stop signal flashed 600 feet from the accident.

The Pennsylvania spokesman said the "approach signal" meant the engineer of the second freight should slow down to 30 miles and be prepared to stop the train. Petoskey was not injured.

The "Golden Triangle," traveling west on a parallel track, normally passed that point at 70 miles an hour, railroad officials said.

As the Triangle's two locomotives crashed into the wreckage, a second coach back broke in the middle and fell over a 30-foot embankment. The dead were pinned beneath four overturned coaches. Eight coaches remained upright on the rails.

R. Williams, Pennsylvania agent here, said at least 70 of the troops on the passenger train escaped injury and were placed on a special train and moved into Chicago.

Chesler, 17, of Kenosha, Wis., who received back in the chest, said that steam rushing into the front coach of the engine "was a most terrible thing" and burned many of the 75 soldiers in the coach.

The seats were twisted and turned every which way," Sheriff Robinson of Richland County said of the overturned coaches. Physicians and nurses from surrounding communities climbed into wrecked cars to administer aid to the injured.

At Growers
Open Session
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Carl Schuster, USDA horticulturist, told the 32nd annual meeting of the Nut Growers Society of Oregon and Washington the opening session in the armory Friday morning.

Commercial fertilizers have been effective in increasing crop of "middle-aged" walnut. He told how a crew of six men working with the time were able to harvest four half tons in six hours.

Value of irrigation was stressed by Arthur S. King, OSC irrigation specialist. He told how the danger of washing away when using surface irrigation.

Both of the threatened nationwide strikes would have affected foreign-owned enterprises. The railroad dispute was settled temporarily when the company agreed to send workers who had resigned from the union to Salvador, as suggested by President Juan Jose Arevalo.

Four Ministers
3-Month 'Holiday'
NEW YORK — (AP) — The Big Four foreign ministers, finishing five satellite peace treaties after 10 months and one day of negotiations, Friday started their long recess since last April.

They packed their bags to return home after six weeks of conferences here and after almost a year of the Big Four or Paris Peace Conference sessions starting last 1945.

They will have a three-day respite from each other to prepare for the meeting in Moscow March 10 when work on the German and Austrian peace treaties will begin.

Day the 13th Props
by Shortages Too
PITTSBURGH — (AP) — You can't have a Friday the 13th dinner without the props—mirrors to rabbits' feet and stuff—say members of the Anti-Superstition Society of Pittsburgh.

They are temporarily at a standstill for Friday night high school members have canvassed the members.

They can't find a black cat anywhere.

They rehearsed with a gray cat Friday. She scratched a vice.

Disarmament Plan Approved By Committee

NEW YORK — (AP) — The powerful United Nations Political and Security Committee Friday approved the general principles of a world-wide arms reduction program and at the same time rejected proposals for an immediate international troop census.

Shortly after the 54-nation committee had agreed unanimously on a resolution for setting up arms reduction machinery, it decided 29 to 4 to toss the troop inventory question into the hands of the Security Council along with the arms limitation program for detailed consideration.

Soviet Russia had initiated the troop census debate by proposing that all nations report immediately.

The Headquarters Committee of the United Nations assembly voted 33 to 7 Thursday night to accept the offer of John D. Rockefeller Jr. of an \$8,500,000 skyscraper site in Manhattan as the permanent home of the world organization.

The decision now goes to the general assembly for approval.

It became so complicated by amendments that the committee became hopelessly deadlocked.

The final action was on a compromise resolution offered by Assembly President Paul-Henri Spaak, of Belgium.

Both the arms reduction plan and the troop census resolution now go to the assembly and may come up for action Friday night.

NEW YORK — (AP) — The United Nations General Assembly Friday tossed one of its hottest issues into the laps of its 54 members by recommending withdrawal of diplomatic representatives from Franco Spain and a British spokesman immediately announced his country would "very shortly" recall its ambassador from Madrid.

The United States has had no ambassador at Madrid since the return of Norman Armour.

NEW YORK — (AP) — A mob estimated at 3000 and identified as Azerbaijani or their sympathizers stormed the left wing Tudor Club Friday, injured at least 20 party members and smashed furniture and windows.

TEHRAN — (AP) — The Iranian Army chief of staff said Friday that Jafar Pishevari, premier of the Azerbaijan provincial regime, had fled to Russia.

Gen. Ali Rasmara told the United Press that "Pishevari and his clique of liberating generals" are well within Soviet territory by now.

Two days ago Pishevari notified the central government that Azerbaijan was capitalizing to the demands of Premier Ahmed Ghasvami that his troops, already pushing into the semi-autonomous Iranian province, supervise the forthcoming parliamentary elections.

Rasmara's statement was the first official support for widely circulated rumors that Pishevari had left Tabriz, the provincial capital, and was seeking "Russian protection."

The general staff said the first detachments of government troops had entered Tabriz at noon Thursday.

REVOLT LEADERS NABBED
CARACAS, Venezuela — (AP) — President Romulo Betancourt's government announced Friday leaders of the short-lived revolution of a few military aviators had been arrested and that the "last small pocket of resistance in the interior is eliminated."

WASHINGTON — (AP) — F. T. Newton, Hattiesburg, Miss., contractor, testified Friday that on Sept. 7, 1942, he gave Sen. Theodore G. Bilbo (D-Miss.) four checks totaling \$25,000.

Photographs of the checks were placed in the record of the Senate War Investigating Committee. The committee is hearing charges that Bilbo received gratuities from contractors whom he helped get Army air base construction jobs.

The committee recessed for luncheon without asking Newton what the checks were for.

Newton had testified previously that he had tried to get Bilbo's help in obtaining government contracts. Asked whether Bilbo was of any help to him, he said:

"I don't know. I hope he was. I asked him to."

Newton was a member of a contracting firm which built the \$13,967,005 Keesler Field at Biloxi, Miss., under a contract awarded June 13, 1941.

Church Donation
Edwin Jones, Charlotte, N. C., contractor, who also participated in the job, testified earlier that he donated \$500 to construction of a Poplarville, Miss., Baptist church in which he was told Bilbo was interested.

The committee Friday subpoenaed the bank records of Edward P. Terry, who has been sought by the FBI since he wrote the committee that he, his wife and his daughter were threatened with death if he testified against Bilbo. Terry, a former secretary to Bilbo, has been missing since committee investigators first tried to subpoena him last Saturday.

Rivers Continue Rising In Puget Sound Region



FRED C. INKSTER, Oswego city councilman, is one of the directors of the League of Oregon Cities, which begins its regional meeting in Eugene Friday night.

500 Flooded Out In King County

Additional Rainfall in Prospect; Oregon Rivers Also Out of Banks

SEATTLE — (AP) — Official estimates counted more than 500 persons evacuated from their homes Friday as the Pacific Northwest faced renewed devastation from flood with a forecast of intermittent rain continuing all day.

At Kent, Washington, apparently hardest hit, the police department estimated between 300 and 400 persons had been removed from their White River Valley homes into the city.

The King County sheriff's office said probably more than 100 persons were being harbored at Renton.

Latest evacuation was of 150 persons from Earlington Flats in the inundated Green River Valley.

Both main highways leading to Kent were closed, one being covered by six feet of swirling water from the Green River, its flood crest swollen by abnormal high tides backing in from Puget Sound.

In Oregon, the Willamette managed to carry off additional burdens of water, and stream crests throughout Northwest Oregon were receding, at least temporarily.

The 40-acre state hospital dairy farm at Pendleton, in Eastern Oregon, was inundated in a flood worse than that of 1945.

The flooding Walla Walla River threatened to carry away two bridges, and at Walla Walla sandbags were piled along Mill Creek's banks.

Some of the worst flood conditions in the past decade were reported from Snohomish County, north of Seattle.

Slides blocked many roads. Several hundred were being fed at St. James' Episcopal Church and at a Red Cross canteen set up in the Kent City Hall. Late Thursday, Don Ivor, grocer turned over his store keys to the Episcopal minister, the Rev. Harold T. Shay and told him, to use whatever he needed, without charge.

Shay, his wife and two small daughters, worked around the clock, feeding evacuees and the soldiers sent to aid them.

Many residents of Kent opened their homes to evacuees brought into town in Army amphibious "ducks."

At Jefferson
The army engineers at Portland announced that the Santiam River had reached flood stage in the Cottonwood district east of Jefferson.

"We have notified the Red Cross at Salem," the engineers reported. "Twenty or more families along the Umatilla River east and west of Pendleton were moved out as the river reached flood stage."

Three inches of rain fell in 24 hours at Meacham, and livestock was being evacuated from lowlands throughout the area. Highways near Cayuse, Thon Hollow and Mission were flooded. And Union Pacific trains proceeded with caution because of minor slides.

A heavy toll of property damage and livestock loss was reported in the agriculturally rich valley between Renton and Auburn, 12 and 20 miles south of Seattle.

Drowned animals floated against fences, chickens roosted in trees and cows and calves drifted to all parts of the valley.

"I saw horses in water up to their necks," reported Police Chief James O. Allread of Kent. "Everything in the lowlands has been damaged."

Snell Opposes 'Some' Of Tax Group's Report
SALEM — (AP) — Governor Earl Snell said Friday he disagrees with several recommendations made by the State Tax Study Commission, but he did not disclose which ones.

The Commission's major recommendations were for a business tax of 1/2 of 1 per cent, reducing state income tax exemptions, and discontinuing the property tax for state purposes.

COLUMBIANS CHARGED
ATLANTA, Ga. — (AP) — A state grand jury handed down two additional indictments Friday against the president and the founder of Columbians, Inc.

Portland — (AP) — The Army engineers were authorized Thursday to advertise for bids on construction of the \$9,000,000 Dorena dam on the Row River.

Bids were originally called last August, but postponed a few days later because of the federal construction freeze order. Col. O. E. Walsh, district engineer, said Thursday that construction of the dam would go forward "promptly."

The permission to call bids on housing construction, utilities, and the dam contract itself, came by telegram from the Washington, D.C. chief of engineers.

Othman Describes
Mississippi Solon's
Capital Hearing
By FREDERICK C. OTHMAN
WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senator Theodore G. Bilbo couldn't rouse a rabble if he wanted: he lapsed.

This is embarrassing to The Man. So sore is his mind from an operation a while back that he can't wear his lower plate. He can only mutter to his lawyer, who functions as his mouth piece in the Senate's caucus room.

Disquieting Facts
All is not magnolia blossoms and soft breezes in Mississippi. That much the Special War Investigating Committee has learned so far in its inquiry into \$25,000,000 worth of Army air fields built by The Man's constituents. There also seems to be a slight case of incip-

Forecast Says River to Drop After 9.5 Crest

The Willamette River will reach a crest of plus 9.5 feet at Eugene Saturday morning, and begin to recede after that, the U. S. Weather Bureau predicted Friday.

Heavy rains and melting snow in the mountains brought the river at Eugene to 6.7 feet at 1 p.m. Friday, with slow rises to the crest predicted.

Floods will touch Harrisburg with a reading of 14.5 feet Saturday morning. Leaburg, whose flood stage is 12 feet, reported 14.7 feet Friday but no damage. Water reached 10 feet at Coburg Bridge Friday, 10.6 at Hendricks Bridge and 10.3 at Westfir, but none of these places were reported flooded.

A forecast of continued rain does not mean that the river will go higher than the prediction, weather bureau officials said. However, if harder rains than are expected fall in the mountains, the river may go higher. The Portland weather bureau said Friday that the Willamette River is expected to carry off all precipitation without overflowing its banks at Eugene.

Heavy Rains Bare
Mountain Highways
Heavy rains continued to fall in the mountains Friday, leaving highways bare but nearly ruining ski conditions for the weekend.

Roads at Santiam and Willamette summits were reported normal. High water in the Santiam river was not expected to effect Highway 99E.

However, the Portland weather bureau said the Willamette may overflow onto the highway near Harrisburg.

At Santiam ski area, hard rain was falling Friday, and will continue through Saturday. Sunday the rain may be mixed with some snow. Temperature range is 35 to 44 degrees, lowering to 30 to 36 degrees Sunday.

At Willamette summit rain was falling Friday and expected to continue over the weekend. Temperature was 39 degrees Friday.

Roads where traffic was interrupted Friday by slides and high water include the Wilson River highway, blocked by a slide at Jordan Creek and one-way traffic at three other points because of slides; Oregon Coast route, one-way traffic at Neskevin Creek because of three washouts and a mud slide, and three miles north of Tillamook because of high water; Nehalem secondary highway, one-way traffic four miles east of Mist because of washout; Alsea highway, one-way traffic caused by slide 16 miles east of Waldport.

Eugene Men to Try
For Rhodes Awards
Two Eugene men will be among three Oregon competitors for Rhodes Scholarships, the Oregon Rhodes Committee announced Friday morning.

The local men are Donald W. Treadgold, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Treadgold, Eugene, and Nicholas Rasonovsky, son of Dr. and Mrs. V. A. Rasonovsky, also of Eugene. Third Oregon man competing is Oliver E. Dews, Jr., of Ashland.

The three Oregon men will compete Saturday with 15 men from five other western states at Spokane, Wash. Six scholarships to Oxford University, England, will be given to the six winners.

Treadgold and Rasonovsky were among the three finalists who took preliminary examinations Thursday at Portland. Both are graduates of the University of Oregon and are currently attending Harvard University. Dews is a graduate of Stanford University.

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