

Storm Takes Heavy Toll Throughout State

Workers Defy Mayor's Edict At Cleveland

Cleveland, O., Dec. 24 (AP)—Some 2,000 striking transit workers today voted to continue Cleveland's crippling transportation strike.

The workers cheered President Thomas Meany of the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees Union (AFL) when he told a packed union hall that "he was tired of being pushed around."

Union leaders indicated they saw no early end to the three-day strike that has tied up pre-Christmas traffic in downtown Cleveland.

As a result of the workers' decision Mayor Thomas Burke was expected to take drastic steps to provide some sort of transportation for some half a million stranded bus and streetcar riders.

Burke said earlier that if the strike did not end at the union mass meeting he would make a "bold move" today to provide transportation.

He said before the meeting he would provide police protection "if necessary" to get operators back on the job.

Meany said he put two questions to the assembled strikers: "Do you favor going back to work under the present conditions, and do you favor remaining on strike?"

He said the answer to the first was "no" and there was a "thunderous yes" to the second.

The Cleveland transit board went into immediate session to consider what measures to take, and Meany called a meeting of his executive board to plot the union's moves.

Meany said the decision of the workers was due to their rage at Mayor Burke for ordering them back to work under threat of calling out the police and national guard.

"Burke wants to put a shotgun at our backs, while we work," he said. "This union helped elect Mayor Burke, but it's going to be a different story from now on."

The strikers defied an earlier back-to-work order by the transit board.

Not a wheel turned on the transit lines despite the order by the board that the 5,000 workers return to work last midnight or lose their jobs.

Bend Guardsmen Schedule Dance

Members of Co. I of the Oregon National Guard, with Lt. Byron Evans as commanding officer, tonight will sponsor a Christmas eve dance in Bend's new national guard building, with proceeds to go toward purchase of new furniture. The pre-Christmas dance is being arranged by the young guardsmen as an annual affair, taking the place of the Christmas balls formerly sponsored by the Bend police department.

Music for the dance will be by Bud Russell's orchestra, with dancing to get under way about 9:30. The dance will be held in the big pavilion of the new guard building.

Members of the company, successor to the unit that served in the South Pacific in the war against Japan, are handling the advance sale of tickets.

Bend Children Picture Models

Models for The Bulletin's full-page Christmas card of today's paper, are children of Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Cutter, of the Butler road community. Susan, 7, Johnny, 5, and Tommy, 2, were busy decorating their Christmas tree when the picture was taken. The stockings are hung on the mantel with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas will soon be there. The hostess would hold a very small gift for Christie, who is five months old today. She was playing in her crib while her brothers and sister posed for the picture.

The photograph and full-page engraving are by Webb Loy, of The Bulletin staff.

Clear, Cold Weather Due Here Tonight

Clear and chilly Christmas eve weather is in prospect for central Oregon, but a new storm approaching from the Aleutians will moderate the temperature Sunday, according to forecasts from the district office in Portland.

In Bend the forecast was welcomed by ice skaters, who were again using Symons rink, across Bond street from the high school tennis court, this morning following a low last night of 28 degrees. Use of the rink later this afternoon will entirely depend on temperature, but if forecasts for colder weather materialize the rink will be in general use this evening. It was announced from the recreation department.

Yesterday's 42-degree temperature and stiff, moisture laden winds temporarily ruined the suds face of the rink yesterday, but lots were reflooded last night under the supervision of Myron H. Symons.

The Friday storm yielded 1.5 of an inch of moisture, in the form of rain and snow, in Bend, and the ground was white this morning.

High winds were general in central Oregon yesterday, and some damage to outdoor Christmas decorations resulted. In Prineville, the wind tore from its moorings an illuminated reindeer scene erected on the top of the Edgar Jordan home.

Stiff winds whipped across the Madras country through the day, and outdoor Christmas decorations in that town also suffered.

Roads were dangerously slick in the Bend area last night, after the temperature dropped below freezing at sunset. State and city police reported numerous minor accidents in Bend and vicinity. However, no injuries were reported.

Breathing Well Down 220 Feet

Bend's "breathing well," now down 220 feet, gulped deeply of chilled air last night and today was reported exhaling, apparently in preparation for a deep pre-Christmas breath tonight.

The well, being drilled in connection with an effort to locate a new supply of water for city use in the summer months, started "breathing" recently when the drill dropped into a subterranean cavity. Drilling operations have been suspended for the past several days, and observers have had a chance to check on the inhalation and exhalation of the cavity.

It has been discovered that on chilly nights the well inhales. As the atmosphere warms, air flows from the well.

Amateur geologists say that "breathing caves" are known in the Bend area, and they believe that the drill has struck one of these caverns. Expansion and contraction for the surface air, due to temperature changes, account for the breathing, the earth students say.

At the local wells, located west of town, the drill has passed through the cavity and the fissure will be blocked off with casing.

Bodies of Airmen Remained in Swamp

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 24 (AP)—The bodies of six airmen remained in a dense Savannah river swamp today with the wreckage of the B-50 air force bomber that carried 11 to death.

Only five bodies were recovered in a full day of searching in the muck, water and undergrowth. Among the dead was Lt. Rogers Hornsby Jr., son of the famed baseball player and manager.

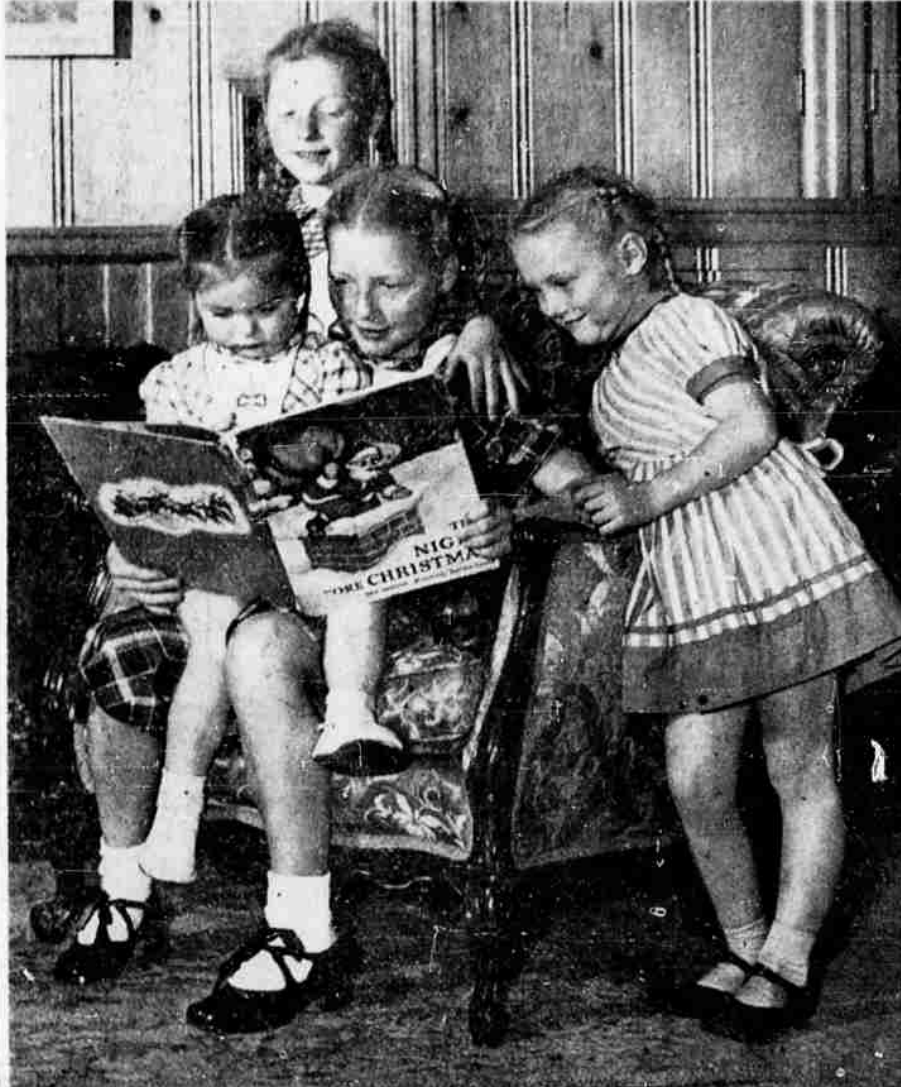
A "swamp buggy" flown here from Elgin Field, La., was to be used to ferry the bodies to a barge for transport to the recovery operation. Search parties yesterday waded, sometimes neck deep, through the swamp.

It appeared unlikely that the cause of Thursday night's crash would ever be known. The plane was in fragments, most of the men buried under the surface. It crashed only five minutes after taking off from the nearby Chatham air force base.

FIREMEN MAKE RUN

Bend firemen made a run Friday at 6:28 p. m. to the Gene Carney home, 1125 Lexington, where an oil stove had backfired. No damage was reported.

"It Was the Night Before Christmas—"



Sarah Goodrich, 2, is fascinated as "big sister" Gretchen, 11, reads the familiar poetry-story about St. Nicholas and his prancing reindeer. Looking on are Rachel Goodrich, 9, on the arm of the chair, and Sylvia Goodrich, 5, at right. The girls are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Alva C. Goodrich, 1642 East Akeley road.

Holiday Deaths Get Early Start in Northwest

Two were killed in Oregon Christmas week-end traffic accidents as rains, driven by brisk winds, ushered in the holidays.

In Multnomah county at least 24 were injured in 60 collisions, slideswipes and rear-end bumps. Daniel Aaron Lake, 67, Portland, was killed Friday night when his automobile hit a boxcar in Portland. John Roger Smith, 65, Gresham, was killed when his car rammed the back of a Portland Motor stage which had stopped to unload.

Six pedestrians and 18 drivers and passengers were counted in the injured list in Multnomah county. Two were hurt when an automobile hit a parked freight train in Portland. Four persons were thrown from vehicles after collisions.

Floyd L. Transue, 24, Oak Grove, was booked on drunk driving charges after police said he sideswiped six automobiles and smashed into a seventh. One man was injured after he sideswiped three telephone poles and a fire hydrant.

Premier Bidaut Wins Vote Test

Paris, Dec. 24 (AP)—Premier Georges Bidaut won a vote of confidence by a six-vote margin in the national assembly early today.

The 303 to 297 victory for Bidaut's coalition government was based on a weeks-long squabble over the government record 1950 budget.

The majority was far less than Bidaut had hoped for. Many deputies who had been expected to abstain voted against him. The radical socialists, one of the parties in his coalition, were split, half of them actually voting against the government.

Next week, after a brief Christmas recess, Bidaut will have to start blasting the \$6,500,000,000 budget bill through the assembly item by item. All indications were that it would be tough and go all the way.

U. S., Yugoslavia Sign Air Agreement; Mutual Landing Rights Provided by Pact

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Dec. 24 (AP)—Marshall Tito's Yugoslavia, which three years ago shot down two American planes flying over its territory, signed an air agreement with the United States today.

The agreement grants American planes the right to fly over Yugoslav territory and land at Belgrade and at other civil airports. Yugoslavia gets the same rights in the U. S. zones of Germany and Austria.

The agreement was another step in the improvement in relations between Yugoslavia and the west, an improvement that has advanced rapidly since the break between Tito and Stalin years ago, during the Paris peace conference. American-Yugoslav relations reached an all-time low when the Yugoslavs shot down the American planes.

The then secretary of state, James F. Byrnes, threatened to take the case to the United Nations security council if the planes' passengers were not released within a short time. They were released.

The Yugoslavs will be allowed to discharge and pickup international passengers at two specified airfields in western Germany and one in American-occupied Austria. The rights at Belgrade's Zemun airport.

The agreement displayed how far U. S.-Yugoslav relations have improved since 1946 when the Yugoslavs shot down two U. S. army passenger planes with the loss of five lives.

On Aug. 9, 1946, the Yugoslavs shot down a U. S. army C-47 flying on a regular run from Vienna to Udine, Italy. Ten passengers were interned for two weeks. On July 19 the Yugoslavs forced down another plane which crashed, killing the crew. Both planes were flying in bad weather, and had strayed from an air corridor which the U. S. had been given permission to use.

On Aug. 24, the state department announced that the interned passengers had been released in compliance with a U. S. ultimatum threatening to take the case before the United Nations security council.

The PAA New York to Calcutta flight probably will be the schedule involved.

The agreement came into force today and details of the new service still have to be worked out by the designated American company.

Special Christmas Services Planned by Many Churches; Family Reunions Numerous

With Christmas falling on a Sunday this year, many local residents will participate in Christmas eve services tonight, and Christmas Sunday services tomorrow. Hundreds of worshippers will flock to the churches of their choice, for observance of the birthday of Christ, who was born nearly 1950 years ago in a Bethlehem manger.

In many homes, Christmas family reunions are under way, and many local residents will hold open house or entertain informally Christmas day. With the holiday extending through Monday, many will take advantage of the opportunity to make trips to other cities.

Principal public social function tonight will be the Christmas eve dance at the new armory, sponsored by Company I of the national guard.

At St. Francis Catholic church, there will be a midnight mass, ushering in Christmas. Preliminary to the mass tonight, there will be a procession, starting at 11:30. Mass will start at midnight. Special music has been arranged for the yule mass, which through Monday, many will take advantage of the opportunity to make trips to other cities.

At Trinity Episcopal church, the Christmas Eucharist service will be tonight at 11 p.m. There also will be a communion service Sunday at 11 a.m., with a Christmas sermon by Rev. Fred Wissenbach.

At First Christian church, Sunday school will be at 9:45 a.m., with special music, and church will follow at 11 a.m. Mrs. Clifford D. Ingram will sing, and Rev. Len B. Fishback will have as his sermon topic, "Christmas Courage." Evening services will be at 7:30 p.m., with Rev. Fishback to talk on the subject, "Resolutions."

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At First Baptist church, the Bible school will meet as usual at 9:45 a.m., for the Christmas lesson. At the 11 o'clock hour, the senior choir, under direction of T. D. Sexton, with Mrs. Sexton at the organ, will present a Christmas cantata entitled, "That Song of Old," by Holton. Sunday at 7:30 p.m., a candlelight service will feature the junior choir under the direction of Miss Joyce Douglass, with a brief Christmas sermon by the pastor, Rev. Roy H. Austin.

Special Christmas day services are planned for the Alliance tabernacle, with Arnold Newman, from Regina, Saskatchewan, as guest soloist.

The entire Sunday school class will be featured in a program of songs and recitations in the annual Christmas program to be held at 8 p.m. Sunday in the Assembly of God church. A play titled, "To Them That Sit in Darkness," will also be presented by the young people of the congregation. The church is located at East 2nd and Greenwood.

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Bend Prepares For Observance Of 2-Day Holiday

Pre-Christmas activity in Bend subsided to a ripple today as the city prepared for a double holiday Sunday and Monday. Most noticeable decrease in activity was at the post office, where work again was near normal this morning, after a rather light load of incoming mail was distributed. In downtown Bend business was still brisk in stores in the early afternoon hours, as late shoppers were accommodated. This evening, stores will close at the usual hours, after remaining open in evening hours through the first part of the week.

No Paper Monday

Members of The Bulletin staff will join in the double holiday, and no paper will be issued Monday. All stores and offices, local, state and federal, will be closed Monday. At the mills, the Brooks-Scanlon sawmill is closed for the holiday week. The Shevlin-Hixon company will observe Monday as a holiday.

"The rush is over," Postmaster Farley Elliott announced today as he made a pre-check on last quarter receipts and found that up to yesterday these receipts exceeded those of last year by \$2,792.07, with a week still remaining in the 1949 final quarter.

Heavy receipts bear out the belief that the volume of mail handled in the Bend post office over the holidays was the heaviest since Camp Abbot days.

Two deliveries of mail were being handled today. On Christmas day, gift packages will be delivered. There will be one mail delivery here on Monday, despite the fact that the day will be a general holiday in Bend.

Church services and family dinners will highlight Christmas activities in Bend tomorrow, it was indicated. The day will be the occasion for many family reunions. Home for the holidays are scores of young people from Oregon and northwest colleges.

COMMITTEE NAMED

A language arts committee composed of teachers and school administrators from various parts of Deschutes county was formed recently for the purpose of making recommendations to the state text book commission, it was reported today.

Making up the committee are: Mrs. Velma Buckinham, Miss Mary Wilma Jacobson, Miss Mary Thompson and A. W. Nelson, of Bend; I. M. Davies, Mrs. Mauds Lee, C. R. Lindsay and H. O. Van Hise, of Redmond; Mrs. Achsa Stearns, of the Erickson community; Mrs. Lois Erickson, of Sisters; and Bonnie Hollinshead, of Terrebonne.

Russia Charges 12 Japanese With Use of Bacteria in War

Moscow, Dec. 24 (AP)—Russia announced today the indictment of 12 Japanese army men on charges they prepared and used bacterial weapons against the Chinese in the last war on secret orders from Emperor Hirohito.

The first installment of the indictment was published in the newspaper Pravda and Izvestia, covering one full page. (Radio Moscow said the indictment would cover two pages when complete.)

In London, western observers said the indictment apparently was Moscow's answer to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's demand that the Soviet Union release 376,000 Japanese war prisoners still held in the Soviet Union.)

The indictment cited alleged testimony from one of the defendants, Maj. Gen. Kawasima Kirosi, a Japanese army surgeon, that Emperor Hirohito issued secret orders in 1935 for the establishment of special bacteriological units.

The indictment said that Gen. Yamada Otozou, former commander of the Kwantung army,

Trees Topped By High Wind, Roads Blocked

Portland, Dec. 24 (AP)—Highway crews today were clearing the roads in the Mt. Hood area after a blizzard with winds up to 50 miles an hour felled trees, blocked highways, cut off telephone communications and caused considerable other damage.

The storm hit Government Camp about 7 p.m. Friday and increased in intensity during the night. Highway crews were kept busy all night removing fallen trees and debris from roads.

One falling tree demolished the late model car of Robert Hughes of Portland. Mrs. Hughes, who was in the car, suffered undetermined injuries. She was taken to a Portland hospital.

New Snow Falls

All telephone connections at Government Camp were severed last night. The forest service maintained communications, however, by radio.

Eight inches of snow fell during the night. The temperature dropped to 26 degrees. Strong gusts of wind piled huge drifts on the Mt. Hood highway. Power was cut off at Rhododendron.

State police found an unidentified motorist dead under his car on the highway near Government Camp. Police said he apparently had suffered a heart attack while putting chains on his car. His body was taken to Oregon City.

The highway to Timberline lodge was closed this morning, but forest service officials expected to have it opened later today.

Meantime, winds and rain washed out hopes of a white Christmas for western Oregon.

The weather bureau reported 1.07 inches of rain yesterday in Portland as storm flags flew along the Oregon-Washington coast.

A short circuit, blamed on wind-whipped tree branches, blacked out McMinnville for six and a half hours.

A 50-mile-an-hour blast at Long Beach, Wash., wrecked the roof of one home, took out telephone lines, uprooted trees and damaged several buildings.

Oregon highway spokesmen said the McKenzie pass would be plugged with snow for the rest of the winter. Chains were advised for other mountain passes.

Hungary Rejects American Demand

Budapest, Hungary, Dec. 24 (AP) Hungary rejected today a U. S. demand for the release of Robert C. Vogeler, an American industrialist, and announced that he had been charged with espionage, economic sabotage and "criminal activities."

A Hungarian note to the American legation regarding Vogeler said the government could not reverse "spies and saboteurs," whatever their citizenship might be.

Last Tuesday the United States demanded the immediate release of Vogeler, an assistant vice-president of the International Telephone and Telegraph company at the same time it forbade further travel by Americans in Hungary.

testified those units under his command were prepared to use bacterial weapons against Russia and Mongolia for the mass extermination of people and cattle.

The charge alleged the Japanese intended to spread the germs of cholera, the black death plague, gangrene, typhus and typhoid. The Japanese were accused of actually experimenting with these germs against living humans, including Soviet citizens.

The indictment listed the specific numbers of two units trained to manufacture germs on a large scale, to experiment with germs and to prepare special guns and planes for their distribution.

Other groups cultivated stocks of billions of lice infected with the black death plague and prepared to release them in central and south China, the indictment said.

The charge said that the germs carried by the lice were designed to cause a painful death to millions of civilians of not only belligerent but also neutral countries.