

Tumalo Hill Pumice Pit Scene of Fatal Accident



One man lost his life and another was seriously injured yesterday when a large logging truck, empty at the time, crashed through guard rails on the Tumalo grade and rolled into the deep pumice pit at the bottom of the grade. The wrecked truck and trailer are pictured in the pumice pit. Inset shows the manner Lewis Nowlin, fatally injured in the accident, was pinned under the wreckage. Dale C. Montgomery, driver, was seriously injured.

Organized Labor Still Unhappy At Wage Outlook

By Robert E. Lee
(United Press Correspondent)

Washington, Feb. 21 (UP)—Organized labor did not appear today to have got very far as yet in its effort to amend the proposed wage stabilization program.

As Economic Stabilizer Eric A. Johnston called another meeting this afternoon, with representatives of the AFL-CIO united labor policy committee, a labor spokesman said yesterday's talks had not changed the situation.

But Johnston hoped to work out a satisfactory plan to bring the three labor representatives back to the wage stabilization board they quit in protest over the board's adoption of a 10 per cent wage increase formula.

Labor Support Goal

The formula was adopted by the three industry and three public members of the nine-man board.

Johnston said that he and the board's public members would continue trying to find a basis "for complete labor support" of the wage control program.

However, the whole economic stabilization program got hit with a new blast last night by Walter P. Reuther, president of the CIO United Auto Workers. He demanded a price roll-back law with teeth.

He said unions were willing to accept the equivalent of a wage roll-back if prices were rolled back also. This could be accomplished he said, by the escalator tie-in clauses in many contracts. Under the escalator clause, wages rise and fall with the changes in the cost-of-living index.

Bank Remodeling Work Progresses

Remodeling and expansion of the Bend branch of the First National Bank of Portland is proceeding on schedule, according to an announcement today by R. L. Yarnes, branch manager.

Work on the newly annexed space adjacent to the former banking area has progressed sufficiently to allow the staff to move temporarily into that area, he reported. The move will expedite the installation of the new aluminum window sash and plate glass windows on Wall street and Oregon avenue.

After the new sash and windows have been installed, the staff, with the exception of the officers and notes and collection tellers, will move back into the original area.

Fine, Jail Term Given Man Who Shot Pond Geese

Theodore F. Goff, 406 Wall street, was fined \$200 and sentenced to 35 days in the county jail when he appeared yesterday before Justice of peace Ole W. Grubb on a charge of killing migratory birds during a closed season.

Goff had been arrested by state police officers on Feb. 9 after he reportedly killed two geese on the Deschutes river just north of Bend with a shotgun.

Judge Grubb stipulated that five days of the jail sentence must be served. The remaining 30 days will be suspended on payment of the fine. Goff began serving the jail sentence of five days immediately after his appearance before the justice of peace yesterday afternoon.

Central Oregon Gets Light Snow

A morning storm which brought Bend some pre-Easter snow whitened most of central Oregon this morning, but the fall was light on mountain passes and out over the eastern plateau. In Bend, snow started falling before daylight, and at 7 a.m. an inch covered the ground. Light snow fell in the area through the morning hours.

Road reports this morning indicated that driving conditions were near normal for this time of the year, with packed snow covering the mountain routes.

Forecasts call for a break in the light storm this afternoon, with milder weather in prospect for tomorrow.

Bend Merchants Division to Meet

An organization meeting of the retail merchants division of the Bend chamber of commerce will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the courthouse, Marion E. Gady, chamber manager, announced today.

He reported invitations to the meeting had been sent to approximately 120 Bend merchants. Business will include an election of officers for 1951.

E. O. Stadler, district attorney for Deschutes county, will speak at the meeting on the subject of bad checks. The meeting will be held in the circuit court room.

Air Power Not Conclusive War Factor, Declared

By John L. Steele
(United Press Correspondent)

Washington, Feb. 21 (UP)—Lt. Gen. Curtis E. Lemay said today that strategic bombing could smash Russia's industrial war power but that the United States had better send some ground troops to Europe just the same.

Lemay, chief of the U. S. long-range bombing command, told the senate foreign relations and armed services committees today:

1. For two or three years the "greatest deterrent" to Russian attack will be this nation's long-range bombers. They should be our "major contribution" to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's North Atlantic Defense forces.
2. A strategic air force of "proper size and properly supported" could "destroy the industrial potential of any nation, and that includes Russia."
3. But while long-range bombs

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Poison Alcohol Takes Five Lives

Tenth Corps Headquarters in Korea, Feb. 21 (UP)—Three soldiers and two seamen died and 15 other men became seriously ill when they drank denatured alcohol smuggled aboard a merchant ship during the Hungnam evacuation Dec. 18, official records disclosed today.

According to the official records available here, a 55-gallon drum of the poisonous alcohol which was being used as an anti-freeze was taken from an ordnance unit being loaded at the besieged harbor.

Some soldiers drank the alcohol on the beachhead. The first to perish died there. Some of the alcohol was smuggled aboard the evacuation ship Taywaron and was drunk there by soldiers and sailors.

A second soldier died en route to Pusan and the third died soon after reaching an army hospital there.

There were no details in the records here on the deaths of the seamen.

Of the three soldier victims, two were infantrymen and one an ordnance mechanic of the U. S. 7th division. The seamen were believed to be merchantmen. Names of the victims were not available.

Use of Influence to Gain RFC Loans Brought Out at Hearing

CIO Asks Tax On Those Most Able to Pay

By Rex Chaney
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Feb. 21 (UP)—The CIO proposed today that taxes be increased \$16,000,000,000 a year immediately and that the guiding principles be "ability to pay" and "equality of sacrifice."

The CIO's views were presented to the tax-framing ways and means committee by Stanley H. Rutenberg, director of the organization's department of education and research.

His proposal that \$16,000,000,000 be raised quickly went beyond the recommendation of President Truman. Mr. Truman had suggested that congress raise \$10,000,000,000 now and that a \$6,000,000,000 second package be considered later to put the government on a completely pay-as-we-go basis.

Some Disagreement

Rutenberg disagreed also with some of the recommendations made by Mr. Truman for raising the new revenue.

Where the president had suggested that excise taxes on gasoline, automobiles, television sets and other items be boosted by \$3,000,000,000 a year, Rutenberg contended that the result of this would be "to ration commodities according to the ability to buy and not according to need."

He argued that this was discriminatory and would force low income individuals out of the market and make room for high income families to buy the reduced supply of goods.

He said the government could get \$16,000,000,000 to \$18,000,000,000 in new revenue by big increases in corporation income taxes, by heavier taxes on the middle and upper income groups, and by closing loopholes in the present tax laws.

Corporations can stand a tax increase of \$8,000,000,000 or \$9,000,000,000, instead of the \$3,000,000,000 suggested by Mr. Truman, Rutenberg said.

Man's Suicide Cause of Blast

Portland, Feb. 21 (UP)—An explosion and fire were touched off in a large Portland apartment house today by gas fumes released in the apparent suicide of Elmer Earl Dillinger, 47, The Dalles, police reported.

The blast and the flames caused heavy damage several hours after Dillinger took his own life. The fire was discovered 10 minutes after the explosion in apartment No. 22 of the Bristol apartments on Grand avenue.

The apartment normally is occupied by Mrs. C. E. Carpenter. She reportedly was visiting in Coos Bay.

Everett Rodgers, manager of the three-story apartment house, and his wife entered the blazing apartment and discovered Dillinger's body lying on blankets in the kitchen.

Police said Dillinger was supposedly living in the apartment during the absence of Mrs. Carpenter. Tenants in the building said they thought Mrs. Carpenter and the dead man were related, but police could not confirm the report.

Damage Extensive

The blast heavily damaged at least four apartments, but no other tenants were injured.

Four burners of the kitchen stove were turned on, Rodgers reported. Firemen said the gas fumes apparently built up a pressure in the kitchen until the pilot light ignited them and caused the blast.

Deputy coroner Ted Lucas estimated Dillinger had been dead from six to eight hours prior to the explosion.

Detectives said they were convinced Dillinger took his life. Photographs and personal cards and letters had been arranged on the bed. A charred writing tablet with a pencil beside it was found on a table near the body, leading officers to believe a suicide note was destroyed in the fire.

Jet Bomber Spans Ocean In 4 Hours

Gander, Bfld., Feb. 21 (UP)—A twin-jet British bomber landed here at 12:23 p. m. today, completing a 2,000-mile flight from northern Ireland in the record time of four hours and 40 minutes.

The plane, claimed by the British to be the fastest of its type in the world, left Aldergrove, northern Ireland, at 7:43 EST with squadron leader Arthur E. Calhoun at the controls and a crew of two.

It roared out across the Atlantic ocean, bucking a 90-miles-an-hour headwind, hoping to complete the flight in four hours.

There is no exactly comparable record for the east-west, Ireland-to-Newfoundland crossing, although a jet plane flew from England to Labrador last spring in 10 hours and two minutes.

At High Altitude

A PanAmerican Airways Constellation holds a commercial plane record of six hours and 40 minutes for the flight from Shannon airport, Ireland, to Gander.

The Canberra flew most of the distance at altitudes greater than 40,000 feet. The plane roared into sight of this Newfoundland outpost at 12:16 p. m., touching down on the airport seven minutes later.

The jet bomber will go to Andrews air base, Washington, D. C., for tests by the U. S. air force. If the tests are successful, the plane may be mass-produced in the United States for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Atlantic army air force.

Accident Cause Not Determined

Cause of the logging truck accident which Tuesday morning claimed the life of Lewis L. Nowlin of Bend has not been definitely determined, according to Sheriff C. L. McCauley, who investigated, with Jay Walker, deputy coroner.

Officers said that Dale C. Montgomery, driver of the truck, apparently lost control of the vehicle after swerving to the side of the road when meeting an east-bound car. The truck, traveling unloaded toward Sisters, plummeted from the top of Tumalo grade some 70 feet to the bottom of a pumice cut.

Responds To Treatment

Montgomery, 32, suffered multiple fractures of both shoulders and multiple lacerations of the face, hands, knees and scalp. He is responding to treatment, according to the attending physician, who described his condition today as "serious but not critical."

It is not believed that he suffered any internal injuries, the doctor said.

Funeral services for Nowlin, who was killed instantly, were set for Friday at 2 p. m. from the Niswonger-Winslow chapel. Burial will be in Pilot Butte cemetery.

Nowlin, brother-in-law of Montgomery, was employed as foreman by E. C. Eastman, excavating contractor. Nowlin was not working Tuesday and rode with Montgomery, owner of the truck, who has been living in Sisters and hauling logs to Brooks-Scanlon, Inc., Bend, for Endicott Logging company, Sisters. Nowlin's wife is Montgomery's sister.

In addition to his wife, 2180 1/2 Awbury road, Nowlin is survived by a son, Ronald, 20, who was en route by plane today from Arizona, where he is stationed at Williams air base. Nowlin also leaves a brother, Wesley, of Rogersville, Mo.

Gambling Extends To Coast, Claim

Portland, Ore., Feb. 21 (UP)—Police Chief Charles Pray said today his department had been asked by the Milwaukee, Wis., police for information regarding telephone calls on basketball gambling from a Portland card room to Milwaukee.

Commenting on an assertion by Michigan State college basketball coach Pete Newell that Portland was a "hotbed" of basketball gambling, Chief Pray said:

"It is one thing to bet and another thing to rig games. And, knowledge I have of basketball and football is what any other citizen would have."

Ceilings Put On Used Cars, To End Racket

Washington, Feb. 21 (UP)—Price controller Michael V. DiSalle cracked down today on a nationwide "new-used" car racket with an order setting retail price ceilings on all automobiles.

The order applies to cars sold by dealers or individuals and is effective March 1.

DiSalle said the new ceilings are temporary and will be replaced as soon as possible by a permanent control order.

Dealers' ceiling prices for new cars will be the manufacturers' list price, plus charges for "legitimate extras."

The ceiling for any used car still being manufactured will be the delivered ceiling price of the same car when new. If a 1950 Chevrolet, for example, sold originally for \$1,450 no dealer or individual can buy or sell it for more than that price after March 2.

Rollback Indicated

For all other models of used cars, the ceiling will be the highest price listed for that make and model in the January 1951 issue of the official guide which the seller customarily used between Dec. 1, 1950 and Jan. 25, 1951.

The order probably will mean a big rollback on thousands of "new-used" cars now standing on dealers' lots throughout the country.

Price control officials said a large number of new automobiles were being driven a token distance from the dealer's showrooms and then put on sale as used cars at more than new car prices. The existing ceilings on new car prices can thus be evaded.

One of the five standard price guide books used by dealers lists \$1,665 as the current selling price of a 1950 Chevrolet four-door sedan. The factory price of the same car when sold new last year was \$1,450.

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Party to Visit Deschutes Caves

Students of Pacific northwest caves plan an outing in the Bend region this summer with ice caverns of the upper Deschutes region to be their "primary targets," according to information received here today from Dr. W. R. Halliday of Seattle. He is president of the newly organized Cascade groto of the National Speleological society, a group interested in the science of caves.

Members of the Deschutes Geology club are to serve as guides for the "cavers" on their central Oregon visit, on a week end not yet set, John H. Eaton, president of the club, has announced.

To Study Caverns

"We have all too few members who are familiar with the lava tube portion of speleology," Dr. Halliday wrote. "This seeming neglect of lava tubes is due in large part to the origin of the NSS in eastern limestone areas, and its slow westward diffusion. Only for three years has any organized work been done in California, and the Cascade groto has just been organized."

Dr. Halliday said the society is attempting to emphasize the study of lava caverns a bit more at present, and for this reason the summer trip to the Bend area is being arranged. Studies of the Arnold ice cave, Skeleton cave, Wind cave and the Lava River tunnel are planned.

Joining in the Bend trip will be members from Seattle, Portland, Tacoma and other northwest points. Dr. Halliday said the large group plans to make "dry camps" while in the Deschutes country.

DR. CHAMBERS DIES

Corvallis, Feb. 21 (UP)—Dr. P. R. Chambers, 57, head of the Oregon State college psychology department, died here today from a cerebral hemorrhage.

Dr. Chambers, head of the OSC department for 22 years, was in apparently good health. He died while dressing.

Not Much Chance

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Chinese Reds Hit American Tank Forces

Tokyo, Feb. 21 (UP)—Chinese Reds hurled an American tank spearhead back across the Han river today in a bristling reply to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's call for a new offensive in Korea.

The armored patrol withdrew to the south bank of the Han, seven miles east of Seoul, under the heaviest and most accurate mortar barrage its commander ever had seen.

The Reds also drove off a South Korean patrol attempting a crossing two miles closer to Seoul. Two other American patrols met a similar reception yesterday.

On the central front, however, UN spearheads probed north virtually unopposed on the heels of retreating communist forces. The Reds pulled out of their pocket in the east-central mountains above Chechon so fast that they abandoned their dead and supplies.

Mortar Fire Accurate

The American tank and infantry patrol which tried to probe across the rain-swollen Han east of Seoul ran into at least 150 rounds of "amazingly accurate" mortar fire, battalion commander Lt. Col. Jerry Allen of Brattleboro, Vt., reported.

Never before, Allen said, had he encountered such a withering mortar barrage. A driving rain also bogged down his tanks in ankle-deep mud.

Communist guns and mortars were serving a blazing notice that the Reds intend to defend the Han river line on the western front against any allied attempt to force it and take Seoul on the north bank.

UN artillery and tanks answered in kind. They neutralized two enemy mortar positions and entrenched enemy troops at one point east of Seoul and two communist self-propelled guns and an artillery piece in another.

Air spotters reported the communists also digging in around the UN bridgehead on the north bank of the Han bend at Yangpyong, 27 miles east of Seoul.

Eight miles farther east, heavy communist mortar fire four miles northeast of Chipyong forced another UN tank-infantry patrol to withdraw. The mortar positions were taken under allied artillery fire.

LUMBER FIRMS SUE

Portland, Feb. 21 (UP)—Two suits by eastern lumber companies on file in federal district court here today asked more than \$273,000 damages for Lumber Incorporated, a local brokerage firm.

The suits claim the company failed to meet agreements to deliver lumber the firms ordered. Plaintiffs are Hillcrest Lumber company, New York, and the American Lumber company, a Pennsylvania corporation. They ask \$249,955 and \$23,096 respectively.

Both firms claim that their orders for lumber were placed with Lumber, Inc., last year. Hillcrest said only some small deliveries were made while American said none of the lumber was delivered.

House May Reconsider Colored Oleomargarine Vote

By William Warren
(United Press Staff Writer)

Salem, Ore., Feb. 21 (UP)—Attempts to have the Oregon house of representatives reconsider the vote by which it defeated repeal of the law prohibiting the sale of colored oleo were not making much headway today, but Rep. John Hounsell, leading the movement, said he has not given up.

Hounsell said he still needed more than a half-dozen votes to obtain the consent of the necessary 40 members for reconsideration.

No action for reconsideration was taken today. House rules provide that reconsideration moves must be made within three days of defeat of a measure.

The measure was defeated by the house Monday by a vote of 30 to 28, after passing the senate 16 to 14.

House Speaker John Steelhammer said, however, that there is virtually no time limit, because a vote of 40 members of the House can suspend the rules anyway, including the rule which forbids reconsideration.

Not Much Chance

Rep. Maurine Neuberger, co-author of the bill to permit the sale of colored oleo, told United Press that she did not think the reconsideration movement "had much chance."

Young Faces Accuser In \$85,000 Deal

Washington, Feb. 21 (UP)—E. Merl Young and his accuser gave conflicting testimony today about "influence" in RFC loans and Sen. Charles W. Tobey, R., N. H., said "one of these men is lying."

Young, former RFC examiner accused of peddling "influence" for fat fees, said the Texmass Petroleum Co., came to him to use his "alleged influence" in getting a \$10,000,000 RFC loan and that he was "astounded" by the proposal.

His accuser—Ross Bohannon, attorney for Texmass—said Young offered his "influence" with the RFC for \$85,000 but that the company turned him down.

Accuser and accused confronted each other before a senate banking sub-committee investigating the Reconstruction Finance Corp. "One of these men is lying," Tobey said. It is "very evident somebody has committed perjury."

After Young testified, Bohannon was recalled to the stand by Chairman J. William Fulbright, D., Ark., and asked if he thought Young was "not telling the truth." "Well, I'm not lying," Bohannon replied firmly.

Accounts Differ

The clash centered around different accounts of negotiations for an RFC loan for Texmass. The company got the loan in June, 1949, and went bankrupt later.

Bohannon testified that John B. Skiles, a Dallas RFC official, recommended Young as an "expendable" because he had "tremendous influence" with the RFC and was "close to President Truman." He said Young offered to use his "influence" for \$85,000 but that it was turned down because Sens. Tom Connally and Lyndon B. Johnson, Texas democrats, advised that no such help was needed.

The 38-year-old ex-marine, who started out as a \$1080-a-year messenger's helper in the government in 1940, said he told Bohannon he was not interested and that he "never represented anyone" before the RFC. He said he thought it was "funny" and told Boyle so, and that Boyle "told me to forget it, or something like that." Boyle then was a Washington attorney.

Young, who once estimated he made \$60,000 last year as an "insurance broker," told the sub-committee "I have nothing to hide; I have never received any fee or commission for representing anyone before the RFC."

Under Fulbright's questioning, Young said he "might have" discussed the Texmass deal and his talk with Bohannon with RFC director Walter L. Dunham, but that he was not sure.

He also said he saw securities and exchange commissioner Harry McDonald from time to time, and "might have" discussed Texmass' troubles with the SEC.

In the event that the house refuses to reconsider the bill, the matter will be carried to the voters. Sponsors of the proposal to lift the ban on colored oleo already have served notice that they not only plan to take that fight to the people by initiative petition, but at the same time they will fight to abolish Oregon's milk control act, under which minimum prices are set by the milk control authority.

Sponsors say they have noted a growing resentment against the milk control authority since a price boost of a cent and a half a quart to 22 cents, was recently allowed. They say there also is resentment against the fact that the authority also dictates the maximum butterfat content of milk so that independent dairymen who might wish to do so, are barred from placing richer milk on the market. One representative said a Wasco county dairyman with a fine herd of dairy cattle had got out of business because he could not get a quota from the milk authority.

Big Firms Benefit

Several dairymen have said that the milk control act seems to work for the interests of the big dairy distributors and against the interests of the small dairymen. If the milk control act should be

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