



Dallas—A crew of the Salem Sand & Gravel company is at the end of the line with the new 16-inch main from the site of the city's new three million gallon reservoir. The job of laying the line is now completed but for cleanup work. In the above photo men are shown cutting into the Main street line at the Clay street intersection. (Abel Photo).

11 Drown in Texas Flood

Dallas, Tex., June 15 (AP)—The Trinity river rose toward flood crest today after killing 11 lowland suburban residents and wrecking an estimated \$1,000,000 in property damage.

Sheriff Bill Decker said he believed flood damage at Garland, a suburb of Dallas where four persons were drowned, would reach \$1,000,000.

Three of the dead at Garland were members of one family. They were A. R. King, 39, his wife, and their son, Buddy.

The U.S. weather bureau here said the Trinity river was at 37 feet, nine feet above flood stage and probably would crest by mid-morning.

Barring heavy thunderstorms, the weather bureau here said, no major flooding was expected on the Trinity. Flood warnings remained in effect for the low-

lands downstream however.

It was a fork of the usually placid Trinity that flooded Fort Worth and caused millions of dollars in damages last month.

Reconstruction Finance Corp. appraisers and a group of insurance experts estimated damage to homes and business establishments at Garland would amount to at least \$250,000.

Capital Is Dry

Washington, June 15 (AP)—Rain hasn't fallen in the nation's capital for 18 consecutive days today.

Old Age Hearings Planned by Group

The legislative interim committee to investigate old age pensions and other public welfare will hold public hearings over the state during the next 18 months.

The committee held its first meeting here yesterday.

Sen. Rex Ellis, Pendleton, was elected chairman, and Rep. A. J.

Swett, Tillamook, was named secretary. tin Fiegel, Portland; and Reps. Dean Erwin, Enterprise, and Earl McNutt, Eugene.

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Temporary Insanity Held in Lee Case

When Robert Earl Lee, convict, walked away from the Oregon State penitentiary farm, May 12, he was temporarily insane, or at least so a jury in circuit court found Tuesday afternoon after deliberating less than an hour and finding him innocent of a charge of escaping from the institution.

Lee's attorney, John Steelhammer, set up the defense of temporary insanity, citing insanity in the family of the defendant. After Lee left the prison farm he hid out in the woods for seven days before being picked up at Scotts Mills.

He will now return to prison to finish out an eight year sentence from Lakeview imposed September 4, 1947, on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

connection with construction of the Meridian dam on the Middle fork of the Willamette river. The company's bid of \$1,178,057 was low of eight, the Portland district corps of engineers announced, and was for a concrete arch-type culvert instead of a water tunnel.

The government estimate for the work was \$1,287,978.

Utah Construction was awarded a contract on May 13 for a similar amount of railway and highway relocation work.

Gunman Injures Guard

Denver, June 15 (AP)—A young gunman tried to force his way into the Denver county jail today, apparently in an attempt to release some friends inside, but succeeded only in wounding one guard before successfully eluding a net of radio cars.

3 Blocks Burn in Vancouver Fire

Vancouver, B.C., June 15 (CP)—A four-alarm fire raged uncontrolled for nearly two hours through a main industrial section of east-central Vancouver early today. Fire Chief R. M. MacDonald estimated the damage at "easily more than \$1,000,000."

The blaze consumed a cluster of lumber yards, a paper factory, a stone cutters plant and a welding shop.

A 30-mile-an-hour east wind helped the fire leap Main street here to endanger at one point additional industrial buildings worth millions of dollars. The advance was quelled however.

About 500 firemen—every available man, including off-duty men—fought the blaze. Every available piece of apparatus was brought into play.

A district chief described the blaze as one of the most serious and most spectacular in the city's history.

An area three blocks in length and with a two-block front was swept over.

At least one casualty is known.

Contract Let for R. R. Re-location

Portland, June 15 (AP)—Utah Construction company today submitted the low bid for relocation of about 2½ miles of Southern Pacific railroad and 2½ miles of state highway No. 58.

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