

THE WEATHER HERE

CLOUDY WITH occasional light rains tonight, Tuesday. Snow in mountains. Little change in temperature. Lowest tonight, 34; highest Tuesday, 44.

Maximum yesterday, 40; minimum today, 30. Total 24-hour precipitation, .01; for month, 1.37; normal, 2.41. Season precipitation, 10.91; normal, 13.18. River height, 3.5 of a foot. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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Ward Party on American Ship Sails for Japan

Mukden Consul General Tells of 13 Month "Hellish Experience"

Aboard Lakeland Victory off Taku Bar, Dec. 12 (U.P.)—Consul General Angus Ward and his party of 19 boarded this American freighter today after 13 months of what he described as "hellish" experiences as captives of the Chinese communists.

The diplomat, his beard turned white and his clothes hanging loosely on his gaunt frame, refused to comment directly on the question of U.S. recognition of the communist government in China. But he voiced contempt for their concepts of law, justice and "brutal disregard" of his Mukden consulate's status as a de facto United States diplomatic agency.

"I'll not express my opinion," Ward said, as he sat sipping coffee in the wardroom of the Lakeland Victory, "but I will cite this fact which you can interpret for yourself."

Ordered to Prison "De facto relations actually existed between the consulate and the Mukden city government up to Nov. 20, 1946. Then, without warning, we received a message addressed by the communists merely to the 'compound'."

"The same thing happened to the British the day before," Ward said. "They also had been maintaining de facto relations with the municipal communist regime."

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Winter Comes To California

Los Angeles, Dec. 12 (AP)—Winter came to southern California today, with broken water pipes, icy streets and similar phenomena usually associated with colder climates.

Temperatures skidded below zero in snow-covered mountains with Big Bear recording minus three degrees. Elsewhere they ranged upward to Los Angeles 37.

In many citrus districts they touched the low 20's, and surveys were started to determine the damage. Extensive fruit loss, however, does not develop for several weeks.

Such citrus centers as Redlands and Rialto recorded 23 degrees, with 22 in other spots. Orchard heating was extensive, and a black pall of smudge smoke covered a 70-mile band from the mountains to the ocean.

General Manager Robbins of the Mutual Orange Distributors, a citrus cooperative, said heating generally probably forestalled serious losses to navel oranges, "because of the maturity and size of the fruit—it is bigger this year than for several years past."

Mile-high Lake Arrowhead recorded a minimum of 12 as did the Mojave desert community of Lancaster, where water pipes and car radiators froze.

Water pipes also froze in Van Nuys, in the San Fernando valley, where 24 degrees was recorded.

Snow Falling on Cascade Roads

The state highway commission warned motorists today to carry chains across Santiam and McKenzie passes, as well as near Government Camp and on the Warm Springs highway.

The commission also said chains are needed on the Ochoco highway, and near Pendleton, Meacham, John Day and Austin.

There was packed snow today at all those points, with snow-plows operating.

The commission's 9 a.m. road report listed the following below normal conditions:

Government Camp—Snowing lightly, packed snow, plows operating. 2 inches new snow, 16 inches roadside snow.

Santiam pass—Snowing lightly, packed snow, plows operating. 2 inches new snow, 22 inches roadside snow.

McKenzie pass—Snowing lightly, packed snow, plows operating. 24 inches roadside snow.

Tornadoes and Blizzards Kill 11 Week-End

Property Damage Heavy in Central South Twisters

(By the Associated Press) Screaming tornadoes, a whistling blizzard and flashing lightning killed at least 11 persons in various parts of the nation over the weekend.

The known deaths from other causes indirectly attributed to the weather had mounted to 34.

Property damage from the tornadoes which lashed north central Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Illinois was high. Arkansas alone estimated its damage might reach \$100,000.

All the tornado dead are in Arkansas and Missouri. The twisters hammered six Arkansas communities yesterday, killed three persons and injured ten.

Many escaped the fury by taking shelter in storm cellars. The communities hit were Clinton, Beebee, Velvet Ridge, Cross Roads, Providence and Bradford. Two were killed at Cross Roads, one at Providence.

Black as Midnight Garland Robbins, 60, of Providence, described the twister as "black as midnight and roaring like hell." His store was destroyed.

Near Poplar Bluff, in southeastern Missouri, six persons were killed and 15 injured by a tornado which cut through ten miles of farm area. Telephone lines were knocked down and some streets flooded in Poplar Bluff by a heavy rain which followed the twister.

Some farm buildings were unroofed in Madison county, in southern Illinois, by another twister but no one was injured. In Muskogee, Okla., a three car garage lifted 30 feet from its foundation was the only known damage.

Hannibal, Mo., reported considerable property damage from high winds. Three persons were injured there.

Killed by Lightning Nine-year-old Junia Kay Lovelless was killed by lightning as she stood in the doorway of a smokehouse on the family's farm near Modesto, Ill. At Miles City, Mont., a 98-year-old retired stockman was found dead of exposure to a blizzard which had swept the Rocky Mountain area.

The blizzard had moved eastward with diminishing force today into northern Minnesota but the entire Great Lake region was buffeted by strong winds. Snow flurries were occurring in Minnesota, Wisconsin, northern Michigan and northern Iowa along with falling temperatures.

The storm had blown itself out in the Rockies where the mercury was on the climb. Denver had five inches of snow, Livingston, Mont., 10 inches.

Records High in East Meanwhile, the eastern half of the nation was enjoying record high temperatures yesterday at some points. At Chicago, the mercury hit 61 degrees for Dec. 11 all-time high, while Memphis, Tenn., had a record 77, accompanied by thunder storms.

Other deaths indirectly ascribed to the week-end weather were mostly from traffic accidents on highways or in fog.

2 American Officials Back From North Korea

Seoul, Dec. 12 (AP)—Two emaciated American officials were back from North Korea today after 81 days confinement by communists.

They were returned yesterday. The Soviet backed regime indicated it had given up on its apparent attempt to get some form of United States recognition in exchange for the economic cooperation administration aides, who were delivered to them by a mutinous ship's crew.

Albert E. Willis, 40, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Alfred T. Meschter, 28, of Kinderhook, N. Y., shocked Willis' blonde, little wife with their appearance.

Mrs. Beatrice Willis estimated her husband lost almost a pound a day and said it would take a lot of home cooking to undo the damage.

"My heart sank when I saw him," she told me today. "He looked like a human skeleton. Why his clothes almost fell off of him. He weighed 190 pounds when he left Fusan. He must have lost 60 pounds."

Meschter said the two men were reasonably fit—especially compared with the week before when the communists started



Brain Trusters Aiding Truman

Key West, Fla., Dec. 12 (AP)—Bright young lawyers and research workers pooled their brain power today to help President Truman and the "fair deal" along.

They worked on the presidential yacht U.S.S. Williamsburg, and in quarters L, a naval residence, in their usual anonymity but the sunshine of this Florida vacation spot reflected their activities.

Secretary of the Treasury Snyder's arrival yesterday for a 24-hour stay—joining Budget Director Frank Pace—focused attention on taxes and spending, but the working force doing the spade work said basic decisions already have been made.

And both Snyder and Pace are returning to Washington today, weather permitting. They talked over the size of the budget and the prospects of raising additional revenue by new levies against corporation profits.

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Reed Student Wins Rhodes Scholarship

Portland, Dec. 12 (AP)—Bertram Gale Dick, Jr., Reed College physics student, has been awarded a Rhodes scholarship. He is among 32 named after 412 scholars took examinations Saturday.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Dick, Portland, he entered Reed in 1946 after navy wartime service as an electronics technicians mate, 2nd class. He was president of the student body while at Roosevelt high in Portland.

Sardine Creek Timber Sale Up to State Board

A controversy of year's standing over a right-of-way leading into a state-owned tract of 32 million feet of timber in the Sardine Creek area in Marion county was referred to a committee of three members of the state board of forestry Monday for settlement.

Ford Converse, timber operator who has been logging an area just below the state's timber stand, and who built the private right of way, wanted the board to sell the state-owned timber to him.

Governor McKay declared that no sale of the timber could be made without competitive bids under the law and pointed out that in fairness to other bidders the state should acquire joint use on the right of way. An effort by the forestry department to acquire this joint use in the past has failed.

Lynn F. Cronemiller, assistant state forester, in charge of timber sales, told the board that the disputed right of way "is the only access to the property and will influence the sale of this timber."

Cronemiller said that a department appraisal some time ago had set a \$200,000 value on the state-owned timber and that J. K. Elder, a former associate of Converse had successfully bid \$135,000, \$150,000 and \$180,000.

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Crack Shasta Daylight Train Crashes Truck

Eugene, Dec. 12 (AP)—The Shasta Daylight smashed into a logging truck on the tracks between Harrisburg and Junction City at 9:51 a. m. today, and the unidentified driver miraculously escaped injury. No one was injured on the crack San Francisco bound Streamliner.

Engineer H. L. Mercier of Portland pulled away from the scene almost an hour after the accident and the Shasta picked up its schedule out of Eugene at 11:15 a. m.—exactly an hour behind time.

Damage to the train is estimated by Southern Pacific officials at \$2500 but the logging truck was almost intact. Seventy five foot logs loaded on the truck were splintered at the impact and scattered over the crossing. The train was traveling 79 miles per hour when the engine rammed the tail end of the truck.

Granite Cliff Crashes Killing 4

Victorville, Calif., Dec. 12 (AP)—Without warning, a 70-ton granite slab split from a cliff at Dead Man's point and crashed onto a holiday picnic, crushing to death four persons and critically injuring two others.

Horrified children of the victims watched helplessly as the huge rock fragment brought a swift, tragic climax to the outing of 18 friends on the edge of the Mojave desert yesterday. The popular picnic site, overlooking the desert, is sheltered by the rocky prominence.

Rescuers said the jutting rock broke free because a six-hour campfire heated it following the intense cold of the early morning.

Killed were Robert Asper, 35, and Mrs. Jessie Isom, 45, both of Upland, Calif., Harold Bovee, 40, Ventura, Calif., and Mrs. Frances Morris, 38, Pomona, Calif.

Critically injured were Mrs. Frances Long, 35, Upland, and Clifford Morris, 38, husband of Mrs. Morris. Rescuers tunneled for two hours to reach Mrs. Long, who was resting on a cot when the ledge broke off. She and Morris suffered internal injuries and face and head cuts.

Milburn Hirschman, Pomona, rolled away as the rock fell.

Campaign for Hoover Report

Washington, Dec. 12 (AP)—President Truman said today he will press, during the coming session of congress, for legislation to bring about "better, more efficient management" of the federal government.

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Prosecution in Hiss Trial Rests

New York, Dec. 12 (AP)—The government rested its case in the second Alger Hiss perjury trial at 12:27 p.m. (EST) today.

The prosecution's 35th and final witness was Mrs. Hede Massing, former wife of communist fugitive Gerhart Eisler, who stood by her story that Hiss was a communist underground worker when he held high state department office before the war.

Mrs. Massing, formerly a Viennese actress, said under cross-examination that she believed Hiss had broken with the communist party since that time.

Hiss' second trial began Nov. 17 and the government rested its case during the 15th court day.

Hiss is accused of lying when he denied to a federal grand jury that he ever gave state department papers to ex-communist Whittaker Chambers.

Bancroft Act Bonds To Cover Street Paving

An ordinance bill authorizing the issue of \$117,667.99 in bonds under the Bancroft bonding act will be introduced at the city council meeting Monday night.

The issue is to cover street improvements of the past year. Cost of improvement is assessed against abutting property, but property owners have the privilege under the Bancroft act of paying in installments over a period of 10 years. The city retires the bonds from time to time as money from the assessments accumulates.

A resolution will be introduced for vacation of an alley in Block 86, which is the location of the state highway office building that is now under construction.

Interest is centering on appearance of Salem taxicab operators and 11 drivers who are to show cause why their licenses should not be cancelled. The hearing ordered by the council, grows out of the recent morals case involving the drivers and an under-age girl.

Also before the council will be an ordinance bill that would permit taxicab operation under strict regulation. Some of the requirements set out in the bill are:

Applicants would have to state whether they had ever been convicted of felonies or misdemeanors involving moral turpitude, and their fingerprints would be recorded.

After investigation the chief of police would advise the city treasurer whether a license should be issued.

Carl M. Hamre Of Salem, Driver Of Auto, Dead

By C. K. LOGAN One man is dead and three others hospitalized here as a result of a head-on automobile collision between Lyons and Mill City in Linn county shortly before 8 o'clock Monday morning.

Killed was Carl Martin Hamre, 47, of 640 S. Capitol; injured are Paul Lozden, 27, and Tony Butterfly, 26, of the same address and Eugene Thornley, 18, of Mill City. The injured are in the Salem Memorial hospital.

Apparently not injured and passengers in the Hamre car are Elvin Penrod, about 50, of 1345 Lee, who was brought to the hospital and then sent home by taxi without being admitted. Kenneth Watkins, about 23, of Mehana, was taken to Mill City for treatment, then home.

All Construction Workers Lozden received cuts about the head, eye and has a back injury. He said that all the Salem men were general construction workers employed by Consolidated Builders, Inc., and were going to work on the Detroit dam.

Thornley, who was alone, was driving to work on the railroad at Lyons. He said that his automobile went out of control on a curve in the highway and he was unable to avoid hitting the other vehicle. He said he was not going fast at the time.

Butterfly is apparently the most seriously injured, receiving a fractured foot and rib and also cuts about the head.

The Hamre automobile, a 1948 Plymouth, was nearly demolished. Some confusion arose over the other vehicle which was registered to William Lasley, of Roseburg, but operated by Thornley.

Lozden says he spent several months in a hospital in North Africa during the war. He was a member of a five-man crew. He says he does not know what happened to the tank or the other members of his crew, for when he "came to" he was in an army hospital where he remained over three months. He still has scars to show for that episode.

Hamre's body is at the Weddle funeral home in Stayton.

Farm Bureau Snubs Brannan

Chicago, Dec. 12 (AP)—The powerful American Farm Bureau Federation opens its annual convention today with a cold shoulder for the present secretary of agriculture.

Secretary Brannan is not on the convention's speaking program. But Senator Clinton P. Anderson (D-N.M.) the former secretary, is.

Allen B. Kline, president of the federation, has been a critic of the controversial Brannan farm plan. He called it a political scheme to get votes of both farmers and consumers.

(The plan is designed to assure farmers high returns and consumers cheaper food. Government cash payments to farmers would be the main device for achieving such a dual goal.)

Although it is customary for the federation to invite the secretary of agriculture to address the annual convention, relations between the farm group and the cabinet officer have been so cool that the farmers skipped it this year.

Other farm groups have continued the custom of inviting the secretary.

Sen. Anderson will address the Wednesday afternoon session on "who shall speak for the farmer?"

Eric Johnston, president of the motion picture association of America, is another bureau speaker.

Robinson Gets Carver Medal

New York, Dec. 12 (AP)—The George Washington Carver Memorial institute's 1949 gold award for betterment of race relations has gone to Jackie Robinson, the Brooklyn Dodgers' Negro star.