

THE WEATHER HERE

PARTLY CLOUDY with occasional showers tonight, Saturday. Continued cool. Lowest temperature tonight, 30; highest Saturday, 43.

Maximum yesterday, 42; minimum today, 22. Total 24-hour precipitation: .14; for month: 4.80; normal, 6.21. Season precipitation, 14.34; normal, 17. River height, 8.9 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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Bus Company To Confer with City Officials

CTL to Continue Service on All Lines Until Tuesday

By STEPHEN A. STONE City Transit Lines will not discontinue any of its suburban routes January 1, but will continue all lines as at present at least through Tuesday, Jan. 3.

On that date a conference between city authorities and representatives of the transit company will be held to determine what will be done after that. Possibly a public hearing may be held at a later date.

This was the situation today after Mayor Robert L. Elstrom had requested General Manager Carl Wendt of the transit company, through R. J. Davidson, Salem manager for the company, to continue service until a hearing could be had.

Examine Authority Later Wendt called the mayor and stated his position.

Because of uncertainty as to whether the city has authority over the lines outside the city limits City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz and Mayor Elstrom were trying to find out today just where the city's authority begins and ends.

Authority of the state public utilities commission over transportation companies in a radius of three miles outside city limits ends January 1 under a new law effective on that date. The transit company announced that it would immediately abandon service to the Fruitland-Auburn area east of Lancaster avenue and to the Swegle and Fisher road area.

Protests Pour In Protests began to be heard, resulting in Mayor Elstrom's request to General Manager Wendt today. Wendt takes the position that the city is without authority outside the city limits. City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz admits that the franchise held by City Transit Lines has no provision whereby the city can dictate a route outside the city limits.

But whether the new state law transferring jurisdiction from the utilities commission to the city automatically gives that authority is something of a question. The law, it seems, is not clear on the question.

Aid Offered Lowery Family

Material aid for the Homer Lowery family at Falls City is taking substantial form with nearly \$700 already contributed, supplies donated and a pie social scheduled for the Bridgeport community hall at 8 o'clock Friday night with residents of the Gutherie community to take similar action.

The Lowerys lost two little girls in a fire which consumed their small residence and all its furnishings early Wednesday morning. The father and one little girl are hospitalized at Dallas with the two youngest children and mother escaping injury.

Floyd French, Falls City grocer, who announced that he would contribute his truck and time in picking up any donations in the district, reports that Salem used and new car dealers had contributed \$300 in cash while Clifford Reeves, member of the Falls City volunteer fire department, turned in \$400 more donated by Falls City business houses and residents. Another dollar was received from an elderly Salem woman who said "she wished she could afford to give more."

When the family is located a Lake Labish district farmer has offered to provide 10 bushels of potatoes and other vegetables. In the meantime contributions of canned goods and clothing are being received.

154 New Cases of Polio During Week

Washington, Dec. 30 (AP)—There were 154 new cases of polio during the week ending Dec. 24, the public health service said today.

The five-year average for that week is 90 cases, the agency said. During the preceding week, ending Dec. 17, there were 243 new cases.

India Extends Recognition To Red China

Nehru Severs Diplomatic Relations with Nationalist China

New Delhi, Dec. 30 (AP)—India recognized the Chinese communist regime in Peiping today and official London reports said Britain, Australia and New Zealand would follow suit next week on January 7.

India's action as the first British commonwealth country to recognize the Chinese communists was announced in an official statement. At the same time the Indian government broke off diplomatic relations with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's nationalist government.

The London reports said Canada would announce her recognition of the Chinese communists after the commonwealth conference in Colombo, Ceylon, which starts January 9 and closes January 14.

Ceylon Awaits Bevin Ceylon, another British dominion, is expected to announce recognition when British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin arrives for the conference next week. Similar announcements by South Africa and Pakistan are anticipated later.

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Nationalists Strike Back

Taipei, Formosa, Dec. 30 (AP)—The nationalist Chinese government tonight severed diplomatic relations with India.

Severance of relations with the other big Asian nation came but a few hours after India had recognized the communist regime as the government of China.

A statement from the nationalist foreign office here said the government had learned with "profound regret" of India's recognition of the communist government in Peiping.

The government, which fled here from the mainland as the Reds swept China, pointed out that the communist regime in China lacks many attributes of a sovereign state and the full support of the Chinese people.

The statement added that the Indian government's act will tend to aid the spread of communism in Asia.

The foreign office statement concluded "in view of the above the Chinese government is constrained to recall its diplomatic mission to India in spite of the friendliest feelings which the Chinese people always cherished and will continue to cherish toward the Indian people."

Pittsburgh Found Noisiest of Cities

New York, Dec. 30 (AP)—Pittsburgh, with its narrow, crowded streets, is the nation's noisiest city, a sound research laboratory reported today. Los Angeles is the quietest.

The Vander Schalie laboratory, after a survey that lasted more than two months, listed the 10 noisiest cities for 1949 in this order:

Pittsburgh, Chicago, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Cincinnati, Houston, Miami and St. Louis.

Cold, White New Year Looms for Northwest

(By the Associated Press) A winter storm moved in on western Washington and Oregon today.

Snow fell intermittently or was in prospect in many Washington areas. A cold, white New Year's day was in prospect.

A wintry blow was due later this afternoon and tonight. The weather bureau ordered storm warnings hoisted at 11 a.m. along the Washington coast and south to Cape Blanco, Ore.

Southeast winds of 20 to 30 miles an hour, with gusts to 40, were forecast.

Small craft warnings were posted for the Strait of Juan de Fuca and inland waters of Washington. Winds of 15 to 25 miles an hour were in prospect for the Puget Sound area.

The wintry blasts were expected to diminish on the Washington coast early tonight and over the rest of the area late tonight.



Giant Log at Mill in Dallas

Dallas—A big Douglas fir log hauled in to the Willamette Valley Lumber company here Wednesday is among the largest ever seen here.

Those responsible for cutting it and bringing it to Dallas were K. F. Doty, Dallas; Robert Jahn, Louie Potter, and Lewis Ritner of Peedee who felled and bucked the big tree in logging operations of Fred Ansel and Don Green on the Roy Gage ranch.

The log measured 11 feet across the butt and seven feet across the top. Twenty-four feet in length, it scaled 8020 board feet. In May, 1949, a "big stick" was sawed at the Willamette Valley Lumber company that was over eight feet in diameter. It was 22 feet long and scaled 7277. At that time it was believed to be the largest to be cut here.

The log brought here Wednesday caused considerable trouble in falling. A chair saw with a six-foot bar was used to cut around the tree, and a section of stump rot in the center helped ease the job.

On the highway to Dallas the log barely cleared through the White bridge across the Little Luckiamute.

First Snow of Season in Valley

First snow of the season to stay on the ground glistened on housetops and lawns in Salem, Friday morning. Snow flurries came earlier in the season but the Thursday night fall was the first this season to make any noticeable showing on the ground here.

The snow started falling about 11:30 p.m., Thursday and continued until about 1 a.m. It was general throughout the city, although more of it was noted on the higher elevations than downtown.

A dip by the mercury early this morning caused the snow to frost over, making the early travel a bit hazardous. As the morning progressed the snow and icy streets cleared up downtown.

Forecast is for continued cool temperatures tonight and Saturday and for occasional showers that may be mixed with snow.

The Friday morning minimum temperature was 33 degrees and the rainfall for the 24-hour period ending at 10:30 a.m. Friday amounted to .14 of an inch here.

300 Sabine Women Strike on Husbands

Rome, Dec. 30 (AP)—Three hundred wives at Monte Flavio in the Sabine hills broke off marital relations with their husbands today in a modern real-life version of the classic Greek comedy, Lysistrata.

In Aristophanes' play, written about 411 BC, women took an oath of chastity until men renounced war.

At Monte Flavio the wives vowed solemnly not to share their beds with their husbands until they get their favorite midwife back.

"We will not surrender," the women swore, "come what may, even if our husbands implore us on their knees for our mercy."

The mass strike, one of the largest communal marital disputes in history, revolved around a midwife, a pretty girl of 22.

Her name is Vanda and she arrived in the town last October to replace the regular midwife, Bruna Paolini, who went to Rome to look for a better job.

Midwives in Italy are government civil servants, and Bruna was not satisfied with the pay.

In her absence Vanda won over the "Sabine wives" with her professional manner, and her services as doctor and pharmacist.

The wives also were attracted by her "economy-size" fee—\$7.50 per baby as against Bruna's standard fee of \$15.

Bruna didn't get the job she wanted in Rome, returned to town and resumed business.

The 300 wives, however, didn't want to let Vanda go. They demanded that their husbands take action with authorities to allow her to stay.

The husbands ignored the request. They thought it was a joke.

To the women, however, it was the most serious thing that had happened in these hills since their grandmothers many times removed were assaulted by the Romans in the historic "rape of the Sabine women."

"Maybe they've been waiting ever since, all these generations, to get back at men in general," one citizen commented.

At any rate, the women organized. They prayed in the local church.

Today they took their vow to break off marital relations with their husbands until the men agreed to appeal the case right on up to the civil service department in Rome.

Hong Kong to Combat Chaos

Hong Kong, Dec. 30 (AP)—This British crown colony, faced with the possibility of a general strike, today gave its governor virtual war powers to use at his discretion.

Emergency regulations were published empowering the governor to take steps to meet attack or internal disorder. He was authorized to requisition manpower, property, bar strikes and lockouts in essential services and to utilize extraordinary police powers that would put the colony on a war footing.

The governor may also ban seditious organizations, prohibit meetings likely to cause disturbances, detain or expel any person from the colony, search premises, vehicles, ships and planes. All types of traffic in and out of the colony were placed under his rigid control.

Uranium Ore for A-Bombs in Michigan

Negaunee, Mich., Dec. 30 (AP)—Uranium ore, basic material for making atomic bombs, has been discovered in upper Michigan.

This announcement was released today by the Jones & Laughlin Ore company with the approval of the atomic energy commission.

The discovery was the first to be reported in Michigan. Size of the deposit has not been determined.

Red Invasions Of Nationalist Isles Smashed

Attempts to Land on Matsu and Hainan Repulsed

Hong Kong, Dec. 30 (AP)—Chinese communist attempts to land on two islands of nationalist retreat off the mainland have been smashed, government reports said today.

The most determined Red attempt was against Matsu island, off China's east coast about 100 miles northwest of the nationalist island stronghold of Formosa, the official central news agency said.

The second was a smaller, feeler operation against Hainan, big island off the south coast. But the nationalists asserted that even here the attackers lost heavily.

Formosa Objective These claims coincided with first reliable reports that the communists have begun the infiltration of Formosa itself.

These accounts said Red troops made small, isolated landings from junks along Formosa's long coast line, then vanished hastily into the interior.

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New U. S. Policy To Fight Reds

Washington, Dec. 30 (AP)—The United States was reported today to be shaping a vigorous new policy—backed by a beefed-up Asiatic fleet—to block the spread of communism in the Far East.

The navy said the 27,000-ton, 45-plane aircraft carrier Boxer and two destroyers have been dispatched to strengthen the Seventh task fleet based in the Philippines.

Announcement of this shift in naval power late yesterday followed a session between President Truman and his top military and diplomatic strategists.

At the same time, the state department broadcast to U.S. shipping lines a warning from the nationalist government of China that the approaches to Shanghai, the Chinese communists' largest port, have been completely blocked by mines.

That brought a prompt response from H. J. Isbrandtsen, president of the Isbrandtsen Line. That company, practically the only one operating American ships in the area, has run into frequent trouble recently with Nationalist blockade ships.

Travel Dangerous On Oregon Roads

Automobile travel was dangerous over much of Oregon today because of snow and ice, the state highway commission warned.

The 9 a.m. road report: Government Camp—Packed snow, plowing, carry chains. 10 inches new snow.

Santiam Pass—Packed snow, plowing, carry chains, 12 inches new snow.

Willamette Pass—Snowing lightly, packed snow, plowing, carry chains. 10 inches new snow.

Sloper Appointed As Assistant to Stadter

The county court Friday granted the request of District Attorney Ed Stadter for an additional deputy and the district attorney immediately stated that D. Val Sloper, Salem attorney and Willamette graduate of 1949 will be named to the post. The office now has one deputy provided by the state, another by the county and a secretary provided by the county.

The district attorney last fall put in a request to the court for a third deputy but after some conferences agreed to put the matter off until the first of the year.

In a formal application made Friday he points out that business of the office in the courts and elsewhere is now such that often the district attorney and both deputies are compelled to be away at the same time.

He also showed that telephone calls average 45 a day with the result his secretary's time is badly broken up. Personal callers on an average of 30 are at the office daily consuming considerable time.

He also showed that in 1945 the office handled 300 criminal cases, in 1946, 366; 1947, 430;



Reported Fiancee—Miss Narriman Sakek (top), 18-year-old daughter of an Egyptian civil servant and reported fiancee of Egypt's King Farouk. The New York Post said that the king, despite the opposition of the royal family, plans to marry her on February 11, his 30th birthday.

The Egyptian embassy in Washington denied that King Farouk had split up the romance of Miss Sakek and Zaki Hachian (bottom), 27-year-old Harvard educated economic expert of the Egyptian UN delegation. (AP Wire-photo.)

Cabinet Hears State of Nation Message Read

Economic Advisers Call for Cooperation With Business

Washington, Dec. 30 (AP)—The White House said today President Truman will outline his tax program in "general terms" in his state of the nation message next Wednesday.

Detailed recommendations will be made later. Charles G. Ross, presidential secretary, disclosed this after Mr. Truman went over his message with his cabinet at a two-hour and 20-minute meeting.

The president is expected to urge repeal of at least some of the war time excise taxes and suggest that they be offset by higher taxes on corporation profits.

For Wednesday Delivery He will deliver the state of the union message to a joint session of the senate and house at 10:00 a.m. (PST) Wednesday.

Ross said he did not believe the message would contain any great surprises since it was mainly a renewal of proposals which the president has supported since he entered the White House.

Mr. Truman called in the cabinet after releasing a report of his economic advisers calling generally for closer cooperation with business.

Departing cabinet members refused to comment on reports from White House aides that the president now favors elimination of at least some wartime excise taxes, but with an accompanying increase in corporation taxes to offset losses in revenue.

White House plans call for sending the president's economic message to congress next Friday with the annual budget of spending and revenue estimates to follow a week from Monday.

Pleasant Reading Congressmen and others who studied the "Fourth Annual Report to the President by the Council of Economic Advisers" agreed most of it would be pleasant reading for business, industry and democratic politicians.

Prepared by Acting Chairman Leon Keyserling and John D. Clark, the 38-page document stressed repeatedly a policy for cooperation between "free government and free enterprise."

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Loan Assured Iranian Shah

Washington, Dec. 30 (AP)—President Truman today assured the Shah of Iran that the United States will support Iranian requests for loans from the World Bank.

Mr. Truman also informed the shah that the U.S. intends to help the Iranian government through the point four program which the president has proposed to congress. This program would grant American financial and technical aid to underdeveloped countries.

In a statement released by the White House, the president said, too, this country "is currently prepared to offer certain military assistance essential to Iran."

It noted that the Iranian government has planned a seven-year program for economic and social progress, and added:

"The president appreciates the importance of this program to the economic development of Iran, and applications by the Iranian government to the International Bank for reconstruction and development for economically justifiable loans to be used in the furtherance of the program will therefore receive the support of the United States."

The statement said the young Iranian ruler is leaving for home today after a tour of the United States.

Holiday Hours for Eastern Marts Given

New York, Dec. 30 (AP)—The New York stock exchange and all other domestic securities markets will be open for business two hours tomorrow, but will be closed Monday, Jan. 2.

All domestic commodity markets will be closed both Saturday, Dec. 31, and Monday, Jan. 2. Livestock reports will be issued by the department of agriculture as usual on Saturday, Dec. 31, but none on Monday, Jan. 2.