

THE WEATHER HERE

CLOUDY WITH SNOW tonight and Wednesday. Not quite so cold. Lowest tonight, 22; highest Wednesday, 36.

Maximum yesterday, 31; minimum today, 11. Total 24-hour precipitation: trace for month; 11; normal, 49. Season precipitation, 15.10; normal, 17.80. River height, 3.1 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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4 Indian Tribes Win Award of \$16,500,000

Court Orders Payment For Lands Taken Almost Century Ago

Washington, Jan. 3 (AP)—The U. S. court of claims today awarded four Oregon Indian tribes about \$16,500,000 for land taken by the government almost a century ago.

The award was made for coastal land taken by the federal government in 1855. The land totalled 2,772,580 acres and belonged to Tillamooks, Coquilles, Too-Too-To-Ney, and Chetcoos.

The unanimous decision was written by Judge Benjamin H. Littlejohn.

The case originally was referred to the court of claims by an act of congress in 1935 conferring jurisdiction to that court. Suit was filed in August, 1940. On April 2, 1945, the court ruled that some of the Indian tribes which had filed were not entitled to any recovery, but that the Tillamooks, Coquilles, Too-Too-To-Ney and Chetcoos were entitled to compensation. The decision was appealed to the supreme court which, in 1946, upheld the court of claims. The case was sent back to the lower court to determine the exact value of the land as of 1855.

Based on Old Land Value Richard H. Akers, a court commissioner, went to Oregon to determine the 1855 value of the land. The Indians were represented by both Washington and Oregon attorneys.

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U.S. Orders Hun Consuls Out

Washington, Jan. 3 (AP)—The United States has ordered communist Hungary to close its consulate in Cleveland and New York by Jan. 15.

The action apparently was in retaliation for the Hungarian arrest and imprisonment of Robert Goegler, an American businessman.

Goegler has been in a Hungarian prison since November 18, accused of espionage. State department officials have denounced these charges as "phony and trumped up."

Lincoln White, state department press officer, told reporters that the American minister, Nathaniel P. Davis, had notified the Hungarian foreign ministry in Budapest today that the consulates should be closed.

The Hungarian minister to the United States, Imre Horvath, was summoned by the state department to appear at 3 o'clock for a meeting with George W. Perkins, assistant secretary in charge of the European affairs.

White said Horvath would be given a copy of the note and that it would be released for publication afterward by the department.

State department records list the Hungarian consul in New York as Istvan Romhanyi.

Benefit Auction For Lowerys Aid

Because of the holidays and the absence of many people from the city, the benefit auction planned for the relief of the Homer Lowery family at Falls City will not be held until Wednesday evening, January 11, at 7:30 o'clock. Originally it was planned to hold the auction this Wednesday.

Services for the auction have been contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burke, 3610 Silverton road. Any article that can be sold is desired for the auction with the entire cash proceeds to be given the Lowery family.

Receipts to date have not been sufficient to justify the auction and also comparatively few people are aware of the plans.

Mrs. Burke states that someone will be at the Silverton road address at all times, though not always will it be possible to answer the telephone, as they are in and out of the house and not available for call at all times. The telephone number is 3-9925.

Articles to be given directly to the Lowerys, including furniture, clothing and other supplies, are being received at the St. Paul Episcopal church parish house.

Coal Mines Go Back to Work Save in Illinois

7000 Fail to Return To Pits But Mines Reopen Elsewhere

Pittsburgh, Jan. 3 (AP)—Unexplained work stoppages kept at least 7000 Illinois coal miners out of the pits today but most of the nation's 480,000 diggers picked up their tools amid rumors of an impending nationwide strike.

High White, Illinois president of the UMW, said he had wired all locals without new contracts to resume the three day week next Monday. His announcement followed a conference with UMW President John L. Lewis. White said they "decided it was advisable" to return to work then.

Lewis in Illinois Lewis, now visiting his ailing mother in Springfield, Ill., declined to discuss the work stoppages with reporters.

Stop work orders were reported to have been telegraphed White's headquarters. Source of the telegram is not known. White, before talking to Lewis, said: "I don't know why they're not working."

In nearby Indiana, all but about 400 of the state's 8500 UMW members are back at work.

Reasons Not Given About 4000 UMW diggers in the Taylorville-Springfield area remained idle. Some of the miners reported for work at Taylorville but left before the shift began. At West Frankfort, Ill., another 1500 miners stayed home. Also affected was a strip mining area near Canton, Ill. Illinois has a total of about 23,000 UMW miners.

West Virginia and Pennsylvania, the two largest coal producing states with more than 200,000 miners, led the return to work. Many coal industry observers thought unfair labor practices, lodged by operators against UMW President John L. Lewis, had prevented major walkouts.

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China Asks for Formosa Aid

Washington, Jan. 3 (AP)—The state department disclosed today that the Chinese nationalists have submitted a detailed new plea for American military and other advisers to help save Formosa.

Ambassador Wellington Koo asked on December 23 for military, political, and economic advisers. Koo also urged the economic cooperation administration to release funds for China which were frozen last May when the communists took Shanghai.

Michael J. McDermott, state department press officer, reported Koo's plea to newsmen today. Reporters previously have been told that only informal approaches had been made thus far for American help for Formosa.

"I now find that on December 23 the Chinese ambassador called on Walton Butterworth, assistant secretary for far eastern affairs, and presented a memorandum with respect to assistance for Formosa, including military, political, and economic advisers," McDermott said.

No official action was expected to develop from the meeting. Belluschi was just attempting to determine the court's opinion of his new plans.

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Icy rural road conditions led to school closures in several areas of Western Washington. Clallam county schools remained closed after the Christmas-New Year holiday period. The minimum in that area was 9 above early today.

Curtailed Bus Service Effective on Thursday

The curtailed bus service of City Transit Lines in Salem suburban areas will be effective Thursday of this week, Carl Wendt, general manager of the lines, said today.

There will, however, be a temporary compromise whereby the company will run four round trips daily into the Swegle and the Fruitland districts where the cuts is to take place. The trips will be in the forenoon and two in the afternoon, timed for the benefit of working people and shoppers.

The compromise will be effective only until the mayor's special transportation committee makes a report with findings about the bus service. The report is expected in March.

Wendt's announcement and his plan of compromise were announced at a conference Tuesday in the office of Mayor Robert L. Elstrom. It was attended by Wendt and R. L. Davidson, Salem bus manager, for the City Transit Lines; Mayor Elstrom, City Manager J. L. Franzen and City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz.

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Troublesome Truck Trailer—Loaded with house trailers for Mongold, the semi-truck and trailer belonging to E. R. Hitchman, of Mill City, came to grief at Mill City shortly before noon Monday. Though the road had been sanded, the equipment skidded and broke a window in the Davis building and also damaged the trailer house on the truck. It was an hour before the wreckage was cleared. The upper picture shows how the truck and trailer finally stopped and the lower a close-up of the damage.

Winter Returns To Central West

Chicago, Jan. 3 (AP)—A cold wave began moving eastward today, routing the unseasonably mild weather covering the east as the nation counted almost 400 dead from accidents over the New Year's week-end.

A United Press tabulation from 6 p.m. Friday to midnight last night showed that 394 persons died in accidents. They included 235 killed in traffic, 42 in fires, 11 in airplane crashes and 106 in other types of accidents.

The number of dead in traffic was far below the 330 predicted by the national safety council. Experts said that fog, rain and snow discouraged driving and helped prevent highway crashes.

A bitter cold wave moved into Kansas and Iowa today and began pushing eastward slowly. It shoved aside layers of warm air which have caused a record-breaking winter warm spell over much of the area east of the Mississippi.

Scan Plans for New Courthouse Members of the county court were scrutinizing a modified set of plans for the proposed new Marion county courthouse Tuesday afternoon.

Pietro Belluschi, Portland architect, was meeting with members of the court. Belluschi, whose previous courthouse plans drew criticism from Salem townspeople, has modified his original drawings, and it is his new plans that the court was studying Tuesday.

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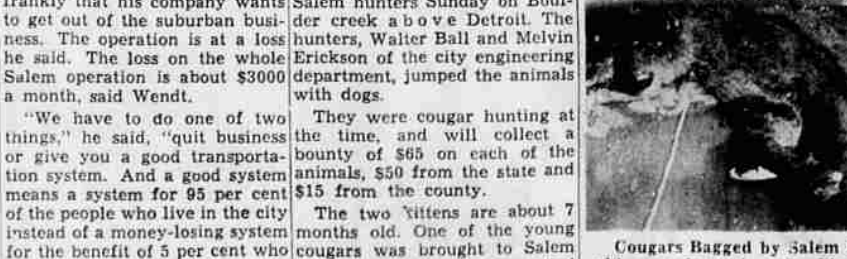
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Salem Hunters Bag 3 Cougars

Three cougars, a mother and two kittens, were bagged by two Salem hunters Sunday on Boulder creek above Detroit. The hunters, Walter Ball and Melvin Erickson, of the city engineering department, jumped the animals with dogs.

They were cougar hunting at the time, and will collect a bounty of \$65 on each of the animals, \$50 from the state and \$15 from the county.

The two kittens are about 7 months old. One of the young cougars was brought to Salem and its skin will be converted into a rug.



Cougars Bagged by Salem Hunters—Three cougars, a mother and two kittens about 7 months old, were bagged on Boulder creek by Salem hunters, Sunday. The picture shows one of the kittens, and the killer, Melvin Erickson.

State Building Upper Floors Completed

Probably Require Another 30, 40 Days to Complete Structure

By JAMES D. OLSON The two upper floors, the fourth and fifth, of the new Public Service building, opposite the state capitol, have been completed and finishing touches are being placed on the third floor by the contracting force.

It will probably require another 30 or 40 days to complete the remaining floors and basement with the entire building ready for acceptance by the board of control during mid-February.

State Police Offices The Oregon state police department will occupy the north one-half of the first floor and the south one-half will be divided between the board of control and its purchasing department and the state civil service department.

The main entrance to the building will be on East Summer street with a large lobby leading to two elevators. A cigar and magazine stand is located on the north side of the lobby.

PU Offices on Second The entire second floor will house the public utility commissioner and his staff while the third, fourth and fifth floors will be occupied by the unemployment compensation commission and the industrial accident commission.

There is a total of 110,000 square feet in the new building with state departments paying ten cents per square foot for office space, four cents per square foot for storage space above the basement and three cents per square foot for basement storage space.

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McCloy Asks for Red Cooperation

Berlin, Jan. 3 (AP)—U. S. High Commissioner John J. McCloy tacitly invited Russia today to take part in an all-Germany government and help promote free elections all over the country.

"We are and always have been for free elections once it is perfectly clear that the (Russian) offer is bona fide," McCloy said.

He held his first press conference in 1950 here. He was scheduled to fly to Frankfurt tonight.

Four power talks on inter-zonal trade and other economic cooperation between the west and Russia "certainly haven't been very successful so far," McCloy said.

He said that signs of democracy in West Germany outnumbered nationalistic tokens.

McCloy said the situation in Europe still was too uncertain to encourage foreigners to risk large investments in Germany. Any major cut in Marshall plan aid to Germany would be most unfortunate, he said.

He said economic revival in Western Germany probably would level off within the year.

Spring Follows Winter in N. Y. New York, Jan. 3 (AP)—It was a spring day today in New York where the weather played tricks with the calendar.

The weather bureau said the thermometer reading—56.3 degrees at 11 a.m.—was within three-tenths of a degree of breaking the all-time Jan. 3 mark. That was 56.6 in 1913.

A warm drizzle fell—and the weather bureau predicted occasional rain tonight and most of tomorrow.

Rogue River Basin Tops List of Surveys

Boise, Ida., Jan. 3 (AP)—Oregon's Rogue river basin, Goose lake and Jordan valley will top the list of 1950 investigations by the reclamation bureau, it was announced today.

A total of \$445,000 will be spent on bureau surveys in Oregon this year, compared to \$284,000 in Idaho and \$161,000 in Washington state.

Six Quakes in Luzon

Manila, Jan., 3 (AP)—The sixth earthquake in six days today rattled windows and caused buildings to sway in Manila but caused no damage.



Former Salem Resident Dying In California

Trona, Calif., Jan. 3 (AP)—George Palmer Putnam, publisher and author who pushed the long search for his aviatrife, Amelia Earhart, when she vanished in the Pacific, is near death today in a hospital here.

The 63-year-old operator of Stove Pipe Wells resort in Death Valley has been under treatment for uremic poisoning and internal hemorrhages for four weeks. Physicians say he is growing steadily weaker, and list his condition as critical.

Miss Earhart, who disappeared in 1937, was the second of his four wives. Since she was declared legally dead in 1939, he has married twice. His present wife, the former Margaret Haviland, is at his bedside.

George Palmer Putnam, who is seriously ill at Trona, Calif., was a resident of Salem for several years when he was private secretary to Governor James Withycombe.

When Withycombe was elected governor, Putnam, a member of the family of G. P. Putnam's Sons, eastern publishers, was publisher of the Bend Bulletin, and he was mayor of Bend two terms, in 1912 and 1913. After leaving the position in the governor's office he made the Bulletin a daily instead of a weekly.

While living in Salem he was a member of old Company M of the National Guard and went to the Mexican border with that organization in 1916.

He held positions with the Putnam publishers both before and after his Oregon residence and is the author of many books.

\$2 Billion More Price Supports

Washington, Jan. 3 (AP)—The administration is going to ask a \$2,000,000,000 increase in the commodity credit corporation's lending power to assure funds for rising costs of farm price supports in 1950.

Chairman Spence (D., Ky.) of the house banking committee announced today he will offer legislation to that effect.

The bill would raise the CCC's loaning power from \$4,750,000,000 to \$6,750,000,000. The CCC is the agency that underwrites the farm price supports.

In a statement, Spence emphasized that increasing the loaning authority "does not mean that the corporation will spend \$2,000,000,000, but will use the money as loans with stored commodities as security."

Rep. Reed to Seek Higher Exemptions

Washington, Jan. 3 (AP)—Rep. Reed (R.-N.Y.) wants everybody's federal income tax exemption increased from \$600 to \$700. He doesn't want anybody's tax to be more than half his net earnings.

Reed planned to introduce promptly a bill to carry out his proposals.

He said in a statement last night that a \$700 personal exemption should apply also to each dependent of a taxpayer. Under this plan, a taxpayer with wife and one child would have an exemption of \$2,100 instead of the present \$1,800.

To Hear Reds' Appeals

New York, Jan. 3 (AP)—The U.S. circuit court of appeals today agreed to hearing next June the appeals of 11 communist party leaders convicted of conspiracy to teach forcible overthrow of the U.S. government. The court scheduled the hearing for either the week of June 5 or June 12.

Congress Open With Routine Formalities

Fireworks Start Wednesday When Truman Presents Message

Washington, Jan. 3 (AP)—A campaign-conscious congress returned to work today to complete the legislative record on which the nation will pass judgment in next November's elections.

The second session of the democratic 81st congress was gavelled into session at noon. Newlywed Vice President Alben W. Barkley presided in the senate and bachelor Sam Rayburn of Texas in the house.

A double filibuster threat and the major issues of taxes, spending and foreign policy hung over the legislators. On all three major issues, the administration was on the defensive.

Today's opening session was routine. Members, back from an 11-week vacation which gave them a chance to sound out grass roots sentiment, went through the usual opening-day formalities, swore in a few new members, and engaged in many huddles on strategy.

Three Members Coming The fireworks really start tomorrow when President Truman appears in person before a joint session of congress to present the first of three annual messages within six days—the state of the union message which is expected to restate, in large part, the president's big spending "fair deal" program. Friday comes the economic report and on Monday the budget message.

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'Streamlining' Not Favored

Washington, Jan. 3 (AP)—Congressional leaders showed no great enthusiasm today over new suggestions that congress consider further "streamlining" of its operating machinery.

If anything, they said, the 1946 congressional reorganizations act may be modified instead of enlarged. It was this law which was supposed to have improved the mechanics of running congress.

Suggestions for enlarging the 1946 law have been made by Robert Heller, chairman of the national committee for strengthening congress, a private group. Heller was a leading figure in drafting the 1946 act.

He wants congress to create a permanent joint committee to "resume the work of modernizing congress," and to effect other changes.

Congressional leaders who have been active in past organization moves don't think anything more will be done, at least for some time.

"To much has been done already," said one who asked not to be quoted by name. "It's time we repealed some of the so-called reforms embodied in the 1946 law."

For one thing, he said, the changes in congressional committees hasn't worked out as planned. While technically the house sharply cut the number of its standing committees, it increased the number of subcommittees until now there are close to 100 such groups.

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