

MOSTLY CLOUDY TONIGHT, Wednesday; intermittent snow tonight, occasionally mixed with rain, Wednesday. Not quite so cold tonight. Lowest tonight, 20; highest Wednesday, 32.

Maximum yesterday, 31; minimum today, 13. Total 24-hour precipitation: traces for month; 6.67; normal, 2.84. Season precipitation, 21.66; normal, 30.12. River height, 2.8 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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Little Relief From Winter's Clasp Offered

Snow and Slush Glazed Over As Thermometer Drops to 13 Above

The newest frigid blast in the current winter weather sent thermometers down to 13 degrees Tuesday morning to glaze over the piled-up snow and slush in the Salem area.

And the weather bureau reports there is little relief ahead, at least for this week. Intermittent snow and continued below-freezing temperatures are due tonight, although the forecast is for a minimum of around 20 tonight instead of the 13 recorded for Tuesday morning.

A five-day forecast lists below normal temperatures and occasional snow mixed with rain, with little change due before Saturday or Sunday.

New Storm Forecast

A new storm, threatening to bring further snow showers for the northern part of the state was due to hit the Oregon-California border Tuesday. The weather bureau has ordered small craft warnings hoisted along the coast for easterly winds 25 to 35 miles an hour. Washington, however, is expected to catch the worst of the new storm.

A new snow storm started falling again in Salem at noon today, and the ground was frozen enough for the stuff to stay.

The northern part of the valley and Portland were worst hit in the new cold wave sweeping in during the night and the Salem vicinity was in on that wave. Portland reported a minimum of 8 degrees this morning, the season's low there to date. Salem had 13, while on south in the valley Eugene reported 21 degrees.

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Wind and Snow In California

San Francisco, Jan. 17 (AP)—Winds up to 65 miles an hour whipped rain and snow across northern California last night in the third successive storm in a little more than a week.

The downpour, with snow at higher levels, was scheduled to continue today and tomorrow extending as far south as Paso Robles and Fresno, in the San Joaquin valley of central California.

Storm warnings continued up from Point Sur, near Monterey, north to Cape Blanco, Ore.

Saw mills and an old tanker anchored in the harbor supplied power to Eureka as power lines remained out in Humboldt county of northwestern California.

Planes dropped cottonseed pellets to livestock marooned in the bald mountain area of Humboldt county. Other planes were scheduled to try to drop food to six electric company workers marooned near Hyampom in neighboring Trinity county.

Railroads expected to get their trains between California and the Pacific northwest back on schedule today.

But highway traffic remained difficult. Bus travel was limited between Oregon and California. Oregon state police ordered the tonnage limit cut in half in some places to protect weather-weakened roadbeds.

Reports from the snow country showed snow packs from 36 to 81 inches.

Snow and Ice On Highways

Oregon's highways were covered with ice and snow today, and motorists were warned again to use chains.

Little snow fell in the past 24 hours, giving snowplow crews a chance to open all roads except those which are closed every winter.

The 9:30 a.m. road report: Government Camp — High wind of marked violence, packed snow, plowing, carry chains.

Santiam Pass — High violent wind, drifting snow and silver thaw. Packed snow plowing, chains required. Six inches new snow.

Sisters — Snowing hard, packed snow, plowing, chains required. Two inches new snow.

Lapine, Willamette Pass, Chemult — Snowing lightly, packed snow, plowing, carry chains. Two inches new snow.

Midwest Flood Menace Grows As Rivers Rise

Engineers Prepare for Biggest Fight in 13 Years on Mississippi

(By the Associated Press) Imperiled townsfolk sandbagged levees or fled before the rising Wabash and Ohio rivers in southern Indiana and Illinois today. Further downstream the big Mississippi, fed by all the swollen tributaries, prepared for the biggest flood fight in 13 years.

The historic fortress city of Vincennes, Ind., expects a Wabash river crest of 28½ or 29 feet Friday. But army engineers say they may save the city from floodwaters. They say they have the manpower and equipment to hold out the river if it doesn't go above 30 feet. Volunteers—even schoolboys—helped bolster the concrete floodwall with sandbags.

Thousands Evacuated But on the Illinois shore of the Ohio, and along the Wabash and Little Wabash rivers, more families were forced from their homes.

Evacuation of all persons living in the extreme north end of the Birds Point — New Madrid floodway in southeastern Missouri was ordered by United States engineers and the American Red Cross today. Nearly 12,000 persons are affected.

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Northwest Still Frozen Hard

Seattle, Jan. 17 (AP)—Weather-weary Pacific Northwest residents shrugged off as "just one of those things" today a weather bureau forecast that intermittent snows would plague the region for at least another 48 hours.

The mantle of white, starting with the 20-inch cover blown in by last Friday's whistling Arctic-bred blizzard, has made a stock joke of Washington's motto: "The Evergreen State."

As the subnormal weather continued, buses and trains neared regular schedules. Schools began to open. Housewives resumed normal shopping tours.

Six Southern Pacific trains, held up for hours in Oregon's Cascade mountains by derailment of a snowplow and work train, resumed their runs yesterday. The carried 1,450 passengers.

For many, however, the tedious task of readjustment was just beginning. Property damage ran into the millions of dollars and at least 11 persons were known dead as a direct result of the cold, wind and snow.

Tacoma, alone, estimated the toll of pounding waves to small craft and waterfront homes and bulkheads in the vicinity at \$1,000,000. Snow collapsed the roof of the Kelso, Wash., Floral company's greenhouse, causing another \$10,000 loss.

Hugh Earle Injured

Portland, Jan. 17 (AP)—Hugh Earle, U.S. collector of internal revenue, is in Good Samaritan hospital, the result of a fall on the ice. He suffered a leg fracture Sunday night.

Millions of Chinese Said Facing Starvation

Hong Kong, Jan. 17 (AP)—Millions of peasants face starvation in Red China this year.

Upwards of 40,000,000 persons, by communist government estimate, are in famine areas.

Some 8,000,000 right now are desperately hungry. In east China alone 16,000,000 may starve to death.

Floods, crop pests and plagues are blamed for the great food shortage.

The communist state administrative council in Peiping is mobilizing relief agencies. Its directive is available here in British Hong Kong.

The directive says a fifth of the cultivated land in east China alone was flooded. That wiped out crops on 9,000,000 acres. The Manchurian barter agreement with Russia is draining off much food from north China. Under the agreement food is to be exchanged for Russian manufactured goods. Manchuria was unable to meet its quota. So arable areas below the Great Wall are making up the Manchurian deficit.



Sled and Toboggan Race—Snow vehicles show as much variety and rivalry at Salem coasting places during the spell of winter as hot rods do in the springtime. On the sled at the left are Tony Bren and Kent Goehner, and on the toboggan are Judd Burdette, Justine Lewis, Bob Wolf and Ted Foxley. Behind pushing are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tiernan and Kent Tiernan. Miss Lewis later suffered a leg fracture in a coasting accident.

USS Missouri Runs Aground

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 17 (AP)—The mighty Missouri, the navy's only active battleship, ran aground today in Hampton Roads.

She was undamaged, the navy said, but probably will remain a prisoner until nightfall.

The "Big Mo" grated only a sandbar at 8:45 a.m., at ebb tide. The navy sent a dozen tugs to aid her, but they were unable to get her off immediately. The navy said she probably would not float free until high tide tonight.

The 12 navy tugs failed in their first efforts to free the battleship. The navy said the tide will continue to fall until 2:48 p.m., EST and the tugs probably will not be able to free the Missouri until high tide at 8:37 p.m., EST.

There was no serious damage to the 45,000-ton battleship and no reports of casualties or injuries, the navy said. The battleship went aground 1.7 miles east northeast of the Old Point Comfort light in Hampton Roads. She struck a sandbar on the left side of the channel.

Weather Affects Parking Meters

Clouds in the skies over Salem this week had no silver lining so far as the city coffers were concerned at least.

The clouds, snow, rain and sub-freezing temperatures combined to make most of the parking meters of the downtown area inoperative on Monday. Only a handful of tickets were issued.

Tuesday, patrolmen were ordered to check the meters and issue tickets when the red flags were showing. The order to issue tickets came after a check of four sides of one city block showed only five meters out of action.

Repeal of Oleo Tax By Senate Vote Near

Washington, Jan. 17 (AP)—Backers of straight-out repeal of oleomargarine taxes today beat a dairy state substitute, 48 to 37, in a senate vote.

The margin indicated the oleomargarine repealers had control of the senate and eventually would put through their measure, already passed by the house. But Senator Langer (R-N.D.), whose state is a big dairy producer, planned an effort to tack "civil rights" amendments to the repealer.

Debate on these could run at length—and perhaps lead to defeat of the measure.

The repeal backers accepted without argument an amendment by Senator Frear (D., Del.) which would require colored oleomargarine sold at retail to be packaged in a triangular form.

Langer then called up the first of his civil rights amendments—one to tie an anti-lynch provision to the measure. Langer said he was doing that "to find out whether the senate at long last is going to give the poor people, Negroes as well as whites, a square deal."

The so-called "dairy state" substitute would have repealed oleomargarine taxes, but would have banned shipment of yellow-colored oleomargarine across state lines.

Before rejecting the substitute, the senate:

1. Turned down 56 to 33 an amendment by Senator Cordon (R-Ore.) to repeal the 3 percent tax placed on transportation of property in 1942.

2. Refused by voice vote to strike out a section which would have cut back to 1942 levels excise taxes on such items as furs, jewelry, luggage, telephone bills, admissions, and transportation tickets.

Plan to Detach Rich Saar Basin

London, Jan. 17 (AP)—Diplomatic sources reported today the three big western powers agreed secretly last November to detach the rich Saar basin from Germany and give it semi-independence.

A foreign office spokesman confirmed that the United States, Britain and France have a secret understanding on the Saar but he refused to discuss its exact nature.

The spokesman told a news conference that when the three western foreign ministers met in Paris last November they reached agreement on the relationship between the Saar and the council (parliament) of Europe.

France had been pressing for the Saar's membership on the council, presumably to formalize the fact of its separation from Germany.

This agreement, the spokesman added, was "not mentioned in the official communique" issued at the end of the talks.

The informants said this agreement was that the Saar would be given membership on the council as France desired. American and British endorsement of the French request, they went on, came only after France made a number of concessions,

New Offer for Pacific Power System Made

Fight Between Public and Private Ownership Looms

New York, Jan. 17 (AP)—A group of investment bankers today made a cash offer of \$15,000,000 for all the common stock of Pacific Power & Light Co., of Portland, Ore.

The offer would be effective only if the securities and exchange commission does not approve a previous offer for the stock of the northwest utility, which was submitted by a different banking group. The first offer named a base price of \$10,000,000 plus an added sum "contingent upon the sale of certain properties of the Pacific Co." The total price would not exceed \$19,500,000.

Today's offer was made to American Power & Light Co., a holding company which controls Pacific Power & Light. Posts \$1,000,000.

Herbert Allen, a member of the firm of Allen & Co., New York investment bankers, said the new syndicate had "posted \$1,000,000 with American Power & Light Co., as evidence of their willingness to pay \$15,000,000 in cash for all the common stock of Pacific Power & Light Co., only in the event the securities and exchange commission should not approve the sale of such stock by American Power & Light Co., in the proceedings now pending before that body."

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Asks Expansion Of Security

Washington, Jan. 17 (AP)—The Truman administration today asked congress to expand the social security program to cover practically all employed persons—a broader extension than the house voted last year.

It also asked that benefits be increased more than the house bill provides.

These desires were outlined to the senate finance committee by Arthur J. Altmeyer, the social security administrator. He was the first witness at hearings expected to last 60 days.

Altmeyer also urged a bigger tax take for social security. He recommended that the tax be levied on the first \$4,800 of a worker's annual income.

Under present law, the tax now is 1½ percent (but will rise in later years) and applies to the first \$3,000 of income. The house bill would apply it to the first \$3,600.

On coverage, the pertinent figures are these: The present law covers about 35,000,000 workers. The house bill would add 11,000,000, bringing the total to 46,000,000.

Presbytery Meet Dated

Portland, Jan. 17 (AP)—The Annual Oregon presbytery meeting will hear the church's national moderator, Dr. Clifford E. Barbour, at Mt. Tabor church Thursday night.

C of C Remains In Old Offices

The Chamber of Commerce has reached a definite decision to retain as headquarters only the Cherry room and the administrative offices in the Eckerlen building on Liberty street.

The chamber is relinquishing the large dining room and the intervening room that is now occupied by the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation. Both those will be taken over by Joe Randall of the Golden Pheasant restaurant who will use them for the serving of dinners to organizations and parties, including the Monday luncheons of the chamber.

The change has been made for economic reasons. The board of directors has considered various locations, but considering all phases of the question decided the most practical plan was to remain in the present building with reduced space.

The Farm Bureau federation will be moving in a short time to its own quarters.

McKay Stalled In Ice Rescued By Competitor

Governor Douglas McKay, a Chevrolet dealer, got stuck in the ice today, and was saved by his principal competitor.

The governor was supposed to be at the state house for a 9 a. m. board of control meeting. But he telephoned his office to send help. The state car was frozen to the icy pavement in front of his home.

A newspaper reporter, having the only handy car with chains, went after him. The rescue car is owned by Valley Motor company, Salem Ford distributor, and was loaned to the reporter.

After the governor got into the car, the reporter told him who owned it.

"Let's wreck it, then," the governor quipped.

Governor McKay was only a half hour late for the meeting.

Arnold's Body Sent Arlington

Sonoma, Calif., Jan. 17 (AP)—Friends and neighbors paid their respects today to Gen. H. H. (Hap) Arnold.

The 63-year-old wartime head of the army air forces, died Sunday.

While his body lay in state, an air force honor guard standing watch, public memorial services were to be held from 11:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., in the chapel of the Bates and Evans mortuary.

From President Truman on down, the nation's leaders expressed sorrow at the passing of the retired five star general.

After the noon services, the body was to be taken to nearby Hamilton field and flown to Washington.

General Arnold's body will be placed in the chapel at Fort Myer, Va. Funeral services will be held at 3 p. m. (EST) Thursday at Arlington national cemetery.

President Truman, who expects to attend the services for the pioneer military airman, sent his own plane here to take members of the Arnold family to Washington. The plane, the Independence, will carry Mrs. Arnold and their sons, Lt. David L. Arnold, March Field, Calif.; Col. Henry H. Arnold, Jr., Fort Leavenworth, Kans.; and Capt. William B. Arnold, Banana River, Fla. A daughter, Lois, the wife of Navy Cmdr. Ernest Snowden, lives at Corpus Christi, Texas.

65 Mile Gales in North California

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They Went Coasting in a Dishpan—Some hero of nursery stories once went to sea in a sieve, and fared no better than these two Willamette co-eds who went coasting on the campus in a dishpan. Margy Powell is in the pan and Pat Howard is pushing.

Board Raises Institutions Doctors' Pay

\$50 Advance Voted by State Group to End Shortage of Physicians

By JAMES D. OLSON

Shortage of doctors at state institutions and in the state health department led the board of control Tuesday to recommend salary increases of \$50 a month to institutional doctors and \$100 a month for state health board physicians.

The civil service board must approve the increases.

William C. Ryan, director of institutions and Harry Dorman, state budget director, reported to the board that the increases recommended had been agreed upon at a recent conference between superintendents of institutions and representatives of the health bureau.

All Shy of Doctors

Ryan said that the state hospital was a short three doctors, Fairview home, one; Eastern Oregon hospital at Pendleton, three and the Tuberculosis hospital at Salem, one.

State Treasurer Walter Pearson, although voting for the recommendation, expressed his disapproval of the higher pay for the health bureau doctors.

"In the first place their work is not so difficult," said Pearson. "And further the state health bureau keeps adding and adding to its staff and I wonder just what they are doing."

Present Rate of Pay

Efforts of the civil service board to obtain doctors for state institutions at the present salary scales had failed, according to Dorman. He said that hundreds of letters had been sent to doctors all over the country but no acceptances of offers of positions were accepted.

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Truman Sees No Emergency

Washington, Jan. 17 (AP)—President Truman today rejected an appeal by Senator Brewster (R-Me.) to invoke the Taft-Hartley act against John L. Lewis in an attempt to settle the coal dispute.

Emerging from Mr. Truman's office, Brewster told newsmen the president said he feels "the time has not yet arrived" to use the national emergency provisions of the law.

Under the emergency provisions of the act, the president could seek a court injunction to restore full production in the coal mines.

Approximately 79,000 United Mine Workers are now on strike and the others are working only three days a week.

The coal shortage already has cut in steel production, Crucible Steel company of America announced in Pittsburgh today that it is reducing operations about 25 per cent at its Midland, Pa., plant.

There also was a threat of a power shortage in Pittsburgh. Senator Brewster said he informed Mr. Truman that, as far as New England is concerned, the situation "already is an emergency."

The president made it plain, Brewster said, that he is "not allergic" to the Taft-Hartley act, since he has used it seven times in the past.

The president said he would not hesitate if a situation arose in which he could satisfy a court that a national emergency exists," Brewster said.

"But he said he still feels that the time has not yet arrived."

Gas Pipe Line Blows Out; Shoots Flames

Dumas, Tex., Jan. 17 (AP)—Workmen today repaired a 26-inch gas pipe line that blew out last night and caused a spectacular fire.

The blowout occurred five miles south of Dumas on an El Paso Natural Gas company line used to connect gas fields in the Texas Panhandle with Los Angeles, Calif. There were no casualties.

Service to California was not stopped. Gas was gathered at points operated in New Mexico by the El Paso company and piped to California.

The blowout shot flames about 500 feet into the air for 15 minutes.