

THE WEATHER HERE

CLOUDY WITH intermittent rain tonight, Saturday. Continued mild temperatures. Lowest tonight, 35; highest Saturday, 45.

Maximum yesterday, 40; minimum today, 33. Total 24-hour precipitation: .75; for month: 3.38; normal: 3.36. Season precipitation: 23.33; normal: 30.56. River height, 5.5 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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Serious Flood Conditions Not Expected Here

Thaw and Light Rains Taking Off Snow and Ice Gradually

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER There is no serious flooding due at this time along the main stem of the Willamette or along its main tributaries despite expected moderate to substantial rises during the next two days, reports the weather bureau.

The big run-off of water expected with the melting snow and moderate temperatures has been a big concern with the welcome turn to the better in the recent snow and ice wave.

Any big rain storm, however, speeding up the run-off could make a different picture in a day or two, and could bring more serious local surface water troubles.

Up 3 Feet Overnight At Salem the Willamette was up nearly three feet Friday morning, measuring 5.6 feet here. The Santiam at Jefferson was up to 8.9 feet, flood stage there being 13 feet. A moderate spill-over at Jefferson, however, is not so serious.

The upper Willamette was advancing Friday morning, Eugene reporting a depth of 4 1/2 feet today against a zero reading yesterday. Flood stage there is 12 feet, and the big concern on a Willamette valley flood comes when the area around Eugene starts reporting abnormal boosts in the river.

Slushy Streets in City Downtown Salem continued to be slushy and dripping Friday as the snow continued to melt—but no one was complaining, even if things were messy, most folk welcoming the warmer temperatures and the thawing following the touch of silver thaw Thursday morning and the pile-up of frozen snow.

Death Toll in Northwest 39

Portland, Ore., Jan. 20 (AP)—The Pacific northwest fought today to restore transportation and communication facilities shattered by a weird ice storm. Latest of a series of wintry blows that left 39 persons dead.

Thirteen towns, including the Columbia river port of Astoria, were cut off from the outside world by telephone as ice snapped all lines.

Linemen worked through the night and finally restored partial communications to the city's 20,000 residents and hoped to get phone service to the other communities by noon.

But more freezing rain was forecast for today.

The storm, which left 13 inches of ice and snow in Portland and a foot of slush in Puget Sound cities of Washington state, struck just as the Red Cross declared northwestern Oregon and southwestern Washington a "disaster area."

The Red Cross said widespread suffering was being felt by many residents due to a week-long cold wave and a series of blizzards and sleet storms giving the area one of its worst winters in history.

The Arctic cold wave was tapering off, however. From its former mass covering 200,000 square miles, it had dwindled to only a fraction of its former size and strength.

U.S. Threatens Relations Cut With Bulgaria

Ultimatum Sent for Withdrawal of Recall Demand

Washington, Jan. 20 (AP)—The United States threatened today to break diplomatic relations with Bulgaria unless that communist country withdraws its demand for the recall of American Minister Donald R. Heath from Sofia.

An American note replying to the Bulgarian recall request was ordered delivered to the Bulgarian government in Sofia. It was also handed to Dr. Peter Voutov, ranking Bulgarian diplomat here.

The note described the demand for Heath's recall as simply the latest of a "series of indignities and restrictions" which have made it virtually impossible for the U.S. diplomatic mission in Sofia to carry on its duties.

Series of Insults The American note added: "Accordingly, unless the Bulgarian government withdraws its note of January 19 and demonstrates its willingness to observe established international standards of conduct, the United States government must conclude that the Bulgarian government does not desire to maintain normal relations."

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Flood at Crest In Mississippi

Charleston, Mo., Jan. 20 (AP)—The flooded Mississippi river swirled to an apparent crest today a short distance upstream from this town at the edge of the threatened Birds Point-New Madrid floodway.

Pre-dawn reports said the river was at a standstill within a fraction of an inch of the predicted 55.4-foot crest at Cairo, Ill.

That is 1.6 feet short of the 57-foot stage below which army engineers said the 212-square mile spillway probably will not be flooded.

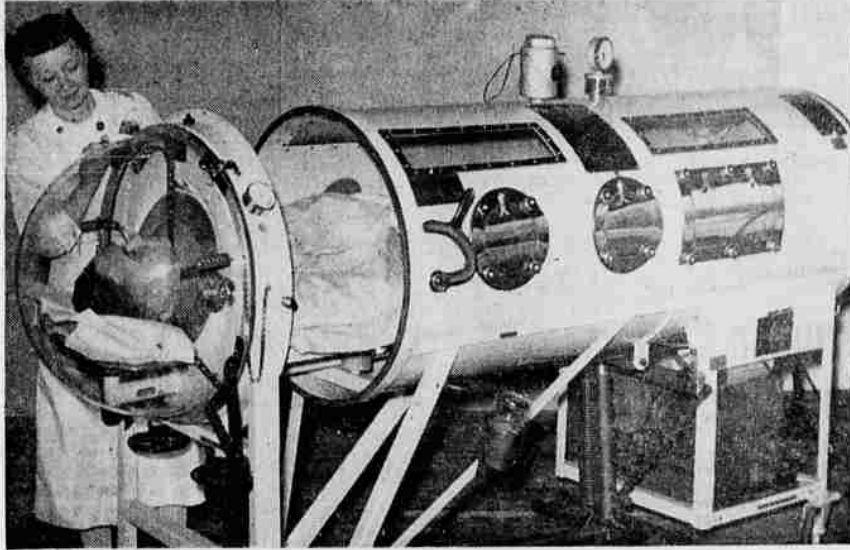
Thousands of scattered refugees were cheered by news that the river had quit rising. They are quartered in homes and tents here, and in an abandoned army air base at more distant Malden.

About 11,400 residents fled after the engineers warned Monday that it might be necessary to open the front-line levee near here and flood the area. The plan was devised after the disastrous 1937 flood to ease pressure on Cairo and other cities along the river in case of emergency.

An estimated 600 persons remain in the floodway lowlands in this southeast Missouri area. Rescue operations continued today.

A coast guard helicopter from St. Louis joined the search for stragglers left behind in the general exodus.

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House Defeats Korean Aid Bill

Washington, Jan. 20 (AP)—Republicans hung a "no-confidence" tag on the administration's Asiatic policies today after the 193 to 191 house defeat of a Korean economic aid bill.

Caught by surprise, the administration took its severest foreign policy blow since pre-war days when 131 house republicans joined 61 democrats and one American labor party representative late yesterday to smash down the aid bill.

They topped by two votes the 170 democrats and 21 republicans who stayed in line for the measure, which the senate passed in the last session with little show of opposition.

The bill would have authorized \$60,000,000 more to round out a \$120,000,000 program to help southern Korea keep its economy going in the face of the communist dominated Korean regime to the north.

Republicans termed the result a clear sign that members of their party—and some of the democrats—have lost confidence in the state department's handling of the cold war against communism in the Far East.

Democrats replied tartly that election year winds are blowing. They intimated that the republicans have turned away from the bi-partisan foreign policy.

Stroble Tries to Escape Death

Los Angeles, Jan. 20 (AP)—Fred Stroble, convicted of the murder of six-year-old Linda Joyce Glueck, today begins his second attempt to escape the gas chamber.

He goes to trial on his insanity plea before the same jury of 10 women and two men which yesterday brought in a verdict of guilty of first degree murder carrying the death penalty.

"I didn't expect that," the 68-year-old former baker said in his cell.

Stroble broke down briefly after the verdict was in and later he and his attorney, Deputy County Public Defender Al Matthews, joined in prayer.

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Tries Out Iron Lung—Chris Kowitz, Jr., Capital Journal reporter who has chased convicts, been a circus clown and played department store Santa Claus, adds a March of Dimes chapter to his list of adventures by spending a half-hour in an iron lung.

In top photo Kowitz is seen being put into the lung. Attending the "patient" is Mrs. Fae Lefore, 505 N. 21st street, registered nurse at Salem Memorial hospital. In picture below, he lies "secure" in the lung.

Kowitz Tries Iron Lung For March of Dimes

By CHRIS KOWITZ, Jr. Being in an iron lung is no fun. In fact, it's downright tough. I know. I spent a half hour inside one yesterday.

No, the dreaded polio hadn't hit me. I just wanted to determine what it was like to feel the life-saving action of an iron lung.

When I first was fastened in the huge cylinder and allowed the iron lung to take over my breathing, I thought something was wrong with the machine.

There must not be enough pressure, I thought. Surely it can't always be this way. Surely my lungs are supposed to get more air than this. Surely infantile paralysis victims don't survive this ordeal for months at a time.

My torso seemed to be stretching, my lungs seemed to be collapsing. Something must be wrong . . . something must be.

But nothing was wrong with the machine, Mrs. Fae Lefore, a nurse who was standing by, assured me. The pressure was right, the machine was operating perfectly. Everything was OK.

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New Hospital Plans Offered By Architect

Tentative Proposals For First Unit of Salem General

By STEPHEN A. STONE Carl Erikson, Chicago hospital architect, has submitted to the board of directors of Salem General hospital tentative plans for the first unit of the new hospital to be built with funds pledged in the Salem Hospital Development program.

The unit will be a central tower and maternity wing, and the plans are being revised and will be approved by board committees. The cost of this unit is estimated at from \$750,000 to \$800,000.

Federal funds of \$275,000 will be available if an additional \$280,000 is raised locally.

Funds for the project are still being collected, both on pledges already made and in new donations.

Erikson, the Chicago architect, is to be in Salem in a few weeks and will choose a local architect to be in charge of the project, Erikson to serve as consultant.

Truman Wins House Control

Washington, Jan. 20 (AP)—The Truman administration today beat an effort by republicans and southern democrats to change the house rules and grab control of the legislative program there.

The roll call vote against changing the rules was 236 to 183.

There were cheers in the house when it was announced. Before the vote, a top republican and a top democrat agreed that the real issue was "whether or not the entire Truman program will succeed or be defeated."

Rep. Leo Allen (R., Ill.) put it that way.

Speaker Rayburn (D., Tex.) said Allen had stated the issue correctly and shouted: "Who won the election in 1948, anyhow?"

The motion for adjournment was beaten, 225 to 160. It was almost a straight democratic-republican split. Southern democrats, who want the rule changed, voted with the administration on this motion.

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Dry Friday Observed at Monmouth

Monmouth, Jan. 20—Residents of this city were living like New Yorkers today, with a "dry Friday."

But the Monmouth drought is not on a voluntary basis. The city's water main broke near its inlet at Falls City early Friday morning, shutting off Monmouth's water supply completely.

Crews were sent to repair the water line immediately, and expect to have water service resumed by sometime Friday night.

Schools which have been closed the entire week will reopen Monday.

Hiss Held-up As U. S. Traitor

New York, Jan. 20 (AP)—A government prosecutor today likened Alger Hiss to Benedict Arnold, Brutus, the devil and Martin T. Manton, a federal jurist convicted of "selling justice."

Speaking measuredly and in a deep voice, Assistant U. S. Attorney Thomas F. Murphy told a federal court jury in his summation it should convict Hiss on the basis of "the immutable documents" in the case.

Hiss, former high state department official, is on trial for the second time on charges of perjury. His first trial last summer ended in a jury disagreement.

Tall, mustached Murphy pointed to the piles of government exhibits which the government claims Hiss passed to Whittaker Chambers, admitted former courier for a Soviet spy ring.

"They don't depend on anybody's memory," Murphy said. "They have been here 11 years. No one has altered them."

Hiss and his wife, Priscilla, appeared calm as Murphy addressed the jury. Both the defendant and his wife were dressed in grey, the same color they wore yesterday.

Murphy recalled to the jury the Biblical story of Moses returning from the mountain with the ten commandments and finding that his people had built a golden calf to worship.

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Regulation of Butter Grades Held Illegal

Judge Latourette Holds State Law Unconstitutional

By JAMES D. OLSON A regulation on butter grades, promulgated by the state department of agriculture, was declared unconstitutional Friday in an opinion written by Circuit Judge E. C. Latourette, of Clackamas county.

The opinion was the last written before his elevation to the state supreme court. He had heard oral arguments in the case here last Monday.

At issue in the case was a legislative enactment directing the state department of agriculture to classify butter for retail sale on its flavor.

Ralph E. Moody, of Salem, representing the majority of butter manufacturers of the state, filed the attack on the regulation while the attorney general's office defended it.

Federal Law Adequate Moody said that federal regulations on butter grades were adequate and the ruling would not in any way permit the sale of ungraded butter.

"It is obvious from reading the statute in question that the state department of agriculture is given a wide discretion in the classification of butter according to its flavor, without any rule for its guidance in the exercise of such discretion."

The judge pointed out that this was in contravention with well established legal rules.

Judge Latourette quoted the dictionary definition of flavor as follows: "The quality of a substance which affects the taste, especially that quality which gratifies the palate; relish; zest, as, the flavor of the peach, of wine, etc.; a spicy flavor."

"The department," Judge Latourette continued, "according to the whim or caprice of its officers, under such an act, if constitutional, would have the authority to classify butter as sweet, sour, pungent, or in any other respect that the taste buds of the taster dictated."

Pointing out that the legislature could very easily have classified butter itself, citing what the legislature of California had done in that regard in a statute which specifically set forth the requirements for the various grades of butter.

Wood Alcohol Kills 3 Convicts

Three state prison convicts died last night from drinking wood alcohol, prison warden George Alexander said today.

All were employed as cooks. They are Samuel E. Malone, 43; Edward H. Reese, 24; and Daniel W. Rivenbark, 40.

Warden Alexander said Malone died at 6 p.m. Thursday. Reese died at 10 p. m., and Rivenbark was found dead in his cell this morning.

Alexander said Reese, who was cooking for the prison hospital, admitted taking the alcohol from the hospital laboratory Wednesday night. Some alcohol was found in Rivenbark's cell.

Malone, serving his fourth prison term, was received at the prison from Douglas county April 27, 1948, to serve three years for forgery.

Reese came from Klamath county June 18, 1949, to serve 10 years for larceny.

Rivenbark, received from Josephine county April 16, 1949, was serving 12 years for assault and robbery while armed with a deadly weapon.

Barkley Declares Senate Is Windy

Washington, Jan. 20 (AP)—Vice President Barkley has made it official: He said the senate is windy.

The vice president announced from the presiding officer's rostrum yesterday that something of a draft of air keeps sweeping over the seat he occupies.

He said everybody who has been called on to preside in his absence has caught a cold because of the draft.

Barkley said he wants something done about it. He told the architect of the capitol to look into the matter and stop the draft.



Judge Latourette Becomes Associate Justice—Chief Justice Hall S. Lusk (left) administers the oath of office Thursday to Earl C. Latourette, circuit judge of Oregon, who became an associate justice of the Oregon supreme court.