

THE WEATHER HERE

MOSTLY CLOUDY with occasional showers tonight, Tuesday. Slightly cooler. Lowest tonight, 34; highest Tuesday, 46.

Maximum yesterday, 50; minimum today, 37. Total 24-hour precipitation, .50; for month, 6.83; normal, 2.96. Season precipitation, 34.86; normal, 22.85. River height, 19.9 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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Willamette at Flood Stage To Start Falling

River Crests at 20 Feet With Upper River Dropping Fast

The Willamette river was expected to hit flood stage of 20 feet or slightly above that mark at Salem late Monday, then start falling, according to the noon-time report from the weather bureau.

The local gauge registered 19.5 feet for the river Monday morning, and the reports stated the crest was due to be between 20 and 20.5 feet as this part of the valley received the surplus waters from the upper river and its tributaries.

Flood stage of 20 feet would not close traffic over the bridge from West Salem, that taking 25 or 26 feet.

Tributaries Falling All stations on the upper Willamette reported the river and its tributaries falling during the morning and the mid-Willamette sections were to crest this afternoon.

Colder weather in the mountains was said to be checking further advances in the rivers at this time.

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Weather Back To Normalcy

Normal winter weather returned to most of the Pacific Northwest today. Nearly all schools reopened. Travel by both land and air returned to near normal conditions. Intermittent snow flurries resumed in many areas.

New tragedies were reported, however, from across the Canadian border. Ice sliding from a roof killed a child at Cranbrook, B. C.

Two men were reported killed in a locomotive at the Pacific Great Eastern railway in British Columbia. The engine was reported swept into a lake, but there were no immediate details. The rail line runs northward into British Columbia's interior.

Hundreds of stranded travelers on the main Canadian lines were brought to Vancouver yesterday by specially chartered airplanes. The planes carried 400 in the emergency air lift from Penticton, B. C., alone. It was the main pickup point. In northwest Washington, an ice breakup clogged the Nook-sack river and several houses in low-lying areas near Marietta were evacuated after the water backed up. Two bridges were closed for brief periods over the weekend until it was determined that they were safe from any damage from the ice.

Genocide Pact Before Senate

Washington, Jan. 23 (AP)—The Truman administration sought today to dispel objections that a United Nations agreement to outlaw the mass destruction of peoples might violate the U. S. constitution.

Solicitor General Philip B. Perlman told a senate foreign relations subcommittee that the justice department holds "the United States has complete authority to enter into the Genocide convention."

The senate group is holding hearings on the U. N. compact, which President Truman submitted last June with a request for early ratification.

Mr. Truman said then that United States approval would show that this country "is prepared to take effective action on its part to contribute to the establishment of principles of law and justice" throughout the world.

In his prepared statement, Perlman noted that the U. N. defined genocide as "a denial of the right of existence of entire human groups, as homicide is the denial of the right to live of individual human beings." He gave as an example the Nazi persecution of Jews before and during World War II.

The solicitor general said the precedent for ratifying the agreement is well established by U. S. participation in treaties to punish piracy on the high seas, and in others dealing with commercial aviation, trademarks, copyrights, narcotics and white slavery.

Road Damages Due to Storm Less than in '49

Snow Removal Costs Far Beyond Yearly Maintenance Average

By JAMES D. OLSON Storm damage to Oregon highways during the recent cold spell was far less than the frost damage which broke up many roadways a year ago, according to reports received by the state highway department.

W. C. Williams, first assistant highway engineer, said Monday no detailed reports were yet available, but said highways suffered less damage due to protection given them by the department and through the imposition of load limits on a majority of the highways in the state.

However, Williams said that snow removal costs will be far beyond the average yearly maintenance costs, due to the extremely heavy snowfall throughout Oregon during the past six weeks.

Trees Across Highways Further costs were entailed by the department in removing trees blown down over highways by exceedingly heavy winds.

Particularly difficult conditions were encountered in the Columbia river gorge, Williams said, due to the fall of "taipoca" snow—snow that falls in small pebble forms—between Cascade Locks and Hood River.

"This 'taipoca' snow covered not only the highway but the railroad tracks as well," said Williams, "and it is an extremely expensive operation to remove it."

Although there was an unusually heavy snow fall on both the north and south Santiam passes, these two highways have been reopened to traffic, Williams said.

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Polar Air Mass Moving South

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 23 (CP)—A cold polar air mass has ended the threat of floods in British Columbia but the return of colder weather increased transportation problems.

Train service to the east is still disrupted, the last train arrived in Vancouver Thursday and none are expected during the day.

Passengers who had been stranded in the Fraser canyon, 120 miles east of here, were moved to interior points during the week-end, and brought by plane to Vancouver.

Penticton was the centre of airlift operations with some 400 passengers being ferried to the coast city. Others were brought in by plane from Edmonton and Calgary.

Ice sliding from a roof killed a child at Cranbrook, and two men were reported killed on the Pacific Great Eastern railway when a freight engine was swept into a lake.

In the far north at Watson lake the mercury dropped to 55 below zero while Prince George, 500 miles north of here had a low of minus 45.

Temperatures in coastal districts are dropping fast. Vancouver is to have a low of 15 above zero tonight. The low during the night was 29.

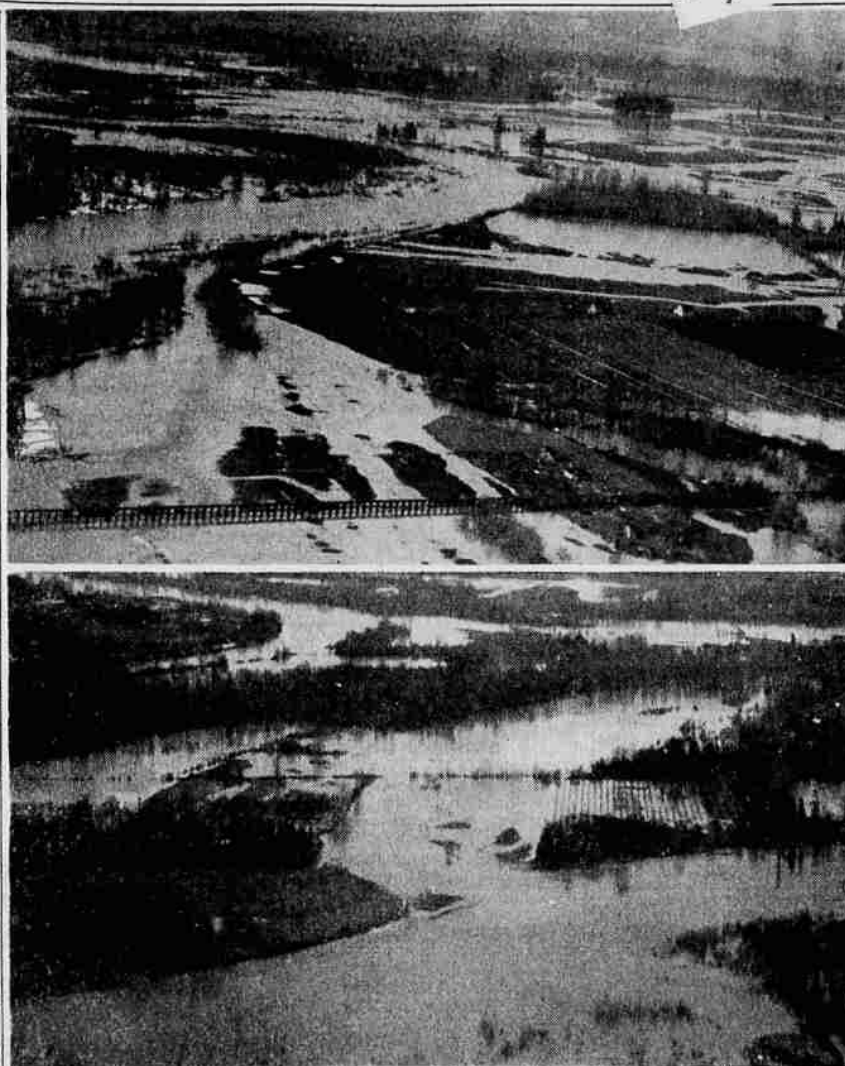
Fear Of CVA Prevented Bids On Pacific Power

Washington, Jan. 23 (AP)—Curtis E. Calder, chairman of the board of Electric Bond & Share corporation went on record today as "unalterably opposed" to a bid of B. J. Van Ingen company and associates for 500,000 shares of common stock of Pacific Power & Light company.

Calder testified at an SEC hearing on the proposal of Van Ingen that it be accepted as purchaser of the stock under regulations of the holding company act. He followed on the stand Howard Allen, president of American Power & Light, owner of the stock, and a subsidiary of Electric Bond & Share.

Calder said he was opposed to any delay in disposal of the stock because of possible loss of interest that might be involved, was "unalterably opposed" to Van Ingen's bid as well as to any sale that might ultimately place Pacific Power in control of a public power district.

He said he favored the bid of Allen & Company and asso-



Santiam and Willamette Flood Lowlands—Top: Air view of the Talbot region inundated by the flooding Santiam near its confluence with the Willamette. An Oregon Electric trestle appears in the foreground. Flood erosion in this locality is destructive to rich alluvial soil devoted to growing hops and peppermint. Lower: Willamette overflows Grey Eagle reventment five miles upstream from Salem. Engineers have recently rebuilt this reventment at the point of overflow hoping to prevent the river from cutting through Brown's island and reestablishing itself in an old channel of 1860.

Bus Overturns At Oregon City

Oregon City, Ore., Jan. 23 (AP)—A Pacific Greyhound bus struck a big boulder on the Pacific highway just south of here today and overturned, injuring seven passengers.

State police said the two by four foot boulder had tumbled onto the highway in an earth slide. The bus struck it at 2:35 a.m. and turned on its side.

There were 21 passengers on the northbound bus. Most seriously hurt was Cameron Sharp, 3525 W. 51st avenue Seattle, who suffered internal injuries and fractured ribs. The Oregon City hospital said he was in "poor" condition.

Six other passengers were taken to an Oregon City hospital. They were Mrs. Ada Condon, 79, 155 W. 41st, Vancouver, B.C., shock; Donald Cramer, Coos Bay, fractured arm; Glen Welch, Oregon City, head injury; Glen Garoutte, Portland, back injury; Mrs. Edna Dunbar, Portland, side injury.

The bus driver, Acel Frank Johnson, Eugene, was not hurt.

Steel Mill Reopens After 20 Hour Strike

Pittsburgh, Jan. 23 (AP)—The nation's fourth largest steel company hustled back into operation today after a 20-hour strike on its supply-toting railroad forced it to shut down.

The brief strike by 400 workers of the Monongahela railroad idled 12,000 Jones and Laughlin Steel corporation employees and 5,000 workers of smaller firms serviced by the line.

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Son Born to Snells At Portland Hospital

A son was born Monday morning at a Portland hospital to Dr. and Mrs. William E. Snell, formerly of Salem.

Grandparents are Mrs. Earl Snell and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Fry, all of Salem.

The new arrival is the third child in the family, the older two being four and one-half year old twins, Bill and Dana. The three grandparents were all in Portland Monday to greet the new arrival.

Changes Proposed In Numbering On Streets

Highland avenue and the Capitola district come in for extensive changes in street numbering of buildings and premises called for in an ordinance bill to be introduced in city council Monday night.

The bill, however, is general, and affects the whole city on both sides of the river, with numerous changes to be made on other streets in the north part of the city. In many parts of the city where numbers conform to the new bill no changes will be made.

The bill, which amends an old ordinance, relieves the chief of police of responsibility for house numbering and gives it to the city engineer.

The measure fixes State street, and Water street north of Mill street and Fir street south of Mill, as base lines or starting points in each direction. Both sides of the same street will be in the same hundred series, and 100 numbers will be assigned to each block.

He declined further comment on the affair except to say he had heard "rumors" of a match between Narriman and the king. "If fate so ruled," he added, his family would be filled with honor and joy.

Narriman, an only child, is living quietly at home these days, he said.

The foreign office press department on Dec. 29 said: "All news concerning his majesty's engagement is premature. All information published in this respect is completely without foundation."

Slowdown on Berlin Traffic

Berlin, Monday, Jan. 23 (AP)—Soviet frontier guards enforced a slowdown today on American military trains and German truck traffic to Berlin.

In apparent retaliation for last week's Russian-American squabble over occupancy of a railway building in Berlin, Soviet authorities delayed American trains as much as five hours.

Trucks from Berlin to West Germany were allowed to pass the Soviet zone check-point at Helmstedt at the rate of two or three an hour. Eighty trucks were backed up at the frontier this morning.

Two American military trains from Frankfurt and Bremerhaven were delayed at Helmstedt without explanation. After waits of three and a half to five hours, the trains were permitted by the Russians to proceed to Berlin.

A British military train from Hamburg passed the Soviet check-point without difficulty, however.

Since the western powers occupied west Berlin in 1945 their road and rail communications with western Germany have been at the mercy of the Soviet army. Ending of the Berlin blockade last May left these communications as exposed as ever.

Truman Asks Excise Tax Cut, Boost in Corporation Taxes

Mrs. Roosevelt Not Talkative In Brief Stop

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER If Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has opinions regarding the United States extending aid to the Chinese Nationalist government now established on Formosa, or on the subject of Alger Hiss being convicted Saturday of perjury, she was not in the mood to give her views on those topics upon alighting from a United Air Lines plane at Salem, Sunday evening.

The famous American woman, widow of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, stopped in Salem because the McNary field facilities have been handling all the Portland traffic during the past few days due to icy conditions at the Portland airport.

Mrs. Roosevelt was due in Portland Sunday evening to give a lecture on United Nations, and she was late in arriving here because weather conditions to the south prevented her making earlier connections to fly north.

Greeted by Crowd Almost a "mob" surged around the airport here to glimpse the noted woman—yep, many of them prominent Republicans, too. And there were some elements of a "comedy of errors" to enliven the short visit.

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6 Days Delay For Injunction In Coal Strike

Washington, Jan. 23 (AP)—A federal district court here today granted a six-day delay in the hearing of a government plea for an injunction to end the three-day work week in soft coal mines.

The hearing, originally set for Thursday, was postponed to Wednesday, February 1.

The postponement was granted on the joint request of John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers and Robert N. Denham, general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board.

The injunction suit was brought last week by the NLRB counsel.

Aides said Denham feels that, since it took him about three weeks to prepare his case, the union is entitled to more time to prepare for the hearing.

Raise Requested In Estate Levies And Big Gifts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP)—President Truman sent congress a tax program today calling for a cut in excise or "sales" levies, plugging of loopholes, and a billion-dollar boost in taxes on corporations, estates and big gifts.

In a special message, Mr. Truman did not say specifically how much reduction he thought should be made in the excise taxes, but he said cuts are "most urgently needed" in the taxes on freight, railroad and bus tickets, long distance telephone and telegraph bills and "the entire group of retail excises, including such items as toilet preparations, luggage and handbags."

While the president used no figure, some congress members said they understood the treasury—which will give detailed recommendations to congressional committees later—would suggest a cut from 10 to 15 percent in the retail tax on such things as cosmetics, luggage and handbags.

Points Out Loopholes Mr. Truman did specify that these taxes should be cut "only to the extent that the loss in revenue can be recouped by eliminating the tax loopholes which now permit some groups to escape their fair share of taxation."

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Reopen Probe Of A Shipments

Washington, Jan. 23 (AP)—House spy probes reopened their investigation today (10:30 a.m., EST) into stories of alleged wartime shipments of uranium ore to Russia.

The identities of the first witnesses were not disclosed in advance.

Some big names were on tap as witnesses for hearings scheduled to run for several days before the house committee on un-American activities.

Among them are Henry A. Wallace, vice president at the time when the committee has been told, raw materials for A-bomb construction were said to be going to the Soviets via lend-lease.

Another is Lt. Leslie R. Groves, now retired, but then military head of the super-secret Manhattan project charged with development of the atomic bomb.

Frank Tavenner, committee general counsel, said he was not certain when Wallace would come before the committee but that it was likely to be Wednesday.

Wallace has asked for a chance to be heard on testimony to the effect that he exerted pressure to get atomic supplies to our Russian allies during the war. Wallace called this the "sheerest fabrication."

When Groves primarily testified some weeks back, he denied that either Wallace or Harry Hopkins, late confidential assistant of President Roosevelt, had put pressure on him to expedite atomic shipments to the Soviet.

McCloy Reports On Saar Issue

Washington, Jan. 23 (AP)—John McCloy, U.S. high commissioner for Germany, is here to report to President Truman, amid signs that the Franco-German struggle over the Saar may grow more critical.

The future of this industrial region seems certain to figure largely in McCloy's talk with the president as well as his more detailed discussions with Secretary Acheson and other state department officials.

McCloy had a busy week's schedule ahead. Tentatively it included a visit to the White House this afternoon, followed by a news conference (4:30 p.m. EST) and a broadcast tonight (NBC, 10:30 p.m.). Tuesday he is to be in Capitol Hill, Thursday he will see some people in New York and Thursday night he will speak in Boston.

He will leave for Germany on Saturday, one week after arriving for this visit. He reached Washington late yesterday.

His conferences with officials are likely to range from minor problems of the West German government operation to such major matters as the status of the Saar.

Mrs. Roosevelt Visits Oregon

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was a brief visitor in Salem Sunday evening en route to Portland to give a lecture. She is shown here at United Air Lines office autographing a copy of her book, "This I Remember," for Kent Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Myers, 2375 Madison street, Salem. Myers is the high school "Rotarian for the month" for January.

Taft Supports Aid to Korea

Washington, Jan. 23 (AP)—President Truman's plea for economic aid to Korea—shelved last week by an angry house—found support today from Sen. Taft (R., Ohio).

The republican leader told a reporter he thinks congress might well include in a forthcoming recovery administration bill a provision to give some economic help to the South Korea government.

Mr. Truman has announced he will ask congress for "speedy rectification" of the house's rejection of a \$60,000 aid bill last week by a one-vote margin.

The president had an opportunity to discuss ways and means of reversing this decision at his regular White House conference with legislative leaders today.

Chairman Connally (D., Tex.) already has suggested the senate foreign relations committee might link the Korea aid proposal to a measure offered by Senator Knowland (R., Calif.) to continue economic help for the Chinese nationalist government which has fled to Formosa.

Both the Korean and Chinese aid programs will expire February 15, unless congress acts in the meantime.

Secretary of State Acheson is scheduled for testimony before the senate foreign relations group tomorrow.

Bend Gets Hospital

Bend, Jan. 23 (AP)—Construction is to begin soon on a \$900,000 hospital to be operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph order. Federal financial aid for the structure has been granted by the U. S. public health service.

J. H. Wise & Son, Boise, has the building contract.