

THE WEATHER HERE

PARTLY CLOUDY and colder tonight and Wednesday. Lowest tonight, 17 degrees; highest Wednesday, 30.

Maximum yesterday, 44; minimum today, 21. Total 24-hour precipitation: .07; for month: 9.97; normal, 4.08. Season precipitation, 24.91; normal, 31.36. River, highest, 26.7 feet, falling. Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.

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Snow and Ice Cover Valley as Floods Recede

Willamette River Crests at 20.7 Feet And Slowly Falls

Snow and ice again! Weather-weary Salem and other valley points saw the same old pattern renewed again Tuesday morning after a four-day letup from the frigid winter weather that has featured all January to date—1.13 inches of new snow at Salem, below freezing temperatures and treacherous icy pavements all returning.

A most striking situation in the weather picture is the fact that Tuesday morning the muddy Willamette river still was rolling along above flood stage in the Salem vicinity, although starting to fall gradually after hitting a crest of 20.7 feet at 5 a.m.

And the new winter blast is here for a few days!

Colder Weather Due

The five-day forecast from the U.S. weather bureau states that both west and east Oregon and Washington will continue to see below normal temperatures through Saturday.

Colder temperatures tonight and Wednesday are predicted, tonight's low expected to drop to 17 at Salem. Occasional snow flurries are in prospect through Thursday with snow more general Friday and some indications the conditions may start easing by Saturday, says the general forecast.

The run-off of Willamette river flood waters was a gradual process through Tuesday morning, anyway. In the upper section, the river still measured 7 feet at Eugene, 20.8 at Corvallis, 22 feet at Albany, although all those stations stated the river was dropping. At 20.7 feet at Salem early this morning the river went to 7 of a foot above flood stage.

Santiam Above Flood Stage

The Santiam at Jefferson was still slightly above flood stage Tuesday morning measuring 13.6 feet. Flood stage is 13 feet there.

The new snow storm varied in its intensity through valley regions.

Five inches of new snow covered the ground at Dallas Tuesday morning. Since the storm started in early January, the official measurement at Dallas is 49.2 inches to date, including the new fall today, but not including the amount descending in the sleet storm last week. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 6)

Winter Bites Into Northwest

Winter took another sharp bite at the Pacific Northwest today.

Snow, cold and bitter winds prevailed over wide areas. Colder nights were in the offing.

The U. S. Weather Bureau issued a special cold wave warning for southeastern Washington, northeastern Oregon and central Idaho. It said temperatures would fall from zero to 10 below in that region by Wednesday morning. The forecast for that area also carried a prediction of occasional light snow, with gradually clearing skies this afternoon and tonight.

Lower temperatures were forecast for all northwest areas.

Some of the extreme northern parts of the state already were suffering from weather nearly as bad as the Friday the 13th blizzard.

Bellingham's thermometer sank to a miserably cold five degrees above zero this morning, while the wind reached a 60-mile velocity in gusts.

The north end of the Olympic peninsula had its worst blizzard yesterday. A 39-mile wind, with gusts up to nearly 50, reminded Port Angeles residents of the recent blizzard. The blow left four to five inches of snow in Port Angeles, eight at Lake Crescent and lesser depths in other peninsula areas.

Snow depths varied widely. Six inches and more were reported in the Everett and Bellingham vicinities and up to eight in parts of Cowlitz county. But in the county's main cities of Kelso and Longview, there was only about an inch of the white stuff.

Blizzards and New Cold Wave Grip Country

Storm from Canada Moves South and East—Below Zero Blast

(By the Associated Press) Winter hammered a wet, cold punch across the northern half of the country today.

Blizzard conditions prevailed over Minnesota and sections of the Dakotas and Montana. Temperatures tumbled and strong winds whipped snow into huge drifts. Some highways were blocked.

Colder weather was forecast as the storm moved south and eastward into the central states and was expected to hit as far south as the Oklahoma-Texas Panhandle. The mercury was 22 below zero at Great Falls, Mont., and 12 at Minot, N. D., early today.

Another cold wave from the Arctic blew across the Pacific northwest.

Snow, Rain and Sleet

There was precipitation in the form of snow, rain or sleet from the Pacific northwest eastward into the Great Lakes region. The heaviest snowfall was in Minnesota. Snow fell in upper Michigan and northern Wisconsin westward through Minnesota, the Dakotas, Montana Wyoming and parts of northern Colorado and the Pacific northwest states.

A rain belt extended over Indiana and Illinois. Freezing rain was reported over most of Iowa, southern Wisconsin and southern Michigan. Glazed highways made driving hazardous.

U. S. Highway 10, the main east-west artery in North Dakota, was blocked by the drifting and blowing snow. Fifteen persons including members of the McClusky high school basketball team, riding in three cars, were caught in a blizzard last night near Turtle Lake, N. D. They spent the night at a farm house. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 6)

Roads Closed by Ice, Snow, Water

Ice, snow or high water made travel hazardous throughout Oregon today, the state highway commission reported.

The Oregon coast highway was closed by high water between Coquille and Bandon, and by a slide 13 miles south of Port Orford.

The commission said that if the weather doesn't get too bad, it plans to reopen the Columbia river highway by the end of the week.

The Siuslaw highway was still closed today by a road cave-in near Florence, and the Wilsonville ferry and Corvallis-Eastside road remained closed by high water.

The Road Report:

Government Camp—high wind, packed snow, plowing, carry chains, 8 inches new snow.

Columbia river—both sides of river blocked by snowslides.

Santiam Pass—high wind, packed snow, plowing, chains required, 12 inches new snow.

Willamette pass—snowing hard, packed snow, plowing, carry chains, 13 inches new snow.

Agreement Approved For Airport Building

Signing of a grant agreement with the civil aeronautics administration for construction of an administration building at McNary field was authorized by the city council Monday night.

All that remains now before the project begins is the signing of the contract between the city and H. G. Carl, the contractor, whose bid of \$37,398 for the first unit construction was accepted by the council on recommendation of City Manager J. L. Franzen. The contractor will put up a bond.

Jacob V. Fryberger, assistant district airport engineer with the CAA at the Salem office, said that from now on the project is between the city and the contractor but he thought the contract might be signed within 10 days. Then, he said the work could start as soon as the city gives the go-ahead signal.

By terms of the agreement approved Monday night the government's share of the contract cost is \$24,976 and the city's share \$12,422. Covered in the agreement is a first unit of one story with utility extensions and connections, and also with maximum space requirements for CAA and weather bureau activities.



Early Vote on Alaska as State

Washington, Jan. 24 (AP)—An early house vote on Alaska and Hawaii statehood was assured today.

The house late yesterday approved special resolutions making the statehood legislation in order for house action.

Majority Leader McCormack (D-Mass.) announced that the bills will be programmed for future consideration but he said it will not be this week. He did not indicate when they will be called up.

When the house session opened the majority of the members expected to vote on the controversial fair employment practices bill, a part of the president's civil rights program.

Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.), however, recognized Chairman Peterson (D-Fla.) of the house public lands committee, who offered a resolution calling up the Alaska statehood bill, and later one for the Hawaii bill.

Rep. Coudert (R-N.Y.) told the house the failure to call up the FEPC legislation and the taking up of the Alaska and Hawaii bills "was a travesty on parliamentary procedure."

He protested that the statehood questions were "flung in our teeth" without any advance knowledge that they would be the subject for debate.

Urge Support Of Valley Dams

All Willamette Valley organizations are urged to appeal to the Oregon delegation in congress for support of adequate appropriations for the Willamette Basin project.

The appeal was made by Ronald Jones, chairman of the Willamette River Basin commission at a meeting held at the state capitol.

"This is critical year in regard to appropriations for the project," Jones said. "Unless we can get sufficient money from congress Detroit dam construction may be delayed and power will not be made available as soon as it should be."

Jones said that any delay in construction of Detroit dam and Meridan dam in Lane county would delay protection against any disastrous floods that may be experienced in the valley during the next few years.

Just Where Will the Highway Be?—Flood stage on the Willamette completely inundates the proposed location of a new river front highway through West Salem. A new road south of Edgewater street is proposed as a part of the Marion street bridge development. Construction of a levee along the river and elevation of the roadbed will be a part of the project.

Aluminum Products Plant Contract Let Today

Viesko & Post, Salem contractors, were low bidders Tuesday for foundation and structural steel work on a new Salem factory project brought here by Carl V. Amussen of Seattle. Amussen said the contract would be awarded during the day.

Amussen, president of Norpac, Inc., of Seattle, revealed plans to build and operate here an aluminum products factory said to be an investment of about \$250,000, which will include \$100,000 in new equipment.

Five Salem contractors bid on the initial construction. The amounts of the bids were not revealed.

The plant will be located at the southwest corner of Lewis and 13th streets, in southeast Salem, and it will make aluminum building supplies. Immediate construction is planned.

Amussen is president also of The Western Aluminum corporation, and he said head offices of both concerns would be moved to Salem.

Aluminum articles to be manufactured will include roofing, siding, gutters, insulation materials, downspouts and aluminum foil for household use.

Materials, Amussen said, will come mainly from the Permanente Chemical & Metals corporation's plant at Trentwood, Wash.

The establishment of good relations between France and Germany and the promotion of the European idea are, according to its (the government's) conviction, of such decisive importance that everybody concerned must contribute to avoiding any disturbances by the Saar question of the present promising development.

"The federal government agrees that everything must be done to make it clear to the German people that their future is identical with the future of Europe and that, therefore, one must decidedly oppose any nationalistic efforts, no matter of what origin."

West Germany and France have been at loggerheads for some time over the coal-rich Saarland. The French stand for permanent detachment of the valley from Germany. The Germans oppose this and claim rights in the Saar coal mines as prewar German property. France needing Saar coal, has linked the Saar's economy with her own and given it semi-autonomy.

11 Million in Red Slave Camps

Washington, Jan. 24 (AP)—The Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) charged today that more than 11,000,000 persons are being worked to death in Soviet slave labor camps.

A statement by James B. Carey, CIO secretary-treasurer, prepared for the senate foreign relations committee, said in part: "Both Hitler and Stalin organized the greatest machinery for literally squeezing the blood out of human beings for two purposes: First to get human energy without pay and secondly, to kill, through overwork, the undesirable people."

"The population of slave labor camps in Germany reached almost eleven million. The number of inmates from the Baltic nations in the Siberian slave labor camps, including the salt mines, is certainly higher."

Carey urged American ratification of the United Nations genocide convention and expressed "the hope that all nations of the world will follow soon the American lead."

The UN action was prompted by the slaughter of Jews by Germany in World War II.

Dallas Apartments Damaged by Fire

Dallas, Ore., Jan. 24—Fire at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning caused several thousands of dollars damage to the apartment at 718 Mill and owned by Sam Burek. He estimated his loss around \$2000 while Mrs. Maude Crawford had personal property loss estimated at \$1000. Other occupants were Mr. and Mrs. Noel Vignery and L. E. Gange.

Tenants were using a common flue and it is believed that some burning material from one of the other apartments fell into the fireplace of the apartment occupied by Mrs. Crawford, an elderly woman. She had placed considerable trash in the fireplace and this became ignited.

Big Steel Chief Says Price Rise Caused By Costs

Fairless Sees No Harmful Effects on Other Price Levels

Washington, Jan. 24 (AP)—President Benjamin Fairless of the U. S. Steel corporation told a congressional committee today the recent steel price rise should cause no "harmful effect whatsoever" on price levels in other industries.

Any upward changes, added the head of "Big Steel," "will be due more to increased labor, transportation and other costs, than to any change in the price of steel."

Fairless said the price boost his company ordered was "made necessary by heavy increases in our costs. This is the simple truth."

Increased Costs Listed

(A) New insurance and pension programs, \$67,500,000; and (B) increase social security tax, \$3,400,000.

"These costs alone are \$3.88 per ton and more than offset the \$3.82 per ton which we hope to obtain from our price increases," Fairless said in a statement prepared for delivery before the senate-house economic committee.

The committee started an inquiry today into the December steel price increase. Fairless was the first witness called at public hearings booked through Friday.

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Bandits Seize Second Payroll

Boston, Jan. 24 (AP)—Two bandits seized a \$1,910 payroll in the ultra-exclusive Union Club today 25 minutes after it was delivered by an armored truck of Brink's, Inc., whose offices were held up last week by bandits who escaped with \$1,500,000.

With Boston police still working around the clock to solve last Tuesday night's robbery at Brink's own headquarters, the bandit pair boldly staged the latest stick-up in daylight within sight of the statehouse. They overlooked \$90.

The bandits, one masked with a handkerchief and armed, held up two women employes in an office of the club on the fourth floor of the building on busy Park street.

The bandits vanished so quickly after the robbery that employes said they must have been familiar with the premises.

Meanwhile, Boston police turned over to the FBI for investigation a message received in a plain white envelope in this morning's mail from Buffalo, N. Y. Dated January 22, it was written either in red ink or paint on white paper and read: "Have fun, boys. We are the baseball team," apparently referring to the nine-man bandit gang sought in the Brink's holdup.

Bandetson Nominated

Washington, Jan. 24 (AP)—President Truman today nominated Karl R. Bandetson of California to be assistant secretary of the army. Bandetson, a San Francisco lawyer, has been serving as a special consultant to secretary of the army Gray.

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Runaway Girl Home From Dishwashing

Montreal, Jan. 24 (CP)—Beverly Ann Van Horne, 17-year-old daughter of a wealthy Montreal family, is back home today after her headline-making trip across a continent.

Police located her last week in Vancouver where it was said she had taken a dish-washing job in a cafe.

It was learned that the attractive girl, who may be in line to inherit the \$2,000,000 estate built by her great-grandfather, Sir William Van Horne, was spirited into Montreal last night after being taken off the Toronto train at Cornwall, Ont.

She was first reported missing a week ago after it was revealed that police, at the behest of her relatives, had been searching for her in Hamilton, Ont., and Vancouver since Dec. 15.

Power Shortage For Five Years

Washington, Jan. 24 (AP)—Secretary of the Interior Chapman says there are no indications the power shortage in the Pacific Northwest can be relieved in under four or five years.

He so told a house appropriations subcommittee in testimony made public today.

"There is a definite shortage of power on the West Coast," Chapman testified.

"To what extent or rate I am not prepared to state. The indications are there is a definite shortage now. There is no indication that it can be relieved under four or five years in the Pacific Northwest, even if we proceed at the present pace on authorized projects in that area."

Dr. Paul J. Raver, head of the Bonneville Power Administration, testified that the total generating capacity of the installations planned in the Pacific Northwest will add approximately 1,200,000 kilowatts of additional power to the present 2,000,000 kilowatts by the winter of 1953. He said BPA lines this year have carried an overload.

Supreme Court Reverses Itself

The state supreme court Tuesday reversed itself in a case involving a special school tax levy voted by patrons of Union School District No. 5 in Union county.

E. O. Zack, a resident of the district, filed suit to enjoin the district from levying the tax on the ground that proper notice of the school meeting had not been given.

In an opinion last November the high court upheld Zack's contention and declared the \$10,980 tax levy to be void. In its second opinion written by Justice J. O. Bailey, the supreme court reversed itself and upheld the validity of the levy.

The court reversed Circuit Judge Charles W. Redding of Multnomah county in a suit brought by Sherman C. and Violet Hall to foreclose a mortgage on property in the city of Portland to Alfred and Jessie Risley. The court held that the Halls were entitled to a strict foreclosure and held that charges of "gross fraud by the Risleys were 'without merit.'"

Senate Confirms Admiral Sherman

Washington, Jan. 24 (AP)—Admiral Forrest P. Sherman today was confirmed by the senate as chief of naval operations. It was a voice vote.

Sherman succeeds Admiral Louis F. Denfeld, fired by President Truman last November 2 at the request of Navy Secretary Matthews.

Denfeld, who announced his retirement from the navy last week, had criticized unification policies before a congressional committee.

Just before the vote, Senator Kem (R., Mo.) delivered a fresh blast at the treatment of Denfeld. He accused the administration of trying to intimidate military officers who oppose its policies.

Lily Pons Improves

New York, Jan. 24 (AP)—Metropolitan opera star Lily Pons, 45, was described "in good condition" today after undergoing an operation for removal of a kidney stone. A spokesman for Miss Pons, wife of orchestra conductor Andre Kostelanetz, said the tiny opera star will take a brief vacation in Florida before returning to the Met.

Acheson for Economic Aid To Nationalists

Secretary Willing to Help Chiang's Defenders of Formosa

Washington, Jan. 24 (AP)—Senator Connally (D., Tex.), said today that Secretary of State Acheson "is agreeable" to giving economic aid to the Chinese nationalist defenders of Formosa.

Connally made this statement to reporters after Acheson discussed Far East problems for two hours with the senate foreign relations committee. Connally is chairman of the committee.

Connally indicated that about \$28,000,000 might be available for aid to the Chinese nationalists on Formosa.

President Truman has announced the United States will give no military aid to them—a policy which has brought violent opposition from some senate republicans.

There were reports that Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.), has raised the possibility of U.N. action to give Formosans a choice in the kind of government they will have.

Although Vandenberg would not comment on the UN phase, he told reporters: "I can't get it out of my mind that the Formosan people ought to have something to say about their future form of government."

FEPC Bottled In Committee

Washington, Jan. 24 (AP)—A tie vote kept the anti-job discrimination (FEPC) bill bottled up in the house rules committee today.

A motion to send the bill to the house for a vote lost by a count of 5 to 5. Four southern democrats, Smith of Virginia, Cox of Georgia, Colmer of Mississippi and Lyle of Texas voted against the motion and were joined by Brown of Ohio, a republican.

Voting to clear the bill were Sabbath of Illinois, Madden of Indiana, McSweeney of Ohio and Delaney of New York, democrats, and Herter of Massachusetts, republican.

Two republicans were absent. They were Allen of Illinois and Wadsworth of New York. Both reportedly would have voted against approval of the bill had they been present.

Brown told newsmen he voted against approval in order to prevent final action in the absence of Wadsworth and Allen. He then moved to reconsider, which means the matter can be considered again when the full membership is present.

Brown has been listed by FEPC proponents as favorable to the bill.

With a full membership present, the vote on FEPC, according to private polls, would be 6 to 6. It takes seven votes to send a bill to the house for consideration.

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told of a heavy loss under which the company was operating in Salem, but expressed a willingness to make any later changes that can be made economically to better the service.

The council enacted an ordinance that gives the council instead of the city manager authority over time schedules of the transit company. This was done as a matter of constancy, since the council has authority over route schedules.

Many letters as well as speakers appeared in protest against changes whereby the suburban service was curtailed at the first of the year, and later partially restored.

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