

THE WEATHER HERE

PARTLY CLOUDY TONIGHT with increasing cloudiness Tuesday. Continued cold. Lowest tonight, near 12; highest Tuesday, near 28.

Maximum yesterday, 25; minimum today, 12. Total 24-hour precipitation: .06; for month: 11.72; normal, 5.18. Season precipitation, 32.71; normal, 32.45. River height, 9.2 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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New Snowfall Followed by Bitterest Cold

Season's New Low of 10 Degrees Brought by Freezing North Wind

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER It's a case of adding insult to injury—following nearly a solid month of snow and ice, the most bitter cold of the winter to date moved in over Salem and valley regions during the week-end, sending thermometers skidding to new seasonal lows and bringing quantities of new snow.

More of the intense cold is due tonight and Tuesday with no indication of when the break is due, although the weather bureau does predict increasing cloudiness for Tuesday.

Scenery Beautiful

Blue skies and bright sunshine made the pile-up of dry, powdery snow sparkle and glisten for beautiful scenery, Monday, but an icy wind prevailed.

Monday morning's minimum in Salem dipped to 12 degrees and the mercury is due to hit that mark or go possibly lower tonight.

The minimum Sunday went down to 10 degrees, the lowest mark here since in January of 1943. In that year the minimum dropped to 5 degrees on January 24 and was at 10 on January 18.

6.4 Inches New Snow

With 6.4 inches more of new snow piling up over the weekend, 9 inches covered the ground in Salem Monday morning, the weather bureau reported, and in higher elevations about the city the measurements were even deeper.

The all-time record for snowfall in one month was broken for here Saturday, and the weekend continued to increase the record. To 10:30 a.m. Monday, a total of 35.8 inches has been measured for January here, the greatest amount to be recorded in any one month here as far as records show.

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Local Schools Remain Closed

Faced with the almost impossible task of transporting some 1600 pupils, including not a few from the higher elevations south of the city and from the Eola hills across the river, the Salem school administration early Monday decided not to conduct classes.

Snow ranging in depth up to 12 inches, coupled with the fact that the roads had not been broken, was the deciding factor in the decision not to open, said Superintendent Frank B. Bennett. The superintendent was out long before dawn testing conditions first hand.

Unless conditions grow worse in the meantime, all schools will reopen Tuesday morning.

Train Backs Down 3 Miles

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 30 (AP)—More than 200 frightened but orderly passengers sat quietly in a disabled streamliner train last night as it rolled backward down a hill in central Washington.

A fire in the electric engine of the Milwaukee railroad's crack Hiawatha streamliner stalled the train on a hill east of Kittitas.

The swiftly rolling train was brought to a halt by crew members and passengers who helped apply manual brakes on each car after the air brake failed.

The only injuries were received by the engineer and fireman. Both were slightly affected by gas fumes as they fought the fire.

Engineer Edward Maxwell, 67, of Spokane, estimated the train rolled about three miles dragging its dead engine. He and Fireman Dick Liberty, 30, of Spokane, were driven from the cab by gas fumes as it glided slowly away. Maxwell estimated the train reached a speed of slightly more than 15 miles an hour on the downhill run.

Two-Nation Air Armada Hunts Missing C-54

American and Canadian Plane Search in Sub-Zero Weather

Whitehorse, Y.T., Jan. 30 (AP)—A two-nation air armada spurred on by a determined RCAF officer's "we will find them today" fanned out over frozen sub-Arctic terrain in search of a missing C-54 transport today despite plunging temperatures and darkening skies.

The missing airforce transport carrying 44 persons, including a woman and baby son, disappeared Thursday.

Royal Canadian Air Force Commodore M. Costello's optimistic forecast was based on the increasing number of planes in the air and the narrowing of the search to two "priority areas."

More Planes Join Search

RCAF search squadrons began taking off at 7 a.m. (pst). More U. S. planes joined the RCAF ships every hour as the search was intensified.

The priority areas were set up after residents sent persistent reports of explosions, flares and lights.

One very dangerous area in the immediate vicinity of Whitehorse remained unchecked because of dangerous weather conditions. Lt. Col. E. R. Strause directing search operations for the U. S. air force, said this area would be checked later today.

The area from Northway, Alaska, to Edmonton, Alta., was being blocked off in 30 square mile grids with planes assigned to each grid.

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Dallas Schools Open Tuesday

Dallas, Ore., Jan. 30—While school was dismissed Monday, every effort will be made to keep the buildings open in the future and school will be held Tuesday if the buses are able to operate over the main or state highways, picking up students wherever possible, S. E. Whitworth, superintendent, announced today.

More than six inches of new snow fell Sunday night with a 14 degree temperature and wind causing some driftage, sufficient to prevent the school buses from making their usual runs Monday.

Superintendent Whitworth says that the city school system loses between \$400 and \$500 a day from the state school support fund each day that the schools are closed.

Firemen were called to the E. A. DeHut home, 805 Jefferson, around 8 o'clock Sunday morning where an automobile and part of a garage were burned.

The fire is believed to have started from a cigarette. The fire department was also called at the same hour Monday by a flue fire.

Operations are still being continued by the Willamette Valley Lumber company though continued cold and additional snow are expected to result in heavy curtailment or a complete stoppage.

Master Criminals Loot \$575,000 Gems in NY

New York, Jan. 30 (AP)—Two master-criminals, one a real-life "Raffles" and the other a "Jimmy Valentine," hid out with their gangs today from police and FBI agents after three thefts netted \$575,000 in 48 hours.

The "Raffles" thief master-minded the Saturday night burglary of \$428,000 in jewels and \$500 in cash from Maxine Moore Sanson, 32, former model and wife of millionaire hosiery company president Stanton D. Sanson. This was the biggest jewel robbery in New York's criminal history.

"Raffles" also may have been the leader of the three man gang which looted half-pint showman Billy Rose's home of \$100,000 in jewels and furs Thursday night, police said.

But it was a "Jimmy Valentine" police and FBI agents sought for the burglary in suburban Babylon on Long Island of \$47,000 in cash and traveler's checks. The bank is diagonally cross the street from police headquarters.



Silver Creek, Fairyland of Ice and Snow—Snow to a depth of eight to 20 inches covered the Silver Creek falls area Sunday and a festoon of icicles formed at the brink of the falls. Right: Canyons of snow are open to the motorist who visits this recreational area but chains are necessary for an easy, safe trip.

Russians Ease Berlin Blockade

Berlin, Jan. 30 (AP)—Truck traffic in and out of Berlin speeded up to near normal today as the Russians relaxed their 10-day-old baby blockade.

Eight to 10 trucks an hour passed through the Soviet checkpoint near Helmstedt during the night and western officials thought the rate might go up to 15 or 20 during the day.

During the peak of the baby blockade last week Berlin-bound trucks were slowed down to as few as two an hour.

End of the baby blockade was signaled during the week-end when East German police announced the ending of what they called "document orientation week."

During the slowdown Russian border guards spent between 15 and 30 minutes in a minute inspection of all documents carried by German trucks. If documents were not in order trucks were turned back until they were corrected.

The Russians, with their usual secrecy, refused however to give any guarantees that the slowdown would not be reimposed any time the future seized them.

Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, American commander in Berlin, said the Russian slowdown was intended to harass the economy of Western Berlin.

Earthquakes in Iran Cause Loss of Life

Teheran, Iran, Jan. 30 (AP)—Government officials rushed relief supplies today to the Persian gulf area of Bushire, struck by a recent series of sharp earthquakes.

First unofficial reports on the toll had said that more than 1,500 persons were killed but the government said it believed these figures were greatly exaggerated. The government, however, gave no figure of its own on the possible total of dead. Rescue and relief workers in Bushire thus far have recovered only 30 bodies.

County Court Names Airport Zoning Board

Donald Cannon and Hedda Swart were named by the Marion county court Monday to serve as members of the five-man joint airport zoning board. Two other members will be appointed by the City of Salem, probably at the next council meeting February 13. The fifth member will be named by the four appointed men.

Cannon is president of the Salem Gun club, located within a mile of the northwest corner of McNary field. The court chose him for the zoning board because of his familiarity with the area surrounding the airport.

Swart, Marion county engineer, was named to the position for his ability to survey the territory and his knowledge of the roads and tracts in that vicinity.

The airport zoning board is being formed by the county and city to conform to a requirement issued by the Civil Aeronautics commission. The purpose of the board will be to regulate the height of buildings, power poles, etc., in the vicinity of the airport as a safety measure.

The board will establish various zones around the airport. The closer each zone is to the airport, the lesser height will be allowed on buildings.

Trees which are above the height established by the board will be cut.

The aim of the project is to lessen the likelihood of hazard in the event a plane comes in low.

Plan to Increase Pacific Fleet

Washington, Jan. 30 (AP)—The navy is considering adding a half dozen destroyers and an aircraft carrier to its Pacific fleet.

The trend toward rebuilding naval power in the Pacific, which started with the arrival of the new chief of naval operations, Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, has shown signs of being accelerated by communist successes in China.

Presumably the carrier would be transferred from the Atlantic. It is not clear whether all or part of the six-ship destroyer division would be transfers or some of them new additions to the overall destroyer force of the navy.

Naval strength planned for under the new budget provides for operating only six first line carriers. Eight have been in operation recently, of which two are in the Pacific. It is expected the navy will keep its three 45,000-ton Midway class carriers in operation, laying up some of the 27,000-ton Essex class flattops to bring the total down to budgetary limits.

Destroyer strength in the Pacific currently totals 46, as against 97 in the Atlantic.

The escorting force that accompanies a carrier varies from one to two cruisers and from four to six destroyers.

Truman to Get Go-Ahead to Build H-Bomb

Congress Willing to Grant Funds at President's Request

Washington, Jan. 30 (AP)—A willing congress appeared ready today to grant President Truman any money needed to build the hydrogen bomb.

Legislators of both houses and both parties seemed agreed that Mr. Truman should give the go-ahead for building the super weapon. Some came to the conclusion willingly, others reluctantly. But very few voices were heard in dissent.

The decision on building the dreaded weapon is Mr. Truman's alone. He told his news conference last week that he soon will rule one way or the other.

Answer Likely Yes

Most of the legislators—none of whom claimed any "inside information"—thought his answer would be yes.

One rumor current here was that the president may order the weapon built in an announcement this week. The report was that he would accompany it with an urgent plea for world-wide agreement to control the H-bomb as well as the atomic bomb.

The "reluctant" opinion in congress was summed up by Rep. Karl Stefan (R., Neb.), an influential member of the house appropriations committee. Asked whether he would vote for any money asked by the president, he replied:

Little Objection

"Yes, I would have to. He is the commander-in-chief and responsible for the defense of the nation and our people. He is the only one that has the real information as to the necessity for it."

"But I think there should be more emphasis on the need for working for peace through the United Nations. I think we would be a lot better off that way than developing weapons of super destruction."

Seek to Avert Phone Strike

Washington, Jan. 30 (AP)—Government mediators dug in today for a threatened strike "at any time" by 100,000 telephone workers.

President Joseph A. Bieme of the Communications Workers of America (CWA) readied an "important" afternoon statement on strike strategy.

William N. Margolis and Peter Seitz, top aides of federal mediation director Cyrus S. Ching, planned a meeting with Bieme before his news conference.

Negotiations with five Bell system units employing the 100,000 workers have been stalled for weeks—in some cases, for months.

Union divisions representing another 150,000 telephone workers are scheduled to open negotiations with 16 other Bell companies on Wednesday. They speeded up strike authorization votes to back up their demands.

The union is asking for more pay a shorter work week, shorter apprentice periods and improved pension benefits.

Margolis described the situation as "serious" after a meeting with Bieme in Cincinnati last week. CWA officers had held a top-level strategy conference there.

Some sources indicated a nationwide strike seemed inevitable unless the new talks get farther than the earlier negotiations.



Pilot of Missing C-54—Major Gerald F. Brittain, 36, Akron, O., is pilot aboard the C-54 missing in Alaska since Jan. 20. The plane, on a round trip from Texas to Alaska was reported lost on the return trip. (AP Wire-photo)

Lilienthal Says 'Hydro' Bomb 'Not the Issue'

Washington, Jan. 30 (AP)—David E. Lilienthal said today he is not opposed to making the hydrogen bomb or any other weapon "as such."

But the atomic energy commission chairman added promptly that "the question of whether to build or not to build (the H-bomb) is not the issue."

Lilienthal refused to tell reporters of a news conference what the issue is. But he recalled that during the war the question frequently arose as to where the country's resources, brains and money could best be used.

Lilienthal refused to amplify further his declaration that "the naked question" of building the H-bomb is not the real issue in the secret discussions now going on between President Truman and his top advisers.

The inference is plain, however, that high on the list of problems involved is the best use of the nation's resources, scientific skills and money.

Blasts Loosen 'Mighty Mo'

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 30 (AP)—The navy promised today to get the mighty battleship Missouri off its Hampton Roads mudbank within 72 hours or bust trying.

That was the optimistic word here following yesterday's successful experiment with two underwater TNT charges. They jarred loose the sand-suction which has held the mighty Mo fast since it ran aground January 17.

Navy salvage experts, who have been shy up to now in forecasting when operation "Float Her" would succeed, said that with luck it might end Tuesday.

They added that it looked like a dead sure thing Thursday when the next flood tide comes in.

It started working loose yesterday when the two 75-pound packets of TNT exploded in the muddy harbor bottom on either side of her hull. Immediately after the second burst, she settled a half-inch deeper into the water. But instead of burying her broad bottom further, the ship's massive weight squashed and scattered the sand, unlocking the suction and leaving her ready to be hauled away as soon as the tide is right.

Haste Urged by FHA on Coates Building Plan

No Definite Deadline But Housing Law Expires March 1

By JAMES D. OLSON

There is no deadline on the federal housing administration commitment given Robert T. Coates for his proposed apartment house on Summer street, immediately in the path of the proposed extended capitol zone.

This word was received Monday by Governor Douglas McKay from Senator Guy Cordon, who had contacted FHA officials in Washington at the telegraphic request of the governor.

Robert Parkman, the senator's secretary, said in a telephone message that there "must have been some misunderstanding" over the supposed midnight hour. Stresses Need for Haste

"There is no definite deadline of today," Parkman said. He added, however, the need for haste in solving the dilemma. Parkman pointed out that the congressional act under which Coates applied for his FHA commitment will expire March 1 and that the FHA will no longer have authority to act in the matter after that date.

However, Folger Johnson, Oregon FHA administrator, said that while there was no deadline it would be virtually impossible to process a commitment on new plans prior to the March 1 expiration date of the law and would take 20 days to process new plans on a lot comparable to the one already approved.

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Council Acts Tuesday Night

An emergency meeting of the city council probably will be called at 5:15 o'clock Tuesday afternoon to consider another lot for the Coates apartment house project.

If the meeting is called, which now seems probable, it will have only one thing to consider. That will be a waiver of set-back line requirements so the project can be transferred without change in the building plans. The location, which hasn't yet been revealed, is in a zone permitting apartment houses.

In all ways, except the matter of set-back lines, the location is said to be suitable to the project which would be transferred from 555 North Summer street where it stands in the way of the proposed capitol zone extension.

The Summer street plan has FHA approval, and for that approval to continue in another location, the general plan must stand.

The emergency council meeting could not be called before Tuesday afternoon. Notice of 24 hours is necessary, and the meeting has to be called on petition of not less than five aldermen addressed to the mayor.

In the absence of Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom, it will be called by Alderman David O'Hara as acting mayor.

Before the council meets it will be necessary to draw up an ordinance bill, and it will have to be put through three readings and put on final passage at the Tuesday meeting.

Acheson Pleads Aid to Korea

Washington, Jan. 30 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson told congress today that to stop economic aid to Korea now would be "most unfortunate." He said it would affect not only that young postwar republic but all of southeast Asia.

It is a "safe bet," the secretary added, the democratic south Korea can resist anything short of a "major attack" from the Russian-dominated northern half of the Korean peninsula.

Acheson outlined American responsibilities in Korea at an amicable session of the house foreign affairs committee.

After that, Chairman Kee (D-W Va) ordered the committee into executive session for a closed-door discussion of the more touchy questions of U.S. foreign policy throughout all of Asia. This policy is now under fire from Acheson's republican critics.

Acheson's brief public testimony failed to produce anything but the mildest questioning by committee members.



Deeply Nestled in Drifts of Snow—Silver Creek recreational center, now closed and snowbound, presented this appearance on Sunday.