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CLOUDY WITH occasional snow tonight, Wednesday. Not quite so cold. Lowest tonight, near 10 degrees; highest Wednesday, 25.

Maximum yesterday, 25; minimum today, -10. Total 24-hour precipitation, 0; for month, 11.70; normal, 5.34. Season precipitation, 26.60; normal, 21.64. River height, 4.5 feet. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

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10 Below Zero Lowest Record Set in Salem

Frigid Blast at 6 a.m. Tuesday; Previous Low Of 1919 Broken

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER Ten degrees below zero! That was Salem's minimum temperature Tuesday morning, the coldest mark on record here and the lowest in the memory of long-time residents who can recall the times before official weather records.

Thermometers slid to the -10 mark about 6 a.m. Tuesday. The reading really was -10.3 degrees, but the size of the fraction for the weather records threw it to the -10 mark.

The weather bureau stated the mercury did not climb back to the zero mark until about 9 a.m., most folk having to go to work in sub-zero temperatures. By noon the thermometer had "warmed" up to 12 degrees.

Coldest temperature on record here preceding Tuesday's frigid blast was 6 below zero recorded on December 14, 1919. On January 21, 1930, the mercury registered at -5.

Little Relief in Sight Weather officials say little relief is in sight tonight and Wednesday except that temperatures are likely to be slightly higher than during Monday night. A low of 10 degrees above zero is predicted for tonight, but after the sudden change in events late Monday Salem residents were casting a skeptical eye and expecting the worst. There was more cloudiness during the morning, however.

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Winter Claps Entire Nation

(By the Associated Press) January was bowing out of the winter scene today with a mixture of mostly bad weather—snow, sleet, rain and cold—over wide sections of the country.

The coldest weather was in the northern and central plains states and most of the western states. Temperatures had moderated in the frigid belt of Minnesota and the Dakotas, but readings still remained below zero. Sub-zero marks also were reported in the Pacific Northwest. Snow fell today from southern New England westward into the upper Mississippi valley. Rain extended over the middle Atlantic states and the lower Ohio valley. A freezing rain belt covered areas from the vicinity of New York City westward into Ohio. Highways in many sections were reported hazardous.

June stopped breaking out all over in upper New York state as departing January dumped up to five inches of snow in the district. Upstate ski fans were joyous, but metropolitan New Yorkers had to stop their way to work through sleet, snow, and freezing rain.

There also was some freezing rain in north and central Texas and another rain belt over Arkansas and central and north-east Texas. Some rain fell last night from Virginia to northern Louisiana.

Snow and Ice Cover Oregon Highways

Oregon's highways were covered with snow and ice today, but road conditions were improved.

Most of the routes have been sanded, while chains are necessary on others.

The 9:30 a.m. summary of road conditions, as reported by state police and the state highway commission:

Government Camp—packed snow, plowing carry chains.

Santiam Pass—silver thaw, chains required.

Willamette pass—packed snow and ice, chains required.

German Ship Sunk

Rotterdam, The Netherlands, Jan. 31 (AP)—The 743-ton German ship S. S. Fidamus has sunk near the German island Borkum, the British tug Rumania reported by radio today. The Rumania rescued eight survivors and a search for eight other missing crew members was continuing.

Freeze Causes Heavy Damage To Fruit Trees

Extent of Injury to Depend Upon Weather During Next Week

By JAMES D. OLSON Course of the weather during the next week or 10 days will determine the extent of damage to fruit trees and berry vines due to minus-zero weather in the Willamette valley, according to veteran growers Tuesday.

A sudden, sharp rise in temperature would raise havoc with the trees, it was said, although if the present cold spell is dissipated slowly, it is estimated that the damage will not be as severe.

J. J. Gallagher, of the Salem Nut Growers association, after contacting members of the association who operate orchards, said that all declared that while some damage had been done to trees as the result of minus-zero weather, the extent would not be ascertained for at least a week.

Compared with 1919 Back in December of 1919, when the thermometer went down to below zero, extensive damage occurred in the low areas with less damage to trees planted in the higher regions.

"It is impossible to tell at the moment just how widespread and extensive the weather damage is to the walnut and filbert trees," said Gallagher.

Various types of grasses grown in the Willamette valley are being protected from the cold weather by the snow cover, according to H. L. Riches, Marion county agent.

Hops Not Damaged

It is not believed that the cold spell will result in any serious damage to the hops in the valley, because the vines are dry and the roots are covered with snow.

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Mass Meeting On Bus Service

Because of numerous petitions from the people of Salem relative to reduced street bus service by City Transit Lines, Mal B. Rudd, chairman of Mayor Elfstrom's special transportation committee, has called a public meeting at the Marion hotel Wednesday noon.

It will be a luncheon meeting and is mainly for representatives of organized groups that are interested in the bus service.

Rudd said protesting petitions received from the Garden road and Four Corners districts were from organized groups. Among other petitions are those from the Broadway, Fairgrounds road and Leslie school districts.

Some petitions go so far as to demand restoration of the entire service as it was originally, which the bus company says would be economically impossible.

Rudd said the investigation so far indicates that some of the curtailed service might be restored, and some of it not. His committee will have a final report possibly in a month, he said.

In the meantime Rudd will make a business trip to the southwest and said he would investigate street bus service in Tucson, Yuma and some other places while he is away.

Testings Start for New Marion Street Bridge

Testing for location of piers for the new Willamette bridge at Marion street was expected to start Tuesday afternoon regardless of weather.

The bridge division of the state highway department has rented a barge from the Salem Boat house, and the bridge engineers said they would put down four holes, one at the location of each pier. The holes will be drilled to a depth of 40 feet below the bed of the river.

All the drillings will be made from a raft.

The bridge is estimated to cost \$1,250,000. It will be a two-lane bridge for one-way, west-bound traffic only, according to the Baldock grid and traffic plan of which it is a part.

The cost of the bridge, exclusive of right of way charges, is to be borne by the federal bureau of public roads and the state highway commission on a



Rescue Crew Of Search Plane

Whitehorse, Y. T., Jan. 31 (AP)—Backtracking on an heroic search pilot's trail through waist deep snow led a rescue party to five other crash survivors, early today as the great C-54 plane search pressed on.

The survivors, three reported injured and the other two "all right," were brought to a military camp hospital this morning.

They crashed 21 miles south of this Yukon base yesterday while engaged with more than 50 other planes in the search for a missing U. S. air force C-54 transport with 44 aboard.

The rescue party slogged through five miles of waist deep snow to the C-47 plane crash scene at the base of isolated Caribou mountain.

The party followed the trail left by Lt. Charles H. Harden, pilot of the crashed C-47. With his face broken and bloody, he stopped a truck on the Alaska highway late yesterday after a desperation five-mile hike.

He stopped the truck early in the long sub-arctic night by signaling frantically with his flashlight.

Harden is from Elmendorf field, Anchorage, Alaska. The rescue party is headed by Lt. Edwin Gulczynski of Camp Carson, Colo.

Indo-Chinese Chief Red Agent

Washington, Jan. 31 (AP)—The state department declared today that Moscow's recognition of the Ho Chi-Minh's Indo-Chinese regime proves that Ho is "an agent of world communism."

Press Officer Lincoln White said that "anybody who will take the trouble to look into (Ho's) past record will see that he is preaching Indo-China for the Russians and not for the Indo-Chinese."

Russia recognized the Ho regime today, following communist China's lead, in a move which may mean that Indo-China is the next objective in the red expansion in Asia.

Ho Chi-Minh set up his claim to rule in competition with the French sponsored government of emperor Bao Dai.

Asked about Moscow's recognition of Ho, White replied: "The only comment I have to make is concerned with Mr. Ho himself. He has a long record under various aliases as a Moscow agent."

England Places Big Order for Apples

Washington, Jan. 31 (AP)—England has ordered \$2,000,000 worth of apples in this country through the economic cooperation administration but not enough have been offered to fill the request, Rep. Horan (R., Wash.) has been informed.

C. Tyler Wood, acting head of the ECA, told Horan that the agency had approved orders from foreign countries for \$28,996,000 worth of U. S. fruits, including the \$2,000,000 order for apples.

Rebuilding of the old one is estimated to cost \$750,000.

Weather Forecaster Says, 'It's Warming Up'

By CHRIS KOWITZ, Jr. It was 6 a.m. Harvey T. Chan, on duty all alone at the United States weather bureau at McNary field, slipped on his hat and coat and stepped outside.

As he does every hour on the hour during his early-morning shift every day, Chan walked about 75 feet to Salem's official thermometer, took out his pad and pencil and turned his flashlight on the thermometer.

Chan peered at the instrument. He blinked his eyes and took another look. Sure enough. Ten below. History was made.

Chan is one of five men employed by the United States government as weather observers for the Salem station. Heading the local office is M. S. Main of 2180 Maple avenue.

Main explained Tuesday morning how the weather is recorded. He showed instruments used hourly to determine temperature, snowfall, sky conditions, etc.

He pointed to teletypes which pour out a monotonous clikety-click all day and all night with vital weather information from other cities. Salem sends its weather data out on the teletypes, too.

All the time Main was explaining the office procedure, an assistant was busy answering the telephone.

"We average about four calls a minute now," said Main. "We answer the phone whenever we can, but since only one man is on duty about 80 or 85 per cent of the time, he has to let the phone ring sometimes while he is doing other things."

Main led us to the enclosure where the sensitive thermometers are housed.

"Hm. It's warming up," he said. "Ought to hit zero any time now."

That was at 9:10 a.m. Then Main was going to show how humidity is determined. To do this, he said, it was necessary to whirl a fan fixed near the humidity instrument.

But Main couldn't complete the demonstration. The fan was frozen.

6 More Destroyers For Pacific Fleet

Washington, Jan. 31 (AP)—The United States Pacific fleet will have six more destroyers by September, the navy announced today.

The navy did not mention the dispatch to the Pacific of another aircraft carrier, which has also been under consideration.

The destroyers going to the Pacific will be organized as escort division one, operating from Pearl Harbor.

One of the six, the "killer" destroyer Carpenter, is the latest ship of its kind. It is now undergoing shakedown trials out of the Norfolk, Va., naval base. The Carpenter will be ready for Pacific duty in June.

The announced reinforcement of the Pacific fleet will reduce active strength in the Atlantic by one destroyer.

Morse to Meet Engineers Pendleton, Ore., Jan. 31 (AP)—Sen. Wayne L. Morse and Col. O. E. Walsh, northwest division engineer of the army engineers will confer in Pendleton Feb. 13 on the need for a Ryan creek dam 25 miles east of Pendleton on the Umatilla river.

Truman Orders Work Begun On Super Hydrogen Bomb

Truman Calls 70-Day Truce In Coal Strike

Washington, Jan. 30 (AP)—President Truman today called for a 70-day truce in the coal mining deadlock while presidential fact-finders investigate.

He proposed to act outside the union-hated Taft-Hartley act, following the same pattern he used in last year's steel strike.

In messages to the United Mine Workers and leading operator groups, Mr. Truman asked that they agree to:

1. Seventy days of full coal production beginning February 6.

2. An investigation by a presidential board of three which would be under instructions to make recommendations within 60 days for a settlement of the mining contract dispute.

Neither side would be bound to accept the board's recommendations.

The president asked for replies to his proposal by noon Saturday, February 4.

Mr. Truman stepped into the situation as the number of coal miners now idle rose to over 100,000. The other 300,000 miners are working only three days a week.

President's Message His proposal came only 24 hours before John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers, is to renew contract negotiations with northern and western miners. Their talks are to open here at 2 p.m. (EST) tomorrow.

Mr. Truman said in his message: (Concluded on Page 5, Column 5)

Date Cold War Begun by Reds

New York, Jan. 31 (AP)—Allen W. Dulles says Russia started the "cold war" late in April of 1945 when Premier Stalin sent to President Truman "the most brutal, direct telegram we had ever received from Moscow."

Dulles, war-time chief of the offices of strategic services in Switzerland, told the reserve officers' association last night that the telegram was a vehement protest against negotiations for the surrender of German forces in Italy.

"I hope some day," he said, "to see the originals of those telegrams between the White House and Moscow."

"I know what they mean. When Stalin heard what we were doing he sent the most brutal, direct telegram we had ever received from Moscow up to that time. I have always considered this the beginning of the cold war."

Dulles said the Soviet Union wanted no peace until she had completed occupation of areas sought by the Kremlin.

State Income Tax Totalled \$52,111,792

State income tax collections in 1949 totaled \$52,111,792, which was 12 per cent less than the record total of \$59,203,647 in 1948.

But the state tax commission isn't worried. It pointed out that the 1948 record was set because that's when the withholding tax went into effect, with the result that many taxpayers paid two years' taxes in that one year.

Of the total for 1949, \$10,603,892 was paid under the withholding tax.

Corporations paid \$19,183,885. There were 389,811 taxable returns filed by individuals. The record was 520,342 in 1948.

Plan to Head-off Phone Strike

Washington, Jan. 31 (AP)—The government's conciliation service took a step today toward heading off the nationwide telephone strike called to begin Feb. 8.

William N. Margolis, associate director of the federal mediation and conciliation service, arranged to see the president of the union, the CIO communications workers.

The president, Joseph A. Beirne is openly hopeful of more effective action this time than in the last big dispute with the Bell Telephone system.

For one thing, the communications workers then were a loosely organized group and a strike ran for six weeks, with the company keeping the dial telephone equipment running with little public inconvenience.

This time, the union has the backing it can claim as a CIO member union. Also Beirne and his associates have devised a plan for unionists to keep the lines jammed with call after call, if necessary. It has pledged however, to maintain emergency service for health, fire, police and other special needs.

The first strike hour—6 a.m. local time a week from tomorrow—will find 100,000 workers on strike in scattered unions across the country if the dispute is not otherwise settled by that time.

Some 200,000 others, who are delayed from striking themselves by contract provisions until March 1, are expected to observe the picket lines of the first group out, union officers said.

Says Denham Unfit

Miami Beach, Fla., Jan. 31 (AP)—The high command of the American Federation of Labor, irked at the latest speech of Robert N. Denham, has called him "unfit" for his government job. He is seeking to apply the anti-trust laws to labor unions.

Jones Wins \$30,000 Suit Brought by Japs

Ronald Jones, Lake Labish farmer and president of the Oregon Farmer's Union, won a long court battle with the Japanese members of the Lake Labish Celery Growers' Co-operative Tuesday when Marion county circuit Judge Rex Kimmell issued a decree in favor of the defendant.

The suit was brought against Jones by Hiroshi Kaneko, representing all Japanese in the Co-op. The plaintiffs sought \$30,000 from Jones, alleging that he had been paid that amount which rightfully belonged to the Japanese.

The incident was ignited in 1942 when the government ruled that all Japs living on the west coast be sent to confinement camps.

Prior to that time, nearly all land in the Lake Labish area had been farmed by Japanese. When they were ordered evacuated, the crops were already planted and would have gone to waste unless someone took them over.

So other members of the Lake Labish Co-operative decided that Jones, who had been leasing the land to the Japs, should assume

full control of harvesting the crop. Jones then took the project under his wing, hired help and supervised the farming of the celery. The profit for the land in question in 1942 amounted to \$172,518.34. Of this total, one-half was given to the Japanese who planted the celery crop, and the other half went to the Co-op for harvesting it.

Out of the Co-op's half, bonuses were paid to the workers. Jones continued to lease the land to members of the Co-op throughout the war. He received \$100 per acre per year rent on the celery-producing land. In 1948 the rental value of celery acreage went up to \$200, but Jones continued to charge co-op members only \$100. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 5)

President Gives Green Light to Atomic Board

Washington, Jan. 31 (AP)—President Truman ordered the atomic energy commission to go ahead with its work on the hydrogen superbomb.

The president said that this development program would continue "until a satisfactory plan for international control of atomic energy is achieved."

He said in a special statement that it is his responsibility to see that this country is able to defend itself "against any possible aggressor."

The president's order came two hours after publication of an atomic energy commission report which disclosed that the AEC already has been pushing research into the nuclear processes for making a hydrogen bomb. Research Work Begun

This research work has been carried out in large part at the Los Alamos bomb science laboratory in New Mexico, at the Argonne National Laboratory near Chicago, at the University of California Radiation Laboratory in Berkeley, and at a host of other private and public research institutions.

There have been no official statements on how much more powerful than conventional atomic bombs the hydrogen weapon might be. Private scientists have made estimates ranging from two to 1,000 times more powerful. The more conservative ones believe, in view of all the technical factors involved, that the better guess would be 2 to 10 times.

That does not mean the new weapon, if it can be made, would be that much more destructive. The AEC recently pointed out that doubling a bomb's power would increase the area of devastation only by about one-quarter.

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Reds Resume Berlin Blockade

Berlin, Jan. 31 (AP)—The Russians resumed their "Little Blockade" on truck traffic across their zone frontiers today after a one-day truce.

Starting early this morning Soviet guards at the Helmsstedt border checkpoint—which controls road traffic both ways between Berlin and west Germany—took so much time checking each truck bound for Berlin that a long waiting line formed.

The "little blockade" had been lifted yesterday to allow passage of all trucks except a few with improper papers.

Through the night only five or six trucks an hour arrived at Helmsstedt, but each was waved through without an inspection.

Without explanation the guards changed their attitude in the early hours of the morning and began haggling over cargo papers and drivers' documents.

More traffic arrived at the checkpoint as daylight approached, but the guards held the flow to about five trucks an hour. The normal rate is about 30.

TODAY! On Page 12 Another top-notch mystery story Murder in New Orleans

By Brett Halliday Author of the Michael Shayne stories.

You will enjoy this better story—a mystery to be solved within the week.

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