

PARTLY CLOUDY TONIGHT, increasing cloudiness Thursday with occasional snow. Not quite so cold. Low tonight, 15; high Thursday, 26.

Maximum yesterday, 16; minimum today, 8. Total 24-hour precipitation: trace; for month: trace; normal, 10. Season precipitation, 26.69; normal, 22.54. River height, 5.2 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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Little Hope of Moderation Of Cold Wave

Below Freezing Temperatures in Prospect Until Week-end

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER
There is little prospect that the intense cold wave gripping western Oregon sections will start moderating to any great degree before this week-end, the weather bureau stated Wednesday morning.

Increasing cloudiness with occasional snow is the prospect for Thursday. The low temperature tonight is due to be around 15, the high Thursday still below freezing, or around 26 degrees. Another Low Record

Another record for the Salem area in the new bitter cold siege was set Tuesday when the day's maximum went only to 16 degrees, the lowest maximum figure on record here. The mark broke the record of January 12, 1909, when the mercury climbed only to 17 degrees. The 16-degree maximum here yesterday came about 1:30 p.m. and the thermometer stayed there until about 4:30 p.m.

The low maximum mark followed the new record cold reading of -10.3 degrees yesterday morning for Salem.

Wednesday morning's minimum was not reached until 8:30 o'clock when the mercury slid down to 8 degrees above before starting slowly upward. Earlier the usual time for the day's minimum, the thermometer had read 10.4 degrees at the airport between 6 and 7 o'clock. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 7)

Skies Clear in Stricken Areas

(By the Associated Press)

Skies cleared and temperatures moderated from the recent severe cold over the snow-covered Dakotas today as the army completed a survey of the stricken areas before deciding on another "operation snowbound."

The coldest weather in several years continued in the Pacific northwest, but generally temperatures were climbing back to normal in most other sections of the country. However, cold air still plagued the southern California citrus areas. Growers have spent millions of dollars this winter in fuel to save crops from the sub-freezing weather.

Skies were clear today in most parts of the nation. A belt of rain and sleet extended from southern Pennsylvania and Virginia southwestward through the Ohio valley to eastern Texas. There were a few snow flurries in the northern Rockies but no precipitation in other areas.

Above zero temperatures were reported in the Dakotas today after several days of sub-zero readings. No snow fell in the area, which is blanketed by as much as 34 inches in some sections.

Ice Storm Hits Towns in Texas

(By the Associated Press)

Several small towns in northwest Texas were cut off from the rest of the country Wednesday—except by short wave radio—following an ice storm which smashed power lines.

The group of towns was near Bonham, in Fannin county, about 60 miles northeast of Dallas. Between Dallas and the Red river—which forms the Texas-Oklahoma boundary—260 phone circuits were out. The freezing drizzle continued to rain down on Dallas, Midland, Big Spring, San Angelo, and sample temperatures were: Wichita Falls, 26; Amarillo, 23 and Forth Worth, 29.

At the same time chilling news for citrus growers in California was revealed. A survey showed that citrus owners have been forced to spend as much as \$500,000 an hour for smudge pot fuel to heat their 150,000 plus acres of orchards during the disastrously cold weather of the last two winters.

More cold news came from the other side of the country Wednesday. As the weather bureau in Washington, D.C., bulletined a special snow advisory, it said that snow was falling from southern New England west across the land to Indiana.

USS Missouri Freed from Mud Of Chesapeake

Mighty Mo Floated Free and Safe Into Deep Water off Shoal

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 1 (AP)—The "Mighty Mo" broke her bonds with the bottom of Chesapeake bay today and floated free and safe into deep water off Thimble Shoal.

She yielded finally to a salvage team of tugs, high tide, northeast wind and straining winches after two weeks of forlorn helplessness aground.

Rear Admiral Allan E. Smith, who quarterbacked the straining effort to free the 45,000-ton battleship, sent a message at 7:30 a.m., that took the blush of embarrassment off the face of the fleet:

"Missouri reports for duty." Blandly Notified

The message went to Admiral W. H. P. Blandy, Atlantic fleet commander, and it was a perfect going-away present. Blandy retires from the navy today and is turning over his command to Admiral William H. Fechteler.

Admiral Blandy had prompt words of praise for Smith and the 2,000 men who worked under him in the salvage operation. Admiral Blandy messaged: (Concluded on Page 5, Column 6)

More Defenses Asked for Japan

Tokyo, Feb. 1 (AP)—General MacArthur's top commanders today asked America's joint chiefs of staff for more air, sea and land strength to hold defense lines in tumultuous Asia.

Highly competent sources said the need for additional power was stressed during an intensive briefing on the military situation in MacArthur's command. They said the military situation has deteriorated alarmingly.

Formosa and China were not discussed, the informants said, because they lie outside the area of the basic military briefing.

The position of French Indochina—complicated by Russian recognition of Ho Chi-Minh's regime—was among the political subjects weighing on the American military situation brought up.

Top commanders in all three branches of the service gave the joint chiefs a detailed and secret outline of military plans and preparations for carrying out the two-fold American mission in Asia.

This is to man the far eastern defense perimeter and to insure protection in wartime of Japan and the Philippines.

The analysis of the military situation and the outline of recommended reinforcements were based upon MacArthur's secret report more than a year ago to the department, the informant said.

All Weather Records Shattered in January

By C. K. LOGAN

January is dead and there is no sign of mourning, but the presence of the month will be felt for years and in future will be recalled by "old timers."

Almost every record in the weather man's book for previous years was shattered during the 31 days which brought one of the wettest, coldest and all-around most disagreeable months in history.

Everything but sunshine was offered with at least a trace of snow every day ranging upwards to 6.4 inches on the 29-30th for a total of 32.9 inches since the first of the year. When neither snow nor rain occurred there was sleet.

Precipitation was also at a near all-time high with the 11.70 inches only exceeded by the 13.72 inches of 1895. The moisture was mostly contained in snow though January 9 and 10 brought 1.99 of precipitation of which only one-tenth of an inch was snow. This period was featured by high wind which averaged a little more than 20 miles an hour for the two days, topped with a few gusts of hurricane velocity of 75 miles an hour. Average moisture for January is 5.64 inches.

The month also had a below freezing average of 29.7 degrees



C-54 Hunt Shifts To Smith River

Whitehorse, Y. T., Feb. 1 (CP)—Ten air force search planes have been dispatched to the Smith River area, 309 miles east of here, to investigate a weak radio signal that may have come from a C-54 transport plane missing since last Thursday with 44 aboard.

The tenth plane left here at sunrise.

The planes are carrying expert radio men to monitor possible signals in the area where another plane picked up a weak, short signal in wireless code at 11:16 p.m. Yukon time last night (2:16 a.m. today CST). Its contents were not disclosed.

The aircraft was flying at 10,000 feet. Before the signal was heard, only six planes were scheduled to search the Smith River area today. One has been ordered to search a sector near there which was not previously searched.

The first plane heading for the area took off before dawn from Fort Nelson, B. C., 400 miles southeast of here. Others followed from Fort Nelson and Whitehorse. All radio men in the area were alerted for reports.

Operators were standing by with radio direction-finding equipment to try to obtain a "fix" on the transmitter's position if the signal should be repeated.

Airline Brief Presented CAB

Presentation of the combined brief of the City of Salem and The Salem Chamber of Commerce for the United Air Lines-West Coast Airlines show cause hearing are to be presented this week to the Civil Aeronautics board in Washington, D. C.

The brief, showing the opposition of the city and the Chamber of Commerce to the CAB's proposal to discontinue United service here and substitute that of West Coast Airlines, is to be presented by W. M. (Jack) Bartlett, state director of aeronautics.

Bartlett is now in Washington attending a meeting of the directors of the National Association of State Aviation Officials. He is the association's director for the Pacific-Northwest area.

Council Permits Coates To Transfer Project

By STEPHEN A. STONE

Robert T. Coates of Portland made progress toward his apartment house project in Salem when the city council met in emergency session Tuesday afternoon and passed an ordinance waiving set-back requirements on the north side of Chemeketa street in the 1100 block.

The council's action will permit Coates to transfer his project from 555 North Summer street where it stands in the way of a desired expansion of the capitol zone as recommended by the state capitol planning commission.

In transferring to the Chemeketa street location Coates still faces two obstacles. One is approval by the federal housing administration, but he believes that can be obtained. The other is action by the state to take the Summer street lot off his hands.

Coates, however, has not yet made formal application to the FHA for approval of the new location and will not until the state has acted to take the Summer street property off his hands. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 8)

Install Defense Atomic Plants

Washington, Feb. 1 (AP)—Aerial guard lines, backed by jet fighter planes and anti-aircraft weapons, are being set up around the nation's major atomic plants.

Other precautions, obviously aimed against a possible one-way air attack, are being taken to guard 200 miles of sea off the Atlantic coast from Maine to Norfolk, Va.

The defense department, which disclosed these moves yesterday, said "the program will be expanded to other areas as equipment and personnel are available at appropriate sites."

The department stressed that the program is part of long-range air defense planning and "not related to any specific internal developments."

However, announcement of the moves came within 24 hours after Secretary of Defense Johnson said in his first annual report that "An attack could come from the opposite hemisphere without warning and with unpredictable fury." At the same time, however, he said the threat of war has diminished.

At Albuquerque, N. M., last night, a Kirtland air force base spokesman said three squadrons of 700-mile-an-hour F-86 jet fighters with full service loads of ammunition are on a constant 24-hour alert.

Congress OKs H-Bomb Making

Washington, Feb. 1 (AP)—Congress gave overwhelming approval today to the decision to undertake the making of a hydrogen bomb, and put emphasis on speed in doing so.

Through much Capitol Hill comment ran the theme: We can't let Russia get ahead of us. No announcement by the chief executive in recent months has been hailed with such unanimity of approval as Mr. Truman's statement yesterday that he has directed the atomic energy commission to proceed on the new weapon of destruction.

Many coupled their approval with strong expressions of hope that some way could be found out of the armaments race with Russia. Some thought that the bomb itself in U. S. possession might provide the way.

Senator Millikin (R., Colo.) chairman of the senate republican conference and a member of the joint senate-house atomic committee, called the president's decision a "wise" one and "I believe congress should support it."

Senate Democratic Leader Lucas (Ill.) said he concurred "wholeheartedly" with it, adding: "I believe the bomb's potential destructive power will bring the people of the world to their senses, to the end that we will have world peace. I pray God that we may never have to use it."

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Russians Slow Berlin Traffic

Berlin, Feb. 1 (AP)—Russian "go-slow" tactics continued at zonal border points today, cutting truck traffic between Berlin and West Germany to a trickle.

More than 100 heavy trucks were lined up this morning on the western side of the border at Helmstedt, main check point on the road to Berlin.

Russian guards and their east zone German police gave each loaded truck a detailed inspection taking 10 to 15 minutes. Normally the inspection takes about two minutes.

A German mail train from Berlin to western Germany was held up for an hour and a half at the border between east and west zones before it cleared the check point this morning. West Germany rail officials said, however, they did not consider this an abnormal delay.

The Soviet-controlled German railways management hinted last night that railroad freight service between West Germany and Berlin might be cut down. They charged organized gangs were sabotaging railroad installations in the western sector of Berlin and said it threatened interzonal traffic.

Although truck traffic has been squeezed since Jan. 22 the Russians have made no serious effort to hamper rail communication with west Germany. Most of western Berlin's supplies come in by rail.

Winter Comes to Northeast Regions

New York, Feb. 1 (AP)—Winter finally came to the northeast today.

Snow covered sprouting daffodils in the New York City metropolitan area.

The winter's first real snow storm blanketed New England—and the weather bureau said a developing storm might make yesterday's four to eight inches look like a mild flurry. Three children died in coasting accidents in the Boston area.

There was snow in New York state, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Governor Plans State Purchase Of Coates' Lot

Proposes Use of Property for Department Auto Parking

Purchase of the Robert Coates property on Summer street by a state department for automobile parking purposes is a plan Governor Douglas McKay is attempting to complete.

The governor said that he hopes to get a decision some time Wednesday afternoon from a department head, which he declined to name because he had not yet made a contact with the official.

If successful, the governor's latest move to remove the proposed apartment house from the suggested capitol zone extension area, will make unnecessary a meeting of the state emergency board. The governor said, also, that under his plan the property in question could be purchased as soon as the Federal Housing administration approved the substitute lot which Coates is now considering for his project.

New Prison Planned
A committee of state officials to study the proposed segregated building for criminally insane patients was named by the board of control at its weekly meeting.

Gov. McKay said that information would be gathered by the board and submitted through the board to the next legislature. At present the criminally insane are quartered on the third floor of the administration building of the state hospital, and members of the board felt that this condition should be altered as soon as possible. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 5)

McKay on Spot Over Chevrolets

Governor Douglas McKay's ownership of a Chevrolet car and truck agency in Salem put him on the spot today.

The board of control was discussing today whether to give a contract to buy 60 2-ton dump trucks to Chevrolet dealers or to the International Harvester company.

Secretary of State Earl T. Newbury voted for International Harvester. State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson voted for Chevrolet.

That left it up to Governor McKay to decide. After a half-hour's soul-searching, the board voted to ask the highway commission for a recommendation, since the trucks are for that commission.

The International Harvester company offered to sell the trucks for \$2,166 each, while Chevrolet bid \$102 per truck higher.

But International Harvester drives its trucks out from Fort Wayne, Ind., so that they have about 2,500 miles on their speedometers when they get here. Chevrolet ships by rail, so its trucks are brand new.

Pearson said he wants to buy Chevrolets because they sell new trucks and that International Harvester sells used ones.

Newbury said the state is bound to accept the low bid, which explains his vote for International Harvester.



Robert T. Coates, who will build a seven-story apartment house at 1165 Chemeketa if FHA approves and state of Oregon takes North Summer street site off his hands.

Over \$4 Million Paid Jobless
All monthly records for unemployment claims in Oregon were broken in January when \$4,273,653 was paid to the state's jobless.

It was 52 percent more than in December, and 55 percent more than in January, 1949. The previous record was \$4,166,215 in March, 1949.

The unemployment compensation commission predicted that the totals would be even greater in February and March, unless there is a sudden change to warmer weather.

An all-time record of 70,136 unemployed persons filed claims last week compared with 63,278 a year ago. The commission estimates there are more than 92,000 unemployed, including those who aren't covered by the unemployment compensation law.

Since last July 1, \$13,806,446 has been paid to unemployed workers, and the commission fears that an equal amount may be necessary in the next five months. The commission originally estimated that only \$12,000,000 would be needed for the entire 12 months.

Russ Boycott Quiz on Japs

Tokyo, Feb. 1 (AP)—Russia boycotted another meeting today of the four power council for Japan trying to learn the fate of 376,000 Japanese prisoners of war.

The other council powers suggest the Japanese all died in Russian prison camps.

Rather than discuss the subject, Lt. Gen. Kuzma Derovyanko, Russian delegate, avoided today's meeting. He walked out of three previous meetings on the same subject.

He said in a letter today the subject of war prisoner repatriation was beyond the province of the council. The council is an advisory body to the occupation command. For that reason he said he would not attend the meeting.

Britain, the United States and nationalist China contended the subject is within the province of the council. They insisted the subject go on the agenda of the next scheduled council meeting on February 15.

Work Started On Location Of New Bridge

Steel Deck Structure Will Be Among Longest of Type in Nation

By BEN MAXWELL

First work on the site of the new Willamette bridge, a steel deck structure 767 feet in length exclusive of approaches to be constructed at the foot of Marion street at a cost estimated at \$1,250,000, started Tuesday.

When completed this steel deck structure will be among the longer of its kind in the nation.

Late Tuesday afternoon, under direction of state highway engineers, a barge bearing earth sampling apparatus was towed into position off the Marion street abutment where sampling will first be undertaken on the site of pier number two.

Work will be supervised by E. G. Ricketts, bridge investigating engineer for G. S. Paxon of the state highway bridge department. A. C. Thomas, foreman for Raymond Concrete Pile company, will make core samplings at pier locations over an interval estimated to require about two weeks. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 5)

Call Meeting on Phone Strike

Washington, Feb. 1 (AP)—Government mediators called another meeting today with officials of the CIO Communications Workers union which has called a nationwide strike to start Feb. 8.

Heading the government's representatives was Cyrus S. Ching, director of the federal mediation and conciliation service. Ching's associate director, William N. Margolis, had an hour-long look into the situation yesterday.

Margolis and Joseph A. Beirne, union president, discussed the idea of arbitrating the dispute, between the union and the Bell Telephone System. Wage raises of an amount not yet specified by the union are a major issue. Company officials say they pay their workers well.

If the strike goes on and is as effective as union plans call for, there would be widespread results.

A union spokesman said that while it proposes to maintain emergency service for hospitals, police and fire departments, etc., it has no special plans for special services to industries. This was in reply to a question as to the possible effect on newspaper wire services, radio relays, television coaxial cables, and leased wires for telegraph and photograph delays.

The spokesman figured that if the strike lasts for two weeks or more these functions would be affected.

YR Elect Directors

Portland, Feb. 1 (AP)—Four district vice chairmen were elected yesterday by the executive board of the Young Republican Federation of Oregon. They are: William Ireland, Molalla, first district; Charles Reynolds, La Grande, second district; Shirley Field, Portland, third district; Gene Brown, Grants Pass, fourth district.



Work Starts on New Willamette Bridge Site—Barge containing equipment for exploring earth formation at the bridge pier locations moves into position at the foot of Marion street to sample subsurface structure at the site of pier number two.