

CLOUDY WITH occasional showers tonight, becoming partly cloudy with scattered showers, Sunday. Warmer temperatures. Low tonight, 32 degrees; high Sunday, 40.

Ice-Glaze Ends Record Spell Of Frigid Cold

Freezing Rain to Be Followed by Rain and Warmer Temperature

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER

Worst ice-glaze in the storm to date "glazed" over Salem streets and roads Saturday morning following more than half an inch of freezing rain that fell during the night.

But Salem folk were taking it in stride—the weather was moderating with outlook for warmer temperatures later in the day, and all that made people feel more cheerful following three mornings of below zero temperatures this past week.

Cloudiness and Rain The Saturday morning minimum dropped only to 21 degrees, compared to the four below zero Friday morning.

Whether riding in car or walking, travel was a risky and precarious business Saturday morning, automobile traffic going at a snail's pace and foot travel resulting in many tumbles.

Clanking of Shovels The clank and scraping of shovels made a regular symphony in downtown Salem Saturday morning as the "shovel brigade" went to work cleaning off the ice and frozen snow on sidewalks in front of business houses and offices.

A total of .57 of an inch of precipitation was recorded for the 24-hour period ending at 10:30 a.m. Saturday and most of that was freezing rain.

Blizzard on Columbia The Salem area missed out on the blizzard conditions striking farther north, especially in the Columbia gorge sections, 60-mile wind gusts accompanying the frozen rain that descended through the area.

SEC Approves PP & LC Sale New York, Feb. 4 (AP)—Paul B. McKee, president of Pacific Power and Light Co., today issued the following statement after the Security and Exchange Commission approved the sale of common stock to a group of investment bankers headed by Bear, Stearns & Co., and the A. C. Allyn Co.

"We have every reason to believe that the clean purchase of the Pacific Power company's stock (by these firms) pending its release to the investment public, will prove advantageous to them and to the people of the territory we serve.

"We understand that the Pacific Company's common stock will, in due course, be offered for sale . . . and this will provide an opportunity for western investors to become owners of the stock.

Blonde's Hair Clipped By Jack-the-Snipper Chicago, Feb. 4 (AP)—Mrs. Maxine Parsons, 22, a former model, lost part of her almost waist-long blonde tresses to a "Jack-the-snipper" as she sat in a movie theater yesterday.

Mrs. Parsons told police she had felt someone brush against her several times and then heard a "snip." Then a man seated in back of her and her husband, Eugene, 24, fled from the theater.

Parsons told police he chased the man and caught him outside the theater. They fought, Parsons said, but bystanders separated them and the man escaped. Parsons said he noticed a scissors and some blonde hair in the man's pocket.

The "snipper" trimmed a piece of Mrs. Parsons' hair measuring about eight inches long and two inches wide.

Lewis Rejects Truman's Offer Of Strike Truce

Coal Miners Don't Want 3 Strangers To Fix Wages

Washington, Feb. 4 (AP)—John L. Lewis today in effect rejected President Truman's proposal for a fact-finding board to investigate the coal strike.

Without directly saying so, the miners' chief thus refused to accept the president's suggestion that normal production be resumed while a three-man presidential fact-finding group made recommendations for settlement of the dispute.

Mr. Truman had given him until 5 p.m. (EST) today to reply to his proposal.

However, Lewis left the way open for at least a partial continuation of coal mining if Mr. Truman could arrange resumption of direct negotiations between the United Mine Workers and the operators.

Letter to White House By "three strangers" Lewis meant the president's proposed fact-finding board.

A 500-word letter from the United Mine Workers leader was delivered to the White House at 9:58 a.m.

Socialists Quit French Cabinet Paris, Feb. 4 (AP)—French Premier Georges Bidault tried today to patch up his shaky coalition cabinet from which the five socialist ministers have resigned.

Interior Minister Jules Moch, who also is vice premier, handed the premier a letter this morning confirming the withdrawals of himself and four colleagues after a dispute over proposed wage bonuses for workers.

Though it appeared impossible to govern the country without socialist participation, Bidault apparently was going to try it. He said he would not resign before Tuesday, when he plans to go before the national assembly for a general policy debate.

Presumably he will ask for a vote of confidence then.

Elder Statesman Leon Blum, grand old man of the French socialist party, assured Bidault that the resignation of the ministers did not mean the socialists would not support him in parliament.

The ministers who stepped down were Moch, Christian Pineau, public works; Robert Lacoste, industry and commerce; Eugene Thomas, communications; and Pierre Segelle, labor.

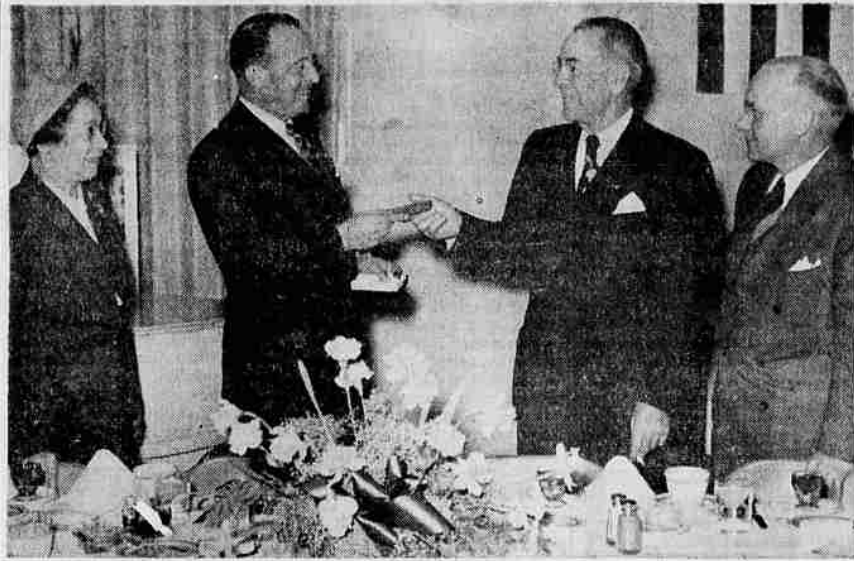
Four other officials also resigned. They were Secretaries of State Jean Blondel, civil service; Jean Meunier, interior; Max Lejeune, war ministry; and Georges Gorse, undersecretary of state for colonial affairs.

Liquor Sales Short But Profit Reported By JAMES D. OLSON Liquor sales in Oregon dropped almost \$2 million during the last three months of 1949, despite holiday demands which generally boost liquor sales in all parts of the state.

The quarterly report of the Oregon state liquor control commission for the three months ending December 31, 1949, shows that total sales in state liquor stores, agencies and the commission warehouse totaled \$20,438,817.95 as compared with \$22,373,300.72 in the final three months of 1948.

Through a reduction in operating expenses the commission showed a higher net margin, even though the sales were less, than was shown for the last quarter of the previous year. In the three months ending December 31, 1949, the net profit on sales totaled \$4,808,500.82 as compared with \$4,260,482.32 in the last three months of 1948.

The number of liquor permits issued also declined by more than 10,000, the total issued during the quarter being 69,691 against 79,926 in the final three months of the previous year. Receipts in the license division totaled \$34,501.50 or \$48,740 less than the receipts during the same period in 1948, but all of the money derived in this division during the last three months of 1949 went down as profit tax there were no expen-



Collins Feted On Retirement

Harry V. Collins has a new set of golf clubs and a life membership certificate in the Telephone Pioneers.

Collins, retiring district manager for Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, was honored at a banquet at the Marion hotel Friday night, attended by about 125 telephone people of Salem, the Willamette valley and Portland.

The dinner, honoring Collins after 40 years of service, was sponsored by Oregon chapter No. 31, Telephone Pioneers of America. The golf clubs were presented by employees and the life certificate by Ferriss W. Abbott, president of Oregon chapter.

Guest speakers were Charles A. Sprague, Justice George Rossman, William Blackley of Dallas and Ralph Kietzing of Independence. Among other speakers were Fred Scholl, general commercial manager of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, and F. A. Dresslar, vice president and general manager for the Oregon area.

Victor H. Collins was general program chairman.

Navy Forces to Be Increased

Camden, N. J., Feb. 4 (AP)—John F. Floberg, assistant secretary of the navy for air, said today that the navy plans to increase the organized reserve strength of the navy and marine corps by about 25,000 to a total of 250,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951.

He said the importance which the navy attaches to its reserve program is underscored by the fact that it plans such an increase in a year of general navy retrenchment.

Floberg mentioned the planned increase in reserve strength in an address prepared for delivery at the U. S. Naval Reserve training center.

The occasion was the presentation of the James Forrestal Trophy to surface division 4-5 selected as the best surface training unit in the reserve last year.

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From left: Mary B. Sutherland, secretary of Oregon Telephone Pioneers; Fred Scholl, general commercial manager for Oregon; Harry V. Collins and Frank A. Dresslar, company vice president and general manager for Oregon.

Icy Streets Cause Many Accidents, Some Hurt

Salem danced today to the music of shovels on cement. C-l-a-n-k, c-l-a-n-k went the shovels. People atot danced jig steps and two steps and half steps, but mostly it was reels and flings. Everybody was doing it.

People danced who didn't know they could dance at all. And the dancing was just about as rhythmic as the shovels.

From an hour before dawn through the day the ring and scrape of shovels violated the ears but made the feet glad.

Accidents were many, several hospitalized. Pedestrians fell down like tenpins in a bowling alley, but usually without bruises or breaks.

Mrs. Alta Mead, 57, of Hubbard suffered serious injuries Saturday, and two other women also were hurt, in an automobile collision on Portland road half a mile north of the underpass.

The others injured were a Mrs. Moersch, who lives on East Sherman road, and Miss Ruth Betts of Lebanon.

Mrs. Reed got a fractured knee, fractured arm and possibly broken ribs. She was in one car and the other women were in another.

Mrs. Moersch got a severe head cut and Miss Betts a bruise on the head.

The collision was caused, police said, by a slippery highway.

D. J. Needham, 37, of 1000 McGilchrist street, suffered a broken hip when he fell off a gate while working at his home.

Allan Walton, 39, of 2635 South Summer, fell off a ladder while clearing the eaves troughs at his home and got a possibly broken arm.

All the accident victims were hospitalized after first aid.

Order Search for Sub in Pacific San Francisco, Feb. 4 (AP)—Navy planes were ordered to search the waters off northern California today for a foreign submarine.

The twelfth naval district announced the flights as it received, with some skepticism, a fourth report that a U-boat had been seen off Eureka, Calif.

The navy did not question the previous reports — two by fishing boat captains and a third by a private airplane pilot. From these descriptions navy spokesmen said the mysterious submersible appeared to be a German craft, many of which are now in possession of the Russians.

Ray Mason of Eureka said he saw a sub surface yesterday about 600 yards from the Humboldt bay lifeboat station. A navy spokesman said the navy was inclined to question the accuracy of the report because Mason was 3 1/4 miles from where he said the submarine emerged.

Navy investigators talked to personnel of fishing boats in the immediate area and to personnel at the lifeboat station. None had seen the sub, the navy spokesman added.

Weather permitting, the search planes were ordered to take off at dawn from Alameda naval air station on San Francisco bay. It's about a 250 mile flight to the area where the undersea boat was reported.

The submarine was reported seen last week-end in the vicinity of the landing aids experimental station at Eureka. The station is developing methods of helping planes land in fog.

Churchill Raps Labor Regime Leeds, Eng., Feb. 4 (AP)—Winston Churchill accused the Labour government today of tearing Britain apart with class warfare at the most critical hour in its peacetime history.

Churchill said the Laborites, taking in a leaf from Soviet Russia's book, have kept wartime controls in order "to get everyone into their power, and make them stand in queues for the favors which an all-wise and all-powerful governing machine chooses to bestow."

In a speech prepared for an election campaign rally in the town hall of this textile center of half a million people, the 75-year-old Conservative party leader declared:

"Even if all our strength were united we should be confronted with the hardest task and problem we have ever faced in time of peace.

"But we are a deeply divided nation. Class warfare has rent the unities and comradeship that brought us through the war. Party politics dominate the scene. A great gulf of principle and doctrine is open in our midst."

Russians Drop Truck Traffic Jam in Berlin

Soviet Guards Begin Moving Stacked up Vehicles Rapidly

Berlin, Feb. 4 (AP)—The Russians abruptly dropped all inspection of Berlin-bound truck traffic shortly before noon today.

Soviet frontier guards started moving stacked-up vehicles through the Helmsdorf frontier post at the rate of one every minute.

Earlier today the Soviet zone economic commission had sent word "normal" clearance of truck traffic would start today.

West German border police said the backlog of waiting trucks that had reached a maximum of 230 was rapidly disappearing.

The police said at the rate the Russians were waving all traffic through, the border would be clear by mid-afternoon.

C. A. Dix, U. S. transport officer, said he had received the earlier assurance of plans to permit normal traffic from East German authorities but added he would wait to see if it was true. He added "normal" clearance had been promised last week and had been maintained for only one day.

Normal clearance, he said, would be ten trucks an hour over the border.

The Russians last night halted all truck traffic for nearly three hours, explaining the highway to Berlin was "dangerously icy." Later they opened the road and began clearing trucks at the rate of five an hour.

East German economic authorities today notified the western allies in Berlin that all arguments over shipping papers and other technicalities had been settled.

Mystery Veils Missing C-54 Whitehorse, Y. T., Feb. 4 (AP)—The dogged search for a fully-loaded military transport that vanished over the Yukon wastes Jan. 28 went into its ninth day today.

The few fragile leads to the fate of the big plane and the 44 persons aboard have proved groundless.

A rumor that the U. S. air force C-54 had been located in a narrow canyon between a cliff and glacier was spiked by search headquarters here last night.

"There is absolutely nothing to the report," American and Canadian air force officials said.

The rumor was heard as far away as Anchorage, Alaska, and denied there by authorities at Elmendorf air force base.

An aura of authenticity had been given the story by the figures it contained. The grapevine report said the transport had been spotted 180 miles off course and 200.8 miles from Snag, the tiny weather station over which the C-54 last reported 20 miles inside the Yukon territory from Alaska.

The source of the rumor was not immediately determined.

Atomic Group To Quiz Hoover On British Spy

General Groves Says Fuchs Had Access to Most Vital Data

Washington, Feb. 4 (AP)—The congressional atomic committee decided today to call FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover for detailed testimony Monday on the British scientist accused of relaying top atomic secrets to Russia.

Senator McMahon (D., Conn.), the committee chairman, announced this decision after Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, wartime head of the atomic project, told senators the scientist "had access to a wide area of the most vital weapons information."

Members of a senate appropriations subcommittee already have quoted Hoover as telling them the scientist, Dr. Klaus Fuchs, had confessed passing along to Moscow information about the atomic bomb and the projected new hydrogen super-bomb.

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Pledge Sought By Scientists

New York, Feb. 4 (AP)—A group of top atomic scientists today urged that "the United States, through its elected government, make a solemn declaration that we shall never use" the hydrogen bomb first.

"The only circumstance which might force us to use it would be if we or our allies were attacked by this bomb," they said in a statement. "There can be only one justification for our development of the hydrogen bomb, and that is to prevent its use."

They deplored the revelation that this country was making a hydrogen bomb. This, they termed "an indiscretion."

"We must remember that we do not possess the bomb but are only developing it, and Russia has received through indiscretion the most valuable hint that our experts believe a development possible.

"Perhaps this development of the hydrogen bomb has already been under way in Russia for some time, but if it were not, our decision to develop it, must have started the Russians on the same program. If they had already a going program, they will redouble their efforts."

The scientists included Dr. Hans A. Bethe, professor of physics at Cornell university, who was the superior of Dr. Klaus Fuchs, a British scientist arrested for allegedly disclosing atom bomb secrets to Russia, at the Los Alamos project in New Mexico.

No Excitement On Spy's Seizure

London, Feb. 4 (AP)—The arrest of Britain's top atomic scientist on charges of giving away atom secrets caused much less excitement here today than it did in the United States.

In the London press the jailing of 38-year-old Dr. Klaus Fuchs was given less space than recent stories about the U. S. hydrogen bomb project.

The scientist is head of the theoretical physics division of Britain's only working atom project—the Atomic Energy Research establishment at Harwell, 55 miles southwest of London.

Fuchs was in gloomy Brixton prison awaiting trial next Friday. Government officials would say nothing about the case, a standard procedure here since comment about cases still before the judge might run afoul of strict British rules on contempt of court.

Try Mediation For Phone Strike

New York, Feb. 4 (AP)—The federal government, worried over the threatened telephone strike set for next Wednesday, called labor and management negotiators together today for their first joint, mediation talks.

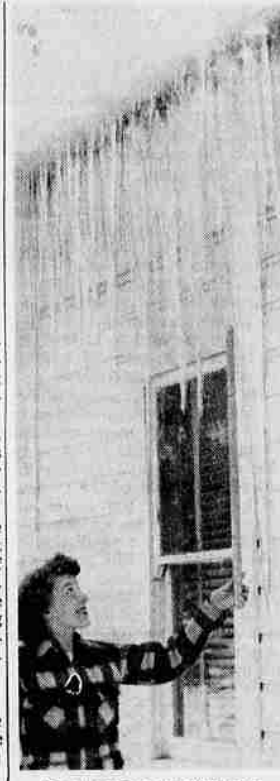
The issues are mainly wages and other employee benefits.

Today's talks were between bargainers for the Western Electric company and the CIO Communications Workers of America. Western Electric is the installation division of the American Telephone and Telegraph company—the nation-wide "Bell system."

Planned union strategy is to pull out 100,000 workers from Western Electric and five other subsidiaries of the gigantic telephone concern. Then, union officials said, it counts on the remaining 200,000 union members not to cross the picket lines.

This would come close to paralyzing the nation's phone system, the union said.

However, company spokesmen have said they would be able to maintain most services.



Giant Icicles at Mill City—These icicles grew on the residence of the Virgil Cribbs family at Mill City. Mrs. Cribbs is shown here trying to measure them with a yardstick. The longest one is 6 feet and 2 inches. (Photo by Bob Veness)

Steel Bridge Bought But No Place for It

Marion county has acquired a 78,260-pound steel bridge. And they have no place to put it, at least not for the present.

The purchase was made as a result of a phone conversation Friday between County Judge Grant Murphy and John W. Cattrall of the state highway department. Cattrall had sent out letters Thursday announcing that the state would sell an 80-foot steel span to the first bidder.

Sale price was \$3913, figured at five cents a pound. The deal is a cash and carry basis, which means Marion county will have to go get the bridge, which is stored at Scott Creek, 15 miles east of Waldport.

As soon as weather and road conditions permit, a truck will be dispatched to Scott Creek to bring the bridge back to Marion county.

When the span arrives here, the next question is, "What shall we do with it?"

The county has no immediate need for a new bridge. Murphy just saw a bargain, so he grabbed it.

The judge explained that buying the steel bridge moving it to Marion county dismantled, then set it up again when the need for a new bridge arises, would, in the long run, be a lot cheaper than just building a wooden bridge in the first place.

The bridge, all 39 tons of it, will be stored some place in or near Salem until the county finds a creek to put under it.

Bids on Lookout Dam Portland, Feb. 4 (AP)—The army engineers will invite bids about Feb. 15 for laying eight miles of track in the Lookout Point dam area; a \$500,000 job. The work is part of the relocation of the Southern Pacific railroad.

Reds Capture Fenghu Island Taipei, Formosa, Feb. 4 (AP)—China's nationalists said today the communists have taken Fenghu island near the mainland seaport of Swatow, a possible base for an expected Red invasion attempt against Formosa.

The nationalist defense ministry said a small communist force from Swatow seized the island. Fenghu is west of Nansha, a larger island used by the nationalists to hamper the Reds' use of Swatow. Swatow is a port on the Central China coast opposite Formosa.