

THE WEATHER HERE

PARTLY CLOUDY with scattered showers tonight and Tuesday. Continued mild temperatures. Low tonight, 32; high Tuesday, 45.

Maximum yesterday, 41; minimum today, 28. Total 24-hour precipitation: .44; for month: 1.71; normal: 1.06. Season precipitation: 27.86; normal: 23.81. River height, 4.5 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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Thaw to Bring Valley Streams Higher Water

No Menace of Flood From Run-off of Melting Snow

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER

The slush and water run-off from the recent snow and ice will bring moderate to substantial rises in all valley rivers during the next two and three days, but there is nothing serious in the way of flood looming yet, reports the weather bureau.

The milder temperatures were most welcome, Monday, and Salem folk did not mind the remaining pile-up of snow so long as it kept melting away. After nearly five straight weeks of snow, ice and cold, a little slush and rain were "mere nothing."

The Willamette at Salem was up to 4.5 feet, Monday morning, a slight boost for over the week-end.

Nearly Half Inch Rain

Rainfall for the 24-hour period ending at 10:30 a.m. Monday amounted to .44 of an inch, bringing the February total to date to 1.17 inches against a normal of 1.08 inches.

Coastal areas reported heavier precipitation, Newport listing 1.20 inches during a 24-hour period. All the rest of western Oregon, too, was enjoying the thawing, only eastern Oregon, sections being troubled with continued cold temperatures—Pendleton listing 7 degrees above this morning.

Forecast for Salem and vicinity tonight is for partly cloudiness with scattered showers and continued mild temperatures.

Train Trapped In Fraser Canyon

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 6 (CP)—Forty passengers were temporarily trapped early today when slides in the Fraser canyon partially buried a Canadian Pacific railway passenger train.

Company officials said no one was injured when the snow cascaded down on the train, bottling up seven cars.

Balmy temperatures—the overnight minimum here was 37 above—have tumbled many slides in the canyon, 115 miles east of here, once again severing rail connections with the east.

Both Canadian National and Canadian Pacific lines are blocked. Telegraph communications also are disrupted. No trains will leave or enter Vancouver today. Railway spokesmen said both lines had hopes obstructions might be cleared by tonight.

Telephone circuits were ripped out by slides around Boston Bar, in the canyon, cutting off Vancouver from Prince Rupert, Williams Lake, Quesnel, Prince George, Ashcroft and Lytton.

A minor storm moved across the coast during the night and brought snow to points east of Kamloops, in the interior.

One C. P. R. train managed to thread through the Fraser canyon last night. The second transcontinental train, however, was trapped in the slide-vulnerable area.

On Vancouver island, residents of Duncan heeded a call by Mayor J. C. Wragg and spent Sunday shovelling snow from downtown streets.

By evening, practically all main thoroughfares were open to traffic. Business was at a standstill earlier when 18 inches of snow blanketed the town.

Say Russia Can Drop A-Bombs Anywhere

New York, Feb. 6 (AP)—W. Stuart Symington, secretary of the air force, said last night that Russia has the capacity to drop atom bombs on any part of the United States.

Speaking at the annual dinner of the New York Baseball Writers association, Symington declared: "We all know international conditions are not healthy in this postwar cold-war period. Behind an iron curtain there has been an atomic explosion, in a country which today has the capacity to deliver bombs to any part of America, and we have no sure defense."

State Can Buy Land for Capitol Area Extension

Attorney General Rules Board Can Purchase Coates Lot

By JAMES D. OLSON

Legal barriers to state purchase of the apartment house site in the proposed capitol expansion area were completely removed Monday when Gov. Douglas McKay was informed by the attorney general's office that the board of control could legally purchase the property.

As a result Harry S. Dorman, budget director, prepared a budget of \$14,100 which is being presented by the board of control to the state emergency board Monday afternoon for consideration.

Emergency Board Meets

If the request is approved, the board of control can then obtain an option on the Summer street property from Robert Coates, contractor, who has a building permit from the city of Salem to erect a seven-story apartment house on the lot. The state can also issue Coates a guarantee of purchase pending approval by the Federal Housing Administration of a substitute lot in the 1300 block on Chemeketa street, optioned by Coates several weeks ago.

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Millet Admits Big 'Mo' Blame

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 6 (AP)—The operations officer of the Battleship Missouri testified today that when the ship was departing Hampton Roads January 17 he told the skipper "we could pass to port" (inshore) of a buoy marking an acoustic range paralleling the main ship channel.

"I was under the impression then that there were five buoys marking the range, 'but I know now there were two," Commander John R. Millet told a naval court of inquiry investigating the ground of the Big Mo.

The court interrupted Millet's testimony to take a brief recess. Returning to the hearing room, the court advised Millet that he had been designated "an interested party" in the proceedings, and that he had a right to counsel.

The court then recessed until early afternoon to allow Millet time to retain counsel.

The ship's commander and a navigator were named defendants in the proceedings at the court's opening session last Friday.

Egg Prices Advance Cent in Oregon

Egg prices were up a cent in Salem, Monday morning, following similar boosts in the Portland produce markets over the week-end.

In the buying list here, prices Monday were as follows: Large AA, 35 cents; large A, 32-37 cents; medium AA, 33 cents; medium A, 31 cents.

In the wholesale list, large size generally were listed at 42 cents, a one-cent boost, and the mediums at 38 cents.

Other produce quotations remained unchanged in the Monday check here.

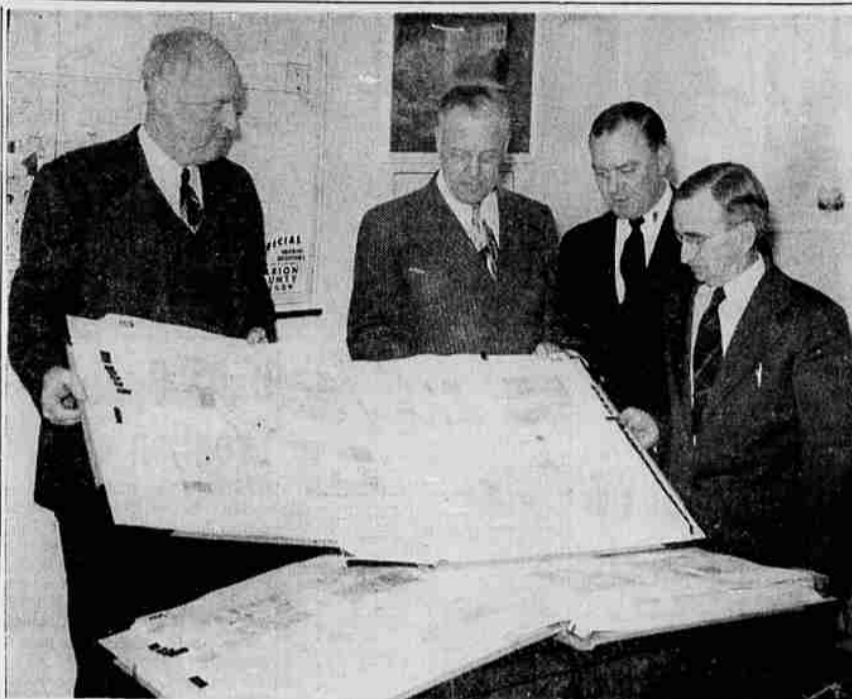
Ice at Portland Brings 3 Airlines to Salem

Ice at the airport in Portland again brought planes into Salem's airport instead of the city north of here.

This time it was not just those of United Air Lines but of two other airlines, Western and West Coast, as well. Freezing rain both Saturday and Sunday night caused the planes to make emergency landings here.

United Air Lines employees at the Salem station both evenings took care of the passengers of the other airlines, as well as those of their own. Saturday night West Coast Airlines landed two planes here, both of them DC-3s. Flight No. 10 of West Coast, northbound, landed here at 7:19 p.m. and the southbound flight No. 9 of that airline set down here at 7:39 p.m.

That same evening the one United flight into Portland not cancelled for the day, flight 175, a DC-3, which regularly makes a Salem stop, terminated here.



Sanborn Map Presented City

You can learn a lot about your home city that you don't know from two volumes of Sanborn maps that were presented to the fire department Monday by the Salem Insurance Agents Association.

The maps cover every block in the city in detail. In the business areas they show the type of buildings in the block, location of fire resistance construction or lack of it, width of streets, location of water mains and a dozen other things.

Residence type and construction in every block of the residential districts are shown with the same detail. If your house has a shingle roof, for example, it is indicated by the letter X.

Colors are the key to the maps. Types of buildings are indicated by certain colors.

It is the first time the city has had the maps, though they have been available by purchase to insurance men. The maps are presented to the city, but the city will have to keep them up to date. Corrections are sent each year by the insurance people.

The maps will be kept in a specially-prepared place at the fire department where they may be consulted by officials or by the public.

CAA Approves Airport Building

Civil aeronautics administration has given its final approval on the proposed administration building at McNary field and work can now get under way on the construction.

CAA the past week-end sent its okay to City Manager J. L. Franzen and Franzen has already given notice to the contractor, H. G. Carl, to proceed with construction. Carl's bid was for \$37,398 and has been accepted by the city council.

The building is the first unit of the administration building—two more units are to be added later. Under terms of an agreement approved previously by the city council the city's share for the building is to be \$12,422 and that of the federal government under the matched funds agreement, \$24,976.

Construction of the building, which is to have a stucco exterior, will not be started until weather conditions improve, but it will be completed some time this spring.

Cities Seek Action On Santiam Highway

Mill City, Feb. 6—Delegates representing the Chambers of Commerce of Mill City and Gates, and also the cities of Redmond and Prineville and possibly Bend, will appear before the state highway commission in Portland Tuesday with an argument for the Mill City-Mehama highway.

An effort was being made Monday to contact the Salem Chamber of Commerce and the Marion county court so they could join in the argument before the commission.

The delegation here was organized when Governor McKay wrote Robert Veness president of the Mill City Chamber of Commerce, that the highway commission had the Mill City-Mehama matter on the agenda for the Portland session Monday and Tuesday of this week.

No arrangement had then been made for an appearance from this district.

Contact was made with H. B. Glaisyer, secretary of the commission, and arrangements made for an appearance Tuesday afternoon. Among those appearing will be Veness, who will head the delegation, David M. Reid, Lee Ross, and Charles Wolverton.

The state highway department owns right of way for the road on the Marion county side, and the project has been approved by highway department engineers. The commission, however, has so far rejected it on grounds that since it will be used by the government in the construction of the Detroit dam the government ought to build it.

The fact that contractors have arranged to haul cement by rail instead of by highway appears to have removed part of that argument.

The stretch of road is part of the Santiam highway which is being built across the mountains by the government as far as Mill City, but not west of here.

Final approval of the Salem bridge project at Marion street has been made by the secretary of the army.

This information came to the Chamber of Commerce Monday from Representative Walter Norblad in Washington.

Friday word was received from Norblad that approval of the project had been given by the chief of the army engineers.

The bridge, a project of the Oregon state highway department, dovetails into the Baldock plan for a street grid and traffic improvement in Salem. It will carry two-way traffic until the old bridge at Center street has been rebuilt. Then it will carry only eastbound traffic, while the Center Street bridge will carry westbound traffic.

The Marion Street bridge will cost about \$1,250,000.

Gas Chamber for Strobbe Los Angeles, Feb. 6 (AP)—Fred Strobbe today was ordered to die in the state's gas chamber for the brutal sex-slaying of six-year-old Linda Joyce Glucoft.

East Berlin officials called for the rally to protest continued presence of western occupation forces in Germany.

President Invokes T-H Law To Restore Coal Production

360,000 Miners Likely to Defy Truman's Order

Pittsburgh, Feb. 6 (AP)—The soft coal strike burst into a nation-wide walkout today with angry miners in nearly a score of states joining in an all out bid for a contract showdown.

As the number of idle miners skyrocketed from the 100,000 out last week in six states to at least 360,000, production of bituminous (soft coal) plummeted. Roving pickets were active in some areas.

"Let's wait and see what happens now," declared a grizzled veteran of the Pennsylvania pits.

He referred to reports President Truman had invoked the Taft-Hartley act against John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers.

Surveys showed no UMW diggers at work in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Illinois, Utah and Tennessee. Other states said incomplete checks indicated a total work stoppage.

Few Mines Operating

A small stream of coal still is coming from unorganized mines in some areas and from the coal companies whose operators have signed new contracts on Lewis' terms.

Those pacts, covering a small proportion of the nation's 400,000 soft coal miners, give the men a raise from \$14.05 a day in basic wages to \$15. They also increase operators' payments to the UMW welfare and pension fund from 20 cents a ton of coal mined to 35 cents.

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M'Cloy Criticizes West Germans

Stuttgart, Germany, Feb. 6 (AP)—The U. S. high commissioner for Germany today sharply reprimanded West German officials for criticizing the western allies.

He presented a program for German ruling out an army or air force and pledging that nazism will not rise here again.

In a tough talking major speech Commissioner John J. M'Cloy informed the Germans the United States intends to keep a firm grip on the occupied nation's political affairs.

This address was the most critical utterance by M'Cloy concerning the Germans since he assumed his post here last summer. M'Cloy has just returned here from conferences in Washington.

M'Cloy outlined a nine-point policy for Germany, and at the same time warned west German leaders to stop agitating on such foreign issues as the dispute with France over the Saarland.

"We American are not here exclusively to feed the German people," M'Cloy declared. "Our main purpose is to help Germany achieve political recovery."

"That is my answer to those who occasionally say we have no right to mix in the political problems confronting this country."



Arrested—A top British atomic scientist, Klaus Fuchs (above), was arrested in London as the result of FBI digging into leaks of A-bomb secrets to Russia.

London dispatches said Fuchs was charged with two violations of the official secrets act in Bow street court. This photo of Fuchs was made available by FBI headquarters in Washington. (AP Wirephoto)

Hoover Tells of Tracing Fuchs

Washington, Feb. 6 (AP)—J. Edgar Hoover gave the congressional atomic committee a first hand account today of the FBI's role in the arrest of a top British scientist accused of giving atomic secrets to Russia.

The chief of the federal bureau of investigation, accompanied by his two top aides, met with the group behind closed doors. He told reporters he did not plan any public statement after the meeting.

Clyde Tolson, associate FBI director, and L. B. Nichols, assistant director, appeared with Hoover.

Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, wartime head of the U.S. atomic enterprise who testified to the committee last week, will not appear again today.

Before Hoover's testimony, Senator Bridges (R-NH) demanded a search in "high places" for any American contacts of the arrested scientist, German born Klaus Fuchs.

Fuchs was arrested in London last Friday and charged with two violations of the official secrets act.

Bridges told a reporter FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover will be questioned about that point tomorrow by a senate appropriations subcommittee.

This group—of which Bridges is a member—already has talked with Hoover about the Fuchs case. The FBI chief had another date today to meet with the senate-house atomic energy committee behind closed doors (10:30 a.m., EST).

"This man Fuchs," Bridges said, "must have had contacts in this country and we follow through to find those contacts, particularly to learn whether any of them tie into high places."

Names Board Of Inquiry to Study Dispute

Washington, Feb. 6 (AP)—President Truman today invoked the Taft-Hartley law in an effort to restore coal production. He appointed a board of inquiry headed by David L. Cole, Paterson, N.J., lawyer, to look into the issues at dispute.

The other members are William W. Wirtz and John Dunlop. In view of the emergency, the president instructed the board to report "not later" than one week from today.

Mr. Truman's move sets in motion T-H law procedures that could lead to a court order a week or 10 days from now for the miners to get back to work for 80 days.

Miners May Mutiny Whether the miners will pay any attention to a "stop-strike" order from the courts—provided one is issued—is a question.

John L. Lewis, the 70-year-old president of the United Mine Workers, told Mr. Truman last week that he doubted they would.

After Mr. Truman acted, Lewis declined to see reporters but sent them word that he had "no comment."

At the capitol, Senator Taft (R-Ohio), one of the authors of the T-H law, said the president's action was "a step necessary to be taken."

Emergency Exists Senator Brewster (R-Maine) commented: "Thank God there is a law under which he can act."

President Truman has tried unsuccessfully to get congress to repeal the republican-enacted law and made it an issue in his 1948 election campaign. But he has said that as long as it was on the books he would enforce it.

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Delay Asked in 'Phone Strike

Washington, Feb. 6 (AP)—Conciliation Director Cyrus S. Ching today asked the CIO Communications Workers to put off any strike until Feb. 24.

A strike now is scheduled for 6 a.m. (EST) Wednesday. In messages to the union and to companies in the Bell Telephone system, Ching asked for intensified bargaining negotiations.

He asked that they advise him by noon tomorrow whether they would co-operate.

Before Ching's request was made known here, a union spokesman in New York said he had said the union might consider a strike postponement if federal mediators asked it. He was Ernest Weaver, president of the installation division of the CIO Communications Workers of America.

The strike would involve more than 300,000 workers in the nationwide Bell telephone system.

The installation division is a unit, with 11,000 workers in 43 states.

County to Invest \$300,000 U.S. Bonds

A \$300,000 investment in United States government certificate of indebtedness bonds is being made by Marion county as a result of an order issued in Marion county court Monday.

County Treasurer Sam J. Butler had requested permission to make the investment, and his request was approved by the court. Butler said the \$300,000 would be taken from the courthouse construction fund.

Certificate of indebtedness bonds pay an interest of 1 3/4% annually, Butler said. The county's investment will be for a six months period.

Pelley Granted Parole Washington, Feb. 6 (AP)—The U. S. parol board today granted parole to William Dudley Pelley, founder and one-time leader of the Silver Shirts of America, who was convicted of sedition during World War II.



Groves Meets With Lawmakers—Lieut. Gen. Leslie Groves (center), retired wartime head of the atomic energy project, poses with Sen. Brian McMahon (D., Conn.), (left), chairman of the Congressional Atomic committee, and Rep. Carl T. Durham (D., N. C.), committee member, before closed-door questioning about the activities of Klaus Fuchs, 38-year-old British scientist accused of passing atomic secrets to Russia. (AP Wirephoto)