

THE WEATHER HERE

CLOUDY WITH occasional rain tonight and Saturday. Slightly warmer tonight. Low tonight, 44; high Saturday, 50.

Maximum yesterday, 53; minimum today, 37. Total 24-hour precipitation: 1.67; for month: 4.97; normal: 3.92. Season precipitation: 30.74; normal: 25.28. River height: 12.9 feet, rising slowly. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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Woman Killed By Streamliner Near Claxter

Unidentified Body Carried Half a Mile By Speed Train

By DOUGLAS THOMAS

An unidentified young woman was instantly killed early Friday morning when she was struck by the speeding Southern Pacific Shasta Daylight near Claxter road north of Salem.

Her body was discovered by a police officer and a first aid crewman about a half mile south of Kapphan road. The mangled remains were scattered near where her body dug a foot-deep furrow in the wet earth.

Crew members from the Shasta made a brief report to the passenger agent at the Salem station. They said the woman was standing in the middle of the tracks looking at the train as it bore down on her from the north.

But even the crewmen were at a loss to explain the accident. They were unable to say whether she had wanted to stay on the track or whether she was paralyzed by fear and unable to move.

Carried Half a Mile Residents of the area estimate the speed of the Shasta at from 70 to 85 miles an hour along the stretch of track where she was struck.

Apparently the train carried the body for more than a half mile after the impact. It was pitched clear of the train just south of a bend in the track near the city limits.

The Shasta was brought to a stop near the Camp Joy auto court, and after the accident was reported by the train crew, the streamliner headed southward.

A complete description of the woman was furnished by the coroner who examined the remains. Her age was estimated at from 20 to 25 years. Her weight, also estimated, was 135 pounds. She was believed to be about five feet tall. Her eyes were blue, and her hair was light in color—dark blond to auburn.

Sees Socialism In 'Fair Deal'

Washington, Feb. 17 (AP)—Senator Byrd (D., Va.) said today that President Truman is traveling "a non-stop, high-speed highway to socialism" with his "Fair Deal" proposals.

Byrd voiced the first democratic criticism of Mr. Truman's Jefferson-Jackson dinner speech last night as republicans challenged the president to take the issue of socialism to the polls in November.

The president told a glittering gathering of 5,300 party faithful last night that the republicans had "insulted the intelligence" of the American people by proclaiming that the campaign issue is "liberty versus socialism." He said his program is not socialistic.

The republicans, he said, are croaking about socialism to hide their own "negative inaction."

In a statement, Byrd said the president was adding insult "to the injury already done our intellect by Truman proposals and propaganda."

The Virginia senator, who has opposed the president's spending program, said the country will be "irrevocably committed to socialism" if three administration proposals are adopted by congress.

He listed these as (1) the "socialized medicine" of the president's compulsory health insurance plan; (2) the "socialized agriculture" of the Brannan farm subsidy payment plan and (3) the "extension of socialized housing."

Asks Loyalty Probe Of U. S. Official

Washington, Feb. 17 (AP)—Senator Malone (R., Nev.) told the senate today he is informed that a high commerce department official is a Manchurian-born Russian who was turned down for citizenship three times.

He proposed that the senate interstate commerce committee inquire into the "loyalty" of Michael J. Lee, chief of the far eastern division of the commerce department's office of international trade.

State Costs Mount During Fiscal Year

Total of \$142,581,000 Collected for 1948-49, Record Shows

By JAMES D. OLSON

Revenue totaling \$142,581,000 was collected from all sources by the state of Oregon during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, as compared with \$131,648,000 collected in the 1947-48 fiscal year.

Of this amount \$35,863,000 was derived from personal tax collections; \$20,041,000 from corporate income taxes; \$20,654,000 from gasoline tax collections; \$10,413,000 from motor vehicle taxes and fees; \$3,964,000 from alcoholic beverages profits and fees and \$10,182,000 from other taxes and fees.

In addition, the state received \$17,142,000 in miscellaneous revenues and \$19,331,000 in federal grants.

This information was contained in a nine-page booklet entitled "Cost of State Government," containing figures and "pie-plate" graphs, issued by the state tax commission.

Biggest Item Listed The largest sum of money expended by a single department during the last fiscal year was \$41,428,000 spent on building and maintenance of roads, highways and bridges by the state highway commission. This sum was a substantial increase over the expenditures in the previous year when the highway department spent \$34,686,000 on its highway program in the state.

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Portland Cops Nab 2 Bandits

Portland, Feb. 17 (AP)—A briar patch nabbed a fleeing man early today while a policeman's gun brought down his companion.

Both were booked on burglary charges—the same offense charged to them in a January grand jury indictment.

The wounded man, Harold C. Rambo, 45, was taken to Good Samaritan hospital. He was shot in the ankle. His companion, Samuel W. Lewis, 56, was unhurt.

They were arrested as they fled the Fulton Provision company plant and delicatessen on SW Macadam avenue shortly before 3 a. m.

Rambo fell wounded as Patrolmen Jack Latourette and Albert Papella fired. Lewis dashed headlong into a clump of blackberry bushes beside the building. Halted by the brambles, he was nabbed easily.

Police had been called three times by Frank Juhne, who lives on the second floor. The first time they found nothing; the second time they found evidence of an attempt to cut through a wall into a meat cooler, but thought the men had been frightened away; the third time they entered the provision plant, felt their way past sides of beef in the cooler and found a hole cut through into a smaller cooler room in the delicatessen. Discovery was mutual and the men ran outside where Latourette and Pacella were waiting.

Churchill Writes Of Blunders of Russians

New York, Feb. 17 (AP)—Russia's leaders displayed "amazing ignorance" and vanity, says Winston Churchill, when they failed to prepare for Nazi Germany's attack in 1941.

However, Churchill credits Russia's ultimate resistance with cracking the might of the German armies.

In the latest installment of his war memoirs, now appearing serially in Life magazine and the New York Times, Britain's wartime prime minister writes:

"War is mainly a catalogue of blunders, but it may be doubted whether any mistake in history has equalled that of which Stalin and the communist chiefs were guilty when they supinely awaited the fearful onslaught which impeded on Russia."

"We have hitherto rated them as selfish calculators. In this period they were proved simpletons as well. Stalin and his commissars showed themselves at this moment the most completely outwitted bunglers of the second world war." Churchill reveals that he sent



Time Schedule For A-Weapons

Washington, Feb. 17 (AP)—The United States has set a "very tight time schedule" for building up its atomic military power, including the hydrogen super bomb.

This came to light today with the release of a letter David E. Lilienthal wrote Wednesday—the day he stepped out as chairman of the atomic energy commission.

Senator Holland (D., Fla.) had asked Lilienthal to explain why a \$100,000,000-plus contract at Oak Ridge, Tenn., was awarded without competitive bids. He said other contractors had complained.

Lilienthal replied that to have let a competitive contract would have delayed a start on the project—a new gaseous diffusion plant—for 18 months. Lilienthal added:

"The purpose of the expansion program is to further the common defense and security of the United States, and is one in which a very tight time schedule has been established in order to meet the military goals upon which the expansion program is based."

Lilienthal did not mention the hydrogen bomb as such, but President Truman has ordered the commission to proceed with efforts to turn out the weapon rated at anywhere from four to 1,000 times more powerful than the present A-bomb.

Miss Coplon Fires Lawyer

New York, Feb. 17 (AP)—Judith Coplon changed her lawyer today in the middle of her spy conspiracy trial.

Federal Judge Sylvester J. Ryan appointed three attorneys to defend her.

Named to succeed Archibald Palmer as the ex-government girl's defense counsel were Sidney E. Berman, Samuel Neuberger and Leonard Boudin.

Miss Coplon has been on trial with Soviet Engineer Valentin A. Gubitchev since January 2. They are charged with conspiring to make U. S. defense secrets available to the Russians.

Gubitchev was not involved in the split between Miss Coplon and her attorney. He will continue to be represented by Abraham J. Pomerantz.

Potato Council Support Stopping

Washington, Feb. 17 (AP)—The National Potato council today protested sharply to Senator Lucas (D.-Ill.) against removal of government price supports for Irish potatoes.

On motion of Lucas, the senate democratic leader, the senate agriculture committee approved yesterday by a 6 to 2 vote a provision that would remove potato price drops until congress enacts drastic controls over both planting and marketing of potatoes.

Lucas also introduced amendments to the farm price support law calling for drastic potato controls to discourage surplus production and save millions of dollars spent on the price supports.

Seizure of Book Ordered Tokyo, Feb. 17 (AP)—The morals section of the Metropolitan police board today ordered seizure of all booksellers' copies of Norman Mailer's book, "The Naked and the Dead." It was the first foreign book seized by the police since the war. A number of Japanese books have been seized on similar grounds. The book has been a best seller in Japan since Dec. 15.

50 Macleay Residents Protest Garbage Dump

A crowd of over 50 residents of the Macleay district overflowed the tiny Marion county court chambers Friday to protest the county garbage dump located at Macleay.

After an hour and a half of argument between the complainants and the court, the hearing was recessed at noon until 1:30 p. m., when additional arguments were to be heard.

Chief complaints from the Macleay residents were the odors and contamination of the dump, and the devaluation of property in that area brought about by the dump's being located there.

The court re-litigated by stating that no evidence of contamination had been found, and that no one has actually determined that the property has declined in value since the dump was placed at Macleay less than a year ago.

Several of the complainants criticized the court for its "shoddy method" of "sneaking" the garbage dump in at Macleay, without notifying the landowners. According to the landowners who spoke Friday morning, the county acquired the land without revealing what the property was to be used for.

On numerous occasions during the hearing, a complainant would say something with a tint of sarcasm aimed at members of the county court. Such remarks drew laughter and applause from the Macleay citizens present.

Macleay people who spoke principally Friday morning were Joe Fendricks, Mrs. Theodore Olson, Mrs. George Boedigheimer, Wilber Miller and Ed Tooker. Also appearing was J. B. Humber of Mt. Angel, who owns a piece of land adjoining the dump.

Skies were clear and temperatures a little below normal over the water shed. No immediate rain was forecast. Army engineers said levees on the Mississippi and other major streams remained intact. But bayous and smaller tributaries were backing up surplus waters.

Skies also were clear in the country's other flood danger spots in southern Illinois, Indiana and southeastern Missouri.

The only rain reported early today was in central Montana. There were light falls of snow over most of New England, northern New York, western Pennsylvania, Ohio and parts of lower Michigan. Temperatures were a little lower east of the Mississippi and higher over the plains states.

German Clergy Ban Red Front

Berlin, Feb. 17 (AP)—East Germany's Catholic and Protestant clergy have been ordered by their church leaders to shun the new communist-led "national front."

Both Roman Catholic and evangelical authorities issued such instructions in opposition to the new mass organization which the communists two days ago announced would work for German unity and against the influence of the three western allies.

Konrad Cardinal von Prusing, Roman Catholic bishop of Berlin, in an Episcopal letter to all Catholic priests in Berlin and Brandenburg charged that "freedom of belief and thought is being suppressed" in the Soviet zone.

He said the socialist unity (communist) party was trying to "extend an ever-increasing one-party dictatorship to the whole of our German fatherland."

A directive by the Evangelical church to its representatives in Berlin and East Germany reaffirmed standing orders that "the church must not participate in any political activities and demonstrations or any other political manifestations" in Soviet-occupied territory.

The directive said this policy had been made known to the Russian army command two years ago and was being restated because of latest activities of the "national front."

Fact-Finders In Coal Dispute Told to Report

Truman Wants Action Saturday and Puts On Pressure

Washington, Feb. 17 (AP)—President Truman today asked his fact-finding board in the coal dispute to give him a personal report tomorrow.

The White House announced the president's move amid signs that the government was putting on heavy pressure to get the dispute wound up this week-end.

David Cole, the chairman of Mr. Truman's board, told reporters that government mediators were "shooting for a settlement by Monday."

Cole also suggested that it might be difficult for the courts to refrain from contempt action against the miners if their strike continues beyond this week.

The 370,000 coal diggers have defied all this week a federal court's order for them to go back to work.

Eben Ayers, assistant presidential secretary, said the inquiry board was instructed to appear at 10 a. m. (EST) to give the president an up-to-the-date progress report.

Cyrus Ching, chief of the federal mediation service, was asked to sit in on the White House conference along with John R. Steelman, the assistant to the president.

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Pope Hits at Red Tyranny

Vatican City, Feb. 17 (AP)—Pope Pius XII said today "Peace is endangered wherever public opinion ceases to function freely."

The pope's words, which were to have been delivered Sunday to delegates to the Third International Congress of the Catholic Press, were published in the Vatican newspaper Osservatore Romano.

Osservatore said the pontiff has recovered from an attack of influenza but that some hoarseness persists and prompted him to publish his discourse to the journalists, whom he is to receive in special audience Sunday.

In a clear reference to communist-dominated countries, the pope said:

"We will leave aside those cases where public opinion is silent in a world where even just liberty is banished and where only the voice of parties in power, the opinions of chiefs or dictators is permitted to make its voice heard."

"To muffle the voice of citizens, to reduce it to a forced silence, is, in the eye of all Christians, an attempt against the natural right of man, a violation of the world order as God established it."



Survivor—S. Sgt. James R. Ford, Holdenville, Okla., who parachuted from B-36 off the British Columbia coast, wearily tells newsmen at Fort Hardy, B. C., how he hung from his tree-caught parachute for two hours, then found by kicking his feet to restore circulation, he was only one foot above the ground. (AP Wirephoto)

Washington, Feb. 17 (AP)—The navy has ordered more than 700 planes, with a heavy emphasis on jet fighters, it was learned today.

Topping the list of purchases is a contract with Grumman Aircraft Engineering corporation, Bethpage, N. Y., for 242 jet F9F Panthers and 72AF's, a propeller-powered attack plane for anti-submarine warfare.

The navy, like the air force, has made no official announcement of aircraft purchases with funds provided during the current fiscal year ending next June 30. However, the navy confirmed the order list after it appeared in some detail in American Aviation Daily, a trade paper.

Among the orders placed were these:

McDonnell Aircraft corporation, St. Louis, 140 F2H Banshees, a twin-jet fighter.

Douglas Aircraft company, Santa Monica, Calif., 70 F3D Skyraider twin-jet all-weather fighters and 53 Skyraider propeller attack bombers.

Congress appropriated \$540,900,000 for 768 new navy planes to be bought this year.

Patton to Make 3 Speeches in Salem

President James G. Patton, Denver, of the National Farmers Union will make three speeches here next week.

He will talk to the 40th annual convention of the Oregon Farmers Union, the Salem Rotary club, and to a public meeting at Willamette university.

Patton, who is a member of the European Cooperation Administration public advisory board, will speak about America's stake in world economy.

The state convention opens Tuesday and closes Thursday.

Gale Hampers Search for 5 Of B-36 Crew

Two New Clues Inspire Hope for Missing Airmen

McChord Air Base, Wash., Feb. 17 (AP)—Snow, rain and wind hampered the search of desolate Princess Royal island today for five airmen still missing from the B-36 crash off the British Columbia coast Monday night.

The storm, with winds up to 50 miles an hour, broke as search parties trudged through rough, wooded hills, encouraged by sighting yesterday of tree-snagged parachutes and tracks in the snow.

The search was also sparked by two new clues—a blood-spattered patch in the snow where a man had apparently fallen and a SOS stamped in the snow.

Tracing New Clues A Royal Canadian navy spokesman at Esquimalt, B. C., said these were sighted yesterday, but northern darkness closed in before investigation was completed.

One search party did not return to the Cayuga until nearly midnight. It was delayed when thickness of island growth forced members of the party to crawl a "considerable distance" on their hands and knees.

A United States helicopter spotted the SOS and imprint. Four parachutes also were located, but it is not known whether they belonged to the missing men or to those already rescued.

The 12th survivor rescued was Lt. Charles G. Pooler of Beloit, Kas. Reserve Search Parties Three search parties were being held in reserve today aboard the Cayuga. They will be rushed ashore if air reconnaissance pinpoints any "hot" clues.

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Canadian C-47 Crashes, Yukon

Donjek River, Y. T., Feb. 17 (AP)—The seventh large military plane to come to disaster in the northwest area of Canada and the United States within the past three weeks crashed yesterday on an icy lake between here and Northway, Alaska.

Only one of the four Canadians and 10 Americans aboard was injured.

The plane, a Canadian Dakota (C-47), was participating in exercise Sweetbrier, the joint U. S.-Canadian Arctic maneuver.

Land vehicles are being sent to aid the crashed plane which piled up eight miles from the Alaskan highway near Snag.

It was another chapter in a disaster-ridden three weeks for military aircraft throughout the Northwest.

The series of tragedies began when a USAF C-54 vanished Jan. 26 with 44 persons aboard while flying from Anchorage, Alaska, to Great Falls, Mont. No sign of the plane has been found since, but the search continues.

Two C-47's, participating in the search for the C-54, cracked up but all occupants of both planes were rescued. Another C-54, also participating in the search for the big transport, piled up out of Great Falls, killing three persons.

Then Monday night, 17 persons parachuted from an ice-sheathed, burning B-36 off the northern British Columbia coast. Twelve of the 17 have been recovered, but five still are missing.

A B-29 cracked up Wednesday morning near Great Falls shortly after taking off to aid in the hunt for the B-36. Eight crewmen perished in the flames.

Storm Warnings Hoisted on Coast

Seattle, Feb. 17 (AP)—The weather bureau issued the following storm warning early today:

"Hoist southeast storm warnings 7 a. m. Tatoosh to Cape Blanco and entrance Strait of Juan De Fuca for increasing southeasterly winds today reaching 30-40 m.p.h. by afternoon and at same time hoist small craft warnings for slowly increasing southerly winds today reaching 20-30 m.p.h. by late this afternoon."



Gets the Word—Gen. George C. Marshall, now president of the Red Cross, listens attentively as eight-year-old Charles La Brozzi, Philadelphia youth, tells how he has been using Red Cross plasma since he was two to combat a rare anemia from which he is suffering. General Marshall is attending a Red Cross session at Philadelphia. (AP Wirephoto)