

CLOUDY WITH RAIN tonight, becoming partly cloudy with showers Sunday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 42; high Sunday, 55.

Maximum yesterday, 51; minimum today, 35. Total 24-hour precipitation: .6; for month: 4.07; normal, 3.19. Season precipitation, 28.73; normal, 35.91. River height, 12.6 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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Miners Renew Defiance of Court and Lewis

New Plea for Return To Coal Pits Refused As Peace Efforts Fail

Washington, Feb. 18 (AP)—Striking coal miners renewed their defiance of a court order and a new plea from John L. Lewis today in the face of strong expressions of official hope that they will dig Monday.

Peace negotiations, meanwhile, were called off for the weekend with no signs of any new progress toward a contract.

The White House declared President Truman will make no weekend moves such as contemporary action over violation of a federal stop-strike injunction.

Almost simultaneously with the recess in the bargaining here, the United Mine Workers' biggest local, the 1500-member Robena unit at Masontown, Pa., voted a defiant "no" to the latest back-to-work plea from Lewis.

Vote To Continue Strike

With some 800 members present, the Lewis message directing the men to return to the pits "forthwith" was read.

"The men that want to go back to work stand up," they were told.

Only two stood.

At least two other locals already had shown similar defiance.

Heretofore the union rank and file has followed Lewis's slightest whim without question.

His back-to-work instructions of last Saturday were regarded generally as a mere formal compliance with a court order.

Yesterday's instructions to end the strike "forthwith" was emphatic.

Peace Negotiations Off

Contract negotiations were called off until Monday at 2 p.m. (EST) on the suggestion of David L. Cole, chairman of the board President Truman assigned to look into the dispute that has spread coal strangulation over the nation's economy.

"They were not making the progress we hoped for this morning," Cole told reporters. "We thought a recess would be helpful. They needed a breather."

The most hopeful thing Cole and Cyrus S. Ching, U. S. mediator chief, could report was that both parties "are making a real effort at collective bargaining."

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Musgrave Files For Mayor's Job

Walter Musgrave, 1230 Ruge, became a formal candidate for mayor of Salem Saturday when he filed his petition with the office of city recorder as an independent candidate.

Musgrave, who earlier announced his intentions, will be opposed by Al Loucks and Harry V. Collins, who filed this week before leaving on a vacation trip to California. Loucks has not yet filed.

The petition with its statement says that the candidate is pledged to "exercise independence of thought, independence of action and independence of control," and that if elected will "exercise proven efficiency and economy consistent with (his) program." In addition he will "provide experienced, able, aggressive and clean leadership as a matter of record, not as a matter of promise."

Musgrave sets forth his slogan, which will appear on the ballot after his name, "You know where I stand."

Musgrave, as mayor of West Salem, was active in the matter of annexation to Salem and since then is serving as a first member of the city council from the district across the river.

Poultry Products At Bargain Prices

Corvallis, Feb. 18 (AP)—Poultry products are bargain counter items these days, an Oregon State college specialist reported today.

This is the comparison made by Noel Bemion, poultry specialist: Eggs are 24 cents a dozen cheaper than they were a year ago; turkeys are down 20 cents a pound; chickens are 13 cents cheaper.

An over-supply, he said, is the reason.

29 Death Toll In Train Wreck On Long Island

100 Injured When Commuter Crashes Into Passenger

Rockville Centre, N.Y., Feb. 18 (AP)—A crowded Long Island railroad commuter train sped through a stop signal last night and ripped head-on into another passenger train, killing 29 persons and injuring 100. Many of the injured were in critical condition.

It was metropolitan New York's worst railroad disaster, and the worst in the nation in four years.

The accident occurred on a makeshift siding where a temporary "gauntlet" track was laid pending completion of a grade crossing project. The gauntlet consists of double tracks placed so close together only one train at a time can pass over the roadbed.

Motorman Arrested

Jacob Kiefer, 55, of Baldwin, N.Y., motorman of the eastbound train, was arrested and charged with second degree manslaughter.

"He ran past the signal," Nassau County District Attorney Frank Gulotta said.

Motorman T. W. Markin of the westbound train was too dazed to be questioned. He was sent home suffering from shock.

The head cars of both electric trains were torn apart by the collision, which occurred at 10:35 p.m. (EST). The forward car of the eastbound train, loaded with early home-going theater crowds from Manhattan, was sheared down the middle. It toppled over, spewing mangled bodies and wreckage along the siding.

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Russia's Plants 'Invulnerable'

Marrakech, French Morocco, Feb. 18 (AP)—A recent attack was made to photograph Russia's main atomic industrial site, but the Soviets shot the plane down with a new form of anti-aircraft fire, Kenneth De Courcy said today.

The British editor of the magazine Intelligence Digest added in a typed statement to the Associated Press correspondent here that Russia's atomic industry "is practically invulnerable."

De Courcy said he was "not at liberty" to disclose the identity of the nation that tried to photograph Russia's main atomic center by high altitude flying.

Two weeks ago De Courcy said the Soviet union had exploded the first hydrogen bomb. The report lacked any authoritative confirmation, as far as could be determined by the Associated Press. In London British government officials regarded his reports with "cautious skepticism." De Courcy correctly predicted that the Soviet union would set off an atomic blast in 1949.

Flood Menace Grows; Blizzard Hits Midwest

(By the Associated Press)

Flood dangers appeared growing more serious in the South and a blizzard whipped across some midwest states today. The rest of the country had fair weather, with many areas reporting mild temperatures.

Rising floodwaters in three states threatened further evacuation of families to join the 35,000 persons already made homeless in the flood areas.

East central Louisiana, southwestern Mississippi and Arkansas are the hardest hit by the floodwaters which have spilled out over millions of acres of land.

An estimated 23,000 are homeless in Arkansas. Other hundreds along the lower St. Francis river are in danger of the overflows.

The backwaters of a half dozen streams, tributaries of the Mississippi, have forced some 8000 to flee their homes in 12 parishes (counties in Louisiana and five counties in Mississippi). The Red Cross estimated that from 6000 to 8000 more may be driven from the lowlands by March 1.

The 2000 residents of Marks-ville, La., were warned that they may be isolated completely in a few days. Floodwaters also



Mo's Captain Admits Blame

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 18 (AP)—The commanding officer of the battleship Missouri testified today he had a "disturbance" of the ship's navigator.

Capt. William D. Brown made the statement as he opened his defense before a naval court of inquiry which is seeking to fix responsibility for the grounding of the Big Mo Jan. 17.

Asked by his counsel what his "general feelings" were about his navigator and his operations officer the morning the ship ran aground, Brown said:

"There had been built up in me a 'disturbance' of the navigator, Lt. Cdr. Frank G. Morris, because of Morris' performance as navigator on a trial run the Missouri made Dec. 22-23."

On the other hand, he said, he "leaned heavily" on his operations officer, Cdr. John R. Millet, because of his "obviously more level head and greater experience."

Brown said he had not commanded a ship from the time he was detached as skipper of the destroyer Nicholas in 1943 until he assumed command of the Missouri last December.

As a result of not having commanded a ship during the six years between 1943 and 1949 "I felt extremely rusty when I took the Missouri out" on the December trial run and on January 17 when the vessel sailed from Norfolk for a training cruise to Guantanamo, Cuba, Brown said.

"My seaman's eye was playing tricks."

Fact Finders for Trainmen's Strike

Washington, Feb. 18 (AP)—President Truman is expected to create an emergency board next week to avert a threatened nationwide strike of railroad trainmen and conductors.

The national (railway) mediation board advised the White House yesterday that the brotherhood of railroad trainmen and the order of railway conductors have called a strike for February 27.

Smoky Inferno

Huge clouds of smoke, visible for miles around, billow from burning warehouse of the Airline Oil and Grease Co., at Lubbock, Tex. The \$40,000 blaze destroyed 50,000 gallons of oil products and was still burning some 24 hours after the fire started. Note burning power pole (center). (Acme Telephoto)

Train Victim Identified Through Laundry Mark

Funeral arrangements were completed Saturday for the 27-year-old Salem housewife and mother who was killed when struck by the Southern Pacific's southbound streamlined Shasta Daylight.

Only a slender thread of evidence enabled the coroner to establish facts which led to her identity. The accident took place shortly before 9 a.m. Friday, but the remains were unclaimed until Friday night.

Then, it was established that the woman was Mrs. Gertrude Elizabeth Rawson of 2114 Broadway. Her husband, Foster O. Rawson, made the identification from bits of clothing and a ring which was found on her finger.

Authorities advised the husband against viewing the body for identification purposes, and accepted the facts from the ring and clothing. When the woman failed to return home last night, all doubt vanished.

In checking for clues which might be added to the description released after the accident Friday, a laundry mark—G. Rawson—was found on her brassiere.

Coroner Leston W. Howell, knowing that no local laundry uses names for clothing identification while state institutions follow such procedure, made a check of those institutions in Salem.

From the state hospital, information was secured to the effect that a Mrs. Rawson had been discharged in November, 1949.

Salem police were immediately dispatched to find the husband. After that, the identification was completed.

An investigation dealing with the accident is not complete. The coroner disclosed Saturday that he intended to secure statements from the engineer, Oscar Burgoyne, 3406 N.E. 16th, Portland, and the fireman, Arthur W. Casie, 1338 S.E. Malden, also of Portland.

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Mormons to Quit Czechoslovakia

Prague, Czechoslovakia, Feb. 18 (AP)—Eleven American Mormon missionaries will leave Czechoslovakia next week to comply with a Czech government ruling forbidding foreign missionaries to work here.

Wallace Toronto, head of the Mormon church in Czechoslovakia, announced plans for departure of the Americans but said the church would continue to function in the country.

Toronto said the work of the church will be carried out entirely by Czechs.

Toronto declared the policy of sending American Mormon missionaries out of the country will continue until the work of the church is entirely in the hands of Czech converts.

The move, he added, had nothing to do with the recent arrest of two young missionaries on charges of "entering a prohibited area."

These missionaries, Stanley E. Abbott, of Lehi, Utah and C. Aldon Johnson of Idaho Falls, Idaho, were arrested January 28 as they traveled through Moravia to visit church members living near the Polish border.

Lookout Dam Bids Asked

Portland, Feb. 18 (AP)—The army engineers will invite bids about March 1 on construction of two concrete abutments for a steel girder span to carry the relocated Southern Pacific railroad over Oregon state highway 58. It is part of the relocation work at Lookout point dam site.

Vogeler Enters Plea of Guilty To Spy Charges

American Confesses To All Charges Made By Hungarian Reds

Budapest, Hungary, Feb. 18 (AP)—American businessman Robert A. Vogeler pleaded guilty to spy charges today and said that as an American agent he had been instructed to help atom physicists escape from Hungary.

Calmly confessing to all the charges in the indictment against him, the 38-year-old telephone company executive asked a Hungarian people's court for "a mild sentence."

He said he used his position as assistant vice president of the International Telephone and Telegraph company as a "cover for my espionage work."

Six Others on Trial

Vogeler's unemotional plea of guilty opened the second day of the trial in which he and six others—a Briton and five Hungarians—are accused of espionage and sabotage.

Vogeler, who has been I.T. & T. representative in Europe since 1945, declared he had been a U.S. army intelligence officer since 1942. As an electrical and mechanical engineer, he said, "espionage in the technical field is my specialty."

He testified that he had been instructed by U.S. army intelligence officers in Vienna to dig up special information about radar production, rockets, uranium and oil deposits in Hungary and to get in touch with atom physicists and help them escape.

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Wife Declares Confession False

Vienna, Austria, Feb. 18 (AP)—"My husband is merely recreating from memory a lot of lies that have been pounded into him for the last three months," Mrs. Robert A. Vogeler said today in commenting on report that Vogeler has calmly confessed to all charges brought against him by the Hungarian government.

She said:

"I have known and loved Bob for nearly 11 years. It would be impossible for him to say such things without any show of emotion. He just isn't that kind of man."

Mrs. Vogeler, who lives in Vienna, heard the news of her husband's testimony in Budapest without showing any emotion except possibly that of exasperation.

"Bob was too busy washing diapers and doing work in Chicago in 1942 to get mixed up with any FBI agents," she said.

She added: "It is obvious to anyone who knew Bob at all that he has been drugged or subjected to some kind of torture to make him say all these things. I don't know whether the torture was mental or physical—but they have certainly done something underhanded during the last three months."



On Trial—Robert A. Vogeler Jr., (above), American businessman, went on trial before a Hungarian people's court in Budapest, on charges of espionage and sabotage. He was arraigned with a Briton and five Hungarians as co-defendants. (AP Wirephoto)

Churchill Asks A-Bomb Meet

London, Feb. 18 (AP)—Winston Churchill, defying censure by his laborite opponents in Britain's election campaign, repeated his plea last night for high level talks between the west and Russia on atomic bomb control.

Labor Prime Minister Clement Attlee promised to comment on the proposal in a political broadcast tonight.

The 75-year-old Tory leader reiterated his call for east-west atom control talks—outside the United Nations—in a final broadcast to the nation allotted to his party over the British broadcasting corporation.

Attlee, having finished a 1,200-mile tour of the country in his drive for reelection, is to make his labor party's final broadcast tonight (4:15 p.m. EST) from the prime minister's country home at Chequers Court, 35 miles northwest of London.

Attacked by Laborite Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin for stepping into the international ring in his Edinburgh, Scotland, speech last Tuesday, Churchill defended himself.

"It is only by agreement of the greatest powers," Churchill declared, "that security can be given to ordinary folk against the annihilating war with atomic or hydrogen bombs or bacteriological horrors."

Prince Aly Khan Breaks Leg Skiing

Gstaad, Switzerland, Feb. 18 (AP)—Prince Aly Khan, husband of Movie Actress Rita Hayworth, broke his leg in three places today in a skiing accident.

The accident occurred late this afternoon. Rita was visiting friends at the time in Lausanne, 50 miles away. Informed immediately of the accident, she rushed to the prince's bedside at a hospital.

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A constable of the mounties will lead a party into the heavily forested area after daybreak. He has notified American army officers in the Burwash section, and it is expected that they will give assistance.

Dog sleds will be used, and, possibly, weasels (the small tracked vehicle which the American army uses in overland work in this region).

Mao Leaves Moscow To Return to China

Moscow, Feb. 19 (AP)—Chinese Communist Leader Mao Tse-tung and Premier-Foreign Minister Chou En-Lai were headed back to their homeland today after a two-month visit in the Soviet capital.

Behind them was the signature of the 30-year Soviet-Chinese treaty of friendship which was declared in Moscow to have allied the "two greatest countries in the world."

Before departing from Moscow's Yaroslavl railway station last night, Mao said over a microphone: "It is plain to all that the solidarity between the great Chinese and Soviet peoples, sealed by the treaty is permanent, indestructible and firm."

Search for Lost 5 Crewmen of B-36 Fruitless

Aircraft Grounded By Gales—All Clues Prove False

Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 18 (CP)—Possible clues to the fate of five American airmen, who parachuted in darkness from a flaming B-36, burst like bubbles today in the path of weary searchers.

As ground parties again disembarked from the Canadian destroyer Cayuga and two American coast guard cutters, search officers established that shouts and rifle shots heard Thursday did not come from the men still sought on Princess Royal island, 400 miles northwest of here.

Seventeen airmen early Tuesday parachuted from the aircraft. Twelve have been rescued and returned to the U.S.

Rifle Shots Traced

Rifle shots, an R.C.A.F. spokesman said, came from one of the ground parties combing the thickets and forests of the gulley-pocked island.

Shouts heard were those of Lt. Charles G. Pooler of Beloit, Kas., the 12th crash survivor rescued. He was found on the island Thursday.

A Royal Canadian navy spokesman at Esquimalt, B.C., described Friday's search efforts as "completely fruitless."

Whether footprints in 18-inch-deep snow on the island and parachutes sighted dangling from trees are those of men already rescued or the missing has not yet been determined.

Aircraft Grounded

Aircraft were grounded for the second straight day as high winds again whistled over the island. A dispatch from the Cayuga, headquarters of the giant Canadian-American search, said ground parties reached the island without mishap.

Searchers today will concentrate on the mountain area mountainous northwest corner of the island and adjoining Ash-down island.

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Renew Search For Lost C-54

Whitehorse, Y.T., Feb. 18 (AP)—The Royal Canadian Mounted police are striking into the brush early today to follow up a new lead on the C-54 transport plane missing in the Yukon wilderness since Jan. 26.

An Indian came in from the snow-filled forests yesterday at Burwash landing, about 176 miles northwest of here on the Alaska highway. He told the mounties that on Jan. 26 he had heard a loud crash on a mountain near where he was camping on Gladstone creek, north of Klunne lake.

Since then, the Indian said, he has seen indications of landslides on the mountain. And he has seen large blocks of Whiskey Jacks, a scavenger bird typical of this area. The Indian did not try to ascend the mountain.

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Russian Plot Against Soviets Said Foiled

Berlin, Feb. 18 (AP)—A West Berlin newspaper declared today nearly 200 high Russian officials in Leningrad have plotted since the war to overthrow the Soviet government. Official confirmation was lacking.

The American-licensed Der Abend said it was discovery of the conspiracy that caused Moscow to reimpose last month the death penalty for espionage and sabotage. Attributing its information to "sources close to the Soviet control commission in eastern Germany," the newspaper added:

"After the plot collapsed, the Soviets started a secret purge action. Rumors of this have caused considerable disquiet in Karlshorst (Russian military headquarters for Berlin). The network of conspirators has not yet been fully uncovered."

The aim of the plot, according to Der Abend, was the creation of a great Russian republic with its capital at Leningrad.

"The conspirators feared that the expansionist policy of the Stalin-Malenkov clique could lead the Soviet union dangerously close to war," the newspaper said.

"They realized that promises during the war of a higher living standard for the peoples of