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# HEAVY TOLL IN CALIFORNIA FLOOD



## Cloudburst in Los A. Area Spreads Ruin

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—No one need be a seer for Mr. Roosevelt because congress is opening tomorrow.  
If you have tears, prepare to shed them for congress. It needs them, while dealing with Mr. Roosevelt.  
Already he is taking up the job of outmaneuvering the boys on the hill just where he left off at the last session. The inside tale of what happened to the two well-known progressive senators shows that.  
They came down to the White House two weeks ago with blood in their eyes. They are western republicans, not of the stripe which openly supported Mr. Roosevelt during the last campaign. In fact they have been critical of the administration off and on.  
It was a lively scene when they boarded Mr. Roosevelt in his den.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Central and northern California today remained shrouded by the wake of the storm, which spread death and destruction in the Los Angeles area, as a new disturbance moved down from the Washington coast.  
While predicting "probably clear" skies for southern California by tomorrow, the weather bureau reported the rest of the state may expect more rain and snow from the north.  
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The horror of another catastrophe, the third in nine months, locked southern California in its grasp of misery, distress and enormous damage again today.  
Last March an earthquake terrorized the southland, claiming 102 lives. In October, 29 men were crushed in a brush fire. And Sunday the greatest single day of rainfall in history loosed flood waters which had drowned at least 31 persons, probably more.

Plata fell heavily on the presidential desk. They argued that the NRA was ruining the small business man. It hits the anti-trust laws from the big fellows, lets them join unrestrainedly in co-operative ventures, while the little fellows are left out in the cold. Something must be done, said they.

Between eight and 15 inches of rain, suddenly pouring down as though a taproom had been sprung in leaden skies which had threatened bad weather for a week, created scenes of havoc second only to the appalling damage in the millions done by the March earthquake.

Mr. Roosevelt amazed them by responding in effect (these are not his exact words): "Gentlemen, I think you are right. Something must be done. Now you two gentlemen know a lot about the subject, probably more than anyone else. I propose to appoint a committee in the NRA to handle this subject of the anti-trust laws and I am going to name you two men as that committee."

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The revised death list in the Los Angeles flood of Sunday showed 31 dead today, with 23 bodies identified. The dead:  
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moore and daughter Martha, 7, San Gabriel, Sherman and Toots Hubbard, brother and sister, Wilmington, Wood.  
Mrs. Ruth K. Reihl, Montrose.  
Mrs. Margaret Smith, La Crescenta.  
Chester Herrera, 12, Los Angeles.  
Clark Harmon, Montrose.  
Sam Wilson, 10, Montrose.  
Mrs. Vera Kahn, 40, La Crescenta.  
—Wilson, 12, a brother.  
Betty Lorraine Klais, 10, Montrose.  
Homer Higley, 28, Montrose.  
Weston Doty, 20, Venice.  
Weston Doty, 20, Venice, twin brother of Weston.  
Sam Carter, 70, Van Nuys.  
Three unidentified men, two unidentified women, three unidentified girls. With the exception of Carter, all of the bodies were found in the Glendale, Montrose district, where the storm reached its height.

The gentlemen nearly fell through the floor.  
What the president proposed would have roped them into the NRA organization. It would have made them responsible for protecting the anti-trust laws against violation.  
Mr. Roosevelt went on to explain that what he wanted was a committee like the labor committee headed by Senator Wagner in the NRA. The mere mention of their names as members of such a committee would be accepted by the country as absolving the administration from blame, although he did not say that.

Many Injured.  
Besides the known dead, police authorities had listed 27 persons as missing, 35 had suffered more or less serious injuries and scores, running into hundreds, were treated for lesser injuries inflicted as avalanches of debris were scattered ruinously from the surrounding mountains over populated areas.  
Hardly an acre of the metropolitan area escaped without some scar brought by the fury of nature running wild. From a week-end normally counted as one of the happiest here, amusement holidays but by the Christmas holidays and rose and Bowl football game, southern California awoke today to scenes of disaster that taxed the imagination.

The best answer they could think of was that they would let him know in a day or two, whether they would consent to serve.  
Days passed and they did not show up at the White House.  
To tell the truth, Mr. Roosevelt may not have expected them back. He had the Indian sign on them whether they came back or not. If they had attacked the administration severely, they would have to do so to announce publicly that he had requested these two gentlemen to help him straighten out the matter and they had declined.

Seek Missing Kin.  
People, fear and grief written into their faces, searched the mosques and hospitals for missing kin. Property owners, hearts gladdened by the rush of a holiday business that had bettered the records of three years, surveyed store stocks damaged by silt and water, possibly 3,000 homes and 1,500 automobiles damaged badly by water, a score of bridges washed out, highways swept away, railroad tracks inundated and roadbeds greatly softened.  
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The following persons were reported missing:  
John McDonald, 6, Los Angeles.  
Edith Warfield, 6, Montrose.  
Charles Warfield, 15, brother of Edith.  
Mrs. Etta Thomas, Montrose.  
Virginia Pulliam, Los Angeles.  
Phyllis Brooks, Los Angeles.  
Wendell Parr, San Fernando.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Stanley Jackson, Glendale.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kniffis, Montrose.  
Martha Gray, La Crescenta.  
George R. L. Young, Montrose.  
Ida Hamilton, Montrose.  
Peggy Hamilton, 15, twin sister of Ida.  
May Hamilton, 14, sister of Ida and Peggy.  
The R. Scully and wife, Jennie, Montrose.  
Mrs. Clark Harmon, Montrose.  
Lorraine Neacher, 25, Highland.  
Mrs. Ella L. McLean, 60, Montrose.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McKenzie and their son, Lawrence Dunlap, of Flintridge School for Boys.  
Harry Wilson, 2, Montrose.  
Clark Horowitz, 21, of Los Angeles.  
Melvin Belois, Glendale.  
Georgia Hollie, Glendale.  
Richard Brommet, 2, Glendale.  
Gladys Fisher, 22, Glendale.  
Mrs. Hannah R. McAllister, Glendale.  
Thomas Cook, Montrose.  
W. A. Lennon, Montrose, and four children, Bernice, Kenneth, Allen and Marie.

The current plan of having congress investigate the administration as it goes along is based on the somewhat same idea.  
It has been suggested at the White House that Mr. Roosevelt likes congressional investigations and welcomes them. However, he does not like the old system of investigating things after they happen. So he may propose to have congress appoint committees to investigate into NRA, PWA etc. all the time.  
That is a sensible way to go about it, but the chances are Mr. Roosevelt will get a lot more out of the arrangement than congress will.  
The scheme has been worked with success on the internal revenue bureau. There is a joint congressional committee which is supposed to keep a watchful eye on tax refunds, and now, within the limits of its ability, it has been operating for several years now.  
Its work is largely secret. As a result you hear little criticism of the bureau now in congress. The tendency clearly seems to be to make congress more friendly toward the bureau.  
That also will be the result of the continuous investigation idea generally, if it goes through.

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Warner Honored By Postal Men  
W. J. Warner, who retired as Medford postmaster December 31, to be succeeded by Frank DeBour, was honored by members of his staff and custodians of the federal building last Friday night.  
In addition to the entertainment, honoring him, he was presented with a splendid gift.

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## Roosevelt Will Read Message to Congress

### PHONE OFFICIALS GIVEN PAY SLASH BY COMMISSIONER

### Drastic Reductions Ordered When Company Presents Budget—Payment To A. T. and T. Also Rejected.

SALEM, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Drastic reduction in salaries of officials of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company in San Francisco, Seattle and Portland offices, involving Oregon's share of these salaries as well, was contained in an order issued by Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner, today.  
The commissioner based his order upon budgetary requirements issued by the company, and further rejected the payment of \$101,000 for 1934 to the American Telephone and Telegraph company for alleged services to the Pacific firm.  
Total amount of salaries were ordered reduced from \$233,739 to \$137,826. Oregon's share of these salaries as contained in the budget were cut from \$78,768 to \$58,989.  
Thomas' order would reduce the salary of H. D. Pillsbury, president, from \$34,950 to \$21,000. Oregon's share of this salary was cut from \$4,945 to \$3,150. Other salaries as far as Oregon was concerned were cut in like proportion. In the San Francisco office, other salary cuts recommended were:  
N. R. Powley, vice president, from \$31,620 to \$16,200; F. J. Reagan, vice president, from \$21,802 to \$12,000; W. G. Kleinachmidt, secretary-treasurer, from \$13,925 to \$9,000; C. E. Kleiger, vice president, from \$18,155 to \$10,200; C. S. Cassasa, general auditor, from \$21,802 to \$12,000.  
In the Seattle office, the salary of R. D. Sheldon, auditor, was ordered reduced from \$11,991 to \$6,295.  
Portland office officials were ordered reduced as follows:  
E. D. Wise, general manager, from \$13,607 to \$9,525; P. Scholl, assistant general manager, from \$6,550 to \$5,695; C. F. Toussaint, plant manager, from \$7,077 to \$6,370; M. J. Dodge, commercial manager, from \$9,555 to \$7,644; R. D. Miller, chief engineer, from \$7,084 to \$6,375; F. Prince, traffic manager, from \$7,895 to \$6,380; and O. C. Hoff, plant engineer, from \$5,174 to \$6,540.  
Thomas based authority for his order on chapter 441 of the 1933 Oregon laws, which gives him power to reject budget items of public utilities or order reductions in such items. The order approved the proposed expenditure of \$1244 for additions to the plant during the coming year, and the donation of \$5 to the volunteer fire department at Monmouth.

### MUD SLIDE BURIES FARM HOME AND FAMILY



Milo Allen, 50-year-old farmer living near Clatskanie, Ore., and three sons were engulfed in mud when a slide bore down upon their home from a narrow ravine when water had collected behind debris. The picture shows the site as it looked after the tragedy. (Associated Press Photo)

### TALENT IRRIGATION LOAN OF \$375,000 GRANTED IS WORD

A telegram was received this afternoon from Francis J. Keenan, Washington, D. C., financial advisor to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for irrigation districts, that the RFC had approved of a loan for \$375,000 for the Talent Irrigation district. The Talent district asked for \$500,000.  
The \$375,000 loan was made for the purpose of retiring outstanding bonds and interest at the ratio of 32.42 per cent.

### JUDGE POSTPONES LIQUOR ARGUMENT

SALEM, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Postponement of arguments in the Klamath Falls attack on the Knox liquor law, scheduled to be heard today before Circuit Judge L. G. Jewelling here, was announced in view of the reported inability of either attorneys for the defense to be in attendance.  
County Clerk U. G. Boyer received a request last night from the commission to have the arguments postponed, and he got in touch with Jewelling before announcing postponement. No time had yet been set for resumption of the case in the Marion county circuit court.

### NEURER INJURED IN AUTO MISHAP

PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—(Sp)—George Neuner, attorney for the state liquor control commission and former federal district attorney, was injured when his car skidded on slippery pavement and went over an embankment. He continued to Portland with his family by train and was confined to his bed.  
Mrs. Neuner announced that he suffered a chest injury and probably will be unable to leave his home for two or three days.  
Mr. and Mrs. Neuner and the three children were in the car when the accident occurred. They had been driving through a terrific rainstorm and in places the highway was under water. As the car approached a sharp turn, it skidded, struck a telephone pole and plunged down the embankment, 60 feet high. It rolled over twice. Mrs. Neuner and the three children were not injured beyond minor bruises and shock.

### TOT LOSES FINGERS PLAYING WITH AXE

When the two children of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mee of Jacksonville were playing with an axe Sunday, Eleanor, aged four, lost the two small fingers of her right hand. The little girl was brought to the Community hospital for treatment, where no other details of the accident were learned.

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### 3 Defy Blizzard To Be First Atop Mt. Hood In 1934

PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Three Portland men braved a lashing blizzard Monday to scale the summit of Mount Hood, 11,233 feet above sea level.  
They were Henry Kurtz, Ralph Calkin and Joe Lenthold, all members of the Myst club, and their names were the first to be written in the Hood roster of 1934.  
A flashlight provided visibility for about 10 feet as the mountain storm raged, but nature alone, an accurate compass course and good equipment saw the three men through the adventure.

### MANY ARRESTED FOR EXUBERANCE OF CELEBRATION

Fifteen arrests were made by city officers on charges of drunkenness in a public place and disorderly conduct over the holiday. City Judge A. D. Curry was busy today, hearing the numerous cases.  
Tracy Devetter, 28, arrested Saturday night on a disorderly conduct charge, was fined \$5; Dan Haas, 25, arrested at the same time on a similar charge, is scheduled to appear at 4:30 today; Alfred Davis forfeited \$10 bail when he failed to appear to answer charges of being drunk in a public place.  
Bill Shann, arrested early Sunday morning for drunkenness, was fined \$10 and his wife, also arrested, has not appeared in court yet.  
Ten dollar fines were meted out to Charles Jessiman, W. Paulson, Victor Cooper, 30 and Harold R. Johnson, 21 for being drunk in public, while Walter Williams and James McDonald each were fined \$5 for disturbing the peace. Charged with disorderly conduct, John Forster, 20, was fined \$5.  
Ed Riggs, 67, who was fined \$10 on charges of drunkenness, agreed to work out the amount, for the city.  
In justice court, William E. Gobie, 23, of Applegate, was fined \$25 on charges of reckless driving. He was arrested near Medford Sunday night by state police. Archie McLeod, 19, and Harry L. Little, 21 of Campberry, were remanded back to jail, and their trials set for later in the week on charges of disorderly conduct. State officers arrested them at Jacksonville Saturday night.  
Nye Matthews, who was arrested by city police last night, was turned over to the state police who held a warrant charging him with reckless driving, and driving while his driver's license was suspended. Matthews pleaded not guilty in justice court today and his trial was set for two o'clock tomorrow afternoon.  
According to state police Matthews' driver's license was revoked on January 11, 1932, and on April 3, 1933.  
Jesse C. Long was fined \$5 in justice court today, having been arrested yesterday by state police for having four persons in the driver's seat on his automobile.

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### LIQUOR CZAR FOR STATE APPOINTED IN PRESENT WEEK

PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—(AP)—An administrator to direct and manage Oregon's state liquor control system will be appointed this week.  
This was announced Monday by George H. McMoran of Eugene, chairman of the liquor control board, which was in session here today.  
Much of the board's time at today's meeting was devoted to interviewing candidates for the post of administrator. This official, responsible directly to the control board, will have complete charge of the liquor distribution system. Members of the control board have declared they will engage the best administrative talent available.  
Chairman McMoran and Commissioner J. D. Burns and Alex G. Barry agreed today that the control commission shall do its own buying of liquor. They said it would be "very dangerous" for any other state agency to be permitted to have anything to do with the liquor purchases.  
The meeting held here today by the board was a closed session. The table was stacked high with applications for jobs, instruments of applications and proposals and suggestions.

### COUNCIL VACANCY TO BE FILLED BY RECOMMENDATION

To fill the much regretted vacancy occurring in the city council through the sudden death of W. M. Clemenson, representative of the first ward, a meeting of residents of that ward has been called by Mayor E. M. Wilson for Friday night of this week. It will be held in the city council chambers.  
At the meeting, it is planned, a nominating committee will be elected to make recommendations to the city council. This method of appointment, Mr. Wilson stated, will give the people of the ward an opportunity to express their wishes concerning the appointment. It is hoped the nominating committee will recommend at least two persons, so that the city council may have a first and second choice.  
Several other appointments were to be made for the new year. Mayor Wilson stated today, but none will be made at tonight's meeting of the council.  
In the first ward, from which a new councilman is to be chosen, the territory from the railroad tracks east and south of Main street to Crater Lake avenue is included and the territory east of Crater Lake avenue.

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### SHORT SESSION IS EXPECTATION OF LAW GIVERS

### Big Budget Will Be Asked Is Hint—Few Recommendations To Be Made In Annual Message Solons.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—President Roosevelt notified congressional leaders today he planned to deliver his first annual message to congress tomorrow in person.

This was disclosed in authoritative quarters today as congressional leaders busily engaged in preparing for the convening of congress. It will be the first time a President has read his message in person at a joint session since the Coolidge administration.

Preparations were made for receiving the President, but it was said that plans were not fixed definitely and no final decision would be announced until noon tomorrow, the meeting time of congress.

Speaker Rainey was one of the Democratic leaders at the White House last night on plans for the session.  
Asked how large the budget was going to be, he smiled and said: "It is going to be surprisingly large."  
"Is it going to be larger than \$5,000,000,000?" he was asked.  
"I won't answer that, because maybe you know," he replied.  
Rainey said the President disclosed last night he had not written his message to congress yet. He predicted it would be a short summary of the condition of the government and that few actual recommendations would be included.

The President's advisors have urged him to make but few recommendations now. They have suggested that he submit his major proposals to congress singly in order to expedite action.  
"Everybody is for a short session, especially the President," Rainey said. "What do you mean 'short session'?"  
"An adjournment by May 1," answered Rainey. "Some of the conferees seemed to think last night that we might get out by April 15, but I rather doubt it."

### TRANSIENT RELIEF BUILDING OBTAINED

The county court has signed a lease with the Four Square Gospel church through William W. Wheeler, trustee, for use of a portion of building, as the transient hotel, established by the federal government. The lease runs for one year at \$22.50 per month rental, effective January 1.  
The church is located at Bartlett and Fourth streets and is known as "The Old Methodist Church."  
The county court first considered leasing a building from Orion McDonald on South Front street. The court signed the lease but McDonald did not, after considerable parleying.

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### TELEGRAM LEASE CASE REHEARING IS DENIED

SALEM, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Petitions for rehearing in the case of Rose Barde and others against the Portland News-Telegram involving lease of the Telegram building, and in the case of Ray Pennel against Kenneth Hauser and Gus C. Moser and others, involving campaign expenditures for A. W. Norblad, were denied by the Oregon supreme court today.

### EXPORT WHEAT

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2.—(AP)—The Emergency Export corporation did not set a price today for soft white wheat for foreign shipment. The last price quoted was 78 cents a bushel, made last Thursday.

### DR. C. C. WU, FORMER MINISTER SUCCEUMBS

HONGKONG, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Dr. C. C. Wu, former Chinese minister to the United States, died suddenly today of cerebral embolism. He was 66 years old.  
He had been inactive in public affairs for more than a year.

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