

DANGER OF FLOOD IN NEW ORLEANS BELIEVED ENDED

New Morganza Floodway Is
Ready To Guard Teeming
City Against Mad Rush
Of Swollen Mississippi.

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NEW ORLEANS, (UP)—A two-century-old flood threat to this city has been lifted, Rep. William M. Whittington, (D., Miss.), chairman of the house flood control committee believes.

Whittington, completing a tour of the Mississippi river from Rosedale to the Wax lake outlet of the Atchafalaya floodway, said the Morganza floodway would be ready for operation if a flood rolls down in 1939 above Baton Rouge, La. It is a bulwark between the heavily populated Louisiana lowlands at the end of which is located New Orleans.

When the river reaches a dangerous height, a series of levees, purposely weak will collapse and the yellow water will sweep through miles of comparatively worthless swamp land into the Atchafalaya river and thence into the Gulf of Mexico.

Since New Orleans was founded in 1718, the river that is its lifeblood has been a deadly threat to 500,000 people who now live in this elbow of the "Father of Waters."

Floods Weaken Levees
In recent years, high levees have held the water back from the city. But in the floods of 1922 and 1927, the levees trembled under the load.

New Orleans seemed doomed in 1927. Fourteen miles below the city, a flood 60 feet deep poured through a crevasse 1,200 feet long into open farming country.

It was a fortunate disaster. New Orleans was saved and the idea of an artificial controlled crevasse was born.

Five years later, floods again pressed around New Orleans. This time the United States government gave the city authority to blast out the levee at Poydras—at its own expense.

The city was again saved at a cost of \$8,000,000.

Completion of the Bonnet Carré spillway north of New Orleans virtually freed it of danger.

Its effectiveness was proved in the winter of 1937 when the crest of the Ohio-Upper Mississippi valley flood swept toward the Gulf of Mexico.

Flood Does No Harm
U. S. engineers yanked the "needle" out of the flood gates on Bonnet Carré and the crest, routed through six miles of swamp, poured harmlessly into Lake Ponchartraine.

Below Bonnet Carré spillway, the river rapidly dropped. New Orleans was out of the danger zone and the flood gap was operated at only part capacity. In a pinch, it could take 300,000 cubic feet of water a second from the river—which has not been necessary in the worst of floods.

Engineers have routed main railroads out of the floodway and constructed hard surfaced roads for prompt evacuation. A few towns might be flooded if the fuse plugs went out.

For years, the project hung in abeyance while engineers tried to get the rights to the necessary floodway and congressmen argued whether to start the Morganza project ahead of the Eudora, Ark., floodway, where flowage rights were more difficult to obtain.

The Eudora floodway involves \$22,000 acres of valuable land and is dependent upon the Morganza project for operation. Pent-up flood waters would be released into the Red, Black and Tensas rivers and flow on into the Morganza area.

Giant dredges now are finishing the last of construction on the Morganza floodway.

If floods strike next spring, they will sweep lands almost as worthless as the Mississippi river bed.

PORTLAND SAFEWAY STORE STRIKE ENDS

PORTLAND, Sept. 9.—(P)—Union and employer representatives concurred today that a 56-day Safeway store strike was over, but each side refused to make terms of the settlement public.

The agreement terminated the last major strike in Portland where various disputes have existed almost constantly for two years.

PARKERS PAY PORTLAND \$75,102 IN SIX MONTHS

PORTLAND, Sept. 9.—(P)—Parking meters here absorbed a million and a half nickels during the first six months of their use. City Treasurer William Adams said yesterday.

In dollars that is \$75,102.35 the city is ahead.

Argentine Fliers Killed.
BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 9.—(P)—Three fliers were killed and two injured today when two Argentine navy planes crashed in the city of Azul, province of Buenos Aires.

Meteorological Report

September 9, 1938.
Forecasts.
Medford and vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday; normal temperature. Oregon: Fair tonight and Saturday but cloudy or foggy near coast; normal temperature; general changeable wind off the coast.

Local Data.
Temperature 1 year ago today:
Highest, 86; lowest, 47.
Total monthly precipitation, .04 inch. Deficiency for the month, .04 inch.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1938, .04 inch. Deficiency for the season, .04 inch.

Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yesterday, 21 per cent; 5 a. m. today, 87 per cent.

Sunrise tomorrow, 5:48.
Sunset tomorrow, 6:30.

Observations Taken at 5 a. m.
1938 Meridian Time.

CITY	Temp	Wind	Clouds	Pressure	Humidity
Boise	70	40	Clear		
Boston	66	44	Clear		
Chicago	76	60	79	Rain	
Denver	82	56	T. Clear		
Eureka	62	32	Clear		
Helena	68	45	35	Cloudy	
Los Angeles	82	54	T. Cloudy		
MEDFORD	81	50	P. Cdy.		
New York	68	48	Clear		
Omaha	95	72	Clear		
Portland	102	68	Clear		
Portland	76	54	Cloudy		
Reno	84	36	Clear		
Roseburg	78	50	Cloudy		
Salt Lake	78	56	Clear		
San Francisco	76	30	Clear		
Seattle	72	50	Cloudy		
Spokane	66	44	T. Clear		
Washington, D.C.	78	56	Cloudy		
Yakima	78	52	Cloudy		

Boise 70 40 Clear
Boston 66 44 Clear
Chicago 76 60 79 Rain
Denver 82 56 T. Clear
Eureka 62 32 Clear
Helena 68 45 35 Cloudy
Los Angeles 82 54 T. Cloudy
MEDFORD 81 50 P. Cdy.
New York 68 48 Clear
Omaha 95 72 Clear
Portland 102 68 Clear
Portland 76 54 Cloudy
Reno 84 36 Clear
Roseburg 78 50 Cloudy
Salt Lake 78 56 Clear
San Francisco 76 30 Clear
Seattle 72 50 Cloudy
Spokane 66 44 T. Clear
Washington, D.C. 78 56 Cloudy
Yakima 78 52 Cloudy

Trail
TRAIL, Sept. 9.—(Spl.)—School started at Trail Tuesday morning, with Mrs. E. Newton of Medford and Miss Louise Scott of Ashland as teachers. Mrs. Newton will board with Mrs. Francis Ash and Mrs. Scott has rented one of Irvin Hows' cottages. Emmett Warner will drive the new school bus carrying pupils from upper Trail school which has consolidated with lower Trail.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Howe and daughter, Wanda, spent the past week-end at Red Bluff, Calif., where they met Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cusick from Stockton, Calif. for a few days visit. The Hows returned home Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Scott returned to their home at the Klamath agency Friday evening after visiting for two weeks here at the Ralph Watson and S. W. Hutchinson homes.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cushman and children have moved home after spending the summer at the forest service station on the mountains on Tiller-Trail road.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Haws have rented the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Peachens near Shady Cove for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Peachens are boarding the men employed on the Tiller-Trail road.

Ray Merriman is driving the Elk Creek school bus and Wilmer Ragdale the Laurelhurst bus.

J. Kibbey and family have returned to Klamath Falls after spending the summer in the Merriman house here.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker have rented the Merriman house and moved in for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Phillips spent the past week-end in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Tucker and Jim Tucker were calling on friends Sunday. Dean Culver and son, George, from Stanford university are spending their vacation in the Yancey cottage here.

Mrs. L. L. Hall shopped in Medford Sept. 7.

Mrs. Segessman was taken to Marshfield Sunday, where she will receive treatment from a doctor she has known for years.

Mrs. Ida Bowe visited her brother, C. W. Cushman and family Sunday. Little Barbara Perry is recovering from a tonsil operation performed last Saturday.

Mrs. Alma Mallory was calling on friends in this neighborhood Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Staples and daughter, Sally Ann, left for their home in Beverly Hills, Calif., Saturday after spending several weeks in their cottage near Trail.

Ralph Watson and son, Carroll, are home from Union Creek for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Hutchinson spent Thursday evening in Medford. Mrs. Hutchinson attended a community meeting at the home of Mrs. Mabel Mack and Mr. Hutchinson visited friends at Central Point.

Mrs. Florence Watson shopped in Medford Tuesday.

The many friends of Mrs. Evans were sorry to hear of her passing Sunday, following an operation performed Saturday.

PARIS WHITE WINGS PREPARING DEFENSE

PARIS, Sept. 9.—(P)—Municipal drivers, who usually operate garbage trucks and street-sweeping machines, have been shifted temporarily to hauling sand from the French coast to fill sandbags for defense of Paris against air raids and bombardments. Substitutes are cleaning the streets.

RETAIL BUYING TAKES UPSWING AS FALL OPENS

Nation's Leading Centers
Average 3 to 8 Per Cent
Above Last Week—Labor
Trouble Hits Coast

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—(P)—Retail sales at leading centers of distribution this week averaged 3 to 8 per cent above last week, and lagged only 1 to 7 per cent under a year ago for the country as a whole, Dun & Bradstreet reported today.

Start of the official fall season with consumer response brisk in most all retail lines brought gains in wholesale orders which narrowed the gap in wholesale volume under a year ago to but 4 to 12 per cent, the credit agency added.

Heavy influx of week-end vacationists into New England helped lift volume of spending there from 5 to 10 per cent above last week, and to within 2 to 6 per cent of the like 1937 week.

Over Last Year
In the east, several important shopping centers reported sales well ahead of last year, though for the region a volume ran 1 to 5 per cent under 1937.

Brightening of cotton crop prospects in many sections of the south enabled merchants to hold totals within 2 to 8 per cent of the 1937 level.

Further improvement in "heavy industry" employment shortened the year-to-year drop in the mid-west to 4 to 14 per cent.

Northwest buying widened under impetus of wheat cash sales running unchanged to only 6 per cent lower, compared with a year ago.

In the southwest sales lagged only 2 to 5 per cent behind last year.

Coast Strikes Hurt
Labor difficulties in both wholesale and retail lines retarded shopping on the Pacific coast, and the coast region's spread below 1937 broadened to 6 to 18 per cent.

"Wholesale markets were quick to reflect the upturn in retail sales," the agency said. "Depletion of stocks brought out a large volume of re-orders and an increasing emphasis on spot shipment. Mail requests stretched back-to-school merchandise, ready-to-wear, and staples for cold weather use."

FALL SALMON SEASON FACING PRICE DISPUTE

ASTORIA, Sept. 9.—(P)—Fishermen and packers, climaxing a season of fish price disputes, threatened the opening of the fall season tomorrow with a price deadlock.

Fishermen dropped demands from 4½ to 3½ cents for chinooks taken during the first four days of the salmon season. Packers offered 2½ cents, a cent below the 1937 price.

Police Pick Lock.
PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 9.—(P)—Police had to pick a lock today to get two prisoners. The door of a "Black Maria" in which the prisoners were brought to city hall wouldn't open.

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WORRIED BY WILDNESS of batting practice pitchers, Byron Moser (with bat), St. Louis banker, and A. F. Howe developed this robot hurler which throws four balls a minute and can be adjusted so that speed and height of pitches are regulated.

NAVY CAREER IS LOST BECAUSE OF 3 TEETH

DALLAS, Tex. — (UP) — The ambition of Joe H. Durham, 18, for years had been to join the navy. Several months ago he passed his examinations with a perfect record.

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