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RED CROSS, STATE GUARDS CARE FOR FLOOD REFUGEES

Eugene Armory, High School Utilized—Damage Heavy—All Travel By Boat—Worst Since 1881

Portland, Ore., Dec. 29—(U.P.)—The Oregon state guard and civilian defense detachments were alerted tonight by Governor Earl Snell as the turbulent flood waters of the Willamette river turned 1000 families near Eugene, Ore., out of their homes.

Red Cross spokesmen said they were caring for a majority of the flood refugees in the Eugene armory and high school. Facilities of the University of Oregon at Eugene also were put at the disposal of Red Cross officials.

A key official from Red Cross headquarters in San Francisco was due at the flood scene tonight to make recommendations for rescue operations.

Residents in the stricken area declared the rising waters were the worst since 1881 after the flood reached a crest of 18.5 feet. Sudden torrential downpours were imperiling the situation.

Coast guardsmen aided Red Cross workers by supplying power boats to bring in supplies and to evacuate families stranded by the swiftly-rising waters.

Warnings Given Repeated warnings were broadcast by radio stations in the area for "families to leave their homes at once in fear of sudden rise during the night."

Millions of dollars of property and stock damage was reported by owners in the flood vicinity.

All communications and travel in Eugene and its surrounding suburbs was by boat. There were no deaths reported or serious injuries, although city health officials disclosed a few serious cases of flu in the city's armory, which is housing 800 refugees.

Already crowded to capacity by college students, the city of Eugene was bursting at its seams in housing the flood victims. Eugene's mayor asked all residents to take in as many persons as possible and hotel lobbies and theaters opened their doors to allow temporary residence until the end of the emergency.

Prineville Isolated East of the Cascade mountains the tiny community of Prineville was marooned with all roads leading to it blocked by rising waters.

Traffic throughout the western part of the state was paralyzed as state police warned all motorists to stay off the roads unless travel was urgent.

Slides were numerous and rising waters covered many highways. Bus and rail schedules were seriously hampered and it was believed bus travel south from Portland on the coast route would be halted if the water continued to rise.

SURVIVED BATAAN, BUT NOT ROMANCE

New York, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Capt. Eugene Dale, 27, survived the Death March of Bataan but died alone today, unattended and unconsolled by the beautiful model whose love for him impelled her husband to shoot.

While the dashing hero of the Philippines died in a hospital of bullet wounds inflicted by Capt. Archie Miller, Fay Hancock Miller stayed in hiding, unable to face him or her jailed husband.

Miller, held without bail, heard the news of Dale's death without comment. Bored carlier on assault charges, he will be charged with murder Monday.

Pershing Aide Passes Los Angeles, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Dr. Abraham L. Hitwell, dental aide to Gen. John J. Pershing in World War I, died in his sleep here today. He was 70.

Rescue Workers Enter Mine



Rescue squad of nine veteran miners march into Straight Creek Mine near Pineville, Ky., to search for some 20 to 30 miners trapped by early morning explosion. These men, some of whom have relatives trapped inside mine, had little hope of finding any victims alive.

Pineville, Ky., Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Loved ones and relatives of at least 22 men entombed somewhere in the shattered and blazing depths of the Kentucky Straight Creek coal mine near here heard the disheartening news tonight that it might take 12 more hours to reach them.

Rescue crews, said Foreman Ted Creech leading a new gang into the shaft, have a good night's work ahead of them in clearing away tons of rock, slate, coal and fallen timbers clogging the main slope between them and the shaft's top.

Miners said the great mass of wreckage and rubble still burning but not as fiercely as a few hours before—probably lay at the point where the mammoth underground explosion went off Wednesday morning.

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BYRNES REPORTS ON MOSCOW MEET ON AIR TONIGHT

Broadcast Set for 10 O'Clock Secretary of State Confers with Truman

Washington, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, who returned here today from the foreign ministers conference, will make a radio address to the nation tomorrow night at 10 p. m. on the agreements reached at Moscow.

Byrnes tonight joined President Truman aboard the yacht Williamsburg on the Potomac river to give the chief executive a first hand report on the Big Three meeting of foreign secretaries.

The secretary's broadcast will be carried over the National Broadcasting system, the state department announced.

Byrnes is expected to discuss the decisions he reached with British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Russian Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov for international control of atomic power and for a Russian voice in the rule of Japan.

A few hours after Byrnes landed at National airport here, he boarded another plane for a hop to an airport near where the Williamsburg was riding at anchor. Byrnes arrived aboard the yacht at 5 p. m.

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GENERAL MOTORS CHAIRMAN BACKS STAND ON LABOR

Corporation Battles Threat Of 'Regimented Economy' Sloan Statement Says

Detroit, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., chairman of General Motors, said tonight in his first public statement on the 39 day GM strike that the corporation was battling the threat of a regimented economy in its stand against President Truman's fact-finding board.

Sloan, in a joint statement with President C. E. Wilson, sought to define the corporation's fight as one in behalf of all American businessmen, rather than for its own interests alone.

Sloan's no-compromise challenge, amplifying the stand taken by GM when it rejected intervention by the fact-finding panel Friday, came as strike settlement efforts ground to a halt.

The panel carried on its hearings at Washington minus GM participation, discussing with CIO United Auto Workers leaders whether a lengthy strike would impair GM's ability to meet the union's 30 per cent pay demands.

Elsewhere in the GM strike picture, there was a lull. The corporation, continuing its campaign to open its 93 strikebound plants to its 59,000 non-striking office workers, failed to obtain an anti-picketing injunction in Detroit.

Sloan's statement made it plain that GM intended to negotiate its wage dispute with the UAW on a straight collective bargaining basis or not at all.

UAW headquarters in Detroit said there was no comment on Sloan's entry in the dispute, pointing out that any responses would have to come from top UAW leaders who are in Washington for the presidential panel hearings.

Agreement by the union and the panel that the corporation's ability to pay was a factor in the wage dispute was sharply criticized by the GM chairman as involving a "surrender of the responsibility of management."

"Is American business in the future, as in the past, to be conducted as a competitive system?" Sloan asked.

"Or is the determination of the essential economic factors such as costs, prices, profits, etc., upon which business success and progress depend, to be made politically by some governmental agency?"

Washington, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace tonight called for establishment of a permanent fair employment practices committee so that "every man who wants a job can get a job."

Job-seeking negroes have been and are being, denied jobs because they are negroes," he told the national convention of Omega Psi Phi—a negro fraternity. "There cannot be full employment without fair employment, the fight against planners of World War III is on. The battle against bigotry, oppression and greed is our battle."

Washington, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Funeral services for novelist Theodore Dreiser, whose words pictured a materialistic America, will be held Thursday afternoon at Forest Lawn cemetery, it was announced tonight.

Dreiser, 74, died Friday of a heart attack, the second within the space of 24 hours.

Born in Terre Haute, Ind., Aug. 27, 1871, Dreiser worked as a newspaper reporter until 1912, served as editor of two magazines, and achieved fame with "An American Tragedy" in 1925.

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Policy Committee Frowns Upon Wage Clause for Coming Year

Portland, Ore., Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Settlement of the pine lumber industry strike in the Klamath Falls basin area today may run into a snag according to announcement by the northwest policy committee, AFL lumber and sawmill workers.

The AFL strike committee declares the contract signed by Klamath basin union officials and pine industry relations association will not be used as a basis for a settlement of the remaining pine strike.

Negotiations in the Klamath area, which involve 19 operators, 14 companies and approximately 2500 employees, were completed after a three months strike in which the union asked a straight 15 cent an hour raise in basic wages.

The Klamath basin area negotiated on a separate basis and the agreement there does not affect the more than 200 pine operations still on strike, union officials announced.

Objection of the policy now in session at Spokane, Wash., to the settlement was over a clause in the contract that "this wage increase shall solve the general wage problems for 1946 and unless there is a substantial change in the marketing conditions or operating conditions of the employer, any increase in price ceiling granted by the OPA to compensate employers for this wage increase shall not be considered as a reason for instituting wage discussions."

The committee claimed the clause froze wages for 1946 when the entire trend of wages was upward.

Washington, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—The government announced tonight that consumer ceiling prices on American cheese will go up about five cents a pound Feb. 1.

The office of price administration said the increase will be allowed to compensate manufacturers for the loss of the 3 1/2 cent a pound cheese subsidy which the agriculture department has been paying them since December, 1942. The agriculture department said this subsidy will end Feb. 1.

TORNADO DRUBS COOS BAY 55-39

Rolling easily but raggedly at times the Medford high basketball five drubbed a less experienced Marshfield high of Coos Bay, 55-39, on the local court last night.

The Tigers went in front early in the first canto and were never seriously challenged. Medford led 15-4 at the quarter and 27-17 at the half. Reserves of the Simpson crew saw much action.

Jerry Ross canned 18 points for the winners to head the scorers while Ken Johnson of the losers was second high with 13. Derrell Riggs, back in the lineup for the home team after a seige of the flu, was in long enough to ring the bell for nine markers.

Medford high junior varsity beat Medford junior high, 35-13, in the prelim.

Lineups: Medford (55) (39) Marshfield Stelle, 4 f B. O'Neal Ross, 18 f 2 M. Tomery Watson, 9 c Aveline Bostwick, 10 g 2, Hunt Reich, 4 g 13, Johnson Subs: Medford—Riggs 9, Singler 2; Marshfield—Miller 2, Duncan 3, Bruce 4.

Referees: Norm Worthley and Leonard Warren.

PRINTERS TO VOTE Seattle, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—A half million newspaper readers here waited results of tomorrow's voting by striking printers on a new publishers' proposal, accepted by union officials, to end the 42-day strike over wage increase demands.

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Nazi Brute Hanged

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Hoffman, the "mad man of Maidanek," and one of the top-ranking names on the Polish list of German war criminals, was forced to go to the gallows in his German SS uniform, a News Chronicle Warsaw dispatch said.

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