

Gales Disrupt Communication and Traffic Facilities

Weather

FORECAST: Mostly cloudy tonight and Thursday with showers. Snow in mountains. Little change in temperature.
Highest Yesterday 41
Lowest this Morning 41
Prec. to 4:30 a. m. Today .03

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HIGHWAYS, RAILS
BLOCKED BY HUGE
SLIDES OF EARTH

Columbia River Route To
Stay Plugged for 2 Days;
Steamers Safe After SOS

LUMBER INDUSTRY SECURE, SIMPSON TELLS MEETING

Jackson, Josephine Lum-
bermen Hear Discussion of
Vital Problems At Banquet

Some 60 Jackson and Josephine county lumbermen heard H. V. Simpson, executive vice-president of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, discuss problems vital to lumber in the immediate postwar years at a banquet at the Holland hotel last evening.

"Those dire prophets who were predicting that lumber would give way right after the war to a host of substitutes and that lumber as a building material was all through, guessed wrong," Simpson said as he called attention to the fact that today lumber is recognized as the most important raw material in the American recovery scene.

District Important

"Here in southern Oregon you have built an important producing district in the west coast region, almost without many people being aware of your growth," the former Ashland resident observed. "You have many years of production ahead of you, especially since we have learned to get more values and more jobs from each thousand feet of stumpage in the woods."

Simpson gave the assembled lumbermen an inside picture of what the lumber industry is thinking and doing in other regions of the nation. He pointed out that the lumber industry is one of the most sensitive barometers in our industrial life and as an example said that many seemingly remote acts on the international scene very shortly are reflected in the increased or decreased orders sent to sawmills. He cited the proposed British loan which he stated would open up new markets for lumber in the world, and while that is not important right now when the demand domestically is as great as the mills can supply, it will be valuable in the years ahead when business levels off to normal.

Association Work Told

Simpson advised the local millmen some of the jobs being done by the West Coast association for the industry, citing the work being done in forestry to improve realization from our forests, and in the association's traffic department where large savings in freight on car stakes will soon be realized by the industry which has been paying freight on this car bracing item for years.

Lumbermen themselves took part in the meeting at Simpson's request and in a lively manner discussed OPA regulations and many points which directly affect every operation today.

H. J. Cox, secretary-manager of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association, told the group what his organization does, which is an affiliate of the West Coast. The Willamette Valley handles all matters of local interest, such as legislative, freight rates and other matters which the larger regional organization could not touch.

Bridge Timbers Needed

Pleading for local millmen to give top priority to the recent urgent request of the Oregon state highway commission for timbers and plank for repairing of bridges damaged in the New Year's floods, Floyd Cook, field representative of the highway advisory committee of loggers and lumbermen, pointed out that this was good public relations with a state body with which the industry has much contact. Cook works on problems of the loggers and lumbermen involving state departments and is meeting with local industry leaders to find out what their problems are in highway transportation.

B. L. Nutting, general manager of the Medford Corporation, presided at the local lumber gathering in the absence of A. A. Lausmann, who is ill. The meetings will be held about every second month with top industry leaders as speakers. Simpson announced.

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Father Admits Poisoning Daughter



Dorothy Siple (left), 18, daughter of Rev. Frank E. Siple, 53, pastor of Church of God, Grand Rapids, Mich., who according to her father's confession, was fatally poisoned in 1939 by Rev. Siple, who believed she was mentally incompetent. Rev. Siple is shown (right) with his wife, Dorothy, 48, just before entering court to plead guilty on murder charge. The pastor signed over all his property and savings to his wife before he pleaded guilty.

FIREMEN BUSY IN BLUSTERY EVENING

Winds which reached a peak velocity of 45 miles per hour kept city firemen and residents alerted for fires yesterday and last night with four alarms being sounded at the station during the evening. The wind began at about 9:30 a. m. yesterday and continued through last night. The local U. S. weather bureau reported the gale grew worse after 5:30 p. m., reaching 45 miles per hour at 8:46 o'clock and continuing strong through the night until 6 a. m. today.

Only slight damage resulted to the roof of the A. Brown home, 616 Beatty street, at 7:14 p. m. yesterday when chimney sparks ignited shingles on the house top. At 7:27 p. m. trash burning in an incinerator at Reter Fruit company caused alarm during the high wind and firemen extinguished the blaze.

A third run was made at 8:32 p. m. to the home of S. M. Tuttle, 232 Valley View drive, where firemen extinguished a fire which caused no damage. Fourth and last run was made at 9:14 o'clock to 228 North Front street, where a trash fire was extinguished.

Ed Flynn Denies Gagging Ickes On Portland Speech

Washington, Feb. 6—(U.P.)—Former Democratic National Chairman Edward J. Flynn denied today that he "gagged" Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes in 1942.

Ickes charged yesterday that Flynn cancelled a speech which Ickes had scheduled for Portland, Ore., in 1942. Ickes said that was one reason he contributed only \$500 to the democratic party that year instead of the \$1,000 usually given by cabinet officers.

Coming out of a conference with President Truman today, Flynn volunteered the statement that democratic leaders in Portland "refused to hold a meeting" for Ickes.

"That's why the meeting was cancelled," Flynn said.

MURDERS CONFESSED

Mountain Home, Ida., Feb. 6—(U.P.)—A transient who gave his name as Lester D. Johnson today told sheriff's officers here that he had committed two unsolved murders in Topeka, Kans., in 1927 and 1934. Topeka authorities, however, told the Boise, Ida., Evening Statesman by telephone that they were inclined to regard the "confession" as a hoax.

MOTORISTS! SAVE A LIFE—

KNOW YOUR TRAFFIC LAWS

Here is a law for today. Somewhere in the state of Oregon, failure to observe this law will cost someone his life, or serious injury:

(c) VEHICLE TURNING LEFT AT AN INTERSECTION. The driver of a vehicle within an intersection intending to turn left shall yield the right of way to any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction which is within the intersection or so close thereto as to constitute an immediate hazard, but said driver having so yielded and having given a signal when as required by law may make such left turn, and other vehicles approaching the intersection from said opposite direction shall yield to the driver making left turn. (Section 115-337—Oregon Motor Vehicle Law.)

British Reject Compromise Formula In Dispute With Reds Over Greece

London, Feb. 6—(U.P.)—British sources said the cabinet today rejected an American proposal for a non-committal compromise in the Anglo-Soviet dispute over Greece, insisting that Britain have a clean bill of health from the UNO security council.

British quarters said the compromise formula proposed last night by Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., was "out of date." They hinted that a new formula—possibly a variation of the Stettinius proposal—was being discussed, but refused to indicate its nature.

The cabinet, meeting to discuss the UNO crisis precipitated by the firm stand of Britain and Russia, was reported to have reaffirmed the position taken by Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin. Stettinius had proposed that the council dispose of the Greek case with a statement by Chairman N. J. O. Makin, with no resolution and no vote. The statement was understood to contemplate no mention of the withdrawal of British troops from Greece and to omit any general exoneration of Britain.

BAN WHEAT USE IN DRINK MAKING

Washington, Feb. 6—(U.P.)—President Truman today banned the use of wheat in the production of alcohol and beer as a means of helping meet critical food shortages in war-torn countries.

Mr. Truman outlined a nine-point program as this country's effort to prevent "mass starvation" abroad.

He said the cooperation of all Americans is necessary to make effective the measures he outlined.

The president's program included: A vigorous government campaign for food conservation, especially of bread. Discontinuance of the use of wheat in the direct production of alcohol and beer. Beginning March 1 the use of other grains for the production of beverage alcohol will be limited to five days' consumption a month. The president estimated that the saving of grain in alcohol and beer production would amount to about 20,000,000 bushels of grain for food by June 30.

Steps will be taken to export during this calendar year 375,000 tons of fats and oils, 1,600,000,000 pounds of meat, and increases in exports of cheese and evaporated milk.

Full Employment Bill Passes House

Washington, Feb. 6—(U.P.)—The house today approved and sent to the senate a diluted version of the controversial full employment bill, one of the "must" items on President Truman's legislative program.

The compromise measure, worked out in a senate-house conference, is expected to meet with the president's approval, although Mr. Truman had asked for the stronger senate version of the bill. He had said that the original house measure was wholly unacceptable.

"THE BULL" SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS IN PRISON

Yokohama, Feb. 6—(U.P.)—Kitaro Ishida, former Japanese prison camp commandant known as "The Bull," today was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment at hard labor by an American military commission that found him guilty of "cruel, inhuman, brutal atrocities" against American prisoners.

FATIGUED BOOKKEEPER ADMITS TAKING \$1500

Los Angeles, Feb. 6—(U.P.)—Mrs. Loretta Catherine Geer, who dumped \$90,000 of her employer's money in the back of her car because she was too tired to stand in line at the bank, today pleaded guilty to grand theft of \$1500.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Lucile Lenox receiving offers from envious friends to buy her fashionable plastic hat.

Attorney Gus Newbury accusing County Treasurer Ralph Sweeney of loitering too long with a couple of feminine visitors and thereby neglecting his county duties.

2 KILLED AS PICKETS, ARMED GUARDS FIGHT

SHOOTING STARTS DURING ATTEMPT TO HALT TRAIN

Violence Flares For Second
Time Since Advent of Rail-
road Strike on Jan. 18.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 6—(U.P.)—Two pickets were reported killed and three others wounded in a gun battle with armed guards riding an eastbound Toledo, Peoria and Western freight train shortly before noon today, state director of public safety T. P. Sullivan said.

All available state police from two Illinois districts were sent to Gridley and Eureka, Ill., to halt violence between strikers and non-strikers on the railroad.

Try To Halt Train

State police at Pontiac said the shootings apparently occurred when pickets sought to halt the train. Eight of 10 automobile loads of pickets were reported to have followed the train from Peoria to near Gridley.

At Springfield Sullivan was unable to give any details of the trouble.

Mayor W. E. Froelich of Gridley, also the town undertaker, said that two dead had been brought to his funeral parlor. He said he did not know whether they had been pickets or members of the train crew.

Froelich said the trouble began at El Paso, west of Gridley, when "about 50 men" attempted to stop the train as it pulled into a siding. He said windows in two cabooses on the train were broken when the men began throwing rocks.

Froelich said that the shooting occurred when the train entered a siding at Gridley. The train was made up of one empty coal car, one full coal car and two cabooses, Froelich said.

Second Violence

It was the second violence in the strike which began four months ago. On Jan. 18 a picket was shot by a railroad employee. That shooting occurred when the railroad moved several empty cars from the Peoria and Pekin railroad yards.

The strike by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Locomotive Engineers and Firemen started Oct. 1 when the government returned the railroad to its owners after a wartime seizure.

The railroad is a feeder line running across central Illinois, with headquarters in Peoria, about 30 miles west of Gridley.

Bay Area Campaigns For UNO Selection

San Francisco, Feb. 6—(U.P.)—Communities and citizens of the Bay area were urged today by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce to bombard the United Nations organization meeting in London with cablegrams renewing this city's plea that it be chosen as the permanent UNO capital.

Brayton Wilbur, Chamber president, announced he was appealing to all communities and residents to dispatch cablegrams within the next eight hours as the Chamber launched its 11th-hour campaign.



George Arliss, above, veteran stage and screen actor, died in London last night at the age of 77. Death followed an attack of bronchial trouble. Arliss had played dozens of roles, Shylock, Disraeli and Rothschild among them, in both England and the United States.

ARMY BALKS AT RELEASING DADS

Washington, Feb. 6—(U.P.)—The war department today rejected congressional suggestions that all drafted fathers be released by July 1.

Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson wrote to the senate military affairs committee that the department could not consider releasing all drafted fathers unless the inflow of replacements exceeds the present expectations. The release of all fathers had been urged by a subcommittee.

He said about 120,000 fathers would remain in the army of draftees on July 1.

The largest of the flying reptiles had a wing spread of nearly 30 feet.

Medford Still Falls for Gossip; Girls Plant Story to Prove It

We proved it, folks. The old home town still falls for the gossip. But definitely. The results amazed even the girl who won \$3 in the process.

This morning two contrite young women confessed that in an effort to settle a wager, they started the story which swept the city and the hinterland in practically nothing flat Monday night and yesterday, resulting in scores of telephone calls, many to the home of a Medford high school girl whose name just happened to be the same as one of the perpetrators.

Started Monday

The whole affair started Monday noon when Virginia Longe, who left Medford about 10 years ago and is here from San Francisco for a visit, was talking with her friend, Barbara Stone, who is employed in the office of Dr. O. A. Welsh. "Does the old home town still fall for the gossip line?" she inquired and Miss Stone answered something to the effect that it wasn't so bad any more—the place was a little bigger and more sophisticated.

Miss Longe said she bet it hadn't improved a bit and after a bit of discussion they cooked up a little plot, with Miss Longe betting Miss Stone \$3 that she could start a first class rumor.

And so they did. While confessing this morning, Miss Stone said that originally they told the story to three people, relating that Virginia Longe had been struck by an automobile in front of the Bohemian club. That's all, but that's not the way we heard it!

Story Embellished

Everyone knows the result. From those three people the story spread like the proverbial "wild fire" and by dinner time friends of the second Virginia Longe were being told all the harrowing details of how she had been struck (by an ambulance driver) the place of the accident shifting with every third or fourth repetition. By morning the city and state police, ambulance drivers, the county coroner and his assistants, to say nothing of harassed reporters, were all trying to find out what had become of the body of the young woman who had been killed in the terrible accident.

Secret Kept

The two plotters stuck to their agreement not to reveal the source of the hoax until Wednesday morning, but weren't quite prepared for the way their little rumor grew and grew. Of course, they hadn't counted on Miss Longe's name being identical with that of anyone in Medford, and confessed this morning that they were sorry to have caused the second Virginia and her parents so much trouble. Miss Longe said today she was sending a check for the \$3 to the police.

CIO TUGBOATMEN REFUSE TO WORK FOR GOVERNMENT

Action of New York Union-
ists Puts Next Move Up
To President Truman.

New York, Feb. 6—(U.P.)—Striking tugboatmen voting in emergency session today decided not to return to work on 450 government-seized harbor craft which form the food and fuel lifeline of the nation's largest city.

It was the first time in the present series of strikes that workmen have decided not to return to work in an industry which had been taken over by the government. The action by the 2,000 tugboatmen left the next move squarely up to Washington.

By United Press

Signs of new labor unrest appeared today as the nation looked to the White House for a wage-price policy in the steel dispute which has accounted for nearly half the 1,550,000 strike-killed U. S. workers.

An estimated 500,000 CIO members were scheduled to stage a two-hour work stoppage in New York next Monday, tying up radio and cable communication with Europe, Africa and South America in sympathy with Western Union strikers.

Drop Phone Strike

On another communications front, however, a national federation of telephone workers representative said at Washington that a strike probably would not be necessary to support the union's demand for a \$2 a day wage boost.

Also in the capital, CIO shipbuilders union president John Green said that unless a wage deadlock were dissolved he would recommend a strike vote by more than 500,000 shipyard workers.

And at Philadelphia, CIO leaders prepared for a citywide transit strike, set for next Monday, after they rejected the Philadelphia Transportation Co.'s offer of 11 cents more an hour.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 6—(U.P.)—Oregon and southwestern Washington communication and traffic facilities were returning to normal today after heavy gales from the Alaska gulf raked the Pacific northwest for 24 hours.

Slides along the Columbia river highway and coast highways were being cleared away. But state highway commission spokesmen said the large earth and rock slides which cascaded over the Columbia river highway Tuesday would take two or three days to be removed. More than 200 long-distance telephone circuits were cut off when the slide severed a heavy cable.

Trains Rerouted

Union Pacific trains were still being rerouted over the SP&S tracks on the Washington side of the river until the tracks were cleared with the detour causing only "negligible" delay in schedules.

Ferry service between Astoria and Megler, Wash., returned to schedule following a letup in the gale which struck the north shore of the Columbia river.

Vessels Safe

Two vessels which were forced to call for assistance during the height of the storm Tuesday were reported safe by the coast guard. The S.S. Henry Austin, a Liberty ship, was reported proceeding under its own power after flashing an SOS for "immediate assistance" Tuesday night. The ship being towed to Portland from San Pedro, Calif., by the tug Sandy Key, broke loose in the storm.

Another steamer, the Whitney Olson, which had left Jettison its deck cargo Tuesday was reported to be safe by the coast guard, which had a cutter standing by most of Tuesday night as the ship battled the sea off the mouth of the Columbia river.

PARKING METER WORK TO START

With the breaking of concrete for installation scheduled to start tomorrow parking meters in Medford should be ready for operation about the 15th of this month and full information on their use will be given prior to that time, Frank Rogers, city superintendent, stated this morning.

Meter installers with Glenn Nelson in charge from the Duncan Meter company of Chicago met with the city council streets and roads committee this afternoon to discuss exact placement of the devices.

General area of location will be between Sixth and Eighth streets on Main, Central, Bartlett, Riverside, Fir and Grape. The 470 meters which arrived last week are combination penny and nickel machines allowing parking for one cent for each 12-minute period.

New Speed Record New York to Paris

Paris, Feb. 6—(U.P.)—Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc., airliner "Star of Paris" arrived at Orly airport at 3:52 p. m. (9:52 a. m. CST) today with 38 passengers and a new commercial speed record of 15 hours and 54 minutes for the New York to Paris flight.

The airliner is scheduled to leave Paris tonight for the return flight.

ALASKA FUND ASKED

Washington, Feb. 6—(U.P.)—The house appropriations committee today recommended \$943,000 to operate the civilian and military communications in Alaska during the fiscal year beginning July 1.

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