

SECOND HEAVY SNOW COVERS AREA; MORE PREDICTED

The second heavy snowfall in less than a week, and one of the heaviest in recent years, buried the Rogue valley under snow varying from four inches to several feet at higher elevations today, and the weather forecast was for more of the same.

Many county roads were impassable. Schools were closed and transportation seriously curtailed by the wet, sticky snow which began falling at 3:10 a. m. Losses Track

County road crews remained on the job over the week-end in an effort to keep mail and school bus routes open, but Paul Rynning, county engineer, said this morning that it was snowing so hard graders and bulldozers were unable to keep up the pace. He said so many county roads are closed he has lost track of them. The heavy fall is so wet that its weight resists grader blades and even bulldozers are having difficulty clearing narrow tracks for

essential traffic.

Highway 99 was closed this morning near Yreka, Cal. United Press and state police reported. Skiyou mountain pass was negotiable with difficulty.

Highway 86 over the Green-springs, Highway 99 over Sed-wood highway were open. Chains were required on all routes leading from the valley. Tiller-Traill road was closed from four miles north of Trail to the Jackson-Douglas county line.

Chains were necessary on roads at Keno and Klamath Falls. Conditions at Grants Pass were similar to Medford. Willamette pass had packed but sanded snow. Santiam pass was blocked east of Idanha by fallen trees and slides at Hogg rock.

Crater Lake National park is almost completely snowbound. Frank T. Been, assistant park superintendent, arrived in Medford this morning by way of Klamath Falls after a two-day trip from government camp. He reported there is 12 1/2 feet of new snow at the park, that has fallen in one week, and said he has never seen anything like it in his experience.

124 inches

Skiing is "absolutely impossible" in the park area and Been said all traffic is being discouraged. The total depth there at the time Been left Sunday was 124 inches of settled soft snow. The west road from Medford and Prospect is closed and the road to Fort Klamath from the park is being kept open intermittently by overworked state and park service crews.

The county school superintendent's office reported at least five schools definitely closed with

other closures probable as the continuing storm makes bus routes impassable. Principals of Jacksonville, Applegate, Sams Valley, Talent and Rogue River schools have reported they were unable to open this morning. Rogue River and Jacksonville schools were keeping gymnastics open for supervised recreation for students living in the vicinity of the schools.

Buses Held Up

Road conditions prevented a number of school buses from bringing students to Ashland schools. Considering traveling conditions, absenteeism at schools throughout the valley which remained open was not high. Medford high school reported that about the usual number of students were absent, but reported many of them were late this morning because buses were running behind schedule.

A total of four feet of snow was on the ground at Butte Falls,

forcing closure of the Medford corporation's logging activities, and felling and hauling of trees throughout the area was generally at a standstill.

Six feet of snow was reported at the Union Creek ranger station.

Utilities Operating

Neither the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company nor California Oregon Power company reported any unusual difficulty in their services and operation today. Copco said that no new cases of serious trouble have been reported since last week's series of power outages caused by rain, snow and high winds. There may be a few local and temporary power shutdowns, company officials said, but they anticipate no serious difficulty.

The telephone company said their trouble comes when wet snow freezes as it falls, and today's fall is dry enough so that it is not sticking to wires badly.

There is no interruption of long distance service, it was said.

Transportation Stopped

A survey of transportation facilities showed that they were generally moving, but often on a "when, as and if" basis. United Air lines' operations were about 70 per cent of normal, with planes running late out of Portland. Southwest's operations were at a "standstill," while West Coast said they were operating, although most schedules were late.

Both Greyhound and Trailways bus lines said that their schedules to and from the south have been halted by a highway closure in California. Trailways is handling northbound schedules on a regular basis, while Greyhound is operating north-bound schedules which originate here.

Trains Moving

Robert Holmes, freight and passenger agent for Southern

Pacific, said that on this line, only minor delays were being encountered between Ashland and Portland. Some difficulty has been encountered in getting trains over the mountains to the south, but they are going through on delayed schedules, he said. Traffic on the Klamath Falls branch of the SP was halted today by snow and a tunnel obstruction near Oakridge, he said.

A number of accidents attributable to the weather occurred over the week-end, but only a couple of fender-bumping mishaps had been reported to police by early this afternoon.

Harry Lewis, Jacksonville, was taken to Community hospital Saturday night by a Concor-Morris ambulance after slipping on the ice and falling in Jacksonville. He suffered a basal skull fracture, but is said to be improving.

Many scheduled meetings have

been canceled by the snowfall.

Depth Growing

Depth of the snow measured four and a half inches in downtown Medford at noon, with more on the city's hills, while one Ashland report said snow was piled to 14 inches there. About three inches had fallen in Grants Pass up to mid-morning. Snow continued to fall in the early afternoon.

A depth of 11 inches was the greatest single snowfall on record at the weather bureau.

Continued snow showers tonight, with mixed rain and snow tomorrow, and a change in temperature was predicted.

Low temperatures were preventing much of the snow from melting. Maximum yesterday was a one-degree-below-freezing 31 degrees, while last night's minimum was 23. Total precipitation to 11 a. m. today was .11 of an inch.

Postmen Begin Delivery of Insurance Dividends Today

Washington, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—The postmen began ringing at the homes of ex-G.I.s today with the pay-off in the veterans' \$2,800,000,000 life insurance dividend.

Some 500,000 checks were in the mailbags. The checks ranged from as low as 60 cents to \$528, the maximum amount a veteran will get.

The checks are the result of a recalculation which shows that national service life insurance premiums were too high.

Million A Week

How much a veteran gets depends on his age, the length of time his policy was in force, and the amount of his policy.

In all, about 14,500,000 checks will be written. After the delivery of this first batch of 500,000 checks, there'll be about 1,000,000 checks delivery every week until all are distributed.

The 500,000 mailed today were written last week and shipped to local post offices to be held until they went into mailmen's sacks this morning.

The pay-off is expected to spur business sales. A lot will be spent for home furnishings, appliances and television sets.

Some to Pay Debts

Some of it will go to pay off medical bills and other debts. Some veterans already have "spent" their money by pre-Christmas purchases and agreements to pay up when they get their dividends.

Some of the money will go into savings. That is the advice from the treasury which wrote the checks. On the back of each is stamped: "Invest wisely. Buy U. S. savings bonds."

The veterans administration also warned the veterans to be careful of thieves and forgers.

"Be careful," the VA said. "Keep your mailbox locked, or else pick up the checks at once to prevent forgers from stealing them."

Only to Policy Holder

The VA also warned that the checks couldn't be sent to anyone but the policy holder.

Many veterans, the VA said, had requested that their checks be mailed directly to a store which had extended credit pending arrival of the checks. However, the VA said, this is impossible.

For store owners and others who will cash the checks, the VA also cautioned check identifications carefully.



Honor Guard Keeps Watch Over Body Of General Arnold

Sonoma, Cal., Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—An air force honor guard stood watch today over the body of Gen. Henry Harley (Hap) Arnold, America's number one wartime aviator, who died of a heart attack at his ranch home yesterday.

Ill for the last several years, Arnold died quietly and without pain at 7:25 a. m. (PST) His wife, Eleanor, was by his bedside.

Fifth Attack

It was the fifth heart attack Arnold had suffered since his first one in 1944. A friend, Dr. Russell V. Lee of Palo Alto, said Arnold should have retired then.

"But things were hot and he decided to take his chances with the rest of the soldiers and went back to duty."

Dr. Robert L. Mollenhauer of Sonoma officially listed the cause of death as coronary occlusion, a clotting of arteries giving blood to the heart.

The air force in Washington announced that its former commander would be buried in Arlington national cemetery, last resting place for many national heroes. The date has been tentatively set for 3 p. m. (EST) Thursday.

No Flowers Asked

Mrs. Arnold asked that no flowers be sent. In a statement released by the air force, she suggested "that anyone wishing to memorialize Gen. Arnold should contribute to the air force aid society in order to establish a scholarship fund."

Arnold left four children. The first to arrive yesterday was Lt. David L. Arnold, who is stationed at March Field, Cal. Others on their way were Col. Henry H. Arnold Jr., who is stationed at Leavenworth, Kan., and Capt. William B. Arnold, from a base at Banana River, Fla. A daughter, Lois, is married to Cmdr. Ernest Snowden, a navy flier stationed at Corpus Christi, Tex.

News of Arnold's death brought tribute from top U. S. military leaders, many of whom regarded him as a warm personal friend.

Funeral Services For Emil Britt To Be Wednesday

Funeral services for Emil Britt, 87, who died Friday morning in the Jacksonville home in which he was born, will be conducted from the Perl Funeral home at 2 p. m., Wednesday, January 18, with the Rev. Joseph Swank, pastor of the Jacksonville Presbyterian church, officiating.

Medford lodge No. 103 AF and AM will be in charge of the Masonic services at the chapel. Burial will follow in the family plot in the Jacksonville cemetery.

Pall Bearers Named

Honorary pall bearers will include H. H. Mayberry and Paul Rynning, representing Hillah temple of the Shrine; Fred Purdin and Elbert Lenox, representing the Scottish Rite, and E. A. Langley and Roy Smith, representing Warren lodge No. 10, Jacksonville.

Active pall bearers will include Ray Coleman, Ernest McIntyre, Tom Dunnington, Otto Heckert, Wesley Hartman and R. C. Cummings, all from Warren lodge, of which Mr. Britt was a member for more than 50 years.

The deceased is survived by his sister, Mollie, with whom he lived following the death of their father, Peter Britt, noted early day photographer. In 1905 Mr. Britt was one of the area's best-known personalities, and for many years was engaged in volunteer weather observing, gardening and keeping up the photographic museum, which was a feature of the Jacksonville mansion, a valley showplace for many years.

Robert Fleming New Farm Veterans' Head

Robert Fleming, rancher of route one, Eagle Point, was elected president for 1950 of the Southern Oregon Veterans Agricultural association at the association election recently held at the Chamber White warehouse.

Others elected were Don Ulom, Eagle Point, vice-president; Cliff Bishop, Shady Cove, secretary; and Howard Bowman, Medford, treasurer.

This group is organized from veterans of World War II now farming in this area. It operates on a cooperative basis to assist its members in becoming better farmers. At present in addition to the parent organization, a feed warehouse is maintained for its members, and a hammer mill is owned by the group. Some buying and selling is handled on a pooled basis.

Meetings are held at Camp White on the first Thursday of each month. The February meeting will be devoted to the interests of the various enterprising groups represented, officers said.

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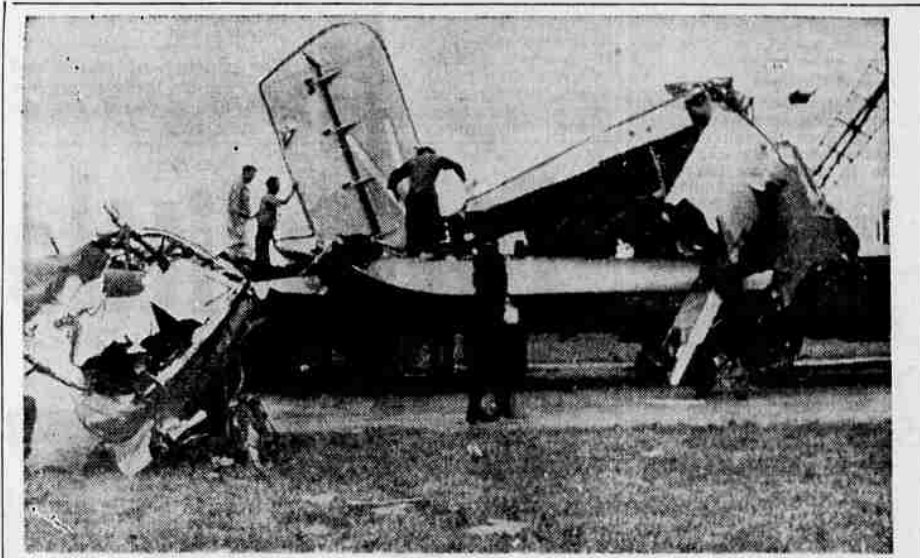
Train Passengers Stranded in Cascades

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Snowplow Wrecked In Mountain Tunnel

Portland, Ore., Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—Drifting snow stranded more than 1,000 train passengers in the Cascade mountains today as a new cold wave, interspersed with local blizzards, gripped the Pacific northwest and northern California.

Four passenger trains were stalled at Crescent Lake, 75 miles east of Eugene, Ore., after a snow plow clearing the tracks was wrecked inside a mountain tunnel. Among the marooned passengers was Joseph Sziget, Los Angeles concert violinist.



GLIDER CRASH KILLS 12—Wreckage of Army glider is trucked away after crash at Lawson Field near Ft. Benning, Ga. The glider crashed on a routine training flight, killing 12 men who were to graduate the following day as paratroopers. Cause of the crash is not known. Official U. S. Army photo.

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WEATHER

FORECAST: Snow showers tonight, becoming mixed rain and snow Tuesday. Little change in temperature.

	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	31
Lowest this Morning	23
Prec. to 4:30 A.M. Today	.01

Miners Turn Down Lewis' Suggestion Of Return To Work

Showdown Looming In Contract Dispute

Pittsburgh, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—More than 50,000 United Mine Workers refused John L. Lewis' suggestion that they go back to work on a three-day week and joined in a strike for a showdown in the eight-month contract dispute.

The revolt centered in the big fields of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Pickets toured the mine districts closing the pits. The Western Pennsylvania Operators association said 90 to 95 per cent of the district's mines had been closed.

Backfire

Lewis' "suggestion" that the miners go back to work backfired in western Pennsylvania. Only 30,000 joined in last week's "spontaneous" walk out, but more than 45,000 were idle today.

The showdown movement centered in the Uniontown, Pa., area, where the big mines of the steel companies are located. Operators reported that none of the "captive" mines were operating. Pickets fanned out through the fields and quickly closed other mines. The pickets traveled in groups of five to 10 and had little trouble getting the miners to go home.

Big Mine Closed

Another center of the rebellion was in northern West Virginia. Pickets closed eight mines in the Fairmont area, including two Bethlehem Steel pits and five mines of Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal company, largest of the commercial coal companies. In Alabama, six steel company mines, employing 5,200 were closed.

In Kentucky, the 5,000 employees of the U. S. Steel corporation's mining subsidiary also refused to end their walkout.

Elsewhere throughout the country operations apparently were returning to normal. Only one mine in Ohio remain closed and it was expected to open later today.

Postoffice Aide Caught In Theft Wounds Inspectors

Janitor Keels Over From Heart Attack

Robinson, Ill., Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—A post office janitor caught red-handed while ransacking the mail, shot and seriously wounded a postal inspector last night, severely beat another and then keeled over dead from an apparent heart attack.

The janitor, Harry Taylor, 55, described by postal authorities as a "quiet sort of man," fired five bullets into Inspector James Thompson, 55, and beat Inspector J. J. Shear, 34, on the head with the pistol butt.

Thompson, a veteran of 20 years in the postal service, was near death in a hospital today and doctors feared he would not live. Shear was hospitalized with head injuries.

From his bed, he told postal authorities that he and Thompson caught the janitor robbing the mails shortly before midnight.

Shear said he and Thompson had been investigating thefts at the postoffice for four or five months. Last night, he said, they "planted" a test letter and concealed themselves in the office until they saw Taylor take it.

The two inspectors, accompanied by Assistant Postmaster Roscoe Keenan, confronted Taylor and accused him of the theft. Authorities said the janitor at first denied it, then asked permission to get a drink of water.

Inspectors Unarmed

Instead, they said, he reached under the stamp counter and seized a .45 caliber government pistol. The two postal inspectors were unarmed.

Taylor apparently emptied the gun at Thompson and Keenan and began clubbing Shear with the butt. Authorities said that Shear was beaten so severely that the wooden butt plate of the gun was smashed.

Economy Bloc Seeks To Slash Budget

Washington, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—The senate economy bloc served notice today that it would try to chop at least \$2,500,000,000 from President Truman's budget for fiscal 1950.

Chairman Walter F. George of the senate finance committee, a leader of the economy advocates, said he was sure the reduction could be made without hurting necessary government services or weighing on our international commitments.

Mr. Truman proposed a spending figure of \$42,400,000,000 for the next fiscal year. George said the spending figure "could be cut \$2,500,000,000 to \$39,900,000,000 as a minimum." It might be cut "even more," he said.

GOP Sens. Robert A. Taft, (O.) and Leverett Saltonstall, (Mass.) joined George in the economy bloc.

CAB Hearing Delayed, Chamber Here Told

Washington, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—The American Automobile association will conduct a 750-mile contest next month to test performance of cars and fuel consumption of 1950 model cars.

Beating Of Actress Denied By Parent

Hollywood, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—Child actress Lora Michel's foster mother today denied that she beat the nine-year-old girl for "eating too much."

"Lies, all lies," Mrs. Lorraine Michel, 55, said. "I know she's crying her little heart out for me. She knows these things are not true."

Deputy Sheriff Bess Dailey said the \$100-a-week actress, who played Humphrey Bogart's daughter in "Tokyo Joe," accused Mrs. Michel of hitting her with a hair brush because she threatened to grow too large for child roles.

Mrs. Michel was freed on \$1,000 bond and trial was set for February 7.

Railroad Issues Feature Quiet Market

New York, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—A last-hour spurt in railroad issues featured a much quieter, firm session on the stock market today.

Volume fell to less than half of last Friday's large total, but it was well above the million-share mark.

Dow Jones closing stock averages: 30 industrials 197.17, up 0.25; 20 railroads 54.41, up 0.63; 15 utilities 40.79, up 0.07, and 65 stocks 71.31, up 0.23.

Sales today amounted to 1,400,000 shares against 3,330,000 last Friday.

Klamath County Seeks To Recover Jail For Indians

Klamath Falls, Ore., Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—Klamath county has filed suit to recover its jail for Indians, it was disclosed today.

The whole thing began in September, 1948. Chassey offered to buy a certain numbered lot owned by the county for \$50. The county sold it and charged her a \$1.50 fee to record the deed.

Officials declare they didn't know the jail was on the lot.

Alaskan Mountain Erupts Gas, Smoke

Anchorage, Alaska, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—Mount Chichingak, 60 miles east of Port Heiden on Bristol Bay, today was reported erupting gas and smoke.

The U. S. weather bureau here said volcanic activity was observed around the peak of the mountain late yesterday. It was not known whether lava spurted from the peak since the mountain is in a remote area.

The region contains several extinct craters.

Fishermen Rescued From Giant Ice Floe

Oshkosh, Wis., Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—A hastily-assembled rescue armada of small boats rescued 2,000 fishermen stranded on a giant ice floe which broke loose on Lake Innabago in high winds and near-zero temperatures.

The fishermen were forced to leave 600 automobiles on the floe when they fled to safety last night.

Fifty sheriff's deputies and volunteers patrolled the west shore of the lake and kept flares burning nightlong to guide any persons still stranded to points on the ice sheet from which they could be rescued.

Forest Supervisor Takes Over Duties

Laurens G. Jolley, new supervisor of the Rogue River National forest, took over his new duties here this morning at forest headquarters in the Federal building. He was formerly supervisor of Mount Hood National forest and succeeds Karl L. Janouch, who has retired to enter private business.

Jolley is a native of Washington and was graduated from the University of Washington school of forestry in 1933. He will move his family here as soon as he finds a home.