

WILLAMETTE RIVER FLOOD

Warm Rains Slough Off Large Snowpack From Recent Storm

15-Foot Flood Crest At Harrisburg Monday

Portland, Ore., Jan. 21—(U.P.)—The weather bureau tonight predicted minor floods in the Willamette river basin as warm rains sloughed off the big snowpack of the January 13 blizzard. The Willamette was forecast to form a 15-foot flood crest, three feet over flood stage at Harrisburg, Ore., tomorrow night. The greatest damage was expected to be a temporary flooding of the Pacific highway.

Willamette tributaries, the Santiam, Tualatin, Yamhill, Luckiamute and Molalla rivers, rose past flood stage with little property damage and no evacuations reported.

The forecaster's predictions called for an 18-foot cresting of the Santiam at Jefferson, five feet above arbitrary flood stage. The Willamette at Albany, Salem and Eugene was to remain below flood stage.

Pin-point evacuations were reported in southern British Columbia as tributaries of the Fraser river overflowed. About 130 refugees were rescued and fed by the Royal Canadian air force and Red Cross.

In Vancouver, B. C., the thaw trapped 1,500 train passengers in snowdrifts and floodwaters of the Fraser river began pouring over lowland areas.

Death Toll 40
The regional death toll rose to 40 and property damage in Oregon, Washington and Idaho and northern California to millions after a week's heavy snow and silver thaw.

Services were being restored to many areas isolated when communications, water systems or land routes were disrupted.

A state of emergency was declared at Prince Rupert on the northern British Columbia coast because of a critical power and water shortage.

In Portland, bus services were being restored, trains were late and United Air Lines' long distance flights were launched from Salem, 50 miles away, because of ice at Portland-Columbia airport.

Passengers were shuttled between the cities by bus.

Flood Misses Area
Damaging high water predicted to flood lowlands below Chehalis, Wash., from the Cowlitz river failed to appear, the weather bureau said.

The Oregon State Motor association reported the upper Columbia river highway closed by slides, the Evergreen highway closed by snow. Highway departments of Washington and Oregon said it would take two or three days to reopen the Columbia gorge routes.

Columbia Fully Open
The river-level Columbia highway out of Portland was open with one-way traffic at many points. A sheriff's blockade at Troutdale stopped all but emergency traffic.

Pacific highways 99-E and 99-W were open and two-way travel was reported through northern California.

The Willamette pass highway across the Cascades was open with one-way traffic at some spots.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt Due In Portland Today
Portland, Ore., Jan. 21—(U.P.) Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of the late president, is scheduled to arrive tomorrow for an evening lecture on the United Nations and a round of receptions.

She will also take her first look at her first great-grandchild, Nicholas Delano Seagraves, four months. He is the son of the former "Sister" Dall Boettger and Van Seagraves of Portland.

Evidence Of Fair Support Here Needed, Official Says

R. G. Fowler, secretary of the Jackson County Fair board, yesterday replied to the Ashland Chamber of Commerce request that the annual fair be restored by saying, "We'll have a fair just as soon as we can find enough local support both in Medford, Ashland, and other parts of the county."

The board of directors of the Ashland chamber Friday forwarded a resolution to the county court requesting that the fair here be restored as an event of "great educational and economic value."

Last in 1932
The last Jackson county fair was held in 1932 and the civilian conservation corps of the depression period took over the fairgrounds the following year. Since then, Jackson county's share of state racing commission funds for county fairs has been allocated to numerous community festivities and exhibits.

Following the demise of the county fair, an annual fall event



EXAMPLE OF WINTER ART—During last week's heavy snow here, all sorts of snow men, women and children, as well as various other articles appeared on front lawns throughout Medford. One of the most unusual was the horned quadruped pictured above, which was constructed by Earl Richardson, 1132 Court street, and his two sons, Billy and Jack. Whether the animal was a deer, a reindeer, a moose, an antelope or a whatzit, the horns were real.

Nationalists Say Chinese Commies Attack Indo-China

Taipei, Formosa, Sunday, Jan. 22—(U.P.)—An official Nationalist news dispatch said tonight that a combined force of 30,000 Chinese communist and Indo-Chinese rebel troops were attacking French Indo-China troops inside the Indo-Chinese border.

The Nationalist Central News agency dispatch from China command headquarters at Hoihow said the combined forces are attacking French brigades in northern and northeastern Tonkin province.

The attacks of the Chinese communist and Viet Minh forces are being made at Cao Bang, 25 miles inside the Indo-Chinese border and at Langson, 35 miles to the southeast, the dispatch said.

Headlines Used
Chinese newspapers and the official Central China Daily News here headlined the report: "Chinese rebels invading French Indo-China."

The dispatch, from Gen. Pai Chung-Hsi's headquarters on Hainan said Communist Gen. Lin Pao was leading the attack in conjunction with Indo-Chinese Rebel Leader Ho Chi-Minh's forces.

The Hoihow dispatch was the only source for the reported fighting and it could not be confirmed here.

Ski Conditions

Because of warm rains during the past week, Siskiyou mountain snow will not be suitable for skiing this weekend, according to an Ashland report which indicated that the ski tow and lunch room at Sky Trail will not operate until the ski run is again suitable.

Condition of the snow for skiing at Crater lake was not available since radio and telephone communications have not been functioning for several days. There were indications that highway 62 was open to the national park. Park roads reportedly were all right on Friday.

Known as the Northwest Jackson county fair was held each September in Gold Hill. It died at the beginning of the war in 1941 and has never been revived. It was largely supported by racing commission funds.

Last year Jackson county's share of the money amounted to \$7,500, most of it spent on the 4-H club's fall fair. In past years funds have also gone to Ashland community events.

Conduct Survey
Fowler said the fair board last year conducted a survey in the valley to determine the extent of public interest in restoration of a county fair here and was not sufficiently reassured by its findings to commit itself to a full-fledged fair.

Chairman of the board is Walter Leverette. While County Commissioner L. G. Morthland yesterday said he would not comment on the Ashland request, he implied that the decision on the fair renewal would be left up to the board.

BROKEN JAW TREATED
Burton Hurlbut, Medford, reportedly was treated at Community hospital last night for a broken jaw. Details of the injury were not learned. He was taken to the hospital about 9:40 o'clock by Conger-Morris ambulance.

Flood Waters Surge Over Houses, Raise Homeless To 10,000

Rescue In Arkansas Reported Completed

Chicago, Jan. 21—(U.P.)—Flood waters of the St. Francis river surged over houses in a section of Arkansas today, increasing to 10,000 the number of persons homeless in the state and neighboring Tennessee.

Rescue of stranded families along the St. Francis, in north-east Arkansas, virtually was completed, the national guard said. No deaths in flooded homes were reported, but a farmer drowned and a companion was missing when their boat overturned near Manila, Ark.

Fires Break Out
A rash of fires, many of them in homes combatting bitter cold, broke out across the nation and the death toll for two days was at least 45.

However, the country's weather generally turned warmer today. Clouds filtered down along the Canadian border from coast to coast, dropping light snow in New England and rains in Washington and Oregon.

The Mississippi, swollen with the flood crest of the Ohio river, punched through levees in Dyer and Lauderdale counties in Tennessee. The big river's feeders, streams in Arkansas and Tennessee were flooding.

Evacuation Completed
Captain Felix Stacey in charge of the Arkansas national guard rescue work along the St. Francis river said that evacuation of families was near completion. A soldier on a rescue team said he had never seen such "mass misery and hardships among civilians."

Army, national guard and Red Cross personnel engaged in the rescue work and set up tent cities for the homeless.

Meanwhile, nearly 10,000 persons in southeastern Missouri waited for the army to tell them it is safe to return to their homes behind the Birds Point-New Madrid spillway along the Ohio river. The families fled when the army announced the area might be flooded in order to control the unruly river.

Lewis Forces Fight To Quell Rebellion Against Work Week

Pittsburgh, Jan. 21—(U.P.)—John L. Lewis' forces in the United Mine Workers battled in last ditch efforts today to quell a rank-and-file rebellion against the UMW's three-day week.

A major test of the UFW president's control over his 476,000 members will come when the mine whistles blow for work Monday. Lewis has ordered all miners to report and end the wildcat walkouts which hit six states this week.

Lewis' lieutenants seemed to be gaining in their fight to persuade the 90,000 rebel strikers that the UMW's three-day week is better than a full-scale showdown walkout. But the outcome was "anybody's guess."

Rebel forces were holding out in northern Virginia. Scattered violence was reported as angry mine pickets patrolled the fields. A power shovel was dynamited and a picket wounded in Pennsylvania and miners were stoned in Colorado.

Tucker Fraud Jury Still Deliberates

Chicago, Jan. 21—(U.P.)—Federal Judge Walter J. Labuy tonight told the jury deliberating the fate of Preston Tucker and seven of the would-be automobile maker's associates to keep trying to reach a verdict even if they went beyond midnight.

The defendants are charged with a \$28,000,000 fraud in promotions of a rear-engine automobile that never got into mass production.

The judge earlier told the jurors to recess at midnight if no verdict had been reached.

But a few minutes before that deadline, he instructed them to continue deliberations.

Washington, Jan. 21—(U.P.)—President Truman will send his special tax message to congress Monday, the White House announced today.

WEATHER

Forecast: Cloudy with light rain today. Partly cloudy Monday with showers. Little change in temperature.

Highest yesterday 52
Lowest yesterday 39

HISS DECLARED GUILTY BY JURY

Snow Man's Realistic Note Is Temptation

Not to be outdone in the way of original snow men this week, an East Main street woman created a snow woman. In her eagerness for realism the lady equipped her arctic woman with her Sunday best store-bought choppers.

With the warm winds and soft rains, the East Main street woman went out to retrieve her fancy "clackers"—to find a "meanest thief" had removed them.

Load Limits Put On County Roads Effective Monday

Reduced load limits on eight county roads will become effective, upon order of the county court, Monday morning, it was announced Saturday by Paul Rynning, county engineer.

The load limit reduction is not a blanket order, it was emphasized by Rynning, but has been put on these roads as late as possible before heavy trucks would cause serious damage. The restrictions will be removed as soon as possible from each road when inspection shows that damage danger has passed, he said.

Limitations
The load reductions now place a top limit of 11,000 pounds in a single axle, with 20,000 pounds for dual axles, Rynning said. It may be necessary to reduce load limits on other roads, depending upon the weather, he added.

The roads affected are the Applegate road between Ruch and Copper; the Antelope road from the junction of Meridian and Yankee creek roads to Climax; the Crow Foot road from Derby to McLeod bridge; the Butler Falls road from Butler Falls to Beaver creek; the Old Stage road from Jacksonville to Gold Hill.

Also the Nick Young road from the Crater lake highway to the Agate road; the Agate road from the Sams Valley road to Dodge bridge; the Little Butte creek and the Modoc road from the Table Rock road to the Sams Valley highway near Dodge bridge.

Five Persons Die In Detroit Blaze

Detroit, Jan. 21—(U.P.)—Five persons, including a young mother and three of her children, were burned to death tonight when flames trapped them in their basement home.

Another child was so critically burned she was not expected to live.

Firemen said the blaze was confined to the basement of the two-story frame house where Mr. and Mrs. John H. Johnson and their four children lived.

Receiving hospital officials identified four of the victims as Mrs. Johnson, 24, her children, Curtis, 3; Daniel, 2, and Clarence 16 months.

Firemen found a fifth body in the debris, but it was so badly charred that they could not immediately determine whether it was that of a man or woman.

Santiago, Jan. 21—(U.P.)—A strong earthquake shook central Chile from Valparaiso to Temuco today.

Late Sports Bulletins

Eagle Point, Jan. 21—Eagle Point high continued undefeated in conference and district play Saturday by edging Ashland high 38 to 36 on the local floor as Lloyd Hale sank two free throws in the final minute of play for the victory.

Ashland led at the first quarter 13 to 11, at the half 25 to 21 and the third quarter 32 to 30. Hale with 12 points and Smith with 13 led the Eagles and Grizzlies respectively in the scoring.

Cooz Bay, Jan. 21—Marshfield high downed Grants Pass 50 to 42 Saturday night in a non-conference game on the coast school's floor. Grants Pass' scheduled game with Kerby was postponed.

Central Point, Jan. 21—Klamath Falls made it a win and a loss over the week-end when it downed Central Point high 38 to 27 in a conference-district clash here Saturday night after losing to Medford Friday evening.

Klamath led the first quarter 15 to 4, 22 to 10 at the half and 30 to 17 at the third quarter. Tom Schubert with 12 paced the Pels and Marl Ahorn and Herb Trautman got eight and seven and a respectively for the Pointers.

Backs Down Stop and Blockade Berlin

Berlin, Jan. 21—(U.P.)—The United States backed down today in a major Berlin dispute with Russia to prevent a new Soviet blockade of the city.

Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, Berlin's American commandant, ordered western police out of a disputed U. S. zone railway headquarters building, seizure of which precipitated the quarrel.

First Time For U. S.
It was the first time the U. S. had backed down in a major Berlin dispute with Russia since the Soviets imposed their 11-month blockade of the city in the spring of 1948.

(It had been rumored in Berlin that Taylor's backdown was prompted by pressure from his superiors. But U. S. High Commissioner John McCloy, who arrived at Mitchell field in New York tonight, said "I doubt it" when asked whether Washington had prompted the action.)

(McCloy said he was not fully informed on the matter, having left Germany Friday. But he said he believed the U. S. backdown would "ease the situation.")

Not Worth Trouble
"The 600 office rooms are not worth the threat of a new blockade," Taylor said. German police, with American approval, had seized the building housing the railway headquarters to obtain the 600 empty rooms for use of the city.

Occupation of the building led to what Taylor called a Soviet "excuse to harass the residents of western Berlin, to threaten re-

prisals against rail workers and generally to disturb the peace of the city."

The Soviet-run railway cut elevated traffic in Berlin by more than 50 per cent in reprisal, and Soviet zone officials threatened that interzonal rail traffic between Berlin and western Germany would be affected.

Today, many truck drivers going to and from Berlin were stopped and questioned. Some of them were turned back as Soviet frontier guards applied many of the tactics that preceded imposition of their 1948 blockade.

And a downtown booth, manned by members of the Medford Active club, gave residents an opportunity to honor their home state by putting a donation in a jar marked with its name. Funds will go to the antipolio drive of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, with the bulk of the funds remaining in Jackson County for aid to local cases.

Plans for the annual March of Dimes dance at Gold Hill are well along, it was reported. The dance will be held January 28, in the Gold Hill Grange hall.

On Friday, the American Legion will hold their annual party at the local hall.

The Medford Elks' dance will be the following night, under the chairmanship of Victor Kengia, assisted by Lady Elks. Still another event, the March of Dimes dance of the Rogue Valley Country club, will be on January 30th for members and guests.

Schools in the county will participate in the March of Dimes all next week, with collections, sales and benefit programs. General Chairman Dick House has left a supply of March of Dimes collection materials at the office of County School Superintendent C. R. Bowman, who said that any school in need of the material should get in touch with his office, and that additional supplies will be sent out at once.

Active participation in the March of Dimes is also being noted at the Camp White domiciliary center. (See story and picture on page 1, second section.)

Snowbound Residents Sought By Air Force

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 21—(U.P.)—Reports of one person suffering from an attack of appendicitis and a missing wood cutter in the snowbound Cape Horn area east of here kept an air force-state patrol ground rescue team busy today.

State patrol officers said an army weasel pushed into one section of the area this morning to search for John Meyers, a wood cutter reported to be living in a pup tent and not heard from since Christmas.

The same crew was to check 32 more marooned families, one of which might have one person suffering from appendicitis.

Another weasel carried more food to the 50 families checked two days ago and found in good condition but low on food.

Bomb Blast Rocks Texas College Area

Houston, Tex., Jan. 21—(U.P.)—A mighty bomb explosion rocked the Rice Institute campus early today, endangering the lives of students asleep on the second floor of the men's dormitory where it was set off.

There were no injuries, however—a fact that explosives experts attributed to the home-made TNT powered bomb's being placed hurriedly and probably by chance, where it did a minimum of harm.

George Strouhal, 19-year-old engineering student from Alvin, Tex., was apparently the only person awake on the second floor north wing of East hall, where the blast occurred.

Strouhal said the explosion came not long after he heard the ground floor door slam, apparently as the bomb planter left the dormitory.

Leader Charged With Perjury Faces 10 Years In Prison

Sentencing Date Set For Wednesday A. M.

New York, Jan. 21—(U.P.)—Alger Hiss was found guilty of perjury today by a federal jury which decided he once betrayed his country to a communist spy ring when he held a post of trust in the state department.

A jury of eight women and four men reached a verdict 23 hours and 38 minutes after it went out in this second trial of the 45-year-old "career man" who had risen through the government to a post as advisor to President Roosevelt at Yalta.

They found him guilty on both perjury counts—that he had lied when he denied he served a communist network in the new deal 1930s by handing over to Spy Courier Whittaker Chambers secret documents from the state department; that he lied when he said he had not seen Chambers after January, 1937.

The conviction meant that Hiss faces a possible maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a \$4,000 fine.

Judge Henry W. Goddard set the date for sentencing as next Wednesday at 10:30 a. m. He ruled that Hiss could go free in his present \$5,000 bail until that time.

Appeal Planned
Hiss' attorney, Claude B. Cross, announced that the conviction "certainly will be appealed."

Hiss took the verdict without so much as a twitch of a muscle in his face. He sat with his arms folded. Beside him, his prim wife, Priscilla, stared into space. She held her hands crossed limply in her lap.

Finally, when the jury had been dismissed with instructions not to discuss the case, Hiss reached over and clasped her hand. She did not look at him. They rose and walked slowly from the courtroom where they had spent 40 days of ordeal.

With his wife at his side, Hiss walked erectly to an elevator, shouldering through the crowd, and waved off reporters with "No comment, no comment."

As the elevator descended from the 13th floor of the courthouse, Hiss turned to his wife and said softly: "Keep your chin up."

Thus ended in dishonor for Hiss a brilliant career. The verdict had also answered one of the most intriguing questions of court history: Who was lying—Chambers or Hiss?

Body Mercy Killing Woman Examined

Manchester, N. H., Jan. 21—(U.P.)—The body of Mrs. Abbie C. Borroto was disinterred at the request of defense attorneys today and an autopsy was performed by the woman Dr. Hermann Sander is accused of slaying in a "mercy killing."

It was not believed the autopsy would delay the start of Dr. Sander's first degree murder trial on February 20.

The defense and state were represented by some of the nation's best known pathologists at the lengthy autopsy in the basement of the Hillsborough county hospital.

Dr. Richard Ford, head of the department of legal medicine at Harvard, represented the defense. The state was represented by Dr. Ralph Miller of Dartmouth and Dr. Albert Helprin, chief medical examiner of New York City.

The body of Mrs. Borroto was dug up secretly and taken to the hospital where the autopsy was performed. No one not connected with the defense or prosecution was allowed near the autopsy room.

33 Persons Reported Killed In Plane Crash

LaPaz, Bolivia, Jan. 21—(U.P.)—The war department confirmed tonight that 32 persons were killed yesterday when a military transport plane crashed near the village of Yacoparito in Cochabamba province.

Among those killed were 28 soldiers going home to be discharged and four crew members.

Road Conditions

Crater Lake highway is in good condition at least to Prospect Creek and the snow pack was breaking up in the Union Creek area, according to state police reports yesterday. Conditions of all other main roads leading from the Rogue river valley was good.

There was still two-way "controlled" traffic along highway 99 in northern California.