

WILLAMETTE COUNTS LOSS OF \$5,000,000

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dents left or were evacuated from their homes yesterday, mostly in West Springfield, where muddy water stood three feet deep today in the business and residential sections, and in Glenwood.

Linn County Hit
But the new order was expected to affect almost 1000 additional persons who were in the path of floodwaters that were rising one-tenth of a foot each hour after receding momentarily from a 16.7-foot to 15.8 at 8 p. m. last night. Eugene's flood stage is 12 feet.

In Linn county to the north, County Agent Floyd Mullen at Albany warned residents to prepare to move from lowland areas that were expected to be flooded for the first time in 15 years. A similar warning was issued by Benton county Sheriff William Harper at Corvallis. Flood crests were forecast for tomorrow in these down-river areas.

Frederick Wiese, a Willamette community farmer, was believed drowned after his team of horses returned to his home after breaking away from his wagon. Sheriff Harper, a deputy and another farmer started a search and found Wiese marooned in a tree, wet and cold. His wagon had been caught in a rushing flood current and overturned.

EUGENE, Jan. 1 (AP)—Evacuation of hundreds of more residents of Lane county's lowlands continued at full swing this morning, as the Willamette river held stationary at 16.7 feet, considerably short of the predicted 18.5 feet, after rising approximately a foot in the last 12 hours, and reaching yesterday's peak.

Possibility that the 18.5 peak would not be reached here was seen in reports that the McKenzie river, which raised all during

the night, had dropped .2 of a foot between 4 a. m. and 5 a. m.

The flow into the Cottage Grove reservoir, which was only four feet from its crest at 8 a. m. today, was also down slightly.

Thurston Periled
The increase in the McKenzie during the night brought peril to the Thurston farming community and Springfield civilian defense workers and the McKenzie river boatmen were evacuating farmers from that area this morning.

Despite the fact that hundreds of acres were flooded, all agencies working on rescues said they had no reports of persons missing. Two residents of West Springfield, Mrs. Gladys Durham and John H. Matteson, were admitted to a Eugene hospital during the evening and treated for shock, but their condition was not believed serious.

Several ill persons were brought from Springfield to Eugene by way of the Southern Pacific line on speeders, to be taken to the hospitals here.

Evacuees Eat
Hundreds of evacuees in Springfield, most from the Glenwood area which has been under several feet of water for more than 30 hours, were being fed in the high school there. The Red Cross provided them with shelter in the homes of Springfield residents during the night.

Property damage was expected to be heaviest in the Glenwood area, as rescuers coming back from there this morning said many more buildings had been crumpled by the flood waters.

Springfield police reported during the night that farmers in the Jasper and Deadmond Ferry districts were calling for help across the waters and firing guns in attempts to gain the attention of rescuers. These areas were expected to be evacuated today.

Engineers Help
A detachment of 77 army engineers from Camp Adair, headed by Lt. Carl Froder, arrived here about 1 a. m. this morning and immediately began to help with rescue work under the direction of C. C. Mongold, resident U. S. army engineer.

Rescue work was restricted during the night because of the swift waters, with the Red Cross in Eugene reporting at least a score of requests for evacuation which they could not fill until daylight.

Reports from the state police here indicated that Eugene had only one passable route north or

south this morning, the Lorane-Cottage Grove detour, and it was open only to heavy traffic. They said their reports indicated the Pacific highway was closed on both east and west lanes north of Eugene.

SALEM, Jan. 1 (AP)—The Marion county Red Cross disaster relief committee stood on the alert today as the boiling Willamette river threatened to flood scores of farm homes in the Salem area.

With a 27-foot crest predicted for Saturday night, the river reached 23.2 feet at 8 a. m. today, up one foot in eight hours. Salem itself would be endangered if the river goes above 27 or 28 feet.

Frederick Wiese, farmer in the Willamette community, was believed drowned yesterday. No trace of him was found, but a team of horses returned to his home after breaking away from the wagon on which he was working.

In the bottom lands near Salem, some tenants have abandoned their homes, but others have remained, traveling by rowboat.

Residents of nearby Dallas were ordered by city officials to boil their drinking water after a slide broke a water pipe near the source of the city's water supply.

Remnants of Silverton's Abiqua dam, source of the town's water supply, went out late yesterday. The dam was damaged in the November flood, but it had been hoped that the broken dam could have been used as the foundation for a new dam.

COURT WILL NAME BOIVIN SUCCESSOR

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but a technicality has entered the situation as regards him. Members of the county court said Jacobs might be technically disqualified because he registered as a republican for a single day.

This occurred on the day after the general election in November. Jacobs, who had been a democrat for 22 years, had made an election wager with some one, changed registration for a single day, and changed it back the next day to the democratic party.

The registration records show Jacobs' registration card with the word "democratic" written on it, but another word rubbed out.

Jacobs told the court about the incident this week. The law requires that the appointee must have been a member of the democratic party for five years prior to the appointment, Boivin being a democrat. Hence, a question of Jacobs' technical qualification has been raised. There is no indication that Jacobs intended to change his party allegiance, but merely changed registration for a day in payment of an election wager.

A number of other names are still being mentioned, and the final decision rests with the court.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

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U. S. BOMBERS RAID JAPS ON WAKE ISLAND

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credited with shooting down nine and damaging two others at Lae.

This announcement supplemented an air force report that 1286 Japanese planes had been destroyed, 250 possibly destroyed, and 313 damaged in the southwest Pacific since the war began.

Allied losses over the same period were described as comparatively small.

Mopping Up
The heaviest toll of Japanese planes was taken in the New Guinea area.

In land fighting on the northeast coast of New Guinea allied troops were mopping up along the edges of their corridors driven through Japanese defenses near Buna. Heavy fighting was said to have developed on the Sanananda tracks north of Buna.

From bases in India, RAF Blenheims attacked the Japanese-held Burma port of Akyab and an airbase at Shwebo again yesterday.

A New Delhi communique said British land forces penetrating into Burma clashed with Japanese patrols east and west of the Mayu river near Rathedaung, some 25 miles northwest of Akyab.

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force and shoot down two fighters and a bomber. One Japanese plane was destroyed. The enemy planes were float-type Zeros.

It wasn't known that the Japs had any fighters there. It isn't known where they came from, or how the gas to power them was brought. We'd been given vaguely to understand that Kiska was a closed island.

We just can't take these Japs for granted.

THE war on communications goes on in Northern Africa, with two axis supply ships reported sunk and maybe a destroyer finished off near Tunis and another supply ship set afire off the island of Sicily.

THERE'S a naval fight of some sort in the cold waters off Norway. Maybe an attack on a Murmansk convoy. Maybe a German battleship like the Tirpitz tried to slip out of concealment in Norwegian waters and was jumped by the British.

Anyway, there are no details.

NOTHING new from the Buna Japs, but American bombers made big sweeps over New Guinea, New Britain and the northern Solomon islands.

French Defeat Axis Column

LONDON, Jan. 1 (AP)—Advance of Brig. Gen. Jacques Leclerc's Fighting French forces in southern Libya have put to flight an enemy motorized column in fighting at Fezzan, it was announced here today.

Adolf Says Peaceful Nazis Had War Forced On Them

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would be a hard one, but tempered this by declaring "that it cannot possibly be harder than the last."

"Then," he said, "the hour will come when we shall concentrate all our strength in order to serve the cause of freedom and thus the future and life of our people. . . . Then, at last, we shall have that long peace which we need for the great construction of our community. This is the only right way in which to thank our dead heroes."

Reichsmarshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering echoed Hitler's predictions of victory in some misty future by issuing an order of the day to the air force which said:

"We do not know what the future is holding in store for us. We know one thing for certain—in the end the strength of the sword of Germany and her allies will master any fate and open a more beautiful world to our peoples."

Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels also broadcast a New Year's eve message to the German nation in which he described 1942 as "a blessed year for us—one of the most dangerous but also one of the greatest and one of the most decisive years in the history of our people."

"A survey of territories conquered during the past year," Goebbels declared, "shows that the German war potential has been augmented. Once this aug-

mentation has been fully exploited it will give the war a decisive turn."

Goebbels, like Hitler and Goering, predicted eventual victory, but he was equally vague as to when and how it would be achieved.

"The duration of the war," he said enigmatically, "depends on the problematic expanse of the conflict."

SLIDES DISRUPT TRAIN OPERATION

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gene, held by a slide which paralyzed traffic. Incidentally No. 20 was the last northbound train out of Klamath Falls, all other traffic now using the valley route.

Just another headache was the snow in the Chemult area. Added to this was the task of feeding crowded passenger cars stalled along the line.

U. S. Loses Two Planes in Bout Over Kiska

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ships and two hits on the other. No U. S. planes were lost. "South Pacific: (All dates are East Longitude.)

The reported presence of Japanese fighter planes at Kiska came as something of a surprise to naval men here since it had been many weeks since the Japanese had offered an aerial resistance over their base there.

City Briefs

Honor Roll—Southern Oregon College of Education this week announced that Mildred Schultz, Klamath Falls, and Dolores Trout, Malin, were among students who achieved a grade-point average of 3.5 or better. Students averaging between 3.0 and 3.5 were Robert Collins, Helen Becker, Constance Ehrheart, Berthiel Nelson, all of Klamath Falls, and Marie Pochelu, Paisley.

Visits in Valley—Mrs. Ralph E. Turner and two children, James and Kernan, were guests at the Lithia hotel in Ashland over the weekend, where they visited with Turner who has been attending school there the past three months. Turner spent Christmas day with his family in Klamath Falls. Guests at the Turner's home for Christmas dinner included Ed Lochnany, and Junior Bell of Co. A, 316 battalion engineers, Camp White.

Correction—The name of Tech. Sgt. Richard Muskopf was listed under the names of those lost during the past year in the service of their country. Young Muskopf, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Muskopf of Pelican City, is reported by the army as missing with members of his bomber crew which left their base in early December.

No Year's Eve Baby—Mr. and Mrs. Ted Russell of 3313 Altamont drive are parents of a son, born New Year's eve at Klamath Valley hospital. Russell is a member of the Klamath Union high school staff.

VITAL STATISTICS

RUSSELL—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., December 31, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Russell, 3313 Altamont drive, a boy. Weight: 8 pounds 21 ounces.

FUNERAL

PADDY BURKE
The funeral service for late Paddy Burke, who passed away in this city on Thursday morning, December 31, 1942, will take place from the Sacred Heart Catholic church, Saturday, January 2, where a requiem mass will be celebrated for the repose of his soul, commencing at 10:30 a. m. The Rev. Father T. P. Casey will officiate. Commitment services and interment will follow in the new Mt. Calvary Memorial park, Ward's Klamath Funeral home in charge. Friends are invited.

Best wishes for a Victorious New Year. Hans Norland.

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