

# Flood Waters Halt Trains In London; American Loan Eyed To Tide Country Over

LONDON, March 24 (AP)—Flood waters seeped into the largest London subway station today, halting service on 40 miles of tracks and bringing chaotic conditions to much of the world's largest city.

As floods spread in still more areas of northern England, wiping out crop prospects over many acres, talk started in London over the possibility of seeking another American loan. The labor government maintained silence.

Outside London, York was the major flood sufferer as the swollen Ouse river virtuously cut the industrial city of 100,000 in two.

Initially everyone was late to work in London. The dead subway caused Londoners to travel by strange and devious routes. Service was stopped entirely on two main subway routes and slowed on the other three. Seventy subway stations were closed.

Long lines stood at stops for buses, trolleys and taxis and before telephone booths. Some formed at the better hitch-hike locations.

The transportation jam, the worst in memory here, started just before the morning rush hour and lasted two hours.

Coming on top of the February industrial crisis which slowed the nation's export drive, the floods have made it unlikely English and Welsh farmers can make a dent in their country's big overseas food bill.

The American loan negotiated a year ago placed \$3,750,000,000 to Britain's credit. Latest reports showed about \$900,000,000 of this had been used.

The British government estimates it will import 725,000,000 pounds (\$2,900,000,000) worth of food and agricultural supplies this year—much of it from the United States, Canada and other dollar areas. This in itself means a big drain on the loan unless exports to dollar areas and home production can alleviate the situation.

Further dollar losses are in prospect as a result of sterling debt settlements scheduled this summer.

The combination of events has brought a surge of loan talk—but not from the government.

## 4 Deaneries Asked In State

EUGENE, March 24 (AP)—Bishop Benjamin D. Dagwell proposed four deaneries for the state of Oregon as the Oregon Episcopal diocesan convention opened here yesterday.

The deaneries, dividing the state into four sections, would be under Dean Charles M. Guilbert, Portland, north deanery; the Rev. Perry Smith, Corvallis, central; the Rev. George Turney, Medford, south; and the Rev. Thomas Lewis, Coquille, southwestern.

The bishop also announced a reorganization of St. Helen's hall in Portland, discontinuing the junior college, and appointed the Rev. Arthur A. Vall-Spinosa, Portland, to become director, of the local clergyman so named.

## Senate Head Race Starts

SALEM, March 24 (AP)—State Rep. Frank J. Van Dyke, Ashland, and State Sen. Douglas McKay, Salem, appeared today to be the leading candidates for presiding officers of the 1949 house and senate.

Each had enough votes to assure his election—provided his supporters are reelected to the 1949 legislature.

Van Dyke, in his race for speaker, probably will be opposed by Reps. Jack Greenwood, Wemme; Giles L. French, Moro, and Carl Francis, Dayton.

Opposing McKay for senate president will be Sens. William E. Walsh, Coos Bay, and Earl T. Newby, Ashland.

McKay was slated for senate president in 1943, but he went into the army as a captain. He is an automobile dealer, while Van Dyke is an attorney.

## Jury Finds Judge Innocent

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 24 (AP)—Former U. S. District Judge Albert W. Johnson was acquitted today on a conspiracy charge in the same court over which he presided for more than 20 years.

The jury of nine men and three women at the same time acquitted the judge's son, Capt. Albert W. Johnson Jr., and convicted two other sons, Donald M. and Miller A. Johnson and John Memorial and Jacob Greenes, the latter two of years imprisonment and \$10,000 fines were pronounced immediately upon the four convicted in the month-long trial. That is the maximum penalty under the charge.

The jury returned its verdict to U. S. District Judge James Alger Fee of Oregon, specially presiding, at 10:07 a. m. (EST), nearly 44 hours after receiving the case Saturday.

## Hoover Plan Given Support

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP)—Herbert Hoover found strong republican and democratic support in congress today for his proposal to revive German industrial production minus its military potential.

Senators of both parties labeled as "fundamentally sound" the former president's suggestion to (a) free German industry of foreign ownership and operate it at home, subject to a control commission; (b) halt the removal and destruction of all except arms plants and (c) retain the highly industrialized Ruhr and Rhineland within Germany.

Hoover declared in his third report to President Truman on his economic mission to Germany and Austria that production is "the only path to recovery in Europe." He called this "the first necessity to peace."

## PLANTING REESPORT, MARCH 24 (AP)—

A plant to manufacture cement and pipe building materials will be established here shortly. M. J. Ward, Portland, said he planned to bring equipment here from Portland to start the project.

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The Rev. William Kirby of Huntington Park, Calif., will conduct a series of Bible conferences today through Friday at the Pilgrim Holiness church, Wantland and Division.

## Bible Conferences Bled By Pilgrim Holiness Church

The Rev. William Kirby of Huntington Park, Calif., will conduct Bible conferences at the Pilgrim Holiness church, Wantland and Division, today, Monday, through Friday. The conferences will be at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. each day except today when there will be only the 7:30 service.

Dr. Kirby has taught Bible prophecy and theology at Pacific Bible college in Huntington Park since 1921, and is considered one of the west's authorities on the Bible. At the outbreak of the war he was under appointment as a teacher at the Tientsin Bible institute in Tientsin, China. He has held pastorates in Alliance and Columbus, O., Des Moines, Ia., Long Beach and Huntington Park.

The Klamath Basin Holiness association will hold its monthly meeting at the Pilgrim Holiness church Tuesday when Dr. Kirby will again speak. The association is sponsored by the Immanuel Baptist church, First Covenant church, Free Methodist church, Church of the Nazarene, Sprague River Friends church, Bonanza Church of the Nazarene, and the Pilgrim Holiness church.

## Seed Oyster Cargo Coming From Japan

PORTLAND, March 24 (AP)—The first postwar shipment from Japan to Oregon is expected to arrive about March 30. It will be 7157 cases of seed oysters for Oregon oyster beds. The Liberty ship Mary Odin is carrying them.

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## Truman To Sit With Big Six

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP)—President Truman will meet with the bi-partisan congressional "big six" in an unprecedented night meeting at the White House tonight.

The meeting, to be held in the residential part of the executive mansion, is set for 8 p.m. The White House did not disclose the reasons for the conference.

The "big six" is made up of four republicans and two democrats, as follows:

Senator Vandenberg (Mich.), president pro tempore of the senate; Senate Majority Leader White (Mass.); House Speaker Martin (Iowa); House Majority Leader Halleck (Ind.); Senate Minority Leader Barkley (Ky.) and House Minority Leader Rayburn (Tex.)

## Britain Raps US Proposal

LONDON, March 24 (AP)—British government sources said today they were "surprised and disappointed" at a Washington proposal that Britain cede Cyprus to Greece.

One official, who refused to be identified, said: "It will be a relief to all of us in this country when some people in the United States overcome their tendency to be so liberal with territory that does not belong to them."

Britain has refused previously to change the island's status, saying it helped secure her imperial lifelines.

A foreign spokesman told a news conference: "British policy in regard to Cyprus is plain. It has been stated repeatedly."

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## Boy Scout News

Troop 2 Thrills and spills galore were on the menu when troop 2 took its first annual winter camping trip to Crater lake on March 2.

Because of a storm the Scouts did not go to the rim as originally planned but stopped at the Annie Creek ranger station and enjoyed the day skiing there.

Although very few of the boys had ever been on skis before, most of them showed unusual ability. In spite of numerous spills there were no injuries and the trip was voted a great success.

The Scouts did their good turn for the day by helping tow a car smashed in an accident. The car belonged to Lyle Hayden.

Boys making the trip were Fred Keen, Norman Nelson, Robert Hoakinson, Norman Dubois, Roger Bliss, Jack Lyon, Harry Lyon, John Witte, Douglas Westrom, Donald Westrom, Eugene Hutchins, Robert Simmons, Vernon Pryon, Jerry Wagner, Jerry Haney, Dale Ellis, Billy Moak, Harold Laird, Edward Davidson and Gary Frey.

Troop committee members accompanying the boys were Bob Simmons, Guido Robustelli and Harold Hurley along with Scout Leaders Joe Bliss and Dick Pearson. Next year it is planned to extend the winter camping program so the boys may spend a night at Crater lake.

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