

THREE DROWN IN ROGUE FLOOD

WEATHER
 Max. (Jan. 6) 54 Min. 39
 Precipitation last 24 hours 0.54
 Stream year to date 1.39
 Last year 2.74 Normal 1.39
 Forecast: Occasional rain.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In his state-of-the-union message to congress this morning, President Truman stands pat on most of his previous recommendations and tosses in a new tax-cutting recipe of his own.

HERE is how he would "cut" taxes: Give each individual payer an immediate \$40 reduction, for himself and for each dependent, and add the amount thus "saved" onto the taxes of the corporations.

HARD recent experience tells us that this is how it would work out in practice! Our corporations (big and little; and many of them are VERY little) MAKE THE THINGS WE BUY. Following the grass-roots business principle that you must sell what you make for more than it has cost you or you go broke, our corporations (big and little) would have to add their increased tax cost onto their prices.

So, you see, what we individuals were enabled to put into one pocket (through the proposed tax reductions) would be taken out of another pocket by increased prices of what we buy. We've gone through enough of that already to teach us that it gets us nowhere.

FOR that reason, this small-time writer can't work up much enthusiasm for Mr. Truman's election year tax scheme—which seems to be designed to catch votes rather than to cure the ills from which we are all suffering.

IT seems to be a law of life that when you get into a bad hole you have to get out the hard way. If your foot slips and you tumble into an old abandoned quarry (and come off without broken bones) you can lie on your back in the warm, pleasant sunshine and dream about FLYING out until you ultimately die of hunger.

But about the only way you'll get out of the hole (assuming that no Good Samaritan comes along and climbs down and lugs you out on his back) is to shinny up the rocks under your own power, meanwhile sweating copiously.

IF you've ever faced bankruptcy (as most business people do at one time or another in their careers) you'll know without being told that the only cure for having spent more than you can afford is to turn in and SPEND LESS until you get your business back onto its feet again.

In the long run, that is the only way that we as a nation can get out from under the burden of high taxes, high prices, etc., that we have piled onto our backs by spending more in past years than we could afford.

All the wailing and wailing that professional wavers of wands can accomplish in a lifetime won't turn the trick.

BUT, everyone says, we've GOT to spend a lot of money abroad. How are we going to get around that?

Well, if we have to spend more abroad (as apparently we shall have to) we'll be obliged to SPEND LESS AT HOME in the meantime.

(But don't be so naive as to expect any politician to propose such a thing as that in an election year. The fire rule of professional politics is NEVER to propose doing anything the hard way.)

Fire Truck In River After Call

ASHLAND, Jan. 7 (AP)—At Ashland a fire truck lies at the bottom of Ashland creek and Weitzel's department store has a basement filled with thousands of dollars worth of waterlogged merchandise. A leak developed in the basement last night and the fire department offered to pump out the water. When the heavy engine started over the bridge at the rear of the store, the structure collapsed. The wreckage dammed the stream and water rushed into the basement in full flood. Store employees in the basement made a dash for safety.

Jews Disguised As Police Kill Ten Arabs With Bomb

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7 (AP)—Jews disguised as Palestine policemen rolled a bomb into the Jaffa gate of the old walled city of Jerusalem from a crudely armored motor car today and killed ten Arabs.

An Arab policeman and a Jew were killed by a second bomb tossed from the car in flight. Soldiers subsequently killed one of the attackers as he fled after abandoning the car.

Truman Asks Congress For Cut In Individual Taxes, Up In Corporation Levy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—President Truman asked congress today to vote each individual taxpayer an immediate \$40 tax cut for himself and each dependent and to raise corporation taxes by \$3,200,000,000 to offset it.

He thus laid the groundwork for another tax battle with the republican-controlled house and senate in a state of the Union address on the second day of the 1948 session.

Mr. Truman described his recommendation as a "cost of living" credit designed primarily to relieve the small taxpayer.

Because of inflation, he said, the government should not reduce its total revenues—and he described corporations as well able to take up the slack.

The recommendation ran sharply counter to a \$5,600,000,000 GOP tax cutting measure sponsored by Chairman Knutson (R-Minn.) of the house ways and means committee which would give income tax payers percentage cuts all along the line and leave corporation taxes unchanged.

In his state of the Union message today, the president declared that prices have continued to rise and added: "The events which have occurred since I presented my 10-point anti-inflation program to the congress on November 17 have made it even clearer that all ten points are essential."

He did not list the points again. This is what he asked the special session to do and what it did:

1. Restore consumer credit controls and restrain the creation of inflationary bank credit. (No action.)

2. Authorize the regulation of speculative trading on the commodity exchanges. (Voluntary agreements only authorized.)

3. Extend and strengthen export controls. (Extension to February 28, 1949, granted.)

4. Extend authority to allocate transportation facilities and equipment. (Granted.)

5. Authorize measures which will induce the marketing of livestock and poultry at weights and grades that represent the most efficient utilization of grain. (No action.)

6. Enable the department of agriculture to expand its program of encouraging conservation practices in this country, and to authorize measures designed to increase the production of foods in foreign countries. (Granted.)

7. Authorize allocation and inventory control of scarce commodities which basically affect the cost of living or industrial production. (Power to allocate grain to distillers only restored until January 31.)

8. Extend and strengthen rent control. (No action.)

15 Killed In Plane Crash

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 7 (AP)—Fifteen persons were killed and nine injured today when a Coastal Airlines twin-engine plane crashed in a marsh on the Savannah river.

The plane, on a chartered flight, was en route from Newark to Miami, Fla.

Frank Bell, reporter for the Savannah Evening Press, reported from the scene that the pilot and co-pilot were among the dead. All the passengers were Puerto Ricans en route to their homeland. Bell said that all the injured appeared to be in serious condition. They were transferred to the coast guard cutter Aurora which started for Savannah.

Discrepancy The civil aeronautics authority here reported earlier that the plane carried 25 passengers and two crewmen. This was three more than the dead and injured toll later reported. The discrepancy was not immediately explainable.

The crash occurred in the thick marshland about three miles off the Wilmington Island airport. The huge DC-3 ship was practically demolished.

Bell's report to his paper did not identify whether the plane's passengers were men, women or children.

A coast guard cutter with first aid equipment and Red Cross personnel left for the scene which is about three miles off the Wilmington Island airport. Members of the cutter crew reported they were having difficulty reaching the wrecked plane due to the thick marshland.

Deer Killing Charge Filed

Edward Francis Fitzpatrick, 39, who now ranches on the late Vera Crisler holdings near Bly, was arrested by state police and charged with illegal possession of venison after a raid on a Lakeview grocery yesterday.

The officer making the arrest said that he visited the People's market in Lakeview and found seven venison hams in the smokehouse for curing.

Ownership of the hams was traced to Fitzpatrick. He allegedly took the meat to the store on a Sunday two weeks ago and it was being kept hidden by an employee there, the officer said.

Fitzpatrick is in jail at Lakeview and is due to come into court today.

The officer said his information indicated that Fitzpatrick had killed eight deer, taking the hams and leaving the rest of the meat to rot on the ground. However the man would not say what happened to the carcasses although he admitted ownership of the meat seized at Lakeview.

Survivors Await Rescue



Marooned on a wind-swept point of the Alaska peninsula, crewmen (arrow) of the wrecked cannery tender Spencer await rescue. Six men, possibly seven, huddle above the heeled over, ice-encased tender which went aground December 31. Three other men from a navy tug also were marooned there when their surfboat overturned in a rescue attempt.

Over Half-Inch Of Rain Falls During Basin Storm

More than one-half inch of rain, 31 of an inch to be exact, saturated the Klamath basin in a widespread downpour overnight, and high temperatures coupled with a strong wind, created an unusual weather condition in this section for early January. The 53 of an inch precipitation figure was for a period covering from 5 p. m. Tuesday to 8 a. m. today.

While the western part of the state of Oregon felt the brunt of rainfall which was translated into slides, swollen rivers and washouts, the Klamath country was experiencing a public roadbed. This is a powerful force pointed out, and those involved should halt the practice immediately. An investigation was ordered.

The Oregon state police office was deluged this morning, not with rain but with telephone calls. Officers said it appeared as if everyone wanted to travel and was interested in road conditions out of the basin. Portland-bound cars were advised that the only safe route was over the Wapinitia cut-off, as the Willamette pass is closed at Goshen.

Locally, officers said, no difficulty was being experienced as far as road conditions go. There have been no accidents attributed to rain covered highways.

The highway to the south is in good condition and the Lakeview highway was reported okay except for a stretch of eight miles on the east side of Quartz mountain where the road is badly cut up. There is no snow on the stretch.

Southern Pacific officials here advised all trains north and south bound were running on schedule and an 11:30 a. m. check with Eugene said that the trains were going out on time up to that point. There are no slides on the line as far as the local district goes.

The California Oregon Power company said no reports of difficulty following last night's rain had been received. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company advised some 18 phones affected but crews were making repairs as fast as possible. The rain caused no cable trouble, according to Manager Chuck Seavey.

County Roads In Good Shape

The snowy and wet weather thus far has not had too much effect on county roads with the exception of some washouts in other roads very soon.

No work other than necessary snow-plowing has been carried out by the county road department since just after Christmas because of shortage of funds, Hector said. It was decided to lay off for six weeks or two months during the winter rather than to risk running out of money while spring work was in progress.

In addition to the Klamath buses, the Pacific highway buses have demanded servicing here and the big vehicles were arriving in bunches of twos and threes, at two and three-hour intervals, bus station officials said.

Merchants In Tule Organize

TULELAKE, Jan. 7 — Tulelake merchants organized Monday night at the chamber of commerce and formed the Tulelake Merchants association, first such group to be established here. There was an exceptionally fine turnout and Fred Fischer, manager of Reeder and Mills, was elected president.

Vice president of the association is D. R. Simpson, sheet metal shop operator, and secretary is B. G. Boyd, recently in the electrical business. Members of the planning committee named are Don Potter, Charles Card, Don Webster and P. C. Bergman; by-laws committee, Floyd Boyd, Ronald Rinebarger and A. A. Rodenberg. W. G. Nogle and Clayton Rudisill were named to contact a representative of the Merchants Credit Service, Inc., in Klamath Falls.

The association was formed to create interest in future community events, city improvement, and to stimulate buying in the Tulelake area with this city as the shopping center.

Colored films of the recent Christmas parade and party were shown by Vern Clark of Reeder and Mills. This group sponsored the holiday event. Meetings are slated for the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month in the chamber of commerce. The next session is January 12, at which time a member of the Merchants bureau is expected to attend.

Fire Razes NYC Pier

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (AP)—A 1000-foot pier and its cargo were destroyed, a freighter damaged and two barges burned in a \$1,500,000 fire-alarm fire which raged on the Brooklyn waterfront early today.

Lower Manhattan and a large section of the harbor were lit up at the height of the blaze.

The pier fire, which broke out shortly before midnight (EST), was reported under control about 1 a. m. but burned into the daylight hours.

Three hundred firemen with five fireboats and 35 pieces of land apparatus fought the flames. Four firemen fell overboard from a fireboat and were taken to a hospital for treatment of submersion.

The SS Rio Parana, an 8408-ton freighter of the Argentine state merchant fleet, was towed away into the East river where the crew and fireboats extinguished the fire. The freighter blazed up again a short time later, but the flames again were quickly extinguished. Police said the ship was not badly damaged.

There were conflicting reports as to whether the fire started on the ship or pier.

Time's Up!

The period of leniency on the part of state police toward late 1948 license getters was over and officers advised that any motorist driving without the red and aluminum plate or evidence of application will face the consequences.

Licenses were due Jan. 1, 1948. In the meantime, 5388 temporary permits had been issued up to 11 o'clock this morning from the license bureau on the first floor of the courthouse. Permits were being sought at the rate of about 500 per day, and today there appeared no let-up in the demand.

16 Killed In Two Plane Crashes

PARIS, Jan. 7 (AP)—Sixteen persons perished and seven others were hurt in two separate European plane crashes last night. Three Americans were among the dead.

An Air France DC-4 from Brussels crashed and burned while coming in for a landing at Le Bourget airport in Paris, killing 15 of the 16 persons aboard, including the three Americans.

Air France identified the Americans as: Mrs. Jane Wallace Burrell, 36, visa clerk in the U. S. Embassy here, of 94 Old Army road; Scarsdale, N. Y., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Harold Wallace, also of Scarsdale. The embassy said Mrs. Burrell had been in Brussels on leave.

John Poveri, address not immediately available. Louis Sibre, address not immediately available.

Hundreds Flee As Willamette Roars To 15.7 Foot Peak

EUGENE, Jan. 7 (AP)—Three persons, trapped in a small cable-operated ferry over the Rogue river at Ilahe in Southern Oregon's mountain wilderness, drowned as raging flood waters, roaring over all of the western part of the state, reached their crest today.

Here, where 1400 people were evacuated to safety last night, the Willamette river roared to a 15.7-foot peak at 4 a. m. Three hours later it had subsided almost imperceptibly and the weather bureau said the worst had passed.

Word of the triple drowning last night came from the Siskiyou forest service by radio. The victims were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lockey, caretakers at the summer lodge of A. T. Jergins, Long Beach, Calif., and their guest, Mrs. Ross Cooper.

Man Swims For Aid Rex Wilson, Siskiyou fire control officer, said that the Agness station radioed news of the drownings. The three were said to have been swept away in a stalled power tram. Ross Cooper, husband of one of the drowned women, swam ashore for aid and saved his own life, the Agness station reported.

As the rain-swollen Willamette surged northward from here through the 100-mile-long rich farmland route to the Columbia river, 1400 evacuees jammed the Red Cross dormitory, Springfield high school, improvised trailer camps and hundreds of private homes.

There was no loss of life here directly attributed to the flood, although 3-year-old Arthur Boyd of adjacent Springfield drowned in a drainage ditch around which he was playing.

Until the waters subside—and further rains are expected to slow the recession—no damage estimates will be attempted. In past years, notably in 1943 and 1945, loss was in the millions of dollars. Current flood levels are slightly less than in those years.

Tributaries Falling Elmer Fisher, weather bureau river forecaster at Portland, said further rise was unlikely as most tributaries were falling.

Downstream as the Willamette and the Santiam, a major tributary, roared out of their banks, people were evacuated in scattered localities in preparation for the crest. It is only in this area, however, that large numbers live in the water-saturated lowlands.

Suburban Glenwood, always hard hit in a flood, was wholly evacuated last night after the corps of engineers at Portland ordered its emergency flood plan into operation and the Lane county disaster program went into effect.

Much of Glenwood is a huge trailer camp. All trailers were taken to high ground in Eugene and Springfield, electric connections were made by the Red Cross and the residents were little discommoded. Those living in permanent dwellings were housed in emergency quarters.

Families Rescued Fanned McKenzie river boatmen patrolled the river last night but reported only two families required rescuing. Others had gotten out ahead of the flood. Mrs. Cora Pirtle, Red Cross director here, credited the county's disaster program with averting loss of life in this vicinity.

"Everything is calm here this morning," she said. "We are feeding the evacuees and just waiting for the river to go down. There were practically no unusual incidents last night because we had planned for everything. Glenwood was evacuated and people living in known danger areas at other points near here were taken out."

Families began moving out of low areas south of Salem today. All of Western Oregon and parts of Western Washington suffered from overflowing streams, hillside slippage and blocked highways.

All Lowlands Quagmires The torrential downpours of six days, coupled with warm weather melting snow in the mountains, made every lowland point a quagmire. Typical of the rainfall was here where in 40 hours ending at 2 a. m. today, 4.85 inches fell.

Southern Oregon's Rogue and its tributaries were up, isolating communities and flooding out isolated settlers. A tent colony in Douglas county on Myrtle creek was swept away, making a dozen families homeless. The coastal area of Southern Oregon, swept by wind and rain, had road washouts and power and telephone failures. Reedsport merchants sandbagged their buildings today as the Umpqua overflowed.

Highway 99, and the Coast highway, the main north-south arteries west of the Cascade mountains were closed by high water and the Columbia River highway east of Portland had one-way traffic due to slides.

The Evergreen highway in Washington, paralleling the Columbia river, was closed as water-logged ground gave way under the highway edge east of Bingen. Union Pacific main line tracks east of Portland were closed by a slide and trains were re-routed to the Washington side of the river.

Youth Held On Car Count

Willis Glen Pigg, 21, of 4631 Freida, was committed to the county jail this morning after he pleaded guilty to driving a car while his operator's license was suspended, and to disorderly conduct.

Old Masters Now Flood Threat To Trailers

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Jan. 7 (AP)—The newspaper Uj Hitek said today gypsy thieves had taken five old master paintings from an uninhabited castle at Bodogkvarajka, bolted them in water and used the canvas as uppers for homemade shoes. The report said remnants of a painting by Velasquez were discovered later in a gypsy hut, but that four Titians disappeared completely as footwear.

Most of the residents are married students of Washington State college and their families. Preparations were being made to evacuate them to the college commons temporarily for food and shelter and emergency housing was being sought in the town of Pullman.

Seepage already has permitted considerable water to flow into the area. A few farm buildings in the district were invaded by water and three business firms at the edge of town were surrounded by the flood.

Late Spud Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7 (AP)—Potatoes: 9 broken, 6 unbroken cars on track; arrivals: California 3, Oregon 3; market firm; Klamath Russets No. 1A \$4.75

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7 (AP)—Potatoes: 19 broken, 31 unbroken cars on track; arrivals: California 5, Oregon 1, Idaho 6, Utah 3; 25 cars arrived by truck; market slightly stronger; Idaho Russets No. 1 size A \$4.65-70; one car of large \$4.85.

Dalles-California Only North-South Highway Open

SALEM, Jan. 7 (AP)—Traffic on Western Oregon highways was almost paralyzed today, with the Pacific highway, Oregon Coast highway and 15 other roads closed by slides and high water.

The state highway commission said several other routes probably will be closed in the next 24 hours, and advised motorists to stay home. The only north-south highway open today was The Dalles-California highway, which also was plagued by high water. The water, however, was reported receding.

Travel on the Columbia River highway was slowed by slides 36 and 71 miles east of Portland, but one-way traffic was restored after a closure last night.

The highway commission warned that snow and ice are expected in the Cascade mountains tonight. The South Umpqua river bridge, four miles south of Roseburg, was washed out today. The Pacific highway also was closed by high water today at Canby, between Portland and Salem, at Harrisburg, south of Eugene and south of Grants Pass. The Oregon Coast highway was closed between Coquille and Bandon.

Other roads closed include the Alsea highway, where there is a slide 27 miles west of Philomath; the South Santiam, the Clackamas, Cascade, Woodburn-Estacada, Siuslaw, Junction City-Eugene secondary, Territorial, Richardson, Springfield-Creswell, Medford-Provost, Kings Valley, Halsey-Brownsville, Corvallis East Side, and the old Pacific highway at Jefferson.

No detours were available today around the closed roads. The 9 a. m. road report also said: Government Camp—32 degrees, snowing, 29 inches roadside snow, pavement bare except between Salmon river and Bear Paw. Santiam Junction—36 degrees, raining, patches of packed snow across summit, closed 3 miles west of Sweet Home. Odell lake—35 degrees, raining, 1 inch new snow, 42 inches roadside snow, spots of packed snow across summit. McKenzie highway—One-way traffic because of slide 26 miles east of Eugene. Willamette highway—One-way traffic because of slides in Oak-ridge area. Sherans secondary highway—One-way traffic because of slides.

Today Is Christmas Day In Russia

MOSCOW, Jan. 7 (AP)—This is Christmas Day in Russia, and although it is not an official holiday many believers still observe it.

Worshippers thronged Moscow's Cathedral of the Resurrection and other orthodox churches throughout the Soviet Union last night for Christmas Eve services. The crowds were somewhat smaller than in past years, however, because of the bitter cold—18 below in Moscow.