

VALLEY FLOODS CLAIM SIX LIVES

In The Day's News

WEATHER
Max. (Jan. 7) 39
Precipitation last 24 hrs. 0.0
Stream year to date. Nil
Forecast partly cloudy
Last year 3.74 Normal 3.95

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Waves Pound Disabled Russ Ship

THE Russian government at Moscow announces today the signing of a new trade treaty with Norway. This new agreement, the Moscow announcement says, "will result in a significant increase in the mutual exchange of goods between the two countries."

THERE is a tip there for us. If we're really going to rebuild Western Europe, we'll have to make up our minds to BUY what Western Europeans have to SELL.

It was a knockout. They got an immediate, but a stated response. Here was something new and fascinating. Here were men saying seriously NOT what can we sell to you but WHAT CAN WE BUY FROM YOU?

EVERYBODY knows that Los Angeles has grown amazingly. It has grown by TRADE. While it has been building factories to make things to sell to the rapidly growing West, it has been providing a market for the things produced elsewhere in the West.

HERE is an interesting little note in the news: At the village of Hof, near Frankfurt, in the American zone of Germany, a RUSSIAN ZONE housewife was arrested this morning and charged with trying to enter the U. S. zone illegally with smuggled food.

Among the food items she had smuggled into our zone were TWO SMOKED CATS AND A SMOKED DOG.

THIS trifling little tale brings out two significant facts with amazing clarity. Except in the black markets, where the speculators in human misery come to spend their ill-gotten gains, food really is scarce in most of Europe. Especially meat.

THE other pregnant fact brought out by this little squib in the news of the day is this: No matter how sternly the communist rulers of Russia might try to prevent it (if they did try), no matter what our government might do to lay obstacles in the way of it (if we should be so foolish as to adopt such a policy), trade between free enterprise America and its zones of influence and communist Russia and its zones of influence will go on NATURALLY, even if illegally, wherever the two zones meet if people on one side want what people on the other side want.

PUT this in your pipe and smoke it: Such trade tends to BRING PEOPLES CLOSE TOGETHER, thus making WAR LESS LIKELY. TRADE is a great civilizing influence.

Super-Efficient Sleuthing Work
FRANKLIN, Pa., Jan. 8 (AP)—City policemen started scratching their heads on looking over the 1947 report of Police Chief F. M. Sheffer. Among the figures were:

"Automobiles stolen, 23; recovered, 25."
"Bicycles stolen, 11; recovered, 12."

But then Sheffer explained the "super-recoveries" were a hold-over from December, 1946, a bookkeeping practice followed by his department.

Three Youths Hurt When Car Plunges Off Sun Grade
Three deaf mutes suffered injuries at mid-afternoon Wednesday when their northbound car went out of control on the Sun mountain stretch of highway 97, plunged over the steep embankment on the left and came to rest 87 feet below the road bed against a sturdy pine tree.

State police, called to the scene by a passing motorist who stopped at the Fort Klamath junction, said the tree held the 1929 convertible coupe and prevented the car from continuing down the precipitous grade which undoubtedly would have caused serious injury to the trio.

Officers received their information through a question-and-answer system of note writing and said that Wayne Leslie Hartshorn, 18, of Williamsport, Pa., was driver of the car. Hartshorn told the officers he was headed north at about 2:45 p. m. when he applied brakes. The left wheel locked and threw the car over the embankment. It overturned at least five times before it

Satellites Lean Toward Danger Area

LONDON, Jan. 8 (AP)—Eastern Europe's Soviet satellites are preparing to recognize the communist Greek "government" of Markos Vafiades despite western warnings that the move will bring about a major international crisis, high diplomatic authorities representing those countries said here today.

These informants, who said that the ultimate objective of the communists was to capture Athens itself, predicted that recognition of the Vafiades regime was at most a question of months.

Only yesterday Britain and the United States advised Yugoslavia and Bulgaria of the "serious implications" of such a step, which they said would be contrary to the principles of the United Nations charter.

Reinforcing this warning was a disclosure that Britain has deferred indefinitely a scheduled early evacuation of her 5000 troops in Greece.

Moreover, according to official spokesmen, she has reached a "broad agreement" with the United States not only on joint diplomatic action to be taken in the event of recognition, but also on military steps to support the Athens regime in its fluctuating fight against the guerrillas.

"Every means short of war" will be used by the British and American governments to keep Greece within their own strategic and ideological orbit, one government source said.

With Greece under communist control, Russia would have a strong foothold in the Eastern Mediterranean which would enable her to dominate not only the economically weak Arab states but also the west-inclined countries of Southern Europe.

Turkey would be effectively isolated from the west by a chain of states sympathetic to Russia's international policies.

The route to Iran—and to the other Arab countries producing much of the world's oil—would be accessible only with the greatest difficulty.

Kuter To Head CAB Board
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP)—President Truman today selected Maj. Gen. Laurence S. Kuter for chairmanship of the civil aeronautics board, succeeding James M. Landis.

In order to clear the way for Kuter's nomination, Mr. Truman asked congressional action on a bill to enable him to serve as a member of the board without disturbing its military status.

Kuter is the United States representative on the council of the international civil aviation organization.

Landis was dropped as CAB chairman at the end of last year. Mr. Truman gave no explanation of his decision not to reappoint the former New Dealer to the post.

Kuter is 42, a native of Rockford, Ill., and a graduate of the military academy.

All That's Left Of Old "Three-Foot"



John A. Schuster, left, and Frank Hiatt of Klamath Falls, are shown above with all that is left of old "Three-Foot," a cougar of substantial dimensions that won quite a reputation for himself as both criminal and trap-evader in the Sardinia creek country of neighboring Jackson county. The Klamath men reported that there had been a lot of unsuccessful attempts to snare the cougar, and on one occasion, when caught, he chewed off a front foot and left it in a trap. He had just killed a deer before he stepped into a Hiatt and Schuster trap on Hiatt's Sardinia creek property, December 31. A bullet in the head ended his career, and Jackson county paid a \$60 bounty. "Three-Foot" measured 7 feet 4 inches from nose to tail.

Sun Breaks Through After Long Siege Of Rain Here

Overcast skies and low hanging clouds of yesterday were replaced by bright sun and lowering temperatures today as the Klamath basin experienced another vagary of Old Man Winter.

The minimum temperature was reported as 25 degrees by the CAA watherman early this morning as compared with a previous 24-hour minimum of 39.

Shuttle service continued south of Dunsuir this morning and both The Cascade and The Beaver, north-bound over Southern Pacific, were slated to be at least eight hours late in here today. Southbound traffic was on time, but held up at Dunsuir where the raging Sacramento river washed out a 200-foot bridge and considerable track at Castle Crags, just south of Dunsuir.

Passengers, mail and baggage were removed from both north and south bound trains and moved by bus around the washout, and until this morning all freight was routed through Alturas and Sparks, Nev. SP men said this practice was stopped today and freight went through Dunsuir and will be held there until the bridge and tracks are in order. Crews from Eugene, Klamath Falls and Sacramento were dispatched to the scene immediately on word of the washout yesterday and SP Trainmaster W. C. Hughes, who was in Dunsuir yesterday, said the Sacramento was receding.

Hughes said there were no slides on the line. Mountain roads covered with slush yesterday, had ice today. At Odell lake on the Willamette highway, the temperature was 23 degrees at 9 a. m. there was two inches of new snow, 44 inches of roadside snow. It was icy from the tunnel east but crews were sanding. They were also sanding the icy spots on Sun mountain of highway 97, where the low reading was 27 degrees. Two inches of fresh snow fell on the stretch last night, bringing roadside snow to 29 inches. It was frosty on the Greensprings highway.

The Pacific highway is now open to one-way traffic south of the Springfield junction, and two-way traffic will probably be open late today, the state highway report advised.

Chinese Slay U. S. Marine
TSINGTAO, China, Jan. 8 (AP)—Slaying of a U. S. marine by Chinese communists at a remote village in North China was reported today by the Chinese commander of the Tsingtao garrison. He said the victim was one of five leather-necks missing on a Christmas Day hunting trip.

U. S. navy headquarters declined either to confirm or deny the report, made by Gen. Ting Chi-pan at a news conference. The navy continued to withhold the identities of the five.

U. S. Directs Rescue Craft In Jap Area

TOKYO, Jan. 8 (AP)—Fifty foot waves lashed the disabled Russian ship Dvina off Northeast Japan today, but her condition was regarded as improved and officials considered towing the vessel and her 780 passengers to safety.

Three rescue ships were standing by and six others were hurrying toward the leaking vessel, which had been pounded by massive waves 24 hours. The heavy seas prevented any attempt to remove the passengers during a day-long, American-directed rescue effort.

Standing by the stricken ship at nightfall were a Russian patrol boat, the tanker Yoko Maru and the freighter Taihoku Maru, the latter two Japanese manned. A second Russian ship was reported two hours distant and six American controlled but Japanese-manned vessels were en route to lend assistance.

The Far East air force reported that a rescue plane would circle the Dvina throughout the night.

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Earlier reports had said the ship might sink in a few hours. An American airman reported at 11 a. m. (9 p. m. Wednesday, EST) that the Dvina's decks were awash. Later, the crew of a B-29 reconnaissance plane said—after circling the ship five hours—they had been unable to contact the ship by radio or blinker signal.

"While we were over the ship, a Japanese tanker approached and came within 200 yards of the Russian ship and stopped," said Lt. Henry Deutscheroff of Tulsa, pilot of the B-29 reconnaissance plane.

"We were flying at 1000 feet and were unable to see whether the tanker got a line aboard."

One of the Dvina's first distress messages, yesterday had reported "It is necessary to remove passengers immediately." It added that waves surging across her decks were filling the ship and that she had only one lifeboat.

"I could not sight any rafts or boats on or above the deck of the ship," said Lt. Erik W. Foged of Omaha, a crew member of the returned B-29.

"None of us could sight anyone in the water around the ship," added S. D. A. Mervet of Watertown, S. D. "The temperature over the Russian boat was 29 below freezing centigrade. Anyone who fell into the water or washed overboard would have been frozen in the icy water."

Franklin Rites Set
Marie Loraine Franklin, allegedly slain by her husband November 30 and buried for a month in the back yard of the Franklin home near the airport, will be given a formal burial at San Andreas, Calif., Ward's funeral home announced today.

The body has been at Ward's since it was exhumed from the backyard grave January 3 by state police, after Homer Franklin had confessed the killing.

Two sisters of Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. Claire Adams of Woodland, Calif., and Mrs. Grace Ferrell, Sutter Creek, Calif., were here this week making arrangements for the burial. The body will be shipped to San Andreas Saturday. The funeral services will be private, they said. Mrs. Ferrell and Mrs. Franklin were twins.

Some estate is said to be involved, and Attorney R. F. McLaren was retained to look after that matter. Mrs. Franklin is said to have left a will.

While here the sisters inquired about a diamond ring reportedly belonging to Mrs. Franklin which her husband is said to have sold recently.

Switzerland Newspapers Headline Rumors Of Stalin's Death, But Say Story May Be "Wishful Thinking"

BERN, Switzerland, Jan. 8 (AP)—Two Bern newspapers speculated today that Prime Minister Stalin was dead. The Soviet embassy in London said there was nothing to the rumor.

Der Bund headlined its story "Stalin Dead?" in one edition, but changed this later to "About Stalin." This newspaper has good access to government news sources in the Swiss capital. It said death had been the subject of conversations in the federal council, chief executive authority of Switzerland.

"There is a serious background to these reports," Der Bund said. It called the rumor "the topic of the day in Moscow." How it learned this was not clear. No Bern newspaper has a Moscow correspondent.

A socialist newspaper, the Berner Tagwacht, used the headline "Stalin Died?" It reported: "Obviously the report of the death of Stalin was nourished and a certain credence given it by previous reports that Stalin was sick, that he was on crutches, and that a Swedish cancer specialist had been summoned to Moscow." Some of these reports, it added, might be attributed to "wishful thinking."

The Swedish cancer specialist is Dr. Ellis Berven. He arrived in Moscow this week on a summons from four Russian doctors who said they wished to consult with him.

The Russian leader is 68 years old.

Greeks Order More Guns
ATHENS, Jan. 8 (AP)—Inf. Gen. William G. Livesey, chief of the U. S. military mission in Greece, disclosed today that the Greek government has ordered 40,000 rifles and necessary ammunition from England to arm an augmented Greek national guard.

The cost, amounting to \$3,000,000, will be paid from frozen foreign exchange of Greek citizens in Britain, he said.

The United States, through its aid mission, approved an increase in the size of the national guard earlier this week from 20,000 men to 50,000 men. The army is to be increased from 120,000 to 132,000 men and freed of its security duties in order to concentrate on seeking out and attacking communist guerrillas.

Chamber Asks Marine Depot
Klamath chamber of commerce was on record today in favor of an invitation to the government to establish a marine corps supply depot at Klamath Falls.

This depot for the Pacific coast operations of the USMC was originally proposed for San Francisco, but there has been objection in that quarter because of fear it would bring an attack in time of war. The chamber of commerce industrial development committee, however, said it believes Klamath should make itself available as a site for the depot, and the directors agreed at their Wednesday meeting.

The chamber board went on record as favoring anything that can be done here to assist the Lake county chamber in improving mail service into Lakeview.

C. Michelson Dies At 79
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP)—Charles Michelson, 79, newspaperman and former publicity director of the democratic national committee, died today.

He had been ill and confined for months to his apartment where he died.

Michelson, veteran political writer, took over as democratic press agent in 1929 and held the post for 13 years.

In 1940 he promoted a third term for Franklin D. Roosevelt — the first ever given a president. Michelson had been chief Washington correspondent for the New York World for 12 years before taking the party job—which eventually paid him \$25,000 a year.

Top Doctor



Dr. Archer Chester of Sudan, honored by the American Medical association as the "family doctor of the year," smiles as he arrives in Cleveland for the mid-winter meeting of the association. Dr. Chester is now practicing in Denver, but was singled out for work done as a general practitioner in the little mountain community of Kremmling, Colo.

Judge Ponders Easter Case

A preliminary hearing was conducted this morning in justice court for William J. Easter, 56-year-old California street grocer, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, and Judge J. A. Mahoney took the case under advisement for 24 hours.

Easter is accused of shooting and slightly wounding a neighbor and customer, Richard Gaskins, 58, during an argument over lemons at the store December 6. He is free on \$1000 bail and represented by U. S. Balentine and R. F. McLaren, attorneys.

Gaskins and two city police officers testified at the hearing. Gaskins telling of the argument and how Easter obtained a 32-20 calibre revolver in a small room back of the store.

Gaskins said he followed Easter into the room and when the grocer stepped behind him and pinned his arms. But Easter was able to twist one arm around and fire a shot which grazed Gaskins' left side, the testimony added.

Lake O' Woods Hit By Snow

Two feet of snow fell at Lake O' Woods from New Year's Day through January 2, the fall totaling more than the entire season's depth according to caretaker Ed Morse who was in Klamath Falls yesterday.

Morse said it started snowing last Thursday and it looked as if winter residents of the resort would be snowed in for the rest of the season. He and George Bosley, caretaker at the resort, made it out in a truck but the going was tough, Morse reported.

There was no ice skating at the lake and much of the ice is now gone or snow covered. A high wind whipped the lake New Year's Day and a number of trees fell across the road. Morse said these had to be removed before the trip could be made out of the lake area but that a check on summer homes showed no damage due to the high wind.

GP Mayor Quits Post

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Jan. 8 (AP)—J. A. Wharton, mayor of Grants Pass since 1943, resigned Wednesday evening.

Morris Milbank, city council president and owner of the Rogue River Box company in Grants Pass, was named by the city council to fill the term which expires in 1949.

Wharton listed increased pressure of business as the reason for his action. He has operated a sporting goods store here since 1907. Wharton has been called "Dean of the Rogue" because of his command of fishing lore. His brother, Charles Wharton, recently resigned after serving as mayor of Roseburg. The Wharton family came to Oregon in 1887 from Worcester, Mass.

Succeeding Milbank as president of the city council is D. C. McGregor, owner of a variety store here.

140 Unit Rental Housing Project Slated For Klamath

Serious need for more rental housing in Klamath Falls and its environs was described in a motion picture by the board of directors of the Klamath County chamber of commerce yesterday, on recommendation of the chamber's housing committee.

Crest Slated To Hit Salem Late Today

By The Associated Press
Six floodwater deaths were counted today in the Pacific Northwest as rivers began to recede throughout widely scattered valley areas of Oregon, Washington and North Idaho.

Oregon's Central Willamette valley areas, however, braced for the flood crest striking today at Salem, the capital city.

Five of the drownings were in Oregon—three persons in a Rogue river cable car, a horseman attempting to ford Olalla creek, and a 20-month-old Stayton child who fell into a ditch. Washington's lone death, reported today, was Leland H. Williamson, 24, a White Salmon, Wash., tractor driver who plunged into a swollen stream when a bridge gave way under his machine.

Freezing temperatures over the Inland Empire country of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho last night sharply reduced stream flow. The Palouse river was down markedly today, easing the situation at Pullman, Wash., where 300 Washington State college students had been evacuated from trailer homes.

At St. Maries, Idaho, lowland residents were prepared last night to flee, but recession of the water spared their homes. Some 2000 acres were flooded at the peak.

Rain Slacks Oregon light and scattered showers replaced the torrential downpour which, continuing for days, had pushed all rivers into flood.

The 1400 evacuees of the Glenwood area at Eugene prepared to return to their homes today as the Upper Willamette fell sharply. The river's crest passed Corvallis at 6 a. m. today 2.8 feet above flood stage and began falling slowly. Only 31 people there reported to the Red Cross for shelter.

South of Salem, however, hundreds of families moved out of their homes. The Willamette was 6.4 feet above flood stage this morning and was still rising toward its expected evening crest 8 feet above.

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