

# ROARING SNOWSLIDE KILLS TWO

## In The Day's News

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THERE'S always a certain amount of Russia in the news. The top item on today's menu concerns a couple of U. S. army officers who were arrested in Korea's Russian zone while trying to watch a parade of North Korea's "people's" army. According to all accounts, they were held about a half hour and then turned loose.

THIS is the point: General Hodge, our commander in Korea, says Soviet officers there have COMPLETE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT and can take pictures, including those of military parades, whereas when OUR people begin to slouch around they're arrested. We don't like it—naturally.

THIS is probably what's cooking: Russia has set up a communist government in her part of Korea—with an ARMY and all the trimmings. Figuring that she has the situation sewed up, she'll soon propose to get the RUSSIAN army out of North Korea. She will then demand that we get OUR army out of South Korea.

In that event (presumably) the Russian puppet government would boom down with its army and GRAB SOUTH KOREA. Whereupon the Russians would shrug their shoulders and say it was a local ruckus and they couldn't do anything about it. That's the kind of world we're living in.

WHAT'S the answer? If we let ourselves get weak and helpless, the Russians will probably take us. If we stay too strong to be safely monkeyed with, they won't. That's about the long and the short of it.

ON the home front, economists of the department of agriculture tell us not to get too hopeful about lower meat prices. Meat, they say, is really scarce now and is getting scarcer because the number of meat animals on farms is decreasing.

Keep your fingers crossed. If 140 million people ate a little less meat every day, it wouldn't be so scarce. You never can tell what people will do.

SAM BALDOCK, Oregon's state highway engineer, says this morning a proposed bridge over the Willamette at Independence would now cost \$900,000, whereas in 1940 it would have cost about \$450,000. The route is at present served by a free ferry.

Again—The state of Oregon MIGHT decide to GO ON serving the route by a free ferry. When things are priced higher than people want to pay, you never can tell what will happen.

FOR that reason, an economy built on prices that are too high is always stinky. Besides who wants to live in a country where you have to be always DOING WITHOUT things? That is what has hamstringed the bulk of Europe.

So let's go on hoping prices come down just enough, but not too much. That would fix us up beautifully.

FRED GOTTSCALK, President of the Forest Products Research Society, says at Portland that the time is likely to come when alcohol produced from woodwaste in the Pacific Northwest may compete with gasoline and oil. It can now be produced for about 30 cents per gallon, he adds, and with bigger volume can be made cheaper.

When will that be? Gottschalk says it will happen when increased uses are found for the by-products of wood distillation. At present, lignin is the big by-product—and so far it is a mystery. Find what to do with lignin (at a profit) and a vast new industry will be created for the Northwest.

WHO says there's no future for smart young men in this country? NOBODY but the saps and the demagogues.

## Television Is Near Reality

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP)—Lawrence Phillips, director of the Dumont network, said today television already is available to a potential audience of 31,000,000 persons. Phillips, in an address to the advertising women of New York, predicted that 50 television stations would be in operation by the end of 1948. He also forecast that 750,000 receiving sets would be distributed during the year.

## FBI Probes Vet Complaints Of Cheating On Housing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP)—FBI agents are working on complaints from thousands of ex-GI's that they were cheated on veterans' housing. A justice department official who disclosed this today said reports of cheating by outsiders have come in from nearly every part of the country. The largest number, he said, are from Los Angeles, Baltimore, New York, New Orleans, Miami, Dallas and Chicago. Morris Verner, compliance officer for the housing expediter, said 20,000 former soldiers have appealed to his division alone. Verner said some contractors left a full room out of the houses they

WEATHER table with columns for Max, Min, Precipitation, Stream, Last year, and Forecast.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## Sheriff's Race Dies Down After Seven File For Job; Langslet Up For Treasurer

No more prospective sheriffs got their names added to the lengthy list of candidates today—there are now six republican and one democratic hopefuls—but the filing deadline is still over three weeks distant, plenty of time for more to come in.

## Meyers Up On Tax Count

BALTIMORE, Feb. 17 (AP)—A federal grand jury today indicted retired Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers on a charge he evaded \$15,658 worth of income taxes.

Meyers was the army air forces No. 2 equipment buyer during the war and central figure of a sensational investigation in Washington. The 52-year-old army careerist man was accused today of reporting of \$3808 income in 1941 when he actually made \$36,201. Federal prosecutors explained audits of General Meyers' income and tax payments for more recent years are not yet complete.

Today's charge was filed because the time in which a 1941 violation must be prosecuted is about to run out. At his Long Island estate Gen. Meyers said the government charge is "absolutely ridiculous."

The indictment said he "willfully and knowingly" attempted to "defraud and evade" a 1941 income tax of \$15,824 by making a "false and fraudulent" return on which he paid \$175.63.

Revelations that the general made personal profits in aircraft products led to several investigations last fall. Gen. H. H. Arnold, wartime commander of the air forces, told a congressional hearing Meyers was a "rotten apple" and a "disgrace to the uniform."

Meyers also is under federal indictment in Washington on charges he lied to a senate investigating committee and induced an associate to back him up.

## Jail Break Artist Nailed

PORTLAND, Feb. 17 (AP)—Wesley E. Davis, whose toothache aided in one of four jail breaks he made in 1946, is in again. The 20-year-old Portlander was arrested last night by Detectives Vern McCabe and Gordon Putnam on charges of grand larceny and escape.

Police department records outline his busy 1946 this way: In January he escaped from the county jail at Mount Vernon, Wash., but was recaptured and later paroled. In November, in jail a Baker on a car theft charge, he complained of a toothache and returning from the dentist's, broke away from the sheriff. He was recaptured and paroled to his father in Portland. Shortly thereafter he was arrested at Weiser, Ida., on a Portland motorcycle theft charge but fled at the jail door. Jailed again at Vale, he tried to escape but failed. In December, he saved his way out of the Portland city jail.

McCabe said Davis reported he subsequently had been in the Kansas state reformatory.

## Stalin Effigy Found In Seattle

SEATTLE, Feb. 17 (AP)—A stuffed, life-sized dummy labeled "Joe Stalin" was found swinging 40 feet beneath Seattle's Aurora bridge early today. The figure was tied by a rope to a girder under the bridge. The dummy, unrecognizable but for the sign, had a face typical of a snowman, and was dressed in a cap, jacket, pants and shoes. There was no indication of the perpetrators' identity.

## Bus Strike Meet Called

SEATTLE, Feb. 17 (AP)—Northwest Greyhound Lines and union representatives were to meet this afternoon in a resumption of negotiations designed to avert a crippling Pacific Northwest bus strike. Negotiations have been deadlocked for three months over demands of the AFL Motor Coach Employees' union, local 1151, Portland, for a 20-cent an hour pay increase. The union rejected a company offer of a 5-cent boost last month, and empowered its negotiators to take strike action if a satisfactory contract cannot be obtained. Federal Conciliator William G. Hoste said today's meeting would be held in his office.

# Klamath and News

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## National Guard Men Look Over Reel Unit



This contraption is a reel unit RL-26-A, in military parlance, and is used in the back end of a truck for laying or picking up simultaneously two strands of communication wire. The reels on this unit are motor operated and were being uncrated for an equipment display coming up for National Guard recruits in a week slated for the first week in March. Looking on, left to right, Pvt. Vernon Kenaga, Pvt. Dalton James, and S/Sgt. A. F. Brockie.

## Senate Banking Committee Favors Rent Curb Extension

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP)—The senate banking committee unanimously favors extending rent controls 14 months with some changes. The house banking committee has voted 18 to 5 to continue the existing law "as is" for one month. It would decide later about a longer extension and any changes. But members of both committees predicted today the house and the senate will get together on one of the two proposals—or a compromise—by February 29. The present law expires then.

## Pine Men To Go To Meet

Several Klamath county lumbermen were planning to take off this week for San Francisco to attend the Western Pine association's annual one-day members' meeting at the Palace hotel.

## Cab Driver Shot To Death

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 17 (AP)—A 28-year-old taxi cab driver—one of 1100 on strike against the Yellow Cab company—was shot and killed on a downtown street corner early today. Police Inspector Edward Maas said the victim was Louis E. Di Lenbo. Witnesses, including several other Yellow drivers, were quoted by Maas as saying one shot was fired from a passing taxi into a crowd of eight or 10 taxi men standing on a street corner in Pittsburgh's Golden triangle.

## No Tobacco—That's An Order

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP)—Mounted Patrolman James Whipper doesn't mind strangers feeding his horse. Apples, carrots—sugar? Okay! Tobacco? Not. Whipper brought a man into Magistrate Abraham Bloch's Upper Manhattan court last night and testified: "He was feeding chewing tobacco to a dummy horse." The man pleaded guilty, but Bloch suspended sentence on the man's promise he would not offer a chew to any more horses.

## Puerto Ricans Plan Protest

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Feb. 17 (AP)—Police said today youths asking independence would picket President Truman here Saturday. Col. Salvador T. Roigs, insular police chief, said adequate protection would be provided both the U. S. president and the picketers. "Provided picketing is carried out peacefully and in an orderly manner, we have no authority to squelch it," he said.

## Atom Bomb Test Hinted

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## Late Spud Bulletin

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17 (AP)—USDA—Potatoes: 44 unbroken, 42 broken cars on track; arrived: California 1, Idaho 2, Utah 1, Colorado 1, by truck 10. Idaho Russets No. 1-A, medium, 5.20-35, mostly 5.25; small as low as 5.00.

## Land Unit Date March 15th

Everything is pointing to having the homestead drawing March 15, as planned, U. S. reclamation bureau officials stated today. Of the 4024 applicants received for the 44 homesteads to be opened in the Coppock Bay area of Northern California, there were around 1000 rejections. Some 300 appeals have been received on these to date. The appeals have been sent to the review board in the USBR regional office, Sacramento and applicants will be notified on the decision of the board. All rejections were mailed out last Friday and due time will be allowed for appeals to be made. When the allotted time has elapsed the Sacramento board will convene again. Details for the drawing are being worked out and rejected applicants are urged to get in appeals immediately if they desire to be reconsidered.

## 8 Homes Hit At Washington Ross Dam Site

SEATTLE, Feb. 17 (AP)—A huge snowslide killed two persons, injured three others and demolished eight homes of construction workers last night at Ross dam on the Skagit river. Reports of the tragedy said the slide roared down at 10:10 p. m., without warning. Two families escaped uninjured from their buried homes. The slide was reported to have narrowly missed bunkhouses where more than 50 workers were living. Ross dam is a project of Seattle's municipally-owned city light system. The dead were identified as Mrs. C. A. Royce, wife of the camp's chief electrician, and Eli Newcomb. The latter was the father of a welder foreman, J. E. Newcomb. The injured were Royce, K. G. Johnson, a rigger boss, and Mrs. Johnson.

## Meat Price Skid Halts

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP)—Economists tossed a wet blanket today on consumers' hopes for further price cuts on meat. The meat price dips probably will be short-lived, said agriculture department economists in Washington. Meat animals on farms are decreasing, they added, and consumer demand is expected to continue high.

## Ship Rams Log Boom

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 17 (AP)—The United States freighter Whittier Victory sliced through eight sections of a log boom and mangled 10 tugs in Burrard inlet here Monday night as a blinding snow storm and winds up to 62 miles an hour lashed the Northwest Pacific coast. Another deepsea freighter, the Lake Winnipeg, struck a log boom in the tow of the tug Ceonor in English bay. Seven sections were lost.

## Navy Aids In Whale Study

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 17 (AP)—The navy's best underwater ear ("sonar" submarine detector) was coaxed for whales today. A research vessel was attempting to count them and check their speed southward ten miles off San Diego. The experiment was part of a wider study of a migration of whales from Asiatic and North Pacific waters. Aboard the navy vessel were experts of that service and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. They planned to sound out the whales through tonight.

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## Spectator Adds To Burlesque

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17 (AP)—The striptease gangs at a local burlesque theater were doing some very, very strange steps, and the stage director was calling them to task. "You aren't in step with the music," he complained. "We know it," they answered, "but something is hitting us, and it hurts." Police were called and found William C. Kiele, 23, sitting in the eighth row with a rubber slingshot. They said he was peppering the dancers with half-inch steel staples. Kiele was jailed on charges of suspicion of attack with a deadly weapon. The dancers went on dancing.

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