

# FLOOD CREST EXPECTED TODAY

In The Day's News

## The Herald News

WEATHER  
Max. (May 31) 64 Min. 40  
Precipitation last 24 hours 0.81  
Stream year to date 11.85  
Last year 8.01 Normal 11.13  
Forecast: Fair, tonight, and Wednesday.

PRICE FIVE CENTS KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 1948 Telephone 8111 \*\* No. 1384

### Arab Brass Bombed

### Nine Marines, 13 Navy Men Drown When Liberty Launch Swamps In Hampton Roads

NORFOLK, Va., June 1 (AP)—Twenty-two men—nine marines and 13 navy men—perished in Hampton Roads last night when a navy launch swamped in choppy waters while returning 90 men to their ship after Memorial Day liberty.

### Reds Pushed By US Over Trieste Area

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP)—The United States prodded Russia a third time today for a new reply to the American-British-French proposal to return the free territory of Trieste to Italy.

### 60 Per Cent Vote Predicted In California

SACRAMENTO, Calif., June 1 (AP)—California voters today in a presidential primary election but registrars generally forecast only a 60 per cent turnout.

### Girl Who Doesn't Eat Is Watched

CHUNGKING, China, June 1 (AP)—Yang Mei, China's medical puzzle—a girl who says she never eats—went happily home today after what doctors swear was a three week fast.

### Radio Appeal Here For Clothing Donations For Vanport Flood Victims Draws Response

The Vanport tragedy, miles from Klamath Falls, touched the hearts of many Klamath folks.

### 'Chute Artist At Airport Show



The big crowd at the Progress Days air show at the municipal airport yesterday got an extra thrill out of Bill Bushman's parachute jump, shown in this picture just before he landed on the concrete apron.

### Quiet Holiday Reported Here

Klamath county went through a remarkable accident-free week-end over Memorial Day which was more than most places in the nation could boast.

### Red Cross Okays Cash Donations For Flood Aid

The Klamath county chapter, American Red Cross, today was advised by the San Francisco area office that cash contributions for relief of Northwest flood sufferers, will be accepted by the chapter office here.

### Klamath Progress Days Show Is Success; Huge Crowd Attends

The biggest crowd of people ever congregated at the airport witnessed the second successful day of the Klamath Progress Days air show Monday.

### Reber Loses By 22 Votes

County Commissioner John Reber picked up 20 votes in the official canvass of the 1948 primary election vote—but it wasn't enough to put him ahead for the republican nomination.

### Pocket War Carried To Syria Today

By The Associated Press Jewish bombs dropped today on Amman, where Arab leaders assembled to talk over the newest United Nations peace plea.

### Children Die

The Arabs said two children and four other civilians were killed, but that property damage was slight.

### Wooden Fence Has 'New Look'

SAN FRANCISCO, June 1 (AP)—A tall wooden fence around a store remodeling job has three windows for curious passers-by.

### Traffic Death Figure 404

By The Associated Press More than 400 persons died violently during the nation's extended Memorial Day holiday.

### Schools Used, So Vacation On

PORTLAND, June 1 (AP)—Children of eight Portland grade schools are getting extra vacation because their schools are being used to house flood refugees from Vanport.

## Thousands Flee Columbia Area As Water Gains

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. PORTLAND, Ore., June 1 (AP)—The Columbia river flood, which already had taken a toll of at least 20 lives and property loss of more than \$37,000,000, forced mass evacuation today of a 120-mile section at the lower end of the stream.

The river had already caused the Northwest's greatest disaster as its crest approached the rich farmlands from the Portland area to the sea. Army engineers gave the warning to evacuate, but said many of the thousands of residents already had fled.

The toll of dead will not be known until waters recede. No estimate of damage throughout the area was available, but the Portland housing authority said damage at the crumbled war-housing city of Vanport was \$27,000,000. The only other estimate was \$10,000,000 damage in the Kelso, Woodland and Kalama district of Southwest Washington. Those were only two small areas affected.

Part of Portland's downtown area, including the Union station, was under water today after the Willamette river topped the sea-wall. The station is Portland's only railroad depot, and trains were unable to use it.

The major threats downstream from Portland were at Clatskanie, Rainier, Woodland, Kelso, Longview and Kalama. Those areas, where much of the population is being moved out by army engineers, national guardsmen and civilian agencies, are like vast swamplands.

The Northwest was faced with a power shortage as Bonneville dam was compelled to drop its production 50 per cent. Grand Coulee dam's power output was down 10 per cent. Customers were asked to curb their use of electricity.

But at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, where the Kootenai was falling slightly, flood water still stood two feet deep in the business district. Loss there will total millions of dollars, including 30,000 acres of rich farm land flooded, loss of 1,200,000 bushels of wheat, destruction of dikes which cost \$1,000,000, and damage to more than 300 buildings.

Today the crest was roaring through the great river's Cascade gorge, spilling into the diked area of the lower valley in its rush to the sea. The crest hurried past Eastern Oregon's Umatilla and Washington's Pasco-Kennewick area—at the Hanford plutonium project—and into the gorge at The Dalles yesterday. There it spilled over embankments into low portions of the city, but caused slight damage.

Backwater from the Columbia has pushed the Willamette river creeping back into the industrial and commercial districts of the Pacific coast's second busiest maritime port. Waterfront operations are virtually at a standstill. Docks are under water and water is lapping at the upper edge of the city's downtown seawall.

At Woodland, where the town's 1000 residents were evacuated, the Columbia river embankment was threatened with collapse. The town already is under water varying from a few inches to 14 feet, and collapse of the embankment would add greatly to the damage.