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Fire Rages Wrangell

214 Dead; Flood Adds To Damage; Five States Hit

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—Tornadoes and flood-blitzed five Southern states on the Mississippi River with a terrible fury Friday and left 214 dead and more than 1,000 injured.

Rainstorms swirling on the perimeter of the storm flooded creek and at Scottville, Ky., seven members of one family drowned when their home was washed away.

Even as the rescue workers scrambled through the mud and debris, the storm conditions were being reported by the Weather Bureau that fresh tornadoes might hit this afternoon in Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama.

By nightfall, the bureau added, the storm conditions would extend to the western parts of Virginia and West Virginia.

Up and down the Mississippi River...

Worst hit was Arkansas where the rain and lightning laced black funnel killed 148.

Throughout the night rescue workers stumbled through the mud and debris seeking victims. The screaming sirens of ambulances added to the nightmare.

Arkansas snapped 440 national guardsmen to active duty overnight, keeping 100 in reserve at Camp Robinson, and putting the others to work in the tortured areas.

RELIEF SENT

The Red Cross poured disaster workers into the region. It allotted \$250,000 for relief of the victims.

A Little Rock-based plane was loaded with 250 pints of blood plasma in St. Louis to replenish the supply distributed by blood centers here.

The storms blizzarded Arkansas from the southwest section to the northeast tip.

White County in the strawberry country of Arkansas alone had 73 dead. The towns of Judsonia and Bald Knob, about 50 miles northeast of the here, were leveled.

Only the Methodist Church in Judsonia escaped unscathed.

"The damage and human suffering is terrific," said Marvin Crittenden, director of relief services for the Arkansas Welfare Department.

"The whole highway south from Searcy looks like pictures show scenes of battlefields. It is awful."

School houses, churches and armories in many places were swamped with the rain-soaked, shivering injured. Hospitals were jammed.

This was by far the worst storm ever to hit Arkansas. The deadliest previous storm was June 5, 1916, when 86 persons were killed.

The highest single day's toll from the storm was 69 in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana.

CAR SMASHED

The tales of death were many. At Dyersburg, Tenn., the vicious wind ripped onto the road and picked up the car of Tennessee State Patrol Sgt. Joe Williamson and tossed it 300 yards.

At Judsonia, Ark., 15-year-old Glenda Perry, Eadie, her parents and two brothers were in town to sell strawberry plants. They saw the storm coming and dashed for a brick restaurant.

The swirving winds crumpled the cafe. Glenda died with her mother, Mrs. W. E. Eadie, and her brother, Ed. The other brother and the father were critically hurt.

At Carlisle, Ark., the Ray Jones family had packed up to move to another home when the storm hit. Their two boys, Derald, 15, and Doyle, 9, were killed.

Beginning Monday

A series of five articles on soil conservation districts in the Klamath country, by Hale Scarborough. These are a continuation of the Herald and News program of careful economic assessment of the resources of the Klamath Basin.

DON'T MISS THEM



221 INCHES—That's what the gauge measures above as recorded by Asst. Chief Ranger Bernie Packard at Crater Lake National Park yesterday morning. This is the deepest snowfall ever recorded in the 26 years of checking in the park. Previous record was set March 29, 1938, when snow depth hit 208 inches. —Photo by Hallock

Bureau Of Prisons Takes Over Site Of Old Jap Camp

By HALE SCARBROUGH
This area's newest penal facility—called the Newell Prison Camp, for want of an official name—is in surprisingly good state of repair and C. F. Craig, who will supervise reactivation of the camp, says it might be ready for occupancy in a very few months.

The Bureau of Prisons, a branch of the U. S. Department of Justice, has taken over the military area of the World War II Jap camp below Tulelake for the announced purpose of establishing a standby stockade for detention of subversives.

The military area covers about 11 acres and contains something like 40 buildings, including barracks, mess halls, administrative buildings, dispensary, cold storage room, fire house, equipment sheds and the like.

During World War II that area was used by Military Police keeping watch on the thousands of Japanese interned on the 700-acre government reservation.

Since the war virtually all the buildings on the internment camp have been moved off—given to homesteaders, sold and otherwise disposed of. But the military area was left almost intact and was leased to the Tulelake Growers Association for a labor camp.

ONLY RESIDENTS
The last occupants of the camp were moved off a few weeks ago and Craig moved in. So far he's the only resident of the new prison camp.

Craig was an officer at McNeill Island Federal prison before being detailed for duty at Newell. He is a construction man and has the job of supervising repair and re-occupation of the camp.

Several other officers from McNeill and other federal institutions were scheduled to arrive at Newell early next week, but their arrival may be delayed by the Bureau of Prisons, a detachment of 40-hour week, six paid holidays.

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Planes To Drop Hay To Cattle

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Air Force cargo planes fly to Nevada Saturday to team with snow-battling Army bulldozers in efforts to save 600,000 starving cattle and sheep.

Hamilton Field, north of San Francisco, ordered the cargo planes to rendezvous at the Elko, Nev., airport. There they were to pick up bales of hay and ranchowners to guide the pilots to drop areas.

Aground, 25 U.S. Sixth Army bulldozers cleared lanes toward isolated herds. Behind them came hay-laden trucks.

But "Operation Haylift" was decided upon after aerial surveys showed that "Operation Breakthrough" would be too late for some herds.

Newton Crumley, an emergency director, called for the haylift after he flew over northern Elko County in Nevada and spotted cattle on relief funds, has been covered by snows for two months.

Hamilton Field officials said that big C-124s and C-82s would duplicate the dramatic haylift of 1949 which saved the lives of thousands of marooned livestock.

Nevada's Gov. Charles Russell estimated that his state faced a 10 million dollar loss unless the 200,000 cattle and 400,000 sheep could be saved.

But loss of sheep seemed inevitable because ewes must lamb on winter ranges without the protection of shelters.

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Sam Coon In Klamath To Campaign For Congress

Sam Coon, of Baker, candidate for Congress from Oregon's 2nd district, is spending a few days in Klamath County furthering his campaign for the Republican nomination.

He is one of three Republican Congressional candidates who will be on that party's May 16 primary ballot. The others are Giles French of Moro, State Representative who visited here about two weeks ago, and Lt. Ernest Hinkle of The Dalles who is stationed in New York with the Air Force and probably won't be able to campaign locally.

Coon, 48-year-old rancher, is a member of the State Senate, the 1951 session his first in the Legislature. He's a native of Boise, Idaho, but has ranches in the Baker area 23 years.

Coon is staying at the Winema Hotel and plans to be in Klamath Falls through Monday. He is to go to Bend Saturday.

While here he is backgrounding himself on this area's problems of land, water and power and promises to work toward reserving water for agriculture and for power development on the Klamath River, preferably by private enterprise.

He also has come out for lower rates of federal taxes, abolition of waste in government spending and a halt to the trend of lessening individual freedom and enterprise.

McKinney Denies Any HST Battle
MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Democratic Chairman Frank E. McKinney said Saturday no difference exists between him and President Truman.

McKinney, who boarded a plane for Washington, was quoted Wednesday as saying the President "may not choose" to run in a satisfactory peace is arranged in Korea.

The President next day said Korea does not enter into the politics of this country at all, and had no bearing whatever on what he may decide to do.

This rebuff, coming a little more than a week after Truman's defeat in the New Hampshire primary, raised doubt whether McKinney would be Democratic chairman much longer.

McKinney said his comments at the Wednesday press conference "have been misinterpreted."

He went over the reported conflicting points one by one in this manner:

1. That the May 15 date mentioned by McKinney as the deadline by which he expected the President to make a statement as to his availability was McKinney's "hope" and not the target date set by the President.

2. That the opinion expressed by the Democratic national chairman that Korean developments would play a paramount part in the President's decision whether to seek reelection was again merely McKinney's opinion and that the President did not indicate this in any way.

3. That the President still has made no decision on whether he will run or has not set a target date and that when the President is ready to announce one way or another he will do so.

McKinney added: "My conferences with the President have proved very fruitful. We are in accord—agreement and absolute accord."

Business Section Is Burned Out

WRANGELL, Alaska (AP)—A wind-fueled fire wiped out more than half of Wrangell's business section early Saturday destroying 20 frame buildings and a residence perched on pilings along the town's main street.

Loss was estimated by Fire Chief William D. Grant as close to one million dollars.

Eighty-five persons were made homeless before the fire was brought under control 3 a.m., 4 hours after the fire mushroomed from a hardware store.

Firemen said a boiler explosion apparently was the cause.

ONE CASUALTY
Only one casualty was reported. Op. Darrell Miller (home town not available) stationed here with the Alaska Communications System was hospitalized after being hit on the head by a timber sent flying by a dynamite explosion.

His condition was not serious. Dynamiting of buildings in the path of the raging blaze failed to stem its advance. Not until collapse of the only hotel in this Southeastern Alaska community of 1,250 persons was the fire controlled.

The entire water side of the town's single business street was a scene of destruction.

For four blocks the narrow beach was littered with the smoldering remains of the buildings, all of which were built on pilings because the steep hillside on which Wrangell is situated slopes sharply toward the water.

The structures were of two story frame construction, with exception of the three-story hotel. Forty of the homeless, driven out in 35 degree weather, lived in the hotel.

The others lived in apartments above the razed stores or in the destroyed homes.

HIGH WIND
Within minutes after the fire started in the Wrangell Electric Supply near the south end of the business district, flames were sweeping northward fanned by a 25-mile-an-hour wind.

Every able bodied man in town turned out to fight the blaze. With the southeast wind paralleling the main street, they were able to keep the fire from spreading to business buildings on the opposite side.

Dynamite and all available water hoses could not check the fire until it reached the north end of the main street four blocks away.

Gone were the community's only bakery, barber shop, frozen food locker plant, theater, and hotel.

Two of the planes four engines twisted off and fell into the woods about 150 yards before the plane crashed.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
I'm sure you must have followed, as I have, the dramatic story of the cougar dogs that were trained on a dangerous ledge on the snow-swept side of a mountain up north of Seattle.

Yesterday MEN braved the mountain's wintry hazards to SAVE THE DOGS. They arrived too late. The two animals marooned on the ledge were dead—victims of cold, not hunger, veteran woodsmen of the region said.

That is a minor matter. The big story is that American men risked their lives to save the lives of the dogs.

This morning's story speaks (MISTAKENLY, I think) of their VALUE. Let's not fool ourselves. It was no property consideration that led those men up that icy mountain.

The Good Book says (John XV, 13): "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Those mountaineers up in northern Washington didn't actually lay down their lives, but they LAID THEM ON THE LINE.

They were WILLING to die in an attempt to save the lives of the canine friends.

Great, that highlights one of the WERE WARM HEARTED AND SENTIMENTAL. Those men who climbed the mountain up north of Seattle to try to save a couple of dogs are TYPICAL Americans. We're built that way. The dollar-making picture has been conjured up by our enemies.

It's a lie. But our leaders, by their inattention, have permitted it to be HUNG ON US—to our great harm throughout the world. As a result, our leadership in world affairs has been discredited in the eyes of BILLIONS of people who FEAR us instead of admiring and trusting us.

That is little short of catastrophic. What's wrong with us? That's a big question, but I'll try to answer it—according to my own convictions. When we say that Americans are warm-hearted, sentimental folk, cherishing ideals for which they are willing to give their lives if need be (as witness this attempted rescue of canine friends trapped on a storm-swept Washington mountain) we mean that AS A RULE they are like that.

NO proverb is more universal in its truth than this one: THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS TO ALL RULES. There are exceptions to the rule that Americans are warm-hearted, sentimental, kindly people. There are Americans who are hard and cold and grasping. Americans who are willing to BETRAY THEIR TRUST to line their pockets.

They are the exceptions. There's another proverb that says "exceptions prove the rule."

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The girl got her lumps in court, too, as well as in the store yesterday.

She was fined \$100 and sentenced to five days for being drunk and given another \$100 and 20 days for disorderly conduct.

Death Wins In Race To Save Stranded Hound Dogs
DARRINGTON, Wash. (AP)—Death beat several expert mountain climbers up the sides of Mt. Pugh and took the lives of two of the three cougar dogs which had been marooned at the 4,000-foot level for 15 days.

Spud Tax Fine Paid

The Oregon Potato Commission finally caught up with William Dingler, Mt. Laki farmer, this week after two years and charged him with failing to report potato sales and to pay the tax thereon.

Dingler is accused of not paying the tax on 3303 hundred-pound sacks of spuds grown by him in 1950. Dingler said he sold the spuds to the federal government and then bought them back for feed.

Dingler pleaded guilty this morning to the charge filed in District Court by Ben Davidson, administrator of the Oregon Potato Commission, and paid a \$50 fine.

NAMED
WASHINGTON (AP)—A former assistant to Sen. Wayne Morse (R-Ore) is the new member of the National Labor Relations Board.

He is Ivan H. Peterson, a resident of Arlington, Va. He was sworn in Friday to succeed James J. Reynolds, resigned, Peterson at one time was general counsel for the NLRB.



THE NEWEST COLORED SIGN downtown has gone up at the Willard Hotel, calling attention to the hotel's new cocktail lounge, the Ponderosa Room. The installers were Carl Newbill, on the truck, and Pete Sheehy, on the boom. Pete works for Leach Service Company. Newbill is with the Electrical Products Corp., Portland.