

SHIP CAPSIZES, 130 LOST

Hurricane Sinks British Steamer Off Irish Coast

STRANRAER, Scotland (AP)—The British steamer Princess Victoria capsized and sank in a hurricane Saturday, carrying an estimated 100 to 130 persons to their deaths in raging seas off the northern Irish coast.

The first exhausted survivors of 183 aboard were landed at Donaghadee, North Ireland coast town 15 miles from Belfast.

They said the 2,694-ton Princess Victoria went down very quickly, at about 3 p.m.

The British Destroyer Contest messaged she had picked up other survivors four miles from Copeland off Belfast.

Lough, but did not give the number. Four merchant ships were with the Contest.

Several airplanes, reported to include an American aircraft, were helping spot survivors by dropping flares in the dark. By the time lifeboats came into the light of the flares, however, the survivors had disappeared in the boiling sea.

The Princess Victoria, a car ferry owned by the British Railways and operating on the 36-mile run between this Scottish port and Larne, Northern Ireland, was caught in a 115-mile an hour hurricane that swept the Irish sea and Scotland.

Mountainous seas threw her on her side at a 36-degree list. Water poured into her engine room and swamped one side of her deck.

SOS SENT
The master, James Ferguson, of Stranraer, sent out an SOS and gave orders to abandon ship in the boiling seas. Many rescue ships rushed to the scene about 12 miles off Port Patrick.

But it was almost impossible to get life rafts off the steep decks. The weather was bitter cold. Visibility was poor and rescuers were forced to watch helplessly while benumbed survivors were washed off their tanning rafts.

Among the passengers were many children. The first rescue ships found bodies floating on the waves. With here and there survivors clinging to rafts and spar.

The first rescued survivors who were landed said the storm was the worst they had ever experienced.

A tanker from Belfast, home to in the hurricane and began emptying her oil bunkers in an effort to calm the waters sufficiently to aid rescue by several vessels which rushed to the scene.

WASHED AWAY
High seas washed benumbed survivors off rafts, and the rescue ships themselves took a heavy pounding. Veteran sailors said the seas were the worst in their memory.

The Princess Victoria, a twin screw vessel, was especially built for the shallow Stranraer Harbor. She was the first vessel of the car ferry type put into service between Scotland and Northern Ireland. Her car deck was equipped with turntables and had accommodations for 80 vehicles.

She had an overall length of 308 feet and her two diesel engines could drive her at 19 knots.

Weather
FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Partly cloudy with morning fog Sunday. Low Saturday night 30. High Sunday 45.

High yesterday 44
Low last night 25
(Additional weather on page 3)

Violent Storm Blasts Scots
LONDON (AP)—A violent hurricane raged across Northern Scotland Saturday and most of Britain was hit by rain and snow.

Wind gusts of up to 113 miles an hour and great trails of damage were reported in Scotland. Aberdeen's electricity was knocked out repeatedly and falling trees stopped railway service between Keith and Elgin. All shipping and air services came to a standstill in the Orkneys.

Houses were unroofed, small boats were sunk and isolated islands were lashed by surf and sleet.

Farm Prices Decline Slows
WASHINGTON (AP)—Farm prices dropped some more between mid-December and mid-January, but not as fast as before.

The Agriculture Department reported yesterday that the decline was a little less than 1 per cent, compared to slumps of up to 3 per cent in some previous months.

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JIM KERNS JR. (seated left), co-chairman with Bob Mest of the Red Cross membership campaign this year, is shown conferring with volunteers on covering the rural areas. Seated right is Dale West. Standing (l to r) Emmett Sura, Tulalake; Leland Cheyne, Henley; Troy Qualls, Merrill; and Bryant Williams, Henley. Scott Warren is chairman of the campaign.

Boxer Out of Hiding To Join War on Dope

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Bantam-weight boxer Kenny Teran has come out of hiding and given authorities "a few leads" in the war on dope addiction.

The 19-year-old fighter, sought since Thursday as an important witness, said he had been in seclusion because of a telephoned threat against his wife and child. Teran, who said he used heroin himself until he conquered the habit to make a recent ring comeback, met last night with William V. O'Connor, assistant state attorney general, at the latter's Beverly Hills apartment.

O'Connor reported, "and he gave us a few leads."

Teran said he knows of no fellow boxers who are narcotics users but declared: "This thing is getting bigger all the time. I want to do everything I can to help fight it."

Teran said the threat came to him at his home Thursday afternoon from a telephone caller who warned:

"I know you're gonna talk to the state narcotics men. Don't say anything or something might happen to your wife and baby."

The fighter's manager, Ray Luna, said Teran is looking for other quarters for his wife Celia and their 11-month-old daughter. In the meantime, they have been given police protection.

Ike Serves Real McCoy
WASHINGTON (AP)—Surprised and delighted foreign ambassadors got whisky high balls and old fashioned at their White House reception Tuesday afternoon, the Washington Star reported.

They were surprised, said Star writer Betty Beale in an article yesterday, because none of them could remember getting such drinks at the White House during the day in all their years in Washington. She added:

"Why it has long been the custom to serve fruit punch with a strong bourbon base instead of bourbon with plain or soda water added, one can guess. No doubt it stems from the readiness of certain articulate groups to point the finger of criticism at whisky drinking whereas liquor in punch is harder to put the finger on."

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerly said "liquid refreshments" were served, but would not say precisely what they were.

HST Decides To Stay Mum
KANSAS CITY (AP)—Former President Truman Saturday put a moratorium, for a time at least, on comments about national and international affairs.

"I am not commenting on anything," he told newsmen at his office this morning as he surveyed a mounting pile of mail.

He said he wanted to devote his time to unpacking at home in Independence and answering his mail.

Avoid Old Man Morse, He'll Drive You Nuts!
By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP)—Man's best friend isn't the dog—or the installment plan either. His truest buddy is a mysterious old codger named Mr. R. E. Morse.

Once he enters your life he never leaves it. You can always hear the echo of his following footsteps.

Nobody gives out with more free advice. For this he expects no gratitude. But if you don't do what he says, he climbs right up on your back and stays there until you do. And he's a right heavy old fellow to tote. He'll wear down the strongest man.

Do you remember when you first met him? I do. I was very young. I had taken a quarter from some change my mother had left on top of the bureau.

The quarter quickly went in a whirlwind buying spree. Five for cream cones later, gorged and happy, I lolled in a torpor on our front steps.

Fund, Blood Needs Higher

Nineteen fifty-three's goal of the Klamath County Chapter of the American Red Cross has been upped \$5,000 over last year's, but the reasons for the increase should take the edge completely off.

More money is needed because more blood is needed—for blood banks, in Korea, and to provide gamma globulin in tremendous quantities this year to combat the paralysis in polio.

The total goal this year is \$30,000; last year it was \$25,000.

The Department of Defense has asked the Red Cross to provide the blood for emergency uses. The latest request was for a increase for the gamma globulin program.

The local Red Cross chapter met yesterday and discussion centered mostly around getting rural solicitors underway as soon as possible, perhaps before the Spring work on farms gets started.

A rural planning board headed by Scott Warren has formulated tentative plans, and has slated another meeting for Feb. 6.

At yesterday's meeting, Red Cross drive members heard that the local blood program for 1952 collected 2,314 pints for Armed Forces use as well as civilians, of which 892 pints were used locally.

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Heavy Going Looms For Legislators

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM (AP)—With action on important taxation, highway bond and racing legislation scheduled in the House early next week, the Oregon Legislature is ready for the big debates.

The three-week-old session has been devoted so far to introduction of bills and committee meetings. The only important action taken on the floor occurred this week, when the Senate defeated a proposal to give defeated candidates for governor seats in the state Senate.

But next week, the House will vote on the bills to simplify the tax system by putting income tax receipts into the general fund, let the Highway Commission issue 32 million dollars worth of bonds to finish its emergency road-building program, and to take the fair's share of racing receipts and put it into the general fund.

With 371 bills already introduced, the introduction pace will quicken next week, because Thursday is the last day that representatives can submit their requests to have bills drafted. The Senate deadline is Feb. 16.

This week saw the almost certain death of plans to have the state build educational television stations when Gov. Paul L. Patterson and top legislators came out against it.

Government reorganization held a top place in the news when Gov. Patterson said he wants the Legislature to wait until 1953 before creating a Department of Revenue.

Bills were introduced to create a State Motor Vehicle Department, combine 20 state boards which regulate various occupations and professions, pay the members of the Liquor Commission, and let the governor appoint the State Tax Commission.

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton's proposal to create a State Crime Commission to investigate the underworld was buried by the House Judiciary Committee.

POWER CHARGE
The 20 per cent surcharge that the power companies are charging to recover their steam-generating costs will pop back into the news Tuesday as the House and Senate Commerce and Utilities Committees look into the matter some more. Some of the steam has been taken out of the proposed investigation by Gov. Patterson's statement that he has instructed his staff to look into the matter.

The Portland General Electric Company, refused a license by the Hydroelectric Commission to build Pelton Power Dam, introduced its bill to allow court appeals from the commission's orders. Hearing on this bill will be next Friday night.

Polio Show Take High
People offering contributions of \$1 to \$25 tossed some \$333 into the March of Dimes during a four-hour marathon held over station KFLW last night, and Jim Helm, Wocuc, came within three ounces of hitting the weight of the March cake—and consequently won it.

Charlie McFarlan, a practically the entire KFLW staff were up until 2:30 a.m. and on the air all that time soliciting donations.

In return for donated offers, donors (if business men) received ad lib or staff-manufactured singing commercials—followed by a few donations by persons attempting to stop the singing—and played musical requests.

BIG PRIZE
The prize cake was donated by the Polly-Ann bakery and was 12 layers set in five tiers—and contained three pounds of icing alone.

The Yellow Cab Company put its full force of cabs and drivers out into the city and the surrounding area to collect donations as they were made. They made well over a hundred calls picking up offers. To with all gasoline and equipment expenses—as well as driver's time—free.

And along with the cash contributions came a flock of gimmicks: The Oregon Journal headquarters here offered to donate all subscriptions for the next day or so, plus excess papers sold Sunday after the regular routes, as contributions to the March of Dimes.

Wall's Cafe, boasting the best apple pie in town, offered to sell pie at 75 cents each and then donate the take.

Jim and Art's Wrecker Service made an initial offering, then promised the first five-spot earned to the March.

FIG AUCTION
The Klamath Livestock Auction Yard indicated a weaner pig would be auctioned off Wednesday at sale time, proceeds to the March.

The 97 club matched a collection of dimes by its patrons, and the night shift at the Klamath Machine and Locomotive Works dug down to enrich the March's coffers.

The big cake is to be presented tonight by Mayor Paul Landry at the March of Dimes Dance in the Klamath Armory to winner Heim.

Baldy Evans band is scheduled to provide music for the annual affair, from which proceeds go to the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation. Some of the take is to be tagged for local use.

FIVE EXECUTED
TAIPEI (AP)—Five convicted Chinese Communists were executed here today, bringing to 90 the announced number of executions since Nov. 28.



RODNEY GRUELL, 1536 Ivory, was on his way to the shoe shop this morning.