

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
According to Clifford W. Ferguson, Oregon director of rail transportation, another freight car shortage is looming just beyond the horizon.

What cooks? Well, when one sees a trillium beside the road when one is out for a drive in the woods, one says SPRING IS ON THE WAY.

Similarly, when one begins to hear of impending car shortages, one says THE LUMBER MARKET IS LOOKING UP.

So — If Mr. Ferguson is right — Happy days are here again—or, at least, just around the corner.

It's an odd world. We seem to be always in a state of feast or a state of famine. Never is everything just right.

In the newspaper world, we have a phrase of our own for this least-of-famine business. We shrug our shoulders and mutter cynically: "When we can get it we can't set it and when we can set it we can't get it."

Searching question: Is it the world that is wrong? Or is it PEOPLE that are wrong?

More of this weird modern world:

Down in Mill Valley, in Marin county, the other evening a fast-walking PEDESTRIAN was seriously injured when she collided with another fast-walking pedestrian.

The dispatches tell us that Otto Lindskog was taken to Marin General Hospital with a broken hip. The other party to the collision, Vincent L. Clemente, was not seriously injured.

It isn't enough that a jet plane, flying eastward with the wind, should make it from Los Angeles to Washington in three hours and 26 minutes and that the same plane, flying westward against the wind, should make it back from Washington to Los Angeles in four hours and 58 minutes.

Pedestrians have to get into the speed whirl.

In conclusion:

School officials in Memphis (Tennessee), concerned about continuing night-time mischief in and around school buildings, announced yesterday that they have decided to try out a jigger called the "tattler"—a device that transmits radar waves over a 50-foot radius.

When movement occurs within the monitored area this gadget automatically:

Triggers a siren.

TAKES A PHOTOGRAPH of the intruder.

Hmmmm. It looks like we're applying the principles of automation to crime detection.

It sounds like a good idea. If we could make it automatically CERTAIN that everybody who breaks the law would GET CAUGHT, there might be less law-breaking.

Salem Lawyer Named State GOP Leader

SALEM (AP) — Peter Gunnar, 54-year-old Salem attorney, was elected by the state Republican Central Committee Saturday as its state chairman. He had no opposition.

Serious View Of Berlin Crisis Asked Of Russia

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department Saturday called on Russia to join in "a serious approach" to the Berlin-German problem.

The department issued the call in commenting on Soviet Deputy Premier Mikoyan's remarks a few hours earlier in Moscow.

Mikoyan suggested new East-West talks on Germany but criticized the United States for allegedly refusing to put forward new proposals which Russia might accept.

Answering this, the State Department took note of Mikoyan's comment that Russia might extend its six-month Berlin time limit "a few days or a few months."

The Soviets have threatened to turn East Berlin to the East Germans whether the Western Big Three like it or not, but Mikoyan said it is not an ultimatum.

"We are glad to see that Mr. Mikoyan feels that artificial barriers regarding the timing of negotiations are not helpful," said the State Department tersely.



GRIMLY FAMILIAR are these scenes along the Ohio River and its tributaries, which often boil beyond flood stage in mid-winter. Damage in the Central States area from western New York to Indiana was estimated at more than 100 million dollars.

Fires, Cold Aggravate Suffering In Flood-Stricken Central States

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fires and biting cold aggravated the woes of thousands of residents of flood-stricken communities Saturday.

Flood losses mounted beyond the 100 million dollar mark. More than 11,000 were homeless and hundreds of others shivered in unheated houses.

Ohio, placed in a state of emergency, bore the heaviest burden. Gov. Michael Di Salle estimated damage in the state at \$3 billion dollars or more and figured the death toll may reach 25 or 30.

Ohio had 14 known dead. Other flood deaths included Indiana 3, New York 5 and Pennsylvania 1. The total stood at 23.

Firemen took time out from flood duty to battle blazes in Zanesville and Wilmington, Ohio. Fire early Saturday destroyed three businesses and damaged four others in the heart of Zanesville's commercial district.

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Firemen stood by helplessly early Saturday while flames raced through a warehouse in Rooded, Meadville, Pa.

Firemen used three amphibious vehicles to get to the fire. But they were unable to shoot any water on the burning structures because hydrants were frozen and under water.

More than 2,000 persons were homeless in Meadville. Two huge ice gorges in French Creek backed up water over 10 per cent of the city of 25,000 population.

The Scioto River began to recede slowly in Chillicothe, Ohio. Ice waters broke over a sandbag embankment on the north and east sides of the city Friday and forced about 8,000 residents out of their homes.

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In western Pennsylvania a number of flood harassed communities breathed easier.

The House Taxation Committee has held hearings on ex-Gov. Robert D. Holmes' tax program to bring in an extra \$1.5 billion dollars in the next biennium.

Most of this would be accomplished by doing away with installment payment of income taxes. The money is needed to sustain Holmes' 299-million-dollar budget.

Gov. Mark Hatfield says he will forego he can submit his budget and tax recommendations. He fears that the Democratic-controlled Legislature might take action on the Holmes program before he can submit it.

Meanwhile, the Joint Ways and Means Committee is acting on appropriations for the smaller agencies. Next week, it will decide how much to give the Oregon Centennial Commission.

Here is the way other major legislation is shaping up: Unemployment Compensation—The Senate Labor and Industries Committee held a hearing this week on recommendations for

Tank Car Explosion Fatal To 3

MONROE, La. (AP) — Workers began picking through debris Saturday, searching for any other victims of an explosion that hurled a railway tank car filled with chemicals 200 feet into a cotton field.

Three men were killed in the blast seen at Rayville 25 miles to the east, tracked the area. But officers cordoned off the area later and cleared out all spectators.

Sheriff Bailey Grant said a careful search was being made of the ruins for any other victims and that precautions were being taken against further explosions.

Missouri Pacific Railway workers and firemen watched another nearby car loaded with either propane or butane liquid gas, leaving another blast.

Crowds jammed the area five miles south of here when the blast seen at Rayville 25 miles to the east, tracked the area. But officers cordoned off the area later and cleared out all spectators.

The first dead man identified was O. C. Mitchell, a Lake Village, Ark., Negro who was working with other railway crewmen close to the blast site in attempts to clear the tracks.

Thirty-two persons were admitted to hospitals and 17 were treated and discharged.

Two of the injured were spectators.

Cars of the hundreds of spectators also figured in difficulties of ambulance drivers who shuttled the blast victims to Monroe hospitals. They lined much of the live mile strip of highway between this north Louisiana city and the blast site, causing a traffic jam.

The car which exploded was one of 33 derailed some 19 hours earlier. A journal box on the axle of one car on a 130-car Missouri Pacific train overheated and caused the derailment. Explosions at that time set off in several chemical tank cars, started fires that burned throughout Friday.

A. R. Liles, a Monroe fire captain, said he was walking away about half a block from the burning pile of railway wreckage when the blast triggered.

He left, he said, when he saw flames start to spew from the car. "A wall of flame shot across a cotton field," he said. "After the explosion, I saw the flames and didn't look back."

Liles' hair was singed and his coat burned.

Railroad officials indicated they planned to let the fire burn out rather than continue trying to extinguish it because of difficulty in getting anybody near.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Occasional showers tonight, partly cloudy tonight and Monday. High temperature 43-45. Low 22-27.

High yesterday 51 Low last night 33

Northern California: Rain and scattered showers tonight and Monday with snow level around 4,000 feet; colder tonight; windy.

CRATER LAKE High Friday 45 Low Friday night 30 5 a.m. Saturday 30 New snow Friday night 6 in. Snow depth Saturday a.m. 23 Last year 109

It was snowing hard when rangers reported Saturday forenoon. Snow was wet and not good for skiing. Highway 82 open and chains advised. Chains required from Annie Springs to the rim. The warming hut was open on Saturday and expected to be open Sunday, weather permitting.



JUDGE CHARLES H. MACK

Cuban Court Hears First Crime Appeal

HAVANA (AP) — An appeal court considered Saturday the death sentence given in a circus setting at the first public war crimes trial. The two remaining showcase trials were postponed until Monday.

Revolutionary leader Fidel Castro reportedly suggested a radio and television blackout on the other trials in an apparent effort to avoid too much public excitement.

An aroused crowd threatened the next two defendants Friday.

Foreign correspondents invited to the trials had criticized the carnival atmosphere of the trial which opened Thursday before 17,000 shouting Cubans and ended Friday morning with many still watching on television.

A sampling of opinion among the 322 foreign newsmen reported to be here indicated agreement with the legal procedure used, however. Better understanding abroad of the provisional government's aims was foreseen as a result of the public trials.

Maj. Jesus Sosa Blanco, 51, a career army man, was convicted on charges of murdering at least 25 persons in Oriente province, scene of the bitterest fighting in Castro's two-year rebellion that overthrew dictator Fulgencio Batista on Jan. 1.

The 3-man military tribunal that convicted Sosa Blanco sentenced him to die before a firing squad. The tribunal president, Maj. Humberto Sori Marin, announced that a 5-member Superior War Council had agreed to hear Sosa Blanco's appeal.

There was no indication when the appeal court would reach a verdict.

The condemned man's wife Amelia visited him Friday in La Cabana Fortress. "I can't believe everything that was said about him at the trial," she later told U.S. newsmen.

She said she wanted to ask through the press more time "to find witnesses for my husband and to find out if it all is true."

The defense did not call any witnesses at his trial. The prosecution called 45.

Sori Marin announced the postponement of trials for Lt. Col. Ricardo Luis Grau, 45, and Capt. Pedro Moron, 33, also career army men. The trials finally were set for Monday afternoon after first being delayed 24 hours.

The first postponement was reportedly because the defense counsel, Capt. Aristides Decosta, had an illness of unspecified nature. Sori Marin praised Decosta as having handled Sosa Blanco's defense well.

Sori Marin, author of the revolutionary legal code, said Moron and Grau faced charges of assassination, homicide and robbery. They will be the last ones to stand trial publicly, he said.

Their trials are scheduled in the 17,000-seat Sports Palace where Sosa Blanco was tried. Moron and Grau were brought to the Sports Palace Friday before the first postponement. They were threatened by a crowd as they were being taken out to return to La Cabana Prison.

An estimated 400 persons surrounded their car, making hostile gestures and whistling and jeering. Troops brought their rifles to the ready position, army trucks carrying more troops took up positions around the car, and the defendants were driven away without a direct clash.

Porter: Executed 'Deserved To Die'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rep. Charles G. Porter (D-Ore.), just back from Cuba, says the more than 200 persons executed by the rebel government "deserved to die."

Porter, a frequent critic of Latin American dictators, said the storm of protest in this country against the killings was "half-cooked — even though well-intentioned."

"All evidence was that the trials were just and had been done properly," Porter said. He said that those executed were convicted of "lecturing and murdering defenseless people."

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The State Assessor's Association unanimously recommended Judge Mack for the position, and in making the appointment, Governor Hatfield said.

"This appointment is an attempt to build back the bridges between state and county tax officials which has been destroyed over the years by past administrations."

Cross pointed out further that although Mack is a Democrat as is Horn, it was not legally necessary for the governor to appoint a Democrat to the post. He emphasized that previous administrations have appointed Tax Commissioners entirely of one party.

The governor is interested primarily in reinstating good working relations between state and county tax officials. Cross pointed out, and Mack was the choice of the assessor's association.

In accepting the post, Mack indicated that it might be several weeks before he would be able to finish some projects in the office of county judge and state the way for his resignation from that post.

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Legislature Gets Quick Start On Toughest Bills

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Legislature Box Score Bills introduced—House, 251; Senate, 119.

Introduced two years ago—House, 203; Senate, none.

House bills passed—House, 4; Senate, 1.

Senate bills passed—House, 0; Senate, 4.

Bills signed by governor—1.

These bills are in the House State and Federal Affairs Committee. They would let the governor reorganize the state administrative agencies, subject to veto by either house. They also would create a state Department of Natural Resources, and combine and abolish many other state agencies.

The House Highway Committee is working on the bill to increase the gasoline tax from 4 to 7 cents a gallon. It also is considering a resolution that no more bonds be issued to construct specific highways.

Education—The Senate got introduced this week with introduction of a bill to increase the \$103 per child annual basic school aid to \$120. It would cost the state another 15 million dollars a biennium, and couldn't be done unless there were new taxes. The Oregon Education Assn. says it will demand \$160. The House has another controversial bill to reduce the compulsory school age from 18 to 15.

Labor—The Senate Labor and Industries Committee has held a hearing on the bill to repeal the 1933 anti-picketing law. This is causing a clash between labor and management. The Senate has bills to forbid discrimination in employment because of age.

The Legislature has 401 bills compared with 289 at the same point two years ago. But those figures are meaningless, because no Senate bills were introduced in the 1957 session because of the two weeks delay in organization of the upper house.

Still to come is the major controversy over automobile liability insurance. Ex-Gov. Holmes asked that all drivers be forced to carry liability insurance. Hatfield opposes this, and advances that all auto insurance policies carry clauses to protect the owner against damage by his and non-insured motorists.

The House Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing at 1 p.m. Tuesday on the bill to permit children over 16 years old to purchase cigarettes. Smoking now is against the law until a person is 18.

On Wednesday at 8 a.m., the House State and Federal Affairs Committee will have a hearing on the bill to put the state police under civil service.

Bronx Police Renew Search For Kidnaper

NEW YORK (AP) — Another intense search for a kidnaped baby — the second abortion victim this month — centered Saturday in the Bronx, where a woman answering the kidnaper's description sought lodging.

Meanwhile, detectives searched for a taxi driver who drove the kidnaper and the mother of the missing child, 23-day-old John Tavaras, from a hospital Wednesday afternoon.

The hunt for the infant shifted to the Bronx Friday night after an apparently pregnant woman, carrying a child in her arms, inquired about quarters in a rooming house.

The baby, suffering from a cold, was taken Thursday from the Tavaras' cramped West Side apartment by a one-day acquaintance of the mother, Doralza, 31.

The woman, who duped the mother into leaving the baby with her, was described as Puerto Rican or Cuban, pregnant, in her 30s, 5 feet 2, about 150 pounds, with blonde-streaked brown hair.

An anonymous telephone caller told police Friday night she saw a woman resembling the kidnaper enter a rooming house in The Bronx.

Police raced to the scene and began a house-to-house search.

A tenant, Mrs. Helen Bill, said a pregnant woman, carrying an infant, had inquired about a room.

The woman was directed to the landlady's home around the corner, Mrs. Bill said. She never appeared at the landlady's residence.

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