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East Reels As Storm Vents Fury

NEW YORK (AP) — A crippling blizzard generated by two big snowstorms that joined forces over the Atlantic coastline brought a mounting toll of deaths and misery today and slowed travel to a crawl.

The storm toll across the country reached 46 Saturday morning.

For most of the eastern seaboard it was the third major storm in six weeks. It came on the heels of a deep freeze that broke records in many areas.

In some places, heating oil supplies were running low, and deliveries were held up by heavy snows. Residents shivered in homes and apartments.

In Yonkers, a New York City suburb, 20 persons were found Saturday in a White Plains-New York bus which stalled in the snow at 10 o'clock Friday night. Emergency crews could not reach it for hours.

As snow depth in New York City reached 13 inches during the morning, the temperature rose to 32 degrees. It was the first time in 16 days that the mercury had climbed that high. The previous record of 15 subfreezing days was set in 1880.

From the Carolinas to Maine, deep snows from earlier storms mounted as the two weather patterns—one moving up along the Eastern coast, the other east from the Ohio Valley—joined here.

New York's big Idlewild and La Guardia airports were closed. Trains continued to run, but sometimes hours late.

A stretch of the New Jersey Turnpike was closed by drifting snow. Other parkways were open, but police pleaded with motorists to stay home. Snowplows fought a losing battle against the heavy fall and drifts on city streets and suburban roads.

Airman Gets Acquittal On Charge

LINWOOD A. THOMAS, 26-year-old Kingsley Field airman, was acquitted by a circuit court jury in Klamath Falls Friday night of charges he robbed Goldy's Cash Grocery on Shasta Way Jan. 15.

The verdict came in at 10:10 p.m., three hours and 27 minutes after the jury began deliberations. The vote was 11 to one for acquittal.

No further witnesses took the stand as the trial closed on Friday. The defense motioned for a directed verdict of innocent in the morning and Judge David R. Vandenberg denied the motion early in the afternoon.

Defense Attorney Freeman C. Murray made the motion for a directed verdict of acquittal on the grounds that sufficient evidence of fear was not shown by the state. Thomas had been charged specifically with "robbery by putting in fear not being armed with a dangerous weapon."

Judge Vandenberg, in making his ruling, said the question of fear was one which should rightfully be decided by the jury.

After closing arguments the case went to the jury at 6:43 p.m. The trial started Monday morning.

The defense based its defense mainly on witnesses who testified as to Thomas' whereabouts at the time of the robbery. Their testimony was that Thomas could not have been there when the robbery was committed.

Thomas showed little emotion when the verdict was announced, but he thanked each of the jurors as they left the box.

The defense case was considerably shorter than the state's arguments. Both Thomas and his wife took the witness stand to recount his movements on the evening of Jan. 5. Thomas said he left the Kingsley Field NCO Club shortly after 4 p.m. and went to Falcon Heights, the base housing area. He testified that he worked on the heater in his car from approximately 4:30 p.m. to the time he was arrested, shortly after 7:30 p.m.

Thomas said he had worked on the heater in the garage at his home at 824 Kinchelo Avenue and at Sam's Corner, a grocery and gas station on the Old Midland Road near Falcon Heights. Mrs. Thelma Thomas said she had seen her husband's car in the driveway two or three times that night.

Murray finished his examination of Thomas by asking him point blank whether he attempted

Weather

Klamath Falls and vicinity — Mostly cloudy with showers in the hills today. Highs 42-47. Lows 30-35.

High yesterday 46
Low last night 31
Precip. last 24 hours none
Since Oct. 1 6.18
Same period last year 2.39

Weather

Northern California—Mostly fair Sunday but a few showers likely extreme north portion and fog or low clouds in many Central Valley and Coastal Valley areas.

Mt. Shasta-Siskiyou area—Variable cloudiness Sunday with a few scattered light showers low levels and a few snow flurries high levels. Little change in temperatures.



A GROUP OF MEXICAN engineers and technicians arrived in Klamath Falls Friday afternoon to observe pipe-laying operations by the H. C. Price Co. The 16-man group is in the United States to gather information prior to beginning several pipeline projects in Mexico. The two men shaking hands in the middle of the picture are Octavio Ruiz, left, superintendent of construction for Pemex Petroleos Mexicanos, and Joe Eakin, office manager for H. C. Price Co.



OFFICIALS OF THREE pipe-laying companies in two countries are shown here discussing the itinerary of a 16-man Mexican group here to observe American pipe-laying methods. Bill Blake, third from left, resident engineer for Bechtel Corporation, discusses an itinerary with Octavio Ruiz, third from right, superintendent of construction for the Mexican government petroleum company, Pemex Petroleos Mexicanos. Joe Eakin, second from right, office manager for H. C. Price Co., looks on with other Mexican engineers.

Mexican Engineers Taking Tour Of Gas Pipeline Laying Project

SIXTEEN Mexican engineers and technicians arrived in Klamath Falls Friday afternoon on the first leg of a tour of American pipe-laying projects.

The group from the Mexican government-owned petroleum company, Pemex Petroleos Mexicanos, was greeted at the airport by officials of H. C. Price Company and the Bechtel Corporation. Price is in charge of pipe-laying operations in California, Idaho and Washington on the Alberta-California Natural Gas Pipeline.

The Mexican group spent Saturday observing H. C. Price pipe-laying crews working about 20 miles south of Tulelake. They will be gathering knowledge to apply on similar projects in their country.

Octavio Ruiz, spokesman for the group and a superintendent of construction for Pemex, said there are plentiful natural gas fields in southern Mexico. Several projects have recently been completed, he said, and still others are in the planning stage.

Ruiz said information gained here concerning cold weather operations

Boat Speed Bill Passes

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon House Friday passed and sent to the Senate a bill that would give the state Marine Board authority to set motor boat speed limits.

The law also would require the board to use uniform navigation marks in designating areas for such things as swimming, water skiing and boating.

Pheasant Comes In For Dinner, But He's Served

It isn't often dinner flies in the window, but it did just that Saturday morning at the Lawrence Redden home on Route 2.

A pheasant came crashing through a bedroom window and thudded against the wall, startling the late-sleeping Redden children into wakefulness.

Russians Orbit 7-Ton Sputnik; Use Improved Rocket In Lofting

Two Killed, Two Injured As Cars Collide Head-on

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union launched a sputnik weighing more than seven tons Saturday, Tass said.

The Soviet news agency said the earth satellite was launched in conformity with Soviet plans for perfecting space ships of increased weight and that it was hurled into the skies "by means of an improved multistage rocket."

The weight of the new sputnik was given as 6,483 kilograms, approximately 14,282.6 pounds.

No mention was made of any animal, plant or other life sent aloft.

The Tass statement said the radio controlling system installed in the fourth space ship sputnik experiment functioned normally and that it was determined the sputnik was on an orbit that carried it 203.1 miles from the earth at its highest point and 138.5 miles at its lowest.

The orbit inclination was given as 64 degrees 37 minutes.

"The measurements of the sputnik orbit are close to the calculated ones and the scientific-technical tasks set in launching the sputnik have been accomplished," Tass said.

The Russians launched what they called their first space ship last May 15, a test for launching the space ship last Aug. 19 that had the space dogs Belka and Strelka aboard. They were brought back alive after 24 hours aloft, Tass reported then.

The first space ship launching last May did not have any animal life aboard. Soviet scientists explained then that its object was to determine whether the ship, or capsule, could be separated from its vehicle on a given earth signal for a planned return and recovery.

The Soviet scientists said the experiment then would test calculations for later launches, such as the ones that took dogs into outer space.

Last Dec. 1 another Soviet satellite, a 3-ton affair carrying two dogs, Pchelka and Mushka, perished when the space ship shot off course in the recovery attempt, and burned up in outer space.

The previous Soviet experiments were described as pretest-launching space vehicles for manned flight.

The most recent U.S. test for manned flight was the launching Jan. 31 of the 2,400-pound space capsule that carried Ham, a chimpanzee, 15 miles into space for a 420-mile flight at 5,000 miles per hour.

The new Soviet satellite is the largest man-made object ever put into orbit around the earth.

New School Dedicated In Friday Ceremonies

The sleek new Falcon Heights Elementary School was dedicated Friday evening with music, ceremonies and talks by high-ranking Air Force officers.

The program featured a concert by the polished 573rd Air Force Band from Hamilton Field and a friendly, informal address by Maj. Gen. Von R. Shores, commander of the 25th Air Division, McChord Air Force Base.

He was introduced by Col. Rupert C. Welch, commander of the 40th Fighter Group at Kingsley Field, a unit of the 25th.

The general distinguished himself as a fighter pilot during World War II and after for the British, U.S., and Brazilian air forces and as an administrator.

His ability might be indicated by his youth. He appears only a shade older than some of the men flying interceptors at Kingsley Field.

General Shores congratulated residents of the Klamath Basin for cooperating with the Air Force in providing fine educational facilities.

"I speak more tonight as a parent than a military man," he said. "It is best that children of civilians and Air Force families go to school together, he added.

"Your children have much to offer ours, and ours have much to offer yours."

He spoke of the need for excellent school facilities "during this battle for men's minds."

"Our security and freedom have been advanced measurably by our activities here tonight," he concluded.

Principal Erwin Brower accepted the keys to the building from Carrol Howe, state legislator and former county superintendent of schools.

"Public education is our great unifier," said Brower. "It touches the life of every one of us."

Public schools have served to bring together people of every walk of life, Brower explained.

Ceremonies followed the band concert. The Rev. George Murphy of St. Pius X Catholic Church delivered the invocation. An honor guard from Kingsley Field presented national and state flags.

Dr. Cliff Robinson, county superintendent of schools, presented guests. They were Mr. Morrisson, representing Morrison and Howard, Architects, and Starbuck,

Reds Agree To Delay At Geneva

WASHINGTON (AP) — Russia Saturday agreed to President Kennedy's request for a six-week delay in resumption of the nuclear test ban talks in Geneva.

U. S. Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson was handed a note in Moscow telling of the Russians' agreement. The Soviet government was to make the text public later in the day.

Thompson reported immediately to the State Department. Officials there said the tone of the note was civil and that it was relatively brief—less than 300 words.

A first reading indicated no Soviet effort to use the note as a vehicle for propaganda.

There had been some puzzlement here over why the Russians had not replied earlier to putting off the talks until March 21.

The test ban conference, which has been held on and off in Switzerland for more than two years, was recessed early in December with agreement to start again Feb. 7.

At his Jan. 25 news conference, Kennedy announced he wanted time to study the whole U.S. policy on this issue and was seeking a delay in the negotiations until late March.

Auto Firms Idle 80,000 In Layoffs

DETROIT (AP) — Some 80,000 auto workers across the nation will be idled as a result of production cuts ordered by auto makers to bring output into line with swollen stocks of unsold 1961 model cars.

American Motors Corp. ordered a layoff of 20,000 workers in Wisconsin plants this week. In addition, Ward's Automotive Reports said Ford will lay off 13,500 assembly line workers this week at Dearborn, Kansas City and St. Louis.

The trade paper said Ford would lay off men at engine factories in Cleveland and Lima, Ohio. However, a Ford spokesman in Cleveland said he understood a one-week layoff at Cleveland plants scheduled next week has been postponed.

In Michigan, where unemployment was estimated at 320,000 as of Jan. 15, an increase of 80,000 since a month earlier, General Motors said it would idle about 33,000 workers beginning Feb. 13. GM said it also planned layoffs of 12,000 more outside Michigan for a total of 45,000 workers laid off.

Fourteen Feared Buried In Slide

MOULINS-SOUS-FLERON, Belgium (AP) — More than a dozen victims were believed entombed Saturday beneath a flood of cinders from a huge slag heap that weakened under heavy rains and spilled into this tiny village Friday night.

A snowstorm swept over town before dawn, and with daylight the avalanche of cinders looked like a giant sand dune colored elephant gray. The town is in Belgium's coal mining district near Liege, located near some of Europe's oldest mines.

Officials estimated the death toll at 14 and a local police officer said: "Let's hope we are not overly optimistic." About six homes were swamped and 10 badly damaged. A butcher's shop was cut in half.

The local doctor's house was pushed 10 yards by the crushing mass before it was finally swamped. A rescue worker gestured over the expanse of cinders and said: "It will be nothing but a tomb."

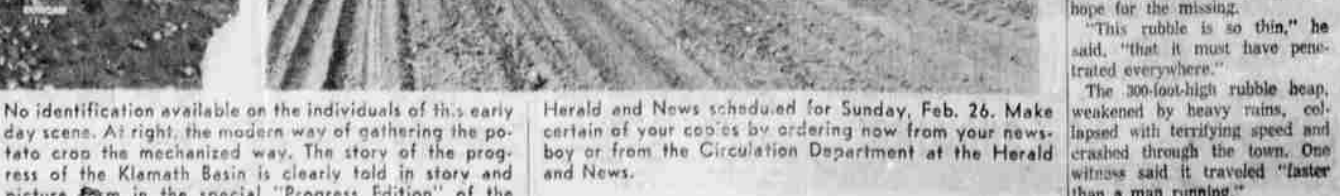
Friday night a load of cinders from a nearby electric power plant was being piled at the top of the hill which looms over the small knot of houses along the road from Fleron to Jupille. A huge section of the big heap broke loose. It rolled down a long slope and across the road, finally coming to rest against a small hill.

King Baudouin and Queen Fabiola toured the village.

Rescuers wielding picks and shovels attacked the rubble with renewed vigor when noises were reported coming from one buried house. But then Interior Minister Rene LeFebvre, who had rushed to the scene, said there was little hope for the missing.

"This rubble is so thin," he said, "that it must have penetrated everywhere."

The 300-foot-high rubble heap, weakened by heavy rains, collapsed with terrifying speed and crashed through the town. One witness said it traveled "faster than a man running."



PROGRESS BUILDS PROSPERITY in the Klamath Basin, and the type of progress the Basin has made in agriculture is clearly shown in these two photographs. At left is a view of the way potatoes were dug in the early days. This view is termed "Digging Spuds on Altamont Ranch."

No identification available on the individuals of this early day scene. At right, the modern way of gathering the potato crop the mechanized way. The story of the progress of the Klamath Basin is clearly told in story and picture form in the special "Progress Edition" of the Herald and News scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 26. Make certain of your copy by ordering now from your newsboy or from the Circulation Department at the Herald and News.