

Cold in West Settles Down To Dead Calm

Wave Expected To Hit East Coast Sometime Tonight

Across most of the nation, the weather was so bad today that even the wild animals couldn't take it.

A Salt Lake City man had to kick three deer out of his garage.

The snow got so deep in the Mendocino and Lake County area of California that two drift-bound families jokingly called authorities by long distance to "please send us some St. Bernards."

No general relief was in sight as the winter's worst, cold wave settled down in a dead calm over most of the northern half of the nation. The cold was expected to hit the Atlantic Coast by tonight.

Forecasters predicted 34 below zero for Butte, Mont. Temperatures hung below zero at most points from the Pacific Coast to the Great Lakes.

Experts said clear weather in the Midwest would prolong the cold wave there because cloudless skies permitted ground heat to be radiated into the atmosphere. A cloud cover, they said, would reflect the heat back to the earth and warm the air.

A new storm was brewing in Nevada and the central Rockies today and authorities said it might develop into another disturbance such as the four snowstorms and blizzards that have swept the Plains since Jan. 2.

Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri were digging out of a four to eight inch snow blanket. Michigan, authorities were assessing the damage from winds that sometimes hit 100 m.p.h. yesterday. At Detroit, a three-story apartment house was unroofed.

Propose Corporations For Building Schools

Two Democrat representatives today were completing preparation of a bill to establish non-profit corporations for the building of public schools.

The co-authors, Reps. Carol Dennis, Beech Grove contractor and builder and Edward Wert, Arcadia farmer, contend the measure is necessary to assist small communities in meeting their school building needs.

They claim the present bonding power of the schools is too low to meet high construction costs. The measure would authorize the corporation to issue bonds at four to six per cent interest for building purposes.

A similar bill was introduced in the 1947 General Assembly but was amended and failed to pass.

Complete 8-Inch Gas Main Extension

The Citizens Gas & Coke Utility yesterday announced the completion of the new eight-inch gas main extension supplying the Forest Manor area on Millersville Rd. near the State Fairgrounds.

Over the White House the Night Before Truman Fails To Go Back To Missouri And Oblivion



Fireworks light up the sky above the Washington Monument on the eve of President Truman's Inaugural Day. The White House appears in the foreground.

Auto Accidents Kill Two in State

Hoosierland's traffic death toll jumped up two more yesterday, state police reported.

Mrs. Charles Elaine Owen, 21, Muncie, was hurled under the wheels of a tractor-trailer when she lost control of her car four miles north of Muncie on U. S. 35 and crashed into the other vehicle.

Emerald Thomas Bowlin, 40, Muncie, was driver of the tractor-trailer. Miss Owen died in a Muncie hospital shortly after the accident.

Ancil Lloyd Southern, 28, R. R. 4, Bloomington, was killed when his car overturned near Bloomington. Police said a broken steering apparatus caused the car to go out of control.

Start Law Firm

Former Prosecutor Judson L. Stark and his chief deputy and right-hand man Glenn Funk are continuing their alliance in private life. They are re-entering general law practice as associates in Stark & Funk, with offices in the Union Title building.

Talks on Medicine

O. L. Breidenbaugh, executive secretary of National Association of Accident and Health Underwriters, spoke on "Legislative Trends in the Field of Medicine" before members of Indianapolis Optimist Club at noon today in the Severin Hotel.

3-Part Harmony Fails to Soften Hearts of Police

A LITTLE thing like a key broken off a lock of their car didn't dismay two gentlemen from Philadelphia and their Indianapolis friend early this morning.

But an unappreciative audience to their harmonizing in the Bus Terminal did.

David L. Miller, 23, and his brother, Paul, 22, and C. F. Wicher, 34, 3535 E. 34th St., were singing "I Came a Long Way From St. Louis" when Patrolmen Harry Whitaker and Charles Linder, answering a complaint, arrested them on charges of disorderly conduct.

Police asked what they were singing, and when told paraphrased, "you came a long way to get pinched."

Earlier, the trio had been questioned by two other patrolmen in front of 44 W. Ohio St., near where their car was parked, but otherwise were not disturbed.

"I guess that singing did it," police said.

At the time the men were admitted to the city jail, a partly filled whisky bottle was admitted to the property room.

Mailbox Votes Dividend

The P. R. Mailbox & Co. yesterday voted a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on common stock payable Mar. 10 to shareholders of record of Feb. 23.

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looked up at the sky, the way a farmer might do it.

"Looks like Old Man Weather is going to be with us again," he said with that Truman grin. He wore a gray suit and gray tie.

First thing on the program was breakfast at the Mayflower Hotel with the 98 members of his old artillery unit, Battery D. The battery intended to be lined up for him, but the President spoiled that. He was 12 minutes early.

Mr. Truman went after his ham and eggs like a farm hand, despite constant interruptions.

One of them came when his old friends gave him a gold-headed cane bearing an artillery insignia.

"I can use that on my morning walks," he said when he thanked them. "And I hope some day my daughter can give it to my grandson."

That got a big hand.

The men of Battery D are especially close to him, the President said, because "they have no ax to grind and they don't call me Mr. President. They call me Captain Harry."

Then the President cautioned the battery, just like a captain: "After 1 o'clock and 25 minutes, when the parade starts, I don't give a damn, but I do want you to keep sober until then."

Gov. Dewey sent a wire wishing him well. Gov. Earl Warren found money to send a California float after other Republican officials in his state had grumbled that it couldn't be done. Gov. Strom Thurmond and Gov. Fielding Wright rode in the parade.

Nothing from Henry Wallace. It was the nearest thing, this time, to an inaugural snub-of which there have been many, from time to time.

John Quincy Adams refused to go to Andrew Jackson's swearing-in. Shut himself up in a suburban house and put a notice in the papers asking that no one call.

U. S. Grant snubbed Andrew Johnson and went up to the Capitol alone to take the oath.

Franklin Pierce's wife stayed in Baltimore instead of coming over for the ceremonies. Old newspaper stories say she disappeared of the whole thing, was absent for her husband would drink himself to death and disgrace the family. He didn't.

Woodrow Wilson was pleasant to his successor, Warren G. Harding, but gave Henry Cabot Lodge an icy glare when they met on the platform.

Some Republicans were taking it hard. They'd been so sure it would be their party.

A few Republican Congressmen closed their offices and went out of town the week-end. Others made the hired help show up and went on answering letters as usual.

On the other hand, Rep. John M. Vorys, Ohio Republican, had Robert M. Draper, the Democrat he beat in November, down as his guest for the festivities.

California State Society was one of the few such bodies not having a party. It has a Republican governor, and he said it "would cost too much." It would have been different if Gov. Earl Warren had been riding down the avenue today.

Harry Truman drew a beautiful day—bright sunshine, moderate breeze, temperature 58.

The statistics had been against him. But what of it. They were against him in November, too.

Thirty-eight inaugurations and only six of them had been warm and sunny.

Four times there had been blizzards. Six other inaugurations days had been cold with snow. It rained seven times, and twice there was sleet mixed with the rain.

A truly American feature winds up the parade.

It's one of the last steam calliopes. No one knows how old it is, but its press agent, F. Beverley Kelley, who used to work for The Indianapolis Times, says that "this steel-throated ambassador from the old days may have vibrated the ear drums of a future President of the United States when he was a barefoot kid, dancing in the wake of the magic music in Missouri long ago."

The calliopo was mounted on a red-white-and-blue circus wagon, drawn by eight Percherons in a brass and red-leather harness got-up almost as spectacular as the wagon.

Tommy Comstock played the calliopo. He had his ears stuffed with cotton to stand the racket.

At the front end of the parade was the Missouri float—and you know why. The float was drawn by the famous team of eight Clydesdale horses that are sent around the country by Anheuser-Busch. Most famous is Sir John. He weighs 2300 pounds and stands 6½ feet high. With the team is its mascot, a Sicilian donkey only 30 inches tall, 130 pounds. He rode on the float.

Also on the float—A ten-foot spread eagle. A large-size reproduction of the White House, complete with balcony. And some of Missouri's famous sons, including Daniel Boone, Huckberry Finn and Tom Sawyer, Gen. Pershing.

First casualty was Jack Cummings, 22, of Wilmington, Del. He took up his post at the Capitol around 6:30 on the sidewalk. When he tried to move, around 10, he found both feet were frozen. He was taken to a Navy ambulance, thawed out, and sent back for more.

A pickpocket detective specialist, imported from New York, found business slow. People keeping their hands in their own pockets.

Comfort was provided for the distressed. Little Chile Sales were placed over manhole covers on almost every corner near the parade route.

The Marine Band got to the Capitol at 10:30 and immediately broke formation for coffee. They needed it. Their schedule called for playing or marching steadily from 10:30 to 11 p. m. eight separate engagements. Three piccolo players played with their gloves on, astounding the experts.

The crowd gaped at the diplomatic corps as members arrived at the Capitol. They were resplendent in top hats and swallow tail coats. Two wore military uniforms and those wore and-ast hats.

Soviet Ambassador Panuskin arrived at the Capitol at 10:45, unaccompanied by his wife, who is ill. When he heard the inaugural address, Mr. Panuskin probably wished he had stayed home, himself.

Adm. Nimitz, back in uniform for the day, was an early arrival, wandering around and asking various guards: "Where do I go?"

First local gent to arrive in top hat, striped pants, was Undersecretary of Interior Oscar Chapman. He proudly showed off his decorative raiment to friends, as a sample of what Democrats can do when they're really celebrating.

Second top hat to come into view was on the head of altitudinous Jim Folsom, tall, kisser governor of Alabama.

Our sartorial expert chuckled gleefully when he picked this one up:

Rep. Charles Halleck, Indiana Republican who once hoped for bigger things, had to have formal dress to sit on the stand with other members of the inaugural committee. He had no such belongings of his own, so he borrowed a chamberlain coat from one friend, striped pants from another, and a shiny topper from a third.

There was no out-going President to ride to the capitol with Harry Truman. So he chose for his companions in the drive up the avenue Sen. Carl Hayden of Arizona and Rep. John McCormack of Massachusetts. They headed the Senate and House inauguration committees.

Smelliest float was Idaho's. Real jumbo onions and real Idaho potatoes were spilling out of two giant cornucopias. Wires were strung through to hold them in place, and that produced the onion smell.

New York's float, money raised by the Democratic committee because the state officials, "couldn't and any funds," showed the city's famous skyline, the Empire State Building, and a model of Niagara Falls.

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Tennessee's float featured Andrew Jackson's home, the Hermitage.

North Carolina had a life-like cigarette factory, with smoke coming from the chimneys. Smudge pots inside.

Texas had a great "Lone Star," of course, a reproduction of the Alamo, a huge Texas steer, an oil well.

Nevada's float was silver colored, with a 10-foot silver dollar holding the spotlight.

California went in for gold. Its float reminded all that California is celebrating the centennial of the Gold Rush. It had a covered wagon, Indians, miners, ranchers and Franciscan monks, Sutter's Fort and Sutter's Mill where gold was discovered.

"Our only purpose in being here is to steal the show," said the man in charge of Oklahoma's float.

"We wanted to take the big guns off the Battleship Oklahoma and fire a 21-gun salute in front of the White House, but the committee thought that would break too many windows."

Oklahoma managed to be the biggest, the most elaborate, the gaudiest, anyway. It cost \$7000 and most of the rest cost \$1000 or \$2000.

It was 70 feet long, 20 feet wide, the only one that had to have a tractor instead of a jeep to pull it. It was built on the biggest trailer made.

Mostly orange and gold. A survey with the fringe on top at the front, and four girls in "Oklahoma" show costumes.

A control tower in the center had 9-foot pictures of Will Rogers and his quote "I never met a man I didn't like."

Then came a papier mache cow on a revolving platform and a boy and girl who won 4-H awards as healthiest youngsters in U. S. A. And finally, models of oil derricks, skyscrapers, farms and other Oklahoma attractions.

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found beauty from South Carolina.

Mrs. Truman and Margaret were there, of course. Vice President Barkley and his immediate family. Chief Justice and Mrs. Fred M. Vinson, and Justice and Mrs. Stanley Reed. Mr. Vinson administered the oath to Mr. Truman, Mr. Reed to Mr. Barkley.

Other guests—35 in all—included members of the Joint Congressional Inaugural Committee—Senators Carl Hayden, J. Howard McGrath, and Kenneth S. Wherry, and Reps. John W. McCormack, Harry R. Shepard and Charles A. Halleck. To Mr. Wherry and Mr. Halleck the food probably tasted like sawdust or ashes.

Finding the Freedom Train parked right next to their own Fulbright special in the Washington railroad yards gave visitors from Cleveland and Columbus a thrill. Many of them, who hadn't gotten in when the train yielded their cities, lined up at once to go through it.

Al Horstman, Democratic National committeeman from Ohio, viewed his state's float with mixed feelings when it passed in the parade. He thought it was pretty, but he knew it might cost him \$1000. When the state declined to finance a float, Mr. Horstman said he'd do it himself, with the idea that other well-heeled Buckeye Democrats would give him a hand. So far they haven't.

This is the most photographed inauguration in history. More professionals than ever before, and one out of three spectators carried a camera.

Many of the Congressmen on the platform at the President's right had motion picture cameras, and kept them going.

A lot of lamb ducks showed up. Once you've been in you're always a member of the club.

Former Sen. Ben Mead of New York was there, and former Senator Hattie Caraway of Arkansas.

George Parr, fabulous Texas politician, known as the Duke of Duval, watched the festivities, but wore no cowboy boots or flashy shirt. A Harvard man, he dresses in immaculate dark clothes.

Mr. Parr's "dukedom" in the Rio Grande Valley gives candidates he favors tremendous majorities. In Duval County, Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas got more than 4000 votes while his opponent, Coke Stevenson, got about 40. This is one reason why Mr. Stevenson's still protesting Mr. Johnson's election.

Labor fights—Communications Workers of America that claims

to be the first labor organization out for Mr. Truman had a float with telephone poles and wires, a switchboard and the slogan "We had the right number."

CIO float had an arch of economic and political "rights" rainbowing over a model of one of those houses everybody hopes to get.

Railway brotherhoods had a big locomotive, Uncle Sam wearing a railroad cap.

AFL had a victory arch with gates labeled "votes."

Non-voting District of Columbia wasn't allowed to have a float plugging its bid for suffrage, as some committee members wanted. So the float featured the Washington Monument, and other points of interest. But on the jeep that pulled it, they hung a big sign with the words "freedom to vote."

Sixty high school students from Birmingham's five high schools watched the Capitol ceremonies. They were under the watchful eye of Claude F. McLain, football coach at Ensley High.

Democratic inaugurations always have been more elaborate more boisterous, but there's never been one like this.

It's the first big reunion for the party since that mad, incredible night in November when they suddenly found they'd won the victory they never expected.

The last time they all got together was in July, in Philadelphia.

They were a droopy crowd then. Dispirited, quarrelling, looking for "anybody but Harry Truman," glum when they finally decided they were stuck with him. The vice presidential nomination went begging.

Today they are still pinching themselves, telling the story over and over again, slapping each other backs, laughing and talking about "what-a-man Harry."

And there is beginning to be a change. Right after election, they used to say Harry did it all by himself. Now hundreds of them are more than willing to share credit for the victory with the President. They're beginning to button-hole each other and tell how "I sensed the swing in the last few days and I'll tell you what I did..."

The Oath

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (UP)—This is the Presidential oath of office, as prescribed by the Constitution:

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States."

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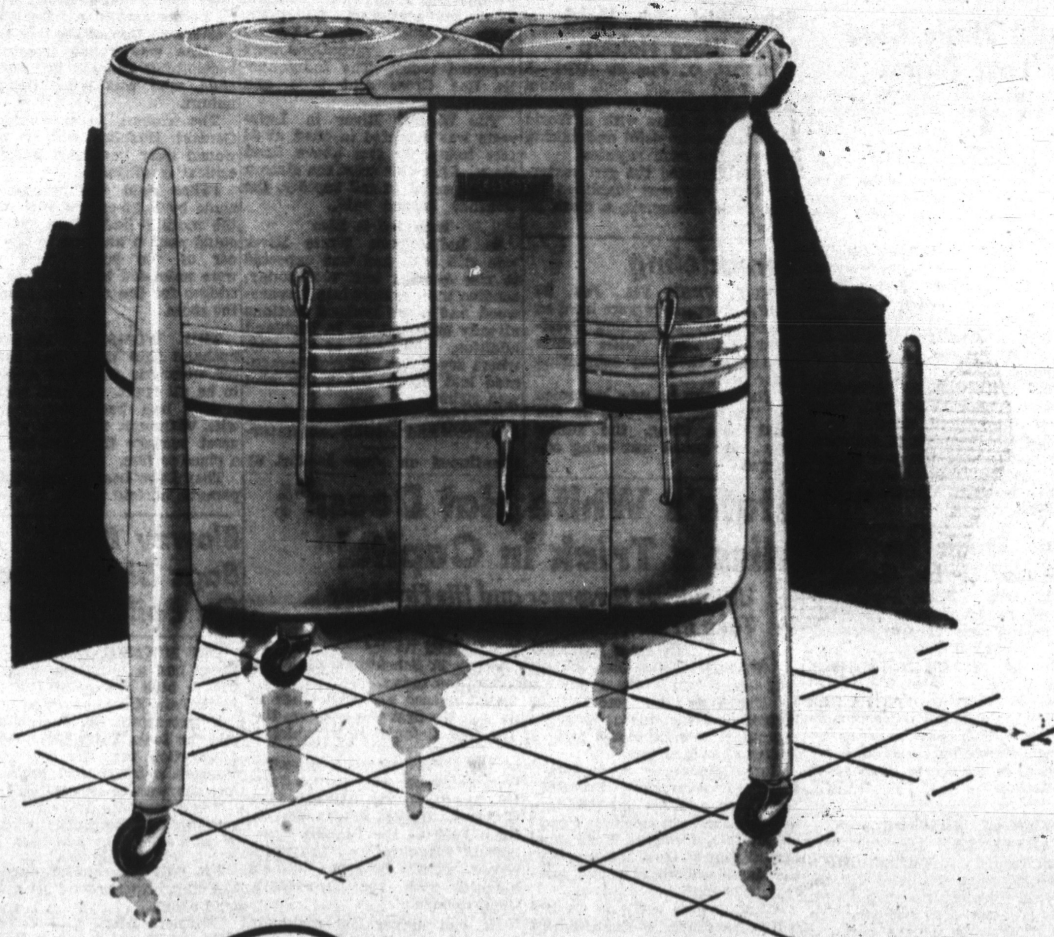
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