

Thousands Feared Caught In New Storm

High Winds Batter Western Areas; 300 Autos Marooned

A widespread storm whipped out of the Rocky Mountains today toward the plains states. Army officers feared that all their work of breaking roads to snowbound ranchers might be undone in a matter of hours. Winds up to 80 miles an hour howled across the mountains. An estimated 300 to 400 cars were trapped on U. S. Highway 40 as 77-mile-an-hour winds drove snow across the Donner Summit between Truckee and Baxter in the California Sierras. Towering snowdrifts isolated La Grande and Klamath Falls in Oregon, Walla Walla in Washington, Boise in Idaho, and Casper, Rawlins and Lusk, in Wyoming.

Reno, Nev., was cut off on three sides. Half the automobiles in Blackfoot, Idaho, were stalled on city streets. Several thousand persons were believed trapped in the Sierras. About 2000 persons were snowed in along Highway 50 between Kyburz, Cal., and White Hills, Nev., near Carson City.

Two transcontinental buses were trapped in Oregon, at La Grande and at Union, as the heaviest snowfall of the year hit the ground. Three overland buses and 50 cars were halted north of Klamath Falls in southern Oregon.

Air traffic, including haylift operations were stopped over much of the area. Passenger trains ran 15 to 20 hours late through the Donner Summit and freights were halted altogether.

Avalanches Halted Train. Avalanches halted the Union Pacific Railroad's Portland Rose at Pendleton, Ore., and the Snoqualmie Pass in Washington was closed by slides.

A Shoshone, Idaho, highway engineer warned that rural roads in the area might be plugged now "until the spring thaw."

Doctors worried about the plight of expectant mothers and relief planes took to the air wherever possible to watch for distress signs marked in the snow at ranch houses.

The Utah state police radio station burned to the ground as streamers tried to reach the scene through the snow.

Plane, Three Aboard, Missing. A light plane with three persons aboard was missing out of Rawlins. It had been on a mercy flight carrying feed and supplies to sheep camps in the area.

The new blow followed on the heels of a strong blizzard that swept the northern plains this week-end. The earlier storm closed 40 per cent of the roads blasted open in South Dakota by Fifth Army bulldozers as well as 1250 miles of roads in Wyoming and a few in Nebraska.

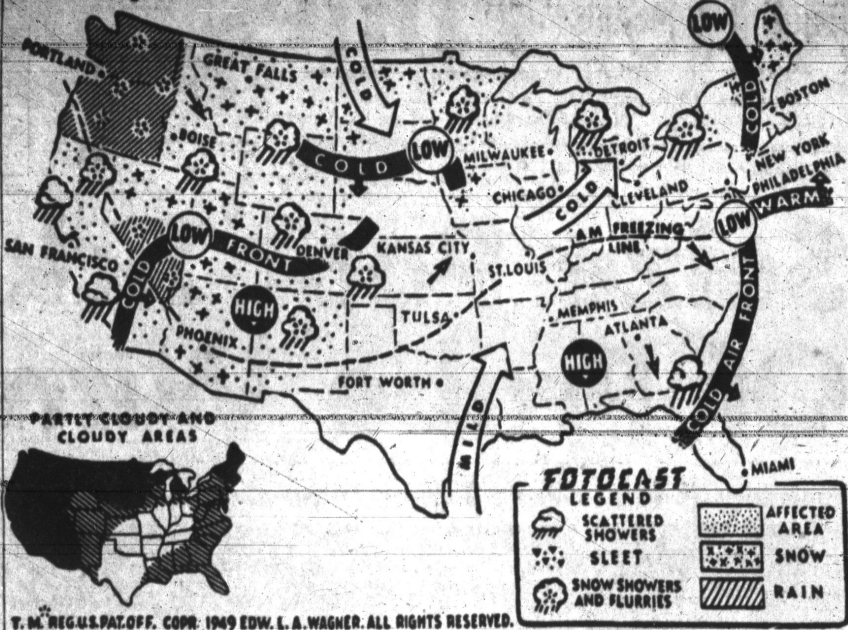
General Finance Co. Case Rehearing Opens

The second hearing of charges against the General Finance Co. involving overcharges and other violations of the state installment credit act opened this morning with a quorum of the board of the Department of Financial Institutions present. The rehearing was ordered because a quorum had not been present during all of the session of the first hearing. The rehearing is expected to take about 10 days.

Bacteriologists Give Post to ND Researcher

Robert F. Ervin, assistant research professor of bacteriology at the University of Notre Dame, has been elected Indiana councilor to the Society of American Bacteriologists, by the Indiana branch of the society. By virtue of his election to the two-year term, Prof. Ervin is automatically a member of the organization, and will represent the Indiana branch at all national meetings. At Notre Dame he is business administrator for the bacteriology laboratories.

Today's Weather Fotocast



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TODAY AND TOMORROW—Mild weather is predicted in the South and on the Atlantic seaboard, with temperatures of 10 to 20 degrees from upstate New York through the Great Lakes region. Northern New England, the Great Lakes, and the northern plains states can expect snow. Stormy weather is forecast for the West.

Burglars Get Cash, Tools, Clothing

Churches and Autos Hit in 8 Raids

Two churches, three automobiles and three buildings were burglarized overnight, netting \$85 in cash, tools valued at \$45, and \$335 in clothing.

Custodians of the First Church of the Nazarene and Downey Ave. Christian Church found their churches burglarized today. The only thing taken was a small bank at the Downey Ave. church containing \$2.

William J. Brewer of Rolla, Mo., said someone broke into his automobile, parked near the Lincoln Hotel, where he was staying and took clothing valued at \$400. C. T. Mathes reported a top coat had been taken by someone who broke into his car, parked in a lot behind the Riley Hotel, where he was staying.

The Kit Stolen. Charles Robertson, 1320 N. Delaware St., reported a tire, wheel and tool kit valued at \$45 taken from his automobile, after his garage had been broken into. Charles Sims reported four pounds of butter taken from his truck of the Polk Milk Co., 1100 E. 15th St., which he had parked in the garage behind the company.

Donie Smith, 2032 Lexington Ave., of Marion Trucking Co., 560 W. 14th St., told police he found \$55 missing from an office cabinet.

Gears, tires and change were taken from American Auto Parts offices, 2123 E. Washington St., after the side window had been forced open.

A cash box containing \$12 was missing from I. R. C. & D. Trucking Co., 502 S. West St. W. A. Whiteside of 5585 Massachusetts Ave., told police. The office had been ransacked.

26 Student Nurses Sign Up for Class

Twenty-six pre-clinical nursing students registered today at Methodist Hospital School of Nursing to begin a six-month class. Those fulfilling requirements will receive caps and become members of the freshmen class.

The school faculty will hold a reception for new students at 8 p. m. Thursday in Wile Hall, nurses' residence. Miss Elma Thompson is general chairman. Miss Louise E. Grant, school of nursing director, is program chairman and Miss Carmen Sharpe is in charge of invitations. New students from Indianapolis include Mrs. Carolyn Weed-Casell, Mrs. Joyce Waggoner, Miss Lela Muriel Crick, Miss Mary Margaret Helwig and Miss Jo Ann Turner.

AVERAGE INCOME UP—WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (UP)—The Census Bureau reported today that the average American family received a \$3000 income in 1947, about 20 per cent more than in 1944.

Hoover Urges Streamlining Of Agencies

Warns of Grasshopper Bites by Officials To Protect Jobs

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (UP)—Former President Herbert Hoover warned Congress today that attempts to reorganize the government's operations might die of "grasshopper bites" by officials protecting their jobs.

That, he said, was the chief source of opposition which killed off previous plans. And he feared it might happen again.

He testified as chairman of the Reorganization Commission before the Senate Executive Expenditures Committee. He urged passage of a bill to start the program for streamlining government operations.

He said his commission experts estimate government reorganization could save \$3 billion a year. Committee members questioned the wisdom of letting the President make changes subject only to veto by both houses of Congress.

'Never Gained Inch'

Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R. Wis.) asked if veto by only one house is feasible. Mr. Hoover said when such a plan was used in the past, "we never got an inch."

"We've got to try something strong and radical if we are going to get anywhere now," Mr. Hoover said.

Mr. Hoover ducked an inquiry from Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R. Mich.) on letting Congress instead of the President originate the plans.

He said Congress could take the initiative "if it wants." Mr. Hoover recommended the bill now before the committee.

The bill, drawn as he recommended, would provide no exemptions to any agency from the reorganization powers of the President. Under it, the President would submit plans to reshuffle executive departments to Congress. They would become effective in 60 days, unless both Houses vetoed them.

Urges Consolidation—Earlier the Hoover Commission recommended to Congress that 65 executive agencies be consolidated into one-third that number in order to relieve the President's "crushing burden" and start the government on the way to saving billions of dollars.

The recommendation was made in the first of 15 reports on ways to streamline the Executive Department. The commission did not say what departments, agencies or boards should be eliminated or merged, but it did offer 27 specific recommendations for saving the President work, time and money.

"It is manifestly impossible for the President to give adequate supervision to so many agencies," the commission said. "By placing related functions cheek-by-jowl, the overlaps can be eliminated and, of even greater importance, co-ordinated policies can be developed."

Highly Critical—The commission was highly critical of executive departments and agencies, saying the government has failed to develop "an aggressive program" for developing capable administrators.

High commission recommendations were:

ONE: Creation of a staff secretary in the White House. He would keep the President informed of work in the various agencies.

TWO: Setting up of an office of personnel in the Executive Department whose director should also be chairman of the Civil Service Commission.

THREE: Development of a much greater number of capable public administrators.

FOUR: More orderly grouping of the functions of government into major departments under the President. Establishment of a clear line of control from the President to such department heads.

FIVE: Strengthening of the Office of the Budget "as the managerial arm of the President."

State Sales Tax Proposal Makes Legislative Deadline

The long-awaited sales tax proposal and a bill to permit cities to put the bite on incomes were introduced just under the wire today as the legislature wound up introduction of bills for the rest of the session.

The sales tax bill was introduced in the House of Representatives by Reps. Merrett Monks (R. Winchester) and Lang Helt (R. Dana). It would levy a tax of 2 per cent on all retail sales except food and would become effective July 1. It would run for only two years.

Whether it was a Republican policy measure to pay the bonus remained in doubt officially but it completed the list of bonus-payment measures scheduled for introduction.

Income Tax Measure—Power for Indiana cities to levy their own income taxes was proposed in a bill introduced in the Senate by Sen. Manford Ferguson (D. Connersville) and Sen. Samuel Johnson (R. Anderson).

Meanwhile, the House received a far-reaching civil rights bill which would impose penalties upon persons denying others any accommodations because of race, creed or color.

These bills were introduced amid the flurry of the last day in which measures can be introduced in the regular manner.

The bill for additional taxing power for cities was tossed into the hopper as a means of answering the municipalities' cries for more financial aid. Nearly all cities have complained they can no longer operate by merely property tax financing.

Aims at Jim Crow—The civil rights bill, aimed at removing all traces of Jim Crow laws, was introduced by Reps. Jane Ann Noble (D. Kokomo) and Judson Haggerty (D. Indianapolis). It would provide that any person denying another, except for reasons applicable to all, right to any accommodations would be guilty under the act.

The person denied the rights would be granted \$300 damages by the court. The defendant would be liable for fine of not less than \$300 nor more than \$500 and imprisonment up to 30 days.

Another bill to give the Mayor of Indianapolis a seat on the board of directors of Citizens Gas & Coke Utility was introduced in the House. A similar measure was defeated in the Senate last week.

Other House bills included one to outlaw nudist camps in Indiana and another reducing the gross income tax delinquent penalty from 1 per cent per month to 1/4 per cent per month.

Special Privilege Tax—Indiana manufacturers who escape gross income tax payments because their products are sold outside of the state would be called upon to pay a special privilege tax under a bill introduced in the House.

The measure was introduced by Reps. Harry Latham (D. Indianapolis) and Carroll Dennis (D. Beech Grove). They estimate the tax will raise \$15 million annually.

A bill to implement the off-street parking program in Indianapolis was tossed into the hopper by Rep. David Deets (D. Indianapolis) and Rep. Latham.

Edward T. Dain, Motorman, Dies

Retired in 1945; Service Tomorrow

Edward T. Dain, Indianapolis streetcar motorman from 1906 until 1945, died yesterday in Methodist Hospital after an illness of more than three years. He was 71.

Mr. Dain was first employed by the Indianapolis Street Railways Co., predecessor of the present Indianapolis Railways Inc., in 1906 just after the system had been electrified. He retired four years ago after nearly 40 years of service because of poor health.

Born in Brighton, Ill., Mr. Dain lived 45 years in Indianapolis. He was a member of Pentecostal Lodge No. 564, F&AM, Pentecostal Club, Liberty Benefit Society, and the Twenty Year Club of Indianapolis Railways.

Services at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow in the G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home, will be followed by burial in Washington Park.

Survivors include his wife, Ella T., a stepdaughter, Miss Eulalia Dain, two sons, Edward T. Dain Jr., and Robert N. Dain, all of Indianapolis, and three grandchildren.

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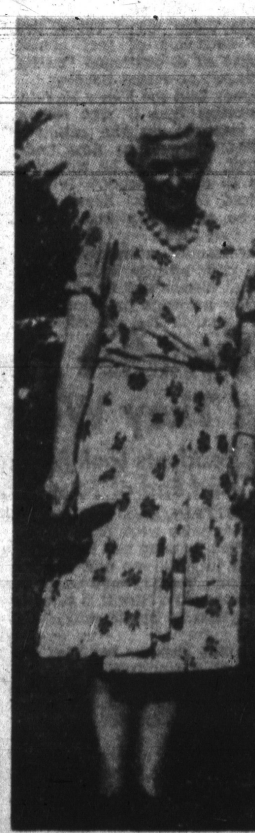
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Admits Slaying Native of Richmond



Investigator Paul E. Brown of Athens, O., with 20-year-old Harry Dadds of New Straitsville, O., who reportedly confessed murdering Miss Eleanor Grifford, 52, of Richmond, Ind., a church worker in Athens. The slaying was discovered Jan. 3.



Miss Grifford (above), was beaten to death by Dadds, he confessed, when she surprised him robbing her.