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Thaws Raise Flood Threats Through West

Ranchers Welcome Chinooks That Let Stock Get Water

By United Press
Ground blizzards closed more roads in Wyoming and Colorado today but chinook winds thawed the deep snows on Utah mountain slopes and threatened to set off serious floods.

Strong winds swept the southern Wyoming and eastern Colorado plains, ripping the old snow from the rangelands and piling it into new drifts on roads just cleared by bulldozers and snowplows.

A snowstorm was sweeping south from Wyoming and was expected to spread over Colorado by tomorrow.

Utah communities were taking emergency measures to control possible floods as sudden warm breezes swept the highland meadows. Farmers, however, welcomed the chinook.

They said it would open frozen water holes to cattle and make it easier for them to transport hay to their animals.

Maj. Gen. Lewis Pick, commander of the 5th Army's drive to open snow-bound roads, said he doesn't "think it's possible to get out of our present situation without some floods."

In view of the new storms sweeping Wyoming, the Union Pacific Railroad rerouted all of its East-West traffic through Denver.

Floods also threatened to arise in Nebraska, one of the hardest hit of the range states since the blizzards began on New Year's Day. Temperatures rose into the 40's yesterday in some sections and stayed at high levels today.

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Train Makes Shambles of Truck, Kills Man



In this wreckage Mr. Ward died and two others were injured when the panel truck was struck by a train.

One Dead, Two Critically Injured in Crossing Crash

The quick hand of death in traffic has struck again in Hoosier land.

A train-automobile crash snuffed out the life of one and injured two others in "murder on the highway."

The dead man is: Jesse John Ward, 62, of 829 Wright St.

The death of Mr. Ward brought the world crashing down around his aged mother, Mrs. George Alchon, 1145 Gilbert Ave., Edge-

wood. The same accident also nearly

claimed the life of Mrs. Alchon's 88-year-old husband who is in critical condition at General Hospital with a skull fracture.

It was 4:15 p. m. yesterday when the open panel truck of Mr. Ward and Mr. Alchon inched over the hump of the Pennsylvania Railroad track on the south edge of Southport.

On the seat of the open panel fruit-vegetable traveling salesroom were Mr. Ward, Mr. Alchon and Charles J. Kelly, 59, of 433 Kauffman Pl.

The inbound Louisville-Chicago passenger train smashed into it as it approached the crossing guarded with a cross arm only. According to a statement by the engineer, F. O. Gibson, Logansport, the train was traveling between 65 and 70 mph.

Almost Clears Tracks

The truck almost was clear of the tracks when the crash came. The train caught the left rear side of the vehicle and spun it off the tracks.

Debris of the wrecked car and unsold produce was scattered 100 yards along the track.

The impact tore the seat from the truck. It sailed 45 feet through the air, the three victims with it. When found by first arrivals at the death scene, the three men were lying with their heads on the seat.

Mr. Ward died immediately. Mr. Alchon and Mr. Kelly were critically injured. Both suffered skull fractures.

Meanwhile, at home Mrs. Alchon was preparing supper for her aged husband when news of his injury and her son's death was brought to her.

"My son, my son, my son," she cried as she sat on the davenport of her modest home. Neighbors tried to comfort her and the family pastor tried to bring solace.

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Familiar Scene

This is the scene repeated over and over again as "murder" strikes in traffic.

Only this past week Mr. Alchon had told neighbors he was getting too old to continue in business. He said he worried about his wife being home alone — something might happen to her.

Mr. Kelly was employed by Mr.



Traffic victim Jesse John Ward . . . the picture was a Christmas present for his aged mother.

Alchon and his step-son Mr. Ward. The two had been in the sidewalk fruit and vegetable business for some 25 years and were well-known figures on the South Side.

Mr. Ward is survived by his parents, his wife, two daughters, a son and a grandson.

Seek Flasher

A little more than a year ago, Nov. 24, 1947, the same scheduled train was involved in another fatal accident in the heart of Southport.

The engineer on the train was Mr. Gibson who also was at the controls of the locomotive yesterday. The victim of the earlier accident was A. D. Noggle, 85, R. R. 1, Indianapolis.

Mr. Noggle's car was struck and thrown into five other parked cars causing extensive property damage.

Since then the citizens of Southport have been in contact with the Pennsylvania Railroad seeking a flasher signal for the death crossing of yesterday.

"We have been dickering with the Pennsylvania Railroad for eight to 10 months for a signal," said Howard Norwood, president of the town board.

"We feel that some warning device, other than a cross arm is needed. Within the past three weeks we also have had the town attorney call upon the railroad seeking a reduced speed through our residential community," he said.

Wendell Robert Nalle, R. R. 1, Trafalgar, suffered face and back injuries last night when his car struck the rear of a vehicle driven by Otis Williams Jr., 840 Denison St., in the 5500 block W. Washington St.

The victim was taken to General Hospital where his condition was reported as fair today. Mr. Williams was uninjured.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY

Indiana Chapter, Western Section, International Association of Electrical Inspectors—Lincoln Hotel, 8:30 p. m.; Central YMCA, auditorium.

EVENTS TOMORROW

Tea, 10 a. m.; Display—12 noon to 6 p. m.; Sevren Hotel.

Piano Student Recital—8:15 p. m.; Odess Hall.

Hall Lecture, "Is the South Bad?"—11 a. m.; Murat Theater.

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