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GORGE FORMS ABOVE PERRY

RIVER RECEDES AND RISES AT INTERVALS DURING THE DAY AND NO GREAT DANGER NEAR

RIVER HAS NOT REACHED CRITICAL STAGE AS YET

Five inch rise in three hours today noon but at Perry, indications are that waters are receding—Gorge at Perry is within two feet of the new bridge and covers large district above the structure

With an ice gorge forming in the Grande Ronde river just above the new steel bridge at Perry, and water receding and rising at frequent intervals at various points along the river today, there is both evidence of danger from that source and again but little cause for general alarm along the shores of the river and in country likely to suffer times of floods. Last night the river went up rapidly at Perry forming a very formidable gorge at the bridge. The bridge was built four feet higher than the old structure, but nevertheless the ice has formed a gorge that is within two feet of the structure, and should it be raised with increased flood waters, damage is likely. Recedes and Rises Again. Reports from Perry today say that the water has gone down con-

siderably today and on the contrary, officials of the Palmer mill whose property is in direct path of high floods and who keep in touch with the river perhaps as closely as anyone, says that the stream rose five inches from 10 a. m. until 1 p. m. At the present time there is no danger in sight at the Palmer mill and the chief object to be watched today is the sudden giving away of the gorge at Perry.

Tributaries Rising Rapidly
Reports from Hilgard, Starkey and other points up the Grande Ronde river and along tributary streams, are less encouraging. The river is rising very rapidly in the region of Starkey, and at Hilgard all tributary streams this afternoon are showing rapid increase in volume. As soon as the tributaries become raging torrents, which they will be tomorrow provided they are not effectively checked by frosts tonight the Grande Ronde river will reach real flood stage within 24 hours. Telephone messages from Hilgard advise that Five Points has formed an ice jam at the logging company's bridge and workmen are attempting to clear it. The logging road is already covered to a considerable distance there with water.

Teddy May Have Hookworm
Washington, Mar. 2.—Friends of Roosevelt are worried over the statement of Fritz Duquesne, the noted African hunter, that Roosevelt is likely to be stricken with either the sleeping sickness or African Fever after his return to civilization. News from Africa that fever has been appearing in the wake of the party is prompting the prediction. Various means of guarding against the disease suggested by scientists familiar with the conditions to be confronted, were followed out closely by the members of the expedition.

1000 FEET OF MUD AT ELGIN

UNION PACIFIC TRAINS WILL BE ROUTED OVER THE O. R. & N. IS WORD FROM SALT LAKE

REQUIRE DAYS TO GET BRANCH LINE IN SHAPE

Information as to when Idaho troubles will be straightened up—Stubs to Portland late this afternoon—Conditions in Northwest not encouraging—O. R. & N. requires brief halt.

FLOOD SITUATION
Union Pacific trains to come via La Grande. After brief trouble O. R. & N. is clear. Enormous landslide below Elgin. No trains from the east yet. Portland trains many hours late.

An avalanche of mud measuring 100 feet in length and averaging a depth of 20 feet has effectively put a crimp in La Grande Joseph traffic for a period of many days. In addition to this vast amount of trouble, there are several minor slides in the canyon and for perhaps two days or more Conductor Grady and his crew will be kept snugly secluded in Wallowa county, plying between Wallowa and Joseph. It is impossible to transfer across the Elgin slide as several minor slides in the canyon keep the train many miles apart at the best.

Information sent in to the dispatcher's office today from Conductor Leughen, says that it will require about four days to clear the new and enormous slide which covers the tracks a little less than a mile beyond Elgin.

The exact nature of the other and minor slides is not yet known. This is already the third day of isolation for Wallowa county, despite all the O. R. & N. with augmented gangs of men and machinery can do to clear the right of way. The mainline of the O. R. & N. is clear again this afternoon.

Telegraph dispatches from Salt Lake say that the Union Pacific is going to route its trains over the O. S. L. an dthe O. R. & N. for a period of 10 days until slides between Odden and San Francisco have been cleared.

Stub Train From East
This afternoon a stub train from Huntington is marked up for 5 o'clock. Local officials have no information as to when the O. S. L. troubles will be righted and Eastern trains reach La Grande. It will not likely be today at any time. The Portland train arrived about 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Derailment On West End.
Trains from the West, Portland and other points, were many hours late today. A derailment at the extreme West end held Number Six until a late hour in the afternoon and for this reason there will be a complete isolation here until late in the afternoon from either direction.

Number 10 Annulled.
For the first time since the flood period commenced, there was no mail from Portland today. Number 10, the fast mail train which arrives here in the morning from Portland was annulled early in the day.

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TRAINS SWEEP OVER CANYON

TWO PASSENGER TRAINS IN THE MOUNTAINS NEAR EVERETT MEETS GUESOME FATE

TWENTY-THREE DEAD RECOVERED EARLY IN THE DAY.

Two escape and come to Everett to tell the story of how two passenger trains were swept down mountain side a distance of 500 feet. Vast amount of snow accompanied the avalanches.

Everett, Wash., Mar. 2.—Twenty-three bodies recovered, 25 still missing, and 20 injured is a summary of the casualties of the snowslide that swept two Great Northern passenger trains down the mountain side early yesterday.

Two trains, three engines, four electric motors, one rotary and Superintendent O'Neil's private car were hurled to the bottom of a deep canyon at the West portal of the tunnel. Though the slide occurred a few in the morning it was 10:30 before the passenger train could be located so enormous was the amount of snow and debris. Everything was completely buried.

Reports that Wellington was also swept away by the slides are erroneous. The two principal buildings in the village, the depot and the hotel, are standing and no damage was done to them. The trains were all standing on the sidetrack a few hundred yards from the station. A partial list of the dead is:

Trainmaster A. R. Blackburn, E. R. Longley, secretary to Superintendent O'Neil; Louis Walker, porter of the private car; Watchman Johannes O'Neil is believed to be safe.

News from the scene of the catastrophe is coming in slowly, owing to the blocked condition of the track and prostration of telegraph lines. John S. Rogers, a real estate man, who with many others struggled through the drifts from the stalled train, told the following story today: "By the time we reached the mountains there were about 70 passengers aboard. Early Wednesday morning we were stopped at the East portal of the Cascade tunnel. We stayed there until Friday. On Friday night we left the East portal and a few hours later an avalanche wiped out the bunk house, killing two men. We pulled through the tunnel as far as Wellington. Sunday we noticed on the top of the old switch back of an enormous cap of snow hanging precariously on the side and clinging to sparse timber. The same day as the snow slide coming down on the east side of the hotel, carrying the timber with it in a great avalanche of snow. That night there was another slide that filled a 50-foot gulch. I saw the snow slide coming down on top of the train. The menace of that immense snow cap was a pall on our spirits. It was the most enormous accumulation of snow ever known in the mountains. During all the time we were there it snowed continuously with a terrific wind driving the drifts."

Wires to Scenic have been down all morning cutting off news from the scene of the avalanche. One of the relief trains is due back this evening with some of the injured, according to Great Northern officials.

Seventy men with provisions left Everett this morning and will go as far as possible into the mountains, and then leave the trails and try to

break their way through into Wellington.

Official Death List Given.
Seattle, Mar. 2.—The traffic manager of the Great Northern officially announced today that 25 are dead, and 16 to 25 missing and 12 injured in the Wellington avalanche. The Great Northern has a man struggling through the snow from Wellington to Scenic Hot Springs, where he will telegraph the list of the dead. The man had not reached Scenic at one o'clock.

Patten Will Not Retire.
New York, Mar. 2.—"Speculation is the spice of life" said Wheat King Patten today as he was departing for Europe. "There is nothing like taking chances. It keeps you young and happy."
He denied the report that he would retire within a short time, having made \$12,000,000 in speculation. He said it was impossible to corner the wheat market.

Studying American Newspapers

San Francisco, Mar. 1.—Will Irwin, a newspaperman, magazine writer and author, is here today gathering material for a series of articles on the American newspaper and its relation to the times. He expects to spend several months on the coast making a study of the subject. He will visit the important cities of the Northwest, and avows he is a muckraker.

Irwin says that in a general way the American paper is rapidly improving. Sensational journalism is going out of fashion. He does not know why it is but perhaps the public is growing tired of too much sensationalism.

Frisco Fires Numerous.

San Francisco, Mar. 2.—The Bancroft Building and contents was damaged to the extent of about \$50,000 by fire last night. The origin is unknown. This is the second fire in the building within a week. The valuable stock of Butler-Schultze company, wholesale milliners, on the 3d floor, was badly damaged by water.

French Philosopher Here

New York, March 2.—Etienne Emile Marie Boutrou, the French philosopher, accompanied by his wife, arrived here today from Paris to deliver a series of lectures at the Harvard University. M. Boutrou and his wife while in the United States will be the guest of William James, formerly professor of philosophy at Harvard and will visit Washington paying their respects to the President.

CHAUTAUGUA ORGANIZATION

ALL TICKET HOLDERS URGED TO ATTEND A CALL'D MEETING TOMORROW AFTERNOON

DIRECTORS TO TRANSACT ALL BUSINESS NECESSARY

New tabernacle on Fifth street is the meeting place of all ticket holders for an important meeting tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock. Final and complete organization will be order of the meeting.

Definite organization and banding together of all ticketholders in the Chautauqua guarantee will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 when all those who subscribed for tickets are called to meet at the new tabernacle on Fifth Street. At this meeting every subscriber for Chautauqua tickets is expected to be present that definite organization can be made. A set of directors from which officers will be chosen, will be elected and every subscriber will have a voice in the organization.

This meeting is all-important and every lady or man who has a voice coming should make it a point to attend the meeting. It will not be a lengthy affair, transaction of business and then adjournment, being the plan.

It is not permissible to allow a drag or postponement of business in this affair. The time is rapidly drawing near when a well organized association must take the reins and perfect all details for the coming initial Chautauqua in this city. "Attend the meeting" is the watchword and an urgent cry from Chautauqua promoters.

Architectural Exhibition

Pittsburg, March 2.—The Fifth National Architectural Exhibition was opened today in the galleries of the Carnegie Institute, where it will remain in public view until March 16. Over 88,000 people attended the last exhibition in 1907 and 100,000 are expected this year.

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