

CHINOOK FLOODS ARE FEARED BY NORTHWEST

RAILROAD TRAFFIC RESULTING NORMAL CONDITIONS WITH ARRIVAL OF FINAL DETACHMENT OF TRAINS—EXTREMELY COLD IN THE MIDDLEWEST ONCE MORE—MELTING WEATHER HERE.

EASTERN STORMS RAGE AGAIN. Minneapolis, Jan. 10.—Twenty-one below zero and a thirty mile gale blowing in the storm report here today. Similar reports come from northern and western Wisconsin and Minnesota points.

Imminent danger of chinooks has filled city, county and railroad officials throughout the northwest with concern according to press dispatches today, and that there is some danger of a chinook and consequent flood is evidenced in La Grande where the weather has been far above the freezing point since yesterday afternoon.

Restoration of O-W overland traffic after days of congestion will become an established fact tonight at 6 o'clock or there abouts when the last of the stalled traffic, both directions, will have passed La Grande. By strenuous work the iron road passenger trains east of La Grande were liberated shortly before midnight and motive power has been kept in stiff demand today to clear away the train over. Due to a slide at Mitchell near Bonneville yesterday evening No. 10, the morning mail from Portland and No. 6, the morning passenger train, were held up many hours being scheduled to reach La Grande this afternoon sometime about eight hours late. No. 5 followed by four sections of No. 17 commenced to roll into La Grande at 1 o'clock and the last section is due at 6. Once these seven trains have passed La Grande, trains held up by this storm will have been gotten by this point and so far as known now, regular schedules will be resumed tonight.

The blimp has been one of the most severe in many years.

SCRAPER ON STREETS.

Street Department Working Surplus Snow Into Center of Street.

With the use of a street scraper-grader Street Superintendent McMurray is working surplus snow piled over the gutters in the business district into the center of the street and is preparing for floods should such become a fact. Gutters are entirely obliterated and at present there would be no manner of escape for melted

CARNEGIE TESTIFIES.

Tells How He Made His Start Building Iron Bridges in '61.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Summoned by subpoena after he had refused to voluntarily testify, Andrew Carnegie appeared before the Stanley committee of the steel probers.

Chipper and smiling, Carnegie took the stand carrying voluminous documents. He told how he had started the iron business in 1861 and borrowed \$1,500,000 from the Third National bank and started building iron bridges. "That was my start," he said.

Corbett Shows Anger.

Chicago, Jan. 10.—J. J. Corbett, in Boston, and S. S. Frazee, the theatrical magnate, in hot statements published today, denied Jack Johnson's charges that they tried to induce him to lay down in any fight. Corbett promises a damage suit.

snow, and would necessarily create considerable havoc. Residents are giving considerable attention to sidewalk cleaning and within a day or two the cement should again show itself in many places

STILL BLAMES DENEEN.

Lorimer Called Before Investigating Committee at Washington. Washington, Jan. 10.—Renewed declaration that he became a senatorial candidate at the urgent request of Governor Deneen of Illinois—who denies it—was made here today by Senator Lorimer when he resumed the stand before the senate investigating committee.

PROMINENT FOLKS AT LAKE

MRS. W. S. TROUPE OF BALTIMORE SEEKS OREGON'S RESORT.

Jay Dobbins of Wallowa and Judge Burke of Baker Are There.

Among the prominent people who are now at Hot Lake is Mrs. W. S. Troupe, president of the oldest of New England's Women's clubs. She is a Baltimore lady and comes to the Lake after spending two months at the famous Michigan watering place, Mt. Clemens. She is delighted with what she has seen of Oregon and announces she will probably remain at Hot Lake for a couple of months.

Jay Dobbins, a prominent wool-grower of Wallowa county and who has lately been mentioned as a congressional possibility, is at the Lake for a few days. Judge Thos. C. Burke, who had started from Baker to Portland to attend the Jackson banquet, is also at the Lake on account of belated trains.

H. Hewlitt, of Wales, who has been touring America, arrived at the Lake yesterday. He was surprised to find such a resort in Oregon and at once decided to spend three months there. "I have traveled over most of the world," said Mr. Hewlitt, "I have been at all of the important watering places and believe me when I say this institution is up to any of them. Not so large, you know, but for service and water this is A No. 1. I am so pleased with the Lake that I am going to stay at least three months. This whole Oregon country looks to me. Something grand about it."

FRANKLIN FOOLS RUMOR

Reported He Would Plead Guilty but Changes Mind at Last Moment.

Los Angeles, Jan. 10.—Following the withdrawal of former Governor Gage as counsel for Franklin, charged with bribing a juror in the McNamara case, it was reported that Franklin would plead guilty, but he didn't. Gage would not discuss the matter other than to say the fee was too small. Franklin plead not guilty this afternoon.

LONG SEARCH FRUITLESS.

Westminster Bank Robber Cannot Be Located by Pinkertons.

San Francisco, Jan. 10.—Search being made in California by the Pinkertons for Albert Anderson, wanted for alleged complicity in the robbery of a bank at New Westminster is yet unproductive, according to reports to Pinkerton's headquarters here. The officials will not talk except to say the man is not yet arrested.

WILLIAM C. ADAMSON.

New Representative in Congress From Fourth Georgia District.



Photo by American Press Association

RAILROAD PURCHASE RUMORED

Denied at Portland That Eugene to Coos Bay Line Sold.

Portland, Jan. 10.—President Bingham of the Pacific-Great Western, building from Eugene to Coos Bay, denied today that the Southern Pacific had bought it. "The report is false," he said.

Some color is lent the rumor however, by the announcement that two surveying crews are recalled.

England Shows Anxiety.

London, Jan. 10.—It is believed that England is communicating with Japan to see if Russia's alleged plan regarding China will be allowed to go through.

One of Four to Die.

Sacramento, Jan. 10.—Only one of the four men sentenced to hang Friday at San Quentin, will die. The unfortunate is Mark Wilkins, a convict who will be reprieved or given "life."

EQUITABLE'S WALLS MENACE

MAY CRUSH IN WALLS OF AMERICAN BANK STRUCTURE

RESCUE WORK PROGRESSING WITH LITTLE RESULTS

Number of Dead Still Unascertainable as Ice and Debris Cover Bodies—Police Drive Tenants Out of Adjoining Building to Avoid Further Loss of Life From Fire.

New York, Jan. 10.—Recognizing that there is serious danger of the burned walls of the Equitable building collapsing and crushing the big American Bank building nearby, the police this afternoon ordered all tenants out of that structure. Huge crowds numbering close to a million are watching, anticipating a sudden cavern of the charred walls.

It is estimated that seven are dead, and possibly more as several of the building's employes are missing. It is impossible to secure any adequate estimate of the monetary loss, but it is estimated between five and 20 millions. Three hundred and fifty laborers are working, clearing the debris. President Giblin of the Mercantile Safe Deposit Vault company, is improving.

A dozen fire engines are pouring water into the ice coated ruins of the Equitable building preparatory to a search for bodies burned yesterday. Wall Street's activities are seriously hampered by the absence of approximately two billion dollars' worth of securities, locked in the vaults. Although it is believed the vault contents have not suffered, there is a chance of spontaneous combustion burning many. Likely seven days will elapse before the bodies are recovered.

The securities lock in the vaults are: Kuhn, Loeb & Co., \$100,000,000; William Reid & Co., Thomas Ryan and the Gould estate, each \$100,000,000.

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PRINCE CHUN.

Chinese Emperor's Father, Who Has Abdicated the Regency.



BANKS SELECT OLD OFFICERS

J. E. REYNOLDS' NAME ADDED TO LA GRANDE NATIONAL.

La Grande National and U. S. National Select Officers.

Re-election of all officers in both banking institutions in La Grande was effected yesterday afternoon at the annual meetings of stockholders in the two banks here. Routine matters coming before the annual meetings, including the election of officers were the principal matters transacted in both. The only new face to enter active banking circles as a result of the elections is that of J. E. Reynolds who is added to the board of directors of the La Grande National.

The United States National re-elected the entire board and officers as follows:

N. K. West, president; Wm. Miller, vice president; T. J. Scroggin, cashier; H. E. Coolidge, assistant cashier.

Board of Directors—N. K. West, Wm. Miller, T. J. Scroggin, H. E. Coolidge, A. T. Hill, C. T. Bacon, J. F. Conley, J. L. Caviness, Judge J. C. Henry.

The La Grande National re-elected the same officers, namely: Fred J. Holmes, president, W. J. Church, vice president, F. L. Meyers, cashier, Earl Zundell, assistant cashier, and the directors are Mr. Holmes, Mr. Church, Mr. Meyers, Walter M. Pierce, C. C. Pennington, Geo. L. Cleaver and J. E. Reynolds.

STARVATION SEVERE.

Thousands Have Been Dying While Russia Keeps Quiet.

London, Jan. 10.—Hundreds of thousands of peasants have perished from starvation and a million poor are in dire distress, many living on weeds. Scurvy and typhoid is prevalent in the Eastern Russian provinces. The horrible conditions were made known by a United Press correspondent who has just returned from a trip through these. Russia is using her censorship to hide the conditions. Crop failures are the cause.

The crops failed entirely in eight provinces and partially in 12. Entire villages are feeding on tanbark weeds in some sections, and the poor many times follow priests through the streets crying for sacraments to the dying on account of starving conditions. The imperial government is trying to alleviate suffering which is beyond its power, but little aid reaches the needy, owing to official grafting.

Added to the horror is winter. A number of villages have been stormed by the starving and ransacked.

GERMAN SOCIAL PARTY STRONG

SOCIAL-DEMOCRATS CONCEDED CONCERNING ELECTION

GERMANY BESET BY 19 OR 20 DISSENTING PARTIES

Socialists Gain Rapid General Belief Is That Election Friday Will Seat Big Majority of Socialists in Reichstag—Taxation One of Chief Issues of Campaign.

Berlin, Jan. 10.—A substantial victory for the social-democrats is generally predicted and expected in the general elections of a new German reichstag which take place Friday. It is conceded by even the government and the conservative organs, that the social-democrats will have a much larger representation in the next reichstag. There is considerable difference of opinion as to just how great the gains will be. The figures vary from 70 to 120 members, and strange to say, the socialists themselves are the most conservative in their estimates, the solution to this being that some of the newspaper of the opposing parties are predicting a tremendous victory for the socialists for the sole purpose of whipping up their respective parties to greater efforts by picturing the danger of such a large socialist representation in the reichstag.

The socialists had 52 in the last reichstag and have elected seven members since. Conservatives estimate that they will elect a representation of from 80 to 90 members.

Germany is a "house divided against itself" so far as politics is concerned. There are about 18 parties, ten of which are represented in the reichstag, which has a membership of 397. A combination of the Roman Catholic "Center" (so named because of its position in the reichstag) with its 105 members, and Agrarians or conservative party, which is the "government" party, numbering 60, has always been able to control legislative matters. This combination has been the government's faithful ally.

There has been some "re-grouping" in the present campaign and four main party divisions have developed. The three moderate radical parties—the Free Thinking People's party, the Free Thinking Union, and the Common People's party—have consolidated on the name of the People's Progressive party. Another division includes the Agrarians, Conservative and Anti-Semite groups; the National Liberals and the socialists.

Among the principal questions at issue are: Overtaxation, high cost of living, failure of the government to provide an electoral reform and unpopular foreign policies. In the last analysis the issues simmer down to democracy and liberalism versus reaction.

The government is very much on the defensive in the present campaign owing to the failure to carry out promised reforms and also because of the unpopular Morocco negotiations last summer.

The campaign of the conservative groups has been a negative one. Instead of standing on a definite platform of their own, they are painting the evils that will befall the nation and predicting the collapse of the great German industries, if too many socialists are returned.

Under the German electoral system if no candidate receives a majority of all the votes cast, a supplementary election called a "stichwahl" must be held in which the two highest candidates are then voted for.

The leading parties had the following representation in the last reichstag:

Table with 2 columns: Party Name and Number of Members. Includes 'Center' (Roman Catholics) 105, Conservatives (Agrarians) 60, Social Democrats 52, National Liberals 48, Radical People's Party 25, Imperial Conservatives 25, Poles 19, Economic Unionists 17, People's Radical Union 15.

TELEGRAMS BEAR WELCOME

Fred B. Currey of Hot Lake, who is in charge of the publicity work for the proposed Southern Oregon trip, received messages last night from the governor of Oregon extending a cordial welcome to the business men of La Grande. He also received a message from the Salem commercial club offering the keys to that city the moment the La Grande delegation reached the capital.

Other welcomes have been received by mail and all of the towns along the route have been heard from, each expressing pleasure at being included in the stops made by the La Grande people.

"I had not been certain of going until today" said a prominent business man of La Grande, "but now I would not miss the trip for anything. I can see the benefit every individual will derive from the excursion and also can see how much good it will do La Grande as a community. We must visit the cities that are doing things and learn from them first hand how they proceed and what expense they are under. We must get better acquainted with our state, see the state institution and learn the cause of high taxes. To do these things it is necessary to go personally and visit with men in charge. I look upon the Southern Oregon trip as one of the very best things ever planned for La Grande."

Tomorrow is the last day to make final arrangements for this trip and everyone who is going should report to Mr. Collier by tomorrow afternoon so that proper word can be handed to the railroad company.

It has been decided best to leave La Grande on train No. 5 Sunday morning. The car will be placed in the yards Saturday evening and when bed time arrives all of the party can retire and when No. 5 comes through Sunday morning it will book out to the La Grande sleeper. The heavy storm halted arrange-

ments to a certain extent and many were inclined to waver for an instant on going, but the warm weather now has caused all such fears to disappear and there will likely be comparatively few who will not go.

For convenience we reprint the schedule:

- Leave La Grande Sunday, January 14, 1:05 a. m.
Arrive Portland Sunday, January 14, 8:00 p. m.
Leave Portland Monday, January 15, 8:30 a. m.
Arrive Salem Monday, January 15, 10:59 a. m.
Leave Salem Monday, January 15, 9:56 p. m.
Arrive Albany Monday, January 15, 10:57 p. m.
Leave Albany Tuesday, January 16, 8:00 a. m.
Arrive Corvallis Tuesday, January 16, 8:40 a. m.
Leave Corvallis Tuesday, January 16, 11:30 a. m.
Arrive Albany Tuesday, January 16, 2:10 p. m.
Leave Albany, Tuesday, January 16, 12:25 p. m.
Arrive Eugene Tuesday, January 16, 2:00 p. m.
Leave Eugene Wednesday, January 17, 12:32 a. m.
Arrive Medford Wednesday, January 17, 10:35 a. m.
Leave Medford Wednesday, January 17, 5:20 p. m.
Arrive Ashland Wednesday, January 17, 11:35 a. m.
Leave Ashland Wednesday, January 17, 5:20 p. m.
Arrive Medford Wednesday, January 17, 5:49 p. m.
Leave Medford, Thursday, January 18, 8:04 a. m.
Arrive Grants Pass Thursday, January 18, 9:10 a. m.
Leave Grants Pass Thursday, January 18, 2:04 p. m.
Arrive Medford Thursday, January 18, 3:32 p. m.
Leave Medford Friday, January 19, 8:04 a. m.
Arrive Roseburg Friday, January 19, 1:25 p. m.
Leave Roseburg Friday, January 19, 11:40 p. m.
Arrive Portland Saturday, January 20th, 7:40 a. m.
Leave Portland Saturday, January 20, 8:00 p. m.
Arrive La Grande Sunday, January 21, 9:40 a. m.