

FLOOD STATUS LESS GLOOMY

CONTINUED RAIN HAS NOT OPENED RIVERS AS YET

SNOW ABSORBS GREAT AMOUNT OF MOISTURE IN THE HILLS

Chicago and New York, Illinois and Minnesota Continue to Suffer Greatly From the Cold Snap—New York Morgues Filled With Poor Who Seek Warmth in Building—Suffering Is Intense.

Mountain snow is absorbing far more rain than was expected of it last night and today the continued rain which is falling all over Eastern Oregon is not deemed likely to create any serious consequence for the present at least. Last night little fell but it was resumed early this morning continuing intermittently until practical the entire day has seen more or less rainfall.

It is raining in the mountains as well as in the valleys and a severe flood seems bound to ensue shortly, although the fact that there is so much absorption going on, may deter it until the rains cease and thus be averted entirely. Mountaineers say that a surprisingly large amount of water is running into the ground, too, another fact that aids in the averting of floods.

The Grande Ronde is not "liquidated" yet, but such a condition is certain to ensue shortly unless the rains stop. Railroad officials are feeling less concerned today than yesterday as there seems to be less likelihood of immediate trouble.

Streets are rapidly becoming too water-soaked to allow pedestrians the free use of them. Already it is impossible to get anywhere in the residence district without subjecting one's self to wet feet. Snow that appears safe is undermined with lakes and few ladies are venturing out. On the whole, however, there is less prospect of disastrous or really serious floods than yesterday.

Poor Crowd Morgues.
New York, Jan. 13.—Zero weather struck New York for the first time in many years today. At 6:30 it was five below and at eight it had risen three degrees. Deaths from cold and starvation are hourly reported. Even the morgues are crowded by the poor, attempting to get warm.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Eighteen deaths from cold within the last 24 hours is reported, including three in Chicago, two at Hammond, Ind., three at Fargo, N. D., two in Minnesota, one at Valley City, N. D., and six in Northeastern Texas. At Columbus, Ind., today the temperature was 27 below. It is very

cold through Illinois and the middle-west.

With the price of coal boosted, suffering exists and the city officials and charitable organizations are straining their nerves trying to prepare shelter for the poor. The following "below zero" temperatures are reported: Duluth, Minn., 22; La Crosse, 26; Davenport, Iowa, 6; Battle Ford, Mich., 12; Omaha, 12; Madison, 20; Peoria, 16.

Milwaukee Automobile Show.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 13.—Surpassing in brilliancy and magnitude all previous exhibitions of the kind in this city, the fourth annual show of the Milwaukee Automobile Dealers' association opens in the auditorium tonight and will continue through the coming week. The display of pleasure and commercial cars, tires and accessories will occupy 60,000 square feet of exhibition space. Practically all of the leading manufacturers have sent exhibits.

Diaz to Leave Soon.

Bluefields, Jan. 13.—It is semi-officially announced that President Diaz will resign in favor of General Mena. Diaz sails for New Orleans next week ostensibly for a three months' tour. It is not expected that he will return.

Khartum Cathedral Consecration.

London, Jan. 13.—A large party of English churchmen and their families will depart tomorrow for Khartum to attend the consecration of the great cathedral that has been erected in the metropolis of the upper Nile country in memory of the famous General Gordon. The consecration is to take place in the latter part of this month and will be attended with splendid ceremonies. The Bishop of London, the Rt. Rev. Winnington-Ingram, will officiate.

Americans to Dine in Berlin.

Berlin, Jan. 13.—Elaborate preparations have been completed for the annual anniversary banquet of the American Association of Commerce and Trade which is to be given Monday evening at the Hotel Adlon. Ambassador Lelshman has accepted an invitation to attend.

SLIDES KILL THREE MINERS

WALLACE HORROR OF 1910 MAY BE REPEATED.

Others Are Missing and Searchers Comb Snowdrifts.

Wallace, Ida., Jan. 13.—The bodies of William Pearson, Oscar Lundquist and John Thone, miners, who were killed last night in avalanches which struck their cabins while they were at dinner, have been recovered and searchers are looking for two more who are missing.

The accident was at Big Creek, five miles away. With warmer weather the danger of more slides such as killed a score in 1910 is great.

FRANK WOOTTON.
English Boy Jockey Who Leads All Competitors For the Year.



Photo by American Press Association.

ROBBERS AND POSSES FIGHT

BLOTCHES OF BLOOD TELL OF WOUNDED MEN

STOLEN MONEY DROPPED IN FIGHT WITH CITIZENS

Bloody Battle Ensues When Citizens Overtake Robbers Who Loot Newport Bank—Principal Booty Recovered When Sack Is Dropped by the Fleeing Robbers—Event Well Planned.

Newport Beach, Cal., Jan. 3.—Three cracksmen this morning blew the safe of the bank at Newport, and escaped with a small sum after a running battle with citizens during which one of the bandits was wounded. Bradley and Kemble, fishermen, are perhaps fatally wounded. The bills of large denomination, were left on the streets by the bandits who, fleeing, dropped the bag crammed with gold and bills aggregating several thousand.

Two posses are now pursuing the three bandits who dynamited the bank. That William Hall, a saloonman who dined with the robbers as they escaped in a buggy, wounded one of them is evidenced by great blotches of blood on the road. The robbery was carefully planned. They cut all telephone and telegraph wires.

The bag of money they dropped was taken in charge by Cashier Wallace. They robbed a general store before they touched the bank.

WALL STREETS AIDS.

Money to Be Given Relatives of Those Who Lost Lives in Fire.

New York, Jan. 13.—The fire and police commissioners of New York today granted a request of the Wall Street bankers that they be allowed to raise a fund for the firemen and policemen who did such valiant work in the Equitable fire. Relief will be given to families of the men who died and the injured will be cared for and each hero will be given a remuneration in ratio to the chances they took.

Honor Memory of Famous Rabbi.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 13.—Under the auspices of the Rabbinical association of Chicago interesting exercises were held today to mark the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Dr. Liebman Adler, who was rabbi of the congregation of Kehilath Anshe Mayriv in this city for many years. Dr. Adler was the author of many writings on Jewish historical subjects and was considered one of the best informed theologians in America.

G. O. P. National Convention.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 13.—The sub-committee on arrangements for the republican national convention, of which Harry S. New of Indiana is chairman, held its first meeting today at the Congress hotel. Details were discussed pertaining to assignments of headquarters and arrangements made for individual rooms.

SCHOONER TURNS TURTLE ON COLUMBIA RIVER BAR

Astoria, Jan. 13.—Separated by a wall of water which covers the short end jetty, the Hammond life saving crew is this afternoon awaiting an opportunity to rescue the captain, wife and daughter and eight of the crew of the four masted schooner Admiral, who are clinging to the jetty near the Columbia river bar. This afternoon the ship, driven by a southeast gale, struck the jetty and they climbed on it. The bar is rough, but is going down hourly. The Admiral is an American

DEATH CLAIMS J.W. M'ALLISTER

PRESIDENT OF FARMERS' UNION IN OREGON DEAD

INFLUENTIAL FARMER, POLITICIAN AND CITIZEN

Farmer Who Has Lived Here Since Town Was Composed of Two Residences, Passes Away Early This Morning After Brief Illness—Influential in State Farmers' Union Circles.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED.

The funeral of the late John W. McAllister will be held Sunday at 2:30 o'clock Jan. 14, at the Central Church of Christ, the Rev. Willis of Elgin officiating. The body will lie in state at the Henry & Carr undertaking parlors Sunday forenoon until two o'clock. Anyone desiring to view the remains may go there as the casket will not be opened at the church or grave. The services will be held under the auspices of the Masonic order.

John W. McAllister, president of the state Co-Operative and Educational Farmers' union, a member of the executive committee of that association, and president of the La Grande local of the same order, and for many years one of the prosperous and leading farmers of the Grande Ronde valley, died this morning after a short illness. Several days ago he was taken to the hospital suffering with bowel ailments and his condition has been deemed extremely precarious from the start.

An operation was performed but the disease had made such inroads that the knife could do little but prolong life. During the past few days hopes for his recovery have been slim. Though not entirely expected on account of the discouraging developments of the past few days, the untimely death of Mr. McAllister is a shock to the community. Funeral arrangements are not worked out late this afternoon, though interment is unofficially planned for tomorrow.

Since the farmers' union took root in Oregon Mr. McAllister has been closely connected with its growth and few union locals throughout Eastern Oregon exist that Mr. McAllister has not either spoken at public meetings or had been intimately connected with the organization.

Mr. McAllister was born in Putnam county, Mo., on June 13, 1856, being the son of Harvey McAllister. When the son was six years of age, the father moved to the west with his family having no particular objective point except Oregon. Having been safely guided through the long and dangerous journey until they came to the Grande Ronde valley and the teams being tired out it was determined to stop and recruit and the result was that Union county gained a prominent and substantial citizen.

The father soon took a squatter's right on the land where Mr. McAllister resided in the summer time, three

miles from La Grande, and later homesteaded it. Two houses constituted the town of La Grande when Mr. McAllister stopped his team here first. Mr. McAllister grew up on the home place, receiving a good training in the schools of the county. When he was 23 years of age, he attended for a year and a half the university at Eugene but sickness terminated the course which he was to pursue until graduation. He then turned his attention to raising hops and failure being his lot there, he came again to Union county, then to Willamette county and for a time was in the horse business; then returned to La Grande and engaged as foreman for Rogers and Williamson. Two years were spent in that occupation. In 1888 he moved to his present location and here he has been engaged in stock raising since, though during the past two or three years he has lived in La Grande, leasing his ranch. Success has attended his efforts. He was one of the prosperous and substantial farmers of the county. In 1899 he married Miss Grace, daughter of Henry and Della (Clement) Cronkite, residents of Hillsboro.

In 1890 he was nominated by the democrats for the state legislature against Charles Goodnaugh of the republican party and he gained the day by a close margin, being one of three on his ticket that were elected. In 1896 he was elected by the populists against Fred Stanley and J. A. Wright of the republican party and William Hunter of the democrat party, and Mr. McAllister received 180 majority.

He was one of five elected on his ticket. In 1898 he received the nomination of the Populist ticket, D. A. McAllister being the democratic nominee and Ed Davis and Fred Stanley being the republican candidates. Two were to be elected and Mr. McAllister was defeated by a small majority.

Fraternally he was affiliated with the Masons, Red Men, Artesians and the Eastern Star. He was also a member of the Christian church.

TAG DAY IS PROFITABLE

WOMEN AND CHILDREN DISPOSE OF BENEFIT TAGS.

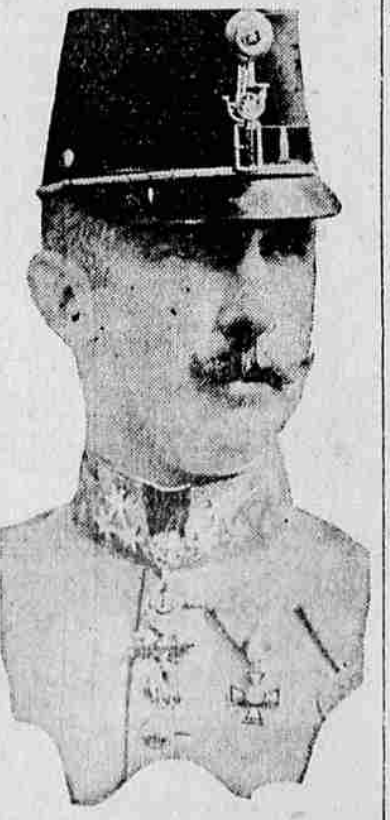
Strikers in Interior Towns to Be Given Aid by Tag Methods.

San Francisco, Jan. 13.—Hundreds of men, women and children sold tags on San Francisco's streets today for the benefit of the striking Harriman shopmen of interior towns who are not entitled to strike benefits.

Mill Strike Called.

Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 13.—A general strike of the New England mill workers is feared here following the walk-out of 20,000 operators who struck against the reduction of their wages through the operation of a mandatory 54 hour week.

FERDINAND CHARLES.
Whose Morganatic Wife May Be Raised to Royal Rank.



JOURNALS TO SOUTH ASSURED

PULLMAN TO BE AVAILABLE AT AN EARLY HOUR TONIGHT

UNCERTAINTIES PREVAILING FOR A TIME ARE CAST ASIDE

Trip Is to Commence Tonight When Merchants and Professional Men Leave on the Delayed Number 17—Towns in Southern Oregon Await Arrival of the La Grande Junketers.

After days of uncertainty brought on by the climatic conditions it has been finally decided this afternoon that the business men's excursion will leave La Grande as per schedule tonight on the delayed No. 17 to Southern Oregon. The Pullman, which is carrying these travelers to Southern Oregon will be in the yards tonight and the business men can retire at any time. The Petroskey has been assigned them. About 30 are planning on going and the trip will be one of the biggest and most representative that has ever been undertaken from Eastern Oregon on a similar mission. They go to Portland and from there on down to Southern Oregon as announced previously this week.

The trip is one of the biggest things of its kind ever attempted and the large number of representative business men and officials that are going will make the junket one of the finest advertising mediums for La Grande that has yet been conceived and will also prove of a great deal of educational value to those who participate in it. Royal entertainment is assured at every stop along the way. A special correspondent for the Observer will keep the home guard informed at regular intervals of the progress of the expedition.

JOY RIDE FATAL.
Five Die and Sixth Injured from Auto Accident.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 13.—Five are dead and the sixth will probably die as the result of an automobile joy riding accident this morning on the river road. The machine driven by Frederick Foster, who escaped badly injured, crashed over the embankment into a reservoir. The dead are Donald Reed, son of former State Supreme Judge Reed, Chester Van Cleef, Helen Mulvey, Margaret Tindall and Sarah Hetzer.

ELKS' SPECIAL IS PROVIDED

Arrangements have been closed by a committee of Elks with the O-W railroad to run a special train of 10 Pullmans and a baggage car from La Grande to the grand lodge of Elks at Portland. The deal means that about 300 Elks will join the excursionists on that date. It is planned to leave on Monday, July 8, and the probabilities are that the Elks will return in two divisions. One will leave Portland on Friday night and the second will leave Portland on Sunday night.

The train will be nicely fitted up for the occasion and it is said that it will be one of the finest trains ever pulled out of Eastern Oregon.

Willamette county Elks will have a Pullman sent to Joseph and Elks can board it as it is brought along to the different towns and Elgin will get a Pullman for itself. In this way the entire antlered herd from Joseph to La Grande will get good accommodations.

SOCIALISTS ARE WINNING

RE-BALLOTING WILL HELP THE PARTY.

German Election Swings to the Favor of Socialist Party.

Berlin, Jan. 13.—Returns indicate that the Socialists elected members to the reichstag from 67 districts and will have an even chance of electing more on rebalotting in 124 districts where no candidates received a plurality. Conservatives admit the Socialists have at least 100 members in the reichstag, making a second party. The socialists retained five seats in Berlin and on the rebalotting expect to carry the First district in which the Kaiser lives.

Picture House Starts Fire.

Philadelphia, Jan. 13.—Fire starting in a moving picture show on Market street, which for hours raged in the downtown district, was gotten under control shortly before nine this morning. The damage is estimated at a quarter of a million. It was necessary to call out the entire fire department.