

WATER FAMINE STARTS ACTION ON RESERVOIR

TITANIC DANGERS LOOMED YESTERDAY EVENING WHEN PIPE BROKE.

STORAGE WATER USED UP

For a Brief Time This Morning City Was Without Water and Some Damage Done—Council Hopes to Build Reservoir With Water Department Funds Commencing Work at Earliest Hour.

SMALL LEAK RUNNING.

Telephone information from caretaker Propeck on the Beaver Creek intake late this afternoon conveys the information that the break was caused in a joint where the pipe was resting on loose ground, and that the temporary repairs last night all but completely stopped the leak. A stream about the size of a darning needle is still leaking this afternoon but Water Superintendent Hoyt will remain until tomorrow and bolster up the ground underneath the defective joint. There may be other similar joints but because they are covered, cannot be located until a break occurs. The officials on the works do not anticipate more trouble from that source.

Frightened by the dire calamity that threatened the inhabitants of La Grande through a near-water famine that was short lived fortunately, but still is a remote possibility, and thoroughly alarmed at what would have laid the city liable to devastation by fire and subjected it to terrific sanitation problems through lack of city water, the city of La Grande will in haste proceed to erect a 12,000,000 gallon reservoir.

The councilmen assembled for the regular meeting last night, met with trembling, due to the near approach of the water famine that looked certain when the Beaver creek water pipe two miles below the intake, burst, shutting off the supply here. In three hours yesterday the inadequate reservoir south of the city was more than half drained, and wild dash to the mountains with equipment to remedy the trouble temporarily, alone saved the city from a serious famine. As it was, La Grande was without water shortly after midnight. Superintendent Hoyt who went to repair the break, reported in by telephone about midnight that he had temporarily repaired the break and would turn the water on. It takes about five hours for the water to reach the city and it was during that interim that the tank here was completely drained because it holds but a trifle. This morning it filled, however, and the immediate danger is passed. Fortunately there was no fire.

A break requiring new pipe would consume a week or more in the course of repair and at the very greatest dispatch the city would be without water for three days while the old pump was rigged up and even then would be without wholesome drinking water. The conditions that would arise

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Rain Halts Torrid Wave

NINE DEAD NEAR OMAHA FROM THE HEAT.

WIND BRINGS RELIEF

Situation In Middle West Slightly Improved After Torrid Spell

Omaha, July 17.—A shift in the wind has relieved the most severe heat wave in this section in years. Eleven deaths from heat occurred at Omaha since Sunday. Nine fatalities reported yesterday besides six prostrations late in the afternoon, two of which probably will result fatally.

Chicago, July 17.—Scattered showers west of the Mississippi brought relief to some sections of the heat wave in the Middle West. In the territory between Chicago and the Rocky mountains seven deaths and 40 prostrations occurred during the last 24 hours.

Law Delay Discussed.

Lansing, Mich., July 17.—The evils of the present methods of legal procedure such as delays and long drawn out trials, and how best to remedy the evils, was the important subject of the discussion at the annual meeting of the Michigan State Bar association which opened here today. Senators McCumber, of North Dakota, and Robinson, of Arkansas, were among those scheduled to deliver addresses today. The sessions close this evening.

JACKSON WILL NOT BE HANGED

GOVERNOR COMMUTES SENTENCE TO LIFE TERM.

Personal Investigation Made by West Leads to This Action.

Salem, July 17.—The death penalty for Jackson Adams, who was sentenced to hang tomorrow morning for the killing of Clinton Chamberlain at Astoria, has been commuted to life imprisonment by Governor West because of the extenuating circumstances of the crime. The commutation papers were early today prepared and signed by the governor but they were not immediately forwarded to the warden of the penitentiary. The governor is at his summer home on Cannon beach. He has made a personal investigation of the affair. The crime followed an alleged invasion of the Adams home by Chamberlain.

Seattle Parade Big.

Seattle, Wash., July 17.—With Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, Governor Ernest Lister, of Washington, and many distinguished men and army and navy officials in the reviewing stand, the civic parade in which 5000 marched, was held here today in connection with the Golden Potlach celebration.

Coast artillery and infantry of the regular army, sailors and marines, the state national guard, the grand army of the republic, Spanish war veterans and gaily uniformed detachments of fraternal and civic organizations were in the line of march. Eight battleships, four submarines and four torpedo boats anchored in the harbor disgorged their uniformed crews to add to the splendor of the impressive pageant.

CLOUDS BLUR STRIKE STATUS IN THE EAST

RAILROADS INSIST THEY HAVE RIGHTS TO BE ARBITRATED ALSO.

STAND PAT ORDER IS OUT

Agreement to Arbitrate Differences Between Eastern Railroads and Employees Seems to Be All for Naught—Many Railroad Committees Anxious to Bring Strike to Focus Now.

New York, July 17.—Despite an agreement that differences between 80,000 conductors and trainmen and eastern railroads be arbitrated by the mediation commission appointed by President Wilson, the dispute has assumed grave aspect as a result of the insistence of the railroad general managers upon eight demands upon the employees which they declare must be arbitrated with demands of the employees for increased wages and better working conditions. Many of the members of the trainmen's committee favor ending the negotiations and going on a strike unless the railroads change their attitude. The managers are firm.

A statement was issued by the manager's committee which said: "Leaders of employees take the attitude theirs is the only side having a right to ask arbitration. We think differently. We are convinced the public will support us. We insist our grievances be arbitrated as well as theirs. The railroads will stand pat on Monday's letter and will not recede on that position."

Erie Road Troublesome.

New York, July 17.—Sixty-five representatives and employees of the Erie railroad held a conference here today to consider the threatened strike to enforce the demands of the trainmen and conductors for increased wages which has been denied by the company. The controversy is separate from the eastern dispute which will be arbitrated by the new federal mediation.

Divorce Scandal Brewing.

Chicago, July 17.—States Attorney Hoyle announced today he would ask the July grand jury to investigate the charges of fraud and collusion in the procurement of a divorce by Grace Guggenheim from William Guggenheim in 1901. A motion to annul the decree was denied her yesterday. She is now the wife of William Wahl. It is said that the state limitations bars the prosecution of the Chicago lawyers concerned in the divorce action, but the New York attorney may be proceeded against. Samuel Untermyer is one of the attorneys in the alleged collusion. Guggenheim is also remarried.

Motorcyclists Have Spread.

Las Animas, Colo., July 17.—About seven hundred motorcycles from the states east of Colorado will be entertained at a chuck wagon dinner here tonight. The motorcyclists represent the southern and short grass tours to Denver where the National convention and race meet of the Federation of American motorcyclists will be held from July 23 to 26. The first party started from Indianapolis and was joined by the Hutchinson, Kas., cyclists at that city. The tourists will leave tomorrow for Canon City and northern points.

MULHALL TELLS OF STRUGGLES IN CAMPAIGN

PROTECTIVE LEAGUE'S BOOKS TO BE PROBED BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATION.

CANNON WAS PARTY GOAT

Roosevelt Aimed Attacks at Cannon to Kill His Presidential Boom That Taft Might Be Elected—Mulhall Tells Committee Various Incidents—Inner Workings Must Be Proved.

Washington, July 17.—An investigation of the inner workings of the national council of industrial defense alleged to have been organized to finance the legislative lobbying under the direction of the manufacturers is the announced determination of Chairman Overman of the insidious lobby committee. Overman plans to have expert accountants examine the organization's books and prepare a financial summary, and reveal the names of the contributors.

Mulhall was on the stand and discussed the days precedings the republican convention in 1908. The letters read indicated the frequent conferences were held by the managers of the Taft campaign and the representatives of the manufacturers. It was alleged that certain Taft managers warned the president that Gompers was urging the anti-injunction plank and suggested the Van Cleave and others attend the convention and prevent its endorsement.

In April, 1908, Mulhall declared he wrote Frederick Schwedman, then secretary of the manufacturers, that James Watson said if Taft would be nominated he (Watson) couldn't be elected governor of Indiana. The witness told of a conference with Vice President Sherman, then congressman, the latter urging the manufacturers to stop attack by republican newspapers on Cannon. Mulhall said it was then he went to Foraker's office and attended the special conference.

Mulhall told of a secret conference in former Senator Foraker's office, of republican senators; it was decided at this conference, according to Mulhall, not to enact further legislation desired by Roosevelt, then president. He alleged Foraker told him "all had been planned to defeat Taft's nomination and capture control of the national committee and seat anti-Taft delegates. To offset this Mulhall alleged Congressman Watson, of Indiana, told him later Roosevelt was 'moving heaven and earth to nominate Taft,' by fostering attacks on Cannon to kill the latter's presidential boom."

School for "Backwards."

Lynn, Mass., July 17.—Despairing parents had a great burden lifted from their shoulders today and a number of youngsters were plunged into gloom when the school department assumed much of the responsibility of the kiddies and opened special classes for pupils who do not learn readily and for those who are prone to prank more and study less during the winter school term. Twelve classes with as many teachers were opened today.

Catholic Missions Popular.

Rome, July 17.—Formal announcement was made at the vatican today that the Catholics of Germany who selected a unique way for celebrating the recent silver jubilee of the Kaiser raised nearly \$600,000 to be spent for Catholic missions in all parts of the colonies of the Kaiser.

Dog Muzzle Law Passed

ALL DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE UNDER BAN

PENALTY HEAVY ONE

From June 15 to September 15 Is Period of Year Under Ban.

Muzzles must be put on dogs, curs, pointers, dachhunds, lap dogs, poodle dogs, bird dogs, scrub dogs, or any other breed of dogs in this city at certain times of the year and this happens to be one of these times. It is the experience of the city council where two men have been fined within a week from hydromyosis by dogs, the consequence of being bitten by dogs, the city council has just passed an ordinance with an emergency clause attached that puts muzzles on every canine found running at large on the streets or alleys. The pound master is the chief factotum in the enforcement of this ordinance and the penalty is heavy. The ordinance becomes effective as soon as signed by the mayor and is posted and because of the importance of the case it was suggested by Councilman Haisten that the law be posted in various sections of the city to save the populace from hunting out the stray trees and bulletin boards where the laws usually are introduced to the people.

It was first suggested that the dates include May 1 to October 1, but a compromise was struck resulting in June 15 to September 15 as the muzzle days.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE MADE

PORTLAND CLOTHIERS FACE A FEDERAL CASE.

Charged With Holding Out Funds From the Creditors.

Portland, July 17.—Charged under the federal laws with conspiracy to commit crime, W. W. Robinson and Ryon K. Oppenheimer, members of the bankrupt firm of W. W. Robinson, a clothier, were arrested by Deputy United States marshals today. The specific charge is they made an effort to conceal from the referee in bankruptcy, certain assets of the corporation.

Robinson was arrested in Bellingham a week ago charged by the state with withholding \$18,000 of the firm's funds. It is alleged he was on his way to Canada. The federal charge is the outgrowth of a meeting of creditors before the referee, Murphy.

Torpedo Boat Injured.

New York, July 17.—A torpedo boat destroyer accompanied by destroyers Jarvis and Jenkins, arrived at the Brooklyn navy yards today, with her after crew compartment flooded and listing badly. The cause was unannounced, but it is reported the boat sprung a leak. The fanning left yesterday with a fleet of warships escorting the Brazilian battleship Minas Gerais, with foreign Minister Luro Muller aboard, out to sea.

Aviator Meets Death.

Salisbury, England, July 17.—Major A. Hewethson, an army aviator, was killed here today. While flying 200 feet in the air his aeroplane collapsed and fell.

MANY RECALL ELECTIONS IS LATEST PLAN

TWO OR PERHAPS THREE OF THE COUNCILMEN ARE TO FEEL RECALL FANGS.

EXPENSE LOOMING LARGE

While Recall Petition Against Mayor Hall Is Said to Be Yet In Existence Today, Two and Maybe Three Other Recalls Against Councilmen Are Being Framed by Different Parties.

Recalls are about to hit La Grande like grasshoppers hit Kansas. The air is virtually full of recall and while the circulation of the petition for Mayor M. K. Hall's recall election is going on today, there is said to be at least two and probably three other recall petitions in the act of formation. They are to be aimed at councilmen, if present plans carry through, and it is likely that the city will have so many recall elections that with the expense moneys to conduct them, a memorial to the city's fathers could be built with beautiful trimmings. It is again said today that the mayoralty recall petition is in circulation and that the number of signers is still under 100. On the basis of the vote cast in November for supreme court justice, 25 per cent of the voters may be required to sign, and as the women of La Grande were not franchised at that time, the voting strength of the four wards in this city is around 1200.

Councilman E. C. Davis heads the list on the mayoralty recall petition it is said by those who have seen it, and the specific charge which the law requires to accompany the petition is extremely vague and inexplicit. The identity of those against whom the new petitions will be brought, if it is brought at all, is not made public but rumors are currently circulated that at least two councilmen are to get the benefit of the attack and probably three. Just who these are will be made known as soon as the recall petitions are actually drawn up. Like the grasshoppers of Kansas, recall breeds recall and there is no telling where the plague will halt, for suddenly the statutes of Oregon dealing on recalls have been studiously read and the air is full of germs.

Law Is Complicated.

In view of the fact that the city is to vote on the commission form of government Oct. 1, the utter absurdity of a recall election at this time is pointed out. The feeling is general that the commission will carry with a great avalanche majority and presuming that the mayoralty recall really amounts to a special election proposition, the citizens will have the expense of that election to bear and the possibility of a new mayor to rule about 40 days in which time a new man would just begin to get acquainted with conditions and would be little better than a figurehead during that time. Added to these are the likelihood of three special elections for councilmen recalls which will make elections extremely frequent, and incidentally extremely costly.

In case a sufficient amount of signatures is obtained, the man whom the petition is directed against has five days in which to resign after the petition is filed. If no resignation is forthcoming an election is called in 20 days. It is customary in recall elections to advance a substitute official

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