

## A THOUSAND CRYING FOR MORE BREAD

ARKANSAS CITY IN DIRE  
STRAITS FROM FLOOD  
STAGE OF RIVERS.

MANY STILL UNFED  
SINCE EARLY SATURDAY

Twenty Feet of Water Inundates Town  
of Clarendon—Great Demand for  
Relief Workers on Levees—All  
not Working Are Deported—Total  
Dead at Present 23.

Arkansas City, Feb. 7.—Six hundred  
men are reinforcing the main levee  
in protecting the city from destruc-  
tion by Mississippi. Everyone unable  
to help is deported. The river is 16  
feet higher than the city's level. The  
levees are sloughing.

Waters are 23 feet high in the  
streets as the result of former breaks  
in the Arkansas river. Three drowned  
men have been found.

One death occurred at Augusta and  
two more at Clarendon, making a total  
of 23.

A thousand are crying for bread at  
Clarendon, and a majority are unfed  
since Saturday, when the levee broke  
and flooded the city for the first time  
in 26 years.

### REMAINS LONG DEAD.

Body of Andy Peterson Once Wall-  
lowa Farmer. Long En Route.

Having died in Turlock, Cal., Jan.  
21, the remains of Andy Peterson are  
in La Grande for shipment to Wall-  
lowa, the former home of the de-  
ceased. Floods and tieups have  
caused the delay in shipment. The re-  
mains will probably be kept in the  
Bohnenkamp chapel here until the  
Wallowa roads open for train service.  
He was an I. O. O. F. member.

### BALL POSTPONED.

The Charity Ball to have been  
given February 9th and for  
which invitations have been is-  
sued, has been postponed until  
some date to be announced later.  
This is because of weather con-  
ditions.

### BIG DEAL CLOSED.

Negotiations With Steel Concerns  
Ended in Big Sales.

New York, Feb. 7.—The Midvale &  
Ardanance company has purchased  
control in the Cambria Steel Co., at \$50  
per share. The deal whereby the  
Cambria merged with the Lackawanna  
Steel company of Youngstown, with  
the Sheet & Tube company, has been  
abandoned. Wall street received the  
news as temporarily changing the  
Standard group refused to pay the  
price asked in the Lackawanna-Youngs-  
town deal.

### NO TROUBLE IN SETTLEMENT.

Question of Taxes on Sheep Will Be  
Easily Adjusted.

The letter of the county court of  
Baker county relative to the payment  
of taxes to Union county for transient  
livestock grazed in Union county last  
year by Baker county residents, which  
had been requested by Union county,  
was received by the Union county  
court late last week and was a very  
different sort of a letter than the  
Baker newspapers attempted to  
ascribed to their own county court.  
The relations between the Baker and  
Union county courts have always  
been pleasant and this fact is referred  
to in the letter to Union county. That  
county stated its perfect willingness  
to take up the matter and settle on a  
basis of payment by either county  
after all similar cases for each county  
had been brought forward and a  
balance one way or the other deter-  
mined.

It is probable the Union county  
court will accept the suggestions of  
Baker and settle the matter up at a  
later date. The present tax laws re-  
quire payment by the county where  
cattle are owned to pay a proportion-  
ate share of the tax collected by it  
to another county where the livestock  
is grazed for a considerable period  
of time.

## WAR BULLETINS

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—Sensational  
rumors of new German plots are in  
the air as Parliament assembled to-  
day to discuss the fire. Guards fired  
on a man in a row boat approaching a  
pier of the international bridge be-  
tween Bridgburg and Buffalo. He  
returned to the American side and  
escaped. A battalion has reinforced  
two regiments guarding the well and  
canal and munitions plants there, and  
sentries were placed at buildings. The  
canal, bridges and buildings are guard-  
ed day and night.

Rome, Feb. 7.—Austrian cavalry is  
four miles from Dvoazzo, awaiting  
arrival of the main body, and expect  
to occupy the Albanian capital soon.

London, Feb. 7.—It is reported that  
Roumania has ignored the Austro-  
German demand for partial demobiliza-  
tion. Newspapers are playing up  
the fact Roumania military activities  
seem to be leading to siding with the  
allies.

It is reported Austria has protested  
nomination of two Roumania parlia-  
ment candidates who are pledged to  
acquisition of Transylvania. Concentra-  
tion of troops at Bulgarian, Roumania  
and Hungarian frontiers continues.

### War News of One Year Ago Today.

Turkey released the Italian Consul  
it had seized and fired a salute to  
the Italian flag, avoiding Turco-Ital-

ian hostilities. The flying of the  
American flag by the Lusitania to  
avoid being torpedoed by the Ger-  
mans, became an international in-  
cident, Ambassador Page advising  
Washington of the Lusitania's action.

### O. B. SUIT DISMISSED.

Federal League Moves to Have Case  
Dismissed from Docket.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—On motion of the  
Federal League officials Judge Landis  
has dismissed the anti-trust suit  
against organized ball, thus legally  
ending the war. Representatives of  
the Baltimore Federals reserved the  
right to institute civil suit for dam-  
ages or new anti-trust proceedings if  
organized baseball didn't adjust dif-  
ficulties with Baltimore.

### HOUSE IN STUDY.

Speaker Clark Leaves Rostrum to  
Urge Speed in Preparedness.

Washington, Feb. 7.—A bill to in-  
crease the Mare Island battleship  
building capacity and increasing the  
number of Annapolis cadets, caused  
fierce debate in the first open skirmish  
on preparedness. Mr. Clark left the  
speaker's chair to criticize the slow  
poke delay in building battleships.  
Uncle Joe Cannon said if declara-  
tions that an emergency exists are  
true, no expense should be spared to  
rush preparedness.

## HOUSE MEMBERS' WIVES HOSTESSES

ANNUAL RECEPTION GIVEN TO  
ALL OFFICIALDOM.

Mrs. Champ Clark Heads Receiving  
Line—Social Affairs at Wash-  
ington Continuing.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Wives and  
daughters of members of the House of  
Representatives gave their annual re-  
ception this afternoon at the  
Hall for the wives of all officialdom  
in this city.

During the afternoon wives of car-  
net members presided at the tea table,  
including Mrs. Garrison, wife of the  
secretary of War; Mrs. Daniels, wife  
of the Secretary of the Navy; Mrs.  
McAdoo, wife of the secretary of  
treasury; Mrs. Burleson, wife of the  
postmaster general; Mrs. Houston,  
wife of the secretary of agriculture;  
Mrs. Redfield, wife of the secretary  
of commerce, and Miss Agnes Wilson,  
daughter of the secretary of labor.

In the receiving line were the fol-  
lowing: Mrs. Champ Clark of Miss-  
ouri; Mrs. J. T. Robinson of Arkansas;  
Mrs. D. W. Shackelford of Missouri;  
Mrs. E. S. Chandler of Mississippi;  
Mrs. H. T. Rainey of Illinois; Mrs. J.  
T. Hefflin of Alabama; Mrs. Lincoln  
Dixon of Indiana; Mrs. Lenore Sher-  
wood of Ohio; Mrs. J. A. M. Adair of  
Indiana; Mrs. W. A. Ashbrook of  
Ohio, also:

Mrs. G. G. Edwards of Georgia; Mrs.  
Scott Ferris of Oklahoma; Mrs. H. L.  
Godwin of North Carolina; Mrs. H.  
A. Barnhart of Indiana; Mrs. Cyrus  
Cline of Indiana; Mrs. W. A. Culp of

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## RECLOSE SCHOOL

After being in session this morn-  
ing city schools were ordered closed  
this noon to remain closed one week.  
The condition of the streets are such  
that it is impossible for children to  
reach respective buildings with dry  
feet, and anticipating that the thaw  
will continue for several days, au-  
thorities decided to keep children in  
safety for another week. It is planned  
to have the lost time made up by run-  
ning school an hour later each day  
when it does resume, until lost hours  
are made up, or continue school a week  
later at the end of the school year.

### WAS IN ARIZONA FLOOD.

Former La Grande Residents Escape  
Without Damage.

Mrs. Hattie Eckley has received a  
letter from her mother, Mrs. L. F.  
Proebstel, who lives in the district in  
Arizona recently under flood. The let-  
ter states that they escaped damage,  
although Ike and Win Proebstel, along  
with other residents near the Gila  
river were almost completely ex-  
hausted in the efforts to save the head  
gate of their irrigating system and  
the destruction of the Gila river  
bridge. Their land was not injured,  
but perhaps benefited by the over-  
flow. It was the highest water known  
in 25 years.

### Bible Class Postponed.

There will be no meeting of the  
Methodist Bible class tonight on ac-  
count of the streets.

## NO QUIBBLING WITH GERMANY

WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCES ITS  
POLICY.

Rebuke Sent Out to Germans Who  
Belittle Seriousness.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Secretary of  
State Lansing today declared that  
Under Secretary Zimmerman at Ber-  
lin made an "utterly false" statement  
if he said that the United States has  
increased its Lusitania demands.  
Lansing declared the administration  
hasn't reduced her demands and the  
statement is believed to forecast no  
compromise attitude.

Preceding a conference with Pres-  
ident Wilson, Secretary Lansing said  
"there will be no quibbling over  
words."

This is believed to be intended for  
a rebuke to the constant German re-  
ports that differences are only a mat-  
ter of phrasing.

The German embassy said it was  
ignorant of the Zimmerman statement  
and said the latest Ambassador  
Bernstorff memorandum was to the  
effect a complete agreement with  
American demands seems certain.

### HORSEPOWER SOUGHT.

State Engineer Issues Details of Ap-  
plications Filed.

According to claims filed with State  
Engineer Lewis for the year 1916,  
rights have been initiated for the de-  
velopment of 456,410 horsepower. In  
many instances these claims represent  
rights to develop power but which  
have not, as yet, been actually de-  
veloped. Two hundred and nineteen  
claims have been filed covering de-  
velopment or proposed development  
ranging in size from 1 horsepower to  
136,363 horsepower, the latter being  
the claim of the Portland Railway,  
Light and Power company, covering  
its rights on the Willamette River at  
Oregon City.

Clackamas County leads in the num-  
ber of horsepower for which claims  
are filed having 349,716 horsepower.  
The only counties in the state in  
which no claims for power have been  
filed are Clatsop, Gilliam and Wheel-  
er. The number of horsepower  
claimed in each county is as follows:

Washington, 513; Benton, 186;  
Umatilla, 8,862; Marion, 8,237; Wal-  
lowa, 1,887; Linn, 3,127; Douglas,  
7,927; Harney, 219; Baker, 5,685;  
Clackamas, 349,716; Hood River, 25,  
737; Wasco, 4,413; Morrow, 129;  
Union, 1,529; Polk, 170; Jackson, 14,  
498; Yamhill, 503; Klamath, 3,869;  
Grant, 4,881; Lane, 892; Sherman, 25;  
Lincoln, 20; Crook, 11,719; Curry, 29;  
Multnomah, 818; Lake, 236; Josephine,  
626; Jefferson, 5,000; Tillamook, 133;  
Columbia, 11; Malheur, 454.  
Total 462,540 horsepower.

### Cove Patient Recovers.

Cove, Feb. 5.—(Special)—Mr.  
Frank Brown of this place, who has  
been a sufferer from ulcers of the  
stomach and bowels for the past fif-  
teen or sixteen years, has completely  
recovered his health as a result of an  
operation performed in La Grande re-  
cently and which seems to be entirely  
successful in relieving Mr. Brown of  
his ills, although he is fifty-nine years  
of age.

## RESTRAINING ORDER DENIED BY THE COURT

SUNDAY LID INJUNCTION EF-  
FECTS FAIL IN CIRCUIT  
COURT LITIGATION.

COURT CITES DECISIONS  
OF HIGHER COURTS

Efforts to Have Sunday Lid Temp-  
orarily Enjoined This County Comes to  
Naught When Circuit Judge Know-  
les Hands Down Decision Denying  
Applications Filed Week Ago.

Appeals from La Grande business-  
men for a temporary injunction  
against District Attorney Eberhard to  
restrain his enforcement of the Sun-  
day lid were denied by Circuit Judge  
J. W. Knowles, in a decision handed  
down today upon the application filed  
about one week ago. The decision,  
which will be published in the  
Observer within a day or two, is of  
considerable volume, dealing with  
many phases and points raised by the  
applicants for the injunction. In con-  
cluding his opinion Judge Knowles  
goes on to say that "the supreme court  
of this state has declared the law con-  
stitutional upon some of the objections  
raised by counsel for plaintiffs in  
their brief, and three federal judges  
sitting en banc have declared the law  
constitutional upon all objections as I  
understand it, urged by counsel in  
their brief; and it seems to me that  
under such circumstances it would be  
the height of arrogance for this  
court to hold the law unconstitutional.  
For the above reasons the application  
for a temporary injunction will be  
denied."

### FORRESTERS FEED BIRDS.

Government Employees Will Preserve  
Game.

The District Forester at Portland,  
Oregon, has issued a circular letter to  
all Forest officers, urging them to  
feed game and birds in their respec-  
tive localities during storm periods.  
The National Forest appropriation  
is limited to the care of fish and  
game supplied to stock the forests or  
the waters therein and cannot be used  
for the purchase of food for game and  
birds. However, the matter is a most  
worthy one, especially during this  
year of exceptional storms, and each  
forest officer is urged not only to use  
his best efforts to furnish game ani-  
mals and game and song birds with  
something in the way of food, but is  
asked to appeal to ranchers and  
stockmen generally in his vicinity to  
do their part in aiding the work.

## THAW PRESAGES GREATER GRIEF THAN SNOW CAUSED

With overland trains slowly but  
surely getting through, bringing mail  
clogged up in the west for five days,  
Saturday night and Sunday saw the  
break of one of the worst tieups due  
entirely to snow that has happened  
in years; today rises new provocation  
for alarm. A thaw that threatens to  
rake the great quantities of snow from  
mountain and valley in great haste  
broke in most parts of Eastern Oregon  
this morning. If continued, it is ex-  
pected that one of the worst tieups  
from floods, and the greatest destruc-  
tion from high water that the county  
has seen in decades, will follow soon.

Rain Starts Water.  
Cove is feeling the storm now while  
it escaped the wind earlier last week.  
The hotel, the postoffice, a number of  
stores and several barns collapsed un-  
der the load of snow on the roofs  
last Saturday.

Today it rained hard for a time in  
Cove and the territory thereabout is  
thoroughly water-soaked and road-  
going is difficult and hard.

Branch Service Stalled.  
The proposed service into Wallowa  
county didn't materialize yesterday—  
for the reason that the best-laid plans  
miscarry frequently. Today the  
branch ran as far as Elgin but didn't  
attempt to get through to Wallowa  
county.

Gutters Carry Load.  
The heavy mist that began yester-  
day morning and continued without  
interruption until this morning when  
it suddenly ceased with a shower,

## HOOPS CREEPING INTO LIMELIGHT

BIG CHICAGO SHOW FEATURES  
HOOP SKIRTS.

"Nothing to Wear but Clothes" Show  
Begins Tonight—Men's Styles  
Unchanged.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—From Chicago to-  
night messages of hoops and hoops  
and more hoops, and short jackets,  
and tight bodices, will be flashed to  
New York, London, even to Paris  
itself.

Beginning tonight, Chicago gar-  
ment manufacturers, hatters, millin-  
ers and jewelers will stage for a  
week, "Nothing to Wear but Clothes,"  
the clothes extravaganza around  
which Chicago's 1916 spring style  
revolves. Pretty girls from the Chi-  
cago Grand Opera company will wear  
the fashions.

A peep behind the scenes today  
showed that some of the skirts tend-  
ed toward hoops and ran down over  
the ankles after being worn almost  
up to the knees all winter.

The crinoline skirt too, was on the  
job. They were worn in fabrics such  
as failles, taffetas, grograins, and  
even gabardines and serges for the  
promenade; and in nylon, marquisette,  
tulle and chiffon combined with flimsy

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## SENATOR STONE BOOM GROWS

St. Louis, Feb. 7.—The arrange-  
ments committee of the Democratic  
National committee meets tomorrow  
to prepare for the convention in June.  
Senator Stone is being boomed for  
temporary chairman. Thomas Taggart,  
an early arrival, in commenting  
on the report that Wilson wants his  
preparations program adopted  
within a month, said "It can't be done  
too soon."

### POWDER PLANT WRECKED.

Tacoma Feels Shock and Nearby  
Houses are Wrecked for Miles.

Tacoma, Feb. 7.—A terrific explo-  
sion of a Dupont Powder plant nearby  
today partly wrecked houses within  
a radius of several miles. Wires are  
down, but it is believed casualties oc-  
curred.

### MRS MOHR RELIEVED.

Although Weak from Strain Plans  
Her Future Course Early.

Providence, Feb. 7.—Although weak  
from the strain of the trial, Mrs.  
Mohr, who was acquitted Saturday  
night of the charge of hiring two  
negroes to kill her husband, is now  
planning to devote her life to her  
children and to charity. Brown and  
Spellman, the negroes who were con-  
victed, are waiting an appeal. The  
former is broken and downcast while  
the latter is defiant.

## CIRCUIT COURT BEGINS GRIND ON BIG DOCKET

NEW GRAND JURY SELECTED  
AND IS NOW AT WORK WITH  
MANY MATTERS.

DRY LAW INSTRUCTIONS  
GIVEN TO THE JURORS

What Appears to Be Very Important  
Term, with Big Damage Cases Set,  
Has Trouble Getting Under Way  
Due to Storm—Many Jurors Absent  
—Indicted Plead Not Guilty.

With an unusually heavy docket of  
damages cases, a voluminous amount  
of routine cases and several trials  
growing out of the State Prohibition  
law enforcement facing it, the Feb-  
ruary term of Circuit court opened  
this morning. Jurors, attaches and  
witnesses splashed through oodles of  
water to reach the court house where  
the rains had established notes galore  
as if in purposeful contravention of  
justice. When Judge Knowles opened  
the session shortly after 10 o'clock  
this morning what promises to be one  
of the longest terms of some time,  
got underway. There was no change  
in the complexion of court attaches  
over the last. District Attorney Col-  
on R. Eberhard, K. McCormick, as-  
sistant clerk of the court, H. R. Han-  
na, court reporter, John Baker, trial  
jury bailiff, and J. M. Hiltz, court  
bailiff and Sheriff August Hug make  
up the personnel of those in charge of  
the wheels of justice. C. C. Cates is  
grand jury bailiff.

Ten trial jurors have been either  
excused or failed to answer when  
their names were called this morning.  
It is presumed that these were unable  
to get through the snow and slush.

### New Grand Jury Picked.

After having "hanged over" for  
some time, the grand jury which was  
in session last week has been suc-  
ceeded by a new one. W. F. Gekeler  
is foreman of the new one and Andrew  
Mullenberg, La Grande, W. H. Glen,  
Imbler, Frank Wright, Alice, W.  
Holden Perry, George Foster, Union  
and B. E. Anderson, Cove, are the  
jurors. These are largely farmers  
and laborers, Mr. Anderson being the  
only exception.

New Instructions Given.  
Along with other special instruc-  
tions given to the new grand jury,  
went citations to the Oregon Dry law  
which the jurors are especially urged  
to consider.

### Pleas Are Heard.

During the course of the morning  
Judge Knowles upheld the new law  
allowing the court to keep grand ju-  
ries intact from one term to another.  
The ruling came when counsel for  
Marcus Roesch, ten-year-old son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Julius Roesch was asked  
to plead on a charge of violating the  
prohibition law. The court held that  
the jury which returned the indict-  
ment a regularly constituted one, and  
the boy was required to plead. His  
answer was not guilty and the case  
will not come to trial until his father  
returns.

Will Hamilton, charged with violat-  
ing the local prohibition law, pleaded  
not guilty and his case will likely  
be tried shortly. In both cases the  
matter at issue pertains more to  
handling of liquor after the first of  
the year, rather than outright sales.

A man named Burke, arrested and  
indicted on a charge of having stolen  
four mares, pleaded not guilty. At-  
torney Fuller will defend him at a  
later date this term.

### Cuspidors Occupy Places.

Copious cuspidors, buckets and cans  
decorated the court room during the  
morning. You see, the roof leaks,  
and the cans are there to conserve  
and store surplus water that percolates  
through the frieze of the ceiling.

The first-week calendar calls for one  
damage case. The case is that of  
Clarence W. Batterson against J. B.  
Fisher, and George Young, owner of  
the Young confectionery building, and  
the owner of the store itself, in which  
damage to the extent of \$16,750.00  
are asked because Batterson injured  
himself on what is said to have been  
a defective stairway in the basement.

K. J. Martin vs. F. P. Lantus, R. J.  
Kitchen and L. Z. Terrall, attorneys,  
was called up this afternoon and H.  
F. Stevens vs. Cyrus Williams is  
booked for tomorrow morning. The  
State cases against Scott Goodall had  
been set for Friday but was set back  
to a later date in the term. The Bat-  
terson case should come up next  
Tuesday.

While a calendar of cases for the  
coming seven days has been set  
down, there is some question about  
the round trip between Union and Cove.

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