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DEATH TOLL OF TORNADO INCREASING

Seventeen Are Known Dead In Path of Texas Storm.

ARKANSAS TOWN HIT BY FIRE AND WATER

Damage at Hot Spring "Beyond Description," Meager Wire Reports State.

(By Associated Press)
HOT SPRINGS, Ark., May 15.—Hot Springs is endeavoring today to extricate itself from the debris and ruin left by flood, fire and wind, which last night wrecked the business district with property damage estimated at over \$2,000,000. The death list may not exceed three or four. The flood swept from surrounding mountains after a continuous rainfall of eighteen hours. The fronts of stores, hotels, bath houses, and residences were smashed in. The occupants were forced to flee and climb mountain sides. Fire broke out in a house in the block in which the Hotel Marquette is situated. The hotel was destroyed although guests escaped. One building remains in the block, the Citizens National Bank.

Death List Grows.
COLORADO CITY, Tex., May 15.—The death toll of yesterday's storm in Mitchell county stood at 21 today. About 200 are injured, the property loss is about \$500,000. Three hundred are homeless, having lost everything.

Little Rock Hit.
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 15.—The storm was also felt in Little Rock. Residences and the school house were wrecked in the western residential district. Trees were uprooted.

(By Associated Press)
COLORADO CITY, Tex., May 15.—Seventeen known dead, about 100 injured, seven seriously ill, and at least 500 homeless, was the toll of the tornado which cut a swath through Mitchell county in west Texas early Monday.

Little Rock, Ark., May 15.—Reports were carried here shortly after midnight that a total of 17 lives were lost Monday night at Hot Springs by flood and fire, following a deluge of rain and a heavy windstorm which broke upon the city shortly after 6 o'clock.

Flood and Fire.
ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 15.—William M. Baxter, Jr., manager of the southwestern division of the American Red Cross, announced late Monday night that he had received a telegram from Hot Springs, Ark., stating that city had been "hit by a terrible flood and fire." The telegram described the damage as "beyond description," he said.

The message was signed "Red Cross Nurse" and was filed from Hot Springs at 11 p. m., according to Baxter, who added that he intended to dispatch a relief expedition to the Arkansas city, if the situation was found to warrant it.

Water was four feet deep at the railroad station in Hot Springs early in the evening, according to information received at the local office of the Missouri Pacific railroad. It was stated that shortly after this report was received all communication with the city failed.

Town Is Isolated.
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 15.—Flood and fire descended upon Hot Springs Monday night with undetermined loss of life and heavy property damage, according to a brief report over a commercial wire which was received.

Father of Mrs. William Keefer Dead in Portland

The Oregonian this morning carried the sad news of the death of Clarence La Grande Thorne, aged 58 years, the father of Mrs. William Keefer of La Grande. He is also survived by his widow, Mrs. Winnie Thorne.

Weather Forecast

Portland, May 15.—Cloudy to night and Wednesday. Rain in the northwest portion.

WAS A PRISONER



Photo by Bert Horton Studio, Providence.
Miss Minnie McFadden of Providence, R. I., accompanying Mrs. Lucy T. Aldrich on a world tour, and one of a number of women captured by Chinese bandits and later released; reported ill from exposure.

"Red Tape" Disgusting To Would-Be Benedict; Will Go On Cooking For Self

ROISE, May 15.—He strolled into the office of the county clerk, stood and looked inquiringly at the several attaches whose attentions were centered on huge volumes, adding machines or other things connected with their duties. Greeted by a clerk, he announced: "I wanna license." "What sort of license do you want?" "A marriage license," he replied. "Where is the girl? She has to be here, you know," said the clerk. "She have to be here?" he queried. "She's a good many miles from here." "It will be necessary, then, for you to produce an affidavit; get somebody who knows you and the girl and will swear to that effect," the clerk explained. "Heck!" he replied. "Been doin' my own cookin' for a good many years now. Guess I don't wanna go through all that red tape." And he strolled out again.

Shantung Asks For More Time To Free Prisoners

POTLATCH IS NOW POSITIVE

Indians Accept Invitation to Hold Annual Potlatch at Trail Pageant; Further Details Announced.

Visitors at the Old Oregon Trail Pageant at Top of Blue Mountains on July Fourth will witness a spectacle that is very, very rarely seen in the world today. Seven hundred Umatilla Indians, descendants of the red men of yesterday who roamed the plains, their plains, will hold their annual potlatch on the pageant grounds. Positive information of their acceptance of the invitation to participate in the trail celebration was received here today from a party, consisting of Walter E. Meacham, president of the Old Oregon Trail Association; Dr. W. T. Fox, of Hot Lake; C. L. Cadwell, of Union; C. A. Calder, of Baker, and City Manager Hayes, of La Grande, who arrived from Meacham.

Further details of the coming pageant were also agreed upon and made public here today. Camping facilities for 700 cars will be arranged, for the convenience of those who wish to spend several days at the pageant site. Comfort, clean pure water, and every facility that the campers wish is assured them by the association. Unlimited camping facilities will be present for the hundreds of others who wish to stay but a day or so. The grounds will be properly policed and every means will be taken to cater to the campers' comfort.

Main Street Laid Out.
Main street in Top of Blue Mountains was laid out also. The street will run parallel with the highway and railroad and will be one-sided, giving all on that side of the thoroughfare a clear view of the affair. Concessions, of an antique design, will be erected on the street, and Top of Blue Mountains will bloom, as did many olden towns, live for a day, and then vanish to memories. A prize will be awarded to the concession owner who erects the best front to his establishment.

Strike Called Off.
PORTLAND, May 15.—Industrial Workers of the World formally called off the strike today at all coast ports excepting San Pedro, Cal.

AMERICAN AND MEXICAN BODIES OPEN SESSIONS

MEXICO CITY, May 15.—The American and Mexican commissions, which are to endeavor to remove the difficulties between the Oregon government and the United States, held their first meeting Monday. The conferences were private.

President Oregon made public a decree ordering indemnification for land sized between the beginning of the revolution of 1913 and the promulgation of the present constitution on May 1, 1917. This step, it is believed, should simplify discussion of the land problem by the commission. The United States has insisted that the Mexican government safeguard the property rights in land held by Americans.

The presidential decree provides that justifiable claims resulting from expropriations made within the period shall be paid in bonds of the public agricultural debt.

COUNTY FAIR BOARD NAMED LAST NIGHT

Earl Chandler is Elected as President of Union County Fair Board.

PREMIUM LIST TO BE GIVEN FRIDAY

Committees to Be Appointed; Workers to "Charge Full Speed Ahead" in Preparation for Fair.

(Special to Observer)
ELGIN, May 15.—The Union County Fair board met last evening here and elected officers for the present year.

Earl Chandler was named president, E. G. Bailey, vice-president, I. L. Shoemaker, secretary, and Guy Patten, treasurer.

In addition to the election of officers the problem of naming committees was also discussed but nothing definitely was decided upon.

Another meeting of the board will be held Friday evening and at that time a premium list will be presented for the approval of the fair board.

Plans are progressing for the holding of the fair this year at Elgin and with the fair board now elected, the real work will be begun. "Coats off" is the slogan and from now on, the authorities will work "full speed ahead."

Freestaters Make Capture

(By Associated Press)
DUBLIN, May 15.—The last band of Republicans operating in County Wicklow were captured today after a fierce engagement. The leader, named Plunkett, was shot dead. Two machine guns were taken.

French Make New Move In Germany; Occupy New Positions Today

(By Associated Press)
BERLIN, May 15.—The French now occupy Baden, Aniline and the soda works at Ludwigshafen, according to a message. The French announced its purpose to merely seize and remove dyestuffs due France and Belgium. Ludwigshafen street railways are now stopped as a result of the French occupation of the depot. The Limburg railway station, postoffice and other public buildings are occupied by the French troops, and city authorities are cut off from occupied Germany.

DR. BOUVY TO VISIT EUROPEAN POINTS

Dr. Lee Bouvy, of La Grande, will leave this evening on No. 18 bound for European points, where he will visit for several months. During his trip abroad Dr. Bouvy will visit European eye, ear, nose and throat clinics and also take post-graduate work in London and Vienna.

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COMMANDING OFFICER



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Thus he helped pilot the French ship in two great wars with the Germans, and in the interim more than forty years he held portfolios in numerous cabinets, carrying out a great scheme for the state ownership of the French railways and, as Minister of War, in the early nine of obligatory military service, organizing the French General Staff, increasing and strengthening the number of fortresses on the frontier, and improving French arms and ammunition. It was in no small degree due to the fact that he was prepared to check the Great German invasion in 1914.

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In the Dufaure Cabinet of 1877 he was Minister of Public Works and in that position he inaugurated his scheme for the gradual acquisition of the railways by the state, and the construction of new lines at a cost of three billion francs, and developing the canal system at the cost of a billion. He retained this post in the Waddington ministry, and succeeded his chief as Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs in 1879. This was the first of many times that he held premiership. He passed an amnesty for the Communists, and made a preliminary effort to solve the question of church and state; but he was far too tolerant for Gambetta, whose watchword was "Clericalism is the Enemy," and their difference brought about the downfall of his cabinet in September, 1880.

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"Further, I have traveled the country in stages all over them many

Influenza Prevailing Among Natives of The Pribilof Islands Now

(By Associated Press)
ST. PAUL, Pribilof Islands, May 15.—An epidemic of influenza exists among natives on the western end of the Alaskan peninsula, officers of the United States coast guard cutter Halda reported upon the arrival of the vessel here, in the course of her annual patrol of Bering sea. Eight natives died at King Cove, Saank Island, and at Belkofsky, on the peninsula, but the epidemic there was arrested, and better conditions prevailed.

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PAGEANT MAY HAVE HARDING JULY FOURTH

Itinerary of Western Trip Yet Undecided Say the Reports.

PRESIDENT INVITED TO ATTEND PAGEANT

Reply to Invitations Is Received This Morning in La Grande; Promises Details Soon.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 15.—President Harding definitely decided today to leave Washington about June 20 for his Alaska trip. He will be absent from the capital about 60 days.

Hopes that President Harding may yet be secured to deliver an address at the Old Oregon Trail Pageant at Top of Blue Mountains July Fourth are running high. The President's itinerary, as announced by the Associated Press, includes Idaho, Montana, and other western cities. It is practically sure that he will go through Meacham en route and, with this end in view, those interested in the pageant have wired him relative to requesting him to address the crowds that will assemble at the pageant site on America's Natal Day.

This morning A. W. Nelson, secretary of the Old Oregon Trail Association, received the following communication from George B. Christian, Jr., secretary to President Harding:

"Thank you for your telegram of May 10th. It is not yet possible to give you a final answer, but your communication will be kept in mind and at the earliest moment possible you will be notified as to arrangements."

The following letter was received this morning by J. H. Pearce:

"I have your telegram of May 10th, to the President, and in his behalf wish to thank you for your invitation. This Oregon Trail celebration has been called to our attention by a number of our Oregon friends and we have been compelled to say to all of them that this far, owing to the tentative state of arrangements for the western trip, it is impossible to make any definite answer. Just as early as possible we will notify everybody concerned as to the details of the route and arrangements." Signed George B. Christian, Jr., secretary to the President.

Invitations sent. The following telegram was sent to Mr. Christian May 10th:

"Understand the President on Western tour will jump from Boise to Portland—if correct, this will bring him through site selected for Oregon Trail celebration, to be held at Meacham, located midway between Pendleton and La Grande. Site selected is on railroad. Would you do a great personal favor if you can have arrangements made for the President to make address at this gathering, which will be attended by residents of three Western states. If necessary to change date from Fourth to Third or Fifth of July, the committee is anxious to do so. Would like to have you let me know what date we can have him at as early a date as possible." Signed J. H. Pearce.

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