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OKLAHOMA IS ENGULFED BY HEAVY FLOODS

Two Hundred Whites, Negroes and Indians Refugees in Farmhouse.

JESS WILLARD ACTS IN ROLE OF HERO

Former Heavyweight Champion of World Stages Thrilling Rescues of Women From Flood.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., June 12.—(AP)—Flood damage running into millions of dollars was reported Monday night from northern Oklahoma as a rush of water swept down from southern Kansas. Hundreds of persons are homeless at various points along flooded rivers but there were no confirmed reports of loss of life. Train schedules have been interrupted as the result of the washing out of important main line bridges both in northern and western Oklahoma. Damage to state highways will run to nearly \$1,000,000, officials estimated. The Arkansas river was out of its banks from the Kansas border to the eastern end of the state, where it flows into Arkansas, flooding thousands of acres of farm lands. At Tulsa the Arkansas was rising slightly Monday night but warning from the weather bureau at Fort Smith, Ark., stated that a further rise might be expected. The rich Tonkawa and Burbank oil fields are cut off. Damage to property, crops and livestock in Kay county, is estimated at \$2,000,000 according to advices. The Chickasha and Salt fork were receding Monday night but the Arkansas was still rising.

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Much Livestock Lost.
At 101 ranch, near Ponca City, Col. Joe Miller estimated the damage to be at least a quarter million dollars. Much livestock was lost. All employees on the ranch sought refuge in the White house, the only building not inundated. Two hundred whites, Indians and negroes crowded into the structure with many chickens, ducks, baby pigs and an ostrich. Thrilling rescues at the ranch were effected by Jess Willard, former heavyweight boxing champion. He waded into many pools rescuing women, children and livestock, where smaller men would have gone under. In one instance he stripped himself of his clothes and went down deep into the water to cut loose.

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CATERPILLAR ARMY DELAYING TRAINS, BRUSH WON'T WORK

ALBANY, June 12.—Crude oil was used today by the Southern Pacific in efforts to stem the tide of caterpillars which have been seriously interfering with traffic on the Albany-Newport branch. A work train equipped to cover the right of way with oil tent today. Although reduced in number the scourge is still said to be devastating orchards and forests in upper Yakima valley. Reports from upper Alsea valley, south of Yakima, say that caterpillars are no less than along the railroad. Every orchard is reported stripped and many pioneer farmers hope for a fruit crop are reported blasted.

CORVALLIS, Or., June 12.—The caterpillar army brought up thousands yesterday in such hordes that Yakima train was an hour and 15 minutes making the grade near Summit that ordinarily is a 12-minute run. The tracks literally were buried in caterpillars and caterpillars were trickled down the mountain side where the invaders were ground under the wheels of the big engine. Local trainmen sent word to Portland headquarters for help against the new onslaught and today J. H. Benjamin, of the engineering department, arrived on the scene to direct the campaign against the crawling army. It was at first thought that a revolving brush would be effective in clearing the tracks but yesterday's experience where trainmen went ahead of the train on a hand car and endeavored to sweep the crawling army off the tracks with stiff brooms, caused the idea to be abandoned. The brooms are too thick and too heavy for brooms.

Weather Forecast

Portland, June 12.—Generally fair tonight and Wednesday. Warmer Wednesday in the interior and west portion.

Price Decline Is Far Away

COLORADO SPRINGS, June 12.—Present sugar prices are likely to continue until a new crop of beet sugar next autumn, Stephen H. Love, of Salt Lake City, declared in his annual report as president of the United States sugar manufacturers association opening its annual convention here today.

Mr. Love declared that the price is due to a larger demand than the supply, and said that Americans purchased 5,000,000 tons of sugar last year, a increase of 20 per cent over previous years. European sales have also increased.

Portland Sugar Prices.

PORTLAND, June 12.—A 20 cent drop in sugar was noted here today. The price is now \$10.05, best cane. A year ago the price was \$6.90.

PLEDGE HARDING IN INDIAN TRIBE

Umatilla Indians Will Welcome Chief Executive as Their "Big Chief" at Trail Celebration.

Preparations for President Harding's entertainment during the Old Oregon Trail pageant, to be held at Top O' Blue Mountains July 3-4, in commemoration of the crossing of the Blue mountains by the first wagon train 80 years ago and celebrating the completion of the Old Oregon Trail over the same mountains, are now nearly complete.

As the plans stand at present President Harding and his party will arrive at Meacham at 9:00 a. m. Following a salute to him, a Concord stage, owned by the Pendleton Round-Up Association, and driven by Joe Woods, of La Grande, escorted by infantry and cavalry, will take the chief executive to the pageant grounds, where he will witness the pageantry during the morning. At noon the Pendleton Rotary club will be his hosts at luncheon.

President Harding's address will be the first on the afternoon program July 3 and at the completion of his speech, he will witness the Umatilla Indians in their annual dance. At this time he will be pledged as a member of the Umatilla Indian tribe. He will then witness the unveiling of the Old Oregon Trail monument and dedicate the new trail. One of the events of the afternoon program of special interest will be a horseback contest between Mr. Harding and the winner of a world's championship affair, staged earlier in the day. Providing the president and advisers agree, a reception will be given him at 7:30 o'clock. At 9:00 p. m. he will depart for Portland.

The Old Oregon Trail association has announced that the admission to the pageantry will be 50 cents with free parking and free camping grounds.

Harding Will Visit Proposed Dam Site

WASHINGTON, June 12.—President Harding, in addition to stopping at Pocatello and Idaho Falls, on June 28, will make a side trip to American Falls to view the big dam site and the town that is to be moved onto the hills. It was announced Monday.

CHAUTAUQUA BOARD TO MEET TONIGHT

A meeting of the chautauqua board and all who are interested in the Grande Ronde chautauqua has been called for this evening in the city hall at 7:30 o'clock. Those who signed up for tickets last year as especially requested to be present. The chautauqua week this year will be from June 24 until June 29, inclusive.

HOME FROM VISIT TO FATHERLAND

Carl Christiansen of Enterprise, Tells of Conditions in Germany.

After spending six months in Germany Carl Christiansen accompanied by his family, arrived in La Grande today on their way home to Enterprise where Mr. Christiansen is engaged in business and merely took a few months off to visit his parents in the old country. His brother, Johannes Christiansen, also accompanied him on the trip and returned to America. They left Berlin on the homeward journey on May 17th after having spent six months in Germany. "Six months will give you a very good idea of conditions in that country," said Carl today, "and believe me when I tell you that an American feels the love of his own country more and more when he sees

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ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED NOW TO NEGOTIATE ROAD

Old Oregon Trail Over Blue Mountains in Fine Shape With Exception of Five-Mile Stretch.

With the view of ascertaining the exact condition of the Old Oregon Trail highway between La Grande and Pendleton, a reporter on the Observer staff yesterday afternoon made the trip from here to a point about four miles the other side of Meacham, accompanied by W. C. Crews, of the local state highway department headquarters.

Many and varied have been the stories emanating from different sources as to the condition of that "five mile stretch" that is proving a terror to tourists who contemplate the trip over the Blue mountains. In fact, at the present time, it is practically impassable without the assistance of teams. Over the five mile stretch, which was hit by severe rains Sunday, the road is exceedingly muddy in general and in three spots, conditions are of a nature that require assistance. The first hole, just four miles from Meacham, is negotiable if the driver is careful but the other two are in worse condition.

Begin Work Soon.

The highway officers and their crews were ready to start work on the section today had it not been for the rains which necessarily held up such operations for a few days. Actual work will probably begin in two or three days provided the weather permits. Every indication points to completion before the Old Oregon Trail pageant at Top O' Blue Mountains July 3-4. Last week the stretch was passable, but with the Sunday rains, it became a soggy mess. Yesterday several cars were stuck in the mud although assistance was rendered the greater share by teams. Three teams of horses, driven by men hired by the state highway commission, are today assisting tourists over the bad section.

Approach Roads Wonderful. Between Oro Dell and the "five-mile stretch" and from thence on to

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Chairman Doby Knows Nothing of "Rumors"

BAKER, June 12.—Chairman William Doby, of the state highway commission, today asked regarding the article appearing in the Sunday issue of the Portland, headed, "State Highway Shake-Up," stated he did not consider since they were given as "persistent rumors," a statement from him necessary. He, however, did say, "There never has been, to my knowledge, any word passed between myself and the commission, regarding the cancelling of the \$80,000 in the books of the commission as due from Baker county. The records of the commission will bear this out. If there is any foundation whatever for the other 'rumors' in the article, it is absolutely unknown to me."

May Ask Law Modification

WASHINGTON, June 12.—There were increasing indications in official circles today that President Harding might ask Congress, when it reassembles next fall, to modify the prohibition law as it affects carrying liquor on foreign vessels in American waters.

The President was said to believe congress never intended the government to be confronted with a situation resulting from objections of foreign powers in regard to the new and rigorous liquor ban in present circumstances. The president is said to feel no possible course open but to enforce to the letter the Volstead act as really interpreted by the supreme court.

Refus. to Grant Permit.

NEW YORK, June 12.—The United States Public Health service today refused to grant a permit for the release to sailors on the French line France of two litres of wine prescribed as a ration by the French law.

Forbidding Use of "Medicine." WASHINGTON, June 12.—The treasury today adopted a rule forbidding the use of liquor as "medicine" by foreign crews while in American waters.

C. N. McARTHUR CHAMBER GUEST

Appears Before the Union County Chamber of Commerce Describing Oregon-Idaho Dairy Loan Company.

Speaking on the Oregon-Idaho Dairy Loan company, which is backed by the Union County Chamber of Commerce, C. N. McArthur, president of the company, stated today before the members of the chamber gathered in the K. P. hall at their regular weekly luncheon. "The Oregon-Idaho Dairy Loan company is organized for the purpose of loaning money on dairy cat-

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Dr. Johnson Searching Country for Half Dozen Oldtime Covered Wagons

Who has a covered wagon, or a wagon that can be turned into a covered wagon? That is what Dr. Vene Johnson wants to know for he has been delegated to produce six of such wagons for the Old Oregon Trail pageant and he is having quite a difficult time to locate the wagons. "One would hardly think that the automobile made such a clean sweep in so short a time," remarked Dr. Johnson last evening, "but it seems that the old fashioned wagon is almost gone to the scrap heap and instead the buzzing motor driven wagon has taken its place."

PLENTY OF EXCITEMENT IN SIGHT



Contract is Let for Construction of the Oro Dell Overhead

EX-PREMIER IS UNDER ARREST, SAYS REPORT

Zankoff, Socialist, Heads New Bulgarian Cabinet, Washington Learns; Provisional Government Is to Maintain Peace.

PRAGUE, June 12.—(AP)—Former Premier Stamboulsky of Bulgaria is under arrest, according to a report published by the newspaper Prager Presse.

BELGRADE, June 12.—A peasant revolt against the new Bulgarian government is reported throughout the country. Near Plovdiv the revolt has assumed serious proportions. A force of 10,000 is said to be active. Fresh troops have been dispatched to that point.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—(AP)—An official report on the overthrow of the agrarian government of Bulgaria and of the appointment by the king of the provisional government, headed by Premier Zankoff, a moderate Socialist, to succeed the Stamboulsky cabinet, was received at the state department Monday from the legation at Sofia. The provisional government, the message said, was supported by the army and order prevailed in the capital under the martial law with regular troops policing the streets. Reports from the provinces, it was added, indicated that the coup had been successful also in large centers.

The provisional message has issued a manifesto, the message said, disclaiming any purpose of wreaking vengeance on the deposed cabinet. Members of former ministries held in prison under the agrarian government, awaiting trial, have been released, it was added.

Will Accept Reparations. "The new government will accept the reparations agreement and continue negotiations with the interallied commission," the state department's announcement said. "There has been no discontinuance of administrative functions or public services and the coup d'etat was of an essential Fascist character."

An official dispatch to the Bulgarian legation here said quiet prevailed in Bulgaria and the new ministry is representative of all parties including the Socialists but minus the Communists. The report of mobilization having been ordered was declared untrue. The aim of the new government, it was said, was believed to maintain the internal peace while in foreign policy it will be guided by a loyal conduct towards all powers, with due regard to international treaties, and by efforts to improve the relations of Bulgaria with her neighbors.

State Highway Engineer Roy A. Klein came in from Salem yesterday and announced to County Judge Couch that the contract had been let to the Illinois Steel & Bridge company for the building of the Oro Dell overhead crossing at \$44,855.00.

This means that a long, drawn out matter has been settled. There has been many angles to the Oro Dell crossing and several times it appeared that the matter was settled when in reality it was not.

It must be remembered that units enter into this overhead—the O-W Railroad, the state, the county and the city and each of these was considered in every move that has been made.

Grading and graveling to the overhead will come under a separate contract and this will probably be let by the Highway commission in July. There is considerable satisfaction felt by members of the county court over the final settlement of this piece of work for it has been before that body for a long time.

When seen today by a reporter for the Evening Observer, Judge Couch said that he believed everything was entirely understood and all wrinkles had been ironed out so that the Highway commission, the county, the city and the O-W railroad were all agreed on the Oro Dell overhead construction.

Typhoon Is Fatal To 13

MANILA, June 12.—Thirteen persons were killed and a large area is said devastated due to a typhoon on Samar Island. In seven towns 95 per cent of the houses were destroyed. According to reports the homeless thousands are facing famine and, in an attempt to stay their hunger, are eating unripe coconuts and green palm leaves.

BUT FOUR TO SEEK OFFICE

Messrs. Landis, Weeks, McKennon and Black Are Candidates for Election to the School Board.

When the clerk of the La Grande board of education closed his books last night four names were written thereon as candidates for a position on the board. R. D. Landis, L. W. Weeks and L. L. McKennon have announced their candidacy and C. J. Black, present chairman of the board, whose term expires next Monday, will also run for office again. J. E. Reynolds, the other member of the present board whose term expires Monday, will not be a candidate for re-election.

Yesterday was the last day of grace for those who wished to file as candidates providing they wished to have their name appear on the official ballot. They may yet file—even up to the time before election—but the order for the printing of the ballots is now in and if anyone else chooses to run he will do so without recognition on the printed ballot.

The election will be held next Monday in the Central school building on Fourth street, south of the high school building, between the hours of two and seven o'clock in the afternoon.

Three Killed in Wreck. GRAYLING, Mich., June 12.—(AP)—Three men were killed and three others injured in a wreck of a mixed train known as the "Canon Ball," which sidetracked into a freight train in the Michigan Central yards today.

The Market. PORTLAND, June 12.—Cattle steady, hogs slow and weak, sheep steady, eggs firm selects 25 to 26 cents, butter firm.

Wheat Quotations. PORTLAND, June 12.—(AP)—Soft White \$1.19; Western Red \$1.05.

Second Wife Sues Convict For Heart Balm \$50,000

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The complaint alleged that Captain Wetherell married Cora H. Wetherell in Vancouver, Wash., in 1902. In 1911 Miss Bowles came to Oregon, where she met Wetherell, so the complaint says, and in 1914, leading her to believe that he was a single man, the couple were married. They took a honeymoon to Chicago and points east and then returned to live in Portland.

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FOREIGNERS HELD CAPTIVE FREED TODAY

Eight Prisoners Freed at Last by Shangtung Bandits.

CHINA'S FOREIGN RELATIONS EASED

Bandits Are Now Being Enrolled as Rapidly as Mustering Process Permits.

TSAO CHIWANG, June 12.—The release today of eight foreign captives held by the Shangtung bandits, promised to relieve the tense atmosphere enveloping China's foreign relations since May 6th, when the Shanghai-Peking express was derailed and passengers captured.

The bandits have been releasing one or two at a time until only eight remained.

The bandits did not ask money, their principal demands being that they be enrolled in the regular army. The government began mustering in the bandits more than a week ago.

CAPT. HARRIS IS AFTER RECRUITS

Citizens' Military Training Camp Offers Many Inducements for Short Courses.

For the remainder of this week Captain T. A. Harris, of Seventh Infantry, Vancouver Barracks, will be at the Foley hotel to interest citizens in attending the Citizens' Military Training Camp at Camp Lewis this summer. The captain hopes to get a number interested and while the quota for La Grande is but eight he believes he may be able to attract that number some if he can get the right kind of men to enlist.

No obligation for future military service is given by those who attend the summer camp. This should be thoroughly understood, and the camp course is given by the government in order to train men men fit for peace time as well as equip them with military training in case future troubles should arise.

The camp idea started a few years ago and has spread remarkably fast catching first the eastern part of the nation and then the middle western parts. Camp Lewis is ideally situated for such a camp and Captain Harris will be glad to explain every detail to anyone who will call on him at the Foley hotel.

LOREEN TRICKEY REPORTED BETTER

Reports received from Hot Lake today, where Miss Loreen Trickey, world champion lady trick rider, is under the care of physicians, state that her condition is slightly better and hopes are held now for her recovery.

Miss Trickey, who was a feature attraction at the Union Livestock Show, was injured Saturday morning at Union and when examined it was found that she was suffering from concussion of the brain. Her condition, although still dangerous, is promising.

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