

CONDITIONS ARE BETTER IN WEST

Rivers Receding Rapidly Near Eugene and Grants Pass

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 22 (AP)—Flood waters in Eugene were receding rapidly today, the Willamette river having dropped five feet since the crest of the flood yesterday.

The peak of the high water found the river at 17 feet, while the stage reported this morning was less than 12 feet.

Stories of families surprised by the sudden rise of the river during the night are pouring in from outlying districts this morning. No loss of life in Lane county has been reported.

Traffic was tied up yesterday, and communication was cut part of the time. Groups worked overtime during the morning, rescuing marooned families.

COMMUNICATION ESTABLISHED

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Feb. 22 (AP)—Rail and highway communication here was reestablished today, following one of the greatest floods in its history. Although rain is still falling, the flood is again well within its banks and the danger period is over.

The state highway office here today declared the Pacific highway open north and south from this city. The Redwood highway is closed and there is no access to the coast from this point. It is expected that this would be opened tonight. Crater Lake highway is still closed but probably will be open tomorrow.

With waste subsiding in the Illinois and Applegate rivers, a check of damage of highways in the south end of Josephine county was possible and it is found that all bridges are safe on the Redwood highway. A few approaches were damaged but these are being repaired today. There are several slides on the Pacific highway.

Rail Service Restored

Rail service was being restored today with a local out of Eugene to go as far south as Ashland. It is said by Southern Pacific officials here that slides bar traffic over the Siskiyou and that the southern Pacific train 53, held at Gold Hill during the flood will turn back here to complete its trip south over the Cascade line. A few passengers are being taken out. Without at Blount. Run, four miles south was repaired yesterday and last night.

Flood damage is not as great as had been expected. Few buildings were carried away, the main damage having been to fences, small buildings and anything that would float away of the inundated farmlands west of Grants Pass. Residents of the lowlands of the

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By Williams

AMERICAN NAVAL PLAN IS FAILURE

With Italy and France Both Refusing, Outlook Is Gloomy

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Italy, like France, has turned thumbs down on the American five power naval limitation proposal and then has apparently scrapped the hope of Washington administration officials for a conference and ultimate agreement among the five leading naval powers for lighter or battle craft restriction.

Since Japan has accepted the suggestion as originally advanced by President Coolidge, but with a stipulation that discussion begin before June 1 it remains only for Great Britain to disclose her attitude on the extension of the Washington capital ship limitation treaty to cruisers, destroyers and submarines. On her position appears to rest the prospects for a three-power understanding on regional agreement to limit auxiliary craft.

Reply Made Public

The Italian reply, made public last night by the state department expressed that the governments unwillingness to discuss naval limitations alone, declaring "there exists an undeniable interdependence of every type of armament of every single power, and furthermore that it is not possible to adopt partial measures between only the five large naval powers."

"The Italian government," the reply added, "thinks that the limitation of armaments, to be efficacious to the ends referred to by Mr. Coolidge, should be universal and recalls in this connection that the example of Washington was not accepted by the minor naval powers and that the conference held at Rome in February 1924, for the extension of the principles of the Washington treaty to the powers not signatory thereto was a failure."

ADVERTISING PROTEST NEW YORK—Ingrate and company, New York bankers, are advertising in London and Paris a protest against this country's failure to join the league of nations. The ad says that with twenty-five billion invested in foreign countries we have lost good will, and an accounting of the cost in the name of dollars and cents is needed.

STILL A PUZZLE

NEWARK, N. J.—Couple of score expert solvers of brain twisters are here to do their stuff in the annual convention of the national puzzlers league. When the convention is over the nearby Hall-Mills case probably will be as much of a mystery as ever.

What this country needs is either black stockings or non-splashing from conference last Wednesday, auto tires.

Owners of Union Road Marking Time

UNION, Ore., Feb. 22. (Special)—For the present the new owners of the strip of railroad between Union and Union Junction, which was bought by a group of local citizens, are simply marking time and allowing the trips to be made to the junction. It is planned for some interested party to take over the line and run it, unless the former owners wish to buy it back and continue their business. It is reported that A. W. Middleton has returned from the east but it is not believed that he has done anything toward redeeming the property as yet. The part of the line between Union and Cove which was bid in by the county has been resold to several parties who can use the route.

NOTHING BUT WORK NEW YORK—His sixtieth birthday means nothing but work to Otto H. Kahn, banker. No parties, nothing but work.

Efforts to End Miners' Strike Ends in Failure

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 22 (AP)—The joint conference of miners and operators of the Unionized Central Competitive soft coal bituminous field ended today in failure to reach a new wage agreement to replace the Jacksonville agreement, which expires on March 31.

Adjournment sine die followed acceptance of the report of a sub-committee which could not reconcile diverse demands by the wage scale committee of miners and operators.

Unless negotiations are resumed elsewhere and an agreement reached before April 1, union miners automatically will cease labor in the central bituminous field. The sub-committee announced its failure to agree yesterday after considering three days the Lewis and Haskins proposals resolved from conference last Wednesday, auto tires.

Highways Again Passable After Torrential Rain

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 22 (AP)—Flood conditions in the upper Rogue valley were abating rapidly this morning aided by a wind and partly cloudy skies. Bear creek, whose sudden and spectacular rise Sunday afternoon and evening, flooded five blocks of east Medford, carrying a huge volume of water, was well within its channel today.

More snow fell in the hills last night. A brisk shower fell in the valley in the early evening.

Highways north and south of this city are passable but sloppy and dangerous. In northern California between the state line and Wood, numerous slides and washouts were reported.

Southbound passenger trains number 13, held for 36 hours in this city, made its way across the water weakened track to Ashland, and number 53 held at Gold Hill for the same period came to this city, where it remained throughout the night. Railroad officials expect to resume partial train service through this section this afternoon. Mail and Portland and San Francisco papers on the trains held at Ashland and Gold Hill were brought to this city by truck.

Highway Open The Klamath Falls-Ashland highway is open to automobile traffic, but motorists have been cautioned to use trains, owing to the slippery condition.

The Gold Hill bridges, old and new, suffered minor damage from the waters of Rogue river. The south approach to the old bridge was washed away and the false work of the piers of the new state highway bridge was torn loose.

The Hay Gold dam was running water six feet over the top, crippling power service. The Rogue river at this point was 6.5 feet above normal.

The Jackson county court has issued a warning to travelers to exercise care in proceeding across all bridges.

A new dance in Chicago is called the "D. T. S." It's a kind of a poison polka.

It Rolled Right In



Three men were hurt when an interurban train ran wild in the streets of Meadville, Pa., and crashed into the home of Quendell Blumer, as pictured here.

G. O. BUSH RETIRING

35 years chief of police in a spotless exclusive town where there never has been a major crime. Gilmore O. Bush is retiring. He's been kept very busy during his 35 years

as a cop protecting wealthy people on their country estates. It used to take two sheep to clothe a woman; now one silkworm could do it, said a speaker at a Bradford, England, textile organization meeting.

Former Governor of Ohio Passes

CINCINNATI, Feb. 22 (AP)—Judson Harmon, former governor of Ohio died today.

REFUSES BISHOPIC

SALFORD, England—Canon Peter Green has refused the bishopric of Lincoln because he does not care to give up the humdrum life of his parish—the homely everyday life, births, deaths, marriages, and the return of the prodigal.

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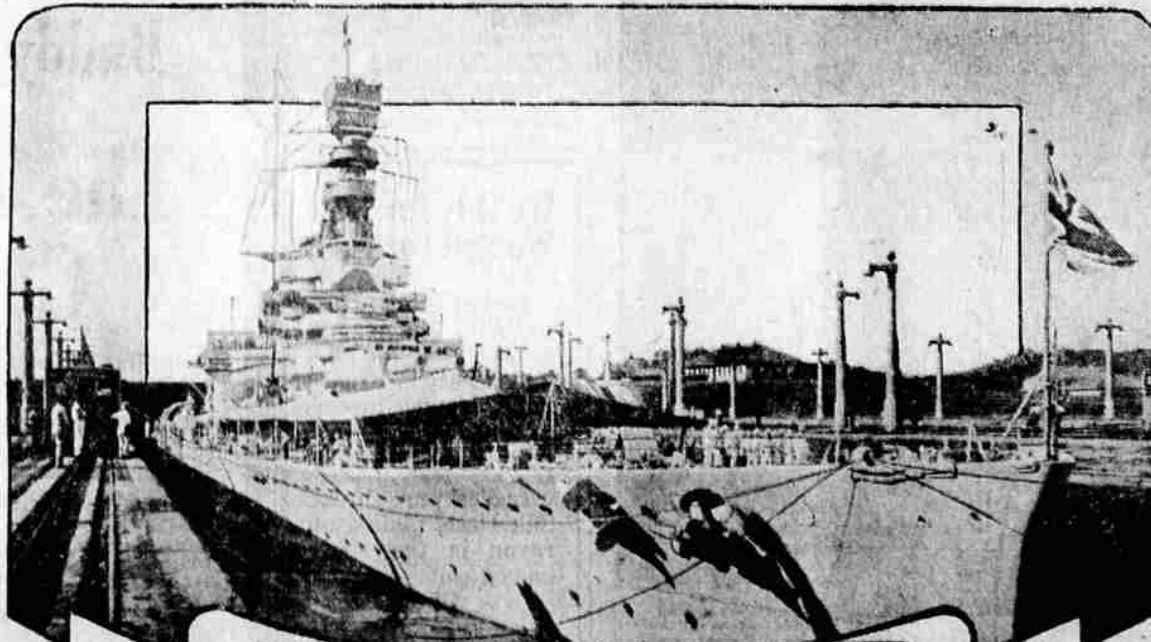
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IT'S HOT IN NICARAGUA, and American marines stationed there keep their tent walls rolled in invitation to the breeze from the Caribbean Sea. Here is part of the main encampment at Puerto Cabezas. If you think the men are taking a siesta, you don't know much about marines.



H. M. S. RENOWN, sleek British cruiser that is carrying the Duke and Duchess of York to Australia, is shown here at the Miraflores locks in the Panama Canal. The vessel has such a deep draft that it was delayed several hours in transit in order not to reach the Pacific channel during low tide.

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