

HUNDREDS ARE IN PERIL AS RESULT OF RISING RIVER

MARMATON RIVER FORCES PEOPLE INTO TREES AND HOUSE-TOPS FOR PROTECTION.

TELEPHONE OPERATOR AND 4 CABMEN SHARE HERO ROLES

Six-inch Rain Over Watershed Near Fort Scott Causes River to Leave Its Banks and Destroy Many Abandoned Homes.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., Sept. 7.—Water from the Marmaton river, which rose 20 feet in a few hours early today, flooding wholesale and rendering sections of Fort Scott and imperiling the lives of hundreds of persons, was receding tonight and fears of loss of life and further property damage had passed.

Although scores of persons were rescued from trees and house-tops, and many smaller structures were swept away by the flood, no one was killed, as far as is known. The property damage is estimated at 200,000.

An unnamed telephone operator at Uniontown, 14 miles away, and four cab drivers employed by George A. Konantz, an undertaker, share with Konantz the hero roles. Uniontown experienced a six-inch rain last night. The Uniontown operator, retreating the impending danger to North Fort Scott, the residence section here, telephoned to Konantz.

The undertaker quickly aroused the four cab drivers in his employ. Horses were harnessed and in a few minutes were driving to the imperiled section. The Marmaton river divides North Fort Scott from the main section of the city. Once into the residence section, the cabmen began to shout.

"Get out, the flood's coming," they cried as they drove through the streets.

Twenty-five hundred persons reside in the district. Fifteen hundred, it is estimated, heeded the midnight warning from the cabmen, left their homes and sought safety across the river in Fort Scott. Everyone was warned, and those who remained took refuge in second-story rooms. Before morning the waters of the river, mounting from the six-inch rain that prevailed over the entire watershed, had swept into North Fort Scott and destroyed many of the abandoned homes.

PRUNE DRIERS RUN IN MARION COUNTY

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 7.—The drier on the Lone Maple fruit farm six miles south of this city will be heated today for the first time beginning the evaporation of the crop of the farm, which contains 120 acres. The crop is estimated at fifty to one hundred tons and the drier will run twenty-five to thirty days. A force of twenty-four people was put on at the farm yesterday to pick the prunes and fill the drier.

Among the other large orchards are the Wm. McGilchrist place which begins today, the Hosier place controlled by Mrs. Rose W. Babcock and C. O. Constable which will dry prunes for four orchards and the state hospital which has a new drier with a capacity of 100 bushels a day. A. T. Wain on the Jefferson road is building a large new drier. Frank Ferguson began drying about a week ago and will soon complete his crop.

BANKERS OF ALLIES ARE ON WAY TO U. S.

SECRET OF ARRIVAL OF FINANCIERS FROM LONDON AND PARIS IS WELL KEPT.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—The six English and French financiers on their way to this city to borrow a huge sum of money, popularly estimated at half a billion dollars or more, with which to pay for ammunition supplies for the allied armies and other imports from this country, were believed to be within a few hours' sail of New York harbor at 10 o'clock tonight.

ITALIANS CAPTURE PRISONERS

GENEVA, Sept. 8.—Telegraphing from the front the correspondent of the Tribune today wired his paper as follows: "The Italians have driven back the Austrians from Pizzo to Savoreto. They also have advanced from Marnovo to Caporetto, capturing 700 men. Our forces also are making rapid progress in the Sugana valley, taking 200 prisoners."

STEAMSHIPS IN COLLISION

STONINGTON, Maine, Sept. 8.—The passenger steamers Pemaguid and J. T. Morse collided here today. The Morse was beached, but the Pemaguid was only slightly damaged. A fog was responsible for the collision. Two hundred passengers were landed safely.

ADMIRAL WINSLOW NOW COMMANDS PACIFIC FLEET



President Wilson has designated Rear Admiral Cameron McRae Winslow as the new commander in chief of the Pacific fleet, with the rank of admiral. He will relieve Admiral Thomas B. Howard, who will be assigned to duty as president of the naval examining board at Washington.

Admiral Winslow was born in the District of Columbia and appointed to the naval academy in 1870. He has shown conspicuous ability in every duty he has been assigned and is regarded as one of the most capable and efficient officers of the navy.

He commanded a division of the Atlantic fleet for two years under Rear Admirals Oosterhuis and Badger and at the time of the Mexican trouble at Vera Cruz was assigned to command a special cruiser squadron and dispatched to Mexican waters.

He remained on this service until September, 1914, when he was assigned to duty at the naval war college.

DUMBA SITUATION IS STILL UNSETTLED

ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT ACCEPT AMBASSADOR'S EXPLANATION AS FINAL.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—What disposition the administration will make of Austrian Ambassador Dumba was undetermined early today. His explanation concerning his admitted plan to call out Austrian workers in American munition factories and his subsequent effort to forward details thereof to Austria, through American Correspondent Archibald, does not close the incident.

The administration did not accept as settling the situation finally his defense that he was acting as an emissary of his government under its decree that Austrian subjects in foreign lands must not work on war supplies for the allies.

President Wilson is reported to be awaiting further information before deciding whether Dumba is diplomatically persona non grata. His conference this forenoon with Secretary Lansing was regarded as directly bearing on the Dumba case, and he undoubtedly received full details of the Dumba conference at that time.

The official change of front in the case is deemed significant. Previous to the envoy's meeting with Lansing late yesterday, officials strongly intimated that there would be no action against Dumba.

The White House and state department sentiment, however, apparently veered sharply to a more unfavorable position toward him following the session.

LUMBER SCHOONER SUNK BY TORPEDO

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 3.—The William T. Lewis, a lumber schooner belonging to Hind, Rolph & Co. of San Francisco, was fired on and presumably sunk today by a German submarine off Queenstown, Ireland. The ship was loaded with 2,000,000 feet of lumber from Everett, Wash. Dispatches to the San Francisco marine exchange told the story. They said Capt. Manning of the William T. Lewis and his crew of 30 men were rescued by the Danish motor ship Australia.

SHARPENING A PENCIL

The Way a Child Does It is an Index to its Character. It is very often the little things that children do which give the best indication of what their future characters will be. Schoolteachers, for instance, have a first rate opportunity for watching the different traits in the children who come before them. "a their work and in their play the best of man or woman the child will become is daily unfolded. In such a small matter even as the sharpening of a pencil valuable hints may be obtained by any one in the least observant. Here it may easily be discovered whether a boy or girl is careful, destructive, wasteful or economical.

The boy, for instance, who sharpens his pencil into a stub is inclined to be economical, careful and quick to after life. The boy or girl who takes an inordinately long time to make a slender point, cutting very precisely and regularly all the time will usually prove to be of an artistic and dreamy disposition. The child who, regardless of the look of the pencil, gouges out great pieces in order to get to the lead will show impulsiveness and generosity.

More destructiveness, however, he comes apparent when a child takes a delight in sticking his knife in his pencil and splitting it or destroying it in some other way.

Parents, watch your children when sharpening their pencils, and correct and advise them accordingly. —Pearson's Weekly.

PLOT TO TIE UP MUNITION PLANT IS LAID TO DUMBA

AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR DOES NOT DENY PLANNING STRIKE OF HIS COUNTRYMEN.

CONFERENCE WITH SECRETARY LANSING TO BE HELD TODAY

Charge Made by President Gompers of American Federation of Labor Efforts For Strike Are Being Made Constantly.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Ambassador Constantin Dumba of Austria today wired Secretary of State Lansing asking for a conference tomorrow. His request was granted.

If these were ordinary times there would be an excellent chance for the state department to ask Austria that the ambassador be recalled, officials said confidentially today.

Ambassador Dumba does not deny that he planned calling out Austrians and Hungarians employed in American steel and munition plants.

From his summer home at Lenox, Mass., the ambassador admitted James E. Archibald, an American correspondent arrested in London, carried a dispatch to the Austrian government outlining a plan to tie up munition plants by calling a strike of citizens of the dual monarchy employed there.

Despite this, however, the administration is admittedly so unwilling to take any action that would give belligerents an impression of the slightest unneutral American leaning that the state department is believed to be sure to accept even a semi-official explanation from Dumba.

On the actual merits of the case, however, authorities on questions of diplomatic usage today said Dumba's view that he was within his rights would almost certainly have made him persona non grata in Washington.

It is understood that his activities furnished the basis for the charge of President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor that efforts were being made to bring about strikes in all munition plants.

Ambassador von Bernstorff of Germany is not embarrassingly involved by the disclosure following the arrest of Archibald in London.

STATE FINANCE SUBJECT OF OKLAHOMA GOVERNOR AT EXECUTIVES' MEETING



While a large part of the program of the governors' conference in Boston was allotted to the important and timely subject of national defense, other weighty matters were not neglected in making up the list. To Governor Robert L. Williams of Oklahoma was assigned the subject, "The Functions of the Executive Department With Relation to the Budget."

WOLKOWSKY TAKEN BY GERMAN ARMY

BERLIN, Sept. 8.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—The German general staff today announced the capture of Wolkowsky, 45 miles southeast of Grodno. Twenty-eight hundred Russians were captured at Wolkowsky, according to the official statement. The Russians were overtaken and forced to fight. A force of Russians also has been defeated at Izabellen, southeast of Wolkowsky.

GERMANS SINK 3 TRAWLERS

LONDON, Sept. 8.—German submarines today cannonaded and sunk the British trawlers Manuel, Victorious and Constance. The crews were saved.

"ANGEL OF BLIND" HELPS SIGHTLESS WAR VICTIMS



MISS WINIFRED HOLT

"Going to France to keep blind men from going mad." Such is the mission on which Miss Winifred Holt, chief "light keeper" of the New York Association For the Blind, has gone to Europe. It has been reported that 1,500 men have been blinded by the war, and many hundreds more are unreported.

BENSON PARK OPENED BY BIG DEDICATION

FIFTEEN HUNDRED AUTOMOBILES MAKE TRIP—COLUMBIA HIGHWAY IS INSPECTED.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 6.—The Columbia river highway is inspected. Benson park is dedicated. Fifteen thousand people, coming from all parts of two states, in automobiles and by trains mobilized between Benson park and Horsetail falls this morning and this afternoon and took part in special inspection day exercises.

The machines were so thick they were parked solidly between Benson park and the falls. It is estimated 1500 automobiles stood lined on both sides of the highway between the two places.

Some of the trains bringing people to the celebration were late. This necessitated a postponement of the exercises until 2 o'clock. The weather was perfect.

Henry Dodge Estabrook, a prominent New York lawyer, was the principal speaker at the dedication.

After pointing out that September 6 was not only the date on which Portland celebrated the acquisition of her new park and the day dedicated to labor, but the day which the American people celebrate as the anniversary of the birth of La Fayette.

PORTLANDER HURT IN COLLISION DIES

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 7.—John Hollander, aged 23 years, one of the two brothers injured early Sunday morning on the Sandy road east of Portland, when their motorcycle collided with one ridden by County Motorcycle Officer Eugene White, died at 11:30 this morning at the county hospital.

Death resulted from the shock of the loss of blood and a fractured skull.

His brother, George Hollander, is in a critical condition at the same hospital, suffering from almost identical injuries that caused John's death.

Officer White, chasing a speeder, was riding without lights. Passing one motorcycle ahead of the one on which the Hollanders were riding, the dust prevented his seeing the other machine, and he swung back on the road to collide with their motorcycle. White was not badly injured and was able to leave the hospital early yesterday.

YOUNG HARRIMAN TO MARRY

LENOX, Mass., Sept. 7.—William Averill Harriman, son of the late railroad wizard, today took out a license to marry Miss Kitty Lanier Lawrence, grand-daughter of Charles Lanier, prominent New York banker. No date for the wedding has been announced. Harriman's age was given as 25 and that of Miss Lawrence as 20.

BIG FIRE AT SAN JOSE

SAN JOSE, Cal., Sept. 2.—One of the biggest fires seen here in years was raging at San Jose this afternoon. The A. S. Averill machinery works, the storage and bay warehouses of J. Johnson and a half dozen residences about the Market street station were in flames.

OAKLAND, Sept. 7.—Fifty years in San Quentin prison was the sentence imposed today upon Albert S. Jones, a negro, who last July assaulted Miss Ethel Heitman. The assault took place at night in a vacant lot.

FIRE IN SAN JOSE, CAL.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Sept. 8.—Fire from an unknown cause today destroyed the Pacific Shingle mill and box factory on Park avenue and threatened city's wood and feed yard adjoining along the railroad tracks. The latter places were most small cottages and storage sheds. The loss is placed at \$30,000.

ARMY GIVEN MORE POWER

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Sept. 8.—Orders tantamount to martial law, were issued today giving army officers the command over civilians and Texas rangers in event Mexican bandits continue firing across the Rio Grande.

MARTIAL LAW IS DECLARED BY U. S. IN HAITIAN PORTS

FOREIGN INFLUENCES BELIEVED TO BE TRYING TO BLOCK PLANS OF WASHINGTON.

FRANCE IS IN ACCORD WITH POLICY OF U. S. IN REPUBLIC

State Department is Silent as to Crisis Which is Said to Have Been Precipitated by Unexpected Work of Agitators.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Foreign influences in Haiti working to block plans of the United States to pacify the republic and rehabilitate its finances under American supervision, have made it necessary to declare martial law in Port au Prince, the capital, and practically all but two of the country's open ports.

For reasons of international policy, the state department will not disclose any of the information it has received bearing on the subject. There have recently been persistent reports of the activity of foreign agents, and so marked has been the effect of their activities upon members of the Haitian congress and government that the state department found it necessary to hurry its policy of educating the people of Haiti to an appreciation of the benefits of American financial control with its protection against insular foreign creditors.

France has not only refrained from opposing the development of the American policy, but Ambassador Jusserand yesterday assured the state department of French approval of any plans which would result in the establishment of a stable and responsible government in Haiti.

NO ACTION TAKEN IN O. & C. ASSESSMENTS

TAX COMMISSION DISCUSSES TAXES ON RAILROAD GRANT LANDS WITH GOVERNOR.

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 8.—At a meeting attended by Governor Withycombe, State Treasurer Kay, Secretary of State Olcott and Commissioner Galloway, the state tax commission today decided to take no action in regard to the assessment of Oregon and California railroad grant lands.

Commissioner Galloway brought the matter up at the meeting, saying that assessors of the various counties in which the lands are located are puzzled and wanted to know what should be done. The big question was whether the lands should be assessed at their value, as in 1913 and 1914, or at \$2.50 that being the price at which the lands are to be sold, as some people construe the United States supreme court's decision.

The lands were assessed at \$31,225,435 in 1914 and the taxes for that year amounted to \$347,000 and \$459,733 in 1913. All the counties but Douglas assessed the lands in 1914. The railroad company has paid none of the taxes for the two years.

Commissioner Galloway said he had taken the matter up with Attorney General Brown, but the latter was not ready to give a written opinion. County board of equalization will meet next Monday and the assessors are anxious to have their rolls ready before that time.

Treasurer Kay said there was a question whether, following the court's decision, the lands could be assessed for more than \$2.50 per acre. He doubted if land which the court said could not be sold for more than \$2.50 per acre could be assessed for a greater amount.

TYPHOID PREVALENT IN CITY OF GALVESTON

GALVESTON, Texas, Sept. 3.—Typhoid is prevalent in Galveston as a result of unsanitary conditions brought about by the cutting off of the water supply during the recent hurricane.

Except for drinking purposes, no water is to be had.

Quantities of typhoid vaccine are being shipped in.

All federal employes already have been vaccinated and the government is urging citizens to follow in their wake, the inoculation being done free.

DEPOSITORS LOSE \$7500

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 2.—Reports from Oregon banks show a total of \$7500 in their value which will be escheated to the state because not called for by depositors during the last seven years. The reports were received by Secretary of State Olcott, who, in accordance with the law, turned the list over to Attorney General Brown to arrange for the proceedings by which the funds will be turned over to the state treasury.

DIES IN BOILING BATH

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Sept. 6.—Little Joe Deans, the 20 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. August Deans, died today as a result of burns sustained when the baby fell into a pot of boiling beans on a campfire at the Gibbons hop ranch near Perkins yesterday. The two babies of Deans were playing about the fire when one pushed the other and he fell into the boiling water.

COLUMBUS SHIP CAN'T MAKE THE VOYAGE TO SAN FRANCISCO FAIR



THE SANTA MARIA

According to experts who examined the hull, the caravel Santa Maria, copy of the ship which carried Columbus on his voyage of discovery in 1492, now lying at New York, is so weak in her timbers that she will not be able to make the voyage to the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco as planned. The caravel left Chicago in the fall of 1913 in company with her sister ships, the Nina and the Pinta, to go through the great lakes and the St. Lawrence to the Atlantic and then by the Panama canal to the Pacific ocean, stopping for a few days on the way at the principal cities. They got caught in the ice in the winter, and the Pinta and the Nina were so severely damaged that they were sent back last summer to their original anchorage in the Jackson park lagoon in Chicago. The three vessels were presented to the United States by the Spanish government in 1893 after the close of the Chicago fair.

POWER COMPANY HAS MORE CAPITAL

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 3.—Completion of the refinancing plan of the Portland Railway Light & Power company, whereby \$1,250,000 of new capital is obtained by the withdrawal of common stock and the issue of preferred in its place, is marked by a certificate issued yesterday by Corporation Commissioner Schullerman authorizing the reduction of capitalization from \$45,000,000 to \$40,000,000.

A. T. Huggins, treasurer of the company, stated today that all the holders of common stock prior to the cancellation of some of the common, had perfected their payments of \$25 per share on the stock canceled, and had received the like amount of preferred at the premium stated.

"The commissioner's certificate is the final step," said Mr. Huggins. "The negotiations for the new money were practically completed June 30, but about \$200,000 of stock was still outstanding. This was taken up by a syndicate, however, which allowed the program to go forward until all the stock to be retired should have been sent in."

COOL THIEF TAKES GEMS FROM STORE

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 3.—Learning the description of a diamond brooch and two diamond rings valued at nearly \$600 found in Coffman's candy shop, 162 Broadway after they had been lost by Mrs. Mae Lewis, 555 East Yamhill street, a mysterious stranger walked into the store, gave a plausible explanation and secured the diamonds.

At least this is the story which detectives have been investigating for two weeks, but with which they have made very little progress. The entire case is mysterious and the police and others concerned have made every attempt to suppress the facts concerning the disappearance of the diamonds and jewelry.

Mrs. Lewis was in the candy shop with a party of friends two weeks ago, making a purchase of sweets, when she dropped her handbag containing the jewels. She had owned them for years and prized them very highly.

HEAD OF SOLDIERS' HOME IS REMOVED

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 3.—Commandant Elder of the Soldier's Home, at Roseburg, was removed from office this afternoon by the votes of Governor Withycombe and State Treasurer Kay, and Robert G. Markes, of Portland, a Grand Army man, was elected as his successor.

Secretary of State Olcott voted against the resolution, asserting that Elder had made good and that he saw no reason for the change.

Withycombe charged that there had been constant turmoil under Elder, and that for the good of the service he believed a change necessary.

CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Sept. 6.—G. B. Lull, former state forester, was arrested here Sunday afternoon on a warrant charging petit embezzlement. Lull is alleged to have embezzled \$20.65 from the Strong Farr company, insurance agents of San Francisco. He was released on \$100 bail and says his arrest is a mistake.

FRANK PROBE FAILS

MARIETTA, Ga., Sept. 3.—After two days' examination of witnesses the Cobb county grand jury investigating the lynching of Leo M. Frank by a mob, reported that it had not found sufficient evidence to indict anybody for the crime.

BUILDER OF BIG CANAL IS GUEST OF HONOR AT FAIR

GENERAL GOETHALS' DAY IS CELEBRATED AT SAN FRANCISCO EXPOSITION.

WORK IS DECLARED TO HAVE TAKEN ALL OF FOUR CENTURIES

Not Men of Army or Civilians, but Loyalty and Spirit of Cause Accomplished Great Tasks, Declares Speaker of the Day.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—Goethals' day in honor of the "builder of the Panama canal" was celebrated today at the Panama-Pacific exposition, the guest of honor and principal speaker being Major-General Goethals.

In the Court of the Universe, in the presence of city, state and federal representatives of the exposition, General Goethals addressed an assemblage that more than filled the court, reviewing the history of the canal, which he said had been four centuries in the making.

Introducing General Goethals, President Moore said that owing to the unusual modesty of the man being honored it had required more than a year for the exposition officials to arrange Goethals' day and finally persuaded the general to attend the exercises.

Beginning his address, General Goethals said he regretted that all who participated in the construction of the canal could not be present. "Though I was fortunate enough to be at the head of the organization at the time when the dream of centuries became a reality," he said, "we must not lose sight of the fact that success crowned the efforts not of one, but of many men and these, too, of many nationalities."

He made a short talk to the enlisted service, saying in conclusion: "It wasn't the army that built the canal, nor was it the civilians—it was the loyalty and the spirit of the cause."

GREATEST AERIAL ATTACK IS MADE

LONDON, Sept. 7.—The greatest aerial bombardment of the war, according to Swiss dispatches today, was that of the allied airmen yesterday against Saarbruecken, Germany. In the French communique yesterday it was said this expedition was a reprisal for a German bombardment of Luneville, an unfortified French town.

According to information from Saarbruecken, which has reached Basle, Switzerland, the allied aviators, 40 in number, attacked Saarbruecken and threw more than 400 bombs. They smashed small arms factories, tore up railroads, railway stations and sheds, and utterly ruined the barracks and other military buildings of the German town. Many of the men in the barracks were killed or wounded, it was reported. The aviators from the French and British lines swooped down low over the town and picked their victims deliberately, there being no high angle guns with which to drive them off. Every one of the 40 aeroplanes on the operation withdrew without injury.

E. E. C. VON KLEIN IS PAROLED BY GOVERNOR

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 7.—Governor Withycombe today paroled E. E. C. Von Klein, sentenced from Multnomah county June 17, 1914, for polygamy. His sentence was from one to four years, and, having served his minimum sentence, he was eligible to parole.

He will work for a company in Minneapolis, his former home, it being the rule of the present administration not to pardon or parole prisoners until they are assured of employment. The parole was recommended by the parole board. Von Klein has been a model prisoner.

BANK STOCKHOLDERS SUED

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 7.—S. G. Sargent, state superintendent of banks, has instituted suit against eastern stockholders in the Yoncalla State bank, which was closed by the state banking department last February. Sargent returned to Salem Saturday night after conferring with the prosecuting attorney of Douglas county at Roseburg, who is to represent the state.

By a law passed at the last legislature stockholders in failing banks are held liable for double the amount of their holdings if the assets of the banking institution are not sufficient to pay the depositors in full. Refusal of the eastern stockholders, who are said to hold 51 per cent of the stock, to comply with this law, furnishes ground for the suits.

QUINABY HOPPICKERS STRIKE

QUINABY, Ore., Sept. 3.—After picking hops in a drenching rain Wednesday morning at the William P. Massey yards the pickers say that one pound was deducted from the 50-pound measure, the manager stating the rain weighed that much.

The pickers, 106 in number, already dissatisfied with the rate of payment, which is 70 cents per hundred, inaugurated a strike and left the yards. No hops were picked Wednesday afternoon or Thursday, but the strikers have been ordered from the sheds, to make room for a new crew from Portland.