

## WIND BLOWS GALE; TORRENTS OF RAIN

### Oregon and Wash- ton in Grasp of Storm.

### RIVERS OVERFLOWING BANKS

### Rail Lines East and South From Portland Blockaded.

### RAINFALL IS 2.75 INCHES

Chinook melts snow in mountains and floods rush down on valleys—Telegraph and telephone lines prostrated.

**RAILWAYS ARE BLOCKADED.**  
Flood conditions in the streams of Oregon and Washington have been caused by the continued heavy rains and fear of heavy damage are entertained. The worst storm of the winter has been reported over the Pacific Northwest. Throughout the mountainous regions, the streams are rising at an alarming rate and melting snows are bringing down immense volumes of water to swell the river to the danger point. The rainfall in Portland has been heavy during the 24 hours ending at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, reaching the total of 2.75 inches.

The States of Oregon and Washington are being swept by the worst storm of the winter. Rain has been falling in torrents, and there is widespread apprehension that the floods will cause great damage. Storms of the past two days have swollen tributaries of the Willamette river until the valley towns are threatened with the worst flood of years. The Coast fork of the Willamette is out of its banks and streams of the Upper Valley are bringing down torrents that promise to fill the main channel of the river to overflowing. Loggers along the streams of the Upper Valley report the rivers are higher than they have been for five years. At Eugene, the water is up around the houses, and boys paddle about the streets in boats. The water had reached such a height yesterday that a Eugene school had to be dismissed. The Albany schools were also dismissed yesterday because of the flood.

Slides in the mountains is being met by the wind chinooks, and the rain was still falling heavily early this morning. At Eugene last night the river was rising a foot and a half an hour. The Northern Pacific was the only transcontinental railway operating trains to Portland last night. Slides and washouts on the O. R. & N. made the operation of trains impossible. The main line of the Southern Pacific was also damaged, and storm conditions were so bad last night that trains were held when night fell and arrivals and departures were made indefinite. During the 24 hours ending at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the rainfall at Portland reached the surprising total of 2.75 inches. Gales off the mouth of the Columbia River yesterday reached a velocity of 45 miles an hour, and in Portland the wind blew 36 miles. The indications were yesterday that the rains and warm southwest winds will continue for another 24 hours. Reports from various points in Washington indicate that the storm has been general over the western part of the state. Tacoma fears the worst flood in years. The Puyallup River is raging, and threatens to go out of its banks. Other streams are rising rapidly.

was down between Portland and The Dalles. The slide behind No. 2 was cleared during the afternoon and the train was backed to Portland, reaching here at 5:15 last night. General Superintendent Buckley assembled a special train yesterday on hearing of the landslide and left with it to direct the work of clearing the track. A steam shovel was put to work digging away the dirt and it was thought when he was last heard from that the line would be cleared this morning. The Steamer Harvest Queen was sent up to Bonneville yesterday to take of the marooned passengers and bring them to Portland. The steamer left Portland at 6 P. M. and is scheduled to arrive here with about 300 passengers at 5 o'clock this morning. Passengers, mail and express on trains 1, 3 and 5, two of which are from Chicago and the other from Spokane, will be brought down on the Harvest Queen this morning. Train No. 5 will probably reach Portland early this morning. The equipment of train No. 3 will be run back from Bonneville as train No. 4 and

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### CRIME AGAINST BROWNSVILLE WOMAN UNPUNISHED.



James McCrea, New President of Transients Railroad Company.

No. 4 will run back as No. 2. The Steamer Loyal, leaving Portland at 8:15 this morning, will be canceled, but it is expected that it will probably be passing in the night. It is expected that it will get away at 9:30 A. M. today, will get away at 10 A. M. today. It is expected that it will get away at 10 A. M. today. It is expected that it will get away at 10 A. M. today.

Situation on Southern Pacific. The heavy rains of the past two days have caused considerable damage to the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon. All trains were held last night on account of the danger of operating after dark over soft tracks where land slides were likely to be encountered at any moment or there was danger of running into creeks where bridges might be carried away in the darkness. It is expected that trains will resume this morning.

Shipping at a Standstill. Wind that gained a velocity of 38 miles an hour and was accompanied by a downpour of rain placed shipping at a standstill in the harbor yesterday. With the exception of the Glenavon, not a grain ship was working cargo. The Santa Ana took lumber, but the work was slow. The awnings and

## TEXAS SENATOR CHAMPIONS HIM

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### Crime Against Brownsville Woman Unpunished.

### NO DOMINATION BY BLACKS

Culbertson Takes Up Cudgels on Behalf of Ranger Captain and Brings Foraker Into Action. Lodge Would Limit Inquiry.

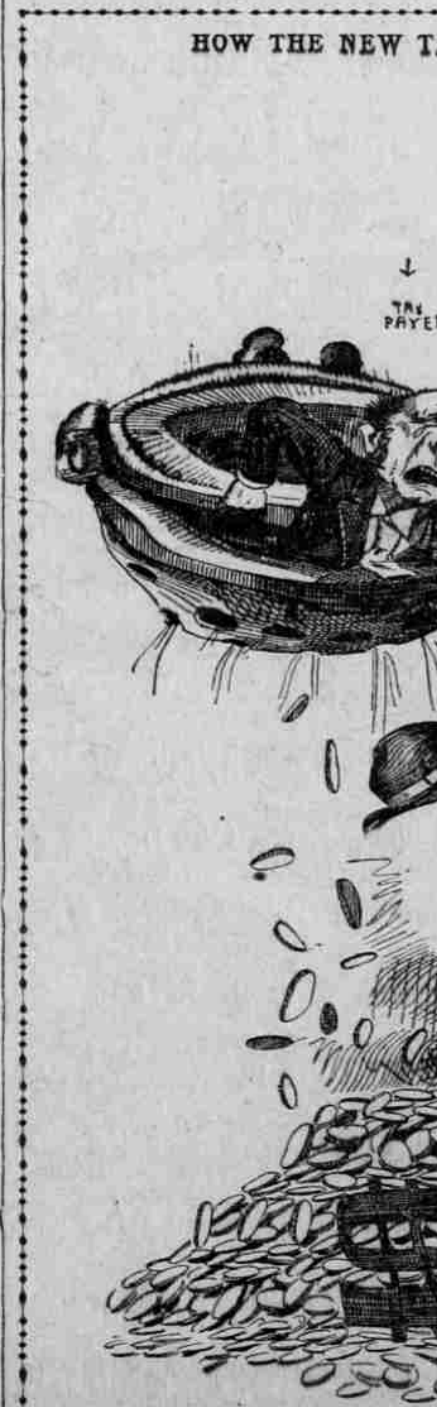
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Defense of the discharge of the three companies of the Twenty-fifth infantry, members of which were guilty of the Brownsville shooting, was made in the Senate today by Culbertson of Texas, who thus presented the unusual spectacle of a Southern Democratic Senator as champion of a Republican President. Foraker began a reply, but was not able to finish it on account of a sore throat and secured an adjournment until Monday of the debate on the discharge of the troops. Culbertson's committee to inquire into the President's order. Lodge offered an amendment restricting the inquiry to the conduct of the troops, thus avoiding any question as to the President's authority to discharge them.

Crime by Soldier Unpunished. Culbertson said great injustice had been done the people of Brownsville. The conduct of the negro soldiers had been very irritating. He related that on August 4, the day before the "shooting up" of the town, a criminal assault had been committed by one of the soldiers on the wife of a reputable citizen. No arrests had been made for this crime. Culbertson demanded Captain McDonald of the Texas Rangers, to whom Foraker had referred, because of Major Blockson's reference to him as a man who was "so brave that he would not hesitate to charge hell with a bucket of water."

Culbertson also said that he knew Major Blockson to be a gentleman. In defending President Roosevelt, Culbertson said the fact that the troops were negroes had nothing to do with their discharge. Confusion as to the legal discharge, confusion as to the legal discharge, confusion as to the legal discharge.

Discharge Not Dishonorable. Culbertson said there was a distinction between a "discharge without honor" and

HOW THE NEW TAX LEVY IS LIKELY TO (IM)PRESS SOME PEOPLE



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The authorship of this crime, however, like the recent assassination of Count Ignatjew and the unsuccessful attempt to blow up Premier Stolypin with a bomb, has been traced to the fighting organization of the Social Revolutionists, who resorted to the revolutionary death list.

First Bullet Is Fatal. During the services and while mingling with several hundred officials, the prefect of police was approached from behind by the young man, who drew a revolver and shot him in the base of the brain. Von der Launitz fell forward and died in two minutes. The assassin turned to flee, when one of the officers drew his sabre and cut him down, just as the assassin fired another bullet at himself, and fell dead.

The assassination of the prefect of police was preceded by an attempt to kill Dr. Dubrovina, president of the Reactionary League of the Russian People. While he was returning home last night an assassin fired several shots at him without effect.

Czar's Daughter Sees Murderer. The man who committed the crime was about 22 years old and apparently belonged to the intelligent working class. The police affirm that he was a Jew. He was provided with a card of admission to the consecration of the church of the Institute, but this card bore no name,

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COMSTOCK, Or., Jan. 3.—Special—Two engines and the baggage car, ahead of the Southern Pacific Overland train No. 14, plunged down a high embankment two miles north of this place tonight, killing Engineer Weichlein of the helper engine. His fireman, named Long, is also believed to be buried under the wreckage at the bottom of the embankment, but at a late hour tonight his body had not been recovered. The other engineers and the express messenger were not seriously hurt. The train remained on the track with the exception of the smoker, which was partly derailed. The passengers are safe.

Rains Had Softened Track. The derailment was caused by a softened track as a result of the heavy rains. The train left San Francisco at 2:40 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and was due in Portland at 11:30 o'clock last night. Leaving Roseburg the train was in charge of Conductor Kingsley and Engineer Montgomery, with road engine No. 236 and Engineer Weichlein with helper engine No. 341. Rain has been pouring in torrents for days and the streams are swollen and out of their banks. The earth is softened and sliding.

How Prefect Earned Death. In addition to two arrests made within the house, the doors of which were closed after the shooting, several other persons were taken into custody in a neighboring instrument factory, which is believed to have served as headquarters for the terrorists. General von der Launitz was Governor of Tambov province, and he was killed in a partisan struggle in Tambov Province and it was in retribution for these that Maria Salomonovna, chief of Police Lushchinskii, one of the subordinates of General von der Launitz.

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