

INLAND EMPIRE FEARS BIG FLOOD

Chinook Melts Snow—Faster Than River Can Carry Off Surplus Water.

RAILROADS ARE HARD HIT

Palouse Branch of N. P. Cancels All Trains, Two Miles of Track Being Washed Out at Spangle. City of Spokane Suffers.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Floods which will equal in period of damage and inconvenience the worst in many years are feared in the inland empire. For 48 hours the chinook has been turning the heavy fall of snow into water and few beds of streams are deep or wide enough to carry off the surplus. Not a few householders in Spokane are in distress, cellars dripping and in some cases the water backing up to the case in the water closets. The first floor of houses, Union Park, onto the first floors of houses, Spokane River, of course, is always within bounds here.

Every railroad connecting with Spokane is planning to combat serious washouts. The Northern Pacific today notified Evangelist Billy Sunday that it would give employment to every one of the 200 homeless Sunday school children, also 150 more if they are to be found. The trains on the Palouse branch were cancelled this afternoon, two miles of track beyond Spangle being washed out. The train from Lewiston is also cancelled. While the main lines of the Hill roads are not seriously handicapped, the west and west-southwest are being hit hard, according to best advice to railroad officials. Warm rains are prevalent all over this region.

MORE SNOW IS PREDICTED

Oldtimers at Hood River Not Satisfied With Five-Foot Fall.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—A heavy thaw and rain today is making some inroads on the snow cover, causing small freshets in the small streams and Hood River. The ice on the Columbia shows signs of breaking up. There is, however, no apparent rise in the latter at this point. It is predicted by weather-wise old residents here that more snow will fall in a few days and that they do not expect the old snow to disappear for several weeks. Reports from the valley are to the effect that no damage has been done to fruit trees and that in many places the snow is still four to five feet deep.

The country roads are all open, and many residents are to get to town for the past ten days came in yesterday and today. From James Chitty, of Viento, who drove here today, it is learned that John Thomas, the trackwalker at Mitchell's Point, on the O. R. & N., was made a prisoner in his cabin along the track by a similar explosion, but was rescued by the section gang. Trains have been running from an hour to three hours late, but have all got through.

STEADY RISE AT ALBANY

Waterfront Basements Flooded and 25-Foot Depth Expected.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The Willamette River rose three feet here last night and two feet more today, and now stands 20 1/2 feet above low-water mark. It continues to rise gradually. Waterfront basements are flooded but were cleared in plenty of time, so no damage has resulted. The O. C. T. Company's dock is covered two feet deep. The Albany-Corvallis wagon road is flooded, and the track by the Albany branch, cutting off Benton County traffic from this city. A warm heavy rain last night carried off the remainder of the snow and rain, and rain is expected to continue today. This indicates a further rise, and the Willamette is expected to reach at least 25 feet here. Heavy winds prevailed this forenoon.

SCHOONER STRIKES THETIS

Collision at Port Townsend Due to Severe Southeast Gale.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Drifting on her anchors across Port Townsend today before a southeast gale that has swept lower Puget Sound waters for 24 hours, the American schooner Ethel Zane this morning was blown into the bow of the United States Revenue Cutter Thetis at anchor. The Zane was seriously damaged about the stern and cabin deck. The lookout on the Government vessel observed the approaching schooner in time to get under way and escape more serious results. The schooner John L., moored at a local wharf, was extensively damaged.

ASTORIA HAS SEVERE GALE

Wind Reaches Velocity of 70 Miles an Hour—No Damage.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Following closely the warnings sent out at 6 P. M. last night by the Portland Weather Bureau office, Astoria for the second time this week experienced a blow from the southwest that at times seemed to come from every point of compass and which reached a velocity of 70 miles an hour. While no particular damage was done, the rainfall was heavy. Today the storm has abated, but the wind still hangs in the southwest, and a light balmy rain is falling.

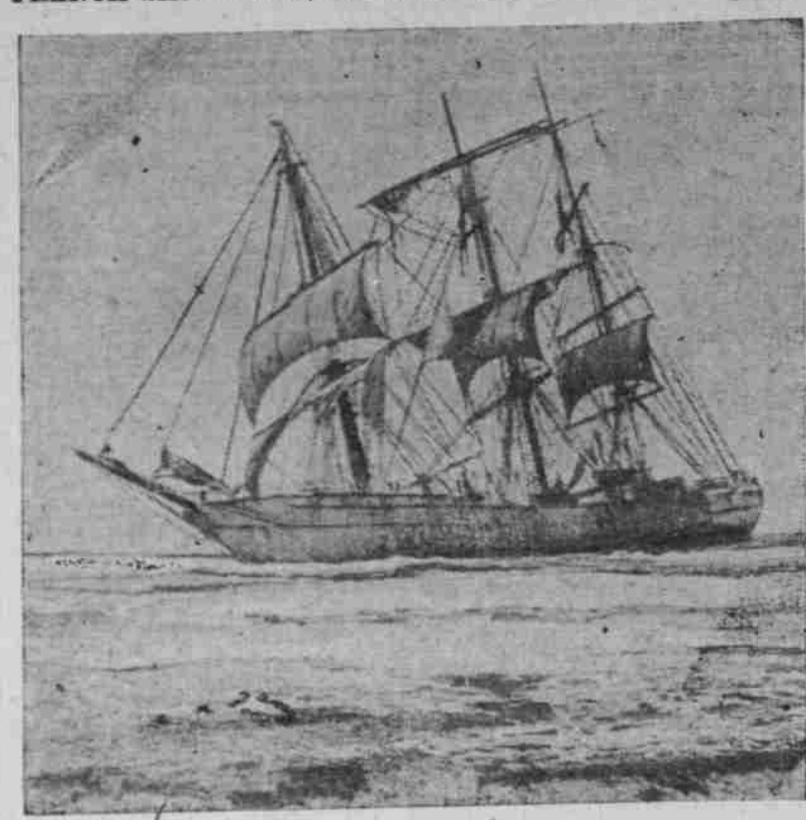
Thaw Starts at The Dalles.

THE DALLES, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The snow melted rapidly today, leaving the streets slushy. Rain began falling this afternoon and more rain and warmer weather is predicted for tomorrow. Although warning has been given to people to be careful in crossing the river, on account of the thaw, many persons crossed to the north side today.

Danger Point at Salem Not Reached.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The warm chinook wind and rain of the past 24 hours has caused most of the snow to disappear. Rivers and creeks are high and rising slowly, but have not yet reached the danger point. At 5 o'clock this afternoon the Willamette was at the 124-foot stage. It will not

FRENCH SHIP ALICE, ASHORE AT OCEAN PARK, WASH.



TORN RIGGING SHOWS EFFECT OF GALE. NAHCOTTA, Wash., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The French ship Alice, which was driven on the beach here during the heavy gale of Friday morning, remains fast in the sands, where she is being pounded hourly by the breakers. The vessel and cargo are valued at \$60,000.

GO MUCH HIGHER AT THIS POINT UNLESS THERE ARE HEAVY THAWS IN THE MOUNTAINS.

Many Jackrabbits Killed.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Hunters made record killings of coons and jackrabbits in this county while the snow was on the ground. In the vicinity of Scio fine coon hunting is reported, and hundreds of jackrabbits met death near Albany. Jackrabbits have been very scarce in this part of the state until the last two years, when they became somewhat numerous. Ed Truelove, residing near Albany, killed 25 jackrabbits while the snow was on the ground, and some others bagged almost as many.

Heavy Slides in Tacoma.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—All day great quantities of earth kept sliding in and sliding off the cliff on Pacific avenue and several large slides covered the inside track of the street railway company's wharf line. Along the line of the Puget Sound Electric Railway land slides have been frequent during the past few days, and trains have been compelled to run very slowly.

LIGHT FLEET ENDS VOYAGE

Completes 14,000 Mile Trip From New York to San Diego.

RAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 17.—After an uneventful voyage of 13 days, the fleet of light vessels and lighthouse tenders which left New York last September, came into port today. The fleet consists of the lightships Columbia River, Swiftsure and Relief and the tenders Sequoia, Kukui and Manzanilla. Captain Mertz is in command. The fleet has made a voyage of 14,000 miles without a mishap. The vessels will remain here till Wednesday and then proceed to San Francisco and later be distributed. One lightship will probably be stationed at Astoria and may go to Honolulu, and the third will be placed somewhere along the middle coast.

SNOW TOO DEEP FOR COURT

Term Adjourned at Fossil Because Lawyers Can't Reach Town.

FOSSIL, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Judge B. V. Littlefield yesterday postponed the January term of the Circuit Court until April, owing to the fact that many of the attorneys who have cases were unable to be present at the appointed time. The only apparent inconvenience is to one Oscar Curry who is under indictment for stealing horses. The indictment was returned in the September grand jury. He has been detained in the County Jail awaiting trial at this term of court.

PAPER-BOX FACTORY BURNS

Spokane Branch of Portland Concern Damaged \$6000.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The branch paper box factory of F. C. Stettler & Company, of Portland, suffered a loss of \$6000, fully covered by insurance, by fire in the Ross block at 3 o'clock this morning. Scores of inmates of the lodging-house on upper floors ran out in their night apparel. Pipeman Barker, of the fire department, is delicious tonight from inhaling smoke and may not live.

Earth Shakes in Switzerland.

BERNE, Switzerland, Jan. 17.—An earthquake of two seconds duration occurred today at Rutting and in the lower district of the Simmenthal.

HEAVY RAIN WILL NOT CAUSE FLOOD

Snow Melts Rapidly, But Rise in Willamette Is Not Alarming.

PROBABLY REACH 16 FEET

Stage of Water Is Only Eight Feet and Front-Street Merchants Do Not Even Fear Flooding of Cellars.

Heavy rains, with occasional cessations in the downpour, marked the morning hours yesterday, and varying showers continued during the early portion of the afternoon. The snow is melting from the foothills and spaces where it has not packed solidly, but in the streets considerable slush, ice and packed snow remain. The melting of the drifts has progressed with sufficient rapidity to add considerably to the rise in the Willamette, and yet the river has taken away the surplus water without occasioning any alarm, either at the Weather Bureau, or along the riverfront.

Report Fall in River.

At McMinnville, registering the highest stage of water reported at the bureau, 14 feet, there had been a decrease of 4 feet in the Yamhill. Eugene registered a fall of 4 1/2 feet in the Willamette, and Estacada a fall of 1 1/2 feet in the Clackamas. All these relative drops and rises marked the Willamette and tributary streams. Salem and Albany registered a rise in 24 hours of 4 feet for Salem and 5 1/2 feet for Albany. Harrisburg reports the greatest decrease in the stage of water in the river at Harrisburg of 1 1/2 feet in 12 hours, and 3 feet in 24 hours.

The Weather Bureau prognosticators are not looking for heavy floods. There is likely to be 15 or 16 feet in the Willamette, but Assistant Forecaster Montgomery did not see any danger of 16 feet before Tuesday, unless there was an unusual rainfall in addition to what was expected. There were a good many calls from the river and along the docks while the rain was coming down its hardest, but these inquiries have fallen away as the storm abated. Last summer on June 29 and 30, the highest stage of water here in the Willamette was 22 feet. Accepting Mr. Montgomery's predictions as correct, it leaves a leeway of only 5 feet to count on against high-water mark last summer.

The Weather Bureau predicts an upward move in the river stage, but its rapidity and extent depend upon the volume of rainfall here and elsewhere up the valley. Winds have been variable, but shifting from south to southeast and reported from North Head, at the mouth of the Columbia River, the gale going as high as 72 miles an hour from the southwest. Very high winds have been reported from North Head, at the mouth of the Columbia River, the gale going as high as 72 miles an hour from the southwest. Very high winds have been reported from North Head, at the mouth of the Columbia River, the gale going as high as 72 miles an hour from the southwest.

Present Stages of Water.

Inquiries along Front street brought to light that the cellars on the river side were in no danger if the water did not top 19 feet, and here and there an engineer was found who said there was not the slightest difficulty apprehended by the merchants along that side of Front street. The west side of Front street is of course even more safe from a rise. The river reports at 9 A. M. stood as follows:

CITY.	Stage.	12 hrs. change.	24 hrs. change.	Wind.	Direction.	Forecast.
Portland	8.0	+1.3	+3.8	E	0.99	
Salem	10.0	+1.5	+4.0	E	0.52	
Albany	12.5	+2.2	+8.0	SE	0.46	
Harrisburg	9.5	+1.9	+0.9	SE	0.70	
Eugene	10.0	+4.6	+0.8	W	0.50	
Estacada	8.7	+1.2	.....	.....	.....
Tualatin	8.0	+1.4	+4.0	.....	.....
McMinnville	12.4	+4.4	+2.0	.....	.....	0.52
Jefferson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

HIGH WATER DELAYS TRAINS

Streams Are High and Main Lines Have Water Trouble.

Torrents in the mountain streams resulting from the melting snows have caused delays to the railroads entering Portland. Most of the incoming trains were delayed yesterday, the O. R. & N. trains especially suffering.

Reduced Rates to Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 17.—The committee on arrangements of the National tariff committee convention which meets here February 14 to 18, announces that the railroads have given a fare and one-half for the round trip to the convention. As a result the attendance will be large.

SAVED FROM AN OPERATION

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terday was two hours late and No. 5 four hours late. The trains from Seattle were also several hours behind their schedule in arriving, while the Southern Pacific succeeded in keeping within reasonable proximity to its published timetable.

Up to late last night, railroad officials have been advised of no serious washouts or causes of delay. They declared last night that many minor troubles had already been reported as a result of the floods in the mountain streams, but the washing away of bridges or portions of track had not been reported.

SLIDES DELAY TRAINS

EARTH BLOCKS NORTHERN PACIFIC TRACKS.

Detour Is Made by Ferry to Vancouver—Interurban Lines Near Portland Also in Trouble.

A landslide occurred on the Northern Pacific railroad near Vancouver, which blocked traffic and compelled the transshipment of passengers by the ferry Tacoma from Kalama to Vancouver. Reports from the officials state that the slide stopped traffic completely and in order that passengers should be delayed at least as possible, the expedient of taking them from Kalama to Vancouver was resorted to, and all passengers delayed by the slide will be forwarded to their destinations in this manner. The exact extent of the slide, and its precise location, are not known to the dispatchers at available points, but no doubt is expressed that the delay will soon be over, and in the meantime the ferry will continue to be used.

Train No. 33 of the delayed trains arrived at 9 o'clock last night, after a delay of several hours. Train No. 7 came in at 11 o'clock, also delayed a number of hours on account of the conditions attending the slide. Trains on the Oregon City Estacada and Cazadero lines of the O. W. P. were delayed yesterday because of landslides between The Oaks and the Inman-Poulsen mile. There is a huge embankment east of the car tracks between those points and the melting snow caused the earth to give way yesterday and tumble down upon the tracks.

RAIN AND COOLER FOR TODAY

Total Rainfall During 24 Hours Was 1.16 Inches.

PORTLAND, Jan. 17.—Maximum temperature, 54 degrees; minimum, 37 degrees. River reading at 8 A. M., 8.0 feet; change in last 24 hours, 3.2 feet. Total rainfall 1.16 inches.

COLUMBIA IS FILLED WITH FLOATING CAKES OF ICE.



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