FLOOD DRIVES 200 FOLK FROM HOME

Mother and Children in Tree All Night.

WEST SPRINGFIELD INUNDATED

Heavy Rains Send Willamette River Out of Banks.

HIGH WATER IN PORTLAND

Twenty-Foot Stage Is Predicted by Friday, When Lower Docks Will Be Covered-Rains Cease and Upper River Is Falling.

FLOOD SITUATION IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

PORTLAND-Willamette 15.8 feet above low water; 20-foot stage ex-

EUGENE-Two hundred people driven from homes in West Springfield: river falling after reaching 21-

SALEM - Docks under water; and hop warehouses dam-

OREGON CITY-Upper river at 63-foot mark; pulp mill closed. TACOMA-Warm rains and meltsnows flood all streams SEATTLE-Four Great Northern trains marooned in Cascade Mount-

ABERDEEN-Booms break and \$200,000 worth of logs lost, MISSOULA-Sides block traffic Milwaukee road.

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 21 .- (Special.)-Two hundred people of West Springfield were forced to abandon their homes when a sudden on-rush of water flooded that dis-

In one instance a mother and two children climbed into a tree where they spent last night, being rescued this morning.

A family by the name of Bailey, occupying a residence in the delta between the river and the mill race here, were rescued this morning from their perilous position after a narrow escape.

Little Ones Are in Peril.

The experience of Mrs. M. A. Parker and her four children was most thilling They resided in the river bottom. When the flood waters began to pour into the house, the family took refuge in the and they climbed upon a fence. Finally of the current, and the homeless family climbed into a tree, the elder boy holding | Moxley has a two to one majority. his little sister by the shoulders until daylight when they were rescued by boat-

The manufacturing district of Springfield is deserted, and all the wheels are silent. Poles of the electric transmission line were prostrated and service to Eugene was not resumed until late this evening. The flood also broke the gas ence to consumers.

River Is Now Falling.

the flood had passed and by 5 o'clock the waters had receded three feet. It is Washington Hull Believed to Have thought all danger is past. The highest point reached by the flood today was 21

River bottoms for a mile to the north are under water, and telephone lines to Springfield and Coburg are architect who disappeared mysteriousdown. The McKenzie River rose rapidly and Wednesday the Blue River stage was unable to get nearer Eugene than Leaburg, 21 miles up the McKenzie Valley. The road between Eugene and Springfield is several feet under The little house known as Coney Island resort, just the other side er worn by the man, whose body floatof Judkins Point, was washed away ed in toward the Canarsie shore, indiduring the night.

Stages Unable to Operate.

The stage from Coburg dld not start out for its trip today, as Coburg is cut off from Eugene in every direction.

The ferry at Jasper went out yesterday. The Southern Pacific lost about 100 cords of wood yesterday. The water has reached the tracks of the Southern Pacific at Saginaw.

As a result of the high water, a gas main at the plant of the Northwestern Corporation broke at 8:30 this morning. All the linotype machines in the daily newspaper offices were out of commis sion for a few hours this forenoon until gasoline burners could be installed.

LOWER DOCKS ARE COVERED

Willamette at Portland Is Now Raging Torrent.

and the Willamette is a raging torrent. The flood stuge of 15 feet was weached yesterday morning, and at 5 o'clock last evening the official reading showed 15.8 feet. The lower dock at the foot of Ash street was covered to a depth of 15 inches, and a number of the lower decks

The Willamette is falling at Eugene and the Clacksmas has receded rapidly at Estacada. The Santiam River is falling at Jefferson, but the Yamhill is ris

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WOMAN CONFESSES TO FOURTH' HUBBY'

CLARK'S EX-SECRETARY

Much-Wedded Woman Tells Last Spouse That She Has Others

Living.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 28.-(Special)-That three weeks after his mar riage his wife told him she had two ther husbands living, is the ground on which Adam Underwood, former private secretary to Senator W. A. Clark, bases a petition for an annulment of his mariage to Mrs. Adeline Underwood. The estition for annulment was filed today in Judge Houser's court.

Twelve years she was married, according to Underwood, to Charles Schimf, manager of the Orpheum Circuit here. Schimf died six years ago, leaving his fortune to his young widow. Then she married Peck Eppinger. After one year Mrs. Eppinger sued for divorce.

The divorce was granted a short time efore the San Francisco fire but before he decree became absolute, according to Underwood and his attorney, Mrs. Eppinger met H. M. Klair, a wealthy horseman from Louisville, Ky. They were married.

Because of incompatability they sep-

Mrs. Eppinger-Klair met young Under wood, who was then Senator Clark's private secretary. They were married a short time after. Only three weeks after heir marriage Mrs. Underwood is alleged have told her husband of her marriage Eppinger and to Klair.

At first Underwood would not believe Cautiously he began to investigate. He found Klair and secured a deposition from him. Later he found Eppinger in San Francisco, and then Underwood suggested that his wife visit her relatives in

EAST OBJECTS TO RATES

Spokane Decision Is in Disfavor Among Shippers.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.- Delegations rom 10 chambers of commerce and boards of trade of Eastern cities met today to consider the new freight rates proposed by railroads of the Northwest, as a result of the famous Spokane rate case decision. A committee was appointed to report on a plan for the creaion of a central traffic bureau to protect

the interests of the East. Commercial organizations of this territory already have intervened in proceed ings before the Interstate Commerce Commission on the Spokane case, contending that Eastern interests would be adversely affected by the proposed

CANNON'S MAN IS ELECTED

Moxley Goes to Congress From Illinels District. Two to One.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23-William J. Moxley, Republican, was elected to Congress barn, but this structure became unsafe in the Sixth Illinois district today to succeed William Lorimer. The latter was this refuge began to sway by the force recently elected to the United States Senate in place of Albert J. Hopkins,

> Running against Moxley was Dr. Carl Barnes, an Independent Republican, who made this his battlecry: "If elected to Congress, I shall join the nsurgents and do everything in my power to down Cannon."

Speaker Cannon in a speech in Chicago last Thursday urged all who would not mains, thereby causing much inconveni- vote for Moxley to vote for the Demo cratic nominee rather than for Barnes.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the crest of CLEW TO LOST MAN FOUND

Gone Down With Yacht.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 .- A clew to the fate of Washington Hull, a Brooklyn ly with his yacht, the Commodore, or November 3 last, was discovered today with the recovery from the waters of Jamaica Bay of the body of a sailor believed to have been with Hull on the missing yacht.

The name "Alcatorda" on the sweatcated that he was Trygve Wold, a sailor of the yacht Alcatorda.

CHILD SCALDED TO DEATH

Mother Places Pan of Boiling Water Within Baby's Reach.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Nov. 23.-(Special.) -A 20-months-old child of A. I. Davies died last night from the effects of being scalded in a pan of boiling water. The accident was caused by the child's mother taking the pan of water off the stove and setting it on the floor while she put wood in the stove. The youngster limbed on a chair to reach for something on a table and fell into the scalding water.

MARS NEEDS CLEAR AIR

Flood conditions prevail at Portland, Observatory Being Built at 13,000 Feet in Arizona.

> FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. Nov. 28 -- In order that a clearer atmosphere may be secured for the study of Mars, Dr. Lowell, of the Lowell University, is installing a 12-inch telescope on San Francisco peak at an altitude of nearly 13,000 feet

> Professor V. M. Slipher will have charge of the big task of erecting the instrument.

BEFORE SAILING?

Serious Charge Made by Passengers.

WIRELESS FAILED TO WORK

Apparatus May Have Been Tampered With.

WILL BE RIGID

Vessel, Recently Destroyed Off California Coast, Said to Have Overinsured by Fully \$50,000.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 28 .- (Spe cial.)-Ugly rumors in connection with the destruction of the steamer St. Croix on Saturday, six miles off the coast, op posite Point Dume, are to be investi gated by John Birmingham, supervising inspector of the United States steam inspection service, assisted by O. F. Bolles and John T. Bulger, inspectors of hulls

A rumor emanating from passengers on the ill-fated vessel has it that the St Croix was on fire before it sailed from San Pedro at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Steamship men say that such a condition could not have existed without the knowledge of some member of the crew.

Fifteen Miles From Wharf.

It is stated that at the outside the St. Croix could not have been more than 15 miles from the long wharf at Port Los Angeles when the fire was discovered, and that the vessel could have been turned and run to this port in the time it required to run her in toward shore, man the small boats and take off the passengers.

According to one passenger, the wireess operator was next to the last man to leave the burning vessel, and was dragged out "strugling to remain at his Yet he was unable, according to these reports, to get his apparatus to work so that land stations or passing vessels might be advised of the plight of the steamer.

The failure of the wireless apparatus be investigated thoroughly.

Pumps Were Working.

According to the chief engineer, the pumps were working when the ship was abandoned, and if it were so, the dynames supplying current for the operation of the wireless apparatus must have been in running order. That this apparatus was tampered with charged. The St. Croix carried no freight in her hold by which spontaneous combustion might have been caused

A San Francisco dispatch quotes Charles H. Hamilton, one of the owners, as saying that the St. Croix carried \$175,000 insurance. When in Alaskan waters the vessel was insured for approximately \$125,000.

The vessel was estimated to be worth between \$125,000 and \$150,000. It was a wooden steamer, overhauled and converted into a passenger boat. It cost originally \$85,000. It is said the improvements and the cost of bringing it around the Horn, which alone amounted to \$20,000, ran the amount to approximately \$125,000.

MAYOR DEALS BLOW TO GRAFTERS' SET

SAN FRANCISCO'S EXECUTIVE

of Police Commission

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23 .- (Spe cial.)-P. H. McCarthy, who was recently elected Mayor on the Union Labor ticket, has selected the members of the Police Commission, and the announcement comes as a severe blow to the union labor grafters who looked to McCarthy to reward them for their efforts in his behalf.

Not a labor man figures among those Joseph Leggett, an old-time Demo

erat and a man of sterling integrity. remains on the board, while the two new men are to be William MacNevan, nember of a real estate firm, and Louis Blot, who is connected with a downtown wholesale commission firm Not a man of those mentioned by the union labor bosses for a place on the commission was given consideration. It is significant that the retention of Leggett on the board is due to the influence of one of the rich and pow-

erful law firms of the city. The labor leaders are already dis gusted with the independence of Mc-Carthy. One of them said, when asked how labor was faring with the Mayor-elect: "Aw, you can't touch him since he was elected."

MESSENGER BOYS WILL GO

Device Makes Telegraph Office of Every Telephone Station.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 .- (Special.) -- Officials of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company announced today that as a result of its purchase of a large interest in the Western Union Telegraph Company a new device would be adopted that would put the messenger boy out of busi-

According to these plans it will soon be possible for a telephone subscriber to write out his dispatch on an electric mathine, which will reproduce it simultaeously in the office of the telegraph This will virtually make a ompany. elegraph office out of every telepho station and will add enormously to the facilities of the telegraph companies, One of the highest officers of the telephone company said today that he beleved it would be possible after a while for the telegraph company to accept messages on a basis of 25 cent charges for a 15-word message, Instead of a 19-word

TAFT'S NIECE IS ENGAGED Seattle Lumberman to Wed Miss

message.

Louise Taft. NEW YORK, Nov. 23.-Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Taft tonight announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Louise W. Taft, to George H. Snowden, of Se

attle. Miss Taft is a niece of the President. Mr. Snowden graduated from Yale in 1907, and is now engaged in the lumber busi ness in Seattle. The wedding will take place in this city in the Christmas holidays. President Taft will attend.

IOWA BANKER SHOT: DIES Feather Catches in Firearm, Dis-

charging It. WEBSTER CITY, Ia., Nov. 23.-F. A Edwards, president of the Webster City Savings Bank, is dead as the result of

the accidental discharge of a revolver at

his bank this morning. He was dusting off a counter when a feather caught in the firearm, discharg-

AGED STATESMAN

DeArmond Falls, Trying to Save Grandson.

ARMS ENTWINED ABOUT BODY

Search of Ruins Reveals Heroism of Congressman.

WIFE NARROWLY ESCAPES

Spread of Flames Too Rapid to Allow Attempt at Rescue-Splendid Library Is Included in of Property.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 23.-It was in vain effort to save the life of his little grandson that Congressman David A. DeArmond, of the Sixth Missouri district perished in a fire that destroyed his hom

in Butler, Mo., early today. The heroism of the Congressman was made known late this afternoon, when with his arms locked around the burned body of the little boy, DeArmond's body was found. He had caught up the 6year-old lad, David A. DeArmond, Jr. and rushed with him through the flam that filled his room. He fell with his unconscious burden and both san through the floor to quick death.

Boy Was Grandfather's Idol.

What makes the tragedy unusually pathetic is the fact that the grandson was the grandfather's idol. Last night the boy went to his grandfather's house as usual, and, after a happy evening, the two retired. The next the family heard of them was early today, when, from behind the smoke and flames that enveloped the house the boy screamed:

"Oh, grandpa, get me out of here quick. I'm burning to death."

"Yes, son; don't be afraid. Grandpa will take you out," was the calm reply. Then both went down to death. The est of the family sleeping in the house at the time-Mrs. DeArmond, her daughter, Mrs. Clark and Miss Nettie Boleswere greatly shaken by their experiences Mrs. DeArmond fainted and would have met death in the flames had not her daughter dragged her out into the yard.

Son Restrained From Rushing In. Messages of condolence from all part of the country were received by the De-

Armonds this afternoon James A. DeArmond, editor of the Bates County Democrat, son of the Congressman and father of the boy who was burned, tried to rush into the burning house to save his father and son, but

was prevented by others. The cause of the fire is not known. The house was two stories in height, and

burned fiercely. The home was a large two-story framstructure set well back from the street. Congressman De Armond and his young grandson were in a room on the south side of the building, while Mrs. De Armond and Mrs. Clarke had a separate room on the opposite side of the house. Nettle Boles. 20 years old, a servant, had a room on the west end. The servant

escaped without injury. Mrs. De Armond Saved.

The first knowledge of the fire camto Mrs. Clarke, when she was awakened by sounds from her father's room. Urging her mother downstairs, the younger woman with difficulty succeeded in

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MAIL FROM ASTOR INDICATES SAFETY

ACHT NOURMAHAL WAS IN SAN JUAN NOVEMBER 17.

Letters Taken Aboard Steamer Just Before Sailing and Cuba Given as Next Destination.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 .- The Astor yacht puzzle is solved. Mail from Colo nel John Jacob Astor and his party reached New York today on the Insular line steamer Harry Luckenbach, which sailed from San Juan, P. R., November The letters indicate there was no unusual incident aboard the yacht.

On that date an officer from the yacht Nourmahal came aboard the Luckenbach with mail just before the latter sailed for New York. This officer told Captain James Dalton, of the Luckenbach, that the Nourmahal was to sail next for Cuban ports. At the time, according to Captain Dalton, the Nourma hal was safely at anchor and showed no signs of damage.

The positive assurance that the Nourmahal was safe at San Juan on November 17-just a week ago-practically ends a 19-day search.

TAMPA, Fla., Nov. 28 .- San Juan P. R., is completely cut off by a heavy bank of impenetrable atmosphere as if it were walled in, all efforts to establish communication with the wireless station there having failed.

Atmospheric conditions on the Gulf and Carribean Sea are, unprecedented in wireless communication

With the discovery of the safety of Colonel Astor's yacht, another mystery develops-that of the identity of the submerged vessel sighted by the German steamer Wotan a week ago, just off the northern coast of Cuba.

PREACHER IS KICKED OUT

Priest Sues for \$20,000 to Soothe His Wounded Feelings.

SHATTLE, Wash., Nov. 23 -(Special.)-Rev. John Power, in charge of a parish embracing Rainier Valley, yesterday instituted suit against Edwin F. James, a wealthy real estate dealer, for \$20,000 damages. The claim is based upon injuries to the person and humiliation incident to being kicked out of the office of Edwin F. James & Co., in the New

York block Being a "man of the cloth" with the insignia of the church upon him, he ould not resent with force the attack. He consequently meekly submitted and after a few days consulted James T. Lawler, the attorney, who vesterday filed the suit against Mr. James.

FIVE MILES OF CANAL OPEN

Freight to Pacific.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.-Five miles of the Panama Canal have been opened to navigation. This includes the channel from the point in the Bay of Panama. Steamships plying between San Francisco and Panama and the West Coast ports of South America and Panama are using this part of the canal daily. Should the Buffalo go to Panama for marines to be transported to Nicaragua this part of the canal will be utilized

FAST MAILS ARE TALKED

British Colonies to Consider Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Proposal.

OTTAWA. Ont., Nov. 23 .- A meeting of representatives of the Canadian, British, New Zealand and Australian governnents will be held next Spring to consider the proposal made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier for a fast passenger and mail steamship and train service from London to Australia and New Zealand, via fas trains across Canada and an 18-knot service on the Pacific.

TAFT GETS BIGGEST PIE

President's Thanksgiving Dessert Weighs 50 Pounds.

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 23.-President Taft's 50-pound Thanksgiving mince pie was baked today in a Newark bakeshop. Tomorrow this pie, the largest ever baked in America, will be taken to Washington by a committee of the Bakers' Union. The pie is 25 inobes in diameter and three inches deep.

BOMB BLOWS UP 25 HOUSES Black Hand Blamed for Disaster at

Danville, Ill. DANVILLE, Ill., Nov. 23.-An explosion of dynamite in the fruit and wine house

of Joseph Mascarl, 13 College street, early today, wrecked 25 buildings in the business district. Mascari, who is an Italian, believes the Biack Hand is responsible for the explosion. None injured.

LIGHTSHIP GOES ADRIFT Vessel Reported 15 Miles Off Tillamook Light, Steaming Northward.

STEAMSHIP ASUNCION, at sea, via wireless, via Astoria, Or., Nov. 23.-The Columbia River lightship went adrift to night and at 10 P. M. was in a position 15 miles north-northwest from Tillamook

Light. She was steaming slowly north-

DROPWALL STREET

Big Men of West May Boss Lines Soon.

LAUNCH MOVEMENT SECRETLY

Stigma of Bears and Bulls' Dictation Is Felt.

JOHN A SPOOR MAY LEAD

Change Blamed for Adverse Legistation-Rail Chiefs to Form Board of Control to Win Favor of Public.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23 .- (Special.)-A movenent which has not yet become well deined is said to have been started to place the Western railroads in control of Western men, so that their policy no longer will be dictated from Wall street. Great secrecy is being maintained regarding the subject.

John A. Spoor, president of the Chicago Junction Road, is said to be an important nember of the new coterie of rallway men who will shape the destinles of the Western roads. Mr. Spoor denies a knowlege of anything about the movement, but his recent entry into the board of the Chicago, Great Western Road is said to be part of the plan.

Wall-Street Link Tires.

It is the opinion of nearly all Western

rail presidents that an almost constant

linking of names of Western roads with

Wall street operators is responsible in a large measure for the wave of adverse legislation in recent years. As a matter of fact, the people own most of the Western roads. Why not let the stocksolders run them instead of Wall-street operators? is the question being asked.

With the idea of effecting a gradual

change in this respect there has been a general movement toward electing strong Western men to the various boards

Board of Control Planned.

It is understood that as soon as a suffitient number of strong Western business men have been elected directors there will be established a pseudo Board of Control, which shall shape the policies of all Western roads insofar as those policies affect the traveling and shipping Ships Use Waterway to Transport public. In this manner it is thought the Western roads can get away from the Wall-street stigma and so shape their policies that the public will understand that the railroad managers believe, in truth, that the interest of the public and of the railroads is one and the

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