

HEAVY DOWNPOUR DOES BIG DAMAGE

Willamette Rising Rapidly and Is Expected at Danger Stage Tomorrow.

RAILROADS WASHED OUT

Southern Pacific Routes Trains by West Side Route - Suburban Lines Experience Worst Trouble in History.

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or on land drained by tributaries of the river, the rise in the stream will not be sudden, but gradual. There will be no crest of the flood.

While river traffic has suffered from the constantly rising water and the prohibitive necessity of closing the locks at Oregon City, rail lines, both steam and electric, also have been seriously damaged.

The Southern Pacific has suffered severely. A washout of feet long was reported one and a half miles south of Salem yesterday morning. Assistant General Manager Buckley, with a crew of men, started at once to make repairs. Traffic was suspended and all service was irregular. Train No. 13, that left here at 1:30 yesterday morning, was derailed over the West Side division and most of the service during the day was handled in this way. The northbound train, too, was brought in over the West Side line until last night when all trains except the Santa Limited were annulled. It is expected that service can be resumed today.

Several damaging washouts occurred on the line near this city. A rock slide covered the track between Albina and St. Johns for a few hours yesterday morning. This was repaired. Other sources of trouble were reported frequently.

Traffic from Puget Sound also suffered. The earliest damage was done near the Columbia-River bridge yesterday morning, delaying trains on the three lines—the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern and the O.-W. R. & N.—using that structure. The southbound Shasta Limited was held behind a washout near the bridge. Service over the North Bank and O.-W. R. & N. lines east also was impaired, but less serious than some of the others.

The Portland electric railway system was not without its troubles. The present difficulty is the worst in the company's history. All the construction gangs have been ordered to keep the tracks in repair. The Oregon City line went out of commission last night. The tracks near Rock Island station are washed out. The low lands in the immediate vicinity are flooded. Farmers living nearby have fears for their stock. Some of them are moving their cattle out of the stables and driving them to the higher ground.

The United Railways system is knocked out. No regular service has been operated for nearly 24 hours. Some of the big fills on that line are threatened. The Clatsop Tavern, across the river from St. Johns, is flooded. The kitchen in the basement has two and a half feet of water on the floor. No meals are being served. The St. Johns rock-crusher is washed out. Four feet of water covers the connecting road. The Ferry Exchange station is being washed with two feet of water on the floor. The bartenders are serving drinks with their feet encased in rubber boots.

City property that is built upon filled-in ground is in imminent danger of being swept out. At several places the situation is particularly serious. Residents of the vicinity of Fourteenth and College streets abandoned their homes yesterday morning, following a terrific rock slide, fearing that they might be swept away.

Some of the new terraces along the line of the Oregon Electric in the Fulton district have been washed down. Two feet of dirt has been washed down, filling the lawns of the neighborhood, and some of the cellars. The police are on guard to assist people in the event of further destruction.

At East Forty-fifth and Belmont streets last night a stream of water a foot deep caused residents of that district to use pumps in the effort to keep their cellars from being flooded.

The dirt fill over the Wood-street gulch, between Front and First streets, in South Portland, has been partially washed away. The property is in bad condition. The flood may cause it to go out any moment. As all the South Portland cars run over the Front-street tracks, this service will be badly crippled if the fill is further weakened.

Mud Slide Covers Track. A mud slide on the O.-W. R. & N. at Taylor, 23 miles east of Portland, at 10:30 last night, covered the tracks to a depth of 20 feet for 150 feet and traffic will be delayed for at least 24 hours. The Chicago special, bound for Portland, and the train from the east, will be held on the other side of the slide until the track is clear. A boat was sent out of Portland last night to bring the marooned passenger of the Chicago special into the city. The boat will arrive about noon. Train No. 4, which left Portland at 6 o'clock, and train No. 12, which left at 8 o'clock, were turned back. Steel shovels from The Dalles and Albina were sent to the slide last night to clear the track.

Mud slides delayed the trains to and from Seattle for several hours. Had it not been for the double tracks north of Vancouver traffic would have been suspended, as one of the tracks was buried for the time being. It was reported late last night that either a slide or washout at Bard had blocked the North Bank road and reports indicate that traffic will be suspended on the Southern Pacific today, which leaves Portland entirely shut off from the outside world except for the Northern Pacific running north.

A slide near Linton yesterday afternoon caused the United Railways to suspend traffic beyond that place, and the Oregon Electric was cut off by high water at Beaverton. Between Portland and Gresham most of the track is reported under water and there is little hope of keeping up traffic until the flood subsides.

LINX'S LOWLANDS INUNDATED

Willamette at Albany Rises Six Feet in 12 Hours.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Rising six inches an hour the Willamette River is now 12 feet above low water mark and within five feet of flood stage here. It has risen six feet since this morning and 11 feet since the rain began. The entire water front will be inundated tomorrow. It is estimated that the river may reach 30 feet here.

The Santiam and Calapoos Rivers have been at flood stage all day and the Santiam has swept away consid-

erable cordwood and some fences. All streams in this part of the state are badly flooded.

While the rivers are no higher than in former floods, the present storm is notable in that lowlands are inundated much worse than in any flood in years. This is due to the unprecedentedly heavy rains. There has been a heavy rainfall here almost all day, though not so heavy as yesterday, when the fall of 2.60 inches in the 24 hours preceding 8 o'clock this morning broke all records.

Not a southbound train has reached Albany since midnight last night. Northbound trains were held here this forenoon but were finally sent to Portland over the Corvallis & Eastern and West Side. Fifty feet of track on the main line of the Southern Pacific two miles north of Albany was washed out of position last night but a big crew repaired this shortly after noon.

An overflow from the Santiam Canal flooded streets and walks in the southern part of Albany all day. There was four feet of water in some basements. School was dismissed today both at Albany College and the Central Public School because water flooded the furnace.

Families are reported marooned in sections northeast of this city along the Willamette and much loss will result from the drowning of livestock that could not be removed to places of safety.

Several rescuing parties left here this morning in boats to lend what assistance they could to families likely to be in danger from the rising water.

The Corvallis & Eastern Railroad bridge over the Yaquina River at Eddyville went out this morning. The eastbound Yaquina train is on the west side of the break. Traffic will be maintained by sending a train from Albany to exchange passengers with the marooned train over the wagon bridge at Eddyville.

LOCKS TO BE CLOSED TODAY

Oregon City Threatened With Isolation by Flood Waters.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—This city and surrounding country is fast in the grip of the heaviest rain storm that has been known here in many years. In the last 24 hours 3.50 inches of rain has fallen. The upper river has risen from 53.8 feet yesterday to 58.1 feet today and the locks will be closed tomorrow.

Reports are reaching this city from every direction telling of the devastating effects of the storm. Several small bridges and culverts have washed out on the Southern Pacific tracks north and south of Oregon City and one bridge went out at Clackamas Station this afternoon. The track of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company from Naef to Boardman is under water and car service is cut off this side of Jennings Lodge.

Conditions are worst on this line between Concord and Riley. On the car reaching Oregon City from Portland at 5 o'clock this afternoon a trap door over the forward motor was burst open flooding the car and drenching some of the passengers. Flatcars forming a chain four blocks long were taken up tonight and placed on the Canemah walk to keep it from floating away.

The office and freight sheds of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company at the south end of the city were flooded suddenly this afternoon, the turbulent water rushing down from the south end road and through Third street past the brick mill into the Willamette River. It is not likely, however, that conditions in this particular locality will become worse than they are at present, so long as a drain for the water can be provided.

The bridge over the Madison-street canyon in Kansas City Addition is in a dangerous condition and has been closed to traffic. A huge landslide of many tons of earth, carrying trees and stumps, struck the underpinning of the structure last night, carrying out two bents and making the bridge unsafe. The city authorities closed it today.

Water coming down the hill past the Seventh-street steps played havoc with a big electric light pole and threatened to throw it down, but a gang of men made it fast and a watch will be kept upon it.

The School Directors have placed a night watchman at the Barclay School building, where water has flooded the basement, and a watchman has been stationed at the Abernethy bridge. The upper pulp mill and the grinders will be shut down tomorrow on the West Side of the river. Pacific officials expect to shelve tomorrow Oregon City will be virtually isolated until the flood recedes.

TRACKS COVERED WITH SAND

Northern Pacific Expects to Open Way North by Daylight.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Owing to landslides on the track, trains from Portland tonight are 12 to 15 hours late, none having arrived since 2:30 P. M. In places the rails are covered from two to four feet deep with sand and gravel and about 250 men have been sent out to clear the tracks.

Northern Pacific officials expect to have trains through by daylight. The slides vary from 60 to 200 feet in length, the most serious being between Illegfield and Felida, where nearly five feet of dirt covers a 200-foot stretch of track.

Other slides of less consequence are reported between Castle Rock and Tillamook, and also between Kelso and Tillamook.

MARYS RIVER IS ON RAMPAGE

Corvallis Streets and Basements Are Under Water.

CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Rain has been falling here for the past 24 hours. The sewers and ditches of the city cannot carry away the immense amount of water, and basements are everywhere flooded. From 8 A. M. Tuesday to 8 A. M. Wednesday 5.4 inches of water has fallen here, and from 8 A. M. today to 3 P. M. tonight 1.2 inches of water has fallen. The Willamette is rising at the rate of a foot an hour. Marys River is on a rampage and flowing with a current that caused it to shoot entirely across the Willamette and is two feet higher in the throat of the stream than on the edges. It is expected that Marys River will reach the highest point in its history.

ICE COMES DOWN COLUMBIA

River Is Rising an Inch an Hour at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Rain has been pouring down for the past 24 hours, and the Columbia River is rising an inch an hour. The stream for more than a quarter of a mile is filled with large fields of ice. All river steamers have returned to their docks in Portland until the stream is clear.

Several streets in Vancouver are flooded, and the section near the public library is inundated. This part of the city was to have been drained by a sewer last year, but at a special election the bonds were voted down.

Rain Unceasing at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—There was a steady downpour of rain here during the greater portion of to-

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ASTORIA UNCEASING

Rain Unceasing at Astoria.

PIERCE FLOOD GRIPS SALEM

Aged Man Drowns in Mill Creek; Many Flee From Homes.

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HARNEY WANTS EXPERIMENT STATION

BURNS, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The Harney County Commissioners' Court at the session just closed made an appropriation of \$15,000, to be used as far as necessary in the purchase of land and construction of buildings for

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