



RUIN FOLLOWS IN PATH OF ICE STORM

Streets Tangle of Poles, Wires and Trees.

LOSS IS MORE THAN \$250,000

Wind or Sleet Will Cause Condition Near Chaos.

PHONE SERVICE PARALYZED

Cars Run Irregularly—East Side Residence in Deplorable State With Wreckage Frozen Into Solid Mass Blocking Traffic.

Property	Revenue	Loss
Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.	\$50,000	\$10,000
Portland Railway, Light & Power Co.	25,000	25,000
Home Telephone Co.	25,000	3,000
Oregon Electric Railway Company	2,000	1,000
United Railways Co.	1,000
Western Union Telegraph Company	500
Postal Telegraph Co.	2,000
Totals	\$115,500	\$49,900

While it was impossible for the public utility companies to determine the extent of their losses yesterday and it was out of the question to make a monetary estimate of the damage to trees, shrubbery and plants, it is believed Portland's "silver thaw" which set in Saturday morning, will cost the city more than \$250,000.

With the city still in the throes of the wintry blast, with nearly everything encased in ice, the question of further destruction is held in the balance. A high wind or more icy sleet will add many fold to the ruin, while a thaw will relieve the situation very quickly. Which it will be, only time will tell.

Forecasters in Handicapped.

Owing to the limited telegraph service, reports at the United States Weather Bureau last night were missing from many important points and Forecasters Eells declared that he could not make a forecast which would be dependable. He predicts snow for today with slowly rising temperatures. It is feared this combination may lead to more sleet storms and make the present deplorable conditions even more serious.

The telephone companies are paralyzed, there being but few lines in the business district still intact. The damage so far to the two companies is estimated at more than \$75,000. More than 1500 miles of wires are out of service, hundreds of poles have toppled into the streets, being either torn from the ground or broken in two at the ground by the weight of the ice-covered wires. In the city 4555 Bell telephones and about 1800 Home telephones have been reported out of service; the entire East Side passed last night in darkness because of the danger of turning current into the electric light wires, which are tangled in a network of telephone wires and trees.

Car Service Irregular.

The cars maintained an irregular service yesterday and on three of the lines were unable for a part of the day at least, to go to the terminals.

Telegraph companies are operating on shattered service and the streets are veritable sheets of ice, slippery and dangerous.

The total damage to the public-service companies was estimated last night by officials at over \$160,000, including over \$110,000 property loss and \$50,000 in loss of revenue because of paralyzed service. These estimates are considered low in almost every case. No attempt was made to estimate the damage to trees in dollars and cents.

Streets Strown With Trees.

The entire residence district, and particularly the East Side, is in a deplorable state. The streets being strewn with trees and branches, interwoven with telephone and electric light wires covered with heavy coats of ice.

Many streets are impassable and comparatively few sidewalks are in use because of the fallen trees and the drooping limbs which all day yesterday continued to snap as gusts of wind awayed them back and forth. The center of the street was used for sidewalks all over the East Side and in the tree-covered portions of the West Side residence district.

Broadway Scene of Ruin.

One of the principal scenes of devastation yesterday was Broadway as far east as Twenty-fourth street. Where on Saturday morning were hundreds of shapely shade trees were yesterday splintered masses of limbs hopelessly tangled in wires. The whole mass was

RUDDERLESS SHIP HELD OFF COOS BAY

WIRELESS MESSAGE FOR AID SENT FROM ALLIANCE.

Passengers From Portland Aboard Helpless Vessel That Passes Night in Severe Storm.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Through the storm which raged off the coast here yesterday and last night the steamer Alliance, with 25 passengers, from Portland and other coast points and a crew of 30 men aboard, lay at anchor, unable to approach the bar and enter the Coos Bay Harbor. The ship's rudder has been torn away by the heavy seas in the afternoon and the vessel was brought to anchor eight miles off the bay.

Wireless messages received here say that the steamer is in no immediate danger, but Captain August Lofstedt asked that a tug be sent out to assist the Alliance, and the Columbia has put out to bring in the floundering steamer.

The storm of yesterday and last night was the worst thus far this winter. Six vessels lying off the coast were sighted from the lighthouse last night. Wire communication with the lighthouse was cut off later in the night.

Announcement by wireless of the accident to the Alliance reached Martin J. Higley, passenger agent for the North Pacific Steamship Company, in Portland, yesterday. Captain August Lofstedt, in command of the vessel, said in the message that he was sailing her fairly well. Arrangements were immediately made with the Simpson Logging Company to send a tug to the assistance of the crippled vessel, and Mr. Higley said last night that as he had not heard further from the Alliance she was probably in port at Coos Bay.

"The Alliance must have struck the bar or log," said Mr. Higley, "as she would not have been likely to lose the rudder in a sea. Captain Lofstedt did not say whether or not there was a heavy sea running. We received the message between 9 and 10 o'clock this morning. The vessel has accommodations for 99 passengers."

SMALLPOX LIKE PLAGUE

Disease Rages on West Coast of Mexico, Causing Many Deaths.

NOGALES, Sonora, Mex., Jan. 7.—Smallpox of a virulent type that claims many victims is raging along the west coast of Mexico.

Guaymas and Mazatlan have been quarantined.

INSANITY PLEA IS RICHESON'S HOPE

Pastor's Fate May Rest With Governor.

MURDERER IN COURT TODAY

Girl's Slayer Eased in Science Now He Has Told.

INSANITY PLEA POSSIBLE

Confession Made Over Protest of Attorneys, but Publication Is Thought to Indicate Possible Understanding.

BOSTON, June 7.—Although District Attorney Pelletier continues to declare that the confession of Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, murderer of Avis Lincoln, would make no difference in the infliction of the death penalty, the belief prevails that some way will be found for saving the former pastor's life. One possibility suggested is the plea of insanity, to be interposed despite the confession, and as a result of which Richeson may be sent to an asylum.

Friends of Governor Talk

From a source close to Governor Foss, the statement came today that the attitude of the executive probably would be in favor of a commutation of a sentence of death in the electric chair to one of life imprisonment. If the law's fullest penalty is imposed by the court, it is said to have been at the time of his self-mutilation on the morning of December 20 that Richeson first insisted upon making a confession of the murder. Even when he was still bleeding from his wounds, he is said to have clung to his counsel, William A. Morse, and pleaded to be allowed to tell him the whole story. Feeling that his client might be laboring from a loss of mental, as well as physical strength, Mr. Morse refused to bear him, and through his convalescence

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SNOWSLIDE KILLS THREE

Only One of Party of Four Manages to Escape From Avalanche.

LOGAN, Utah, Jan. 7.—A mass of snow and ice slid down a hillside in Blacksmith Canyon, 25 miles from here, today and covered four men who were taking out logs for a sawmill. One of the four managed to dig out of the slide. Finding it impossible to aid his companions, he went to the nearest ranch and gave the alarm.

The men killed were John E. Miles, Jr., Fletcher Norris and George Ellis.

LA FOLLETTE AND BRYAN IN PARLEY

"Third Party" Talk Is Heard in Capital.

TWO 'PROGRESS VES' CHUMMY

Democrats and Republicans Show Lively Interest.

MEETING IS ACCIDENTAL

Peerless Leader and Wisconsin Senator Say They Talked Merely About Direct Election—Chicago Seeks Convention.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—W. J. Bryan, of Nebraska, and Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, had a conference at the Union Station tonight, upon their joint arrival in the city, the former from the South and the latter from the West.

Mr. Bryan came armed with a proxy to sit in the meeting tomorrow of the Democratic National committee. He declined to discuss matters that might come before the committee.

The meeting between the three-time presidential candidate of the Democratic party and the progressive Republican, who is seeking to wrest the nomination from President Taft, was said to be accidental.

Third Party Talk Heard.

No sooner was it known that the two leaders had come together than tongues began to wag, and third-party talk flew thick and fast. It was not confined wholly to members of the Democratic National committee who were gathering for the meeting tomorrow. Republicans, too, showed a lively interest.

All day the Democratic committee-men had been seeking methods of dealing with the several perplexing questions scheduled to come up at the meeting, but nearly every possible solution advanced seemed to depend upon the probable attitude of the Nebraska

MRS. ROOSEVELT IS ILL

Malady Attributed to Injury Received Two Months Ago.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Mrs. Roosevelt has been seriously ill for several days. This illness is the result of the injury which Mrs. Roosevelt received two months ago, when she was thrown from her horse on the Coove road near this village.

On that occasion, Colonel Roosevelt, who was riding with her, sprang from his horse and rescued her when her horse almost trampled on her. Dr. G. W. Fuller, of Oyster Bay, is one of the physicians attending Mrs. Roosevelt. He said tonight that she had been ill for several days but that she was getting better and he looked for her speedy recovery.

CHICAGO RAISES VOICE FOR PEACE

MAMMOTH MEETING UPHOLDS TAFT'S TREATIES.

Fairbanks, Waterson, Dr. Hirsch and Jane Addams Among President's Supporters.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Chicago's voice was raised for international peace at a mammoth meeting held under the auspices of the Hamilton Club in the Auditorium Theater tonight. Ex-Vice-President Fairbanks, Colonel Henry Waterson, of Louisville; Representative Foster, of Vermont; Jane Addams and Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, of Chicago, made appeals for the ratification of the general arbitration treaties now pending in the United States Senate.

Such ratification, advocates of peace declared, will mean the abolishment of implements of war in favor of the dignified councils of peaceful arbitration.

President Taft was praised for his advocacy of the treaties which, if ratified, it was said, would insure world peace and the United States was declared to be the first Nation really to announce itself as in favor of arbitration of international differences. This was in the treaty between this country and England, the early part of the last century, to settle boundary disputes on the border line of Maine and Canada.

Mr. Fairbanks defined the treaties advocated by President Taft, and which the Senate is asked to ratify, as broader in scope than any previously considered treaties.

"These treaties," said Mr. Fairbanks, "if ratified by the Senate, will become a fixed feature of our international policy and the policy of two of the other leading world powers."

BLANKET OF SNOW WRAPS NORTHWEST

Temperature at Zero East of Cascades.

WILLAMETTE RIVER IS RISING

Orchards May Be Damaged by Ice on Young Trees.

TRAIN SERVICE UNSETTLED

Inland Empire Has More Than Foot of Snow With 34 Inches at Hood River and 41 at The Dalles.

Wheat Crop Safe.

PORTLAND—City and vicinity covered with ice; temperature slightly below 30.

SALEM—Cellars flooded by rains; river rising.

SEATTLE—Freezing weather, four inches snow; East wind blowing.

CASTLE ROCK—City in darkness; wires down; 14 inches snow.

ALBANY—Streams rise in Lin County; long-distance wires down.

ABERDEEN—Singing cuts are forced to shut down on account of snow.

East of Cascades.

SPOKANE—Mercury below zero; snow foot deep.

BAKER—Mercury at zero, 12 inches snow; trains delayed.

LA GRANDE—Snow drifts fill the streets; wind hampers snow plows on O. W. R. & N.

PENDLETON—Mercury is below zero; 18 inches snow; trains delayed; snow in mountains three feet deep.

THE DALLES—Snow 41 inches deep; mercury 14 above; Deschutes railroad blocked; O. W. R. & N. trains delayed.

HOOD RIVER—34 inches snow; in upper valley depth is five feet.

WALLA WALLA—12 inches snow; mercury at zero and falling. Snow protects crops.

WEATHER CONDITIONS IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST

While Portland and Vancouver suffered Saturday under the "silver thaw," heavy rains fell in the Willamette Valley, and east of the Cascade Mountains the snowfall continued until Sunday morning.

Sunday morning, The Dalles awoke to see 41 inches of snow. At Hood River the fall was 34 inches deep, while in the Upper Hood River Valley the depth in places is five feet.

Snow Covers Inland Empire.

The snow area covers the whole of the Inland Empire. Pendleton reports 18 inches, with three feet in the Blue Mountains. Baker has 12 inches of snow, Walla Walla 12 inches and Spokane the same. Zero weather prevails at many places east of the Cascades.

Train service in the Columbia River gorge is heavily handicapped by the deep snow, otherwise no reports of damage have been made. Some fear is felt at Hood River, where young apple trees are buried under the snow. Baker County reports plenty of feed for cattle.

Snow drifted badly yesterday in the streets of La Grande, making futile the efforts of the snowplows to clear the tracks of the O. W. R. & N.

Winter reached Southern Oregon yesterday after a heavy but warm rain of the night before. At noon yesterday the mercury at Roseburg began to fall rapidly and by nightfall was at freezing point. Streams are reported as rising at alarming rapidity. Trains are being operated with difficulty and wire service is interrupted. In some parts of the county snow is five inches deep.

At Ashland the rainfall continues but it was reported to be warm there last night and snow has all disappeared from the lower levels. The traffic on the Southern Pacific over the Siskiyou is uninterrupted.

Western Washington Blanketed.

Heavy snow has also fallen in Western Washington. Castle Rock reporting 14 inches. At Grays Harbor the snowfall is light, with the mercury at the freezing point. Seattle experienced real winter weather Sunday with an east wind and a light fall of snow.

In Chehalis County weather conditions were hardly abnormal, but lumber camps were forced to close down by the snow.

From the Willamette Valley were reports of the rising of the Willamette, cellars being flooded at Salem and Albany. Telephone and telegraph wires are down at many points in the Valley.

Crops in the Palouse country will not suffer from the storm, the heavy blanket of snow acting as protection to the grain. In the district west of the Cascades, however, considerable apprehension is felt for the young fruit trees. Many trees are badly damaged by being broken down from the weight of ice.

Snow Deep at Hood River.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—When the day broke this morning



ABOVE, FALLEN TREES AND LIMBS COMPLETELY CLOSE STREET AT EAST SEVENTEENTH AND PINE—BELOW, BAKER'S WAGON CRUSHED BY FALLING POLE; THE DRIVER ESCAPED UNHURT, AS DID THE HORSE.

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