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UP-VALLEY STREAMS ARE RISING FAST

Flood Imminent at Eugene and Corvallis.

RISE HERE IS INEVITABLE

Flood Likely Unless Weather Gets Cold Again.

DANGER IS NOT IMMEDIATE

Several Days to Elapse Before Crest of Up-Valley Rise Reaches Portland—Heavy Rains Are Thawing Snows Rapidly.

NORTHWEST WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Corvallis—Willamette rising several inches an hour. May overflow banks today.

Roseburg—Continuous rain since Saturday. Snow melting, streams swollen. Floods in Douglas County predicted.

Eugene—Amazon Slough overflows, flooding portion of city.

Hood River—Sleet is falling. Orchardists labor to save fruit trees. Temperature is freezing.

Hoquiam—Warmer, with normal thaw conditions. Streams rising.

Seattle—Drizzle melts snow, without damage. Streetcar and steam traffic resuming.

Albany—Bad floods threatened by rapid melting of snow and sudden rise of streams.

Canyonville—Heavy rains melt deep snow in mountains and rise is rapid.

In the six hours between noon and 6 o'clock yesterday the Willamette River at Eugene rose three feet. A rise of a foot and a half was recorded at Corvallis during the day. Other up-valley points reported rapidly rising waters. All reported rains and a rapid thaw. Flood conditions in the upper Valley were considered imminent last night.

Father south heavy rains were likewise falling. Roseburg reported uninterrupted rain for 24 hours, with all streams coming up, but danger was not considered imminent. A rise of four feet in the South Umpqua River was reported from Canyonville. These latter conditions, however, do not affect the Willamette River or Portland.

Every brook and rivulet throughout the Willamette Valley last night was being transformed into a small torrent under the influence of the heavy melting rains. And all of the water was flowing toward Portland. A relapse to colder weather will check it. Continued rapid thawing will have the opposite effect.

Danger Mark Still Afar.

An additional rise of seven feet and a half here would place the water above the danger line, and consequently the question of whether Portland is to have flood conditions is the all-important one now, particularly along the waterfront.

The river at Portland was 7.6 feet above zero, or normal, yesterday, according to Government measurements. Approximately 15 feet is the danger level, and if the water should reach that height under influence of the fast-melting snows, it would get into many of the docks and would result in much damage to property.

All that Government weather officials were able to predict last night was that the rise of the river would depend entirely on weather conditions of the next few days. They were certain the river would rise but could not tell how rapidly.

Several Days' Respite Ahead.

It will probably be several days before the full effects of the flood water up-valley will have much effect in swelling the stream here and it will all depend on weather conditions between now and that time whether the water will reach a dangerous or disastrous level.

Portland has not had a disastrous flood since the Winter of 1911-12. On January 18, 1912, the water registered 17.3 feet. Many docks were flooded and great damage was reported to property stored in docks and warehouses along the river.

The river has not reached a dangerous stage at any period this Winter. It was over 13 feet at one period early in the Winter and for a time threatened to reach the danger mark, retiring, however, as rapidly as it came up.

EUGENE IS PARTLY FLOODED

Amazon Slough Overflows and Willamette Rises Rapidly.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The Willamette River is rising rapidly today, due to heavy rain and warm weather, which is melting snow on the Upper McKenzie. The gauge at High-street bridge shows a stage of 11 feet above the normal mark.

The Amazon Slough, in the south part of the city, is overflowing its banks and the water continues to rise. Two blocks are inundated and residents are only able to get in and out of their homes by wading. The flooded area includes Pearl, Willamette and Char-

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55 MILLION FEET OF TIMBER SOLD

CHARLES SPAULDING INTERESTS BUY BENTON ROAD.

Logging Expected to Begin as Soon as Line Is Extended Into Property in Early Spring.

CORVALLIS, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—A transfer has been completed in Benton County whereby the Charles K. Spaulding interests become the owners of 55,000,000 feet of standing timber and a logging railroad running to the edge of the property.

The logging railroad was formerly owned by the Mary's River Timber Company, and much of the timber was the property of the Alsea Logging Company, of which William Noon was a large stockholder. The new owners will be known under the name of Mary's River Logging Company.

The timber purchased by the Spaulding people lies about 15 miles west by south of Corvallis, in the vicinity of Mary's Mountain. The logging road extends from Noon Station on the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad three miles west of Philomath, to the head of Woods Creek. The timber lies mostly south from the end of the present line of railroad, in the direction of Alsea, and will be reached by the railroad as soon as the weather will permit the work to be carried on.

By arrangement with the Southern Pacific Company the logging company will ship logs to the two Spaulding lumber mills, one at Salem and the other at Newberg. Logging will begin as soon as the railroad is extended into the timber, which, it is reported, will be early in the Spring.

GERMAN WARSHIP IS SUNK

Large Vessel Thought to Have Struck Mine in Cattegat.

COPENHAGEN, via London, Feb. 7.—A large German warship has been sunk in the Cattegat between the Island of Anholt and the Swedish coast, according to a Copenhagen dispatch quoting the newspaper Helsinger Avis.

The dispatch says it is supposed the vessel struck a mine. Wireless calls for help were heard, but these ceased after a time.

The Cattegat is a body of water lying between Denmark and Sweden, through which vessels from the Baltic must pass to reach the Atlantic Ocean. The Island of Anholt lies in the center of the Cattegat.

CARRIERS TO FEED BIRDS

Grain Supplied by Audubon Society Distributed in Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 6.—The 1400 rural mail carriers in Kansas will assist the state in the distribution of grain to starving quail and other native birds, according to instructions received from the Postoffice Department in Washington tonight. The National Association of Audubon Societies has offered $200 to provide grain for the birds.

Following two weeks of unseasonably cold weather, Governor Capper several days ago issued a formal appeal to the people of the state to assist in saving the birds.

REGISTRATION RUSH LIKELY

Total to Date Only 9431, of Which 7154 Are Republicans.

Register now and avoid the rush.

Although the registration quarters at the Courthouse have been opened, during the storm registration has suffered along with everything else.

The total registration to date is 9431, according to the latest figures compiled yesterday by County Clerk Coffey. Of this number 1731 are Democrats, 254 Independents, 82 Progressives, 117 Prohibitionists, 91 Socialists and 7154 Republicans.

SCHOOLS TO BE OPEN TODAY.

All Portland schools except Eastmoreland and Woodlawn will reopen today. Classes will also be resumed at Reed College, St. Mary's Academy and Portland Academy.

FISHING VESSEL IN PERIL

Onward Ho Seen Weighted Down With Ice, Propeller Racing.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 6.—A fishing vessel which arrived at Prince Rupert today reported that she sighted the fishing steamer Onward Ho, 10 days overdue, with 37 men aboard struggling in heavy seas and down by the head, January 19.

The vessel was so heavily coated with ice that her propeller was high out of the water, racing most of the time. The report from Prince Rupert did not give the Onward Ho's position.

LIQUOR LAW TO BE FOUGHT

Alaskan Renters to Bootleggers to Oppose Confiscation.

SEWARD, Alaska, Feb. 6.—Men on whose property bootleggers have been arrested at Anchorage are preparing to make a strong fight against confiscation of their lots under the provision in the deeds prohibiting the sale of liquor at Anchorage.

A letter received from Delegate Wickersham said the General Land Office at Washington was determined to enforce forfeiture of all lots on which liquor has been sold.

BRANDEIS CHANGES HUGHES SITUATION

Another Vacancy on Bench Dreaded.

REPUBLICANS OPPOSE RADICAL

Justice, However, May Soon Announce Refusal to Run.

CANDIDATE STILL SOUGHT

Minority Leader Mann Mentioned in Congressional Circles; Candidates for Delegates Are Being Closely Watched.

BY JOHN CALLAN O'LAUGHLIN.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—By nominating Louis D. Brandeis, of Massachusetts, to be a member of the Supreme Court of the United States, President Wilson has put a spoke in the plan of the Republicans to name Associate Justice Hughes as their standard-bearer in the coming Presidential campaign.

The Republicans are almost unanimously against Mr. Brandeis at the present juncture, because they regard him as a radical. It is pointed out that if Mr. Hughes should be nominated by them and should accept the nomination he would be forced to resign his present office. This would give President Wilson an opportunity of naming his successor and he might appoint a man equally as radical as Mr. Brandeis is alleged to be.

Hughes' Refusal Rumored.

This possibility is causing shivers of apprehension to chase up and down the spines of the Republican leaders. Mr. Hughes himself has said that he has not and will not be a candidate. Some of his close friends say, however, that if he is nominated he will accept. On the other hand, reports emanating from the Associate Justice indicate that within a few days he will issue a statement declaring that if the nomination should be tendered him, he would not accept.

With Mr. Hughes out of consideration, the Republicans hardly know to whom they can turn. They are looking with more favor on Colonel Roosevelt as their candidate, but it still is apparent they will accept him only as a last resort. Various rumors are current as to their second choice, and the impression prevails in Congressional circles that if they can induce the delegates to nominate Representative Mann, of Chicago, they will do so, provided he should prove acceptable to Colonel Roosevelt and the Progressives.

Borah Declines Definitely.

Senator Borah has definitely declined to permit his name to go before the convention. He has telegraphed to his political friends in Idaho that his name must not go on the Presidential ticket. Senator Weeks, of Massachusetts, has come to realize that he has no chance; Senator Root, of New York, is definitely out of the running; Philander C. Knox, of Pennsylvania, has announced

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POLICE OF GOTHAM GUARDING BRIDGES

BOMB ATTACK ON CRUISER SAID TO BE FEARED.

Request Reported to Have Come From Rear-Admiral Usher; Denial Deepens the Mystery.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Extra police guards were stationed on the Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges today at the request of Rear-Admiral Usher, commandant of the New York Navy-yard, it was announced by the Brooklyn police, to safeguard the passage under the structures of the United States cruiser Washington, which arrived at noon from Haiti.

The police said Rear-Admiral Usher explained to them that he desires the extra guards as a precautionary measure against the possible dropping of bombs on the cruiser as she passed under the bridges.

The action of the Rear-Admiral was clouded in mystery at the Navy-yard. Commander Frank B. Upham, aide to the Rear-Admiral, declared tonight there was no reason to suspect that anyone contemplated hurling bombs on the Washington and that no request had been made of the police for additional guards on the bridges.

The cruiser Washington, which will be relieved by the Tennessee in Haitien waters, will sail from here tomorrow for Portsmouth, N. H., where she will be used as a training ship.

WALKS MUST BE CLEANED

Police Are Ordered to Abate Snow Nuisance, Starting Today.

Chief of Police Clark is determined that the snow nuisance shall be abated, so far as shoveling off walks is concerned. His order to the police force, effective today, is to see that all known owners of property, or tenants of premises, clear the walks in which they are concerned. This without delay.

The practice of shoveling snow and ice from roofs to the streets, without removal immediately afterward, is also under the ban. The order will be strictly enforced and offenders must answer for their fault in court, the Chief said.

WHITMAN IS FOR HUGHES

New York Governor Is Candidate for Re-election.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Governor Whitman reiterated today his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Governor. His announcement was coupled with a denial that he had agreed to seek the nomination for second place at the Republican National convention on a ticket to be headed by Theodore E. Burton, William E. Borah or Albert B. Cummins.

"I am for Justice Hughes for President. He would sweep the country," said Mr. Whitman.

71 BELOW ZERO REPORTED

Takotna, Alaska, Trail Too Cold for Mail Route Horses.

SEWARD, Alaska, Feb. 6.—The mail-carriers who arrived last night from Iditarod reported that when the mail was taken over the trail at Takotna the temperature was 71 degrees below zero.

The cold was so intense that the carriers had to turn back their horses and set out a second time with dog sleds.

NAVY STRATEGISTS IN HEATED DEBATE

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Fletcher Resents Umpire's Judgment.

OPINION IS GIVEN CANDIDLY

Violation of Principle of Sea Warfare Defended.

"LOSS OF FLEET" DENIED

Polite Language Used Throughout, but Admirals Do Not Conceal What They Really Think About Each Other.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—It developed today that a naval controversy is raging between Admiral F. F. Fletcher, commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic fleet, and Rear-Admiral Austin S. Knight, president of the Naval War College, concerning the latest naval maneuvers. While polite language has been used by the two high officers, they have not failed to disclose their real views of each other and of each other's views.

Admiral Fletcher was in command of the Blue fleet ordered to defend the United States from a superior Red force convoying 100,000 soldiers across the Atlantic to establish a base on the American coast. According to the umpire Admiral Fletcher was defeated, most of his ships being destroyed.

Violation of Strategy Involved.

Admiral Knight, who was umpire, considered that the principle of concentration was violated by the Blue forces. Admiral Fletcher gave his reasons for this violation of principle, which he undoubtedly recognized as clearly as the War College recognized it, and these reasons to him and to others are declared to seem strong.

Admiral Knight, who went into minute details in exposing the weakness of Rear-Admiral Fletcher's strategy, said: "Whatever chances of victory the Blue commander may have had, whether few or many, he renounced, I believe, when he divided his forces, as he did in the beginning, leaving five fighting ships with 20 12-inch and 20 8-inch guns in Narragansett Bay, and made it clear to his subordinates that in his opinion the only possibility of effective employment of his fleet lay in directing it exclusively against the enemy's train and in sacrificing it, if necessary, in an effort, none too promising, to locate and reach the transports."

Umpire Declared in Error.

In an order to the fleet following the war college discussion, Admiral Fletcher said: "The umpire has an erroneous conception of what constitutes concentration in a military sense and fails to distinguish between a division of forces and strategical deployment admitting of concentration at the point of contact."

Admiral Fletcher further asserts that the opinion of the umpire in regard to

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WAR CALL MAKES CANADIANS PANICKY

ONTARIO HOME GUARDS ORDERED TO ARMS.

Theaters Dismiss Audiences When Bugles Sound; Alarm Not Explained by Officials.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Feb. 6.—Several towns in Western Ontario were thrown into a panic late last night by a hurried call to arms of the home guards. Buglers hurried through the streets sounding the alarm and unfounded rumors that one of the bridges here had been blown up added to the excitement.

At Saint Catharines, theater audiences were dismissed when the men began to leave in response to the bugle calls. Guards were doubled at ammunition depots there. No official at St. Catharines would say who ordered out the guard, but it was understood to have been a general order throughout the province.

No orders were received to strengthen the guard on the bridges along the Niagara frontier. They have been under a heavy guard since September, 1914. Telephone messages from points along the Welland Canal reported that nothing unusual happened during the day and that no precautionary orders had been received.

GUELPH, Ont., Feb. 6.—After the fire at the Jardine munitions plant at Hespeler yesterday, warnings were received by the chief of police that an attempt was to be made to destroy the Winter Fair buildings in this city, now occupied by the military, and armories where two batteries are housed.

Special guards were assigned to these points and to several factories.

OCHOCO DISTRICT FORMED

Plans Begun to Reclaim 17,000 Acres Near Prineville.

PRINEVILLE, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Formation of the Ochoco irrigation district was favored by a vote of 51 to 17 at a special election yesterday. Directors chosen are: John Grimes, F. Fred Holsher, T. H. LaFollette, D. T. Stewart and E. L. Slayton.

It is proposed to issue bonds to reclaim 17,000 acres in the vicinity of Prineville. The result of the election gives encouragement to Crook County men who hope to see early construction of a railroad to this city.

VATICAN NOT INVESTING

Monsignor Bonzano Denies Report About Munitions Securities.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Most Rev. John Bonzano, apostolic delegate, issued a statement tonight denying reports that the Vatican is investing in American munition securities.

The statement also referred to reports that the 1915 budget of the Vatican closed with a deficit of $5,000,000 and declared that neither the revenue nor the expenditures reached such a sum.

GREEKS WANT INDEMNITY

Commission Reports on Damage by Saloniki Air Raid.

ATHENS, via Paris, Feb. 6.—A Greek special commission has submitted a long report relative to the damages caused to the town of Saloniki by the recent attack of Zeppelin airships.

A recommendation was made to the Greek Premier that a demand be made on Germany for indemnity.

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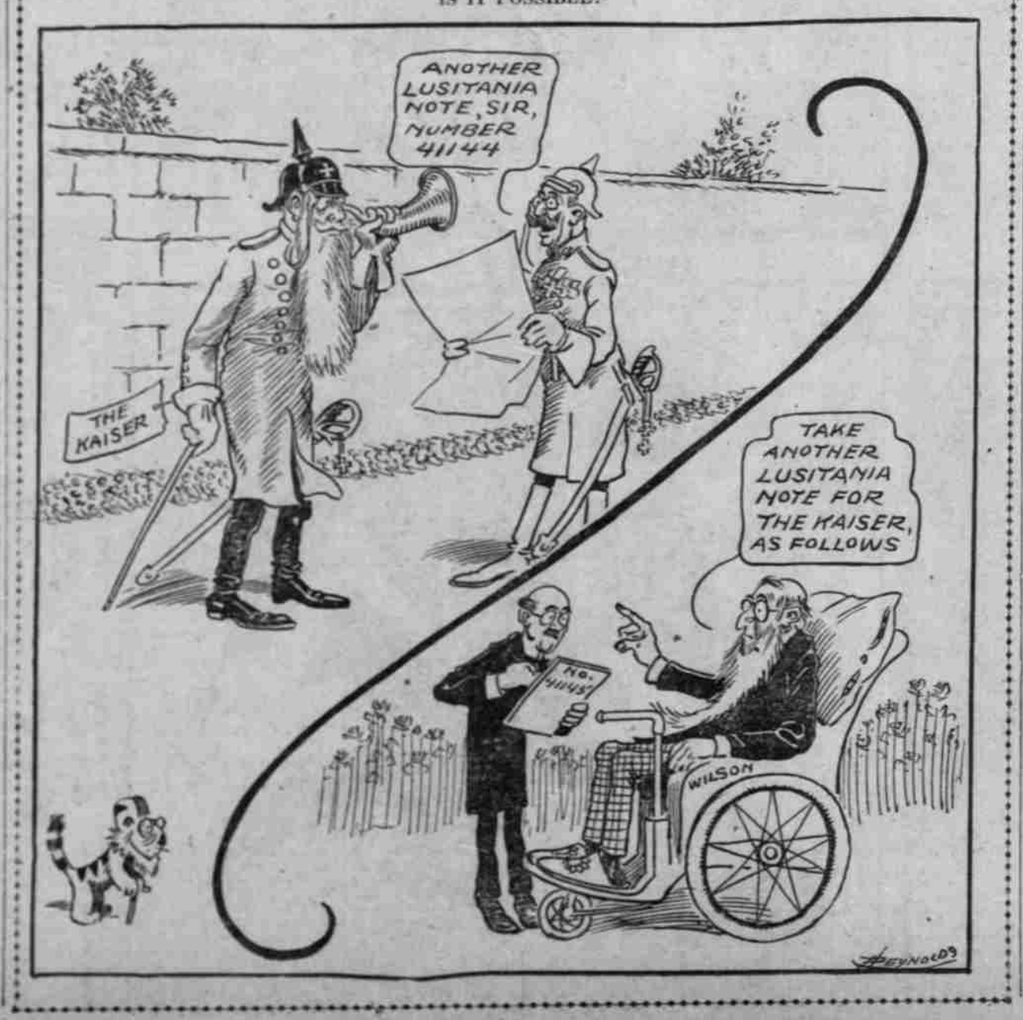

COBURG FIRESWEPT WITH $18,500 LOSS

Booth-Kelly Plant Is Saved By Rain.

WATER PRESSURE IS LACKING

Hose Tower Chopped Down to Minimize Danger.

EUGENE ASKED TO SEND AID

Entire Block in Center of Town Devastated From Blaze Originating Near Stove in Billiard Hall About 5:30 A. M.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The business section of the lumbering town of Coburg, seven miles northeast of Eugene, was swept by fire, which destroyed the postoffice building, the telephone exchange and the principal business houses and damaged the Coburg Hotel, early this morning. The loss is estimated at $18,500.

A drenching rain storm saved the lumber mill of the Booth-Kelly Company and adjoining business blocks from what seemed certain destruction, as the town was almost wholly without fire protection.

Water Pressure Low.

The pressure of the water system was not sufficient to throw water on the fire, and the hose tower, in the path of the flames, became a menace to adjoining property and so was chopped down. A bucket brigade was formed and the water taken from the hose at the curb.

The origin of the fire, which started near a stove in the confectionery store and billiard hall of Vogt Bros., is unknown. The area of the burned district covers an entire block.

Eugene Asked for Aid.

A. C. Dixon, manager of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, and people from Eugene owning property in Coburg, made hurried trips across country to the town over roads covered in places by flood waters which the machines were compelled to ford and which have been almost closed to traffice by the high water. The Eugene fire department was called upon for assistance, but did not respond, so quick was the work of destruction.

The losses are estimated as follows: Cook & Rice, hardware and furniture, loss $4000 to $5000, insurance $3500. Building owned by N. J. Nelson, loss $2000, partially covered by insurance.

Drug Store Not Insured.

Dr. M. E. Jarnagin, drug store, including stock, fixtures and building; loss, $4400; no insurance.

Vogt Bros., confectionery store and poolroom, loss, $2400; insurance, $1500. Building owned by Mrs. Lucy Sodders, of Minnesota; loss, $1200; insurance, $800.

United States Government, loss, $5. Building owned by M. J. Skinner, loss, $1000; partially insured. All mail and postoffice fixtures, together with the property of the postmistress, Mrs. John Fitzhugh, who lived in the building, were removed before the flames reached the building.

Switchboard Is Saved.

Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company, loss, $200. Building owned by Lock & Washburn, loss, $700; insurance, $500. A switchboard valued at $600, belonging to the telephone company, was saved.

S. L. Tonnesen, feedstore, building and stock, loss, $1500; insurance, $1000.

Hotel owned by Mrs. Fred Higginbotham and conducted by D. B. Lock, damaged, loss on building and furniture, $500, partially insured.

Edward Crandall, night watchman of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, reported that at 5:30 he was in the street and saw no sign of fire. Fifteen minutes later he saw smoke issuing from the top of the Sodders building and sounded the alarm.

PULPIT LEFT FOR DEFENSE

Rev. C. A. Eaton to Devote Time to New Americanism.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Rev. Charles A. Eaton, resigned today as pastor of the Madison-Avenue Baptist Church here to participate "in the shaping of the new Americanism—the new era of Christanity which must inevitably follow the European war."

Dr. Eaton, one of the most widely-known clergymen of his denomination, is an advocate of preparedness and said that he plans to write and lecture on the subject.

A. L. MILLS HAS BAD FALL

First National Bank President Stays Home Few Days.

A. L. Mills, president of the First National Bank, has been detained at his home for the last few days as a result of a sprained back, caused by a fall on the ice a few days ago.

Mr. Mills slipped on the sidewalk in front of his home and was thrown violently. He was painfully bruised and wrenched. While he was compelled to remain indoors for a few days, he escaped without serious consequences.