

CHANSOR LOST; 3 OF 50 SAVED

Oil Tanker on Rocks Off Cape Blanco.

VESSEL BROKEN IN TWO

Bandon Coast Guard Crew and Vessels in Vicinity en Route to Scene.

FOG SHROUDS DISASTER

Lighthouse Keeper Discovers Craft Which Left Portland Wednesday.

At 2:30 o'clock this morning Mrs. A. Sawyer, who is in Portland, wife of Captain Sawyer of the oil tanker J. A. Chanslor, wrecked on Cape Blanco reef, received word from her husband by telephone that he had succeeded in reaching shore safely from the steamer. He reported that he was being cared for at Cape Blanco lighthouse near Bandon. No details of the wreck were received by Mrs. Sawyer.

BANDON, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—At least 30 lives were lost when the oil tanker J. A. Chanslor, bound in ballast from Portland to San Francisco, was wrecked off Cape Blanco early Thursday night, according to the report of Earl Dooley, one of the survivors, who was rescued tonight, after being washed ashore from one of the Chanslor's lifeboats which capsized. Another member of the crew, whose name was not known here, also was saved from the lifeboat.

According to Dooley, the ship struck on a reef at 6:15 o'clock Thursday night, broke in two a few minutes afterward, the after part of the ship sinking, taking 30 men with it.

A score or more of the crew of 50 were still unaccounted for early today, although efforts of the coast guard and volunteer searchers were exerted to the limit of human endurance.

Lifeboat Is Manned.

After the vessel broke in two, according to Dooley's account of the disaster, ten or a dozen of the survivors succeeded in manning a lifeboat, Captain A. Sawyer being among those who occupied the small boat. The lifeboat drifted about all Thursday night and all day Friday, being unable to make a landing or secure aid. During this period the men in the boat picked up two members of the crew, Dooley said. One of the men, taken from the water and died shortly afterward. The other sailor is reported to have been dead when picked up by the men in the ship's lifeboat.

Boat Is Capsized.

A few hours after the survivors in the lifeboat had picked up the two men from the water the boat capsized when an effort was made to effect a landing near Bandon, and the fate of the ten or more men who were thrown into the sea is as yet undetermined.

Earl Dooley and the other man, whose name was not learned, are the only known survivors of the wrecked lifeboat.

Dooley, however, reported to his rescuers that he believed others besides himself and companion had managed to make their way to shore, and in the sailor's opinion six or eight men will be located among the sand dunes in the region of Bandon and found to be alive.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The oil tank steamer J. A. Chanslor, bound from Portland for San Francisco, Cal., was tonight on the rocks and water logged off Cape Blanco.

It was apparent, according to the report, that the vessel had broken in two.

There was no sign of the crew. There was a heavy sea tonight.

The coast guard crew from Bandon left for the scene upon receipt of the report.

First reports of the wreck came

SUGAR CONTROL TO PASS SENATE TODAY

COMPROMISE REACHED THAT INSURES BILL'S SUCCESS.

House Amendment Allowing Seizure of Refiners' Stock Accepted by Leaders in Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Enactment by congress before the Christmas recess of legislation to continue government control over sugar during 1920 is assured, Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, in charge of the control bill in the senate, announced tonight, after a compromise had been reached with opponents of the measure limiting extension of the licensing powers to June 30, 1920.

The compromise proposal, Senator McNary said, was accepted by the two Louisiana senators, who have been fighting the bill, and by other opponents and supporters also who received from house leaders that they would approve the licensing limitation. Under the compromise arrangement it is planned to have the senate pass the bill not later than tomorrow and send it to President Wilson.

The compromise provides for retention of provisions continuing the United States sugar equalization board next year with broad powers for control over sugar prices and distribution. Senate leaders are to accept the house amendment, limiting the licensing powers of the board to June 30, 1920, and also the house amendments authorizing the board to seize refiners' sugar stocks if necessary.

\$20,000 LEFT WOUNDED

French Woman's Will Gives Most of Her Estate to Countrymen.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Mme. Oshelie Maillard felt so deeply for the wounded men of France, her native land, that she left them \$20,000 in a will she made last Monday, two days before her death at the age of 90 years. The remaining \$5000 of her estate was distributed among relatives.

SEVEN GENERALS NAMED

Senate Committee Approves After Secretary Baker Explains.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—After Secretary Baker had explained the selections, the senate military committee today approved reports upon a large number of army nominations, including those of seven generals.

Among the nominations were those of Major-General Joseph T. Dickman, J. G. Harbord and F. J. Kernan to that rank permanently and Major-Generals Henry P. McCain, James H. McLaughlin, William S. Gray and Brigadier-General Frank T. Eiken, chief of the transportation division, to be brigadier-generals.

BOBCATS RAID RANCHES

Band of Hunters Carry Off Big Turkeys From Farmers.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—F. R. Absten, pioneer rancher, whose place is on the Columbia river highway near Mitchell's Point tunnel, was here yesterday after bobcat traps. The varmints, driven to famine point by the cold weather, are raiding ranches. Night before last, Mr. Absten said, the cats, apparently a half dozen of them, came down from the forests and entered the poultry house of Robert Tazwell. They slew and carried off five big turkeys and four chickens.

CHRISTMAS TREES CHEAP

New York Market Broken by Army of Speculators.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The law of supply and demand today forced down the price of Christmas trees from \$2 each to six for 35 cents. Many dealers are even giving them away to save demurrage charges on freight cars, explaining that the excessive quantity on hand is due to the army of speculators attracted to the field by the large returns netted last year.

PAYNE TO LAUNCH VESSEL

Shipping Board Chairman to Start Oakland Ship Down Ways.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—By pressing a button here tomorrow, Chairman Payne of the shipping board will send down the ways the first of six vessels to be launched in one day by the Moore Shipbuilding yard at Oakland, Cal.

SANTA ROBBED AT YAKIMA

Burglar Rifles Packages Awaiting Shipment by Express.

YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 19.—Falling to force the safe in the Northern Pacific station at Selah, a burglar last night opened scores of Christmas packages awaiting dispatch by express. Appropriated those he fancied and left the place looking like a bargain counter after a busy day.

GREAT ICE FLOES JAM HOUSEBOATS

Pandemonium Rules as Moorings Break.

OCCUPANTS DESERT HOMES

Colony's Communications Severed; Porches Smashed.

75 HOUSES THREATENED

Piling Checks Moving Structure; Steamer Crushes Ice With Plows; River Rises Rapidly.

Pandemonium ruled last night at the Willamette moorage, the houseboat colony just north of the Oaks, when a large ice floe threatened to carry many of the floating dwellings down the river. The whole row of 75 homes was endangered when ice, which extended across the east branch of the river as far as 300 yards in front of the buildings, shifted position and piled up in great masses. The floe traveled about 30 feet, breaking one of the houses from its moorings. This, with two others, was carried about 18 feet and crashed into a piling, where its progress was checked.

Occupants Leave Moorage.

The piling snapped off and toppled over upon the houseboat occupied by Harry Burnett, breaking the roof nearly in half. At the north end of the moorage where the pressure of the ice was heaviest houses were jammed against the floating walk. Gas connections were severed, telephones knocked down and porches smashed. Three or four motorboats were swept away, but it was believed that these could be recovered.

River Rises Rapidly.

Occupants of the buildings removed their valuable possessions to the top of the hill and several left the moorage for the night. Others remained to guard their property. At 10 o'clock the steamer David Campbell, roused the moorage and broke up the ice with stilt plows, relieving the situation greatly. The river rose rapidly and a strong current was running late last night, leaving dwellers in the houseboat colony still anxious concerning the safety of their homes.

LOW EXCHANGE BLAMED

Payment of Interest on Allied Loans Held "Impracticable."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The heavy discount rates against foreign exchange is "an impenetrable barrier" in making impracticable the payment of interest on the debt owed the United States on war loans to Great Britain, France, Italy and other foreign countries, Secretary Glass said today in a letter to Representative Fordney, Michigan, chairman of the house ways and means committee. The current interest is \$475,000,000 a year.

Payment of the interest in depreciated foreign coin, instead of on the dollar basis, Secretary Glass said, would be useless as the treasury at present "has no use for any considerable amounts of these currencies."

SENATE COMPROMISE ON TREATY UP TODAY

EFFORT IS MADE TO OUTLINE PLAN OF ACTION.

Foreign Relations Committee Will Resume Consideration of Issues, Modifications Expected.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Formal consideration of issues of the peace treaty will be resumed tomorrow by the senate foreign relations committee and an effort made to work out a new compromise plan to be placed before the senate after the holidays.

The resolution of Senator Knox to declare a state of peace is expected to be the basis of the committee's work. Various modifications are expected so as to incorporate provisions which republican leaders hope will draw democratic support. A number of senators of both parties understood to have been considered by the republicans is one designed to preserve to the United States any material advantages embodied in the treaty as it stands. Another suggestion is that the resolution include a general declaration of policy pledging the United States to intervene in any future European war which menaces civilization.

Some members of the committee desire to see action also on Senator Knox's alternate resolution to ratify the treaty with the league of nations covenant excluded, but the objection was made today that a two-thirds vote would be required, making the outcome much more doubtful. Democratic members of the committee were not hopeful that the republican majority would get together tomorrow on any compromise acceptable to the administration forces.

LEWIS RIVER ICE BREAKS

Jam Smashes With Boor, but Little Damage Is Reported.

WOODLAND, Wash., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—With a dull roar that could be heard for miles and a grinding and crashing that was ominous, the ice in Lewis river commenced going out about 6 o'clock last night, sweeping everything before it, and in places showing great piles of ice on the river bank.

The ice was mixed with sawlogs, railroad ties, driftwood, small boats and staves, masses of floatam from the river bed and was carried down stream at a slow rate, but with an enormous force.

No material damage resulted in the immediate vicinity of Woodland and no reports have come in of serious damage below.

MEXICO CLASH KILLS 2

American Soldiers and Police Fight Smugglers.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 19.—An American provost guard and a Mexican civilian were killed during an armed clash tonight between American soldiers and police and Mexican smugglers at the international boundary line near here.

DEFICIENCY BILL PASSED

Senate Provides \$32,000,000 for Miscellaneous Uses.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—The urgency deficiency bill providing \$32,000,000 for miscellaneous subjects, including \$30,000,000 for increased war risk insurance allowances, was passed tonight by the senate.

DEALERS' WAR BOOSTS PRICE OF GOBBLEERS

RAISERS OF BIRDS RECEIVE 50 CENTS PER POUND.

Competition of Buyers Advanced as Reason for High Cost of Christmas Fowl.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The Christmas turkey market reached a new high record today, when the top price reached 50 cents, with a protecting clause guaranteeing turkey raisers additional money in the event other advances are made. Last year the prevailing price did not pass the 41-cent mark, and at Thanksgiving did not pass 43 cents.

Although complete returns are not yet in from the various purchasing centers, it is roughly estimated that between 12,000 and 15,000 turkeys were purchased in Douglas county for shipment to Portland, Seattle and San Francisco markets. The number of turkeys offered for sale was considerably less than last year, but the condition of the birds was much better than formerly, due to more efficient culling methods.

CHARGE OF MURDER FAILS

Edgar Woodcock Acquitted of Killing Newspaper Employee.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—Edgar Woodcock, mining expert, was acquitted tonight by a jury of the murder of Edward Kelly, a newspaper employe. The jury was out two hours and a half.

Woodcock killed Kelly the night of September 18 after a meeting on the street between Mrs. Woodcock and Kelly. Mrs. Woodcock reported to her husband, who was walking a few yards behind her, that Kelly had offered her an insult, and Woodcock then rushed up and discharged his revolver. In a dying statement Kelly declared that he mistook Mrs. Woodcock for an acquaintance and merely took off his hat to her. Woodcock's defense was temporary insanity. His wife was also charged with murder. Her trial has not been set.

LIFT LIQUOR BAN IS PLEA

Massachusetts Solon Urges Wilson to Proclaim Demobilization.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Representative Richard Olney of Massachusetts called at the White House today to urge President Wilson to proclaim demobilization immediately with a view to lifting the wartime prohibition ban.

Former Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, who was a "White House" caller today, said he intended placing a similar proposition before the president in a written memorandum. Mr. Lewis said he thought the question of what is an intoxicant should be left to the individual states to determine.

STOVE WORKS IS BURNED

Portland Concern's Plant Near Interstate Bridge on Fire.

The Portland Stove Works at Derby street and Columbia boulevard, in the vicinity of the Interstate bridge, was reported to be on fire at 2 A. M. this morning. The Portland fire department answered a call for aid sent in from the Kenton department. No details as to the extent of the fire were received at an early hour.

BERGER RETURNED TO HOUSE BY 4806

9000 Voters Stay at Home During Election.

FUSION CANDIDATE BEATEN

Socialists Gets 24,367 and Republican 19,561.

53,000 ARE REGISTERED

Radical, Once Unseated Because of War Record, Is Sent Back by Wisconsin District.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 19.—Victor L. Berger, socialist, today was re-elected to congress from the fifth Wisconsin district, having defeated Henry H. Bodenstab, republican, running as a fusion candidate, by 4806 votes.

Berger's total vote was 24,367 and Bodenstab's 19,561. The returns indicate that approximately 9000 voters did not vote. The total registration was about 53,000. Should the house of representatives again refuse to seat Berger, there will be a vacant chair as far as the fifth Wisconsin district is concerned until the regular election in 1920, as Governor Phillips announced tonight he would not call another special election.

Berger Makes Statement.

"I do not believe in spending any more of the people's money in that way," he declared. Berger tonight made the following statement: "While my election may undoubtedly be characterized as nothing short of a revolutionary act in view of opposition by the entire capitalist class, not only of Milwaukee and Wisconsin, but of the country, yet it cannot exactly be called a victory of the socialist party. The socialist party simply took the lead and furnished the advance guard and foremost champions. As a matter of fact, my re-election is simply the first sign of the awakening of genuine democracy in this country since the days of the struggle for the emancipation of the black race. I don't know whether the house will seat me, and I care little, if only the continued fight for my seat will furnish the occasion to awaken the common people of the United States, especially the working class, to a realization of the great dangers before us and the immense duties that we must fulfill if modern civilization is to progress or even to survive. Voters Are Congratulated. "But as to the voters of the fifth district, I can only say, 'Well done. The rest of the world are upon you. You have vindicated one of the basic principles of modern democracy—representative government.'"

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WAR INSURANCE BILL APPROVED BY SENATE

RECOMMENDATIONS OF AMERICAN LEGION INCORPORATED.

House Is Expected to Accept Amendments Before Holiday Recess; Added Payment Provided.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The house bill increasing war risk insurance allowances of American soldiers, sailors and marines disabled in the war was passed today by the senate with amendments requested by the American Legion. The house is expected to accept the senate amendments and enactment of the bill before recess is declared.

The measure, known as the Sweet bill, was passed by the senate in less than seven minutes and without a record vote. It provides for additional payments toward risk beneficiaries of about \$50,000,000 annually and the war risk insurance bureau is authorized to make December payments on the increased basis.

10-CENT FARE BLOCKED

Tacoma Mayor Says City Will Not Stand Rise Not Buy Lines.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Tacoma will not submit to the rise of street car fares to 10 cents, nor will it be forced into buying the Tacoma Railway & Power company's traction property. This was the statement made by Mayor Riddell today after a conference with City Attorney Harmon, Richard T. Sullivan, and Frank D. Gault, legal counsel for the company.

Mayor Riddell referred to his offer made a few months ago to ask the people to pass a \$1,500,000 bond issue to buy the lines if the traction company would assist in the raising of \$1,000,000. This offer was not accepted by the company. The mayor says the property is a white elephant as handled at present, and he warned Mr. Sullivan as to the temper of the people.

W. R. RHODES IS INJURED

Street Car Pushes Auto Into Victim, Breaking Arm and Ribs.

Collision of a street car with the rear end of an automobile while W. R. Rhodes, 235 East Morrison street, was in front of the machine at East 11th street, Tacoma, tonight last night, caused the automobile to run over Mr. Rhodes, breaking his arm and two ribs. He is in good condition.

PRISON TERMS REDUCED

North Carolina Governor Commutes Life Sentences to 50 Years.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 19.—Governor Bickett today issued an order commuting to 20 years each the sentences of all life-term prisoners in the state prison. "I am opposed to eternal punishment in this world," said the governor.

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LUMBERMEN SEEK WAY TO GET CARS

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POOLING CONTINUANCE URGED

Reopening of Mills as Soon as Possible Proposed.

OUTPUT TIEUP IS CAUSE

Millmen Pledge to Increase Forces So as to Provide Jobs for ex-Soldiers.

At a meeting of lumbermen of Oregon and Washington at the Portland hotel yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, measures were taken to obtain relief from the present car shortage which has already tied-up lumber shipments to such a point that a score or more of mills in Oregon and southwestern Washington have been forced to cease operations.

The session yesterday, attended by about 50 lumbermen from Oregon and from that portion of Washington tributary to the Columbia river, was in the nature of a appeal to the meeting held a week ago at Tacoma for the northern Washington lumbermen. Relief from the car situation and aid to the American Legion in supplying positions for unemployed ex-service men were the two problems considered at the Tacoma meeting and at the Portland session yesterday.

High Prices Laid to Demands.

At the session here the action of the Tacoma meeting protesting against the proposed distribution of cars in proportion to capacity to load was emphatically indorsed. It was claimed that the present shortage of mills in western Oregon and western Washington that do not carry heavy stock on hand, but load direct from the mills, will be a decided disadvantage compared with mills in other districts which carry stocks in their yards and abundant visible ability to load.

Robert E. Allen, secretary-manager of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, reported that telegrams have been sent to officials of the railroad administration and to Oregon and Washington members of congress, pointing out that the present upward tendency of lumber prices is due to the practice of buyers, in their eagerness to get possession of lumber to bid against each other for stocks that are "hoarded" and on wheels.

Pooling Plan Is Indorsed.

Mr. Allen explained that if efficiency in car distribution is to be attained after the roads go back to private ownership, the pooling arrangement now provided under federal control must be continued. Both the Cummins and the Esch bills, now pending in congress, he explained, empower the interstate commerce commission to close their operations on account of the car shortage. As soon as cars are available the mills will resume.

Mills Forced to Close.

Among the mills in this section recently forced to cease operations are: Booth-Kelly Lumber company, Eugene; Astoria Box company, Astoria; Albany Lumber company, Albany, Or.; Brighton mills, Brighton, Or.; Falls City Lumber & Logging company, Falls City, Or.; Fischer Lumber company, Marcola, Or.; Menefee Lumber company, Winlock, Wash., and Grays Harbor Lumber company of Hoquiam, owned by N. J. Blagden of Portland.

In the problem of providing employment for ex-service men, the lumbermen pledged themselves to a programme which promises to place nearly 1000 of the men in positions. In addition to pledges of 319 jobs reported by the local committee through E. D. Kingsley, the millmen promised to place more than 450 others.

Officers of the association made arrangements to canvass all members and to appeal to them to increase their forces by 5 per cent if necessary or to replace lost live here the present alien and Japanese employes with returned soldiers and sailors.

Mayor Baker Speaks.

The duty of the industry growing out of the unemployment of ex-service men was presented by Mayor Baker. He explained that the canvass has revealed at least 1500 unemployed ex-service men in Portland alone. Many did not live here before the war, but have been attracted by industrial and climatic advantages. But this committee owes them the chance to make a living all the same, he insisted.

Operators Make Pledges.

Many industries, he pointed out, are employing aliens and Japanese. They should be replaced by ex-service men, he declared. The lumbermen expressed agreement. Ralph H. Burnside and E. D. Kingsley were present.

