

RAIN IS WELCOMED IN WESTERN OREGON

Precipitation Highly Beneficial to Farmers, Orchardists.

FOREST FIRES CHECKED

Storm Signals Displayed for First Time in Weeks—Rainfall Predicted for Today.

Slow, gentle rain yesterday throughout practically all of western Oregon gave farmers and orchardists the first beneficial rain for several weeks.

The official calculation for Portland shows that 34 of an inch fell during the 24-hour period ending at 7 P. M. While Baker had but a trace of rain, Marshfield had .30 of an inch.

The rain began at 7 o'clock yesterday morning and fell intermittently throughout the entire day.

Practically all forest fires menacing national forests were checked by the rain and with the prospect of more rain today and tomorrow forestry agents announced the end of the fire period for this year.

E. W. Kelly, forest inspector of Washington, D. C., who has just completed a tour of Idaho, Washington and Oregon, announced that the rain brought the season to an early close, and that damage this year would be less than in any past season.

At Hood River a slow steady rain was said by orchardists to be splendid for this year's crop of apples.

Toward Centralia, Wash., where considerable grain remained in shocks and in sacks in the field, it was said some damage was probably done.

A storm at the mouth of Columbia river yesterday morning commenced with a 70-mile gale, but shortly after noon had died down to 10 miles.

For the first time in weeks, storm warnings were last night ordered blown off the coasts of Oregon and Washington.

But a trace of rain was felt in sections of the eastern half of Oregon, but with a northeasterly wind, it was expected that district would receive a good precipitation today.

DROUGHT BROKEN BY RAIN

Vegetation Greatly Benefited in and Around the Dalles.

THE DALLES, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—The Dalles enjoyed the mid-summer luxury of a little shower this morning, the first that has fallen since the very meager one on July 13.

The drought has obtained for 45 days, Haymakers have not been praying for rain during the last few weeks, but fruit and vegetable gardeners will not be disappointed to see the fresh sprinkles.

Tomatoes, cantaloupes and egg plants are coming on in fine shape these days, and to doubt their complexions and flavors will be a bit better on account of the rain.

RAINFALL PROVES WELCOME

Hood River Orchardists, Lumbermen and Others Jubilant.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—The steady rainfall here today made orchardists, lumbermen and county officials jubilant.

The rain will benefit apples, tending to increase their size. Gardens are helped. The heavy showers, lumbermen say, will go far toward extinguishing forest fires and county officials say the rain will improve the roads.

With the smoke washed from the atmosphere and the dust of the mountain roads settled, conditions for motoring this week-end will be ideal.

RAIN IS VERY BENEFICIAL

Size of Apples on Dry Ground Will Be Doubled, Says Inspector.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Copious showers in this section of the state commenced at an early hour this morning which is of great benefit to the prune and apple crop according to County Fruit Inspector Armstrong.

"The size of the apples grown on dry ground will be practically doubled," the inspector stated, "and the prune crop greatly benefited. No harm can come to fruit from the present rain unless it extends over a period of a week."

Gale, Rain at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—The first real rain in several weeks struck this section at an early hour this morning and continued all afternoon. It proceeded by a southerly westerly gale, the wind attaining a rate of 37 1/2 miles an hour, while at North Head it registered 70 miles.

The rain following it did a vast amount of good in extinguishing the forest fires as well as rejuvenating lawns, pastures and gardens.

Walla Walla Harvest Halted.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Harvest and road work were stopped today by a rain which began to fall early this afternoon.

Sixteen hundredths of an inch had fallen at 5 o'clock and the rain was continuing. Farmers had just commenced work today, after the shutdown from the last rain.

Forest Fires in Clarke Put Out.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Rain fell here early today and was of great benefit to the prunes. The rain cleared the air of smoke and extinguished forest fires in this vicinity.

Obituary.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—R. A. Wilson, aged 60, of Centralia, died yesterday. The funeral will be held Tuesday morning at the body being taken to Seattle where Eureka Masonic lodge, No. 20, will have charge of the service.

dent of Centralia, died Wednesday at Nasbas, Mont. His body arrives here today. The deceased is survived by a sister and two brothers, Mrs. C. P. Runday of this city; Wilton Duval of Aberdeen, and Clyde Duval of Blitzen, Or.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Mrs. Malvina V. Manning, almost 79 years old, and said to have been in the first ox team caravan from Missouri to California in the gold rush of 1849, died here last night at her home 1814 Franklin street.

Mr. Manning and four sons, Charles W. in California, George S. of Portland, W. W. and Lewis A. of Vancouver, and three daughters, Mrs. L. T. Dieterich of Portland, Mrs. Andrew Nicholson and Mrs. H. T. Alexander of this city, 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren survive.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Mrs. Sarah Jane Delaney, who died at her home there last night, west of Albany Wednesday night, had been a resident of Benton county for the last 13 years.

Salem, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Louis H. Turner, aged 76, died at his home at Turner last night. Mr. Turner, for whose father, Henry L. Turner, the town was named, had lived there for many years.

IRISH RESTRAINT ORDERED

VOLUNTEERS INSTRUCTED TO USE FULL FORCE.

Serious Outbreaks in Event of Lord Mayor MacSwiney's Death Are Feared.

BY ARNO BOSCH FLEURBOT. (Copyright by The New York World, Published by Arrangement.)

DUBLIN, Aug. 27.—(Special Cable.)—Orders have been given to the Irish volunteers to use the full force of their organization to prevent serious outbreaks in the event of Lord Mayor MacSwiney's death.

Volunteer leaders have gone to Cork, where trouble is expected first, to maintain order and not to be led by what they regard as provocation into a disastrous uprising.

The volunteers, however, are not sure they can hold down the wrath of the people and fear such an increased struggle between the people and the soldiers as to amount virtually to rebellion.

The high sheriff of Cork told Dublin castle the same thing. I am informed on excellent authority that the difficulty about releasing MacSwiney lies in a promise Premier Lloyd George gave to the military authorities in Ireland when he put through the coercion bill.

According to my informant, the military authorities of Ireland, backed by Lord French, were against the coercion bill and when the government insisted in placing upon them the duty of enforcing it they insisted upon an agreement from Lloyd George promising not to interfere.

They foresaw hunger strikes and said that if they were to carry out the ruthless measure it must be done unalterably.

Lloyd George's attitude so far bears this out. It now is appearing publicly as a cable at Rome, that MacSwiney was arrested because he was the leader of the Munster volunteers, but the court-martial for some unexplained reason preferred to try him on a lesser charge.

I learned recently in Cork that the government had seized sufficient evidence to try him as a rebellious leader. When he was arrested three other prominent volunteers were taken, but were released because they were not recognized as men the government would not touch.

The Sinn Feiner realized that in the insurrection is its greatest danger, particularly at the moment, the Protestant north is renewing attacks on Catholics. This type of bigotry is so common in Ireland that not a single case has yet been reported of retaliation on the part of Protestants against the south.

If MacSwiney is permitted to die the Sinn Feiners of the south and west are expected to increase their activities. The police and the military in Ireland, and it is considered possible the rebellion may strike here, perhaps in England.

MUNICIPAL FAVORS PROJECT

SENATOR TO URGE SUPPORT OF WILLAMETTE HIGHWAY.

Prediction Made That Congress Will Pass \$350,000,000 Reclamation Bill Early.

CLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Support of the Willamette highway from Portland via Dundas and the old emigrant road over the Cascades in southeastern Oregon by President Coolidge and Senator McNary were pledged today at a meeting of the chamber of commerce by United States Senator McNary.

Senator McNary said he would urgently request appropriation for the highway as soon as congress convenes. Senator McNary made the trip over the mountain by automobile and assisted in pushing the car up the steep places.

Four cars from Eugene reached the summit. The first automobiles to reach the top from the eastern side, it is said, the experience was worth that of an hardship, said the senator. The scenery for 70 miles from Crater Lake across the summit he declared was the most wonderful in the United States.

As chairman of the senate reclamation committee he assured his audience that he would do his utmost to further the western reclamation programme. He predicted that the Smith Fletcher bill, carrying a credit of \$350,000,000 for reclamation, would pass easily in the next session of congress.

700 SOLDIERS SELECTED

Canadian Farmers to Draw Pick of British Combatants.

OTTAWA, Ont.—Canada's immigration commissioners, who have just returned from a six months visit to the British Isles, predict that as soon as transportation facilities are adequate the greatest wave of settlers on record will flow into the Dominion.

The commissioners have selected nearly 700 settlers under the soldiers' settlement plan from thousands of applicants, and the new arrivals are bringing with them wealth ranging up to \$50,000 and averaging \$10,000.

BUCK PASSING LAID TO OREGON BODY

John W. Kaste, Portland Attorney, Makes Charge.

DUTY EVADED, IS PLAINT

Mandamus Threatened Unless Relief Given That Will Reduce Street Car Fare.

The public service commission of Oregon is charged with evasion of duty and "passing the buck" in calling for the special election which failed to remove "unjust and discriminatory burdens" from the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, and in a letter written by John W. Kaste, a local attorney, is threatened with mandamus proceedings if it does not within three days of receipt of the communication, order the relief specified and "thereupon reduce the street-car fare, commensurate with the savings accruing by said order to the end that the parties may remain in the pockets of the poor and the needy."

The demand is made that the railway company be relieved immediately, by authority vested in the commission, of franchise taxes, bridge rentals, paving charges and the necessity of giving free rides to city employees.

Mr. Kaste's letter quotes the decision of the commission, after a lengthy hearing, that charges outlined were unjust and that the voters of Portland had power to furnish relief.

"It appears to me from a careful reading of the act creating your honorable body and from subsequent acts vesting you with power and authority, that you, the commission, possessed the power and that it was your duty to have done what you asked the people of Portland to do for you," asserts the attorney.

"That is, your honorable body possesses ample and sufficient power, and is vested not only with authority to act, but it is your mandatory duty to act, in the premises and to do the very thing which you have asked the people of Portland to do for you."

ATTEMPT IS VAIN, BELIEF

Salem Attorneys Say Rate Case Will Not Be Reopened.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—That the attempt of certain residents to re-open the rate case of the Portland Street Railway Light & Power company through application filed with the Oregon public service commission urging an order that body eliminating bridge tolls, free rides for municipal employees, traction assessments and other burdens, will be in vain is the opinion expressed here today by attorneys who have given the application considerable thought.

The petition to re-open the case sets out that under section 51, of Oregon laws of 1911, the Oregon public service commission not only has the power but it is their duty to eliminate burdens placed upon the traction corporation by the City of Portland.

The application was filed at the offices of the public service commission several months ago and the petitioners sought hearing of the matter in July. This hearing was refused by the commission.

More commission referred the application to Attorney-General Brown, together with a request for a legal opinion as to whether it was possible to re-open the case and eliminate the burdens now imposed on the street railway company.

Mr. Brown in his report to the state officials said he probably would give an opinion immediately upon his return to Salem.

Prior to the time the public service commission increased the fares on the traction lines of the Portland Railway Light & Power company from six to eight cents, the proposition of eliminating certain alleged unjust assessments now imposed on the corporation was referred to the voters of Portland. These were voted down by decisive majorities, indicating that the riders favored receiving revenue for the city rather than paying the possibility of more reasonable rates than now in effect.

New Shingle Mill Planned.

KELSO, Wash., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—D. H. Miller and C. O. Windle, who recently sold their interest in the Columbia Shingle company, at Kalama, are planning to construct a new four machine shingle mill on the site of the old England mill a short distance above Kalama on the Columbia river.

Nebraskans May Vote for Debs.

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 27.—Decision to have the name of Eugene V. Debs, socialist candidate for president, added to the all available bolshevik troops are being concentrated there and a great battle is expected shortly.

Theater Interests Sold.

KELSO, Wash., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—C. G. Vaughn, Kelso theater operator several years and who organized the Vogue Amusement company, which operates the Vogue theater here and theaters at Rainier and Clatskanie, Or., disposed of his interest in the company to his partners, J. H. Boomer and Mrs. Maude Brebner. Mr. Boomer has been in charge of the company's business in Oregon, but will devote more of his time to the theater in this city. Mr. Vaughn is uncertain as to his future plans.

PETROGRAD COLD, HUNGRY

Many So Weak Finger Nails Are Dropping Off.

TOKIO, Aug. 27.—Letters received here from Petrograd tell of much suffering caused by a scarcity of fuel. Women of culture, it was related, are happy to obtain work as seamstresses to the wives of bolshevik commissaries, where, working long hours, they are able to earn barely enough for food and shelter. The whole population is suffering keenly from malnutrition, the reports said, many people being in such a weakened condition that their finger nails were dropping off.

Hoki German Envoy Report.

TOKIO, Aug. 27.—Eki Hoki, minister to Sweden, is regarded by diplomatic circles here as Japan's probable choice for ambassador to Germany. He once served as councillor of the embassy at Berlin. He formerly represented Japan at Peking.

Anfu Leader at Kobe.

KOBE, Aug. 27.—Wang Stang, former premier of China and one of the leaders of the defeated Anfu club, has arrived at Kobe. Special precautions were taken by the police to protect him while landing and interviews were forbidden.

Body Is Identified.

THE DALLES, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—The body found floating in the Columbia river Tuesday by Indian Joe has been identified as that of Charles Sulman, 24 years old, a roofer who fell into the river at Grant's and was drowned on August 19.

Delegates Named by Mayor.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Mayor W. A. Westover, of Chehalis, has appointed 11 delegates to represent this locality at the State reclamation and development congress that will convene September 16 in Seattle. Reclamation of western Washington swamp lands and irrigation problems that will be of special interest to western Washington, will be considered at the meeting, which will be composed of delegates from every portion of Washington. The local delegation is composed of the three Lewis county commissioners, R. R. Somerville, E. S. Orr and J. T. Bivlin, and in addition the following Chehalis business and professional men: T. M. Donahoe, T. J. O'Connor, A. E. Judd, C. Ellington, D. W. Noble, J. W. Alexander, J. P. Hurley, Dan W. Bush and D. W. Noble.

Packing Plant to Build.

SHERIDAN, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—A contract for a \$4000 fruit packing plant to be built for the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association, was awarded here today to J. C. Gross, who will begin work on the new building immediately. The plant is to be completed in time to accommodate the fall crop of fruit.

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