



## RIVER 21.4 FEET AND STILL RISING

### Flood Is Highest Since June, 1917.

## BRIDGE DIKE REINFORCED

### Interstate Viaduct Approach Now Thought Safe.

## BASEMENT PUMPS BUSY

### Weather Forecaster Predicts That Water Will Be Recorded at 22 Feet Friday and Will Go to 25.

## FLOODS THREATEN FARMS AND CITIES ALONG RIVERS.

Willamette reaches 21-foot level at Portland and still is rising. Pumps are running full time to clear basements in lower sections of city. Forecaster Wells predicts 25-foot flood. Gardens at Hood River are threatened, with Columbia rising rapidly. The Dalles records 37 feet, with temperature at 90 degrees, and Klickitat and Deschutes rivers in flood. Columbia is 22.1 feet at Vancouver, and four miles wide. Farmers are moving stock from lowlands. A dairy farm partly flooded. Birds on river islands expected to drown. Mill at Kalama, Wash., closes on account of high water. Dikes near Kelso, Wash., and Woodland, Wash., threatened. Ranches near Cove are flooded.

The river at Portland reached a stage of 21.4 feet yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, and had climbed another tenth of a foot by 4 P. M. A rise of 1.2 feet was reported yesterday morning at Wenatchee, a rise of 3 feet at Umatilla and one of 2 of a foot at the Dalles. At Lewiston, on the Snake river, a fall of half a foot in 24 hours was recorded.

### Twenty-Five Feet Expected.

The river is already higher than it has been since June, 1917, when it reached a stage of 24.6 feet. The flood had only 2.5 feet to go last night to equal the highest water since the record flood of 1894, and it is expected by the weather bureau that the 1894 stage of 25 feet will be at least equaled this year.

A threatened undermining of the Union-avenue approach to the Interstate bridge had been checked effectively last night, and no further erosion was expected to take place. Some water seeped through the fill Monday, but this seepage had been stopped last night.

### Damage Not Expected.

H. B. Chapman, assistant roadmaster, inspected the bridge approach yesterday and upon his return said that he expected no serious damage. A large force of men was on hand there to check any weakening of the fill as soon as it starts.

Reserves rained to a threatened break in the city dike along Columbia slough had accomplished their work there and the danger was believed to have been averted unless a considerably greater rise should take place. City Engineer Laurgaard, upon his return from the scene of operations at 6 o'clock last night, reported that an additional rise of three feet could be withstood without damage.

### Basements Are Flooded.

City Commissioner Barbur went out with Mr. Laurgaard to inspect the work. The forces working to retain the dike are favored by the fact that the swift current of the open Columbia is not felt in the slough.

Basements were flooded all along Third street yesterday, and pumps which worked intermittently Monday were kept busy all day yesterday. Goods stored in some basements had been wet by the rising water, but because of the low rate of the rise practically everything has been removed from danger.

## COLUMBIA 22.1 AT VANCOUVER

### Farmers Move From Lowlands and Bird Life Is Threatened.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 24.—(Special.)—The Columbia river had reached 22.1 feet this morning at 8

## TRAIN HITS BOY, 5; VICTIM CRAWLS BLOCK

### LEFT LEG OF DONALD FOSTER IS BADLY CRUSHED.

### Lad Is Believed to Have Been Hit by Shasta Limited and Not to Have Been Seen by Crew.

Donald Foster, a 5-year-old lad, playing near the Southern Pacific tracks at East Third and Stephens streets, was run over by a train of the body left near the rails unseen about 4:15 yesterday afternoon. With his left leg badly crushed from the knee down, the little fellow crawled for more than a block toward his home at 363 East Third street before he was discovered by the crew.

It was thought that Donald was struck by the southbound Shasta Limited, which passes through the city about that time in the afternoon. Apparently he was alone in the yard and was not seen by the crew of the train which struck him. A physician from the emergency hospital rendered first-aid treatment.

The boy was then taken to Good Samaritan hospital and his leg was amputated at the knee. He was suffering severely from the shock of the accident, but apparently was not otherwise injured. No details of the accident could be learned from him last night.

Donald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Foster, who live on Third street, a short distance east of the railroad tracks. Mr. Foster is absent from the city.

## ADAMS HAS NEW SLIDE

### Second Mud Avalanche Is Said to Have Occurred Saturday.

### HOOD RIVER, Or., May 24.—(Special.)—A second huge mud slide occurred Saturday on the southwest slope of Mount Adams, according to Sidney Carnine, who, with a party of Hood River folk, motored to Trout Lake Sunday and climbed the base of the mountain as far as the snowline.

The first slide of mud and snow occurred two weeks ago. An enormous quantity of soft mud, intermingled with snow and ice, hurtled down the precipitous snow fields, leaving a gash and smear that was discernible from here. Many local folk have observed the action of Saturday's slide.

The big slides, according to Mr. Carnine, begin near the summit of the mountain. An area about three miles wide and five miles long is affected.

## McGILVARY HELD SUICIDE

### Authorities Declare Nothing Found to Indicate Murder.

BOSTON, May 24.—The conclusion that Pater C. McGilvary, former aviator, committed suicide, was announced by District Attorney Pelletier tonight. He made this statement after a day of examination of witnesses and evidence in connection with the finding of McGilvary's body bearing four bullet wounds May 26. Police officials reiterated that they had found nothing to indicate that he was murdered, but relatives and friends have insisted that McGilvary had no reason to kill himself.

Witnesses summoned by the district attorney included Mrs. Evelyn Clifford, a friend of McGilvary. In her mail box on May 19, the day he was killed, was found a note which the police have regarded as a farewell message.

## PROBE OF RIOTING ASKED

### Senator Johnson for Investigation of West Virginia Trouble.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—Investigation of disturbances in Mingo county, West Virginia, was proposed in a resolution introduced today by Senator Johnson, republican, of California.

The resolution said conditions in the district along the Kentucky-West Virginia border, daily were resulting in bloodshed and violence and were a menace to democratic government. Senator Johnson asked that the investigation be conducted by the committee on education and labor, of which Senator Kenyon, republican, of Iowa, is chairman.

## BLAST BLOWS UP WORKER

### Bandon Man Thrown Out of Ditch by Force of Explosion.

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 24.—(Special.)—Jasper Banta of Bandon was blown out of a ditch he was digging when his foot caught in the muck while he was endeavoring to get away to escape the explosion. Banta set charges along the ditch with short fuses and lighted them in succession.

The gravel and dirt thrown by the explosion badly bruised Banta and his face was a mass of gore. His jaw was broken. He lay unconscious for some time afterward. He is recovering at a Bandon hospital.

## CHILD WILL GO TO ITALY

### Senate Committee Approves Nomination of Ambassador.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—The nomination of Richard Washburn Child to be American ambassador to Italy was approved today by the senate foreign relations committee, but action was deferred on that of Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman of New York to be American minister to China. Senator Johnson, republican, California, and one or two other senators, it was said, desired to examine speeches and writings of Dr. Schurman on the Japanese question.

## CHAMBER DELAYS CONFIDENCE VOTE

### French Premier Discusses Policy on Germany.

## PUBLIC SUPPORT WANTED

### Briand Declares Backing of America Is Needed.

## BRITAIN ALSO SOUGHT

### Conviction of Good Faith and Loyalty of Government of Chancellor Wirth Expressed.

PARIS, May 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The chamber of deputies tonight took an adjournment without having voted on the question of confidence in the government of Premier Briand with regard to its attitude toward Germany.

Premier Briand, questioned by a group of deputies before the meeting, said there was no reason for the occupation of the Ruhr region, because the aspect of the Slesian question had been changed, and if the Ruhr were occupied without the support of the allies it would be equivalent to abandonment of the treaty of Versailles.

### Public Support Wanted.

Premier Briand went into the same subject later in his statement to the chamber of deputies on the government's foreign policy and with regard to the London agreement for non-occupation of the Ruhr valley.

The premier laid emphasis on the point that the main object he had been pursuing was to retain the support of public opinion, as well as the moral support of the governments of America and Great Britain.

"In the world as it is constituted today," Mr. Briand said, "no country can exist in isolation. I do not want France to be in the same position as in 1870. If coercive measures must be adopted, it must be in agreement with our allies."

### Calinness Held Needed.

"Today France has the strength which permits her to be confident, but commands her to be calm. Just at the time when a mere show of force is sufficient to obtain more in two weeks than had been obtained in two years from Germany, the use of this force is unnecessary. I shall not use it unless an imperative necessity, involving the security of France, arises."

Premier Briand said he was convinced of the good faith and loyalty of the government of Chancellor Wirth and that it was trying to live up to its promise. Germany repudiated today the (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

## NATURALIZATION CASE OF ETHERIDGE WAITS

### INDEFINITE DELAY ORDERED BY DAUGHERTY.

### Humphreys Notifies W. P. La Roche He Need Not Answer Complaint Unless Requested.

Attorney-General Daugherty directed that no further steps be taken at this time in the prosecution of the suit filed March 29 by United States Attorney Humphreys to cancel the citizenship of John L. Etheridge, ex-citizen of the defunct bond house of Morris Bros., in a telegram received by Mr. Humphreys yesterday.

The department of justice originally assented to the bill in equity filed here against the Etheridge citizen ship, and since it was after the change in national administration, it was the same department that yesterday directed no further steps be taken until further notice. No reason for the change in attitude toward Etheridge was assigned.

W. P. LaRoche, counsel for Etheridge, was advised yesterday by the United States attorney's office that he need not answer to the complaint until further advised. Whether or not the suit eventually will be dismissed was not known here yesterday. The statutory 90 days allowed for an answer would expire May 29.

As in the case in all civil suits filed by the United States attorney here, authority was asked from the department of justice in bringing the action to cancel the Etheridge citizenship and Mr. Humphreys was directed to go ahead and prosecute the case.

In his complaint he alleged fraud and deception against Etheridge in concealing material facts in obtaining his citizenship papers at a naturalization hearing in Portland, July 18, 1918. The complaint charged that while as a matter of fact he arrived in the United States February 20, 1904, he testified under oath that he reached New York February 15, 1903, and that he was unlawfully in the country because of his conviction on four perjury charges in England, upon which he served five months in prison. It was also charged that he was convicted twice in New Jersey, in October, 1905, and November, 1907, the charge in both instances being that he had obtained money under false pretenses, and that these convictions were concealed from the court, the applicant testifying when asked if he had ever been arrested that he was held in court once for Pennsylvania.

Until the "further notice" hinted at in England, in a proposed extradition treaty, Daugherty is received here, the Etheridge case remains in statu quo, and the accused man retains his citizenship.

## TEXAN WHIPPED, MISSING

### Offender Kidnaped by Masked Men Later Disappears.

DALLAS, Tex., May 24.—The whereabouts of John Moore, who was kidnaped in a proposed extradition treaty, Daugherty is received here, the Etheridge case remains in statu quo, and the accused man retains his citizenship.

## NEWBERRY NOT YET CLEAR

### Senate Committee to Press Investigation of Ford Charges.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—The senate privileges and elections committee decided unanimously today to press its investigation of the charges of Henry Ford that Senator Newberry of Michigan had obtained his election in 1918 by improper methods. The sub-committee in charge of the investigation then went into executive session.

## WORLD'S FAIR PLAN GIVEN UP BY BOSTON

### PORTLAND TO HAVE CLEAR EXPOSITION FIELD.

### Colonel Dunne Gets Message That Legislature of Eastern State Puts Off Appropriation.

Boston will not have an exposition to compete with the 1925 exposition in Portland. Assurances to this end were received yesterday by Colonel David M. Dunne. It is possible that Boston may have a fair in 1925, but it will be merely a local one, if promoted at all, while Portland now has a clear field for an international exposition.

David I. Walsh, United States senator for Massachusetts, telegraphed Colonel Dunne yesterday saying: "Massachusetts legislature has provided for another unpaid commission to consider further the advisability of holding an exposition. This means that the present legislature will take no definite action."

"It means," explained Colonel Dunne, "that without the present legislature taking action to finance the proposed exposition in Boston in 1925, there can be nothing done until the legislature meets two years hence, which is long now, and that would leave only two years in which to build a fair. In view of this, Portland can now consider Massachusetts eliminated as a contender. This talked-of Boston exposition has been an important factor in planning the Portland exposition, but now Boston is out of it."

"When I went east a few weeks ago to look into the Boston matter, I met Senator Walsh and he provided me with letters of introduction which simplified my labors. In Boston I found that drawings had been made and plans drawn for a mammoth exposition. It was proposed that the legislature guarantee \$25,000,000 of bonds to finance the enterprise. The east is more conservative than the west and has been harder hit financially, so they look at a dollar twice as long now. The project called for making an immense list, which would be a Herculean undertaking. The sum required was so staggering that the legislature hesitated, and now, according to Senator Walsh's message, the legislature has concluded to investigate further before committing itself. That means the finish of the Boston exposition from an international sense."

### Eastbound Rates Differ.

Eastbound rates checked in will apply from Pacific coast terminals and intermediate points to eastern defined territories, groups "A" and "J" inclusive, and will be effective as soon as concurrences are obtained. These rates will not be made to terminals and therefore it will not be necessary to make applications to the interstate commerce commission for waiver of the long and short haul clause.

The new eastbound rates will apply to beans, peas, canned salmon, canned goods, condensed milk, dried fruit and other commodities.

The proposed westbound rates would affect canned goods, oilcloth, drugs and medicines, cotton piece goods, belting, hose and rubber, iron and steel structure, iron, blank books, paper, roofing, sewing machines, soap and washing compounds and other commodities.

## Figures Show Changes.

The eastbound, old and new carlot rates follow:

Commodity	Present Rate	New Rate
Beans, peas, minimum 60,000 pounds	\$1.25	\$1.05
Canned salmon, minimum 70,000 pounds	1.15	.95
Canned goods, condensed	1.20	1.05
Dried fruit, minimum 60,000 pounds in boxes	1.00	.85
Rice, minimum 60,000 pounds in sacks	1.85	1.45
Wheat, minimum 60,000 pounds	1.15	1.00
Wheat and corn, minimum 60,000 pounds	1.85	1.45
West bound rates on carlots follow, in part:		
Group A to group J	Present rates	New Rates
Canned goods	\$1.85 to \$1.42	\$1.30
Cotton piece goods	2.05 to 1.65	1.50
Iron and steel	1.50 to 1.25	1.05
Structural iron	1.50 to 1.20	1.05
Blank books	1.85 to 1.45	1.45
Paper, bags	2.05 to 1.65	1.25
Drugs and medicines	2.05 to 1.65	1.25
Sewing machines	4.05 to 2.50	2.50
Soap, etc.	1.95 to 1.50	1.40
Wine and beer	1.85 to 1.42	1.30
Wire rope	1.85 to 1.42	1.20

## EAST WANTS WESTERN FRUIT

### Present Freight Rates Declared Practically Prohibitive.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—(Special.)—Members of congress from eastern and Pacific states this week will request the interstate commerce commission to lower transcontinental freight rates on fruits and vegetables. The eastern states' case will be pushed by Representative Siegel of New York, who today declared he would demand immediate action on the part of the commission.

"Conditions are such that only the wealthy of the east will be able to obtain fruits from California this year because of the unreasonable freight rates from the coast," Mr. Siegel said.

"The high rates have prevented the shipment of any but the highest priced fruits and vegetables east, where large quantities of less expensive grades are needed.

"There must be a reduction of rates to prevent large quantities of food from going to waste here. I am going to take the matter up with the commission and see if something cannot be done so the people of New York and other eastern cities will be able to obtain western products at reasonable prices."

Tariffs proposing reductions in rates on sugar from the Pacific coast to territory as far east as Chicago, amounting to from 2 to 15 cents a hundred pounds were filed today with the interstate commerce commission by the transcontinental lines.

## RAILWAY FREIGHT RATES TO BE CUT

### Charges on Many Coast Products to Drop.

### WESTERN LINES TAKE ACTION

### Carriers Operating West of Chicago in Agreement.

### AVERAGE IS 20 PER CENT

### Permission to Lower Rates to Be Sought at Once of Interstate Commerce Commission.

CHICAGO, May 24.—Reductions of freight rates on certain commodities amounting to 20 per cent has been decided on by all transcontinental railroads west of Chicago. It was announced today by G. W. Luce, freight traffic manager of the Southern Pacific railway.

This decision was reached at a meeting today of executive officers of all the roads affected. The reduction was decided upon to enable the roads to meet competition of water lines operating through the Panama canal.

The westbound rates, it was declared, have been checked to apply from Pacific coast terminals to eastern defined territories, groups "A" to "J" inclusive to Pacific coast terminals only. In addition to the concurrence of eastern carriers, it will be necessary to file applications with the interstate commerce commission for authority to apply the rates to terminal points only, which involves waiving of the long and short haul clause of the interstate commerce act.

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## The Weather.

YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 80 degrees; minimum 26 degrees.

TODAY'S—Fair and cooler; westerly winds.

## Foreign.

French chamber fails to vote confidence in Premier Briand's government. Page 1.

Voters attacked at polls in Ireland. Page 2.

## National.

Senate rejects economy in naval appropriation. Page 1.

Senators declare it is too late to agree on tariff. Page 2.

Hordes of undesirable reported coming to country through Mexico. Page 3.

United States commerce meets powerful opposition in Ireland. Page 4.

House republicans to debate tariff. Page 4.

Movie offer is made to Mrs. Stillman. Page 3.

Zion city, Ill., to regulate length of women's dresses. Page 1.

Western railroads agree on 20 per cent cut in certain freight rates. Page 1.

Presbyterian general assembly denounces immoral moving pictures. Page 3.

Pacific Northwest.

Four hundred new laws go into effect in Oregon. Page 7.

Sports.

Pacific Coast league results: At Salt Lake 15, Portland 2; at San Francisco 1, Oakland 2; at Los Angeles, Seattle 4, Vernon 2; at Sacramento 2, Los Angeles 3. Page 12.

American invaders hit by golf ends. Page 12.

Golf tournaments to mark week end. Page 12.

Attorney-general is guest of Jack Dempsey. Page 13.

Commercial and Marine.

First sealed bid wool sale of season will be held at Pilot Rock. Page 21.

Chicago wheat sows had crop nows from Nebraska. Page 21.

Wife declines made in all classes of stocks. Page 21.

Costume makers are being revived. Page 20.

Captain Paulson of Swedish motorship Parmos practices port of Portland. Page 20.

Portland and Vicinity.

River 21.4 feet and still rising. Page 1.

Train hits boy 5, who crawls block before he is noticed. Page 1.

Suit to cancel citizenship of Etheridge is dropped. Page 1.

Oregon pattern is declared settled. Page 11.

Boston gives up plan for world exposition. Page 1.

Council approves Foster projects. Page 10.

Hudson kills wife to end suffering. Page 6.

Unrest in Egypt is attributed to bolsheviks. Page 6.

Drop in freight rates is Portland's gain. Page 6.

Death attributed to drunken brawl. Page 6.

## ZION TO REGULATE LENGTH OF DRESSES

### FILMY WAISTS OR GOWNS ARE PROHIBITED.

### Zion City, Ill., Chief of Police Issues Orders Ban on Silk Stockings—Sunday Is Strict.

ZION CITY, Ill., May 24.—Authorities here have decided on a new method whereby they hope to enforce rulings against certain styles in women's apparel and violations of their laws for observance of Sunday. Chief of Police Becker has sent to every home a copy of the latest regulations and had divided the city into districts with one person in every district appointed to report weekly on his section.

The latest regulations include: No low-necked gowns for women; no silk stockings; no transparent waists or gowns; the length of women's skirts to be left to discretion of the officers.

A ban on swearing, on Sunday games, and on meetings on Sunday other than those for religious purposes also has been ordered. The regulations also forbid women from straddling a horse and they may not ride a motorcycle except in a side car.

Violations are to be punishable by fines of \$50 to \$200.

## CHURCH TO BE 21 STORIES

### Spire 140 Feet High to Be on Top of 260-Foot Building.

CHICAGO, May 24.—A church 21 stories high, with offices occupying the space not given to an auditorium and church headquarters, will be erected by the Methodists of Chicago on the site of the First Methodist church in the center of the business district. The building, which will cost \$3,500,000, will be a monument to the centenary of the denomination's mission work.

Rising from the roof of the 250-foot building will be a spire 140 feet high with chimneys.

The building will have a frontage of 80 by 150 feet. It will be French in style and an American in general structure.

The auditorium has been designed to accommodate 1200 persons.

## OUTLAWS AMBUSH TROOPS

### Mexican General Reports on Fray in Lower California.