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## ICY STORM TAKES PORTLAND IN GRIP

### Cars Blockaded; 6600 Phones Are Out.

## POWER LINES GO DOWN

### Poles and Trees Snapped Off Under Weight of Mantle of Ice.

## EASTERN TRAINS ARE HALTED

### Slides and Snow Hold Up Traffic; No Mail Is Received in Portland.

#### STORM RESULTS IN PORTLAND AND VICINITY.

All train service from east blocked since Saturday by slides and snowdrifts. Trains to east canceled.

More than 6000 telephones in city out of service. Lines and poles down.

All direct telegraph lines east through Columbia gorge down.

Street car service crippled much of day.

Interurban traffic badly demoralized.

All arc lights out last night as safety precaution; light service off intermittently.

Transmission line from Bull Run carrying 57,000 volts down.

Rainfall of 4.18 inches in 24 hours; thousands of trees are wrecked.

#### The Storm Today.

Weather bureau predicts strong southeasterly winds, causing thaw today.

Telephone company starts 600 men repairing city service this morning.

Street car company ready to use all men needed repairing lines.

Western Union to have temporary cables to bridge the line-break up Columbia river by noon.

Portland was gripped yesterday in the center of a silver thaw belt which cut the city completely off from all direct connections eastward, paralyzed telephone communication, blocked street car service, cut down high power and secondary light wires and strewn streets and lawns in outlying districts with limbs, tree trunks and telephone poles.

The silver thaw, coming at an unprecedented season, took hold with an intensity that promised to leave the city paralyzed and isolated, until the sleet gave way to rain early last night.

The wonder of the entire day was the minimum of accidents of all kinds. No fatalities and no serious mishaps were reported up to nightfall.

#### Damaging Tie-up Avoided.

The coming of the storm on Sunday, when practically everyone could remain at home, saved the city from a damaging tie-up that would have been inevitable on a business day.

Street car lines, which made the early trips in comparative safety, met trouble by 6:30 or 7 A. M. when the storm apparently broke on Portland. Ice-encrusted trolley wires which slowed down traffic were soon followed by breaking trolley wires, falling poles and tree limbs. The Montavilla, Mount Tabor and Rose City lines on their eastern extremities were hard hit. The cold east wind, sweeping down the Columbia, locked the interstate bridge in an ice sheet that hampered Vancouver street car traffic the entire day. Service was restored to near normal on a majority of lines by mid-afternoon.

#### Eastern Rail Traffic Halts.

During the day and on through the night the city was isolated from all direct eastern connections by rail or wire. Traffic to the eastward over the O.-W. R. & N. was completely interrupted, with eight trains stalled between here and The Dalles.

Three trains between Portland and Eagle Creek could move neither direction because of snowdrifts. Passengers from these trains were

## AUTO DRIVER MISSING; POLICE BEGIN SEARCH

### FOR-HIRE CAR OPERATOR NOT SEEN SINCE FRIDAY.

Wife of W. R. Funk, Who Recently Was Robbed by Two Men, Reports Disappearance.

Efforts of the police to locate W. R. Funk, for-hire car driver, who disappeared from his stand at Sixth and Washington streets with a stranger Friday, have failed and grave fears were held yesterday for his safety. Police and other officials in nearby towns have been notified to aid in locating Funk.

September 15 Funk was hired by two strangers who said they desired to go to the Ruby Stock farm on the Craig road. In a lonely spot they held up Funk, relieved him of his watch, an overcoat and his money, and after tying him to a tree and gagging him they disappeared. Funk freed himself and came to town, where he notified the police.

Later Jack Henderson and John Starnam were arrested and confessed that they had robbed Funk. Later they were sentenced to the penitentiary.

Mrs. Funk, who lives at 1221 East Washington street, told the police that always before her husband took trips out of Portland he telephoned her. His failure to do this in this case caused her to notify the officers.

## PORTO RICAN HEAD LANDS

### New York Police Quell Demonstration Against Governor.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—A demonstration of persons opposed to the Porto Rican administration of Governor Rely was broken up today by police when the governor landed from the steamer Tanamou. Banners carried in the crowd referred to the governor as an "autocrat," to Porto Rico as "America's Ireland," and to the Rely administration as "mongrel rule."

Members of the party denied reports that the governor had used harsh language to the natives and declared that the only criticism of his administration had come from the "reactionist group," a small minority.

## FARMERS HOLD TURKEYS

### Limited Offerings at Roseburg Sold to Seattle Firms at 4 1/4 c.

ROSEBURG, Or., Nov. 20.—(Special.) Failure of the pool to get enough turkeys to warrant a consignment caused the farm bureau exchange to award the pool to the Independent Packing company and the Jim Henry company, both Seattle firms, at 4 1/4 cents, the price reached in competition bidding today. The pool netted only 14,000 pounds, which was about 65 per cent of the total tonnage on the Thanksgiving market.

Turkeys sold on the cash market at 40 cents yesterday at closing time, but very few birds were received. The Christmas supply will be much heavier as a large number of the growers are holding back until that time.

## FAIR TAX CARRIES 27,111 TO 6685

### Vote One of Largest Cast in City Election.

## MAJORITY MORE THAN 4 TO 1

### Weather Blamed for Approval Not Being Greater.

## STATE ELECTION IS NEXT

### Governor Olcott's Favorable Attitude Believed to Assure Extra Legislative Session.

With one of the largest votes ever cast in a municipal election, the 1925 exposition taxation measure was passed Saturday with a majority slightly better than 4 to 1, according to unofficial final returns announced yesterday morning, when returns from all of the 375 precincts had been compiled.

The count showed a total vote of 33,796, with 27,111 for the measure and 6685 against it.

The total registration for the city was 85,525, which brings the voting percentage to 39, or 4 1/4 per cent larger than the vote on the soldiers' bonus, when a 35 per cent vote was cast. The majority in the case of the exposition taxation bill was also greater, the bonus carrying by 3.85 to 1, with a vote of 28,276 in favor and 7384 against.

#### Larger Vote Expected.

An even larger vote was expected than 39 1/2 per cent, however, and many expressed the opinion yesterday that the inclement weather on Saturday had kept a great many voters away from the polls.

While there were some districts that showed much larger majorities than others, there was not in the entire city a precinct that voted against the tax. So far as the precincts were concerned, the slogan of the campaign committee was achieved, for the precincts were unanimous, not a single one carrying a majority against the bill.

The number of precincts where a majority of less than 2 to 1 was received does not exceed five. The champion stronghold of the opposition was No. 244, the poll located at Vancouver avenue and Fargo street. Two of the strongest opponents to the tax live in this precinct, and the vote here was 55 for and 52 against.

#### Portland Heights Surprise.

A vote of 71 to 39 in precinct No. 115, at East Sixty-second street and Woodstock avenue, was another stronghold, and Portland Heights suffers as a large number of the growers are holding back until that time.

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION ON FAIR NEXT STEP

### SPECIAL SESSION IN JANUARY COUNTED PROBABLE.

### Solons Declare Early Laws Should Be Enacted to Stop Incursion of Highly Taxed Goods.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Whether Governor Olcott will call a special session of the Oregon legislature to refer to voters a measure providing for a 50-cent duty on goods imported from other states for the exposition to be held in Portland in 1925 is the question that is uppermost in the minds of a number of legislators who passed a few hours in Salem today.

If the governor calls the session, which is considered probable, it is believed here that the date will be fixed early in January. There had been some feeling throughout the state that the governor would not call the special session in case of a close vote in Portland, but since the majority there was four to one in favor of the exposition and accompanying tax, there apparently is little doubt in the minds of local legislators that the lawmakers will gather here soon after the first of the year.

#### Session Is Favored.

At an informal conference here today attended by a number of legislators who were en route to their homes after attending the University of Oregon home-coming ceremonies at Eugene yesterday, it was unanimously agreed that a special session should be called so that the voters of the state may be given an opportunity to express themselves on the question of holding the exposition. To deny the voters this privilege, some of the legislators said, would be adverse to the principles of Oregon's government, which give the people rather than the legislature authority to express themselves on all important matters of taxation.

#### Should the legislature be called into special session it is probable that some action will be taken to regulate the operation of automobile truck and stage lines, which under present conditions threaten to destroy many of the hard-surfaced highways of the state. It was said by legislators that the financial saving to the state through legislation tending to preserve the highways of Oregon would be far greater than the cost of calling the lawmakers to Salem.

#### State Regulation Expected.

Legislators probably will be asked to approve a law placing the operation of automobile stage lines under the jurisdiction of the public service commission.

Under the proposed law suggested by legislators only those stage lines that have received permits from the public service commission would be allowed to operate on state highways.

Suggestion was made that the weight of loads carried on trucks should be reduced, and that some amendments should be made to the present law affecting tire width and general operation.

Denton Burdick, member of the house from Redmond, and Louis Lachmund, senator from Marion county, while not committing themselves on the merits of financing the exposition, are in favor of it.

## THE DALLES IS CAUGHT UNDER 35-INCH SNOW

### WORST STORM ON RECORD TOPPED OFF BY SLEET.

### Eastern Oregon Reported to Be Practically Shut Off From Outside World.

THE DALLES, Or., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—With 35 inches of snow on the level and sleet falling at 6 o'clock tonight, all of eastern Oregon was shut off from the outside world by one of the severest storms this section has ever experienced. Five trains, both east and westbound, were snowbound between The Dalles and Portland. A big snow plow will leave The Dalles at 4 o'clock Monday morning, followed by a wrecker, to attempt to clear the way. The wrecker will also carry provisions for passengers on the stranded trains.

#### Livestock in all of eastern Oregon will suffer from the early storm, which started Friday night and has continued without let-up ever since. The only source of communication for eastern Oregon is by way of Spokane, where one wire was still holding. The Dalles seemed to be the storm center, as Madras reported only a small snowfall, with rain this morning. Bend was isolated. Worry was felt as to the fate of the Dalles-California caravan, which left Madras Sunday morning on the return trip to The Dalles, according to telephone communications. No trace was found of the caravan, which was believed to be stalled in the snow some place en route. Nine of the The Dalles business men were in the party, together with persons from Portland and Spokane.

#### The steamer Teal was still running between Portland and The Dalles and was expected to play an important part should the food situation become serious. It was estimated that there is enough food on hand in The Dalles to keep the city several days, with what assistance The Teal might give.

#### Inland cities from The Dalles were isolated. It was estimated that 50 automobiles were stalled on roads around The Dalles between this city and Portland, and between here and Pendleton. No casualties were reported, although a number of persons were compelled to walk miles to habitations after their automobiles had become stalled. All trains on the North Bank were stalled. Six miles of poles between here and Portland were reported down, both telephone and telegraph.

#### The storm has done thousands of dollars' worth of damage to cattle and sheep, they said. Fall calves were yet on the range and the storm came so suddenly that there was no chance to herd them in. It was expected that vast numbers of cattle will starve unless there is a thaw in the near future. Anxiety was also expressed for the safety of a number of sheep herders who were known to be in the mountains. The herders were not prepared for any such storm as this, it was said, and were in danger of losing their lives. Farmers were praying that the snow would melt gradually. A chinook would wash out the winter wheat, just common through the ground, and do incalculable damage, they said. The

#### Tomorrow the conference will take

## BRITAIN ENDORSES NAVAL RATIO PLAN

### America's "5-5-3" Proposal Is Approved.

## 3 POWERS IN CONFERENCE

### Modification of Submarine Features Is Stated.

## AGREEMENT HELD SURE

### Britain to Present Army Problems of France at Session on Land Armaments Today.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Great Britain has endorsed without reservation the "5-5-3" ratio proposed in the American naval plan, it was learned tonight on highest authority. While accepting the plan as a whole only in principle, because of their desire to put forward proposed modification of the submarine and replacement features, the British delegation is said to have approved the suggested relative capital ship strength for Great Britain, the United States and Japan without equivocation.

Adherence of the British representatives to the capital ship ratio became known tonight as an aftermath of the conference yesterday between Secretary Hughes, Mr. Balfour and Admiral Kato, at which the naval question was canvassed in the light of Japanese reservations.

Sunday was no day of rest for armament delegates.

#### Executive Session Held.

Practically without exception the delegations spent the day either in executive session among themselves or in conference with representatives of other nations.

The American group met at Secretary Hughes' home and devoted several hours to analysis of the naval situation. At the disposal of the American delegates were several statistical studies. It was understood that Great Britain would support the capital ship ratio proposal, the delegation found nothing to warrant consideration of the possibility that the naval proposal might be materially revised.

#### Especially active today were the groups having a vital interest in the far eastern question which is to come up tomorrow.

Informal discussion was said tonight to have led to the belief that consideration of the Chinese problem might culminate in the raising of the question of Shantung.

Tomorrow the conference will take

## SILVER THAW'S END FORECAST FOR TODAY

### WEATHER MAN PREDICTS RISE IN TEMPERATURE.

### Minimum Yesterday 29 Degrees, With Mercury at 37 at 8 o'Clock Last Night.

Strong southeasterly winds and heavy rains today will break the grip of the silver thaw in Portland, according to forecast of the weather bureau at 4 o'clock last night. Every indication pointed to a rising temperature.

A minimum of 29 degrees was reached yesterday shortly before noon. The government instruments showed that the temperature had been steadily going down all morning. From noon till about 2 P. M. the temperature remained almost stationary and then began to rise quite rapidly. By 8 o'clock last night it stood at 37 degrees, the highest point of the day.

#### All Portland rainfall records for November were broken last night, the 24-hour period which ended at 5 o'clock last night. A total of 4.18 inches of rain had fallen during that time, compared with 3.62 inches the previous 24-hour record for November. The 24-hour records for all months are: 5.35 inches in January and 7.66 in December.

#### Portland has been caught in a narrow atmospheric belt separating the warm air areas of the Willamette valley from the cold air areas of eastern Oregon and Washington, according to the explanation of the silver thaw offered by United States weather bureau officials last night. The cold winds of the north and east meet over Portland with the warm winds of the south and west.

#### The warm air currents have been forced upward, resulting in a chill that precipitates their moisture as rainfall. The east wind chills the rain as it falls and causes it to freeze on whatever it touches.

#### The basic principle is almost exactly like that of the tornadoes of the Mississippi valley, but a difference in air currents causes the silver thaw effect rather than the terrible storms of that region, according to the weather men.

## FOCH IS DUE DECEMBER 1

### Marshal to Visit Portland on 12,000-Mile Tour of Continent.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—New York bade Marshal Foch an revoir tonight, sending him off on a swing about the continent, which will end on December 13, when he returns here to sail the next day for France.

The itinerary announced tonight indicated that the generalissimo will travel more than 12,000 miles and visit 28 states and Canada.

The trip will take him to the Pacific coast and back again to Washington by a southerly route, thence into Canada and back to New York through New England. The marshal left tonight for Washington, whence his swing will be started Tuesday night. He ended his visit to New York at a public reception tonight.

His itinerary as announced by the American Legion in part follows: November 22, Washington; 25, Mason City, Iowa; 28, Billings and Butte, Mont.; 30, St. Paul and Chicago, Ill.; to Spokane; 30, Seattle; December 1, Portland, Or.; 3, San Francisco; 4, Los Angeles.

## FURIOUS STORM RAKES 2 STATES

### Rivers Rise Rapidly; Roads Inundated.

## LOWLANDS ARE FLOODED

### Continuing Fall of Rain and Snow Is Reported From All Sections.

## WILLAMETTE UP 8.2 FEET

### Residents Along Molalla Flee From Homes; Pacific Highway Is Under Water.

#### EFFECTS OF STORM IN OREGON AND WASHINGTON.

St. Helena, Or.—Heavy rain continues; silver thaw melts.

Albany, Or.—Rainfall since Friday 6.68 inches. Basements flooded. Streams rising.

Baker, Or.—Snow 4 inches deep and still falling. No trains from west.

Chehalis, Wash.—Snow heaviest in years. Logging camps may close. Rain later sets in and continues all afternoon.

Eugene, Or.—McKenzie highway pass blocked by heavy snow.

Corvallis, Or.—Torrents of rain fall. Pacific highway 6 inches under water.

Walla Walla, Wash.—Snow 15 inches deep. Car lines paralyzed. Farmers isolated.

Salem, Or.—Marion county streams rising as result of heaviest rain in years.

Roseburg, Or.—One inch of rain falls with brisk wind.

Eugene, Or.—Willamette river rises 8.2 feet in 24 hours. Rain shows no sign of abating with much land under water.

Mora, Or.—Snow 1 foot deep. Collapse of roofs feared.

Astoria, Or.—Disagreeable rain accompanied by brisk wind.

Prosser, Wash.—Heavy snow falls; wheat farmers rejoice.

La Grande, Or.—Snow 27 inches deep. Fall ceases and rain sets in.

Tillamook, Or.—Heavy rain puts Tillamook streams out of banks.

Hillsboro, Or.—Heavy rain continues and lowlands are flooded.

The Dalles, Or.—Snow 28 inches deep is topped off with sleet storm. City is paralyzed.

Ashland, Or.—Ashland has first rain of season.

Pendleton, Or.—\$50,000 damage done by 21-inch snow.

#### Within 48 hours after Oregon and Washington had been struck by a heavy snow and driving rain storm, streams in many parts of the two states were reported to be rising rapidly. Many creeks were out of their banks and lowlands in several districts were inundated. There were few indications of any slackening in the cold wave.

#### Highways were made impassable by snow, ice, rain and slides. Automobiles were marooned all along the Columbia and Pacific highways. The Pacific highway was under more than six inches of water at several points.

#### The snowfall continued throughout Oregon, outside of the Willamette valley and with the exception of a few points such as Ashland which reported its first rain of the season.

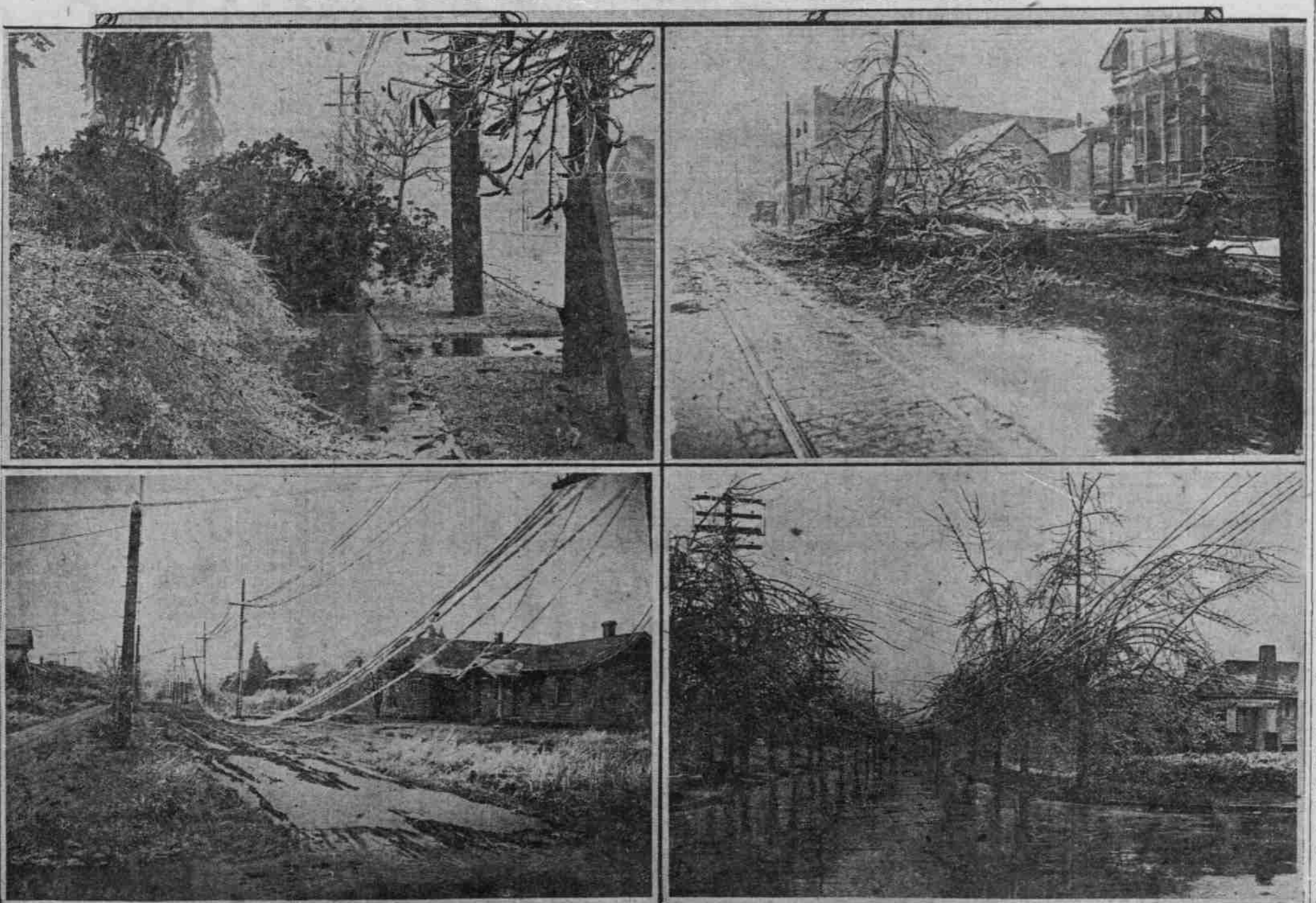
#### The Dalles Is Hard Hit.

In eastern Oregon the depth of the snow ranged from a few inches to several feet. At La Grande the snow was 27 inches deep but the fall had ceased and a rain had set in.

The Dalles, in the Columbia gorge, was particularly hard hit. There, 35 inches of snow had fallen on the level and at 6 o'clock last night this was being topped off with a driving sleet storm.

Throughout eastern Oregon train service was reported to be virtually at a standstill and fears were expressed that there would be a big loss in cattle still on the range. The Dalles seemed to draw the fury of the storm as Madras had only a light snow, followed by rain.

Flood waters were reported in several



Upper left. Beautiful shrubbery in Laurelhurst breaking under ice coating. Right: Ice-laden locust tree snaps trolley wires at Fifth and Main streets. Lower left: Ice-coated wires that wrecked telephone and light service in outlying districts—Rose City Park scene. Right: Sagging wires and breaking ornamental trees in Laurelhurst.