

DANGERS OF FLOOD IN OREGON WANE

Waters Begin to Recede in Rampant Rivers.

DAMAGE IN MILLIONS

Extent of Ruin by Storm Probably Never Will Be Known. Bridges Torn Down.

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ing the snow. It was considered that a serious situation would be avoided if the temperatures in the Cascade mountains remained low.

Thrilling Rescues Made.

Many rural districts were forced to flee from their homes when flood waters continued to rise. From the Santiam district came reports of thrilling rescues of whole families who had been marooned by the raging waters. There much farm land was inundated and many homes left under water.

That the crest of the flood conditions had passed was indicated by reports from all districts in the two states. At Salem, Or., the Willamette had reached the high level of the year but throughout the day dropped more than three feet.

Damage Not Accurately Known.

Just how much damage was caused by the storm probably never will be fully known. Everywhere in both states bridges were washed out and highways undermined. Dikes were washed out and much farming land flooded, causing great damage to crops.

For some time the exact conditions of the storm-bound districts were not known because of the inability to communicate with them. At Astoria, a gale was reported to be raging outside the heads but to this same gale was accredited the relief from the storm. It was followed by light rain.

Part of Lebanon Inundated.

More than 40 acres in the southeastern part of Lebanon were under water last night. This flood caused many persons to flee from their homes.

Part of Salem also was flooded. At Brownville, Or., dozens of families were marooned but none of them was reported to be suffering to any great extent.

The snow had been reduced to 12 inches by rain at La Grande, Or., while at Grants Pass a heavy rain was falling. Grants Pass was not struck by the storm until Sunday, however, and then only by rain.

Communication Is Restored.

Communication with most of the districts had been restored last night and train service was fast being put on a normal basis again. Reports from everywhere were that the worst of the storm had passed and that it would not be long before all conditions were restored to normal, barring of course a renewal of the storm or a heavy rain, which it was recognized would again send rivers and creeks out of their banks on damaging rampages.

In most of the flooded districts nearby residents went to the rescue of all persons who were endangered and no outside aid was needed. No one was there any report of food shortages, not even on marooned trains.

THRILLING RESCUES MADE

One Family Is Saved After Night Passed in Tree-top.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—After passing 30 hours in a tree above the swirling, flooded waters of the Santiam river, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crowl and 9-year-old daughter, and Mr. Crowl's sister, were rescued this morning. The women were scantily clad. They were suffering from exhaustion and exposure but it was believed all would recover.

They awoke about midnight Sunday to find a foot of water on the floor of the house at the Grigby hop yard, northwest of Dever and about ten miles north of Albany. So rapidly had the Santiam's waters spread over the bottom lands and surrounded their house that their escape was cut off. They started through the water for a neighbor's house but were forced to take refuge in a tree, the women having no coats nor shoes.

Yesterday morning neighbors heard their cries for help and efforts were made all day to reach them, but the current of the flood waters was so strong that all efforts were fruitless. All last night the four clung to the tree and this morning rescuers reached them with a boat.

Fred Crowl, 18-year-old boy of Jefferson, was drowned in the flooded Santiam near Jefferson last night. He was working for a telephone company, trying to get a line across the flood, when he slipped and fell into the strong current. His body was recovered a quarter of a mile downstream. There were rumors here of other flood casualties at different places, but they cannot be verified.

Woodward, telephone wire chief from Salem, and another telephone company employe, had a narrow escape when a boat in which they were riding was overturned by the Santiam flood capsized. They clung to the boat and it lodged against a drift in shallow water.

The flood in the Santiam and both its forks was the worst ever experienced. This river always rises rapidly, but this time it broke all records. Scores of farm homes were surrounded by water and many people had to abandon their homes. Some were caught and some of them were removed in boats in the vicinity of both Jefferson and Crabtree.

There was heavy loss of livestock and the damage to crops in bottom lands was enormous. The Santiam and all of the other flooded streams in the part of the state were falling rapidly all today. Only the Willamette was rising, and tonight it stood at 20.6 feet here, just above flood stage.

Families Driven From Home.

LEBANON, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—The South Santiam river is far beyond its banks and is doing considerable damage to the lowlands along the Santiam valley. The river at this city has reached the highest mark in a score of years. About 40 acres of the southern portion of the city near to the river is under water from one to four feet deep, and 25 dwellings in that part of town are surrounded by water and some of them are flooded to a depth of two or more feet over the floors. A number of families had to be taken out in boats. The railroad tracks in the vicinity of Crabtree were under water for some distance Sunday night. The Crown-Williams Paper company of this city had a drive of 1600 cords of wood coming down the river from

above Sweet Home and considerable of this has been lost in the flood waters. The water is receding today, with the highest point reached during Sunday night.

CLACKAMAS RIVER TORRENT

Portion of Island Near Gladstone Carried Away in Flood.

OREGON CITY, Nov. 22.—(Special.)—The Clackamas river today was still a raging torrent, as result of the continuous rains. A portion of the island near Gladstone, which was to have been a summer resort, was washed away.

Along the Clackamas river, near Baker's bridge, a number of landslides occurred. One was near Cape Horn, one of the most dangerous roads along the river.

The highway between Parkplace and Seventeenth and Washington streets beyond the Abernethy was impassable. Backwater from the lake and river has caused much of the property in the southern part of this city to become inundated. Several small bridges in the county were washed out, and much of the lowland left under water.

HOOD RIVER STORM ENDS

Valley Points Report Damage to Be About \$100,000.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—The sleet storm that had prevailed since Friday night ended today with a heavy rain. The snow blanket, which had become a thickly packed sheet of ice, was 38 inches deep. The water volume of the precipitation was nine inches. In case of a quick thaw floods were feared.

Reports from all valley points indicated that the damage here would exceed \$100,000. Residences, apple washhouses, barns, schools and apple packing plants in various places were demolished. Roads remained blockaded and business was still paralyzed. Local O. W. R. & N. officials do not expect a train from Portland for six days.

A rotary snow plow, reaching Lindsay creek, 11 miles west of here, ran into unending drifts of snow, mixed with rock debris, as high as telegraph poles.

The town had been without wire communication since Saturday night. A wire by way of Spokane began working intermittently this afternoon.

SILETZ BRIDGES WASHED OUT

Waters in District Reported to Be Highest in 30 Years.

NEWPORT, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—The Orton bridge over the Siletz river, the steel bridge at Siletz, the Fuller bridge and lower Farm bridges were all washed out by the flood.

This district experienced the heaviest flood in 30 years, the water rising more than 30 feet in three days. The rainfall in the first 24 hours was 5 1/2 inches, and for 36 hours was 6 1/2 inches.

The new county bridge over Big Elk was washed out. There were numerous washouts. Loss of bridges has temporarily made useless county roads. The Orton bridge at Pioneer and 800 feet of track were washed out.

Two railroad bridges near Chitwood went out with the flood. Heavy loads of cattle, sheep and hogs from drowning were reported. Heavy slides on the Alesca Southern and Yaquina Northern railroads also were reported. It will be impossible to operate through trains from Albany to Yaquina in less than two to three weeks, it was indicated.

WALLOWA COUNTY SNOWED IN

Business and Travel Practically at Standstill; Farmers Aided.

ENTERPRISE, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—Snow fell in Wallowa county for more than 48 hours and Sunday it was nearly two feet deep. The temperature is still in the 30's and it was melting a little on the ground, which was not frozen when the storm began. Business and travel were practically at a standstill.

So heavy a snowfall at this time of year is beyond the memory of old inhabitants. It is very welcome, as it will give moisture to grain fields and canyon ranges. The only possible harm would come from a sudden thaw and freshets.

Terrific Storm at Rhododendron.

RHODOENDRON, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—A terrific storm raged in this part of the state for three days, the snowfall being the heaviest in years. It rained for 48 hours without intermission and all creeks are in flood.

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swollen. Still creek raised from 2 to 10 feet in three days and Zigzag river from 4 to 12 feet. Sandy river below Zigzag ranchers' station rose more than 15 feet. Fifty-two inches of snow is reported to have fallen at Bull Run lake.

COOS BAY STORM RENEWED

Heavy Downpour of Rain Is Reported at Marshfield.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—Storm conditions were renewed this morning and heavy rainfall continued during the day, accompanied at times by lightning and hail. The United States naval radio station was struck twice this morning between 7:30 and 8, but the crew had grounded the wires and no material damage was done, although the station was out of service for an hour.

Storm and danger signals were posted here during the day on advice from the north via wireless that the storm was increasing in fury along the coast. J. W. Chapman, chief engineer at the Smith mills, grasped a live wire while searching for a troublesome connection and but for the assistance of a man who saw his predicament would have been killed. The high-power transmission line between the Smith-Powin plant and its east side mill blew down this morning, paralyzing the east side mill.

MOLALLA RIVER IS FALLING

Number of Families Are Able to Return to Their Homes.

CANBY, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—The Molalla river has fallen at this point about eight or nine feet, and all danger of the concrete bridge spanning the Molalla river being weakened had passed, it was believed. Some of the dirt around the piling

on the Barlow side caved away, but this was being replaced, and it was considered probable that the bridge would be opened to traffic tomorrow.

It was reported that the bridge had sunk about three inches on the Barlow side, with the gravel and dirt washing out, but Engineer Young said there was no danger.

The Molalla river was back in its banks at many points and a number of families were able to return to their homes today.

PRUNE ORCHARDS DAMAGED

Trees in Washougal and Camas Districts Are Uprooted.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—While Vancouver escaped much damage from the sleet storm, the prune orchards in the vicinity of Washougal and Camas did not. Frank Russell's large orchard suffered severely, many trees being uprooted, some broken off and nearly all stripped of limbs. The orchards on the bottoms nearer the river suffered worse than in the storm of 1916, and the orchards on the higher land, though there were not so many of them, suffered likewise.

Lexie Smith's peach orchard, two miles west of Camas, now is reported to be nothing but stumps, all of the trees having been broken off. Most of the telephones around Washougal were out of order because of fallen poles.

Vancouver seems to be the only city in this section of Oregon and Washington that escaped with practically no damage.

Heavy Rain Follows Frost.

GOLD HILL, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—The first hard rains of the season set in Sunday evening and continued until last night, giving the whole of the north end of Jackson county a

thorough soaking. The first real frost of the winter occurred several nights preceding this heavy rainfall, which put an end to the gathering of tomatoes, cucumbers and other tender plants from the gardens of this region.

YAKIMA VALLEY SNOWBOUND

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