

13 STORM DEATHS WASHINGTON TOLL

Floods in Dozen Towns Begin to Recede.

LIGHT RAIN FORECAST

Relief Is in Sight, According to Reports Received From All Parts of State.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 13.—Flood waters in more than a dozen towns in Washington, partially inundated since Sunday as the result of incessant rains and chinook winds which rapidly melted mountain snows, were reported tonight to be slowly receding under the influence of lowered temperatures and clear skies.

Moderate rains were predicted for the next 24 hours, but pressure conditions indicated continued lower temperatures and weather bureau officials here expressed the belief that the height of the flood stage had been passed.

The death list in the state as a result of the floods was brought to 13 today with the passing of the case of John Lind, a construction camp laborer, and the abandoning of hope of rescuing two others who were buried in the wreck of a train struck by a slide at Melbourne, near Aberdeen. No accurate estimate of property damage could be made, but unofficial calculations placed it above \$200,000.

Traffic to the East on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Northern Pacific Railroads was halted tonight and all trains on all transcontinental lines were either cancelled or being detoured over Columbia river routes. East of the Cascade mountains, between Cle Elum and Ellensburg, the Yakima river was on a rampage and had washed out several small bridges and culverts along the Northern Pacific line.

Two boats on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul bridge at Thorp, near Ellensburg, were washed away, and service on that line was not expected to resume before Wednesday morning. The town of Thorp, near Ellensburg, was shut off from all rail or highway communication. United States authorities, however, said the high-water stage of the Yakima river had been reached and rapid recession of the waters was expected.

Conditions in southwest Washington improved during the day, but in the district north of Seattle fresh stories of flood damage continued to pour in.

At North Bend, on the Snoqualmie river, the Sunset highway was reported washed out in a number of places, train service was suspended and logging operations suspended. Trees were strewn about over roads, tent villages at the logging camps destroyed, and the Sunset highway at North Bend was running full with water.

Breaking of dikes near Mount Vernon flooded thousands of acres in the Skagit river valley and rendered scores temporarily, at least, homeless. The dike of the town of Mount Vernon, farm buildings and heavy loss of livestock was feared. Highways were under water and train service was suspended. Streets in half a dozen towns and villages were under water.

Heavy damage was reported in the homelands of the Mt. Rainier region north of Seattle with the loss of hundreds of head of stock and wreckage of many farm buildings. Stanwood, near Everett, was flooded by breaking dikes.

Reports from the eastern edge of the Olympic peninsula indicated that damage there had been large. A number of railway bridges between Port Townsend and Port Angeles were washed out, highways were blocked and all traffic stopped. Near Bremerton, site of the Puget sound navy yard, streams were at flood stage.

CENTRALIA BREATHEAS EASIER

Rain Stops, Giving Some Relief From Flood Conditions.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Rain stopped during the night giving Centralia and vicinity a breathing spell from flood conditions. China ditch was within its banks again and the Skookumchuck river, although still over its banks, had dropped 18 inches by noon, the overflow extending only as far south as Sixth street. Last night everything north of Second street was under water. The Eastern mill resumed operations this morning, and the Martin mill at noon. The McKinley school will be reopened tomorrow.

GRIP OF STORM IS EASED

Engineering Force Starts Repairs in Grays Harbor District.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—With cessation of rains and a general recession of the river, the storm's grip on the Grays Harbor country was eased today and the country's road crews, augmented by members of the engineering force, were busy repairing the damage wrought by the flood waters of Sunday and Monday on the highways.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The highest water stage that has been seen locally since two years ago, when all records were broken, was reached at Chehalis this morning, the water being within 13 1/2 feet of the 1919 record. So far as reported there has been no loss of life or very great property damage to farmers and others living in the valley. The greatest damage will be found to have been done to roads and bridges that have been washed out or otherwise put out of commission.

Loss of time and labor by employees of all the local sawmills and logging camps will cut into the earnings of the men. On the logging roads of the Snow Lumber company mill at Little there was a bad washout that will have to be repaired before logs can be hauled. Both the Chehalis sawmills shut down and will probably not get going again for two or three days, as the water in the great quantities that it will recede slowly. However, with no rain last night and a beautiful day today the recession of the floods was expected to be steady.

SHANTUNG SESSION RUNS ONTO SNAG

Chinese Delegates Leave in Apparent Dejection.

NO PROGRESS IS MADE

Valuation of Kiao Chow Railway Moot Point—Offer to Buy Causes Discussion.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Some difficulties were believed to have been encountered today at the conference between Chinese and Japanese delegates concerning restoration to China of the Kiao Chow-Tai-Nan-Fu railway, the most important of the subjects being considered in the attempts to settle the Shantung controversy.

Valuation Is Discussed.

It was pointed out that the valuation of the railroad and mines made during the Paris peace conference was about \$15,000,000. According to the Japanese viewpoint, this does not include expenditures by Japan in the way of improvements. It was said Japan was ready to accept any fair appraisal of the value of the property and a Japanese spokesman said that any expenditure which has proved valueless to the development of the property should not be counted.

Purchase Offer Baffles.

It was believed tonight that if the difficulty over the method of re-purchase and its connection with China's financial position could be overcome, Japan would not insist on her original proposal for a joint Sino-Japanese management of the railroad. Vice Foreign Minister Hamahara, a delegate, said tonight that the Japanese did not understand the Chinese counter proposal of outright re-purchase, and that the Japanese were looking for more light on that question. He indicated that until the atmosphere was made more clear, Japan would stand on her original proposition for a joint enterprise.

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Limit on Claims Extended.

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Commercial Club was Held Last Night in the Dining Room of the Lebanon Hotel.

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Commercial club was held last night in the dining room of the Lebanon hotel. The new president of the Albany Commercial club, the retiring president of that club and the road committee of the same organization were present as guests. W. R. Scott, the retiring president of the Albany club, was the principal speaker of the evening. J. M. Hawkins, the new president of the Albany club, and several local men were heard in short talks.

Officers elected for next year were as follows: President, J. C. Irvine; vice-president, Dr. H. L. Wood; secretary, W. G. Ames; treasurer, D. O'Brien; head of social committee, Dr. Norman E. Irvine; head of civic and roads committee, M. Garland; head of industrial committee, J. C. Mayer; head of agricultural committee, Roy P. Pittwater; publicity manager, Paul A. Mitchell. Officers will constitute the board of directors of the club.

ALLEGED FORGER CAUGHT

NEW CHECK IN DOUGLAS COUNTY SHOWS UP.

Is Held in Los Angeles Pending Return to Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—J. P. Hardy, alias J. D. Cameron, is being held in Los Angeles, pending extradition and return to Roseburg to answer a charge of forgery and cashing checks totaling \$2438.

The name of J. E. Sawyer, county treasurer, was signed to the checks which were drawn on three local banks. Hardy was an auditor formerly in the employ of the accounting firm of Crandall and Roberts of Portland, and was engaged during the summer of 1920 in going over the books of the county where he had access to all of the offices and where he was believed to have procured a number of the checks printed for the county treasurer.

In addition to these three checks, another for \$400 reached the county today. This check was on a third bank. Hardy, while engaged in this county as auditor, it was believed, obtained information regarding the treasurer's methods of checking over his accounts. The checks used were printed during the period Hardy was employed here. The checks, which were cashed by Los Angeles and San Francisco banks were released just after the date of the arrest. Hardy had received his balance and canceled checks so that the forgeries were not discovered for almost a month. The signature of the treasurer was copied perfectly and even a photostatic of the same make was used.

Prior to Hardy's arrest Sheriff Starmer telegraphed a warrant to the chief of police of Los Angeles upon the request of the Burns Detective agency, which located the alleged forger.

According to a message received last night from the Burns Detective agency, Hardy has confessed and has announced that he is willing to waive extradition. Papers, however, will be procured before the other leaves to bring him back to Roseburg.

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Mrs. Swanton Gives Address.
GRANTS PASS, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Mrs. F. M. Swanton, manager of the Oregon Humane society, with headquarters in Portland, was the chief speaker at the recent Chamber of Commerce luncheon. She expects to return to Grants Pass soon to organize a county branch of the humane society.

Insane Patient Captured.
SALEM, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Daniel Whetstone, who escaped from the state hospital farm here Sunday night, was captured near Jefferson today. He was returned to the hospital tonight. Whetstone has relatives at Medford and he was in trouble there when apprehended by attendants.

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