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PUGET SOUND SECTION IS SCENE OF TERRIFIC FLOODS

Railroad Service to Various Cities Badly Demoralized—Loss Heavy.

SLIGHT RESPITE IN TWO WEEKS STORM NOW Renton and Many Smaller Towns Flooded—Seattle Also Suffers Much.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 20.—Beautiful warm weather and clear skies greeted the people of Seattle today after a two weeks' storm. The weather Bureau, however, says the high temperature is melting the snow on the mountains and bringing rocks and earth down upon the railroad tracks. Further, the rain in the Puget Sound country will be resumed in less than twenty-four hours. So the flood situation is not so encouraging as the clear weather today might indicate.

The city light and water department promises to repair the flood damage in two days. In the interim the highest buildings in the city will be without water and users of electricity from the municipal plant will be obliged to get light and power from the Seattle and Tacoma Power company or use coal or gas. Owing to deforestation of the hills of Western Washington, the run off of the rain has been more rapid than in former years and the floods are sudden and severe. The railroads are clearing away the obstructions and repairing twisted bridges.

Bellingham, Wash., and Vancouver, B. C., are entirely cut from connection with this city. The railroads hope to get the lines north of Seattle open tonight or tomorrow morning. All depends on weather conditions. There is no serious impediment between Seattle and Tacoma and Portland, and the eastern and southern trains arrive and depart on all railroads. The Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Milwaukee have abandoned their lines through the cascades and are routing their transcontinental trains via Vancouver, Wash., and the Seattle, Portland and Spokane railroads. It is going to be a week before the mountain lines will be open. On some of the railroads have any of the big bridges or trestles gone out and the roads will be speedily placed into commission when the floods abate.

People of Western Washington today are anxiously watching the turbulent streams for signs of subsidence. The flood has raged for more than two days. Of the smaller towns caught by the flood, Renton, twelve miles up the Cedar river from Seattle suffered the most. The business part of Renton is entirely under water and twice yesterday residents, hearing rumors that the big Cedar river dam had gone out, rushed to the surrounding hills. Many small towns in beautiful farming valleys are under water and still more are endangered by the floods. The town of McMillan, fourteen miles west of Tacoma is threatened by the Puyallup river which has been cutting the adjacent land at the rate of ten feet an hour.

CONDITION AT BELLINGHAM Rivers Are Receding But Train Service Is Poor

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Nov. 20.—Bellingham is still without train service and none is promised before tomorrow night or Wednesday. The only piece of track open in the Great Northern and Northern Pacific lines between this city and Blaine on which is a shuttle service is maintained, and between Anacortes and Sedro Woolley. The rivers are falling and all danger of destructive floods is past. The railroads were the only sufferers from the washout.

BACK TO THE LAND MOVEMENT DISCUSSED

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 20.—Twenty thousand apples were given away today at the land show being held here. The day was set aside as the State of Washington Day, and it was announced that everyone applying at the Washington booth would get an apple. Among the speakers scheduled for today were James J. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern Railroad, who will discuss the "Back to the land movement."

TWO SCHOONERS ESCAPE STORM

Sausalito Works Out to Sea and May Be Towed Into Bandon Today.

(Special to The Times.) BANDON, Ore., Nov. 20.—Members of the Bandon life saving crew, who were at Sacchi's cove watching the Sausalito which was anchored just outside the breakers, reported yesterday that the vessel got away about 2 o'clock in the morning and put to sea. A favorable wind was taken advantage of. It is expected that she will work in off the Bandon bar today and be towed in. The schooner Queen remained safely at anchor outside and will probably be towed in today. Two steamers ran in close to the Queen yesterday but she did desire to take a tow.

GREAT NOISE WASN'T BATTLE

Celebration at Juarez Mistaken For Real Engagement—Fear Reyes Revolt.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 20.—What at first was believed to be an attack on Juarez by the Revistas, proved to be a celebration by the Madrietas of the anniversary of the beginning of the Madero revolution. The principal feature of the demonstration was the discharge of fire arms which gave rise to report that followers of General Reyes were attacking Juarez.

Residents of this city were aroused from their slumbers and flocked to the bridges and river bank to witness what they felt sure was a battle. This impression was deepened by the knowledge that the Juarez garrison has been on the alert for some sudden development in connection with the reports of revolutionary activities in which the name of General Reyes, now under arrest by the United States government, has been particularly connected with. The true situation was learned when daylight permitted reporters to cross the river. The Mexican government has strengthened the force of soldiers at Juarez in anticipation of possible developments in the Reyes movement.

ONE IS KILLED IN AUTO RACE

Another Driver Seriously Injured In Smashup on Savannah Course Today.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SAVANNAH, Ga., Nov. 20.—One automobile driver killed and another was seriously injured today in a smashup over the grand prize course here. Joe Dawson, the Marmon driver, was hurt, and McNay, a Case pilot was killed.

RUMOR BIG MASSACRE

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, England, Nov. 20.—A news dispatch to the exchange telegraph company from Tien Tsin states that the report of a massacre of foreigners at Sian Fu, capital of Shan Si province, is confirmed. Confirmation from other sources is lacking.

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NEW YORK HAS POLITICAL SCANDAL

Prominent Democratic Leaders of Queen's County Arrested in Connection With Bribery Charges.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Justice Schudder of the Queen's county Supreme court, ordered the issuance of warrants for the arrest of Joseph Cassidy, democratic leader in Queens county, William Willette, Jr., candidate for Supreme Court Justice on the democratic ticket in the Second Judicial District and Louis T. Walter, Jr., following an investigation as to whether certain politicians received large sums of money for Willette's nomination.

ISLAND RULER IS TRIED OUT

President Caceres of Santo Domingo Killed by Political Opponents.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SANTO DOMINGO, Nov. 20.—President of the Republic, General Ramon Caceres was assassinated.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 20.—Ramon Caceres, president of Santo Domingo, was assassinated by political malcontents at Santo Domingo City late yesterday afternoon. No uprising has yet followed. Cablegrams conveying the news of the assassination, filed last night, were delayed in transmission.

STEEL TRUST HEARING TODAY

Company Objects to Investigation While Government Suit Is Pending.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Richard V. Vandubury, counsel for the United States Steel Corporation, made objection before the Standard Steel trust investigating committee today to a continuance of the hearing in view of the government's suit against the provisions of the resolutions of Congress authorizing the inquiry into acts not under investigation by the Government. The committee at once went into executive session. After lengthy deliberation it was decided to postpone further consideration of the Steel trust, pending the assembling of the full committee.

LIKELY SCRAP OVER TUNNEL

Sumner Forces Said to Have Men Working Near Eugene Ahead of So. Pacific.

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 20.—The Guard prints the following: "The Pacific Great Western Railway company has a good sized force of men at the site of the western mouth of the proposed tunnel through the summit of the coast mountains clearing the right-of-way preparatory to begin boring through the mountain from the west. The surveys of both the Pacific Great Western and the Southern Pacific conflict at this point, and the western mouth of each is located there. The Pacific Great Western has a deed to the property at that point, but the Southern Pacific company has let the contract for the construction of the road over the other's property. The 23d mile post is a short distance beyond the western end of the proposed tunnel. In view of the fact that both surveys conflict at that point, it looks like a big legal struggle in prospect between the two companies."

To Condemn Asset Line. The Eugene Guard says: "Suit was instituted in the Circuit court by the Willamette Pacific railroad company, under which name the Southern Pacific is building from Eugene to Coos Bay, to condemn right-of-way through the Lane County Asset company's land at the pass over the small range of hills five miles west of Eugene. Noah Christener, from whom the Asset company secured 35 acres of land there, George O. Yoran, F. J. Berger, M. Svarverud, Jack Rodman, E. M. (Continued on page 4.)

AMERICANS AND JAPS REPORTED TO HAVE LANDED MEN IN CHINA

OIL WELL TO BE TRIED OUT

Water to Be Taken Out of Bear Creek Well Today to See What Is in It.

(Special to The Times.) BANDON, Ore., Nov. 20.—By tonight, it is expected that the officials of the Miocene Oil and Gas company will know whether they have any oil in their Bear Creek well. Secretary Spencer of the company announced that the last piece of casing was being put down, the well being a little over 1,700 feet. The water with which the well has been filled to keep down the gas pressure will be taken out today and just what is in the well will be determined. All are hopeful that there will be oil in pumping quantity if not a gusher.

FILE APPEAL ON ASSESSMENT

Menasha Woodenware Company and Fields Timber Company Serve Notice

Judge John F. Hall has been notified by County Clerk Watson that the Menasha Woodenware company and the Fields Timber company have appealed from the findings of the Coos County Board of Equalization on their assessments for this year. The appeal will probably be carried up through the courts. It has been intimated that some of the other large timber owners will also join in the appeal. While it is not definitely known that this appeal includes the expressed determination of C. R. Smith to refuse to pay taxes on the Coos Bay Wagon Road Land Grant, included in his purchase of the Southern Oregon company, it is thought perhaps it does. Mr. Smith declared that he would not pay taxes, it is said, on this property until the suit of the government attacking its validity is determined.

Judge Hall has not yet heard from the C. A. Smith company as to the lands in Coos county they would be willing to sell for \$5 per acre. In the argument against the increase in the assessments, the company's attorney stated that a lot of the land the company owned they would be willing to sell for \$5 per acre. Judge Hall asked them to furnish a description of the lands they would be willing to sell at \$5 per acre, and believes that he would be able to get many ready buyers of any Coos county land at that figure. The company has not yet furnished him the description of any land they would be willing to sell at that price.

LUMBER TRUST DENIES DEEDS

Michigan Retail Dealers Association Answers Indictments Charging Conspiracy.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) DETROIT, Nov. 20.—The Michigan Retail Lumber Dealers Association, its officers and directors today in federal court here, made answer to the recent indictments charging violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. The answer admitted the collection and dissemination of the information concerning manufacturers, jobbers and wholesalers dealing directly with the consumers, but denies any conspiracy for intimidation and blackmail methods.

W. AHLKOG of North Inlet was a Marshfield business visitor. WM. PUGH of North Inlet was a Marshfield business visitor Saturday. MISS LULU HODSON of Coos River was a Marshfield shopper.

Mikado Sends Force Ashore at Foo Chow to Protect Foreign Consulates

REBELS SEND BIG FORCE AGAINST NANKING

United States State Department Denies Rumor of Big Massacre of Missionaries

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PEKIN, Nov. 20.—It is understood at the Japanese legation that a Japanese force was landed at Foo Chow to protect the consulates.

DENY MANY RUMORS. United States State Department Makes Statement Today.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 20.—Japanese troops have not been sent to Tien Tsin, Russian military forces on the Manchurian border have not been reinforced, the situation at Canton is peaceful and no report of massacre of missionaries reached the American legation at Pekin, according to State Department officials today.

MARINES AT CHI FU. American and Japanese Vessels Said to Have Landed Marines.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.) BERLIN, Germany, Nov. 20.—A dispatch to the German Cable company from Tsing Tao asserts that American and Japanese warships have landed a force of eighty men at Chi Fu. The German cruiser Emden has arrived at Chi Fu.

MORE REBEL RECRUITS. Revolutionists to Send 8,000 More Men to Besiege Nanking.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.) CANTON, China, Nov. 20.—Revolutionary recruits, totalling eight thousand, are massed here preparatory to their despatch to Nanking where they will cooperate in the siege of that city.

DECISION IN SEVERAL CASES

Judge Coke Holds Special Session of Circuit Court at Coquille Today.

Judge John S. Coke at a special session of circuit court in Coquille today handed down decisions in several important cases that have been pending.

One in which there was considerable public interest echoed the alienation of affections case from Bandon. Jas. Tierney of Bandon secured a verdict of \$500 against Peter Snyder for alienating Mrs. Tierney's affections. While this case was being tried, Snyder transferred his property to his sister, Margaret Roehl and then Tierney sued her to recover. Judge Coke found in favor of Tierney.

In the case of Sampson vs. the City of Coquille, involving an attorney's lien, led by J. J. Stanley and C. R. Barrow, Judge Coke found against the attorneys. It seems that Sampson had the attorneys sue the city of Coquille for damages for personal injuries and while the case was pending, ignored his attorneys and settled for \$300. The attorneys then tried to attach this amount for their fees but lost out.

In the case of Gilmore vs. Perkins, a demurrer to the complaint was overruled by Judge Coke. Mrs. Gilmore, formerly Mrs. Tunner, sought to establish a dower right to \$8,000 obtained from the sale of the hotel Coquille at Coquille and her daughter, Mrs. Perkins, opposed her.

In the case of Warner vs. Adams from Myrtle Point, a motion to strike out the amended answer was allowed in part and denied in part. Judge Coke had some other decisions ready to hand down but owing to the attorneys not being present, the announcement of the decisions was postponed.

The Alert will be laid off Wednesday and Thursday to have her boiler washed and the Alice H will take her run on these days.