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OUR LIVES LOST AND HEAVY PROPERTY DAMAGE IN BIG FLOOD

Damage Along Mississippi Becomes More Desperate Today.

TENS OF THOUSANDS RENDERED HOMELESS ALONG RIVER

Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas Suffer.

Summary of FLOOD SITUATION

Total lives lost, four. Total damage to date estimated at \$1,000,000. Number driven from homes, 10,000. Volume of water is six to ten feet above danger line between St. Louis, Ill., and Arkansas City, Kan. The crest of the flood possibly will be reached in the district between April 4 and 5. The places most seriously affected on the Mississippi river are Hickman, Ky.; Memphis, Tenn.; New Madrid, Mo., and Paducah, Ky.

Four Mississippi towns seriously affected by invading waters, by the greatest rise recorded in the history, the flood situation assumed more serious aspects as spread distress, heavy financial and impairment of business.

Thousands of persons have been driven from the factory district of Paducah, Ky., and are being cared for by the townspeople at great expense. The levee broke opposite Hickman yesterday at Dorena. A thousand residents of the city were rescued, many the tops of homes and were to Hickman. Hickman's food is dwindling, trains bearing provisions can not reach the town because of railway cuts.

The northern section of Memphis 14 to 20 blocks of area are cut off by the flood waters. From 100 to 120 houses were driven from their homes and today Memphis is without gas. At Vicksburg, Miss., the water is so high that farmers are leaving their homes and taking goods and stock after the example set by thousands of persons in Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas. The war department will send 300 tons to New Madrid where persons are homeless as a result of the according to orders given by Gen. Taft today.

CHARITY WORK ON NEW PLAN

Straw and Manager of Band Consider Selecting Committee.

In order to have such charity work done on the Bay carried out on systematic basis and also to prevent or two philanthropic persons burdened with it, Mayor and Manager Fred Wilson of the Bay Concert Band are considering the appointment of a city committee. Nothing definite has been done about it yet. The idea is to keep a permanent fund for the purpose of aiding deserving cases in the direction of the committee. They have the fund replenished from time to time by entertainments of other means. It is understood that the band will be only used to give a benefit concert from time to time for this purpose. A concert which it was proposed to give next Sunday at the Masonic hall as a benefit for the committee of Mr. and Mrs. Jud Mills was postponed until a week from now, owing to the special Easter program in the afternoon. The Knights Templar will have a program in the afternoon. It is expected that it would be an unusual time to draw a large crowd.

NOTICE TO ELKS Members of the Marshfield Elks and all visiting Elks are invited to be present at session next night, April 3. Installation of officers, initiation and big waterfalls.

GEO. COODRUM, Sec. HATRY—A display of electrical hats on display at the HOUSE STORE, NORTH side. Your inspection solicited. ROGUE MILLINERY.

FEAR 130 LIVES LOST WITH SHIP

Wreckage Picked up Off Australian Coast Believed to Seal Fate of British Steamer Koombana. (By Associated Press to The Coo Bay Times) PERTH, Western Australia, April 3.—Wreckage picked up off the coast appears to seal the fate of 50 passengers and 80 men of the British steamer Koombana, which has been missing since the disastrous typhoon off the northwest coast the last week in March.

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LA FOLLETTE AND WILSON WINNERS

Every Precinct in Wisconsin Goes Two to One for Native Son; Wilson Ahead of Clark. (By Associated Press to Coo Bay Times)

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 3.—Incomplete returns from yesterday's presidential preference primary in Wisconsin received today show that Clark ran close behind Wilson on the democratic ticket. La Follette took every district in the state from Taft on the republican ticket two to one, but the president's support in many districts surprised La Follette managers.

WILSON FORCES GLAD Think Wisconsin Result Clearly Indicates His Strength. (By Associated Press to the Coo Bay Times)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—The Woodrow Wilson national headquarters here today claimed the victory of Wilson over Clark in Wisconsin showed that Wilson is clearly the choice of the progressive majority of the democratic party. Wilson managers claim the Harmon forces turned their strength to Clark in an effort to beat Wilson.

SAYS MURDERS WILL CONTINUE

Louisiana Negrass at Head of Strange Cult Tells of Teachings. (By Associated Press to the Coo Bay Times)

LA FAYETTE, La., April 3.—Clementine Barnabet, the confessed slayer of more than half of the 35 negro victims of the "Sacrificial Ax" in Louisiana and Texas, warned the officers that the killings would continue as long as the members of her "Church" kept faith in their "Voodoo," which is supposed to guard them from "Prosecution." Members of the cult claim a person "Sacrificed" by the ax gains thereby immortality. She refused to tell the names of the other cult members. "Clementine Barnabet is rational and I believe her confession is true except as to certain details given to confuse the officers as to her accomplices," said the sheriff.

COAST LEAGUE BALL SCORES

Portland Drops Initial Game of Season to Los Angeles by Score 4 to 2.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 3.—The Coast League baseball season opened yesterday. Portland, winner of the pennant the last two seasons, dropped the initial game to Los Angeles. Henderson and Hawley constituted the Portland battery, while Leverman and Boles did the stunt for Los Angeles. At San Francisco, Oakland was beaten in a 10-inning contest. The scores yesterday: At Los Angeles—R. H. Los Angeles 4 9 Portland 2 7 At Sacramento—R. H. Sacramento 2 8 Vernon 4 5 At San Francisco—R. H. San Francisco 8 13 Oakland 7 9

MILLER TO GO TO PORTLAND

Local Official of Southern Pacific to Attend Conference—Mills Coming.

W. F. Miller will leave Saturday for Portland to confer with C. J. Mills and other officials of the Southern Pacific there next Monday. The nature of the conference is not known but it probably has to do with the local properties of the Southern Pacific.

Mr. Mills, following the conference, will come to the Bay for a short stay. While it has not been officially announced, it is expected that possibly on his visit here, Mr. Mills will be able to give some definite information as to the Southern Pacific's plans for construction on this end of the Coo Bay-Eugene line this year.

Since leaving the Bay, Mr. Mills has been connected with the office of President Sproule at San Francisco and it is understood that one of his new duties has to do with the Coo Bay end of the line from Eugene to Coo Bay. No other railway news has been afloat in local circles today.

WOW! BRYAN NOT IN GAME!

Peerless One at Last Refuses to be Candidate for President. (By Associated Press to Coo Bay Times)

LOS ANGELES, April 3.—William Jennings Bryan in a letter to the Bryan Club of this city refused to allow his name to be placed on the primary ballot in California as a candidate for president.

SAN DIEGO POLICE DRIVE I. W. W. MEMBERS FROM CITY

REBELS WON MANY BATTLES

Mexican Federals Defeated in Several Engagements Last Week—Outnumbered. (By Associated Press to Coo Bay Times)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—The Mexican rebels are credited in official state department reports today with all the successes near Jimenez last week although the federal forces under General Rojas were said to have punished the insurgents severely after retreating. Rojas' force was far outnumbered and without a base of supplies.

EL PASO, Tex., April 3.—The wires cut last night were still down this morning and the usual communication with Chihuahua and Jimenez was not available.

PARRAL STILL SAFE Rebels Await Reinforcements Before Making Attack. (By Associated Press to the Coo Bay Times)

EL PASO, Tex., April 3.—A noon wire service was restored and a dispatch from Jimenez to the Associated Press reported reinforcements were sent to General Campa yesterday at his request when he found General Pancho Villa, the federal commander at Parral, had occupied a hill where he could resist a much larger force than his own. Campa's force is supposed to outnumber Villa's two to one, but such is the strength of Villa's position that Campa determined to delay the assault until he has an overwhelming force.

ENGINEERS TO FAVOR STRIKE

Vote on Fifth Eastern Railroads Said to Be in Favor of Radical Action. (By Associated Press to Coo Bay Times)

NEW YORK, April 3.—Officials of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers announced today that the balloting of the engineers of 50 eastern railroads to determine whether the engineers will strike if necessary to support their demands for increased wages, is proceeding rapidly and that the ballots received so far indicate the men favor a strike. The wage demands already have been refused and a further conference with the heads of the railroads has been suspended until the engineers' committee could take a strike vote which will be announced April 10.

HOLD SUSPECT AT PORTLAND

Former Convict Thought to Have Committed Auto Hold-up and Murders. (By Associated Press to Coo Bay Times)

PORTLAND, Ore., April 3.—Strong links have been forged by Sheriff Stevens in the alleged chain of evidence tending to show that H. E. Roberts, the former convict who was arrested yesterday, may be the man who shot and killed George Hastings and Donald M. Stewart and wounded Irving Lupton while trying to hold up their auto last Friday night. The captive has not been "sweated" and will not be until the officers have completed the circumstantial chain.

Will Resume Work—Parties from Bandon state that drilling will be resumed at the Bear Creek oil well in a day or two. Additional piping and machinery has been received at Bandon and is now being hauled out to the well. Additional funds for sinking the well are also coming in and it is hoped to soon have sufficient to put the well down to the limit.

Officers Armed With Rifles Escort Undesirables Out of Town Today.

HOPE TO GET ALL OUT BEFORE NIGHT Clash Results in Effort to Exterminate Them—More En Route. (By Associated Press to the Coo Bay Times)

SAN DIEGO, April 3.—Police armed with rifles today started a "Dragnet" campaign against the I. W. W. because of the disturbances which led to a clash last night between the officers and members of the organization. As fast as the I. W. W. members appeared at headquarters today they were arrested and escorted to the city limits. The chief of police, it is said, hopes to have the city free of the Industrial Workers before night. A report that 250 more are coming from Los Angeles caused the authorities to send out a squad of men with rifles to turn them back.

TITUS IS RELEASED I. W. W. Leader at Aberdeen Freed in Federal Court. (By Associated Press to Coo Bay Times)

TACOMA, Wash., April 3.—Dr. H. F. Titus, leader of the I. W. W. who was arrested on a federal charge in connection with the Grays Harbor labor troubles yesterday was released today. Judge Hanford, of the federal court, ruled that he had no jurisdiction in the case.

PECK'S VIEWS OF DECISION

Points Out That Supreme Court Adopted New Rule in Opinion.

C. R. Peck, attorney for the Port of Coo Bay Commission who returned yesterday from a trip to San Francisco, today made the following statement relative to the decision of the Supreme court: The decision of the Port case was not unexpected but I had hoped that the Court would adhere to the "reasonable probability" rule laid down in the case of Roesch v. Henry, 54 Ore. 239, where a similar question was involved. In that case the Court said: "Where it appears, as in Guernsey v. McHaley, 52 Ore. 555, that the irregularities (failure to post notices) are of such a character and magnitude that they might have affected the outcome, the election ought to be set aside, BUT IF NO SUCH RESULT IS REASONABLY PROBABLE, THE ELECTION OUGHT NOT TO BE DISTURBED."

Judge Coke, in our Port case followed that rule as he was bound to do, for the evidence clearly shows that there is no reasonable probability that the outcome of the election would have been different, if each and every notice had been posted. But the Supreme Court in its decision departed from their former ruling, as I construe the above quoted language, and laid down the rule that a "reasonable improbability" of a change in result was insufficient, but that an "impossibility" of a change in result must be shown. The Court in the Port decision says: "When it CONCLUSIVELY APPEARS THAT NO DIFFERENT RESULT COULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE in the entire district affected by the majority vote, the failure strictly to comply with the requirements of the statute in respect to giving notice will not invalidate the election."

The only way by which we could have brought the Port case within the above rule was to specifically show the departure permanently from the district of at least four hundred registered voters, and show exactly when each left, whether before or after April 19, 1909. This we started out to do but found it was impossible after over two years to get evidence as to whether a voter was absent permanently or temporarily at the time of the Port election and whether he had left before or after the day of election. Being unable to get the specific evidence as to departure of each voter, we introduced general evidence as to the decrease in population of Port District from January, 1908 to April 1909.

I agree with Mr. Bennett that the (Continued on page 4.)