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## LOOD CLAIMS EIGHT LIVES; PROPERTY LOSS OVER \$2,000,000

### Mississippi River and Tributaries Inundate Towns in Ten States.

### FEDERAL AND STATE AID FOR HOMELESS

Steps Taken to Provide for Thousands Who Are Homeless.

**FLOOD SITUATION**  
Seven thousand persons homeless.  
Eight thousand persons have fled from flood threatened areas.  
Eight drowned.  
Property loss will run into millions.  
Ten states affected and state and federal governments are hurrying to help the afflicted in the inundated cities.  
Nine thousand acres of the manufacturing district at Cairo, Ill., are under water.  
Future City and Urbandale, emptying home sections of Cairo, with a combined population of 11,000 are flooded.  
At Hickman, Ky., the factory and part of the home districts are flooded. Two thousand are homeless.  
Columbus, Ky., with the outlying country is under water, deporting 1000 persons of their homes.  
At Memphis, Tenn., the river sections are flooded, driving 1200 from their homes. Many factories are under water.  
At New Madrid, Mo., 800 are homeless, and at Dorena, Mo., 700 are homeless.  
Eight thousand persons fleeing from their flood threatened homes in towns between Hickman, Ky., and Helena, Ark.

On the Missouri side of the Mississippi, opposite Hickman, thousands of acres are flooded and hundreds are homeless.  
The levees south of Memphis are being but with the Mississippi rising every hour, the menace is increasing. Conservative estimates of the damage place the losses at \$2,000,000 and more.  
At every river point the stage sets a new record.  
The tremendous value of the government forecast is illustrated by the fact that while hundreds of homes have been inundated or swept away, the life loss so far has only been a result of the people being unprepared.

Sunshine and a balmy spring day have false hopes to the thousands homeless persons in the great stretches along the Ohio and Mississippi rivers today. Government forecasters at river points and Washington said they could not hold out any promise of a cessation of the constantly rising flood above Cairo, Ill.

**NEW YORK SPENDS MILLION FOR FLOWERS**  
(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, April 4.—Estimates prepared by wholesale florists show New York City will spend fully \$1,000,000 on Easter flowers in the next few days.

## COAL STRIKE EFFECT FELT

### High Railway Lays Off Large Number of Employes as Result of it.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
NEW YORK, April 4.—Owing to increased tonnage due to the coal strike in the bituminous and anthracite fields, the Lehigh Valley Railroad announced today it was obliging to reduce the working force by laying off train crews, shopmen and office employes and improvements and betterments involving the expenditure of many thousands of dollars are indefinitely postponed. About 125 freight locomotives and freight train crews are out of commission. Other employes and train crews are operating on a short-time basis.

By loading 7574 tons of coal into vessels in 4 hours and 35 minutes a week ago a Baltimore railroad established a new record for such an operation.

## LUMBER MEN MAKE DEMAND

### Manufacturers Want Investigation Made Public to Remove "Trust" Suspicion.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—Its demand upon President Taft for publication of conclusions of the Department of Commerce and Labor upon its investigation of the lumber manufacturing business, ordered by Congress in 1906, was made public today by the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, with other correspondence between President Taft and the Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor.  
This somewhat unusual attitude on the part of a great manufacturing industry is in the form of a petition which sets forth that the delay in reporting the findings of the department has tended to confirm the public in the opinion that a "lumber trust" exists in the manufacturing side of the lumber business, and has greatly accentuated the attacks upon that industry.

"We, representing many citizens of the United States, who are entitled to justice at the hands of the government, and to that justice which is doubly admirable if prompt," says the memorial, "petition you to have made public at the earliest possible moment the whole conclusion of the Department of Commerce and Labor as to the principal question put to it by the congressional resolutions, that the people of this country may no longer have to depend for their opinion as to the lumber producing industry upon insinuations, unverified charges, suspicion or prejudice."

On receipt of the statement and petition of the lumbermen, President Taft referred the complaint to Secretary Nagel, who furnished the President with a reply. This reply states the position of the administration in the matter. The lumber manufacturers, upon receiving the letter from the Secretary of Commerce, made another appeal to President Taft, saying:

"We hope, Mr. President, notwithstanding the present attitude of the administration, as expressed by the Honorable Secretary, that you will promote the prompt justice asked for by a body of the citizenship now, as they verily believe, misunderstood and grievously maligned."

In the petition, reference is made to the fact that while the Department of Commerce and Labor made public February 13, 1911, a partial report on the lumber industry, it related only to the private ownership of standing timber in the United States, and advanced only one of the reasons for the alleged high price of lumber; that this partial report ignored the request of Congress to report particularly as to the existence of combinations, etc., in restraint of trade and therefore failed to give the lumber producers the verdict which they asked for at a conference with the President, Secretary Nagel, and Commissioner Smith in Washington, January 12, 1910.

"Prices of lumber at mills," says the petition, "advanced during the seven years from 1899 to 1906, about 38 per cent. This corresponded with the advance in other commodities which enter so greatly into the cost of lumber, and in part to the increased values of stumpage."  
"Prices to the consumer in some sections of the country remote from lumber-producing sections, advanced probably in still greater proportion due in part to the exhaustion of near supplies, making necessary the payment of greatly increased transportation charges."

"Notwithstanding these sufficient reasons it is charged and seems to have been commonly believed that the increase in prices at the mills was due to the existence of controlling combinations or agreements commonly known as 'trusts,' and that the 'lumber trust' was and is an oppressive entity."

The petition then says that responsive to public charges Congress adopted resolutions for an investigation of the lumber business. Attention is particularly called to the fact that the resolutions required that the investigation should be conducted with "the particular object" of ascertaining the existence of any combination, conspiracy, trust, agreement or contract in restraint of commerce.

The petition says further that while the effect of these resolutions was injurious to the lumber industry, the investigation was welcomed by lumber producers "who had long been restive under the loose unfounded and ignorant charges made against them," and that every assistance to the investigation was given.

"With this active and hearty cooperation of the lumber industry it was felt that the inquiry should produce early results." On the contrary, says the petition, it was not until February 13, 1911, more than four years after the passage of the resolution, that any report whatever was

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## MORROW WILL ALLOW CHANGE

### Government Engineer Explains Chamber of Commerce Must be Responsible.

Engineer F. E. Loeffe, in charge of the government harbor work here, this morning received a letter from Major Jay J. Morrow, authorizing the carrying on of the harbor work proposed by the Port Commission before its dissolution under the Chamber of Commerce on the same conditions made for the port.

However, the letter stipulates that before the work is undertaken, the money necessary for it must be placed on deposit. The merely guaranteeing the payment of it will not be sufficient to start the work. Consequently the Chamber of Commerce or Messrs. Powers, Bennett and Grimes, who have guaranteed \$7000 of the amount needed, will have to arrange for placing the money at the credit of Engineer Loeffe before work can be started on the project for widening the channel between the Cold Storage and Porter. It is expected that the dredge will complete its present work and be ready to start on the new project in about two weeks.

### Must Fix Bulkheads.

Engineer Loeffe also announced this morning that it would be necessary for the Chamber of Commerce or somebody else to strengthen the bulkhead in front of Ferndale. There is about 1000 feet of bulkhead that will have to be strengthened by guywires. The Port Commission was arranging to do this.

In case this bulkhead is not repaired, Mr. Loeffe stated it would simply be necessary for him to have the Oregon pump the dredgings back on the mud flats on the east side of the channel. He does not want to do this, he stated, but by pumping it far back on the mudflats, there will not be the danger of it getting back in the channel as quickly as if pumped in behind the weak bulkhead.

There is also a stretch of incomplete bulkheading below the stave mill in front of the Small, Coke and Chandler property which will have to be finished.

It will require considerable work to put these stretches of bulkheading in good condition and it will have to be rushed if it is to be ready when the dredge Oregon reaches there.

The following is Major Morrow's letter to Engineer Loeffe:

"Replying to your letter of March 31, 1912, relative to the widening of the channel in Coos Bay between the Cold Storage Dock and the Porter Mill Dock, I would state that this work can be undertaken under the same arrangement with the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce that existed with the Port of Coos Bay, as soon as the former body satisfies this office that they have deposited the necessary funds to defray their proportion of the dredging expenses."  
"The necessary money should be paid monthly, on your certificate, by the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, to meet proportionally the extra cost of labor and materials used to do the dredging during each month outside of the lines of the Government project. In other words, it is proposed to do the work as formerly intended, except that the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce will take the place of the non-existent Port of Coos Bay."

## SEVENTY-TWO ON BREAKWATER

### Steamer Arrives in From Portland Early Today—Will Sail Saturday.

The Breakwater arrived in this morning from Portland after a good trip down the coast. She had 72 passengers and a good cargo of miscellaneous freight. In the latter, about 200 tons were consigned to Marshfield, besides 50 tons for the C. A. Smith company, which will be unloaded at the mill dock. She also had considerable freight for North Bend and the Coquille valley.

The Breakwater will sail at 1 o'clock Saturday for Portland.

Among those arriving on the Breakwater were the following: W. Bradford, F. Davis, H. F. Oaks, C. E. Thayer, M. E. Thurston, W. H. Farthington, C. H. Freeman, P. M. Le Valley, W. W. Russe, Mrs. C. Hamlin, Geo. Rich, Mrs. J. J. Miller, J. J. Miller, P. Rollo, Gean Barber, Mrs. Graves, M. W. Garner, Geo. Hollister, C. W. Browne, Mrs. Shinn, W. B. Mack, C. C. Wintemute, A. L. Fouts, R. Bentley, J. C. Matthews, G. A. Stoner, J. R. Hamilton, H. Hunt, C. H. Johnson, O. Jeffries, May Demeritt, Frances Demeritt, Mrs. R. C. Demeritt, R. G. Dem-

## PRESIDENT TAFT OUTLINES PLAN FOR NATIONAL SAVING

### THREE KILLED IN COLLISION

#### Eighteen Others Injured When Train Crashes into Chicago Street Car.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
CHICAGO, April 4.—Three were killed and 18 injured when a Chicago & Alton train crashed into a street car filled with passengers at South Kedzie and West Thirty-seventh streets today.

### KILLS CHILD AND HERSELF

#### Long Beach Woman Thought to Have Jumped into Ocean With Boy.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONG BEACH, Calif., April 4.—Mrs. Stella Wellfare, wife of J. L. Wellfare, night engineer at the County Hospital, is believed to have committed suicide last night by jumping into the ocean and carried with her to his death her 5-year-old son, Delmas. The clothing of the woman and child were found on a pier together with a note saying, "Could not stand life any longer and could not leave my child behind."

### AMERICAN IS "NOT GUILTY"

#### Powell Roberts Freed by Mexican Rebel Courtmartial Yesterday.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

EL PASO, Tex., April 4.—Powell Roberts, the American who was arrested in Juarez and taken to Chihuahua yesterday to be tried by a rebel courtmartial on the charge of being a Maderist spy was acquitted.

### DARKNESS STOPS BATTLE

#### Neither Side Gains Advantage Near Parral.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

JIMINEZ, Mex., April 4.—Darkness interrupted the fighting between the liberals and government forces at Baca, 20 miles from Parral, last night. Neither side had any advantage. Fighting was resumed today.

eritt, Ray Demeritt, J. Ellerby, Mrs. Ellerby, L. R. Dunkall, N. Rasmussen, H. L. Stephens, Mrs. D. H. Savage, Mrs. J. N. Hutchins, A. M. Baker, Mrs. Baker, Melvin Baker, Beulah Baker, Mable Mock, Mrs. A. Nicholson, Mrs. J. Noah, W. T. Warrell, Mrs. Warrell, Mrs. T. G. Wade, F. Cleary, H. W. Lemcke, W. Thomas, Mrs. Thomas, H. G. Holden, C. A. Mead, Mrs. Mead, Vallie Pettit, C. A. Pettit, R. A. Campbell, Mrs. Campbell, E. Collins, Alice Collins, Mrs. Collins, H. P. Howard, A. S. Hammond, C. A. Rowley, A. W. Burton, Geo. Freeman, D. A. Lewis.

### WRECK AT YONCALLA

#### Southern Pacific Freight Train Ditched Near Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, Ore., April 4.—A Southern Pacific freight train was ditched near Yoncalla this afternoon and it is reported that the fireman was probably fatally scalded. But meager reports have been received from it. The wreck put all of the telegraph wires except one out of business between here and Portland.

A kiss and a smile are two things which a girl gives without thought of reward, yet for which she somehow always expects value received.

### Sends Special Message to Congress Urging Reductions in Expense.

### WASTE DUE TO TWO DOING WORK OF ONE

#### Would Have Competent Men Placed in Charge of Post-offices and Other Offices.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—President Taft submitted to Congress today a message in which he made strong recommendations bearing upon a greater efficiency and economy in the methods used in transacting the public business of the various executive departments and other governmental establishments. The President in the message stated the loss on account of "two persons being paid for doing the work that easily could be done by one," amounts to \$10,000,000 annually. "For example," he added, "it appears that very substantial economy would result in putting experienced and trained officers in charge of first and second-class postoffices instead of selecting the postmasters in accordance with the present practice." President Taft believes that if these officers were embraced in the classified service, the annual saving eventually would represent many millions of dollars.

The message stated that nearly \$62,000 could be saved annually by placing the pension agent in classified service. "Greater economy and efficiency would result from the abolition of the pension agencies," the message added.

The message stated that the field service of the general land office "could be more efficiently and economically operated if it were provided by law that the offices of receiver of the district land offices be abolished and the duties transferred to the register, assisted by a bonded clerk and register placed in the classified service."

Similar recommendation for the conduct of other departments were made by the President. The President's recommendations are based on a report of a commission appointed by him under acts of June 20, 1910, and March 3, 1911.

### CLARK NOT IN IT

#### Speaker Withdraws His Name From New Jersey Primary.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

TRENTON, N. J., April 4.—Speaker Champ Clark in a letter received by Secretary of State Carter, withdraws his name from use on the ballot in the New Jersey primary election to choose delegates to the democratic national convention. Clark does not give any reason for his action but it is believed here that his move was taken as a courtesy to Governor Wilson.

### HAWLEY FOR TAFT

#### Oregon Congressman Strongly Indorses President.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—A striking endorsement of President Taft has just been made by Representative W. C. Hawley of Oregon. Congressman Hawley has had the opportunity at Washington of observing the work of the President closely and he is well informed as to the work of the administration. Representative Hawley believes the New York primary and the Indiana convention indicate a return to sanity on the part of the American people and foreshadow a sweeping endorsement of President Taft and his administration. He predicts that the President will be nominated and re-elected. He said:

"President Taft, in my judgment, has proven to be a wise and judicious executive and legislator. The judgment of the future will be that he is one of the greatest and most patriotic of American chief executives."

### CARL MORRIS PLANS

#### Denies Report That He Has Quit Prize-Fighting Game.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 4.—Carl Morris, of Sapulpa, Okla., denied here today a report that he had abandoned pugilism to return to work. He will take a six weeks' rest and begin training again to continue his efforts to gain supremacy among the heavyweight fighters.

### NOTICE TO POCAHONTAS

All members of Sacajawea Council No. 9, Degree of Pocahontas, and visiting members are urged to be present Friday night, April 5, at Finish hall.

HANNAH REES, K. of R.  
Don't forget the Turkish Baths. PHONE 2143.