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FLOOD WATERS ARE RECEDING

Coquille River Drops Fourteen Feet at Myrtle Point Since Last Reports.

STILL USING BOATS

Trains Today Unable to Get Through From Marshfield to Coquille.

SOME MAIL GETS HERE

Part of that Due Including First Class Post Arrives at Noon Today—Worst of Storm Believed To Be Over

ONLY PART OF THE MAIL IS IN TODAY

Not all of the mail that is in Coquille destined for Coos Bay arrived on the noon train. It is thought that very close to two days mail came and there is a possibility that the remainder will come on the evening train from Coquille. None of the second class mail came in at all.

Mail for the first time in three days came through about noon today, at least the first class mail. This is the first time it has come to Coos Bay from the east since last Thursday, though the first delay was due to the snows and silver thaws in the vicinity of Portland.

The Coquille river has continued to fall. The early train went only as far as Coquille, the same as yesterday morning, and passengers and mail were transferred aboard a boat for Coquille. The return later in the day, was made in the same way and the train that usually leaves here at 10:45 did not go until 2:30 p. m. and will be back from Coquille about five p. m. There is a slight possibility that tomorrow the train will be able to get all the way through to Coquille, but not to Myrtle Point for several days.

Big Drop Reported It was reported that the river dropped some 14 feet at Myrtle Point below the mark of yesterday. At Coquille the drop was not so much, due to the fact that there the water spreads out over the surrounding country and also the tides from the ocean delay the out go.

John C. Kendall returned last evening from Powers, via Myrtle Point and Coquille. He said that the raise in the river started Sunday morning at Powers and came up 35 feet by the next day.

He took the last train, Sunday evening, to Coquille, and the next morning went down the river with Sheriff Johnson, to Lampa Creek where the camp of the Conlogue brothers was to have been sold on account of a judgment secured by the Moore Lumber company. The sale was postponed.

Rises Over Tracks At Lampa a special handcar met Kendall and the sheriff and via the strongarm method they worked their way to the camp. On the return the next day the water had risen three feet.

Because the hand car leaked and lacked boatlike propensities the returning pilgrims went over a little mountain like the proverbial bear and went back to Coquille.

The entire countryside was flooded. Logs and trees went floating gaily down to the ocean and ever and anon a shed or a piece of fence came swirling by.

Hard to Get Mail Through This morning there was considerable trouble experienced in getting the mail from the motor boat to the train. The water had receded about 21 inches at Coquille and all the mail had to be packed quite a distance.

Report Some Difficulty There was considerable comment because the railroad had not brought the mail through when it was possible to get back and forth to the train for the last two days. One passenger declared that the officials refused to pay the charge asked by the boatman and that some of the mail was actually brought as far as the train yesterday and then taken

CREEK IS SWOLLEN

PASSENGERS HAVE EXCITING TRIP ACROSS TEN MILE

One of Horses Flounders and Comes Close to Drowning—Wagon Stalled in Midstream

Ten Mile creek was a torrent today, so high and swift that it was impossible for autos to ford the stream. Several passengers with their baggage, aboard the wagon that makes the crossing, were stalled in midstream when one of the horses lost its footing and fell. Several of the men waded ashore with the water to their waists.

George Larrison, Harry Folsom and C. W. Cumbers were among the incoming passengers. They got into the wagon on the north side of the creek. The water was very swift and the team floundered.

It was at this juncture that the drivers hastily unhooked one of the animals to keep it from drowning. A long rope was made fast to the end of the tongue and attached to the team, giving them a better chance to pull, the wagon was drawn out of the sand into which it had been slowly sinking.

Most of the baggage was carried ashore by the auto drivers wading waist deep in the stream. Larrison also jumped overboard and came ashore in this manner landing here dripping wet.

back to Coquille. Supt. Miller was in Coquille today and it was impossible to get his version of the controversy.

Basement Was Flooded Carl Evertsen, who lives on Tenth and Commercial, said that never did he have water in his basement until Monday morning. His house is built on high ground. The water came in suddenly and to the depth of two feet.

There was considerable furniture and other valuable articles stored there and before the water was discovered much of it had been injured to a great extent. Mr. Evertsen said that the water left as suddenly as it came and it's a mystery to him how it all happened.

Hen Rode on Log

Passengers aboard one of the river boats coming up from Coquille spotted a saw log coming down stream toward them. There was nothing strange about this, however, for there were several logs coming down. But high and dry, riding gracefully down to the sea, stood a little brown hen.

As far down the river as they could see, until the turn, the passengers could see that little brown hen still sticking on the log.

BIG FARE CHARGED

Charge \$1.50 on Boat After Leaving The Train

Wallington in all his glory truly had no better means of getting rich than had the enterprising boatman who put his launch on the run between Coquille and Beaver Slough, taking passengers to and from the train at \$1.50 a head. The fare to Coquille from here via train is 70 cents.

J. C. Kendall essayed the trip last night. J. C. is of an inquisitive turn of mind. "Capt." he called. "I don't see why you need a big husky man aboard here for crew in addition to yourself."

The skipper murmured something about needing help. By this time the boat was out in the whirling stream and it was impossible to get out and walk. The big husky got up and began collecting fares.

J. C.'s question had been answered. The setting was great. He could imagine a skull and cross bones fluttering at the forepeak of the craft. "Say," as he handed over the three hard earned four bit pieces, "you're not fixed for this, are you?"

The ticket collector paused. "What you mean not fixed?" "Why, look here man—you ought to have a little black mask over your face and a bit of lead pipe in your hand."

The skipper and the crew squirmed uneasily, then up spoke Horatious. "Say—what cha' givin' us? It 'ud be worse than this if you had us in a corner."

ALBANY—Rev. Robert J. Diven has accepted a call to the pastorate of Grace Presbyterian church in this city and will arrive in two weeks to assume his duties.

MAID IS GIVEN FLOOD VICTIMS

Many Refugees in Arkansas Are Homeless and Need Fuel and Food.

MANY IN DISTRESS

Many in the Inundated Basin Have Been Driven From Their Homes.

STEAMER TAKES SUPPLIES

Reaches People at Redford, Douglas, Watson and Other Towns—Business at Arkansas City, Virtually Suspended.

MELTING SNOW MAY CAUSE SOME TROUBLE

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 9.—The temperature in Seattle today was 45 and rising. The Northern Pacific and the Milwaukee roads are not yet affected by the rising temperature. The danger is now from melting snow in the mountains.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 9.—

Relief work among the refugees of the flood continued in earnest today when a steamer loaded with supplies left to distribute food and fuel among 2000 or more destitute persons at Pendleton, Redford, Douglas, Watson and other towns in the inundated basin. Business in Arkansas City is virtually suspended, few merchants continuing business from the second story of their buildings.

WATER IS HIGHER

WILLAMETTE RISING AT RATE OF INCH AN HOUR

Is Expected to be Seventeen Feet Above Low Water Mark by Tomorrow

PORTLAND, Feb. 9.—Rising at the rate of an inch an hour the Willamette river at Portland will reach the stage of 17 feet above the low water mark tomorrow and 17.5 feet Friday, according to a special bulletin of the weather forecaster.

Three log rafts and two rafts of smaller timbers in the upper harbor were torn from their moorings this morning and went crashing toward the Columbia.

The river at noon here reached the 15.5 foot stage and several docks are inundated.

NOAH HAD HIS ARK

Moreover He Rescued His Family With It In Flood

Yesterday it was stated that Noah was without his ark in this flood, referring to Ed Noah of Coos River whose farm was under water. Mr. Noah was in the city today and he says the ark was there all right and did good work. His son Ivy Noah runs a gasoline boat and it came in good. When it was seen that the water was going to rise high enough to get into the first story of the house the furniture was moved up out of the way and Mr. Noah put his wife and daughter and the organ into the boat and went to a neighbors. It took them half an hour to make the distance of half a mile. The cattle were all taken around so they reached the foot hills and were out of danger. Mr. Noah and his son then went back to the house, moved a stove up to the second story and put the chimney out through a window and took turns watching.

No great damage was done and the family did not suffer any further than the inconvenience.

Mr. Noah said that coming down the river this morning he saw a good deal of drift wood piled up on some of the farms but he did not think that any of the ranchers were badly damaged.

EUGENE—Between 75 and 100 new students are expected to enroll at the beginning of the new semester at the State University.

TRAIN DERAILED

GREAT NORTHERN HAS ACCIDENT BUT NONE HURT

Passenger No. One Was Making a Detour Over North Bank Tracks

PORTLAND, Oreg., Feb. 9.—Great Northern Passenger No. 1, which was being detoured over the North Bank, was derailed two miles east of Grand Dalles, Wash., today. No one was hurt. The regular conductor, Richard Harrington, refused last night to take the train out of Spokane without a pilot conductor furnished by the North Bank. Harrington was in charge of the train which was wrecked at Wellington five years ago and also the train wrecked by a slide at Corea last month.

VESSEL IS SAFE

BRITISH LINER ORISSA IS AT CAPE VERDE ISLANDS

Anxiety Felt in Marine Circles Because Believed Caught by German Raiders

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Anxiety in marine circles inspired by the reports that the British liner Orissa had fallen a victim to a German raider, was relieved in a measure today by receipt of information that the Orissa had touched at St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, Jan. 24.

MINERS OPPOSED

AGAINST CONSCRIPTION BEING ENFORCED IN ENGLAND.

Resolution Passed at Conference Held Today at Lancaster Opposing Measure

LANCASTER, Eng., Feb. 9.—At the miners' conference here the following resolution was adopted: "This conference expresses its opposition to the spirit of conscription and determination to exercise a vigilant scrutiny of any proposed extension of the military service act."

EXPECT TO SETTLE

AGREEMENT IN LUSITANIA CASE SOON IS LIKELY

Diplomats Are Now Arguing Over the Wording of Some of the Paragraphs

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—One of the changes in the Lusitania agreement suggested by Secretary Lansing to Ambassador von Bernstorff, it became known today, is the substitution of the words "Recognizes liability" for the words "assumes liability", which were employed in the tentative draft. The final agreement is expected in a few days.

Nearly In Accord It is understood that upon this change and others described also as minor, is based the expressed view of high officials that the two governments are "substantially in accord" although not wholly so. It is not believed here Berlin will hesitate to accept the suggestion.

SERBIANS ATTACK

KILL MANY AUSTRIANS AND ALBANIANS IN FIGHT

Deliver Blow Against Pursuers When Army in Making Its Retreat

CORFU, Feb. 9.—A Serbian official statement today says that on Feb. 2 during the retreat southward from Alessio of the Serbian troops, a night attack was delivered on the pursuing Austro-Hungarian forces who were aided by Albanian bands and the latter were put to flight after many were killed. The Austrians continue to advance on Durazzo.

EUGENE—Nicolle Brothers of Eugene have a contract for logging the timber owned by the Lamm Lumber Co. at Klamath Falls, the deal including the handling of approximately 30,000,000 feet of logs.

REPORT BATTLE NEAR BERMUDA

New York Paper Says German Warship Roon Has Been Captured.

FIGHT FOR HOURS

Claimed to Be the Vessel Which Took the Liner Appam as Prize.

DRAKE IS THE WINNER

Message Says British Boat Has the Roon in Tow—Two Merchantmen and 700 Men Taken at Same Time

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The Evening Globe prints a story that the German warship Roon, alleged to be the captor of the Appam, has been captured by the British armored cruiser Drake after a three hour fight 200 miles east and northeast of Bermuda. The Drake then seized two merchantmen flying the German flag, one of which was armed.

The story is contained in a message which the Globe states it received in code from a reliable source in Bermuda. The message reads: "The Drake arrived here today towing the Roon. Drake took her 200 knots east and northeast of Bermuda in a three hours running fight. We lost Danforth and 18 men. She struck as we came aboard. Two merchantmen were with her. One was armed. We took both and brought them here."

"Seagrave, on sighting the Roon, said: 'Please God I will now avenge Craddock.' The Roon was badly knocked about. Thirty-two officers and 719 men were taken in the three prizes."

On the Good Hope Seagrave mentioned in the message is supposed to be Captain Seagrave, who was with Admiral Craddock when the latter went down with the flagship Good Hope.

DENIES CHARGE

STATEMENT MADE TO NATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Boston Man Says Americans Are Not Trying to Make Money of Europe's Agony

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—At today's session of the annual convention of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Edward A. Piene, of Boston, declared that the chamber's recent referendum approving the proposal that this country take the initiative in the establishment of international court to settle the disputes of nations has "effectively given the lie to the charge that the chief interest of American business men in the war is to coin the agony of Europe into increased dividends."

DISCUSS BRANDEIS

SENATE TAKES UP SUPREME JUSTICE NOMINATION

Testimony Given to Show His Position As Attorney for the Eastern Railroads

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—Investigation of President Wilson's nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the Supreme Court bench was begun today by the senate sub committee, which first heard Clifford Thorne, chairman of the Iowa board of railroad Commissioners who was associated with Brandeis in the fight against giving the eastern railroads an increase of freight rates.

Thorne charged that Brandeis, as attorney appearing for the shippers, conceded that rate returns to the railroads were inadequate and inconsistent with the prosperity of the railroads and the welfare of the public.

Makes Serious Charge "I believe the nominee before this committee was guilty of infidelity, of breach of faith and of unprofessional conduct in one of the greatest cases of this generation" said Thorne.

PERSIANS IN FIGHT

CAUSE SEVERE DEFEAT FOR THE RUSSIAN FORCES

Recapture a City and Cause the Enemy to Retreat from Position in Disorder

BERLIN, Feb. 9. (Wireless to Sayville)—Constantinople reports state that the Russian forces in Persia met with severe defeat at the hands of Persian tribesmen and that they retreated in disorder. The Persians were under the command of Haidar Bey. They attacked the Russians near Sandshuk, which they recaptured.

CAPTURE BRITISH

ANOTHER GROUP OF SOLDIERS TAKEN BY THE TURKS

They Are Moved to Mosul, a Place Located Northwest of Bagdad

BERLIN, Feb. 9.—(Wireless to Sayville)—Constantinople advices say another group of British prisoners was captured by the Turks in the fighting at Esin, on the Tigris below Kut-el-Amara. They have been taken to Mosul, northwest of Bagdad.

QUIET IN THE EAST

THE GERMANS ONLY HOLDING THEIR OWN

Belief Is They Will Direct More of Strength in the Western Front

PETROGRAD, Feb. 9.—The lull which extends over the whole Russian front with the exception of recapture of important artillery, nation of the recent transfer of large aeroplanes and mining warfare on the Dvinsk-Riga line, and the infor bodies of German troops to the westward, are taken by the Russian authorities as an indication that the Germans are content for the present with holding their own in Bukovina and the northern sector, and are again preparing to apply the greater part of their strength on the western front.

CONSUL IS INDICTED

GERMAN ACCUSED OF CONNECTION WITH CROWLEY PLOT

Turkish Consul General Is Also Charged Among a Number of Others

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—German Consul General Bopp was indicted in San Francisco by the federal grand jury today in connection with the so-called Crowley plot to blow up munition plants and interfere with interstate commerce in the munitions of war, according to a report received by the department of justice. Twenty indictments were returned also in the steamer Sacramento case. The consul General of Turkey was among those indicted.

FAVOR THE TREATY

SENATE COMMITTEE ACTS ON THE HAITIEN MATTER

Provides for a Protectorate Over the Republic by the United States

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—The senate committee on foreign relations today ordered reported to the senate with recommendation the Haitien treaty providing a financial protectorate over the republic by the United States. There was no dissenting vote.

HUGHES OPPOSED

EVIDENTLY IS NOT CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

Objects to Use of His Name on Instruction of Delegates in His Interest

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—Representative Stemp, chairman of the Virginia republican committee today made public a letter from Justice Hughes declaring as follows: "I am totally opposed to the use of my name in the connection of a presidential nomination and the selection or instruction of any delegates in my interest."

ZEPPELINS RAID

COAST OF KENT

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Two German Zeppelins raided the coast of Kent today, dropping several bombs. No casualties are reported.

BEGIN WORK ON THE ARMY BILL

House Committee Begins An Executive Session for the Purpose Today.

EDUCATORS THERE

Presidents of Several Institutions Object to the Preparation for War.

WARNING IS SOUNDED

Congress Is Counselled to Move Slowly in Entering a Military Policy Regarded As Against the American Ideas

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—The House military committee began an executive session today to draft the army bill, after hearing delegation from the Society of Friends, headed by William S. Hull of Swathmore College, which told the committee war and preparation for war were morally wrong in their views.

President Swain of Swathmore college said he favored keeping armaments as they are at present.

Presidena Sharpless of Haverford college counseled congress to move slowly in entering a military policy which he thought at variance with American ideals.

No Pay for War

Walter Fisher, former secretary of the interior declared himself not a peace at any price advocate, but said: "There are some prices we should not pay for peace, but we should pay nothing for war."

TALKING OF PEACE

PROPOSALS REPORTED PRESENTED TO BELGIUM

Suggestions Made By the Germans Are Said to Have Been Refused.

ROME, Feb. 9.—The Giornale D'Italy states that Monsignor Tacca Porcellio, the papal nuncio to Belgium, presented to Belgium and German proposals for separate peace. Whether he was authorized to do so by the vatican, says the paper, is not ascertained.

The paper alleges that Germany offered to restore Belgium and pay an indemnity and asked in return economical and commercial privileges which would practically transform Antwerp into a German center of traffic. Belgium is said to have refused.

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PASSES SENATE

FAVOR MAKING \$600,000 Available for Navy Yards

Also Passes Bill Increasing Entrance to Naval Academy by Three Hundred

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—The senate today passed a resolution making \$600,000 available for the equipping of Mare Island and New York navy yards and a bill increasing by 300 the entrance class at Annapolis. It will now go to the president for approval.

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