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CITY PLUNGED IN DARKNESS

Flood Situation in Puget Sound Country Continues in Same Condition.

TWO MEN WERE DROWNED

Train Service Discontinued Into Olympia and Electric Light and Power House Is Flooded.

SEATTLE, Jan. 5.—The flood situation south of Seattle does not seem to be greatly improved this morning. Only the most meager particulars from the various points have been received. The first casualties as a result of the rising of the water are reported from O'Brien, on the Northern Pacific between Seattle and Tacoma. There the water is six or eight feet high, and last night it was rushing past the houses with the swiftness of a mountain current. Two men, Martin Cummings and F. Shaughnessy, were in a boat rescuing people from second-story windows, and on one of the trips the boat capsized and Cummings and Shaughnessy were both drowned.

From Orilla comes the news that the water has receded about six inches, but that half of the town is still indoors or compelled to go about in boats. Many head of cattle are imprisoned in barns standing in two and three feet of water.

No trains are running through the flooded district, the Northern Pacific this morning making no effort to resume operations between this city and Tacoma.

A special to the Times from Olympia says:

The train service to this city yesterday was entirely discontinued until 7 o'clock in the evening, when a local train from Tacoma made the round trip, bringing the mail. The wagon and railroad bridge across Nesqually river were in a dangerous condition, but it is thought they will be saved, as the flood is subsiding. No train has reached here from Portland since Friday.

Deschutes river is raging and the highest volume of water is pouring over the falls known in years. The city was in total darkness Saturday and Sunday nights, owing to the flooding of the electric light and power house at Turnwater. At 11 o'clock last night the lights were again burning in part of the town, but the streetcars are not yet running.

The greatest loss by the flood has been the bottling works belonging to the brewing company, wrecked Friday night and damaged to the extent of \$200,000. Fine weather today will probably avert any further calamities.

FLOOD IS RECEDING.

Trains are Gradually Resuming Regular Runs.

SEATTLE, Jan. 5.—The flood is receding in the valley near Seattle. Floods have shut off the milk supply of the city necessitating the use of canned milk. The Great Northern line, which has only been open two hours since the week ending last Thursday, is clear and the first overland trains left tonight for the east. The Northern Pacific, whose trans-continental tracks are hopelessly blocked between Tacoma and Ellensburg will use the Great Northern tracks until its own are opened.

All coast lines cleared in a temporary way and traffic was resumed today.

BIRD S. COLER IN CHICAGO.

He and Others Propose to Invest in Texas.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Bird S. Coler, former controller of New York City and candidate for governor at the last election, arrived in Chicago last night with R. W. Jones, vice-president of the Seventh National bank of New York. They came to meet M. P. Hilliard, cashier of the Mechanics National bank of St. Louis, and Isaac H. Kemper of Galveston, Tex., who is also a banker, to discuss proposed investments in Texas. Mr. Coler will leave for New York tonight.

WILL PETITION PARLIAMENT

To Remove Regulations That Now Govern Automobiling.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Representatives of the British Automobile club are inspecting the roads in Ireland with a view to a race for the James Gordon Bennett cup, cables the Tribune's London correspondent. Parliament may be asked to pass an act which shall

suspend the 12 miles an hour limit as regards certain roads during certain hours of a specific day, but this step will not be taken until a sparsely inhabited and otherwise suitable country has been found, on which the race could be run with the hearty concurrence of the authorities and inhabitants.

The event is exciting great interest in the automobile world and challenges have been received from America, France and Germany.

PIERCE BATTLE REPORTED.

Revolutionists Said to Be Advancing on Venezuela's Capital.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—According to the Herald's correspondent in Willemstad, the revolutionists are advancing in three columns on General Castro's army.

A desperate fight occurred Saturday night within eight miles of the city of Caracas, resulting favorably to the revolutionists. They are cutting off the telegraph wires, tearing up the railroad tracks and are hourly expected in the immediate vicinity of the city. A condition of extreme panic prevails among those who have hitherto believed that Castro was invincible.

A committee of the most prominent citizens has gone to President Castro and made representations of how hopelessly untenable is his position. But he insists on holding on until his forces are defeated in a decisive battle. It seems that this cannot be far distant. President Castro is already planning what he shall do when the inevitable comes, but he will make a desperate fight before quitting, as he has no chance to escape. The only alternative is imprisonment.

The correspondent adds that no attempt is now being made by the allies to conceal the fact that they are affording assistance to the revolutionists.

LATELY—A dispatch from Caracas has been received saying there is no truth in the report that the government forces have been defeated by revolutionists.

COMPLAIN OF BLOCKADERS.

Steamer Alleged to Be Entitled a Landing Stopped by Powers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—A protest has been sent to Secretary Hay complaining of the treatment accorded the Red D. Line steamer Caracas by the blockading powers at La Guayra.

The Caracas arrived here today and the owners of the cargo which was not discharged at La Guayra declared they would seek indemnity through the United States government. The contention of the steamship line is that the Caracas had cleared from this port before the blockade had been declared and should have been allowed to land her cargo at La Guayra.

FINANCIAL PANIC ARRESTED.

Agreement Reached Between Traders That Eases Matters.

CARACAS, Jan. 5.—The financial panic here has been momentarily arrested by an agreement between the leading traders of Caracas, La Guayra, Valencia and Puerto Cabello and the bank of Venezuela. The traders have agreed to accept bank notes in payment of all accounts. The run on the bank has ceased.

Fourteen hundred revolutionists attacked 800 government troops Sunday morning near Guatire. After four hours fighting the revolutionists abandoned the field and the town of Guatire. They had 57 killed and many wounded. One of their guns was captured. About 1500 revolutionists are reported marching on Caracas.

MARVELOUS ESCAPE FROM DEATH BY EIGHT MEN.

Machine Exploded and Huge Fragments Were Scattered About—None Were Injured.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—An electric machine which has just been put in place at the Yale and Towne works here burst while being tested yesterday, says a dispatch to the Tribune. The dynamo was making 3000 revolutions a minute at the time. It had been running at top speed for 10 minutes when the accident occurred.

There were six or eight men in the room and huge fragments of the machine, some of them weighing from 200 to 300 pounds, were scattered among them, but save for a rent in the trousers of one they were untouched. The windows and woodwork of the room were badly damaged.

The machine was to supply the works with power, and until it is replaced, operations will be practically at a standstill. The accident means a loss of many thousands of dollars.

JEFFRIES-CORBETT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—Hayes Valley Athletic club tonight announced that it would offer \$20,000 for a 20-round contest between Corbett and Jeffries.

OFFICE MAY BE OPENED

So Says Senator McLaurin, but Postmaster-General Payne, Makes Proviso.

MUST REINSTATE MRS. COX

Southerners Will Not Tolerate Colored Postmistress—Unfortunate Woman May Meet Violence.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Senator McLaurin of Mississippi today conferred with Postmaster-General Payne on the situation at Indianola, Miss., where the postoffice has been closed as a result of antagonism to the negro postmaster. Senator McLaurin stated that he believed the office would be reopened this week.

Mr. Payne said that the office will be reopened if there is no intimidation of the postmaster.

INDIANOLA, Miss., Jan. 5.—There can be no mistaking the fact that a large portion of the community is considerably wrought up over the action of the government in closing the postoffice here. The partial paralysis to business is being felt more and more. Today a private office was established for the distribution of mail collected by an independent messenger service from Heathman and Greenville. Both of these postoffices are being congested with mail as the result of the closing of this office. The independent office here will be maintained at the expense of the citizens.

No serious trouble is anticipated by the more conservative people, but precautions have been taken by both the city and county officials to deputize a sufficient complement of men should the occasion demand. Postoffice inspectors are here checking up the accounts of the abandoned office. A large number of people publicly aver that they will not accept the negro woman as postmaster under and circumstances, despite the inconvenience which is being suffered. An authorized statement from the mayor says that conditions are such that he would not advise Mrs. Cox to open the postoffice. The mayor further stated that if the situation at any time showed that the woman's life, liberty or property were in jeopardy he would swear in sufficient number of men to afford her ample protection.

The undercurrent of excitement extends to surrounding towns. A large number of strangers are here, and more are arriving on every train.

SPASAM IN LOUISIANA.

White Citizens Threaten Colored Mail Carrier With Death.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Postmaster-General Payne received information today that a posse of white citizens at Bouef River, La., last night ordered Chas. Jackson, a negro mail carrier not to return with mail on his route and threatened him with death in case he did not heed the injunction. The reason given by the posse was the color of the carrier.

Postmaster Inspector Peters has been detached to make a thorough investigation.

QUIETLY MARRIED.

Portland Lady and Frisco Man Surprise Their Friends.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—James C. Dunphy of this city and Mrs. Edith Silverstone of Portland, Ore., have given their friends and families a surprise by announcing that they had been quietly married on Friday evening. Mr. Dunphy is the son of the late William Dunphy, the cattle king.

Mrs. Silverstone was formerly the wife of Judge J. Silverstone of Portland, and is the mother of the late Daniel W. Folsom, a well-known resident of Pluma county.

GERMANY IN SHIPBUILDING.

Progressing Much Better Than in Former Years.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Germany, according to the Tribune's correspondent in London, is steadily making progress as a shipbuilding nation. In ceasing to take British materials the German builders for a time lost money, but the tremendous impetus which the shipbuilding industry has received since 1895, largely owing to the influence of the emperor, has made these temporary losses good and both the iron and shipbuilding trades are equal to more than has yet been done in the country.

At present, however, Germany is

heavily handicapped by the fact that the iron making centers are far from the seacoast, and a much closer alliance between the shipbuilders and iron making industries will have to be effected before she can hope to compete seriously with Great Britain. The German shipbuilding yards were very active during 1902, but the tendency to immensely increase the productive capacity of establishments, which characterized other industries, was not noticeable to any extent. This probably accounted for the absence in the trade of the stagnation so general in Germany at the present time.

PREMIER SAGASTA IS DEAD.

Man Who Steered Spain Through Many Troubles Died Suddenly Yesterday.

MADRID, Spain, Jan. 5.—Premier Sagasta, who retired from office a few weeks ago, died suddenly today.

BIG FIGHT WILL COME OFF.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Dal Hawkins, the California pugilist, will sail for England on Wednesday to prepare for his battle with Faber White, one of the best featherweight pugilists of Great Britain.

In White the American will meet one of the cleverest boxers ever developed in England. White has met all the best men in his class and fought them all.

NEWSPAPER AT SEA.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—According to the Daily Telegraph contracts have been completed to start a daily paper, to be supplied with news by Marconi system of wireless telegraphy, on board British liners running between Liverpool and New York.

NO USE FOR TOY PISTOLS.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 5.—Two bills were introduced in the state legislature today to prevent the sale of toy pistols.

LA FOLLETTE INAUGURATED.

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 5.—Governor La Follette was inaugurated for his second term today.

COAL TARIFF IS DISCUSSED

Senators Reassemble and Make Fuel Question Theme of the Session.

FACTORIES WILL BE CLOSED

Senator Jones Makes Statement Which Causes Resentment Among Mr. Knox' Adherents.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—When the senate reconvened today after the holiday recess few of the senators were absent. Almost immediately a discussion began regarding the coal situation.

Lodge pronounced his introduction of the bill suspending for 90 days the duty on coal with the statement that in New England there was much distress owing to the scarcity of coal, and that unless relief was afforded at once a number of factories would have to shut down. Cullerson followed with a resolution providing for the removal of the duty on anthracite coal, and asked its immediate consideration. Platt of Connecticut objected, stating that it was the understanding that there was no duty on anthracite coal. Vest took exception to this statement and said that the board of general appraisers and President Roosevelt had decided that such a duty is imposed. Vest also introduced a resolution on the subject.

Another resolution bearing on the subject of coal was introduced by Jones of Arkansas regarding the charges of W. R. Hearst that there was illegal combination among certain railroads to control shipments of anthracite coal and called on the attorney-general for evidence, which it was alleged had been secured by him. It caused a lively debate, in which several republican senators vigorously resented what they thought was a reflection on the attorney-general. The resolution went over, being displaced by the omnibus statehood bill.

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