

DANGER FROM FLOOD AT PITTSBURG PASSED, WATER RECEDING SLOWLY

Marked Rise of Both Rivers Yesterday That Kept Up Until Five O'Clock in the Evening When Fall Began.

Actual Damage Will Not Exceed Half Million Dollars, but the Loss to Manufacturers and Employes Through Shut-Down Brings Total to a Round Million--No Loss of Life Is as Yet Reported to the Authorities.

Pittsburg, Jan. 23.—The flood danger at this point has passed. Both rivers continued to rise until 5 o'clock this afternoon, when 36 feet and one tenth was registered at the Menongahela wharf. From that hour on, the water receded slowly, until at 10 o'clock, the gauge registered 23 feet and stationary. Temperature is lower and light snow is falling.

The actual damage done in Pittsburg will probably not exceed half a million dollars. To this amount, however, must be added the loss to manufacturers and mills through a forced shut down and to workmen through suspended wages which will run to a total close to the million mark. No loss of life has been reported.

LOWER HOUSE CONSIDERS APPROPRIATION MEASURE

Washington, Jan. 23.—The house devoted the entire day to a consideration of the army appropriation bill in the committee of the whole. Robinson, democrat of Independent, Ohio, took occasion to criticize the war department for expenditures made by the bureau ordinance and fortifications in connection with the Langley airship. Only 12 of the 41 pages of the bill had been read for amendment when the house adjourned.

Provision in the bill for the construction of a submarine cable from Sitka to Fort Liscomb, Alaska, went out on a point of order.

A spirited discussion was precipitated by Hemenway, chairman of the appropriation committee, who proposed a limitation on purchase books and periodicals for the army. The amendment finally prevailed, providing for the purchase of technical and professional works only.

A resolution calling upon the secre-

tary of the navy for information as to the number of carriages maintained at government expense for the use of his department, was adopted.

Police Detectives Released.

Los Angeles, Jan. 23.—Police detectives Hawley, Murphy and Cowen, held on the charge of manslaughter for killing Joseph and Louis Cholsan, father and son, at the Hotel Broxburn, in this city, December 17, were today ordered released by Justice Chambers who exonerated the men for the killing. An attempt was made to hold the detectives for shooting on the ground of insufficient warrant for arrest.

Persia Notables Arrive.

San Francisco, Jan. 23.—His Highness Mirza Ali Asgar Khan, prime minister of Persia, accompanied by his son, Mirza Ahmad Khan, and Mehdi Quoli Khan, vice-minister of education arrived here today on the steamer Korea. They leave for the east tomorrow morning.

Chinese Seek Culture.

New York, Jan. 23.—A party of 24 Chinese will soon arrive here, says a Times dispatch from Honolulu, for a course of instruction in the liberal arts and in order to study trades and handicrafts practiced in their native land.

Buoyant Tone of Markets.

New York, Jan. 23.—Increased activity and strength have developed both in the bond and stock markets this week. The lifting of the war cloud in the far east has relieved the market from a reprehensive influence. The piling up of bank reserves in New York has relieved all apprehensions of the ability to meet requirements, better sentiment over the iron and steel trade and satisfaction with the terms on

which the country's staple crops are being marketed have encouraged a demand for securities. The development of aggressive and powerful professional leadership on the bull side of the market has driven a large short interest to cover and helped the buoyant tone of the market.

Government is Recognized.

Washington, Jan. 23.—United States Minister Powell has cabled the state department that he has recognized the provisional government of General Morales and that Puerto Plata is now in the government's possession. The recognition took place on the 20th inst.

Corporal Punishment Limited.

New York, Jan. 23.—A new law relating to the penalties which can be inflicted by the cantonal or peasants, courts limits the application of corporal punishment, according to a Russian correspondent of the Times. Men and women over 35 years old, persons educated at district schools or other schools of equal standing and persons who have been for three years in the public service, are no longer liable to be whipped.

Only a Few Russians Killed.

New York, Jan. 23.—The town is quiet except for a few murders of Russians by Chinese bandits and several suspicious fire, cables the Herald's Port Arthur correspondent. At Harbin there are 10 murders weekly and the streets are unsafe at night.

Coinage Discussion Closed.

Manila, Jan. 23.—The public discussion on the supplemental coinage act has been closed. It is probable that immediate action will be taken by the commission to extend the time until September next before imposing the tax penalizing the Mexican and Spanish-Pilipino currencies.

Engine Ditches, Killing Two.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 23.—Locomotive Engineer Landner and Fireman Elmsley, both of Revelstoke, were killed last night toward the bottom of a big hill on the Canadian Pacific railway. The weather was very cold and the tracks slippery with frost. In some unknown way the locomotive got beyond control of the engineer and the train ran away. The locomotive jumped the track and all the cars were derailed.

To Elaborate Peasant Laws.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—An imperial ukase ordering the assembling of government conferences under the presidency of the governors of the various provinces in order to elaborate the new peasant laws, monopolized the attention here, relegating the far eastern crisis to a secondary place. The press enthusiastically hails the proposed reforms which are based on a manifesto of March 11, 1903.

Shooting Tournament.

Pendleton Ore., Jan. 23.—H. J. Stillman, of Pendleton is the winner of the shooting championship of the north west, by making the highest average for two days tournament. Average 90.75; Ware, of Spokane, second, 90.25. The others making good averages are Forbes, of Spokane 89; Hellehan, or Wallace, 88; Ganes, of Spokane 86; Peck, of Walla Walla 82. The highest general average of squads was won by Spokane team, 87.50; Pendleton squad, second, 85.

No Answer to Note.

Tokio, Jan. 23.—The answer to the last Japan note by Russia has not been received.

REPUBLICANS GET TOGETHER.

Cowlitz County Leaders Settle All Their Past Differences.

Kalama, Jan. 23.—(Special)—Cowlitz county republicans held a "love feast" here Wednesday and patched up their affairs so there will be no friction at the convention. In the year 1902 the republicans of this county refused to pull together, so consequently pulled themselves apart. One faction, known as the "Ross" faction, was led by E. W. Ross, of Castle Rock, attorney for the railroad company. The other faction known as the "Magill" faction, stood staunchly by Governor McBride.

They now congratulate themselves upon being again united. They will continue to act in the good old republican way and at the coming convention it will be "a long pull and a strong pull" for Cowlitz county.

HUNDREDS ESCAPE BY ELEVATORS

Chicago Fire That Throws Into a Panic Occupants of Twenty Story Building--Frightened Women Faint.

With the Iroquois Disaster Fresh in Their Minds People Become Frantic.

MASONIC HOME PARTLY BURNS

Bravery of Elevator Men Avert an Awful Catastrophe--Fire Extinguished by Prompt Action.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—A fire in the 20-story Masonic temple today caused a panic among 4600 occupants of the building, and damaged the stock and fixtures of the tenants to the extent of \$20,000. All occupants of the building escaped without serious injury through the bravery of the elevator men, who remained at their posts operating their cars while dense clouds of smoke filled the building. The fire broke out in a suite of five rooms on the fifth floor, occupied by Robert Friedlander and Company, manufacturers of an X-ray apparatus. A lighter match, carelessly thrown by an employe into a pile of excelsior in the packing room is believed to have started the fire.

Thousands of occupants of the building, with the memory of the Iroquois theater holocaust fresh in their minds, were alarmed when clouds of smoke filled every floor and rushed to the elevators. Many women fainted in the scramble but none was seriously injured. The building was emptied within half an hour.

That damage to property and individuals was not greater, was probably due largely to the efficiency of the fire drill of employes. When the great bell at the top of the rotunda sounded the alarm of fire, every janitor, engineer and fireman in the building responded, and long before the fire department had reached the stone temple, the fire brigade had attached a hose to the standpipes which extend from the basement to the roof of the structure, turned upon the conflagration by the volunteer firemen. The fire department used but little of its hose, the building's equipment being called into use.

Killed By Unfriendly Moros.

Manila, Jan. 23.—A report has been received from Mindanao to the effect that Lieutenant Campbell W. Flake had been killed and that Lieutenant William F. Roberts and Private Foy had been badly wounded when out on a scouting expedition against unfriendly moros. All of the men belonged to the Twenty second infantry.

New Wage Scale Granted.

New York, Jan. 23.—Five manufacturers employing 2000 cloakmakers have granted demands for a new wage scale without a strike. For the last three years there have been two strikes seasons for the cloakmakers, one in the summer and one in the winter. One of them will be averted this year by the action of the manufacturers.

Cheers For the Fourteenth.

New York, Jan. 23.—Not long ago General Horatio King of Brooklyn, called on President Roosevelt and in the course of the conversation, he proudly informed the president that he had 13 grandchildren. On Monday the fourteenth grandchild arrived and General King notified President Roosevelt, who has just replied: "My dear General King—Three cheers for you and especially for the mother of the youngest grandchild. Sincerely yours, THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Responsibility is Placed.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Upon the management and builders of the Iroquois theater has been placed the responsibility for the fire horror, according to the report rendered to Mayor Harrison by Fire Chief Musham today. No

criticism is made of the building department, although several violations of the building ordinances are noted. Between there and four hundred relatives of the victims of the fire, at a meeting today began permanent organization of the Iroquois Memorial Association, which has for its chief object the erection of a monument to the memory of the persons who lost their lives in the holocaust. A proposal to build a towering building, of absolutely fire proof material, upon the site of the theater ruins is decided upon.

Lower Court Sustained.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 23.—In the appeal of the Boston and Montana Mining Company from the decision of the lower court awarding J. J. McHatton and other lawyers \$50,000 as attorney's fees in the Boston and Montana receivership case, the supreme court today dismissed the appeal and affirmed the judgment of the lower court.

Prepares to Mard Troops.

Paris, Jan. 23.—The Matin states, according to reliable news it has obtained, that the Japanese government is preparing to land four divisions of troops in Korea as a military demonstration.

ALL RIGHT NOW, THEY'RE RECONCILED

New York, Jan. 23.—Jules B. Neilson, son of Frederick Neilson and brother of Mrs. Reginald C. Vanderbilt, whose marriage to Mrs. Marguerite Wall, January 9, was announced only today, spent the day in an endeavor to gain access to his bride, whose father, Frank T. Wall, a wealthy rope manufacturer, Neilson alleged, was keeping her from him against her will; Resort to legal proceedings was threatened by the groom. Neilson and his bride left the residence of the latter's father together this evening. Neilson said: "It is all right now; we have become reconciled."

Boys Arrested for Murder.

Buffalo, Jan. 23.—William Balsamo, an Italian, has been murdered in a little grocery store of which he was the proprietor. At first the Mafia was suspected but early today four boys ranging from 15 to 17 years were arrested. One is alleged to have made a confession implicating his companions.

SHRIEKS OF LOST CREW ARE HEARD

Life Savers Stare Helpless Into a Blinding Fog While Schooner Pounds to Pieces on Treacherous Rocks.

Out of Crew of Ten Men, but Two Are Saved--One Is Washed Ashore Unconscious.

FOUR MASTER BOSTON BOUND

Agustus Hunt Strands a Few Hundred Feet From Shore and Soon Is a Total Wreck.

New York, Jan. 23.—Eight lives were lost in the wreck today off Quaque, Long Island, of the four masted schooner Augustus Hunt, bound for Boston, from Norfolk, Va., with coal. Of the crew of 10 only two were saved, the second mate, George Ebert, of Cleveland, and an unknown Swede who was unconscious when washed on the beach. The vessel was in command of First Mate Conary who took charge of her in the place of Captain Robert Blair when she left Boston.

Soon after midnight during dense fog the schooner stranded a few hundred feet from the beach. For hours the life savers were able to hear cries of the men on the vessel which was hoisted in the fog. They were absolutely unable to help the men. Time and again they launched their boat, only to have it hurled back to the shore by the heavy surf. The life savers also had no recourse to life lines, and shots carrying lines either fell wide or short of the invisible mark.

Schooner is Total Loss

New York, Jan. 23.—The small schooner Alexa, sugar laden from Manzanillo to New York, went ashore early today off Rockaway beach and became a total wreck. It is feared the crew has perished.

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