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TREMENDOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY AND HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE FROM FLOODS IN THE MIDDLE WEST ALARM THE COUNTRY

POWERS OF THE TRUSTS AND CORPORATIONS ARE EXERTED

Every Effort Is Being Put Forward to Aid Hermann, the Candidate of the Timber Grabbers.

Even the Tumble Dick Press of Portland Makes Its Feeble Peep for Man They Accused of Dishonesty.

"The vote today will be very close, but I hope Mr. Reames will be elected. I think his campaign has been very successful, he having to overcome a majority of several thousand votes. Chairman Sam White, Candidate Reames and The Oregon Daily Journal are entitled to great credit from the people of Oregon for the noble fight they have made without money against the Republican officeholders, Republican politicians and the Republican timber ring."

JEFFERSON MYERS.

Today Binger Hermann, a discredited politician and a friend of the timber gang that has infested Lane County, is before the people of Oregon, a candidate for a seat in the House of Representatives of the United States. In contest with him is A. E. Reames, a plain citizen, but an honest man, a Democrat, but not a party politician, ready to grovel in the dirt of petty bickerings that bring votes on misrepresentation of issues.

The result of the contest is still in the balance, but for the sake of Oregon's good name it is hoped that Reames has won. Back of Hermann was the political power of the Southern Pacific Company, the most notorious juggler with Legislatures and the greatest influence for political corruption in the State of California. It has invaded Oregon, assisting the Southern Pacific was the timber concern of Booth-Kelly & Company, the lumber trust combination that would have put through a logging bill in the last Legislature of Oregon to give it power over all of the small timber-holders, had it not been for the signal defeat administered the notoriety measure by The Journal.

Whatever may be the outcome of the battle, it is the initial skirmish of democracy in this state for a purer and a better government. A government by trusts, assisted by a hoodling and corrupt press has been tolerated long enough in this community. This expression is the reflection of the opinion of the Democrats of the state.

OREGON CITY VOTE LIGHT IN FORENOON

(Journal Special Service.)

OREGON CITY, June 1.—The voting in the three wards in this town was rather light during the forenoon. During the first hour after the polls were opened the voting was rather brisk and at noon the judges and clerks were busy. The heavy vote is expected to come after 4 o'clock, when the factory and mill employees will be going either to or from their work. The saloons are closed, as are the land office and the court house, and the stores are doing a light business. As predicted, the vote will not be a record-breaker, especially among the Republicans, of whom are refusing to vote for their party nominee, and yet will not support the candidate of another party. The Democratic vote will be rather strong, as much hard work in being done by the friends of Mr. Reames. In the ranks that are working for him are seen some of the county's old-line Republicans. The polls will be kept open this evening until every voter has had time to cast his ballot.

VOTING IN THE FIRST DISTRICT

SALEM, June 1.—A light vote is being polled. Reames' support is well organized. The county vote will fall short \$5 per cent. The indications are that Reames will carry it by a small plurality. The weather is good; no rain. Herries' managers are disappointed with the vote. Some Socialists are supporting Reames.

EUGENE, Ore., June 1.—The vote is

fairly heavy here. A wire from Jacksonville says the Republicans are voting men from other precincts by certificate in order to throw the home precincts against Reames. Good reports come from Junction City, Lane County, precincts that are said to be giving Reames bigger majorities than they gave Chamberlain.

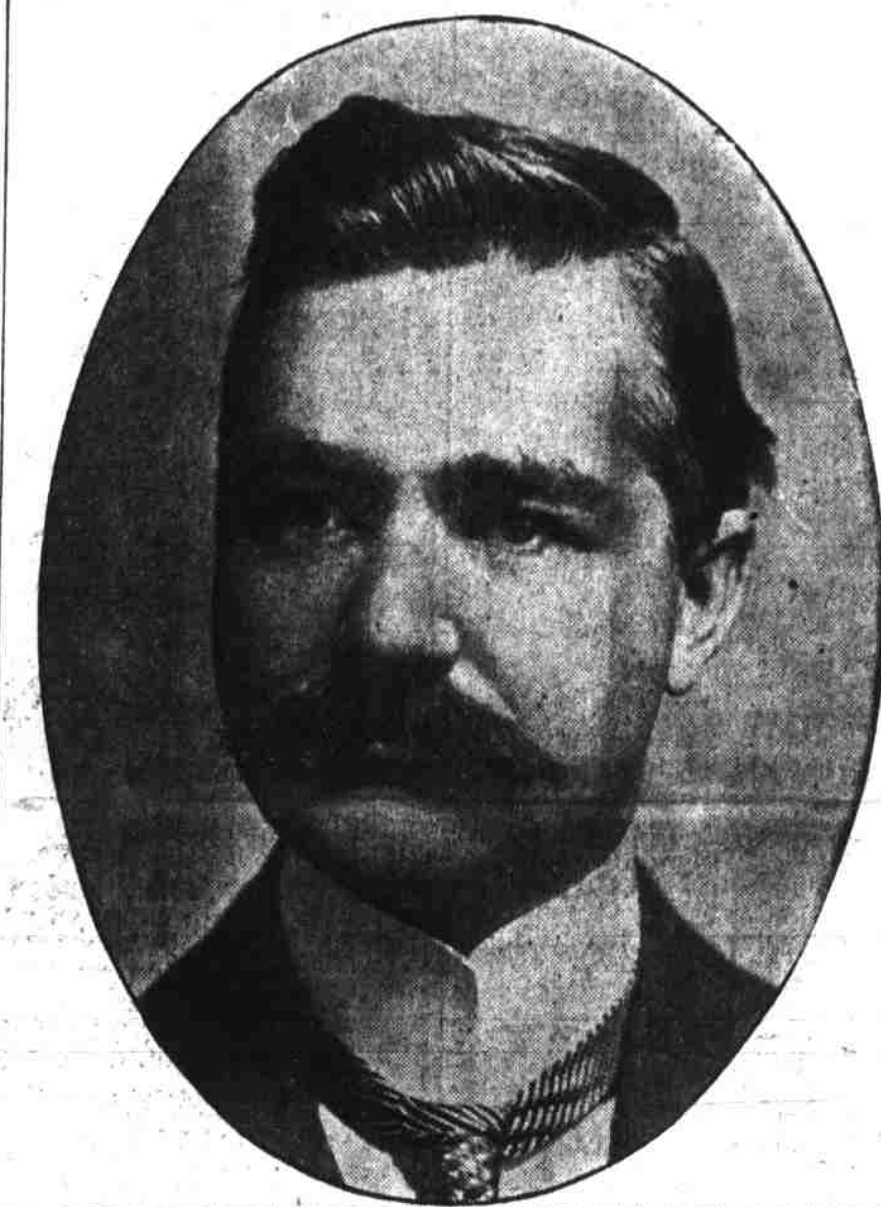
EUGENE, June 1.—Advices from Marion County point to at least 100 plurality for Reames. Hermann's local managers are in despair. The vote will be very light, some persons predicting it will fall off 35 per cent. Benton County shows a light vote in outlying precincts. Headquarters here are advised that the other side is using money, and the same news comes from other counties. The funds have been distributed from Roseburg.

Efforts are being made in Jacksonville to offset any attempt by the Hermann people to run in votes from other precincts and vote them by certificate. The voters were told there of an attempt and a reaction resulted. The reason for the move was to discredit Reames in his home precinct in the eyes of the remainder of the district.

Polk County early returns show the county doubtful. Clackamas County shows finely for Reames. In Washington County Reames was better organized than Hermann. The vote is light, not over two thirds. There will probably be a small plurality for Hermann, but Reames is claiming the county. Yamhill, it is said, will cast not much over half the usual vote. There is certain to be a standoff, or no better, for Hermann.

Boulogne County reports a one third vote polled at noon. There is little interest. It is doubtful if Hermann carries the party vote. Linn County says not more than 70 per cent of the vote will be polled.

REPUBLICANS ARE REFUSING TO VOTE, PREFERING NOT TO



A. E. REAMES

Who Is Fighting a Hard Battle Against Boodle, Bluff and the Southern Pacific Company.

THE FUNNY MAN FROM TRUSTVILLE

One of the humorous turns of the campaign in the First Congressional District has been the stand of the Oregonian toward Hermann. The ardent supporter of everything that capital wishes and nothing for the working people had this to say this morning in an emphasized editorial paragraph:

"The only effect a Democratic victory in the First District today would have on the National mind would be to encourage the opinion that Oregon has repudiated President Roosevelt, and that on the heels of his recent visit. A vote for Reames is a vote for the trusts."

Even the Hermann supporters are said to have had a hearty laugh over the unconscious humor of the newspaper trust.

VOTE AT ALL, RATHER THAN SUPPORT HERMANN.

GRANTS PASS, June 1.—So far Grants Pass is for Reames. The Democrats are out in force.

MEDFORD, June 1.—The Democrats are voting lively. There will be a light vote cast in Jackson County outside of the towns. Reames will get a large majority in Jackson County.

DENOUNCED UNIONISM

Bishop Mats Tells His Congregation of Result of Organization.

DENVER, June 1.—In a sermon delivered at Logan Avenue Chapel Sunday morning, Bishop M. Mats of Colorado strongly denounced all labor unions, particularly those which declared themselves in favor of Socialism. Bishop Mats said that President Moyer's published utterances in favor of socialism were inimical to the Catholic Church, which had always been the greatest friend of labor. He said that Moyer and other leaders were endeavoring to build up an organization so vast and so strong that it would overthrow religion.

PAYNE DENIES STORY

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Postmaster-General Payne this afternoon expressed great displeasure at the report sent out by a press association to the effect that half a million dollars excess had been paid for postal rentals in New York State. He said the story was entirely untrue and further that the total paid for rent of postoffice quarters in the entire state, including New York City, was only \$46,811, which also pays for light and heat.

HORACE B. DUNBAR MUST PAY LOTTIE

Well Known Keeper of Rainier Grand Hotel, Seattle, Has More Trouble.

(Journal Special Service.) WASHINGTON, June 1.—The Supreme Court today decided the novel suit of Horace B. Dunbar of Seattle against Lottie, his divorced wife. Dunbar claimed that bankruptcy discharged him from the liability of alimony and that he would no longer have to pay it. The Massachusetts court ruled against him and the Supreme Court sustained the lower tribunal. Mr. Dunbar is now running the Rainier Grand Hotel in Seattle and is considered a very prosperous man. He was recently indicted by the grand jury for conducting a swindling gambling game in his high-toned hostelry.

GIGANTIC STRIKE IN PHILADELPHIA

Eighty-Five Thousand Textile Workers Fail to Go to Work—The Situation Serious.

(Journal Special Service.) PHILADELPHIA, June 1.—A gigantic strike in the textile industry was fully inaugurated here today and nearly 85,000 people are idle. None of the employers attempted to start their factories. This promises to be a strike which will result in the most serious consequences. If the employers do not accede to the demand for the increase of wages the strike may spread until many more thousands are thrown out of work.

TWO STUDENTS BURNED

(Journal Special Service.) LONDON, June 1.—At a fire early this morning in Eaton College two students perished in the flames and several others were injured. The King and Queen sent a message of condolence.

HUNDREDS DIE IN THE RUSHING TIDE

Armourdale Almost Wiped Out and Kansas City and Suburbs Suffer Loss of Over Thirty Million Dollars—Desperate Efforts to Rescue the Threatened Inhabitants of the Flooded Districts Along the Missouri River.

Flood reports from the Missouri River Valley are filled with horror. At 2 o'clock today, Central time, it is estimated that 250 lives have been lost in the vicinity of Topeka alone. Accounts of the most utter desolation come from small towns in the valley of the overflooded Kaw and Kansas Rivers. It is stated that full 300 persons are missing and are supposed to have been drowned. The suffering from hunger and privation is beyond telling. Women and children are huddled into police stations and other temporary places of shelter. Not half of them are clothed with more than scanty night apparel. Relief committees are working every minute of the day but are unable to compete with the needs of the sufferers. Food has given out and there is no redress from the outside world because of the shut off of railway communication. This morning 22 dead bodies were counted as they floated down the torrent at Topeka among the debris. Wedged between two logs a woman and two little children were seen. One of the children, a little girl of probably 10 years of age, was still alive, with half of her body out of the water. A score of rescuers at Topeka tell how they saw during last night and this morning, many persons drop from the roofs of their dwellings into the flood, only to be swept to death and destruction.

A call went out from Topeka this morning for launches, but it is believed that an answer can not be made from places up the river, as the flood is too great and the waters too turbulent to allow of river transportation. It means almost certain death for the crew that attempts to go out into the current of the mad, racing river. From Kansas City comes a greater tale of horror. Four hundred and fifty persons are reported drowned this morning with fully 500 missing. The Missouri River is 35 feet above low water mark and exceeds any flood in its history. To add to the terrors of the situation a cold, drizzling rain is falling today, and it has become almost impossible to care for the destitute.

Armourdale, a suburb of Kansas City, has been wiped off the map. A town of 18,000 population has been abandoned, and the homes of the inhabitants have been swept away. The refugees sought Kansas City in their despair and are being cared for as best can be.

The great packing houses of Swift, Armour, Cudahy and Schwartzchild & Schulzburger have been utterly destroyed, with the loss of more than \$2,000,000. In Kansas City at 10 o'clock this morning the Third Regiment of the National Guard was called out to protect abandoned property. An army of thieves are preying on the misfortunes of others, and many arrests have been made. At noon today it is reported that rescue work in the bottoms is going steadily on, with a great degree of success. More than 500 people have, since daybreak this morning, been taken from house-tops where the suffering victims of the flood were imprisoned all the long, dark, rainy night. Several dead children were taken from their parents' arms, they having succumbed to the terrible exposure.

PRESIDENT NOW HOMEWARD BOUND

Came Out of the Rockies Today and Begins His Rapid Journey to the National Capital and to Work.

Special Enters Iowa Tomorrow and Soon the Mississippi Will be Reached—From Illinois a Straight Run Home.

(Journal Special Service.) NORTH PLATTE, Neb., June 1.—President Roosevelt emerged from the Rocky Mountain country today and, speeding across the plains of Nebraska, begins the final stretch of his long transcontinental trip. The only stop of consequence is scheduled for this place, where hundreds of visitors gathered early in the day to bid the President welcome. The Presidential special will enter Iowa early tomorrow morning and before nightfall the Mississippi River will be reached. The following day will be spent in Illinois and will be the last day of speechmaking for the President. From Illinois the run to Washington will be made straight through without stop.

(Journal Special Service.) CHEYENNE, Wyo., June 1.—President Roosevelt and his party took a drive around the city this morning. At 10 o'clock there was a broncho-breaking show at the fair grounds. The President was presented with a \$500 saddle horse and accoutrements. When presented, the horse knelt and bowed to his new master.

(Journal Special Service.) DES MOINES, June 1.—Great destitution exists here today among the 8,000 refugees who have been made homeless by the terrible floods of the last three days. There is at last hope, for since morning the river has been slowly dropping.

At noon today, however, fear again entered the breasts of the unfortunate, when it began raining. The downpour was of brief duration, although the weather is very threatening. At 10 o'clock this morning another call was made for food supplies. The situation is very critical in this respect, as there is not enough food in the city to supply half the needs of the thousands who are in absolute want. Especially are the children of the homeless suffering fearfully. No milk is to be had in the city, and infants are in some instances in danger of starvation. Added to all this horror is the reported scarcity of fuel, and when taken in connection with the cold weather now prevailing, it is believed that great loss of life will result from exposure.

KANSAS CITY, June 1.—The Missouri River is 35 feet above low water mark at noon today, having risen four feet five inches during the night and this morning. A cold, drizzling rain is falling, adding greatly to the suffering of those without shelter.

The Hannibal and Milwaukee Railroad Company's bridges are the last two connections with the outside world left standing, and they may go at any moment.

The known death list this morning figures up 422, with reports of many others missing, with indications that they have been drowned.

All the fires in the flooded district are out, compelling the shutting down of the street car systems and leaving the city in total darkness at night by the suspension of the light service. Thousands of industrial concerns have been compelled to suspend operations on account of the city pumping plant being submerged.

The daily newspapers are issuing their regular editions, but the indications are that several of them will be compelled to suspend on account of not being able to get paper.

Supplies Getting Low.

The supply of meats and vegetables is almost exhausted. All saloons have been closed by order of the police and as a consequence fairly good order prevails.

The destitution in Argentine, Armourdale and Kansas City, Kan., is extreme, and there are 40,000 people homeless. Several wagon loads of supplies have reached Armourdale and to a certain extent relieved the fear of famine. The food was brought there only after heroic work.

Buildings along the west bank of the river are continually collapsing, and many manufacturing plants are ruined.

Armourdale Wiped Out.

Armourdale is practically wiped off the map. Blocks of three-story buildings have crumbled away and their contents have gone down with the flood. A new channel is cut right through the center of the town and the only evidence remaining of the once thriving town is the tops of the larger buildings of the packing establishments. Some of the tallest chimneys have their tops exposed above the rushing waters, but at frequent intervals one after the other disappears. Not a building will be left standing after the flood subsides.

The town of Harlem is gone. The loss of life there is believed to be heavy, but at this time no accurate list can be obtained.

Troops Called Out.

At 10 o'clock this morning the Third Regiment of National Guards were called out to protect abandoned property. An organized band of robbers are preying on the unfortunate, and orders have been issued to shoot the thieves on sight. There is imminent danger that all telegraphic communication will be cut off within a few hours. Systematic rescue work was resumed this morning of those penned in and on the tops of big buildings in the bottoms. A narrow neck of land on the south is all that prevents the city being made an island.

A portion of the Hannibal bridge has just gone out, and the last of 100 men imprisoned in Schwartzchild's packing house have just been landed at the bluffs.

The steamer Columbia started at 9 o'clock this morning and endeavored to reach Parkville, where 200 people were on the roofs and in trees, according to information brought here by two men in a rowboat.

Loss \$50,000,000.

At 10:30 o'clock this morning the rescuers now believe all persons imprisoned by the flood in the west bottoms have been taken out of house-tops in safety. Military lines now extend around the entire flooded district, and no one is allowed to pass without authority. One hundred vagrants have been rounded up and three thieves arrested.

Cars are attempting to run with horses at noon today, but are unsuccessful. The property loss in this vicinity is estimated this morning at between \$30,000,000 and \$50,000,000.

TOPEKA, June 1.—Three steam launches did excellent rescue work here today and by 9 o'clock this morning all the "unfortunates" who had been clinging to the tops of trees were removed safely. Some of those who were seen in the trees when darkness settled last night are believed to have fallen off from exhaustion. A conservative estimate of the property loss this morning gives a total of \$2,170,000. The list of missing is continually increasing.

Terror at Topeka.

Two thieves were caught looting a store in North Topeka this morning. They had two boats and were loading them with plunder when apprehended. A dozen men riddled their bodies with bullets. A vigilance committee has been formed.

All those persons suffering with contagious diseases are being isolated in temporary hospitals, around which a line of soldiers and special policemen was placed this morning to enforce the quarantine. The chief of police this morning places the loss of life at 175, but admits that it may be three times this number. The early estimates of the homeless are not overdrawn. There are between 8,000 and 10,000 people destitute at this time. It is probable that

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BRAVE BOY AVERTS WRECK OF A TRAIN

It is not often, outside the pages of books taken from the "children's library," that 14-year-old boys are privileged to avert terrible danger threatening the lives of hundreds of people and prevent the destruction of thousands of dollars worth of property, but in real life this has been done by Charles Brooker, a boy who lives on his father's farm near Weatherby, a little station west of Huntington. His prompt action at a moment of deadly peril was the means of avoiding a train wreck on the O. R. & N. Grateful passengers, who had been traveling for hours, were disappointed with the result. The boy made up a purse of \$25 and presented it to the young hero and it is reported the railroad company will assist the boy in bettering his financial and social condition.

While walking along the railroad on his way to school Charles Brooker came suddenly upon a steep embankment by the legs and floundering about midway across a dangerous trestle. A sharp curve would hide the animal from the trainmen's sight until too late to stop passenger train No. 6, already whistling half a mile away. Prompt action was necessary if a frightful accident was to be prevented. With the quickness of thought young Brooker dashed around the curve and ran straight toward the fast approaching train, waving his hat frantically. Right up to the engine he ran. A this-step would have cost his life, but Charles Brooker thought only of those whose safety depended upon his being seen and heeded. The seeming reckless act of the boy caused the engineer to apply "the air," the train came to a stop a short distance from the dangerous trestle and the passengers were saved.