"WHERE ROLLS THE OREGON"

THE WEATHER.
Tonight and Saturday, partly cloudy; cooler this afternoon; west to northwest winds.

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FOUR HUNDRED WOMEN AND GIRL CAPTIVES WHO ARE MADE TO CARRY TORTURERS ON THEIR NAKED BACKS DROP BY THE ROADSIDE EXHAUSTED

TEN THOUSAND WERE MASSACRED

Reports Show that Turkish Tortures at Kastoria Were Not Exaggerated in Any Degree —The Situation Is Grave.

(Journal Special Service.)

Sofia, Sept. 18.—Kastoria, where 10,000 are reported to have been massacred, is now burning. The report has been verified to the satisfaction of government officials here, and also to the consuls of the various powers.

This afternoon's reports contain a communication from M. Belgus, a tourist who was an eye witness to the terrible slaughter. He, himself, was in constant danger of being killed, but credentials from the government at Constantinople saved his life.

Recounting the awful carnage, M. Belgus says that Tuesday night nearly 3,000 Turkish soldiers made a sudden onslaught on the town and ruthlessly put to death defenseless men, women and children. "In a hundred instances," continues the message, "tortures almost unheard of were administered. I saw more than 400 women and girls being marched through the streets to awful disgrace and afterwards death. Several women were made to carry their captors on their naked backs, and did so until they would fall exhausted. The details are unprintable, but I can say that the atrocities practiced by the Turkish soldiers have not been exaggerated, and in fact not half told.

"The animosity shown by the Mussulman toward the Christian is fearful, and no degree of cruelty seems too great in the latter's punishment when caught unprotected."

Russia and Austria.

Constantinople, Sept. 18.—It is now certain that no longer will Bulgaria delay in declaring war, and the only thing that can avert it will be the intervention of Russia and Austria, who will throw armies into Macedonia.

Germany has admonished Bulgaria that England can gain no support from the powers if she attempts to aid Bulgaria. But on the other hand, Great Britain says that she will protect her subjects in spite of all. America holds the same attitude, and should Russia, with an invading army, fail to respect Christians of the faith of Rome or Protestantism, then it is believed that strife will ensue that will carry war to the gates of the czar's palace.

Washington, Sept. 18.—Almost as perplexing as was the situation just subsequent to the blowing up of the Maine in Havana harbor, is that which confronts this government in dealing with the Balakn embroglio.

It is given out here that President Roosevelt will protect Americans at all hazards, and that the occupancy of the peninsula by Russia and Austria in their efforts to prevent war must not in any way conflict with the rights of America, whether they be Christians or not. It is believed that careful consideration must be exercised in the matter that international complications may not result.

London, Sept. 18.—The correspondent of the Times states in a dispatch from Monastir that the minister of foreign affairs tells, that he knows cases of Macedonian women starving in the forests, and where they have killed a child in order to save the lives of the other children. It is added that unless succor is given all the many wanderers will perish.

The Dredge Grant Will Not Be Completed Until October 21st.

When will the Grant be completed? That is a question which all Portland has been asking. The Grant is being made over at the Mare Island Navy Yard to do the dredging at the mouth of the Columbia. If it could get to work at once it might render valuable service, but if it could not be got ready until the winter storms set in it would be of very little advantage for this season's shipping. Hence everybody wanted to know about it.

The Journal therefore sent the following telegram:

JAMES C. SANFORD,
Engineer in Charge Mare Island Navy Yard,
San Francisco, Calif.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 15.—When will dredge Grant be finished and what is cause of delay? General complaint among shippers because of lateness of work on channel.

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Captain Sanford was in the East, but Inspector Brown immediately had it repeated to him with the following result:

TO THE PORTLAND JOURNAL,
Portland, Oregon.

Philadelphia, Sept. 17.—Replying to your telegram, Brown, inspector, states the Grant will probably be completed October 21. Delay caused by Eastern contractors for dredging pumps and engines failing to complete promptly.

J. C. SANFORD, Captain of Engineers.

DELAY IS DISCUSSED

Business Men Seek to Know Why Work on Jetties Is Retarded.

REPORT LIKELY SOON

Navigation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce Holds a Secret Meeting and Will Make Recommendations to the Main Body.

George Taylor, Alfred Tucker, W. S. Sibson and E. T. Williams, of the navigation committee of the Portland chamber of commerce, went in a body this morning to the office of Maj. Langfitt, engineer officer in charge of the government work that is being done at the mouth of the Columbia river, in the improvement of the bar conditions by jetty extensions. W. D. Wheelwright, fifth member of the committee, is in Europe, therefore was not present at the meeting.

The committee conferred with Maj. Langfitt for the porpose of ascertaining so far as possible the conditions affecting the prosecution of the work on the jetty, and, in as far as the time permitted, exhausted the subject.

One of the objects to be attained was to obtain information relating to the requirements of the contract as specified under the terms set forth in The Journal yesterday, the quantity of stone that is being delivered by the Northwest Construction Company, the contracting firm, and the probability as to the time that will be needed for the completion of the short contract for 150,000 tons of rock now in force. Also it was desired to learn, if possible, what would be the situation when the longer contract for 475,000 tons of rock, that becomes effective on October 1, the contractor to be ready not later than October 10 to begin turning over rock to the government.

After the session with Maj. Langfitt, the members of the committee refused to make any public statement of their inquiry and its results until their report had been received by the chamber of commerce.

Want Dredge Work Hastened.

One of the things much desired by the committee and the chamber is the early completion of the sea dredging at the bar, besides the construction of the jetty extensions. The work of remodeling the transport Grant into a sea dredge has been done at the Mare Island navy yards, San Francisco, instead of by private contract. It was expected that the dredge would be ready for operation much earlier than October 21, the time set by Capt. J. C. Sanford of the engineering department, in his telegram to The Journal published on the first page today.

It is the theory of the chamber of commerce that the sea dredge may be used for harbor work at times when the storms make it impossible for the deep sea dredging to be done on the bar. Much dredging will have to be done in the Astoria harbor, before conditions will be ideal for the rapid and economical handling of commerce via the Columbia river. The situation is pressing, indeed, and admits of no temporizing without the serious injury of Portland, Willamette valley and Inland Empire commercial interests.

ATTACK ON TAX LAW

Mrs. Maria L. Flanders Asks State Assessment Be Enjoined.

CASE WILL BE HURRIED

Circuit Court Expected to Give a Prompt Decision So that Appeal to Supreme Court Can Be Promptly Decided.

Suit was commenced this morning, as foreshadowed yesterday in The Journal, to test the question whether a valid levy of the taxes assessed this year can be made under the laws now upon the statute books. The suit is brought by Mrs. Maria L. Flanders, for herself and for all other taxpayers of Multnomah county. The defendants are the county, the county board and the county assessor, clerk and auditor.

Wants Assessment Enjoined.

The complaint sets forth the provisions of the law enacted in 1903, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes, and recites also the provisions of the old law, under which the assessment of taxes of this year is now being made all over the state. The complainant alleges that the old law ceases to be in force after January 1, 1904, and that after that date there will be no provision for the levy of the 1903 taxes; that unless enjoined the county officials will proceed with the assessment and levy as if the old law were still in force, thereby causing the taxpayers a very large and useless expense; that the further preparation of the assessment roll will be of no benefit to the plaintiff or to the taxpayers of the county. For these reasons she asks an injunction restraining the county officials from proceedings further with the preparation of the assessment roll and with the subsequent steps for the equalization and collection of the 1903 taxes. The plaintiff's attorneys are Williams, Wood & Linthicum.

Will be Hurried to Highest Court.

The county will probably demur to the complaint and this will raise the issue whether or not a valid levy can be made. No time will be lost in obtaining a decision in the trial court and the case will then be taken to the supreme court.

The belief is growing among attorneys that there is now no legal provision for a levy of the taxes of 1903, and that the supreme court will so decide if the question is presented to it. As it is a matter which affects the whole state, it is expected that the supreme court will render its decision as early as is consonant with a careful consideration of the subject.

EL PASO IS SELECTED

Irregation Congress Decides on the Next Annual Meeting Place.

VERY GREAT INTEREST

Subject of the Utmost Importance Is Proved By Representative Men Who Appear Before the Convention

(Journal Special Service.)

Ogden, Utah, Sept. 18.—Irrigation Congress, noon—El Paso was chosen on the first ballot as the next meeting place of the congress. Officers elected for the ensuing year as follows:

Senator W. A. Clark, Montana, president.

L. W. Shurtliff, Utah, first vice-president.

W. C. Johnson, Colorado, second vice-president.

John Hall, Texas, third vice-president.

H. B. Maxon, Nevada, secretary.

(Journal Special Service.)

Ogden, Sept. 18.—The Irrigation Congress convened at 9 o'clock this morning, when F. P. Newell, the head of the reclamation department of the government; Engineer Ross, the forestry expert; Pincheon, the irrigation engineer, and Elwood Mead made addresses to the congress on the progress of work in the arid states. They outlined the intentions of the reclamation and forestry departments and demonstrated that work in both branches would be vigorously prosecuted, but that extreme caution is necessary to insure the success of government projects.

Perhaps never before in the history of Utah did such a large procession of enthusiastic visitors admire the scenic beauty and industrial triumph as that which traversed Ogden canyon in carriages yesterday afternoon. At 1 o'clock 218 carriages, volunteered by citizens of Ogden and by farmers of Weber county, left the city hall loaded with 780 delegates for a 10-mile drive through Ogden canyon to the dam of the Ogden Power Company, and the proposed site of the new reservoir at the head of the canyon. The county road through Ogden canyon is the most perfect mountain road in the West. Delegates also inspected the state blind school and farm. The procession returned to the city at 6 p. m. The congress convened for the night session at 8 o'clock. An address was made by Hon. F. W. Taylor, chief deputy of agriculture for the St. Louis World's Fair, on the subject of agriculture.

George H. Maxwell spoke an hour on the general subject of irrigation in the West. It was the most striking address of the congress. He referred to the rapidly-diminishing public domain and his speech was interspersed with deafening cheers. First Vice-President Prince presided at the evening session. Other speakers of the evening session were William Smith of San Diego, Cal., on "Ideals of Irrigation," Congressman F. E. Brooks of Colorado on "Local Conditions and National Irrigation Laws."

In competition for the silver cup for fruit and hop exhibits, Idaho won the cup for fruit and Washington for hops. Washington hops were the only ones

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Joseph Chamberlain Who Resigned Last Night as Colonial Secretary of Great Britian

London, Sept. 18.—That a crisis is nearly reached in Great Britain's fiscal policy is believed here today, when it becomes certain that Colonial Secretary Joseph Chamberlain has resigned from the cabinet, followed by C. T. Ritchie, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Lord George Hamilton, Secretary of India.

That other resignations will follow is believed certain, as there is a particularly intense feeling of division in the cabinet on the question of England's receding from the time-worn free trade principle of government.

Early yesterday it was known that Mr. Chamberlain contemplated action, but not until late last night was the communication from King Edward at Balmoral made public, and which accepted the resignations of the three members.

Message from the King.

The message from the king was brief, and besides stating that the resignations had been accepted, his majesty enclosed a correspondence which had passed between Mr. Chamberlain and Premier Balfour.

The former, under date of September 9, includes in his letter of withdrawel from the ministry, the argument that a preferential tariff with the colonies involving a new duty would be very acceptable to the colonial constituents. But he adds that as there seems to be no immediate hope of success, he believes that he can best serve the cause he seeks to promote by assuming an independent position, which can be secured only by resigning his position as secretary.

To the letter Mr. Balfour replies, under date of September 16, and says that, agreeing with Mr. Chamberlain in many of his views on a revision of the tariff laws, he also believes that something should be done, and that it eventually will be.

Very High Praise.

Continuing, Mr. Balfour says:

"You have done more than any man living or dead to bring home to the citizens of the empire the consciousness of imperial obligation and interdependence between the various fragments into which the empire is geographically divided.

"I believe you to be right in holding that this interdependence should find expression in our commercial, as well as our political and military, relations. I believe with you that a closer fiscal union between the mother country and the colonies would benefit the trade of both, and if such closer union could be established on fitting terms advantages to both parties would increase with years, and as the colonies grew in wealth and population."

Balfour May Resign.

London, Sept. 18.—5 p. m.—Many rumors are current this evening regarding the cabinet crisis. One is that Premier Balfour will be unable to find men to fill the vacancies and he will be obliged to hand the king his own resignation.

MISSISSIPPI IS CREATING HAVOC

RIVER IS SEVEN INCHES ABOVE THE DANGER MARK AT THE NOON HOUR AND IS STILL RISING — RAILWAY LINE IS SUBMERGED SHORTLY AFTER.

All the Available Men Are Moving the Contents of the Wholesale Houses to Safer Quarters—Business Along the Water Front of La Crosse, Wis., Is at a Standstill—No Life Loss Yet—Entire Police Force of City Used.

(Journal Special Service.)

La Crosse, Wis., Sept. 18.—The Mississippi river is seven inches above the danger line at noon and is still rising. In an hour the railway was submerged, the wholesale houses on the river front being inundated. All available men are moving the contents to places of safety. The greater portion of the city streets are flooded and the farming country for miles around is under water. All communication both north and west is cut off. The river may go possibly two feet higher and the damage would be enormous. Hundreds of families of the river district are fleeing with what valuables they can carry to the hills. On an advice from the weather bureau the entire police force has been detailed to notify the people of the surrounding country of the flood. There is yet no loss of life reported.

DYNAMITERS TRY TO WRECK A STREET CAR

Placed the Deadly Stuff Alongside the Track and Light the Fuse—Car With Four Passengers Stops in Time.

(Journal Special Service.)

Helena, Mont., Sept. 18.—That six men were not killed or seriously injured in Butte last night was not the fault of the designer of a dynamite outrage. A streetcar returning from Columbia gardens, containing four passengers, the conductor and motorman, had just reached the city limits when the latter saw a light on the track ahead. He stopped the car within 30 feet of a burning fuse, the explosion occurring just as the car came to a halt. All the windows in the care were smashed and the car was filled with dust and rubbish. No one was injured beyond a severe shaking up. There is no clue to the perpetrators of the outrage.

FURTHER REPORTS OF STORM DAMAGE

STEAMERS ARRIVING TODAY BRING MORE NEWS OF THE HAVOC WROUGHT BY TUESDAY'S BLOW—125 DROWNED IS THE LATEST ESTIMATE.

Storm Proves to be the Worst that Has Ever Visited the Old Atlantic—Steamer Arrives With Tale of the Loss of the Fishing Steamer Beatrice With Her Crew of 50 Persons—All On Board Believed to be Drowned.

(Journal Special Service.)

Norfolk, Sept. 18.—Further reports of storm damage were brought in today by the steamers. Captain Bussells of the Atlantic Fishing Company, who was brought in on the steamer today, says there can be no doubt of the loss of the fishing steamer Beatrice and her crew of 50 are all believed to be drowned. Marine men have estimated that 125 persons were lost at sea by Tuesday's storm, which is unquestionably the worst in the history of the Atlantic coast.

GEN. FRED GRANT WANTS THE CANTEEN

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, Sept. 18.—The annual report of Gen. Fred Grant of the department of Texas was made public today at the war department. A strong plea is made for the re-establishment of the canteen. He regards the question of the boundary line between Mexico and the United States of the highest importance and says any day the question may arise, causing great trouble.

PREPARING TO GREET CARDINAL GIBBONS

(Journal Special Service.)

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 18.—Cardinal Gibbons, who sailed from Havre last week, is expected to reach home in a day or two. Preparations are being made by the Catholic Benevolent Legion, of which the cardinal was one of the founders, and by other Catholic societies in Baltimore, to give his eminence a public reception upon his arrival in Baltimore.

J. W. DAWSON KILLED.

Salt Lake, Sept. 18.—J. W. Dawson was killed in a collision with a streetcar while driving in a buggy today.

"GIVE ME $600,000 WITHIN 10 MINUTES"

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 18.—"Give me $600,000 within 10 minutes or die." With this statement on his lips and with a flourish of a vicious-looking knife Martin Erickson, a crazy man of Toledo, Or., at 11:30 this morning terrorized the employes of the Scandinavian-American bank. The crazy man held the bank officials at bay for several minutes until a deputy sheriff happened into the bank. The officer with much difficulty overpowered the crazy man and locked him up in the county jail. When searched at the jail it was found that Erickson had a savings bank deposit check for $2,500 and considerable money on his person.

KING PETER OF SERVIA REPORTED MURDERED

(Journal Special Service.)

Bulletin: "London, Sept. 18.—A dispatch from Paris which it is claimed rests on good authority says: 'King Peter of Servia has been assassinated.' No further details have been furnished, but it is rumored he was killed in his palace this morning.

KING ALFONSO IS WARNED OF ATTACK

(Journal Special Service.)

Madrid, Sept. 18.—A warning which was sent King Alfonso of a probable attack if he visited Barcelona has caused him to abandon the trip.

SERIOUS CHARGE.

Dallas, Or., Sept. 18.—A warrant was sworn out last evening for the arrest of W. J. Hopper of Buena Vista, charging him with intent to commit assault upon the person of Lulu Baker, aged 6 years. Hopper was brought before Justice Holman this morning. Upon arraignment he pleaded not guilty and the trial has been set for late this afternoon.

POSTAL INDICTMENTS STILL BEING MADE

Washington, Sept. 18.—It was announced this morning that two persons indicted by the federal grand jury yesterday were a former chief of one of the bureaus of the postoffice department who was already indicted on other charges, and a prominent New York politician. Three true bills were returned. The first charges both with a conspiracy to defraud by the sale of a device in which a politician was interested; the second charging the official accepted the bribe, and the third the politician for offering a bribe. The New Yorker is one whose name was mentioned in the recent investigation.

ROOSEVELT BOARDS SYLPH.

New York, Sept. 18.—President Roosevelt arrived at 6 o'clock this morning and immediately boarded the steamer Sylph, where he was met by his wife.

WILDER'S VETERANS GATHER ONCE MORE

Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 18.—The famous Wilder Brigade is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the battle of Chickamaugua by holding a three-days' reunion on the battlefield. The reunion was formally opened today, the veterans rendezvousing at the handsome Wilder monument on Widow Glenn's Hill. This afternoon the survivors assembled at Alexander's Bridge and listened to an interesting historical address by General Wilder, in which the leader reviewed the events leading up to the battle and described the position and the operations of the brigade on the first day of the bloody conflict. The reunion will continue through Sunday. Many veterans from Illinois, Indiana and other states are in attendance.

FIREBOAT BIDS ARE OPENED BY AUDITOR

The bids on constructing the proposed fireboat for this city were opened by City Auditor Devlin at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The contest on this second bidding will undoubtedly be spirited. Almost every local firm submitted a tender to construct the craft, and all the bidders are shading their figures to the lowest possible notch.

The previous bids were on a steel hull, but were unsatisfactory, and the second tenders on a wooden boat were called for.

WERE MARRIED IN SWIFT AUTOMOBILE

Fresno, Cal., Sept. 18.—J. C. Woodward, a traveling man from Los Angeles and Mrs. A. Franklin were married in this city by Rev. Wallace in a touring automobile while going at the rate of 30 miles per hour in the presence of two witnesses, everybody entering into the spirit of the occasion by making it a most jolly wedding. The groom called upon W. Parker Lyon who had just purchased a fine macaine and asked him to get him a marriage license and a preacher. Lyon proposed a wedding on the machine and the couple took up the novel idea and after the ceremony made a long trip.