

# CLOUDBURST SWEEPS OUT MITCHELL'S BUSINESS SECTION AND DESTROYS LIFE—HEPPER ALSO SUFFERS BY TORRENT

## Reported That Business Street of Mitchell Has Been Swept by Waters— Two Nonagenarians Drowned.

## Hepper Inhabitants, Warned by Rising Waters, Flee to Points of Safety—Torrent Does Great Damage—Steamer Spencer on Sand Bar.

(By Long Distance Telephone.)  
Condon, Or., July 12.—In a cloudburst which struck the narrow canyon in the mountains above Mitchell, which is 50 miles south of here, at 9 o'clock last night, two lives were lost and 25 buildings, half the houses in town, were swept away.

Of the population of the town of Mitchell, 50 people—more than half of the population—occupies two persons referred to, succeeded in getting to the hillsides after the roar of the waters was heard coming down the mountain.

The drowned people were Martin Smith, more than 90 years of age, and Mrs. Bethune, almost 90 years of age. The wife of Martin Smith, almost as old as he, succeeded in getting to a place of safety.

Like her husband, she had lingered a few minutes in the hope of saving a few keepsakes and valuables. Smith and Mrs. Bethune were unable to get out of their homes. Their bodies had not been recovered up to noon today.

Eyewitnesses, talking over the long-distance telephone with Condon today, say that the wave of water seemed fully 25 feet in height. Its roar could be heard for several miles.

Above the town some 300 yards two creeks, Bridge creek and Mill creek, join. Each of these creeks has its source in the mountains above the town. Each creek, by the time it reaches its banks, and when the waters joined at Mitchell the mighty volume overflowed the narrow canyon in which the town is situated. The town has but one principal street and every building on the lower side of this street was swept down the valley, while the buildings on the upper side of the creek were but little damaged.

A strange feature of the storm was that not a bit of rain fell in Mitchell. At the same time a fearful torrent was seen falling on the mountain near by, the volume increasing until it looked as if a river were descending on the mountain side.

More than an hour before the wave descended the people were filled with fear, and realizing that their town was in much the same predicament as Hepper had been, they hastened on an outrider down the valley to warn the farmers near the town. This outrider had not been heard from up to noon today and fears are entertained that he lost his life.

Among the buildings lost was the Mitchell Sentinel and two large livey barns. The livey barns contained more than 30 head of horses. There was no time in which to load the horses out, and all were drowned. Ten tons of barbed wire stacked up in front of the Oakes Hardware company's store was swept away, as was also the store and contents. Property valued at \$100,000 of stock flooded the barbed wire said the large heavy spools bounded into the air and were swept away like corks.

This is the third heavy storm in this vicinity within three days.

The severest of these floods was a wave which swept down Rhea creek, in Morrow county, 11 miles west of Hepper, last evening. This is 30 miles east of Condon, and particulars have been most meagre, but according to reports received today two or three people living in the valley are missing and are supposed to have lost their lives.

Condon offered assistance to Mitchell this forenoon, but the word came back that the people were able to care for themselves.

On Friday evening there was a cloudburst on Pine creek, 10 miles south of Fossil. It was a large wave and swept through the valley which is less than a quarter of a mile wide and 10 miles long, and destroyed every orchard and farm in the valley. No lives were lost, the people having ample time to escape to the hills.

The wives are down at Canyon City. There was a storm there last night and fears of damage there are expressed.

death. The O. R. & N. tracks were torn up for a distance of 10 or 12 miles, completely suspending traffic for a period of at least 24 hours. No lives were lost.

The flood was equal in volume to the one of last year in which hundreds of lives were lost and property of a value that has never been calculated was destroyed. It pursued the same course that was followed by its fatal predecessor. A repetition of last year's fatalities was averted only by the fact that the water swept down at intervals, and consequently with less velocity during yesterday.

The flood resulted from a cloudburst which occurred some 15 miles east of the town of Hepper. The cloudburst was followed by heavy rains which added to the huge body of water that began its destructive course down the valley. Cattle were caught in the whirl winds and carried to destruction; houses were undermined, and yellow fields of wheat and barley were transformed in an instant into mirey bogs.

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It reached the tracks of the O. R. & N. on the Hepper branch and tore away the tracks, demolishing the tracks for a distance of 12 miles. It swept against embankments, causing the earth to give way and topple upon the tracks. Embankments were undermined and fell with a crash. All traffic on the road was suspended today in consequence, and at least 24 hours will be necessary to repair the tracks sufficiently to permit the passage of trains.

No lives were lost so far as has been heard. A young man who was driving in a buggy along the road heard the threatening roar as the waters gathered up the valley and started down in their mad course. Having heard the roar of the other flood, he recognized in an instant its meaning and started for the hills. He was too late, however. The rushing water seized the buggy in an angry grasp and carried both horse and buggy down the valley. The youth was also taken in its wake but succeeded in swimming to a hill and escaping.

His escape has been reported. Families were driven from the upper floors of their homes and sought shelter in the upper stories. Hurried preparations were made to climb upon the roof in case the houses were swept away.

The volume of water was as great as that in last year's flood, but swept down the valley at intervals so that the rush was not concentrated and by comparison the damage was small. The brief time between the crest of each flood is responsible for the escape of the citizens from a disaster equally as great as the horror of 1903.

It is also stated that large numbers of cattle and other stock were killed but at this time no estimate can be placed upon the loss. The foundations of a number of houses were undermined and seriously damaged, but none was swept away. Owners of property that was injured and railroad officials are unable to estimate the amount of damage that was sustained.

A telegram from Herbert Bartholomew of Hepper to his wife, who lives her two daughters and son is spending the summer in this city, says that there was another serious flood there this morning, but it was not as destructive as the one last year. The telegram does not state whether any damage was done to the Bartholomew home, which was swept from its foundation and moved about a block last year. The house is situated on a dangerous position on the bank of the stream.

The Bartholomew family had an almost miraculous escape from death last year. The members of the family were all in the house when the flood came and were carried along with it about 500 feet, and then the house was dropped.



SAMUEL MILTON JONES  
Nicknamed "Golden Rule," Mayor of Toledo, Who Is Reported to Be Dying at His Home.

## PLEIADES UNDER JAPANESE FIRE

### Officers of Big Freighter Tell of Port Arthur Experience and Their Narrow Escape.

Caught in between two fires with shrieking shot and bursting shells flying over their heads the officers and crew of the American steamship Pleiades, which reached port last evening from Tacoma, had a trying experience of war against Russia. She arrived on the coast of Japan at Port Arthur, and it was then that she survived the ordeal seems a miracle. Fragments of shells fell upon the deck of the steamer, and those on board expected her every minute to be blown out of the water. Several shells struck within 200 yards of them, but did not explode. Had they done so, the officers state, there is no doubt that the vessel would have been sent to the bottom.

It was at Port Arthur. The Pleiades had the misfortune to arrive there with a cargo of flour the day before Japan with booming cannon made a declaration of war against Russia. She arrived on February 5, and the next evening the representatives of the mikado made a torpedo attack on the czar's naval fleet in which three of the latter's best ships were badly disabled. The following day the attack was renewed with a bombardment of the city. It was then that the destruction of the Pleiades was momentarily expected.

"Firing continued incessantly for 45 minutes," said one of the officers of the ship this morning. "Shells went shrieking dangerously near the heads of those on board. Fragments of the bombs began to fall on deck, and the men sought places of shelter. Some of the flying pieces were made of copper and weighed several ounces. Had they struck any one they would have caused instant death. Parts of the broken shells were picked up by the officers and are being saved as mementoes of the occasion."

"One large shell struck the water about 50 feet astern of the Pleiades, but it failed to explode. Had it burst the steamer and the members of the crew would in all human probability now be lying at the bottom of the harbor at Port Arthur. Others fell at various distances, but when near enough to do harm they remained intact. That we escaped without receiving injury is little less than miraculous."

The British steamship Foxtonhall was lying in the harbor at the same time and went through a like experience. But her crew did not escape so luckily. The chief engineer was struck by a piece of shell and for a time his life was despaired of. He was taken to the hospital afterwards, but it is not known whether he recovered or not. The British steamer was loaded with coal, which the Russians appropriated. They also seized the vessel, but afterwards released her.

"When the bombardment ended the Russian soldiers boarded the Pleiades, and carried away about 8,000 sacks of flour under protest of the commander of the vessel. The ship was also about to be seized and detained, but Captain Purinton insisted on being given protection."

Six days later the Pleiades sailed

## GAMBLER'S DEFIANCE

### Management of New Gam- ing House Scores Chief Hunt.

## WILL BUCK THE TRUST

### If Place Is Closed, as Police Promise, Attempt Will Be Made to Shut the Town—Chief Hunt Explains.

War has broken out among Portland gamblers and the city administration. Yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock a new house, operated by James McDevitt, formerly sheriff of Teton county, Montana, opened at Fourth and Stark streets in a elaborately fitted-up apartments over the Orpheum theatre. Faro was played from that hour until 11 last night. The proprietor says the game will open at 4 o'clock today. Although Chief of Police Hunt told attorney Paul R. Murphy, counsel for the proprietor, he would arrest the players and seize their apparatus if they began operations, no officer put in an appearance yesterday.

"We will operate our game, or no one will operate in this city," says McDevitt.

"I will not permit McDevitt or any other to start gambling houses," Chief Hunt, "I will arrest them every day until it is so burdensome that they will have to quit. I will not only arrest the players, but will also seize the apparatus and the money that may be in sight when the officers appear."

The Orpheum people came to me, with their counsel, late yesterday afternoon," continued Mr. Hunt, "and asked me if they could open their games. I told them they could not; that if they did, I would surely arrest them. They wanted to know what would occur then. I replied that arrests would be made daily if they persisted in running. They wanted to arrange for the payment of a fine, but I refused to make any negotiations."

It is a policy of this administration that no more persons be allowed to operate gambling games, and when those who are now running quit, that will end open gambling."

"We did not expect Chief Hunt would give us permission to open our games," said Attorney Murphy, speaking for Mr. McDevitt. "We know the policy of the mayor and the administration, but we told the chief we would operate our game, or no one else would run. We have expended upwards of \$30,000 fitting up property for operation, and we will gamble or close the town. The chief's threat to arrest players, spectators and seize everything in sight does not disturb us, for we will begin suit for the return of the property every time he seizes it, and we will get it. If he arrests us every day, we will not quit."

The Orpheum club-rooms are above the theatre and consist of one large room and two small ones. In the large room are faro tables and the roulette game, and in the small rooms are poker tables. A large crowd was on hand when the games opened yesterday, and remained throughout the hours the games ran.



MISS MARGARET PAFFRATH,  
Queen of the Carnival, Who, Rumor Has It, Is About to Be Married.

## ANOTHER RUSSIAN CRUISER IS SUNK

### Vessel of Diana Type Guarding Entrance to Port Arthur Torpedoed by Sixth Torpedo Boat Flotilla of Japanese Squadron.

(Journal Special Service.)  
St. Petersburg, July 12.—A telegram has been received from the general staff via Chefoo that a land attack was made on Port Arthur Sunday night. The Japanese were repulsed with tremendous loss.

The Japanese loss is calculated at 20,000 killed and wounded. The losses were largely increased by the use of subterranean mines by the Russians.

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London, July 12.—A Central News dispatch this evening says that in the latest torpedo boat attack on Port Arthur the Japanese torpedoed another Russian cruiser last night. The Japanese vessels were not damaged.

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## AN ARMY ON STRIKE

### Fifty-Two Thousand Men Walk Out When Noon Whistle Blows.

## BOTH SIDES CONFIDENT

### Employes of Larger Packing Houses, Plants and Stockyards Quit Work at Hour Agreed Upon —No Violence.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Chicago, July 12.—Promptly on the predetermined hour of 12 today noon and obeying the order issued by M. J. Donnelly, president of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers' union, 18,000 employes of the larger packing houses, plants, and stockyards quit work at the same time causing 10,000 others to be thrown out of work.

The blowing of the big whistle was the signal agreed upon for the beginning of the strike. Twenty-five thousand employes of packers in Kansas City, St. Joe, Omaha, Sioux City and St. Louis obeyed the strike order at the same hour.

No violence so far as is known marked the walkout. Five hundred policemen were massed in the neighborhood of the stockyards to maintain peace but their services were not required.

Between 200 and 400 non-union men, it is said will be at once imported, and cots placed for their use in the plants. Every preparation has been made by the packers to meet the emergency and both sides are now determined to fight till the last ditch.

In round numbers 52,000 men are affected, more than 18,000 of whom are employed in the packing industry. Swift & Co., Nelson Morris & Co., Schwarzfeld & Sulzberger, Cudahy Packing company and the National Packing company, and all have branches in Kansas City, St. Joseph, St. Louis, Omaha, St. Paul, Fort Worth and New York City.

After the order to strike, Donnelly said: "For nearly two months we have been carrying on negotiations with the committee of superintendents representing all the packers in order to secure new agreements for our members, the old contracts between the unions and the companies having expired on May 25. Since that time we have been working without any agreement, and have tried in every way to reach a satisfactory agreement with the packing interests, but they have held out on every proposal we have submitted, refusing to compromise in any way. Finally the men became disgusted, and tonight's order for a general strike was the result."

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## NEWS AT GRANICO

Wires Are Down, But Meagre Details of Flood Are Received.  
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Shaniko, Or., July 12.—About 3 p. m. yesterday a cloudburst struck the town of Mitchell, 40 miles south of here. The business center of the town, which is situated in a canyon, was wrecked. The residence-portion, on the side of a hill, was little damaged. The water rushed down the canyon and took out several buildings, tore up the streets and did considerable damage to crops in the surrounding country. Two lives were lost. It is impossible to estimate the damage, but it is thought to be large. All wires to Mitchell are down.

## HEPPER ALSO SUFFERS

No Loss of Life But Great Damage to Property.  
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Hepper, Or., July 12.—With a sudden rush and ominous roar that was heard for miles around a gigantic flood drove down upon Hepper last night, devastating crops, undermining buildings and carrying scores of cattle to their

## HILL'S STEAMSHIP TO BREAK ALL RECORDS

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New York, July 12.—Members of the Maritime exchange today learn with much interest that the mammoth steamship Minnesota will attempt to break all steamship records from the Atlantic to the Pacific ports, and particularly that of the battleship Oregon.

The Minnesota is still at New London, where her sister ship, the Dakota, was built, and is applying the finishing touches in preparation for her 14,000-mile voyage. The Oregon's record has been considered the greatest ever made around Cape Horn, requiring from March 19 to May 24, in 1893, to go from San Francisco to Key West. The extensive advertising given that trip made it one of the most famous of sea voyages and James J. Hill, who intends his mammoth steamship for the oriental

trade from Seattle, will make the new speed attempt to gain a similar advantage.

One of his lieutenants, who is here, says that Mr. Hill believes if a starting shaming of records for the big carrier can be made, it will do more to attract attention to the transcendent method of shipping oriental freight than would many thousands of dollars worth of publicity in other directions.

With this object in view no expense will be spared to smash all steamship records. Selected steaming coal is being put into the bunkers of the big ship and special firemen and engineers have been engaged for the voyage. Marine men here say the season may be taken as favorable for a record attempt and predict that Mr. Hill's object both as to record breaking and advertising will be attained.

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## SENATOR CLARK WAS WEDDED IN MAY, 1901

(Journal Special Service.)  
New York, June 12.—It was announced last night that William A. Clark, the millionaire senator from Montana, and Miss Anna E. Luchapole, the daughter of a physician, who died several years ago, were united in marriage in Marseilles, France, in May, 1901.

It is also stated that Mr. and Mrs. Clark possess a 2-year-old daughter as the issue of the union.

Mrs. Clark was a resident of Rutte prior to her marriage. Her father died in Chicago.

## PIIONEER OF LEWISTON DIES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Lewiston, Ida., July 12.—Mrs. Josephine Cox, who has resided here for 29 years and aged 78, is dead. She leaves a son and four daughters.

## WOOS QUEEN OF THE MARDI GRAS

Queen Margaret is being wooed, but whether or not she has been won, her royal highness will not state. The suitor is said to be a prominent business man of this city, who has fallen in love with the queen of the Mardi Gras, and it is said, has asked her to rule forever in his little kingdom on Nob Hill.

For several days rumors of marriages have been floating about the carnival grounds, but just who was to wed was not learned until this morning. Great was the surprise of the maitre-in-waiting at the throne when it was told that the queen herself had been struck by one of Cupid's darts. A minister of state asked if the report was true. The queen smiled. A reporter asked if the story were not correct. The queen looked worried.

Still, it is true that history must repeat itself. King Solomon, with 210 wives, took to love with the Queen of Sheba. And so has a business king been charmed by the queenly graces of Portland's fair ruler.

## STRIKE AT ST. LOUIS

Packing House Employes to Number of 3,000 Go Out—Very Peaceful.  
(Journal Special Service.)  
St. Louis, July 12.—In sympathy with the strike of unskilled laborers who demand a wage increase, 3,000 packing house employes struck at noon today. The police had made preparations to stop any act of violence, but the strike was very peaceful. Cots are being taken into the Armour plant for the use of nonunion men that are to be brought here.

## EMPLOYE OF FIVE PACKING HOUSES STRIKE AT NOON—NO DISORDER

(Journal Special Service.)  
Kansas City, July 12.—About 5,000 employes of five packing houses struck at noon today. The result was that the purchase union officials. Twelve unions are involved. Anticipating this action the packers brought in about 500 cots. Stockman says that the strike is probably the end of business here.