

FIERCER WIND TEARS OUT WIRES; CABLES SNAPPED IN NORTH

Possibility That Some Vessels Seeking Shelter Have Met With Disaster.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 7.—One of the most severe gales of the protracted storm that has gripped the northwest for the past four days struck the coast from the southwest early this morning, carrying down telegraph and telephone wires to the north of Seattle and breaking cables leading to government weather stations at Tatoosh and North Head. Until the wires have been repaired, no reports of expected damage to shipping in the northern part of Puget sound and the coast of British Columbia will be available. Nearly a score of vessels, harbored in the Columbia river, that were reported to have started north to seek shelter in the sound, may have been caught in the gale and either wrecked or scattered along the coast. Rain is still falling here today and the local forecaster predicts a continuation of the rainfall for the next 24 hours. Nearly five inches of rain has fallen in the present storm.

Railroad traffic in southwestern Washington is being resumed slowly. The Northern Pacific reported that the Olympia and Grays Harbor lines were open again, the slides having been cleared away, while both the coast and the lines between Tacoma and Portland are being used.

Stations along the Northern Pacific main line reported rivers rising, but with a diminished rainfall. Unless there should be a resumption of the heavy downpour, no further railroading difficulties are expected.

Beak Has Sailed.
Astoria, Or., Jan. 7.—The storm which has raged for the past week, abated last night and conditions are improved this morning. The bar has moderated and practically all the harbor vessels are under way. The steamship Beak, which has been tied up here for seven days, was among the number which sailed.

The storm was the worst that has struck this vicinity for several years. Basements filled with water, sewers blocked, streets were torn up and a number of houses were turned over in the streets by the force of the wind. Damage was recorded in yesterday's storm.

Weather Observer Gilmore reports a fall of 8.29 inches of rain fell from Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock until the same hour Tuesday. During the 24 hours ending yesterday afternoon, 2.14 inches had fallen. At 12 o'clock last night the last telegraph wire out of Astoria was cut and the city was cut off from telephone and telegraphic communication until today.

Moellips Is No More.
Hoquiam, Wash., Jan. 7.—The worst gale and of longest duration in the history of the Chehalis country is broken and this morning dawned bright and clear. In the wake of the storm the devastation of every island, the little town of Moellips is wrecked and the damage the past three days has been greater than anticipated.

Several houses were destroyed, the cottages left standing on the east end of the townsite, and the street is now a part of the ocean. Reports from there are meager, but they show that the gale swept the harbor at a rate of 50 miles an hour has done even greater damage to the summer resort than elsewhere.

The train service on the O. W. & C. M. & St. Paul is interrupted and will not be continued for at least 15 hours. There has been no trains over this line for the past 24 hours. The Northern Pacific trains are running, but Hoquiam is unable to get information from Montesano as to whether the Wynoochee bridge was damaged by flood last night.

The launch Bonita is ashore somewhere in the lower harbor and cannot be found. There is no one aboard.

Slides Wrecks Stock Barn.
Clatskanie, Or., Jan. 7.—A landslide resulting in great damage to property occurred at Marshland late yesterday afternoon. The slide started far up in a canyon and swept down the mountain with terrific force, carrying trees, logs and debris of all kinds as it swept along.

At the foot of the mountain stood the large barn belonging to Elliott Brothers in which the stock had just been housed for the night. The men who had been caring for them had just left the barn when the slide struck it, demolishing it, killing five or six horses and as many head of cattle, smashing beyond all possible repair all the farm implements and destroying a large amount of hay.

The loss, as roughly estimated, will exceed \$500.

The county road which runs between the mountain and the barn is buried for a considerable distance beneath 12 or 15 feet of logs, trees and rubbish.

The Elliott family did not remain in their house last night, fearing another slide.

Much Damage at Wheeler.
Wheeler, Or., Jan. 7.—After a short lull, the storm began again yesterday afternoon with renewed fury and raged all night. A railroad speeder with a man on it was blown from the track. The roof of a shed 200 by 25 feet was blown down at Wheeler. A mill was picked up and hurled 50 feet. Rain was driven through shingle roofs and ordinary walls.

The Nehalem river, augmented by torrents from mountains and hills, has risen above the highest mark before recorded. It is now a seething mass of muddy water, filled with trees, rocks and debris, making navigation difficult and hazardous. No boat will venture to see and with the present blockade this section of the country is totally cut off from the outside world. There has been no train or mail from Portland since Saturday. North of Mohler the slides on the railroad track began

JAPAN WILL ENTER THE NEWS BUSINESS

Government Makes Deal for Service With Reuter's Agency of Europe.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Jan. 7.—The Japanese government is going into the news business. It will circulate kind of news it wishes circulated through the National News Agency, a newly organized concern, backed by individuals and corporations close to the imperial administration.

That the agency has been established was known some time ago but details of its purpose, which certainly would have been only received by mail today.

By the terms of an arrangement it has entered into with Reuter's, the big European news distributing association, it alone will receive and distribute Reuter's telegrams in Japan. In turn it will be Reuter's sole informant concerning Japanese news.

The fact that if the National Agency can help it no news the government does not like will reach Japanese eyes, and it means also that as far as possible the government will prevent the circulation abroad of news the government prefers not to have known.

Incidentally, an important object of the new concern, it is believed, is to enable Japan to float more foreign loans by carefully press agentic the country's resources.

CHERRIANS OF SALEM HAVE GRAND PARTY

Banqueters Approve Suggestion of Chartering Special Steamer.

Salem, Or., Jan. 7.—When George H. Graves, chairman of the Cherrians' banquet committee, announced that the Cherrians' first anniversary party would "be the sweetest one ever pulled off in the city of Salem," he knew what he was talking about. The banquet, given at the Hotel Marion last night, stands by itself as the most elaborate and "sweetest" ever given in the capital city.

A number of toasts were given, and Rev. H. S. Marshall, the city preacher, roused the diners to enthusiasm with his suggestion that the Cherrians should lead the movement to have the cities of the Willamette valley join in chartering a steamer next year for an excursion to the Panama-Pacific exposition, as a demonstration that Oregon is not an isolated state, but a coequal member with a great part of its own.

TO ENDEAVOR TO HAVE COMPETENCY RESTORED
San Francisco, Jan. 7.—Walter McCree, San Francisco millionaire, adjudged incompetent by California courts about a year ago, was allowed \$5000 out of his estate by Superior Judge Graham here today to return to San Francisco from London and attempt to have his competency restored by the courts.

Several months ago McCree made a sensational escape from his country estate, near Hollister, Cal., where he had been placed under guardianship by Attorney H. M. McKee. Since his escape McCree has lived in London under the care of physicians who have pronounced him sane.

Schooner Seized.
Acting on libel proceedings instituted in the United States district court yesterday afternoon, the coast-guard schooner "Oakland" was seized at St. Helens yesterday by Deputy United States Marshal Belmont. The seizure was started by the Kruse & Banks Shipbuilding company of North Bend to recover on a debt contracted for repairs made on the vessel. A keeper is aboard pending the furnishing of bail.

New Hoisting Device.
The Oregon Electric Railway company has just installed at East Independence a new electric hoisting device for the transfer of baggage and light freight from the river boat that plies between Independence and East Independence. The hoist operates on a sloping track from a floating dock. The boat is named "Independence" and is a gasoline craft of a capacity of 50 persons. Captain Claude Skinner is in charge.

and the extent of these is not known low. Track open between here and Tillamook yesterday afternoon is now covered with large slides.

The slides come faster than they can be removed. News from the surrounding country is practically cut off. Reports come that S. M. Batterson's residence at Batterson is flooded three feet deep, that his cattle and hogs are drowning, and that large tracts of land heretofore immune from floods are now under several feet of water.

County Sheriff and his men at Nehalem is flooded and big damage is feared.

A work train and steam shovel is at work here trying to clear the track, but shortage of fuel oil for engine and cost of the steam shovel is feared.

Unless new supply arrives soon local stores will be out of bread, but have a good supply of groceries and provisions on hand.

Miss Eva and Margaret Madder, school teachers, sisters of Mrs. P. W. Rowe, escorted by Mr. Rowe, left this morning for Seaside via nearest mountain trail. Miss Baile Conlongue, Atorney Shortridge and others are going to follow the stage route for Portland.

ROCKPILES GROWING POPULAR

More Than 100 at Work Yesterday; Some Earn \$22.25.

The number of workers at the municipal rockpile on Terwilliger boulevard yesterday was many times larger than that of Monday. Monday when the rockpile had just started, about 100 took advantage of their opportunity to break rock at the rate of \$1.50 per cubic yard while yesterday those 12 showed up and of that number seven had quit before noon. A few of those who had previous experience were able to break more than a cubic yard of rock in a day and they enriched themselves to the extent of \$22.25 during the day. Others not being able to break a yard a day earned as low as \$1.

The work is so arranged that there will be no cheating or stealing of rock by those who are not as proficient as the others. When the rock is broken it is weighed in separate pile and measured. Those who did not break a full yard during the day have a chance to finish out the yard this morning. The men will be paid at the end of each day.

While the city could get the rock cheaper than it is being produced at the rockpile, the plan is considered worthy by the city commissioners as work is provided to the unemployed.

A conference was held yesterday afternoon by Commissioner Dieck and the representatives of paving companies contracting for the work in an attempt to have street work done at this time. It was decided that it would be impracticable to try to do work at this time, but that the scheme to supply work to the unemployed by this method was abandoned.

FIREMAN WANTS BIG SALARY

Engineer Files Claim of \$1002 for Month Including Overtime.

E. C. Webber, formerly a relief engineer in the fire department, has filed a claim with the city for \$1002 which he alleges is due him for salary. Webber was discharged December 25 without direct charges being placed against him, having been employed less than six months.

On December 1, with the adoption of the standardization system, he was refused the warrant at \$1200 per month, and when he was discharged his warrant was made out in conformity with the standardization system. He alleges that \$120 is due him for the month of December and \$882 due him for overtime. The mayor and commissioners are puzzled as to what he means by the claim for overtime, as fireman are on duty 24 hours during the day.

MUST LIVE WITHIN MEANS
Auditor Compiling List of City Employees Garnished Recently.

Believing that those who are in the employ of the city should not live beyond their salary, Auditor Barbur is compiling a list of employees who have had their salaries garnished in the last three months which will be submitted to the various commissioners for investigation. Mr. Barbur contends that those who cannot live on the salary received from the city should be forced out of the city's employment for if allowed to remain much abuse will result.

Auditor Barbur has had this subject up before, having presented it before the old city council, but at that time no action was taken toward preventing the practice of paying employees more than their salaries. He says that the garnishment proceedings cause a great deal of trouble and tends to disrupt the efficiency of the employees who engage in such practices.

TOO MANY LIGHTS ARE USED

City Will Cut Down Illumination on Bridges Over River.

There are too many lights in use each night on the bridges crossing gulches in the city, according to Will H. Daly, commissioner of public utilities. It is probable that steps will be taken to curtail the number of lights and there will still remain enough lights to furnish enough illumination for the thoroughfares. The matter was called to Mr. Daly's attention by Mayor Albee this morning.

Lesson in Grafting.
Practical demonstration in the different forms of grafting and budding will be given by experts tomorrow afternoon at the Woodlawn school between the hours of 1 and 2. These lessons in horticulture are not only for the benefit of the school children but for the benefit of others interested and their attendance is invited.

Given Rockpile Sentence.
One suit of clothes, the possession of which he was unable to explain in the municipal court this morning, caused Richard Schrapnick to take a sentence of 35 days on the rockpile. He was caught trying to sell the clothes to a second hand dealer. The suit was stolen.

them for the payment. Hereafter the city will look up all of the old warrants and try to secure the proper owners instead of letting them remain on file, according to Auditor Barbur.

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DEFENSE POINTS GOVERNMENT SUIT

Errors in Figures Admitted in Case Against Western Fuel Company.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Jan. 7.—Cross examination of Special Treasury Agent Tidwell was continued today at the trial of eight Western Fuel company officials and employees, charged with conspiring to defraud the government.

Tidwell was made to admit by Defense Attorney McCutcheon that the overages alleged by certain witnesses had been exaggerated. McCutcheon attempted to make the witness admit that he himself had confused overages in connection with the barge Comanche.

"Didn't you in your direct examination state that the percentage of overage on the Comanche was 14.43, when in fact it was only 4.3 per cent, isn't that considerably less?" demanded McCutcheon.

"Yes, it is less," answered Tidwell, "if I made such a statement recently."

"You will admit that we have shown glaring errors in your figures, won't you?"

"Yes," answered Tidwell.

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KAISER INCENSED AT HIS SON AND GERMAN PAPERS FLAY PRINCE

Severe Penalty May Be Imposed on Young Man for His Actions.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Berlin, Jan. 7.—So much was the kaiser said today to be incensed at the latest storm the crown prince has raised by his telegrams to General Demling and Colonel Von Reuter, commending their haughty pro-military stand in connection with the recent clashes between troops and citizens in Alsace, that it was believed he would impose some severe penalty on his son.

Only the crown prince's interference was needed to make the Alsatian affair about as bad as it possibly could be. The anti-military riots at Zabern were serious in themselves. Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg made matter worse by his speech in the Reichstag in which he held that the soldiers were right in their actions and that the civilians were wrong in their actions. The kaiser's speech, however, was a really serious blow between them and the military.

Then, with Colonel Von Reuter and Lieutenant Shud on trial on charges similar to those against Von Forester, with public sentiment in Alsace at fever heat and with more riots threatened, Crown Prince Frederick William seized the opportunity to aggravate the situation with his telegrams.

With few exceptions the German newspapers excoriated him this morning. Moreover, his father was said to consider his son's action as simply another in a long series of defiance of himself by the younger man, and a really serious blow between them and the military.

Paris, Jan. 7.—A break in an electric cable plunged the busiest part of the restaurant and cafe district in darkness for hours.

LIQUOR QUESTION IS ISSUE AT MEDFORD

Rev. R. W. McCullough Announces Himself Candidate for Council.

Medford, Or., Jan. 7.—An eleven hour surprise was sprung in the municipal campaign today, when Rev. R. W. McCullough, pastor of the Baptist church, filed for councilman in the third ward. Rev. Mr. McCullough is the first candidate to inject the "wet-dry" issue into the city election, other candidates being purely on an administrative and anti-administration ticket.

The new candidate comes out boldly against the saloons, and also proclaims a state-wide prohibition campaign in which he says he hopes to take a prominent part.

Rich Man Held as Slayer.
Los Angeles, Jan. 7.—Manual Cabral, a wealthy Portuguese of San Diego, is held here today to answer before the superior court to a charge of murdering Mrs. Harriet Vorndam, whose body was found October 25 in apartments he had occupied. The woman apparently had been choked to death.

Orient Lodge No. 17
Regular meeting this (Wednesday) evening, East 5th and Alder streets. After a short session we will meet with Samaritan lodge in their hall for the purpose of joint instruction of officers for the ensuing term. W. W. Tarry, secretary. (Adv.)

RUSSIA AND SWEDEN MAY GO TO WAR

Famous Explorer Declares Sweden Is Overrun by Spies of the Czar.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Stockholm, Jan. 7.—"Since Sweden was forced to give up Finland," said Dr. Sven Hedin, the famous Swedish explorer, in an interview here today, "our country has never been so over-run by Russian spies as at present. This can mean nothing but a Russo-Swedish war."

Dr. Hedin was only voicing an opinion widely held in Sweden at this time. Indeed, there are few well informed Swedes who do not believe that when Premier Staff made his recent speech advocating the strengthening of Sweden's naval bases, more meaning of Sweden's term of military service, he had trouble with Russia in his mind.

Hedin is also suspicious of Norway. "Russia has an eye on Norway's ice free ports," he said, "and might obtain them by allowing Norway to compensate itself by selling Swedish territory. It must not surprise us, therefore, in the event of aggression by Russia, if Norwegian troops simultaneously attempt to invade us recovering provinces that formerly belonged to her."

Uncle Sam After Falkers.
Los Angeles, Jan. 7.—The federal authorities began a war against "fake" medical practitioners and mail order doctors.

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