

### EXCESSIVE RAINFALL CAUSE OF BIG SLIDES ON PANAMA CANAL

Nine Million Feet of Earth Are Being Removed at the Rate of Million Feet Month

### NO FREQUENT TIE-UPS

Experts Say Movements of Earth for Years to Come but Traffic Not Be Frequently Interrupted.

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Washington, March 21.—(I. N. S.)—Panama canal slides caused by excessive rainfall, the most important remedies for which are drainage and sluicing, according to a report submitted to President Wilson by the committee of eminent engineers and scientists which recently completed an investigation on the Isthmus.

Despite the 9,000,000 cubic yards of earth yet to be removed can be dredged out only at the rate of 1,000,000 cubic yards a month, the president is informed that the canal will not be closed for a period of nine months, but that it can be opened as soon as the channel is sufficiently deepened and the slides become so low that dredges, even when interrupted by the passage of ships, can keep ahead of the movements of earth.

With cheer leaders working 100 boys overtime for the "Du Plunk" and the "Wolmeaus," and dividing the favors about equally, the military organization which will represent Portland in the annual membership contest with the Y. M. C. A. of Seattle, were yesterday given their marching orders and are today scattered over the city in quest of their victims.

By Monday morning it is expected that the fighting blood of the teams will be at fever heat. The team headed by Colonel O. W. Davidson, and known as the Du Plunk, is after the scalps of the team headed by Colonel Ed Werlein, named the "Wolmeaus." Collectively they pledge the destruction of Seattle.

As indicative of the interest that is being shown in the campaign by business men of Portland, it was yesterday announced by Franklin T. Griffith that the Portland Railway, Light & Power company would advance the cost of membership for any of its employees who desired to join the Y. M. C. A.

The second firm of Portland to follow his course was that of Woodward, Clarke & Co. Early in the campaign 1500 letters were sent to business houses, asking that the proprietors send in the names of employees who might be found to be interested in the Y. M. C. A. Two thousand names were received yesterday, making a total of 7000.

This statement should be significant to the young men who are employed in Portland, said General William Y. Woodward. The big fight starts at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

At that time about 200 men and 300 boys will assemble at the big Y. M. C. A. building for the start. For this contest full senior membership will be sold for \$15, with three months time to pay it. Cash payments of \$5 to accompany the application.

Social senior membership, \$5. Boy's membership, \$7, with three months to pay it. A business man's membership is \$25, payable \$5 cash and \$5 per month. This is the membership which gives the business man the benefit of the instruction of A. M. Griley, the man who puts four punches in the place that never before carried more than one.

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Man Named by Flier In Divorce Appears

Paul Cooley, Co-Respondent in Art Smith's Suit Quietly Slips Into San Francisco From Chicago.

San Francisco, March 25.—(P. N. S.)—Paul Cooley, the dapper young fellow, who is named co-respondent in the divorce suit filed by Art Smith on March 2, just before he sailed for Japan, quietly slipped into town last night from Chicago and is registered at one of the out-of-the-way hotels.

He left his hotel early today and had not visited even his best friends. Whether Cooley came to San Francisco to look after his interests in the divorce suit or whether he is here on a business trip nobody seems to know.

The fact is that he is in the city and apparently trying to keep his visit as quiet as possible.

Cooley had a motion picture concession at the Panama-Pacific exposition, and he met Mrs. Smith at that time.

California Wets Are Supported by Labor

State Building Trades Council Goes on Record; Will Engage in Contracting and Construction Work.

Sacramento, Cal., March 25.—(U. P.)—The State Building Trades Council, at its closing session today, went on record against prohibition, adopting a resolution favorable to the wets. The action was unanimous.

Another feature of the closing session was the adoption of a resolution presented by F. W. Melville of Los Angeles giving general executive officers authority to engage in construction and contracting work along the lines of the Progress planing mill started by the Millworkers' Union of San Francisco and successfully conducted until it was destroyed by fire.

Marysville was selected as the meeting place for 1917.

F. H. McCarthy of San Francisco was re-elected president of the council; O. A. Tveitmo of San Francisco was re-elected secretary-treasurer. All the old vice presidents were re-elected also, J. F. Walsley of Oakland being chosen to succeed H. J. Banker, deceased, as eighth vice president.

The board of directors was re-elected with the exception of J. D. Cozard who is replaced by D. F. Foley of Marin county.

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### 100 BOYS JOIN IN Y. M. C. A. MEMBERSHIP CONTEST



Above, left to right—Colonel E. J. Werlein, General W. F. Woodward, Colonel O. W. Davidson, of membership campaign teams. Employees of a Portland firm taking morning exercises led by A. M. Griley of the Y. M. C. A. Center—Students in electrical laboratory. Below—Boys' indoor ball game in gymnasium.

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Two or three core borings should be made on each side of the canal to study the nature of the high hills. A mechanical testing of the strength of various rocks is suggested since the angle of repose is largely dependent upon the strength of the rocks.

"Culebra district is the chief area of danger. Slides may occur in other parts of the canal, but they will be relatively small, and infrequent; for the banks are not high, and the unstable ground has already slid down so that its surface has approached the angle of repose.

The committee of investigators consists of: William H. Welch, Charles R. Van Hise, president of the University of Wisconsin; General H. L. Abbott, corps of engineers United States army; John C. Branner, geologist; Whitman Cross, geologist in the United States geological survey; R. C. Carpenter, professor of mechanical engineering in Cornell university; Arthur P. Davis, chief of the reclamation service, Washington; John E. Freeman, construction engineer, Providence; J. F. Hayward, dean of the College of Engineering, Northwestern university; Harry Fielding Reid, professor of engineering, Johns Hopkins university.

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### COMMERCIAL PLANS OF ALLIES WHEN WAR STOPS ARE OUTLINED

Germany Will Not Be Permitted to Use Commerce to Advance Military End.

### RUNCIMAN INTERVIEWED

President of British Board of Trade Gives Views on World Commerce to Follow War.

By Wilbur S. Forrest. London, March 25.—(U. P.)—"Germany will never again, as her helmet in a world engaged in peaceful pursuits," President Walter Runciman of the Board of Trade declared in an exclusive interview given the United Press today, officially outlining for the first time the allies' commercial plans after the war.

"England does not contemplate a throttling that will leave the German people crushed in poverty, unable to rise again," he said, "but peaceful preparations as a means to a military end will never again be tolerated by England, France, Russia and Italy," Runciman asserted.

Commercial War Promised. "Nor can we submit to most favored nations clauses in commercial treaties being utilized to the detriment of any one of the allied countries. We object to Germany using her resources and commercial relations with us for purpose of aggression, as she did in preparation for this war."

Runciman's statement is of the highest importance, in view of the forthcoming allied conference in Paris, which he will attend. American bankers and manufacturers, he indicated, must prepare for a rigid though friendly British commercial competition in neutral markets after the war.

Germany's Plans to Be Met. "Germany has announced that she will attempt to establish a customs union of the central powers on aggressive lines," he said. "This can only mean that she intends to follow up the present conflict with an economic war, which she will be better prepared for the threatened economic war. We are much obliged to Germany for warning us beforehand."

Economic War Would Be Barrier. "The economic war which she threatens would be a permanent barrier to a peaceful development of Europe. I have myself used language hostile in character in regard to Germany's trade. I did so believing that crushing the enemy was an essential step to victory in this war."

Germany's power of resistance, as well as ours, depends upon the extent of her material resources. These we must meet as an act of war, diminish in value. We must do everything in our power to prevent her from accumulating stocks or adding to her wealth abroad. We are doing everything in our power to prevent this. We won't allow our citizens to trade with German firms in China, from whom we are withholding supplies.

Will Not Throttle Trade. "That is only one of many instances. We want to make it clear to Germany that the longer the war continues, the less will be her chance of recoupment out of the profits of foreign markets. We aim at shortening the war."

"Recently," it was recalled to Runciman, "you were determined to prevent Germany from again raising her head."

"What I really ought to have said was that it was a question of her raising her helmet," Runciman replied. "We in England have not grown so foolish as to believe one nation enriches itself on another's poverty, or that Bismarck's policy of bleeding our enemy white, as he did France in 1871, is good, either for individual nations, or for Europe as a whole."

Germany to Be Resisted. "The coming conference in Paris will approach all these questions with these points. We are all determined to resist Germany wherever we find her trying to establish political predominance in foreign countries by commercial means."

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### RETIRING EXALTED RULER IS HONORED



William R. McDonald.

Portland Lodge No. 142, B. F. O. E. has honored its retiring exalted ruler, William R. McDonald, by electing him as its representative to the grand lodge reunion to be held at Baltimore from July 1 to July 15. Mr. McDonald intends that the North Pacific coast shall be well represented at the forthcoming great gathering of Elks. He plans to start a special car from Portland for the representatives of other lodges in the Northwest, and also for the lay members of the order.

Mr. McDonald would like to hear from any Elks who care to make the Baltimore trip. Portland lodge, under Mr. McDonald's administration, had the most successful year of its existence. It had 1841 members on April 1, 1916, and now has about 1814, a gain of 275. It now has more names on its roster than at any time since its institution in November, 1899.

preparation for war. Our free trade is traditional. We have at all times discouraged government assistance or direction of commerce. We have allowed our manufacturers and traders to develop their business relations wherever they could on their own merits and for purely business reasons. We have competed against ourselves as much as against foreigners.

Competition to Be Friendly. "You ask what effect this will have on our commercial relations with America. I reply that we will continue to be good commercial neighbors to the United States or the American continent. Of course we will compete against your traders and manufacturers whenever we can with renewed vigor, in neutral markets, when the war is over. But the competition will be that of honest merchants seeking no end but the exchange of commodities for mutual benefit. We will always be ready to make friendly engagements with neutrals, especially the United States in the interests of peaceful commercial development."

Labor Trouble Not Expected. "In preparation for the return of peace we are making plans for re-

newed internal organization and external activity. This can and will be done along lines every neutral will regard as friendly. The efficiency of the British workingman has been raised during the war. The possibilities of increased output have been experienced. With an immense fund of labor set free at demobilization, we count on renewed activity in every important trade. The potentialities of women labor are now being tested."

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### WILL NOT ELECT NEW LUMBERMENS HEAD FOR SEVERAL MONTHS

Successor to Late George W. Bates Will Not Be Chosen Without Due Deliberation.

### DIRECTORS MEET TUESDAY

Immediate Action Is Not Necessary Because Affairs of Institution in Hands of Officers.

Whatever may be done in the matter of the election of a successor to George W. Bates, late president of the Lumbermens National bank, will be done with due deliberation, and it is not likely that decisive action will be taken for some months.

This is a summary of the expressions of E. G. Crawford, vice president and A. L. Tucker, cashier, at the meeting of the directors of the bank which held their next regular meeting on Tuesday, said Mr. Tucker this morning. "While I am not authorized to speak for them, I feel sure that whatever action may be taken, will not occur perhaps for some months, as the choice of a successor to Mr. Bates will only be taken after due deliberation. Further than this it is too early to make any statement in the matter."

"Only in a most general way did Mr. Bates concern himself with the details of the bank. Those duties have been carried on by Mr. Crawford and the other officers. Therefore, there will be little change so far as the regular business of the bank is concerned."

### Spreading Rails Are Train Wreck Cause

Los Angeles, March 25.—(P. N. S.)—Passengers were shaken up and bruised when three coaches of the Salt Lake Pacific limited were derailed today two and one half miles east of Ontario, shortly after the train left Los Angeles for the trip east.

Spreading rails caused the wreck. All three of the derailed coaches remained upright. newed internal organization and external activity. This can and will be done along lines every neutral will regard as friendly. The efficiency of the British workingman has been raised during the war. The possibilities of increased output have been experienced. With an immense fund of labor set free at demobilization, we count on renewed activity in every important trade. The potentialities of women labor are now being tested."

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