

WEATHER
Tuesday rain, strong southerly gales.

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SEVENTY-FIRST YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 22, 1921

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HIGH WATER STOPS PULP MILL

10-Year Flood Stage Mark May Be Beaten

FLOOD CREST IS EXPECTED THIS MORNING

High Mark of 26 Feet, Recorded in February 1916, Threatened by Present Turbulent River.

STREAM RISE RAPID THROUGHOUT NIGHT

Sudden Jump from Normal Level is Said to Be Without Precedent

The highest water record of the Willamette river during the past 10 years was on February 9, 1916, when the gauge at Salem recorded 26 feet above zero.

Yesterday at 5 o'clock p. m. the record was 21 feet above zero with a rapidly rising river. The flood crest of water from the upper Willamette is not expected to reach Salem until some time this morning, and there is a possibility that the record of the past 10 years may be broken. The river was reported rising throughout the night.

In 1910, the high water mark was December 1, with a gauge of 15 feet.

In 1911, the highest water was on January 20, when the gauge read 19 1/2 feet above. In November of the same year the water rose to 12 feet above.

PACIFIC HIGHWAY SERIOUSLY DAMAGED SOUTH OF JEFFERSON WHEN SANTIAM LEAVES BANKS

MARINES HERE TO GUARD MAIL

Two Men Arrive from Mare Island for Duty at Salem Postoffice

The postoffice department is taking no chance on would-be mail robbers, notwithstanding there is an offer of \$5000 to produce one dead or alive. Hence there has been stationed at Salem two marines, with all their official trimmings and a big gun. They not only stand guard in the post-office building but accompany the mail wagon to and from the Southern Pacific depot.

The young men came to Salem from Mare Island.

Jack Wikoff Pays Fine Of \$50; Arnold Pays \$20

Pleading guilty to a charge of having liquor in his possession, Jack Wikoff, of Salem route 6, was fined \$50 yesterday afternoon by City Recorder Earl Race.

Wikoff was arrested Sunday morning by Officer Birtchett, several gallons of wine being found in Wikoff's car, according to the police. Wikoff had furnished bail in the sum of \$100.

Wayne Arnold, who was recently fined \$10 in Judge Race's court on a disorderly conduct charge, was a second-time visitor to the recorder's court yesterday, when he was fined \$20 for driving his car faster than permitted under city ordinances.

TODD ON STAND IN OWN BEHALF

Acquaintance With Byron Dating Back as Far As 1908 is Related

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 21.—John W. Todd, prominent educator of Salem and the state of Washington, took the stand this morning in his own behalf in his federal trial on charge of using the mails to defraud.

Alleged Victims Heard

He was preceded by three alleged "victims" who had turned over their money in sums ranging from \$1000 to \$2,000 to Carolyn Byron, jointly indicted with Todd. In each case, these "victims" had been brought into contact with the blandishing ways of Byron through their fellow townsman, Todd. None has received a claim or their money back.

Acquaintance Long Standing

In his narration, Todd said he had met Byron in 1908 through his brother, the Rev. E. H. Todd. He mentioned the most prominent figures in the Methodist church as the names of those he understood had invested their money in Byron's scheme of obtaining good timber locations.

Bishops Mentioned

Well-known bishops were mentioned as well as editors of Methodist publications. Todd said he not only invested \$500 in the scheme, but also had his sister purchase a contract from Byron and the two went with Byron to look at their claims in southern Oregon. His testimony was interrupted by the noon recess.

Byron is now a fugitive from justice.

A. A. Lee, Carl B. Webb and Dr. C. B. O'Neill of Salem, W. W. Seymour of Tacoma and C. W. Shumway of Vancouver, as character witnesses, testified to Todd's good character as they knew him.

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PETITION FOR SECURITY OF FRANCE MADE

Premier Briand, in Address at Disarmament Conference, Points to Dangers That Beset Republic.

GERMANS STILL TEACH RELIGION OF BATTLE

Some Believe Parley May Simmer Down to Mere Statement of Policies

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—(By The Associated Press)—In an emotional plea for national security, Aristide Briand, premier of France, informed the arms conference today that however deeply she might be moved by the call to lighten the burdens of armaments, she dared not destroy the effectiveness of her army so long as the situation in Europe remains what it is.

Summoning to the effort all the dynamic force of his eloquence, the "strong man of France" held the rapt attention of the conference for an hour as he recounted one by one the perils that beset his people.

German's Still Teach War

Briefly he declared the old imperialistic party of Germany still was covertly teaching the religion of war and hoping to turn to its advantage at the very door of France seven millions of men trained in the use of arms, while beyond lay bolshevik Russia, which her millions still on deaf ears to the serious problem for the world's final course no one could predict.

By one means or another, said M. Briand, Germany has brought under arms and was maintaining in a state of instant preparedness at least 250,000 men. War material, he declared, would not long furnish a serious problem for the German nation should it decide again to make war. The present German government, he credited with the most pacific of intentions but the weakness of its tenure, he asserted, was apparent to anyone who had watched close at hand the developments of the last few months.

Support Pledges Given

When the French premier had concluded, A. J. Balfour responded for Great Britain with a virtual pledge of British support should the civilization of Europe be again threatened as it was in 1914. For the United States, Secretary Hughes declared the plea of France never fell on deaf ears in America and Italy and Belgium added their word of appreciation for the peculiar situation of the French.

Admiral Baron Kato expressed the profound sympathy of Japan for the declaration of Premier Briand and asserted that for themselves the Japanese desired to maintain on land only such military forces as seemed necessary for national security and the maintenance of order within.

Details Are Passed

Both Mr. Balfour and Baron Kato suggested that the day's developments seemed to indicate that any limitation of land armaments would be difficult to establish and although the subject was referred to a committee of the whole for future consideration there was apparently no inclination to hasten the discussion of details. It would not surprise some delegates if the armament conference simmered down to an effort merely to agree on a general statement of policy.

Detailed figures on the present and proposed military strength of France were not included in Premier Briand's address to the conference but tonight he explained that his allusions to contemplated reductions forecast a future strength of 375,000 regulars as against 400,000 now under arms.

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STORES ARE WASHED AWAY AT SHERIDAN

Fifteen Business Buildings Abandoned—Water From Yamhill Floods Streets

SHERIDAN, Or., Nov. 21.—Fifteen stores in the business district here were vacated today when flood waters from the Yamhill river inundated Main street. Two bridges on the main-highway between here and Willamina, Or., were washed out and the railroad bridge was so badly damaged that traffic was suspended. A large part of the town of Willamina was flooded.

Roy Gardner's Sidecar Is Found Near Salem

The finding of a motorcycle sidecar near this city and press reports of Roy Gardner's story of his flight from McNeill's island have practically established the small bandit's version of his journey to San Diego by the Pacific highway route.

The motorcycle stolen from Oregon City by Roy Gardner a few days after his sensational escape from McNeill's island has been located at Capitano near San Diego, Cal., and returned to its owner, J. C. Hansen of Oregon City. The motorcycle had been abandoned by Gardner when the engine had stalled.

The sidecar was found about four miles south of Salem and was brought to this city by Homer Best. Gardner had evidently removed this equipment in his effort to get more speed out of the machine.

PULP & PAPER CO. PLANT FORCED TO STOP AT MIDNIGHT

Motors Hastily Jerked Out of Basement as Willamette Rises at Rate of Six Inches an Hour—Twenty-four Foot Mark Passed—Power Lost by Destruction of Dam—Traffic, Wire Service in bad Shape—Bridges Go Out

With all Willamette valley streams at the high flood level attained yesterday and the Willamette river over 24 feet above normal level, the seriousness of the local flood situation was shown last night when at mid-night all machinery at the Oregon Pulp & Paper mill's plant was halted. The river was rising at the rate of six inches an hour.

Desperate efforts to save electric machinery in the sub-basement of the paper company's plant were being made at midnight under supervision of General Manager E. T. Barnes and Superintendent Joseph Kaster. Water had flooded into the basement to a depth of several inches and electricians and workmen encountered much difficulty in freeing the machinery from the submerged foundation.

Over 160 men will be thrown out of employment at the paper mill until such time as the high waters subside. Cessation of operation also interferes seriously with work on contracts.

Study of river records show that the present rise is one of the most rapid in years. At the last reading at 1 o'clock this morning, the mark was 24 feet and four inches above low water level. Saturday morning the reading was .02 feet below normal level. Sunday morning the reading was at 3.8 feet, Monday morning at 7:30 the water had climbed to 16.8 feet, while at 8 o'clock last night, 21.7 feet were registered. During the same period a rainfall of 5.3 inches has been recorded.

Despite the continuance of southerly winds with intermittent sheets of rain, hopes for improvement of the local flood situation are based on the tendency of the barometer to halt at 29.1. Reports that the aneroid instruments were registering lower readings were not substantiated by readings obtained yesterday.

Train Service Retarded

Train service on the Southern Pacific main line between Salem and Albany has been halted by the extensive damage to the bridge at Millersburg, all trains being routed over the west side lines by way of Gerlinger and Corvallis.

Serious damage to the Mill street trestle of the Oregon Electric at Salem and the weakening of the approach of the Santiam bridge beyond Talbot have closed the O. E. lines beyond Talbot.

Damage Unestimated

At the present time it is difficult to estimate the damage sustained through interference with

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JANUARY 12, IS SET AS DATE OF CAMP PURCHASE ELECTION

At one of the shortest sessions held during the past year, the Salem city council last night took the first steps toward sanctioning the special election advocated for issuance of bonds with which to purchase fire equipment and the equipment and site of the present camp rounds. According to the proposal, the election will be held January 12. The ordinance was given two readings last night.

Unless the ordinance providing for the special election is given an unlooked-for check, the measure will probably be passed unanimously when given its final reading at the next adjourned session, two weeks hence.

One ordinance proposes the purchase of fire fighting apparatus, consisting of a triple combination pumper, chemical and hose truck to cost about \$13,500. The auto camp equipment is located on property three blocks from the central part of Salem and only a few blocks from the business district. The auto camp ordinance calls for an expenditure of about \$7,000, although the property has been appraised at about double this sum. Over 50,000 tourists camped at the grounds during the past season.

Neither ordinance was opposed.

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MOTIVE SEEN IN ARBUCKLE CASE

Janitor of Studio Declares on Stand That Actor Asked Key to Room

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—The Arbuckle trial took a new angle today with the calling of a witness by whom, the prosecution attorneys announced they hoped to prove a motive for the alleged attack on Virginia Rappe which, it is charged, caused her death. This new witness was Jesse K. Norgard, janitor of a motion picture studio.

Norgard and Ailee Blake and Zeh Prevost, show girls, occupied most of today's session. Both girls were present at the party in Arbuckle's room in a hotel here at which it is charged he inflicted fatal injuries on Miss Rappe.

Norgard testified that Arbuckle once had offered him a "roll of bills" for a key to Miss Rappe's room at the studio, and that he had refused the offer. Miss Prevost and Miss Blake testified that after Miss Rappe had been found moaning in Arbuckle's bedroom, she said: "He hurt me." To whom the pronoun referred was not made clear. Much of Miss Prevost's cross examination given over to efforts by the defense to determine whether the prosecution had exercised any pressure on her in regard to the testimony she was to give at the trial.

TRAINS HALTED IN SNOW BANKS

Traffic Badly Disorganized As Result of Storms at Many Points

PORTLAND, Nov. 21.—Railroads battled today with snow and ice which had tied up several trains in Oregon and Washington.

A squad equipped with snowshoes was sent overland from South Junction, Or., to carry provisions to a stalled Oregon Trunk train near Maplin, Or. After this train had become tied up Saturday night, relief engines were dispatched from Bend and Fallbridge, but their efforts to reach the stranded train were fruitless.

Train No. 3 of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle is snowbound near Cook, Wash. A rotary plow borrowed from the Great Northern railway, was started for the scene this morning, and another, secured from the Northern Pacific, was despatched to Cook this afternoon.

Other trains were reported as being held up at Fallbridge, but suitable provisions for the care of the passengers were to be had at the hotel there.

The river steamer J. N. Teal today made a trip to Multnomah Falls on the Columbia river to take two trainloads of passengers stalled at that point.

The Willamette river rose sharply owing to heavy rains in the valley. The rainfall here since Friday morning was 6.37 inches. The rise in the Willamette was 7.8 feet in the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock this morning.

The sudden rise brought logs, rafts and driftwood, threatening bridges.

More than 100 automobiles including trucks, automobile buses and touring cars were stalled on the Columbia river highway between Crown Point and The Dalles.

A Few of the Things the Storm Has Done in Salem and Vicinity

Pacific highway damaged to extent of \$20,000 to \$30,000 south of Jefferson. Three hundred feet of Southern Pacific fill damaged in same district.

River may reach highest point in 10 years.

Oregon Pulp & Paper mill shut down at midnight.

Over 250 Salem phones out of commission Monday.

Entire phone toll leads south of Stayton put out of commission and over a mile of main line poles down. Construction crew of fifty men working near Jefferson were hurried to Portland yesterday to aid in task of repairing the Pacific company's lines there.

Logging operations suspended in Silver Creek and Mehama districts. Silverton Lumber company's trestle approaches out near Mehama.

Hammond mill closed at Mill City.

Stayton-Kingston bridge torn from anchorage. Approach to Mehama-Lyons bridge sunk two feet below road level. Approach to Stout Creek bridge between Stayton and Mehama sunk three feet below road level. Bridges impassible.

Lyons and Mehama isolated from approach by motor vehicles.

Residence district in southeast Salem flooded at many points. Homes isolated. Scores of basements flooded.

Flood waters cause property losses in and near Dallas, Jefferson, Stayton and Turner.

In Salem, bridges at Bellevue street, South Winter street and North Cottage street, badly damaged and closed to traffic.

Main lines of the Southern Pacific company and Oregon Electric company out of commission between Salem and Albany because of flood damage to the Southern Pacific bridge at Millersburg and to the O. E. bridge near Talbot.

INTERESTING ADDRESSES ARE HEARD BY MARION TEACHERS

Notwithstanding the worst weather in 10 years, more than 400 Marion county school teachers managed to register yesterday morning at the auditorium of the Salem high school to attend the three-day session of the Marion county teachers' institute.

The institute opened promptly at 10 o'clock yesterday morning with an invocation and the leading of singing by Miss Lena Belle Tartar, supervisor of music for the Salem public schools.

Sisson Addresses Teachers

Dr. E. O. Sisson delivered the first address, speaking on "The Teacher in the Field of Action."

He said he regarded the teaching profession as the most important of all as it was the teacher who shaped the thoughts of the coming generation.

He called attention to the fact that the public in general recognized the great influence of the teacher and the high standing of the teaching profession, and as evidence called attention to the artistic decorations of the stage, an offering from the Salem Rotary club.

Practical Work Urged

As to the teaching profession,

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