

# THEATRE FALLS, MANY DIE

## National Capital is Paralyzed by Unprecedented Snowstorm

## UNKNOWN NUMBER OF DEAD LIE BENEATH RUINS OF PLAYHOUSE IN HEART OF WASHINGTON D. C.

### WHEELS HALTED IN OFFICES OF FEDERAL HEADS

Congress Adjourns After Brief Meetings and Arms Conference is Unable to Carry Out Program.

### RAILROAD TRAFFIC COMES TO STANDSTILL

Automobiles, Streetcars Are Abandoned, Government Employees on Foot

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—More than 24 hours of continuous snow tonight had covered the middle Atlantic section with Washington as a center to a depth of from a foot to nearly 30 inches; caused suspension of practically all business; disrupted transportation and shut most of the population in their homes.

The storm, which weather bureau officials said was one of the most severe in history and exceeded in the depth of snowfall only by a blizzard of February, 1899, was moving slowly tonight up the coast from its position during the day off Virginia.

Reports to the weather bureau showed that the Carolinas, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia were bearing the brunt of the storm.

Capital Paralyzed  
Washington, however, appeared to be the center of the heavy fall, the weather bureau measurements showing the depth to be two and a half feet against the record of three feet in 1899.

The capital was virtually paralyzed as to activities of all kinds.

The city awoke snowed in this morning and was unable to cope during the day with the rapidly descending fall. Street cars on the principal lines managed for a while early in the day to struggle along, but as the day wore on made almost complete surrender.

Automobiles and other motor vehicles likewise were snow-bound, and tonight the streets of Washington were lined with abandoned cars.

Government Wheels Stop  
The snowfall here practically halted governmental activities and caused cancellation of the two scheduled armament conference meetings.

Thousands of government employees walked to work and many others living in outlying sections stayed home. At noon many bureaus dismissed their employees for the day.

Congress was affected, only 49 senators answering to the roll call, and a bare handful of house members being present. Both houses adjourned after brief sessions.

Train service between Washington and the outside world was practically suspended from last midnight until early today. Many trains, especially those from the south, were annulled and all of those arriving were hours late.

Gales Sweep Coast  
While Washington was battling the snow, Norfolk, Newport News and Portsmouth, Va., Atlantic City, N. J., and other coast cities were being swept by severe gales. Shipping was forced to seek shelter, and from every port city came reports of ships in distress.

The downtown business section of Norfolk was flooded by high tides, and traffic police were compelled to work in hip boots.

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### 50-CENT HAT GOOD ENOUGH FOR PEARL WHITE, ACTRESS



MISS PEARL WHITE, famous film star, photographed in her five franc woolen "creation," which she brought from style capital.

## LIVESTOCK STARVE AS PRICE OF HAY IS QUIBBLED UPON

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 28.—A survey of conditions prevailing on the vast stock ranges of Oregon during the severe winter weather recently, made in the interests of the Oregon Humane society by Mrs. F. W. Swanton, manager, and State Officer Churchill, shows that losses reaching into millions of dollars and involving hundreds of thousands of head of stock will result through the scarcity of feed and the stringency of the times, according to their report, made today.

"The conflicting interests of the livestock owners and the owners of hay," says Mrs. Swanton in her report, "the inability to agree on the price of hay, coupled with the inability of many stockmen to buy hay at any price on account of depressed conditions in the cattle and sheep trade, with bank credits exhausted, have brought about a condition bound to result in loss by starvation of thousands of head of stock within the next few months."

## STANDING OF OREGON SCHOOLS SHOWN IN REPORT BY BRISCOE

Salem has more than twice as many students in its high school as any other city in the state with the exception of Portland. In the four highest grades, ordinarily known as high school, Salem has an enrollment of 827, and then follows Astoria next highest with 389; Corvallis, 350; Albany, 332; La Grande, 300; Ashland, 275; McMinnville, 248; Roseburg, 248; Oregon City, 240, and Dallas ranking 20th on the list with 100. No record was obtained from Eugene.

In securing statistics to compare high schools of the state, with the exception of Portland, G. A. Briscoe of Ashland found that Salem has 129 teachers and Astoria second with 97. Then the number drops to La Grande, 62; Baker 58; Albany 53; Corvallis, 52; Pendleton 47; McMinnville, 36; Silverton 28, and Dallas 25.

Ashland Classes Large  
Ashland teachers have the largest classes, with an average of 31, while Salem has an average of 26 pupils to the teacher. There is no record from Eugene.

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### GOOD OFFICES OF PRESIDENT ARE AWAITED

Shantung Tie-up and Washington Blizzard Combine to Block Operation of Arms Conference.

### TREATY DRAFTING IS PREVENTED BY STORM

Harding's Compromise Likely to Rule in Bringing Nations Together

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(By The Associated Press)—The Shantung tie-up and Washington's near blizzard combined to block again arms conference progress today, but the delay did not dim prevailing confidence that all the conference issues soon would be carried forward to solution.

So far as Shantung was concerned, it was a day of waiting for the mediatory effort of President Harding to have its effect at Peking and Tokio. All indications pointed to a decision early next week and all delegates appeared confident that the decision would be for a settlement along the lines of the compromise supported by the president.

Both meetings planned for today were cancelled because of the storm. One meeting early next week and all delegates appeared confident that the decision would be for a settlement along the lines of the compromise supported by the president.

The postponed Japanese-Chinese meeting, it was explained, was merely to have put into treaty language the agreements already reached on collateral subjects.

In the Chinese Eastern railway discussions which are a part of the Far Eastern committee negotiations, differences of view have developed which seem likely to delay a decision for several days.

### William F. Woodward is Candidate for Legislature

William F. Woodward of Portland yesterday filed with the secretary of state his candidacy for the Republican nomination for representative in the legislature from the 18th representative district.

Mr. Woodward has no slogan. In his platform he says he will endeavor to perform the duties connected therewith honestly, faithfully and efficiently.

### Heavy Snowfall Visits Sections of Polk County

DALLAS, Ore., Jan. 28.—(Special to The Statesman)—Snow fell two successive nights in Dallas and this morning the ground is covered with a white covering. In the mountains west of this city the snow fall averages all the way from six inches to several feet. Some of the logging camps have had to suspend operations until after the snow melts which others where the snowfall was not so great are still continuing work.

### PAINE NAMED

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 28.—Alan Paine, assistant secretary of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce, was today appointed clerk of the United States district court by Federal Judge Rankin. Paine succeeds Dr. W. H. Hare, who died in November.

### THE WEATHER

Generally fair, except rain in southwest portion; moderate winds becoming northerly.

### BOY NEARLY WENT TO WAR WITH TEDDY

L. D. Waring Tells How Roosevelt Left Him Behind Because of His Age

"Say, young man, I like your acts, and your looks, only that I'm afraid of your age. How old are you?"

"Well—ain't you enough of a horseman to tell me by the teeth, I'll show you mine and let you see I'm old enough. I want to go to war, and I guess my teeth are old enough and enough of 'em."

"Yes, I could tell the age of a horse—but how could I tell the age of a jackass by his teeth? I'm afraid you weren't born long enough ago, much as I like your style. I'll just write to your father and be sure."

That was the interesting but heart-breaking conversation between L. D. Waring, now of the Salem postoffice force, and Theodore Roosevelt, when the Rough Riders were being recruited for the war with Spain.

Young Waring, a Texan from Fort Worth, was a slender little buckaroo, delivering horses at San Antonio for the Rough Riders. He says that he rode at least half of the horses that outfit took across to Cuba. "Crazy to go wasn't half the truth; big men, rich men, kids, gun-men, chaperoned cowboys, spectacled professors, football men, professional men from almost every walk of life, were clamoring to get into that unique and warlike organization—and the law put the ban on the kids who weren't of military age."

Roosevelt actually did write, at once, to the senior Waring, and he came through with the deadly, damning calendar. So the lad didn't break into the war, just because the toothy Teddy wouldn't accept another man's teeth as credentials.

### TILLAMOOK ROAD EARLY PROSPECT

Activity Points to Construction of Route from Dallas To Beach

DALLAS, Ore., Jan. 28.—(Special to the Statesman)—That the proposed new road to Tillamook beach resorts from Dallas to the Wallace bridge will be a go and may possibly be in shape for travel before the end of the present year is evidenced by the fact that surveyors from the state highway department have been busy during the past two weeks locating the site for the new roadway and expect to begin the actual surveying within a short time.

The work of locating the new roadway has been under the direction of William Harcom of Willamina, an employee of the state highway department. Mr. Harcom states that after thorough investigation of the route over which the new road will be built that it can be constructed with not more than a 6 per cent grade at any point, from the bridge over Salt creek near the ranch of County Commissioner Ezra Hart to the Wallace bridge over the Yamhill river.

Dallas and Salem people are pleased with the prospect of getting this new road to Tillamook as it means a saving of about one hour's time in driving to the beaches during the summer months.

### Klamath Falls Bank is Again in Bad Condition

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 28.—The First State bank of Klamath Falls failed to open today and a state bank examiner took charge.

The bank closed its doors about a year ago but reopened after 90 days and was said to be in sound financial condition.

The bank examiner said lack of ready cash had caused the recent closing.

### WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Revised figures of the casualties in the Knickerbocker theatre disaster at 4 a. m. today were 21 identified dead; three unidentified dead, and 55 injured. Many others were in the ruins.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Edward Shaughnessy, second assistant postmaster or general was listed as missing early today after the Knickerbocker theatre disaster. He was understood to have attended the performance when the fatal crash came, and efforts to locate him later were without avail. At that time many were still working in the ruins, and in case he was pinned beneath the wreckage it was hoped he was still alive.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Bodies of 12 dead from the ruins of the Knickerbocker theatre collapse had been gathered late tonight in the First Church Scientist, near the theatre. These, added to police reports of others brought the death toll to 17, but many—dead or alive, no one knew, were still beneath the fallen roof.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Fifteen persons at least are believed to have been killed and scores injured tonight in the collapse under the weight of two feet of snow of the roof of the Knickerbocker theatre, a motion picture house, located in the heart of Washington's fashionable northwest section.

Two hours and a half after the crash, which occurred about 9 o'clock, definite information as to the number of the dead and injured was wholly lacking as well as estimates of the number of those in the theatre at the time—estimates ranging from 150 to 300, although the theatre is one of finest motion picture houses in the city and had accommodations for more than 2000 spectators.

The names of the dead had been ascertained by the police only in a few instances and these follow: Mrs. B. H. Covell; Miss Costley; William Tracy, a member of the orchestra; F. H. Earnest and two unidentified; Douglas Hillyer; Mrs. Marie Russell; W. S. Scofield of Danville, Va., and G. S. Freeman, musician.

Mrs. Correlle, D. F. O'Donnell and Mildred Walford, all of Washington; Mrs. Tracey, William Crocker of Congress Hall hotel; T. A. Bourne and Jacob Erdell.

The body of Chauncey C. Brainerd, Washington correspondent of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle and a member of the Grid Iron club, was recovered from the ruins of the Knickerbocker theatre early today. The body of L. L. Lehler, Washington representative of the Indiana Flooring company, was also recovered.

Among the injured was Representative Smithwick of Florida, who was painfully cut about the head and chest, but not seriously hurt. Another injured was Noble Tomasso Asserto, third secretary of the Italian embassy.

Among the injured according to reports received at hospitals were: Mrs. R. J. Brown, Walter Fred Say, M. E. Castney, Mrs. Henry S. Howell, Henry T. Lacey, fractured ribs; J. L. Durland cuts and bruises; Mrs. J. L. Durland, cuts and bruises; R. J. Bowen, injuries serious; Mrs. R. J. Bowen, Klanner; Belle Rembo; Hugh Nesbit, son of Washington correspondent of the Kansas City Star; S. W. Simond; Bert Williams; H. P. Robertson, Joseph Klemk, Mertie, arm crushed off at shoulder; G. Caplan, M. Gold, Hugh Glenn, Dr. Curtis Lee Hall, fractured arm, and his wife, dislocated shoulder, fractured arm and cuts about head; Miss Margaret Cole, Florence Lone, Mrs. Gertrude Kyler, Miss Helen Hopkins, S. M. Lee, Miss MacLean White, broken leg; J. B. G. Curtis, Mrs.

Bernard Breslau, both shoulders broken; Elliott Braumbaugh, bruises; N. I. Urdong; Gertrude Taylor, internal injuries; Vincent Danber, condition serious; John Nesbit and his sister, Katherine, adopted children of Major John Scott, slightly injured; N. Wesson, slightly injured; Mrs. McKinney, unconscious, broken leg and other injuries; Mrs. Hasden P. Buchler, slightly injured.

William Roberts, both legs broken; Miss Mary Forsythe; John T. McEvelly; John Martert; Dr. E. E. Hayden, Mrs. Hayden and their two children; Alice Pasquale; Miss Virginia Poole; Mrs. Joseph Younger, Warren Helpens, H. B. Moses; Herbert Nash and Marie Nash; E. Taylor, Mrs. Mary Young; Joseph C. Bruce; Miss Inez Woodruff, a

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### DO YOU REMEMBER?

In the early days Oregon hops had the same trouble that Oregon's choicest fruits are having. They were shipped under false labels.

Do you remember when all the hops grown in the region tributary to Salem, were bought by Ezra Meeker and were shipped to London labelled, "Washington hops?"

And do you know that the "Washington hops" label was long ago with by an article in The Statesman which was mailed to the Mark Lane Express of London, which gave the Londoners the knowledge that some of the finest hops in the world were grown in the Willamette valley?

Do you remember when old man Robertson disappeared from his lodgings in the old court house when it stood on the north side of Court street and that he has never been found or accounted for?

Do you remember a time when Byron Herrick did not run for surveyor, or when A. M. Clough did not run for coroner?

Do you remember when Dan J. Fry made his big success by advertising the famous "squirrel poison"? Or when S. Friedman put up a little clothing store on the corner of Commercial and Ferry streets and when I Greenbaum was with him?

Do you remember when Peto Graber first landed in Salem and led up to his prosperous plumbing (Continued on page 6)