

GOV. PIERCE INAUGURATED

FLOOD CREST PAST WITHOUT GREAT DAMAGE

Water Reaches to Height of Thirty-two Feet Six Inches, Close to Highest Record Known.

SALEM INDUSTRIES TIED UP BY FLOOD

West Salem Under Water—Floating Barn Breaks Up Railroad Service

The flood is over; the deluge is past, and on its way to the sea. The river is falling steadily; not as rapidly as it rose, which from Saturday night to Monday night mounted 13 1/2 feet—but still, it is falling. The Santiam has dropped way down; the Willamette is lower both at Albany and Eugene; it has dropped here in Salem, several inches, beginning at 5 o'clock, it went down three inches in three hours. Vale, Deluge! Welcome, I. M. the Sunshiner! Yet a vast, swirling current, running 10 miles an hour in the main channel a foot almost like the Mississippi or the Missouri, estimated at close to 200,000 cubic feet per second, is still sweeping down the Willamette valley. Only two times since the coming of Jason Lee, so far as fairly reliable figures or estimates go, has the water been higher than, or even as high as it was last night.

Punk Old Records "The water was above all marks, but it was estimated at 33 to 36 feet," is quoted from the files of The Statesman of February 5, 1890, and only guesses are available as to its exact height at that time. With the changing of the city levels, through the filling in of so much ground along the river front, and the paving of the streets and the building of so many buildings, the old marks are not provable; the present flood of 32 1/2 feet may be fully up to the great 1890 deluge. And the flood of 1861, though it is known to have been a disastrous inundation, might have been higher than the present high mark. The Statesman files of 1861, while telling of the abnormal water, do not quote figures; apparently there was no accurate gauge maintained at that time, and to compare the present with the boyish memories of those who saw that flood 61 years ago, is absolutely fruitless. It might be the whole truth that the white man never saw another flood in the Willamette to equal the present.

Rather curiously, these three great floods have come at approximately equal intervals of almost 30 years. The flood had reached 32 1/2 feet Monday afternoon the highest since the flood of 1890. In 1907 the water reached to 31 feet 5 inches, as recorded by a mark on the wall in the Spaulding engine room. That mark was reached at 9 o'clock Monday; it climbed the rest of the way before 5 o'clock, when the drop began.

A cheering note in the face of general disaster comes from the paper mill. The big new wood cut-up house, built out nearest to the river, has a roaring torrent 20 feet wide tearing through its piling foundation and its lower framing timbers. But up on top, singing like a lark, the carpenters are beating a cheerful tattoo as they nail on

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GOVERNOR PIERCE READS MESSAGE TO STATE LEGISLATURE

HIGHLIGHTS ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Reduction and redistribution of tax burden declared paramount issue before legislature. Extensive program of consolidation and abolition of state offices urged upon legislature. Belief expressed that accident commission, service commission and fisheries department can be made self-sustaining. Elimination of many usual appropriations urged. Salary increases opposed. Income and severance taxes advocated, to the end that taxes on farms and homes may be reduced 50 per cent. Supervision of county assessments by state tax commissioner recommended. Law advocated to prevent insurance company premiums from escaping taxation. Bonded indebtedness of state held alarming. Paid highway commission, or consolidation with some other department advocated, so governor may be responsible to people for acts of commission. Increased tax on gasoline recommended, and if automobile fees are revised they should be increased. Creation of office of state market agent held imperative. Exodus from farm to city deplored and held dangerous to nation. Would make governor and state treasurer members of irrigation securities commission. Material changes in compensation act opposed. Drastic law against narcotics urged and enforcement of prohibition law demanded. Law advocated to prevent lease or sale of lands to Mongolians or Malays. Caution urged to prevent losses under bonus and loan law. Attention called to widespread demand for reduction in hunter's license fees.

Governor Walter M. Pierce last night appealed to the members of the Thirty-second legislative session to join with him in an effort to relieve the burden of taxation now imposed on the state, in his message delivered immediately after the oath of office was administered by Chief Justice McBride. The message in full follows:

Governor Pierce's message to the state legislature, delivered yesterday, follows in full:

I wish to express to the people of Oregon my sincere gratitude for the significant vote of confidence in the recent election. I fully realize the almost staggering responsibility of my position. I will do my best to justify the confidence reposed in me. As I look over the election returns I realize that I received, on the 7th of November last, as many Republican votes as I did Democratic votes. I, therefore, declare myself the people's governor, and I ask the continued support and friendship of the people of Oregon, without reference to past affiliations, political or social.

CONTRACT FOR HOSE AWARDED

City Council Splits Contract Between A. G. Long Co. and American Rubber

After prolonged discussion and spirited debate which was participated in by all-council members, the contract for fire hose with which to equip the new triple combination fire engine, recently purchased by the city, was awarded by the council at a special meeting last night. The contract for purchase of 1300 feet was split among two companies, 800 feet going to the A. G. Long Company of Portland at \$1.35 per foot and 500 feet to the American Rubber Manufacturing company of Oakland at \$1 per foot.

Other companies submitting bids were the United States Rubber company and the Campbell Fire Apparatus company. The type of hose selected by the council from the American Rubber company was "Crackerjack" while "Firestone" was the brand of hose purchased from the A. G. Long company. The latter company which sold the largest part of the contract, also sold the city the 1000 gallon triple combination pumper.

The council voted to allow Dr. C. E. Cashatt to continue in the office of sanitary inspector. Through a misunderstanding Dr. Mary Rowland received the appointment, it being the impression that Dr. Cashatt had no desire to continue in office.

UNIT PLAN OPPOSED

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 8.—School directors of Walla Walla, Columbia and Garfield counties at a meeting here today went on record against county unit plan of administration, against changing present district plan of administration and for county unit plan of taxation and community center plan as opposed to county unit plan.

FRENCH WILL MARCH INTO ESSEN SOON

Occupation to Be Carried Out and Announcement Made Afterwards; Would Avoid Demonstrations.

COAL DEFAULT TO BE DECLARED AT NOON

German Press Voices Strong Opposition to Movement—Government United

PARIS, Jan. 8.—(By The Associated Press)—The soldiers of France will soon be marching into Essen, arousing the Germans with the music of their bands. This long-talked-of action is now accepted as an almost accomplished fact and government officials, business, even the bankers worried by the exchange problem, regard it calmly. They display a reasonable amount of confidence in the results as evidenced by the resistance of the franc to the reported bear movement in prospect from London.

Government Non-Committal

There is expectation in certain circles close to the premier that the first phase of the Ruhr action will have carried out when the premier takes the floor in the chamber of deputies Thursday to make his statement before the house. This phase is expected to be the occupation of Essen by a small joint force of French and Belgians.

The government, however, has not committed itself to action on any certain date; it has been desired to avoid German demonstrations and it was therefore thought wiser to carry out the occupation and make the announcement afterwards. It is generally agreed that the premier will receive enthusiastic approval from parliament. The only danger is that there may be a tendency to push the government to intensified action in the Ruhr on the ground that France is obliged to bear the whole burden it ought to be done so as to bring the greatest results.

The premier however, has said that he intended to resist any temptation to employ rough shod methods. The general attitude seems to be that action has been decided upon and ought to be carried out before the Germans organize too much resistance and it is contended that in any event Germany's default on coal may be considered justification under the treaty.

Default Expected at Noon

This coal default is expected to be declared at noon tomorrow when the reparations commission will have concluded the French hearing; it is even hoped that the decision will be unanimous for the default, as Sir John Bradbury, British member, said tonight he had not finally made up his mind.

Essen, which is the first objective in the Ruhr plan, may be the last, if the Germans take the operation seriously and show a desire to offer France such guarantees as M. Poincare can take to parliament and say: "Here is sufficient collateral for the present."

BERLIN, Jan. 8.—(By The Associated Press)—Germany tonight is backing Chancellor Cuno in his position that the threatened French invasion of the Ruhr constitutes an open and premeditated breach of the treaty of Versailles and the German people, while resigned to the impending advance of the French army, nevertheless believes it can confidently rest its case with the world.

Press Bitter

The German press presents strong opposition to the movement while the political parties, from nationalist to communist, apparently are united in their support of the government. Despite this display of national unanimity, remarkable thus far for its dignity and repression, the government is not yet in possession of tangible evidence that the French will move on Essen and Bochum within the next 24 hours; its suspicions thus far are wholly

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DELUGE AND ARK SCENE REPEATED

Humane Society Rescues Dog, Cat, Cow and Horse From Brown's Island

A cow, a dog, a cat and a horse were rescued yesterday from Brown's Island through the efforts of the Humane society and the kind offices of the Spaulding Logging company who sent their tow boat to assist in the rescue work. The Hawaii family were driven out of their home on the island Saturday and took what livestock they could with them. Feed was left for the rest but the water rose so high that the animals sought refuge in the house. Two dogs were left but one was drowned before the tow boat reached the island. A hole was cut in the roof in order to get Puss out and the remaining dog with the cow and the horse were brought to shore on the Spaulding Mills boat.

UPTON HEADS STATE SENATE

Election Follows Bitter Attack—All Members Are Loyal

Senator George W. Joseph of Multnomah county, in one of the most vitriolic attacks ever made by one man on another in the Oregon legislature, yesterday assailed the official and professional record of Senator Jay Upton of Prineville, classing him as a "crook" and citing cases in which Upton had been suspected of irregular or fraudulent practices. This came just after Upton had been nominated for the presidency of the senate by Senator Edwards, to which he was elected later in the afternoon, and after the nomination had been seconded by Dennis of Union county and Fisk of Lane.

Organization Delayed

It was not until 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon that permanent organization of the senate was reached. Upton was nominated by Senator Edwards, and the nomination had been seconded by Dennis and Fisk when Joseph launched his attack. Also Senator Eddy had been placed in nomination by Senator Garland. At the conclusion of Joseph's remarks, Temporary President Moser said: "The 15 senators who are supporting Senator Upton have the

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COOS COUNTY IS ISOLATED

Marshfield Hopes Reestablish Communication Outside by Wednesday

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Jan. 8.—Coos county has been isolated since last Friday night and tonight was still without hope of outside communication before Wednesday at the earliest. Highways and railroads are blocked and prevented 35 marooned traveling salesmen from leaving today. Trains were carrying food to the men who went to the rescue of the Southern Pacific tracks and wreckage on the Siuslaw river. One train which went yesterday to help clear slides was caught between two avalanches of mud and rock and cannot move either way.

Lakeside reports the highest water yesterday that the ten mile section has ever known, several houses being flooded. In the Umpqua river region, near the coast, the flood was the heaviest in 17 years. A log boom holding 1500 logs belonging to George Chaney, broke at Johnson, on the Coquille river Sunday morning and the entire supply went down the river and was caught at Prosper.

U.S. PROPOSAL TRANSMITTED TO FRANCE

Reaction to Plan for Financial Commission Awaited—No Time Limit for An Answer Involved.

AMERICAN TROOPS WANTED ON RHINE

Officials to Have Opportunity for Informal Exchange of Views

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(By The Associated Press)—American proposals for an inquiry into the German reparations problem by a commission of financiers have been transmitted to Paris but still await definite French reaction to the plan, although a preliminary answer has been received here. No time limit was involved in the suggestions as put forward by Secretary Hughes, it was said authoritatively today, and the plan is still before the French government. It was made clear that the outline of American thought on the question had been sent to Paris through official channels prior to the premiers' meeting on January 2.

Withdrawal Held Unwise

Secretary Hughes did not trust entirely to the informal method of suggestion in his speech at New Haven when he discussed the plan. It was not indicated today in what way the French government had been advised officially of the American views, however. Despite action of the senate in the resolution expressing the opinion that American troops should be withdrawn from the Rhine, there is official support for the view that this course would involve possibilities of misunderstanding which it would be inadvisable to risk. The withdrawal, in any case, it is held, could not add much weight to the American views as to the unwisdom of the course that is to be pursued in the crisis.

Situation Discussed

American troops are wanted on the Rhine by each of the allied nations and by Germany, it was said tonight. In the case of each nation, however, the reason for seeking their retention is different. To order their withdrawal, it was pointed out, might be taken as implying American endorsement or repudiation of various courses or thought in Europe with which the movement would be wholly unconnected. It was strongly indicated the troops would not be recalled.

Discussion of the reparations problem is still proceeding in government circles here. Secretary Hughes today gave a lunch in honor of Ambassador Harvey and Vice President Coolidge and other prominent officials were among the guests. Senator Lodge plans on Thursday to entertain Mr. Harvey at his home and members of the senate foreign relations committee will then have an opportunity for informal and frank exchange of views and information on foreign matters.

Barnes Arrives

Plans of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States that bear on the reparations crisis also may be given impetus by the arrival in Washington tomorrow of Julius H. Barnes, president of the chamber. Mr. Barnes has been commissioned by the chamber to do all in his power to promote cooperation of Europe for its effect on American trade and already has taken some steps toward a new business movement to intervene in the reparations situation.

TO INTRODUCE AMENDMENT

Unless some other member beats him to it Senator Moser of Multnomah will introduce an amendment to the election laws which will provide that party registration cannot be changed on election day or in less than 30 days before.

EXTENDED OVATION GIVEN NEW STATE HEAD BY AUDIENCE

The government of Oregon today is formally headed by Walter M. Pierce, Democrat. Before an audience that filled every available bit of space in the chamber of the house of representatives last night, he was inaugurated as the 17th governor of the state of Oregon and the 24th since the territorial organization was formed.

The joint session of the house and senate, authorized by a concurrent resolution introduced by Representative Fred Meindl, opened at 8 o'clock with the members of the supreme court, Governor Ben W. Olcott, Walter M. Pierce and other state officials on the platform.



WALTER M. PIERCE

Senator A. L. Johnson and Representative Cyril Brownell and George Lovejoy escorted Olcott to the platform; Senator W. H. Strayer and Representative Sherman Miles were an escort to the incoming governor, and Senator Robert S. Farwell and Representatives Denton Burdick and W. F. Woodward were an escort to the members of the supreme court.

Sergeant at arms Joe Slinger scored the hit of the evening when he entered with Justice McBride and Governor Olcott and announced in his familiar concert pitch: "Mr. Speaker, I take great pleasure in announcing that the chief justice of the supreme court and the ex-governor have arrived." Olcott was given an ovation by the audience when he arose to make his farewell address. His 12 years of public life was drawing to a close, he said and he had no feeling of qualms or regrets.

"I would feel that I was remiss in my duty and churlish to my conscience," he said, "if I failed to express in the strongest terms at my command my deep appreciation for the honors accorded me during that time."

The recommendations of the retiring governor to the legislature dealt most strongly with the soldiers and sailors loan and bonus act and the appropriations for state institutions for the care of the dependent and unfortunate. The bonus and loan act should be amended, he said, to safeguard and protect the tremendous sums involved and also to extend its operations to the fullest possible extent to those the spirit of the law intended should be added.

Olcott also suggested that the memory of Oregon's pioneers be honored by the designation of the Old Oregon Trail through the state; that narcotic offenders be sent to the penitentiary upon third offenses, and that special sessions of the legislature be continued to the subject named in the executive call.

Following the formal announcement of the results of the gubernatorial election, Jay Upton, president of the senate and chairman of the joint session, proclaimed Walter M. Pierce governor of Oregon and the oath was administered by Chief Justice McBride. The message of Governor Pierce was punctuated in several instances and was followed by extended applause.

TRIAL OF NORKIN BECOMES DRAMATIC

Sister Who Just Reads of Case Makes Hysterical Entry Into Court

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Trial of Reuben Norkin, charged with aiding Abraham Becker, chauffeur, in the murder and burial of his wife in a lime filled grave was interrupted by the appearance at the court room door of his sister, hysterically crying for permission to see him.

The woman carried her infant daughter. Court attaches escorted her to the judge's chamber and promised her she could see her brother when court was adjourned for the day. "I have not seen him nor know his whereabouts since we parted at our father's grave eight years ago," she sobbed. "And I have sought him everywhere."

She added that recently she had been attending night school, learning to read and write. "I would to Heaven," she cried, "that I had never learned. I read only yesterday that Reuben was being tried for murder." The jury that is to try Norkin was completed today.

SENATE HEAD'S HISTORY TOLD

Jay Upton by Chance Born Outside of State—Is Lawyer and Farmer

Senator Jay H. Upton, elected president of the senate at this session, was born in Colfax, Wash., April 28, 1879, while his parents were on a visit there. His father was James B. Upton, an early lawyer of Portland, and his paternal grandfather was W. W. Upton, one of Oregon's first chief justices. His mother was a pioneer of 1852.

While a babe of only a few weeks, the future president of the Oregon senate and potential governor of the state for that reason, was brought to the Oregon home of the family. He lived at Tillamook until he was 12 years old and then went with his parents to Portland where he

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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Tuesday, rain.
LOCAL WEATHER (Monday)
Maximum temperature, 54.
Minimum temperature, 43.
River, 31, rising.
Rainfall, trace.
Atmosphere, cloudy.
Wind, south.