

RESCUE STOPPED BY RAGING FLOODS

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rescue train locomotive shedding a glare on the wreck, a rope was strung from the end of a partially submerged day coach to the bank and over it passengers who had not been drowned moved hand-over-hand to reach safety on the bank. A woman, whose identity is unknown, was among the number to cross and several times was on the verge of losing her grip.

"Piled up cars, watched people and the lightning flashing through the rain made a hell I never will forget," declared Dan J. McQuaid, of Denver, who phoned first news of the disaster from the Chicago & Northwestern station in the Big Muddy oil field. "I have been in three bad wrecks, but this is the worst of all," he added.

At the same time that McQuaid was phoning the news to the mayor of Glen Rock, Henry Wyatt, pioneer resident of Casper, reached a telephone on the highway a mile distant and informed the Casper office of the Burlington of the disaster.

Narrow escapes were recorded by several passengers, among them H. D. Bellrose first reported missing because he was known to be in the smoking compartment of the Pullman which took a nose dive into the torrent. Bellrose was thrown out of the car, kept afloat in the darkness until he was washed into the Platte river 200 yards away and there grabbed a floating tie with the aid of which he reached the bank.

Many Without Clothing Gus W. Phillips was badly burned when he crawled out of a coach in the stream and made his way over the steaming hot engine, completely submerged, to reach the bank. He received medical attention at Glen Rock.

Survivors removed from the flood on the east bank were taken to Douglas, while those removed from Pullmans on the west were brought to Casper. For the most part those brought here remained in Pullmans at the Burlington station until they could be provided with clothing.

Identified dead, in addition to the missing, stood at two late today. D. E. Shults, baggage man at Casper, was buried out of his car with both legs broken and internal injuries and died a short time later. Nicholas Schmits of Douglas was drowned and his body recovered. The body of a man sitting astride the trucks of the baggage car, where he met almost instant death while hastening his way, was the most haunting sight of the wreck. The upper part of his body was under water.

Service Paralyzed A swirling torrent 75 feet wide, opened by the collapse of the Cole creek bridge and carving approaches, spans the gulf in which the cars lie.

The flood disaster in central Wyoming was not confined to the wreck but was marked by the running into of hundreds of thousands of dollars on railroads west and east and in the Salt creek oil field. Train service in all directions was paralyzed today.

The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad sustained the greatest damage, a large part of which represents repair work rushed for the last two months to place its line west of here in condition for traffic, following the flood of last summer. Damage at that time was estimated at over \$500,000, and this damage, it is believed, has been repaired with the application of cloudbursts along the Wind river and the Bad Water.

On the Chicago & Northwestern nearly all bridges between here and Lander were washed out and both roads it is reported miles of track and roadbed are gone. The Northwestern had replaced several after the summer flood.

Full Test Endorsed Salt Creek suffered enormous damage from cloudbursts last night. Trunk line oil carriers to Casper were broken, releasing a flood of oil which drenched surrounding territory. The home camp of the Mid-West Refining company, the largest operator in the field, was inundated and various portions of the Rick oil field reported water running from a foot to four feet in depth with scalding damage to houses and all well equipment. Bridges across streams in the field nearly all went out.

The full toll of the storm, which struck several districts simultaneously will not be known for some time as communication with many points west of Shoshone has been cut off.

MOTION DENIED PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 28.—A motion for a directed verdict of acquittal was denied by Judge McWhorter in the circuit court today in the case of Anthon Zehner, vice president of the Portland State Bank of Portland, charged with receiving deposits from the bank to be in-

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Following is the official publication of the record of claims before the Marion county commissioners court for the Sept. term, 1923 with the amount allowed, bills continued, etc., according to the records in the office of the county clerk.

Table listing various claims and amounts, including entries for Brown, G. L., checking rock, Mueller, Matt, firing 300-ke, Sigmund, Frank, hoist-man at crusher, etc.

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