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LEVELS BREAK; FLOODS RAGING

Worst Catastrophe of Kind in Century Strikes German Nation

LOSS SAID TREMENDOUS

Fifteen Killed, Property Loss Estimated at Thirty Million Dollars; Army Drafted for Relief Work

MEXICO CITY, June 25.—(By Associated Press.)—The flood toll at Leon in the state of Guanajuato has reached 100 known dead...

One fourth of the population is homeless and destitute, the streets are still flooded and property damage is estimated at four million pesos.

BERLIN, June 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Fifteen dead, estimated damage of \$30,000,000 to crops and property, and 100,000 acres of cultivated land under water throughout Germany was the toll of the floods tonight.

Twenty thousand members, or one-fifth of Germany's regular army, have been drafted into the relief service. Along the Elbe and Oder rivers for hundreds of miles, every able bodied civilian has been called out to prevent further breaks in levees.

Near Frankfurt, on the Oder river, a dyke was broken through by the torrent today, flooding more than 3,000 acres of farm land and ruining the harvest.

Although the Elbe river dropped a little near Magdeburg, another and more serious rise is looked for. This would endanger railway communication with Berlin.

Friday in Washington

Republican senatorial campaign plans were discussed at a White House breakfast.

The house adjourned because of the death of Representative Fuller of Illinois.

President Coolidge endorsed the Pesse bill to render financial aid to farmers' cooperative marketing bodies.

Senator Watson, Indiana, offered a resolution to sidetrack farm legislation in favor of war veterans rehabilitation bill.

Your Vacation

At the coast, in the mountains, or with friends, will be more interesting and you will enjoy it better if you are able to read the home town news in your home paper daily.

Senate in Quandary Over Question of Farm Relief

Supporters of McNary Measure Move to Table All Farm Legislation After President Coolidge Throws Support to and Endorses Tinchler Bill

WASHINGTON, June 25.—(By Associated Press.)—The senate was thrown into a quandry today over what to do about farm relief after President Coolidge had formally endorsed the Tinchler credit bill and supporters of the defeated McNary measure moved to lay aside all agricultural legislation and proceed to other business.

At the same time the democrats began an agitation for a reduction in tariff rates, which they charged were responsible for the farmers' condition.

The outcome of this triangular controversy was problematical when the senate recessed tonight with the leaders of the three factions determined to press their issues.

The situation offers a threat even to the house cooperative marketing bill, to which there had been scant opposition. After conferences today the western proponents of the rejected McNary equalization fee measure lined up in opposition to the cooperative marketing proposal which has Secretary Jardine's endorsement on the ground that it was a "make-shift plan" and would be charged to the account of farm legislation.

Developments came thick and fast during the day. They started with a breakfast conference at the White House with senate leaders who urged President Coolidge to declare publicly for the Tinchler plan which has been offered in the senate by Senator Fess, republican Ohio.

Later the president called in Secretaries Jardine and Hoover for advice and sent his secretary, Everett Sanders, twice to the capitol to confer with administration leaders in the senate.

Soon after the president began his conferences, the various senate factions started caucuses in ante-rooms that continued through out the day.

The result was that almost simultaneously with the issuance by the president of a formal statement advocating passage of the Tinchler bill, Senator Watson, republican Indiana, offered a motion to lay aside any more farm legislation, and Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic leader, pressed his proposal to have the tariff reduced.

This was a signal for an out-

ONE FATALITY IN WEEK 856 MISHAPS REPORTED TO ACCIDENT COMMISSION

Only one fatality due to industrial accidents was reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending June 25. A. McCulloch, Astoria, windfall bucket, is reported to have lost his life through an accident.

WICHITA, Kans.—An old timer in Kansas political and military history is returning to public life after an attempt to go into retirement.

CHICAGO CRIME CONDITIONS

Chicago crime conditions are reported to be somewhat better than in the past, but still serious.

CHICAGO CRIME CONDITIONS

FIRE WORKS SALE TODAY

MUST NOT BE SHOT OFF UNTIL MONDAY, JULY 5

Salem youngsters may begin hoarding their supplies of fireworks and other forms of pyrotechnic devices today, according to an order issued Friday night by Mayor John B. Giesy.

No fireworks of any kind, however, may be set off until the morning of Monday, July 5, the order states, and the celebration must cease on the night of that day.

FOREST BLAZE RUNNING WILD

Emergency Call Issued for Fire Fighters in Klamath Falls District

FLAMES FANNED BY WIND

Forcible Conscripting of Men to Fight Conflagration May be Necessary, Reports Indicate

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., June 25.—(By Associated Press.)—A large crew of men were fighting tonight to control a forest fire of serious proportions which is doing great damage in a virgin stand of yellow pine timber, 15 miles southwest of here.

An emergency call for fire fighters was dispatched, and all through the night, taxis were rushing fire fighters from Klamath Falls to the fire line.

A second emergency call for fire fighters was sent in from the fire line this morning.

It is predicted that forcible conscription of men to fight the conflagration will be necessary.

The fire is said to have started in Puckett's logging camp in Bear valley, five miles southwest of Keno. When the heat rose to 97

INCOME TAX BILL FILED

TOTAL OF 28,296 NAMES APPEAR ON NEW MEASURE

The public service league sponsoring the state income tax bill with property tax offset yesterday filed its completed initiative petitions with Secretary of State Kotzer.

WHEN THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SETS THE EXAMPLE YOU CAN'T BLAME THE CHILDREN



PORTLAND MAN CHOSEN HEAD OF OREGON ELKS

JOSEPH F. RIESCH ELECTED AT EUGENE CONVENTION

Other Officers Elected by Lodge; Baker Will Be Next Convention City

EUGENE, Ore., June 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Joseph F. Riesch, past exalted ruler of Portland lodge 142, was elected president of the Oregon State Elks' association at the final business session of the ninth annual state convention here today.

Other officers elected follow: First vice-president, C. J. Grabb; Baker, second vice-president, F. H. Hart, Medford; third vice-president, Perry O. Delap, Klamath Falls; treasurer, Herbert Buserud, Marshfield.

Baker will be the convention city in 1927, it was unanimously voted by the association.

The new board of trustees consists of Judge W. A. Ekwall, Portland; Edward J. Catlow, Bend, and Robert Hunter, Corvallis.

The Doernbecher hospital for children in Portland will be aided by the Elks of the state by each member donating \$1 every year on his birthday.

VOLCANO STILL SMOKING

SEVERAL VENTS APPEAR IN SIDES OF MT. PAVLOF

SEWARD, Alaska, June 25.—(By Associated Press.)—E. I. Gaddett, John W. Eddy and Joshua Green, all of Seattle, who arrived here yesterday on their way home from a 60 days hunting trip on the Alaska peninsula, reported that Pavlof volcano which three years ago exploded at the base, was still smoking.

From where the party was camped on the Bering sea coast of the peninsula, the crater, which is on the side of the mountain, could be plainly seen. Below the crater a high ridge leads down 10,000 feet to a tableland where the hunters established camp for 30 days.

The hunters expressed the opinion that the peak was cracked by the explosion.

FLAX PULLERS DEMAND AGUTE

Hot Weather Ripens County Acres, Machines Unable to Handle Crop

EXTRA HELP CALL ISSUED

Workers Requested to Register With Chamber of Commerce and "Y" Employment Bureau for Assignment

The hot weather of the past few days has hastened the ripening of the flax crop in a number of districts, and there is a hurry up call for men and women and boys and girls to pull flax, especially in the small fields and the remote ones.

There will be about 2500 acres to pull, and the six pulling machines, belonging to the state are getting to work, also the seven machines belonging to the growers.

This will make fifteen flax pulling machines at work in the district; but the early ripening of the flax will call for haste, and there will have to be a lot of hand pulling.

Any one wanting to pull flax may register at either the "Y" free employment bureau or with the Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Through arrangements between the employment bureau and the Chamber of Commerce, growers in need of help are asked to phone in their demands and hand pullers will be assigned as fast as calls and help can be connected.

Of the 2500 acres in flax, the majority has ripened within the past few days, throwing the peak load into a shorter period of time than has been known in the industry in past years, making the burden greater than can be handled by the machines.

State prison officials report receipt of the first load of flax for the season yesterday morning, nearly a month earlier than usual, with several other loads coming in during the day and harvesting of the crop in full swing throughout the Salem district.

TRAIN BANDIT SAID HELD

SUSPECT ARRESTED IN SEATTLE FOR PORTLAND CRIME

SEATTLE, June 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Detective Daniel J. McLeenan, of the Seattle police department, tonight declared a man he arrested was James R. Rogers, 25, one of four sought as robbers of a money wagon in Portland, Ore., April 13.

PORTLAND, June 25.—(By Associated Press.)—James R. Rogers was indicted by the Multnomah county grand jury as one of five bandits who after cowering an armed guard with revolvers, robbed a Portland Electric Power company pay truck of approximately \$15,000 here last April 19.

SONG WRITER IS SUED

IRVING BERLIN SAID TO HAVE FLAGRANTLY PLAGIARIZED WORDS

NEW YORK, June 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Irving Berlin, song writer, was charged with plagiarizing the words and title of the song "All Alone" in a suit for an accounting brought today by Abraham Brown.

Brown charged that the words of the Berlin song were almost identical with the lyric of a song he had written and showed to a Berlin agent. He demanded an injunction restraining sales of the Berlin song, nullification of its copyright and asked compensation by payment of such profits as have accrued to Berlin from the song.

MARK NATION'S BIRTH

Patriotic observance of at least a part of Monday, June 28, the opening of American Independence week, is urged upon all citizens of Oregon by Governor Pierce in a proclamation issued yesterday.

The proclamation does not designate the day as a holiday in Oregon but merely asks that all civic, fraternal and religious organizations cooperate with all citizens in observing this commemoration, insofar as possible refraining from unnecessary labor and devoting at least a part of the day to patriotic observance of this most important event in American history.

STATE INSURANCE ACT DRAWS NEW INDUSTRIES

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW POPULARITY GROWS

Large Lumber Operatives Seek Protection Beginning With July 1

Following experiences of from one to five years with private casualty insurance companies a number of large industries in Oregon are returning to the workmen's compensation act with the beginning of the new fiscal year on July 1, according to a statement issued by the state industrial accident commission yesterday.

Among these industries, which include some of the largest lumber operations in the state, are the Vermona-Pacific Spruce Co., of Vernonia; Pacific Spruce Co., of Toledo; Whitney company, Garibaldi; Bowman-Hicks Lumber company, La Grande and Wallowa, and the Prouty Lumber Co., Warrenton.

The statement of the commission shows that for the first five months of this year ending May 31 the volume of industrial activity in Oregon under the protection of the workmen's compensation law increased nearly seven per cent over the same period a year ago.

The total days workmen were employed, as shown in the report, were 8,846,559 during the five month period this year as compared to 8,295,572 for the same period a year ago. In the same period this year there were 10,998 accidents reported to the commission as compared to 10,149 last year, a decrease of nearly eight per cent.

The commission during the period increased from \$989,872.62 or more than 30 per cent.

PROBE CITY'S CONDITION

GRAND JURY TO DETERMINE PORTLAND CRIME STATUS

PORTLAND, Ore., June 25.—A grand jury next week will begin an investigation to determine whether Portland city officials are "participating in corruption" as charged in a letter from Rev. Clement G. Clarke, of the First Congregational church to the Portland Ministerial association.

Mayor George L. Baker today called upon District Attorney Myers to summon the grand jury and declared that Rev. Clarke's charges were libelous if not true, and if they were true the city officials should be jailed.

Mayor Baker suggested that an attorney be named for Rev. Clarke and that the attorney general be invited to participate in the grand jury's investigation. He stated that he had not answered previous charges by the minister because the latter's campaign is not based on "upright or honest motives," but that "the time has come when he should be forced to prove the public statements he has made."

TWO KILLED IN CRASH

AUTO & TRUCK BY TRAIN; THREE OTHERS MAY DIE

SIoux CITY, Ia., June 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Two persons were killed and three others probably fatally injured late today when an automobile bearing a picnic party was struck by a Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul passenger train at a grade crossing in South Dakota, near Sioux City. The dead: L. M. Steeber, 45, and Porterfield Steeber, 16, both of Sioux City.

PORTLAND, Or., June 25.—(By Associated Press.)—An unidentified youth about 13 or 14 years old, was either killed or drowned this afternoon when he dived head first upon a submerged piling in a slough near the interstate bridge here. The swimmer's skull was fractured.

OFFER \$10,000 FOR KIDNAPERS

Arrest of Alleged Captors of Mrs. McPherson Is Condition of Reward

WOULD CLEAR MYSTERY

Los Angeles Newspaper Posts Offer; Long Search for Cabin in Mexico Falls to Produce Results

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 25.—(By Associated Press.)—The Los Angeles Examiner tonight offered a \$10,000 cash reward for the arrest and prosecution of the two men and the woman whom Aime Semple McPherson asserts kidnaped her and held her prisoner.

The reward, the newspaper said, had been posted in an effort to clear up the mystery surrounding the evangelist's case. An additional reward of \$1,000 was offered for the discovery of the shack, presumably on the Mexican side of the international boundary line near Agua Prieta, in which Mrs. McPherson says she was held captive.

The Examiner is carrying a special dispatch from Tucson, Ariz., quoting H. A. Condros, secretary of the chamber of commerce there, to the effect that two men, residents of that city, gave a woman closely resembling Mrs. McPherson a "lift" in an automobile "three or four nights ago."

An effort to identify the evangelist as the woman will be made when the train carrying her from Douglas to Los Angeles passes through here.

Condros said the two men told him the following story: They were driving east from Tucson, which is in the direction of Douglas and Agua Prieta, when they overlooked a woman walking in the same direction. They offered her a ride and she got into the car. Noticing a resemblance to the missing pastor, they asked her if she were Mrs. McPherson. She neither confirmed or denied it. When they said they would take her to the police station she begged them to, and got out of the car.

ELAS, Ariz., June 25.—Police tonight expressed doubt that a cabin sighted by a hiker this afternoon possibly Aime Semple McPherson says she was held captive.

O. A. Ashbaugh said a posse which he led traced Mrs. McPherson's cabin about 10 miles south from Douglas, when stopped by darkness that the trail would be in the morning.

Mrs. McPherson, when she received the report, said she was "highly elated" over the find and that she believed "at last they are on the right track."

DOUGLAS, Ariz., June 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Aime Semple McPherson, Los Angeles evangelist, failed in her quest into the cacti-mesquite covered desert lands of Sonora, Mexico, to find the cabin where she declared she was held captive by kidnapers. Three times during the day, the first time immediately at dawn, Mrs. McPherson at the head of the investigating party trekked through the vast waste lands in this vicinity in search for the rendezvous of her alleged captors and thrice she returned to Douglas, reporting her inability to recognize the territory or any of the

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