

TODD TAKES WITNESS STAND IN HIS OWN DEFENSE IN TRIAL

CIRCULATION
Average for 1920, 5250.
Population of Salem, 1900, 4258;
1910, 14,084; 1920, 17,879.
Marion County, 1920, 47,177; Polk
County, 1920, 14,181.
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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Tonight and Tuesday
rain, west portion, rain, or snow
east portion; strong south to east
winds in interior.
LOCAL: Max. 55, min. 37. Rain-
fall 2.28 inches, total for storm 5.3
in. River 16.5 (17 feet raise in
48 hours.)

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Briand Pleads French Need Of Army

HUGHES ANSWERS BRIAND

French Premier Pleads Need of Big Army for France—Land Arma- ment Referred

Washington, Nov. 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—Secretary Hughes assured Premier Briand that France was in no worse a moral isolation and that the United States fully realized her position.

The heart of America, said Mr. Hughes, carried an imperishable memory of France's sacrifices for liberty. He agreed with Mr. Briand that what the world needed was "a will to peace."

"And there can be no will to peace," he added, "until the institutions of liberty and justice are secure. May I say in reply to Mr. Briand that there is no 'moral isolation' for the defenders of liberty and justice."

By unanimous consent the question of land armament was referred to the committee of the whole of the five powers and at 2:03 o'clock the conference adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman.

Briand Makes Plea
Aristide Briand, seven times prime minister of France, held the arms conference in a rapid hour today, while he told of the need of France for a large army. He pictured "strong man" of France, acknowledged by Lloyd George as having "the first parliamentary voice in Europe" as the drawing card which packed the Memorial Hall of the Daughters of the American Revolution with such a gathering of distinguished notables as seldom is found under the roof of one building.

The premier's voice, ordinarily vibrant and penetrating, and particularly rich in overtones, modulated to fill the hall and no more. The effect upon the auditor was as though the statesman was speaking directly and personally to him, rather than to a large gathering. There was no display of "cold storage" eloquence.

Pleads for Protection
M. Briand had before him a slip or two of notes, on the big green table, but he did not refer to them and in this respect followed his manner of speaking from the tribune of the chamber of deputies. Five feet six and heavy of body, the French prime minister was a striking figure, as fired by his own eloquence he pleaded for adequate protection for his native soil.

"A close-up" of the French premier shows that his eyes are blue—rather an unusual color among the dark featured Bretons—and are large and expressive of emotion. But they snap and flash fire and appear dark as he plunges headlong into his subject; they are touched again with softness as his voice pleads for France.

Britain Replies
Speaking for Great Britain and in reply to Premier Briand at France at the arms conference today Arthur James Balfour, leading the British delegation, practically pledged the support of Great Britain to France "in the face of the lust for domination."

Senator Schanzer, heading the Italian delegation, told the conference that although Italy thought 200,000 men a just quota for her army, plans were being made for a further reduction.

Japan wants only such an army, Baron Kato of the Japanese delegation told the arms conference today it was "absolutely necessary" for purely defensive purposes necessitated by the Far Eastern situation.

Raise Race Army
Germany, who's apparently alarmed, Premier Briand told the conference today.

Ten Inches Snow Blanket Tacoma

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 21.—The ten inches of snow that fell here Saturday and Sunday began to melt slightly today, the temperature being one degree above freezing. The local weather office predicts more snow or rain today. Telephone lines to southwest Washington are down in several instances. The Northern Pacific is open to eastern Washington, and trains are on time, but other lines are suffering traffic difficulties. The snowfall covered all south-west Washington except where higher temperatures prevailed in Pacific and Cowlitz counties. There rain fell.

SNOWS BLOCKADE TRAFFIC

Passenger Trains Are Snowbound in Central and Eastern Oregon by Storm

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 21.—Slight increase in temperature throughout western Washington was today melting snow that last night lay generally over the district to depths of from one to five inches, according to reports to weather bureau officials here. Snow was reported falling in the Cascade mountains and transcontinental trains due here were postal from one to five hours late.

Snow flurries were general over western Washington early today, later turning into light drizzles. Rain and snow probably both, were forecast for the era today and tonight as the result of low pressure off the Washington coast.

Although snow five inches deep was reported in some sections of Seattle last night, little trouble was experienced and traffic was not halted. Less than a dozen traffic accidents, all slight, were reported.

Wire communication to the Grays Harbor district was impaired.

Foot of Snow In Wenatchee

Wenatchee, Wash., Nov. 21.—Wenatchee awoke this morning to find a blanket of snow eleven inches in depth and with snow still falling at 10 o'clock. The "beautiful white" fell all day Sunday continuing over from Saturday.

With train service broken up on account of the cave-in at Mud tunnel and roads blocked by the snowfall, Wenatchee resembles the man "all dressed up and no place to go."

Montana Snow Record Breaker

Helena, Mont., Nov. 21.—More snow fell during the present storm in Montana than in any other November for 35 years, according to the records of the local weather bureau. Up to six o'clock this morning the snowfall in Helena since the beginning of the storm at 3:45 Saturday afternoon, had reached a depth of thirteen inches. Continued snow and cold is the forecast for Monday night and Tuesday. At six a. m. today the temperature was nine degrees below zero.

The storm extends over the entire northwest. At Pocatello the temperature at six o'clock this morning was fifty above, at Boise forty six, at Salt Lake City fifty. All passenger trains are delayed in Montana from one to three hours. Heavy plows are being sent traversing the state.

STORM SUMMARY

Salem: Lowlands in east and southeast portions of city from 6 inches to 3 feet under water, some homes completely isolated and a few flooded. Bellvue street bridge washed out, tying up Depot line street cars. South Commercial street bridge closed to street cars. New Mill Creek dam on North Cottage street washed out. Camp grounds and adjacent lowland completely under water and bridges along South Mill creek all threatened.

Dallas: Residences in section north of La Croche creek completely isolated and many deserted. Streets generally flooded in residence and business sections Sunday and water and sewage bubbling over streets from sewers. Hospital heating plant and dining room flooded and out of commission. Willamette Valley Lumber company camps at Black Rock closed because of water and washout of Southern Pacific bridge at Black Rock.

Turner: Houses west of railroad track flooded with from six to eight inches of water. Sidewalks adrift and floating. Power plant out of commission and city without lights Saturday and Sunday nights.

Jefferson: Whole region south of Santiam bridge flooded. Railroad bridge at Millersville out. Telephone poles down and piece of Pacific highway just south of Jefferson bridge believed washed out. Santiam river highest in years.

Stayton: Dam of Stayton Ditch company half mile above town dynamited Sunday night to prevent further accumulation of back water. Railroad service suspended because of washout of Pudding River bridge and no mail received. Mill creek bridge on Stayton-Aumsville road out and small bridges out on Stayton-Sublimity road.

The railroad and highway situation throughout the valley is the most serious in years.

Review Legality of Grain Laws

Washington, Nov. 21.—Recent legislation by congress regulating future trading in grains and providing for the admission to membership in grain exchanges of co-operative farmer association will be reviewed by the supreme court. Announcement was made by the court that arguments in the case would be heard the week beginning January 3.

Man, 60, Hit By Auto Is Badly Hurt

J. C. Swartz, about 60 years of age, is confined to his room at the Marion hotel today, seriously injured, as a result of an accident which occurred yesterday. Mr. Swartz, struck by an automobile driven by L. F. Unruh, 318 United States bank building, was not improved this morning, it was said.

The Unruh car was moving west on Ferry when the accident took place. Mr. Swartz, who is employed as a porter at the hotel, was pushing a hand cart along Ferry street when he was bowled to the pavement, according to the report made to the police.

Body injuries which the elderly man received were said to be very severe.

18 Inches Snow Yakima Country

Yakima, Wash., Nov. 21.—Business in Yakima is today almost at a standstill as a result of an 18-inch fall of snow which covers the entire valley. Streetcar transportation is demoralized, some of the rural lines not having had a car through since Sunday noon. The Wapato canal, through which the city gets its water supply, is choked with slush ice and water pressure is resulting low. Automobiles are unable to buck the drifts and the government camp in the mountains at Rimrock is entirely cut off from communication. Mrs. Alice Bender, Yakima's "weather man," says Sunday's eleven-inch fall of snow is the record for a day since the weather office was established here in 1905.

Burned to Death.

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 21.—A. O. Thompson, aged 59, proprietor of the Kensington apartments here, was burned to death early today in a fire that damaged the three-story brick building. His wife escaped by jumping ten feet to the ground but has a seriously burned arm.

RATE CUT ORDERED BY BOARD

Sixteen Percent Reduction On Hay and Grain by December 27 Required

Washington, Nov. 21.—A positive order was issued by the interstate commerce commission today requiring railroads to put the approximately 16 per cent decrease in hay and grain rates into effect on or before next December 27.

The order follows up the decision given October 26 by the commission which declared grain and hay rates from the Mississippi valley to the Pacific coast unreasonably high but which did not carry compulsory orders. The October decision instructed the railroads to make the reduction by November 26, which was not done because the railroads opened negotiations with the commission suggesting that a 10 per cent decrease in freight rates on all agricultural products be substituted for the larger decrease on grain products and hay alone.

The commission, however, by the order issued today disregarded the compromise proposed by the railroads and makes the larger decreases on hay and grain mandatory upon the roads.

Lambert Appeals From Decision of Justice Court

Notice of appeal from the justice court where he was sentenced to pay \$25 fine for assault and battery on Melvin Nipple, October 25, was filed in the circuit court this morning by Nicholas Lambert.

Lambert pleaded not guilty to the charge in the justice court, though the state displayed a plate, an iron poker and a club which it alleged were used by Lambert in his attack on Nipple.

Marine Arrives to Guard U. S. Mails

In accordance with orders issued from Washington, two marines, Corporal Roy Thompson and Private Tom Pritch, arrived in Salem this morning to protect the United States mails from robbery. They are part of a detail from Mare Island and will be on duty all the time guarding the office and the mail wagons.

The city council and community club of Newport are planning a stone wall along the waterfront that will protect the city from annual incursions of the sea.

SALEM IS TAKEN BY TEACHERS

300 Instructors Are City's Guests When Institute Is Opened; Dr. Sisson Speaks

Three hundred Marion county teachers—men and women who are members of "the most important of all professional bodies"—this morning appeared in Salem, took possession of the city, and incidentally opened their annual teachers' institute which will continue tomorrow and Wednesday.

Despite the fact that a number of instructors were prevented from arriving this morning on account of the heavy rains which made vehicle travel extremely difficult, this year's institute will set a record for attendance, officials said.

"That the world has at last come to know the 'absolute truth' that education is the principal business of the state" was the declaration of Dr. E. A. Sisson, a member of the faculty of Reed college. To illustrate his point Dr. Sisson pointed to the large bouquets of flowers which had been presented to the teachers by the Salem Rotary club.

"A few years back such a thing—business men stopping to remember that teachers were with them—would have been unheard of," Dr. Sisson said. "Nowadays they realize that teachers are perhaps performing the most important work in the world."

Instructors, Dr. Sisson added, are working with boys and girls, a work which, he contended, will be most effective toward making the world a better place to live in. "We hope that those persons who become instructors will make teaching their life's work," said Dr. Sisson. "Take an interest in your work—that is essential if you would succeed. Seek earnestly for those things which will keep you young in body and mind."

Implying that he believes the work for disarmament a move which at the present time means more than any other consideration before the people of the world, Dr. Sisson touched briefly on the Washington conference subject.

"You are not a good teacher," you are not doing all that you should—if you do not seize the newspapers daily to follow closely every step at the conference," he declared.

The singing of "America," followed a prayer by Dr. J. J. Evans, Salem pastor, opened this morning's session at 10 o'clock. The county organization of teachers, through a vote taken, was made a unit of the state teachers' organization. B. T. Yoell, superintendent of Silverton public schools, was made president of the new unit, a Mr. Applegate, of Astoria, was chosen vice-president, and W. H. Baile, county supervisor of school, was elected secretary-treasurer.

The institute re-convened in general session at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon with musical selections by Lena Belle Tartar, Adella Chapler, Phoebe McAdams, Katharine Arbuthnot, H. S. Tuttle, Inez Miller, Adella Chapler, Gretchen Kramer and Dr. Sisson were among the speakers on the afternoon program.

Loyalists Offer Aid To Ulster

London, Nov. 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—A "loyalist" meeting held in London today as a demonstration by supporters of Ulster adopted a resolution calling upon the government to enter into no agreement on the Irish question until the Sinn Fein not only swore allegiance to the throne, but gave effective proof of the reality of such allegiance and until the idea of a separate parliament for Ireland was abandoned.

Business Men Hear Sisson

Urging that more interest be taken by business men in the conduct of schools, Dr. E. O. Sisson, of Reed College, Portland, spoke to members of the Commercial club this noon.

"I don't care how good your schools are here in Salem, they are suffering from not being in touch with the practical world," stated the speaker. "The schools have and are depending too much on books."

Dr. Sisson stated that a certain time ought to be devoted by school children in going through the industries of the city, in order that they might have more comprehensive ideas back of the knowledge they obtained from books. Such an innovation, however, might cause protests from the people of certain communities he said, because of the view held by a great many persons that school children should confine themselves "to book learning."

Speaking of the disarmament conference in Washington, the speaker recommended that telegrams be sent to American diplomats commending them on their open stand for disarmament.

TODD TELLS LIFE STORY TO JURORS

Portland, Nov. 21.—Shortly before noon today John W. Todd took the witness stand in his own defense and upon the advice of his counsel, Judge Miller, told the federal court jury the story of his life from the time he left college.

He then followed with his brother's history as a minister and teacher, and the story of his brother and wife securing a timber claim from Byron in 1908. Among other preachers securing claims from Byron at that time, Todd said, was Bishop R. J. Cooke, formerly in charge of the Oregon Methodist conference. Todd showed a contract for a claim he signed with Byron July 23, 1908. Byron delivered the claim, he said.

Dr. Chester B. O'Neill, Andrew A. Lee, Carl B. Webb, all of Salem, William W. Seymour of Tacoma and Charles W. Schumway of Vancouver, testified that Todd's reputation was good.

Todd carefully explained to the jury his lack of business experience except in school matters.

Indications point to the case reaching the jury Tuesday.

China Offers To Pay Interest Due

Washington, Nov. 21.—Offer to pay interest due on two loans extended China by American banking companies has been made by the Chinese bankers' association, Paul S. Reinsch, legal counsellor to the Chinese government, said last night in a statement. The association, however, requested that the re-payment of principal be extended for six months or a year, he added.

"We must understand that an extensive popular movement is going on in China for the re-organization of the government," the statement said. "This movement is organized through the chamber of commerce, the educational societies and industrial bodies."

"This association of the people of China has declared emphatically that it wishes the government to make no further foreign commitments until the internal situation in China is settled and the reconstruction completed."

Car Hits Lightless Auto; Is Damaged

Considerable damage was sustained by an automobile driven by L. C. Marshall of Portland when it collided with a car parked on State street between 12th and 13th Saturday night, according to Mr. Marshall's report to the police. The stationary automobile had no tail light burning he complained. Damage was slight on the other automobile. No one was injured in the crash.

RECORD RAINFALL SWELLS RIVERS TO BRIM IN FEW HOURS

Railroad Traffic Tied Up by Washouts and Highways Flooded; Stayton Dam Dynamited To Prevent Deluge; Damage Runs Into Many Thousands of Dollars

With the barometer still falling and weather bureau officials predicting southerly winds and more rain for tonight and Tuesday, fear is felt locally that the flood danger in and around Salem is increasing instead of decreasing despite the reports from the upper Willamette river and its tributaries that the water is receding.

This afternoon the barometer was down to 28 in Salem, the lowest mark reached in several years, and was still falling at 2 o'clock.

Late this afternoon Southern Pacific officials reported the condition on the main line between Salem and Albany to be unchanged. The high water has prevented any repair work on the bridge at Millersville and trains are still being detoured by way of Corvallis and Gerlinger.

Oregon electric service between Salem and Albany is at a complete standstill as the result of two washouts. Two tents of the trestle over Mill creek in Salem, between Commercial street and the foot of Mill street have been washed out and the fill approach to the Santiam bridge is also out. Oregon Electric officials said this afternoon that it would probably take a week to repair the damage. They also feared further trouble between Portland and Salem.

Thousands of dollars in damage has been done, railroad and automobile service is tied up in many places and scores of farm and city homes are under water as the result of the rainstorm which has been sweeping the central Willamette valley since Thursday.

From all sections come reports of washed out bridges, flooded roads and an almost complete paralysis of transportation. All of the rivers and creeks are out of their banks in most places and the lowlands are flooded to a depth of several feet.

Over 5 Inches Rain.
During the 48 hours ending at 6 o'clock this morning the official records of the weather observer showed a precipitation of 5.3 inches of rain, an amount nearly equal to the average rainfall for the entire month of November in Salem. The average rainfall for the entire month is only 6.49 inches.

Two and twenty-eight hundredths inches of rain fell Sunday, or nearly two and a half times as much as fell during any one day last year. One inch of rain was the maximum for a single day during the winter of 1920-21.

Never has the river been known to rise as rapidly as it did yesterday when it came up 13 feet to the 16.8 foot level. This morning it was still rising at Salem, but reports from the upper valley and along the Santiam and other tributaries announced a drop overnight, indicating that the crest has just about been reached here.

Jefferson Hardest Hit.
The region around Jefferson was the hardest hit by the water which started to rise Saturday afternoon and reached its highest mark about 3 o'clock this morning, according to reports received here. Telephone wires to Jefferson are down, few details as to the extent of the damage were to be had here up to this afternoon. At Millersville, three miles south of Jefferson, a Southern Pacific railroad bridge was washed out last night, completely tying up the main line and necessitating routing of trains from Albany to Salem via Corvallis, Gerlinger and West Salem.

At Jefferson the Santiam river was far out of its banks, flooding all of the lowlands and threatening the railroad embankments and the Pacific highway. The Southern Pacific has a crew of men busy piling sandbags along the upstream side of its long fill approach to the Santiam bridge, and an unverified report received at noon said that a section of the highway just south of the bridge, which has been under water since last night, but the electric light service was uninterrupted.

Trouble on the transmission lines of the Oregon Electric railroad last night threw the burden of furnishing power for the operation of all trains south of Multnomah station onto the Salem plant of the Portland Railway Light & Power company. The Jules was furnished over the Mt. Angel line from the Estacada power plant and distributed 5000 volts thru the local transformer station, which is designed to carry a maximum load of 2000 volts. Damage and service interruptions from this overload are feared by the company officials.

The Hood River Women's club has adopted resolutions supporting disarmament and has sent a telegram to President Harding appraising him of the action.

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