

BLAMES RADIO FOR INCREASED STORMS AT SEA

New York, Apr. 13 (AP)—Radio waves are increasing the violence of storms on land and sea, in the opinion of Captain W. H. Parker of the White Star liner *Homer*, which arrived 24 hours late yesterday after buffeting 40 foot waves which broke three windows on the promenade deck.

The atmosphere of the world, he contended, has been so disturbed and upset by wireless electrical waves that clouds have been precipitated as rain with resulting strong winds. He declared there was no precedent for the continuous storms on the ocean, the snows in Egypt and the cold along the Riviera.

He pointed out that March 7 was the coldest day of that date in Cairo and the hottest ever recorded in London. As radio activity increases the storms will increase in violence, he said.

Wireless officials were inclined to treat the matter facetiously when they heard of Captain Parker's theory. Typical of their remarks were those of Alfred Goldsmith, chief broadcast engineer of the radio Corporation of America.

"The power received from wireless waves is a considerable portion of the ocean," he said. "I could not be strong enough to wake a mosquito. To blame radio waves for ocean storms is as fantastic as to suggest that the cheeping of a canary could start a cyclone. Radio has its problems, but it firmly declines to shoulder the responsibility for storms at sea."

REHEARSALS START FOR MYSTERY PLAY

Miss Marie Stenstrom and Miss Lois Macy have been added to the cast and first rehearsals have started this week for the three-act mystery play, "The Thirteenth Chair," which will be presented on May 18, as the first play ever produced and given entirely by the faculty of Salem high school.

The heaviest role, that of the medium, will be taken by Miss Cecil McKencher, teacher in the commercial department at the high school. The leading man will be R. W. Tavenner, assistant principal. Other members of the cast are Leah Ross, Bernice Schroeder, Edith Bragg, Louise Anderson, Grace Hockett, Luke Gill, Louise Anderson, J. W. Thompson, Floyd Selgmund and Ralph Bailey.

TULLY TO SPEAK AT C. E. SESSION

Rev. Norman K. Tully, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will be one of the speakers for the state Christian Endeavor convention which opens in The Dalles Thursday evening, April 18.

Other speakers for the convention will include Rev. E. W. Praetorius, Cleveland, Ohio; Paul C. Brown, Los Angeles, Pacific coast secretary for the Endeavor; Rev. Walter L. Myers, Eugene; Rev. Monroe G. Everett, Corvallis; Prof. C. H. Hoggatt, Eugene, will lead in the singing with Miss Lulu Aydelott, also of Eugene.

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at the piano, Donald O. Nelson, of Portland, state president of the society, will preside.

SPOTTED FEVER CASES AT BOISE

Boise, Idaho, April 13 (AP)—Six new cases of spotted fever have developed here, bringing the present total in the outbreak to seven. It was shown in reports today to the city health authorities, who are combating the disease.

Three of the cases developed within the city, while four were brought in from outlying districts for treatment.

Increasing number of cases of the disease, which has caused three deaths within the past week, has alarmed city health officers. Inoculations of serum have been given to all victims of the disease, and sheep-herders and others who work among the sagebrush have been urged to come to Boise at the end of this week, when a government specialist in tick disease is expected to be here on his annual visit. He will inoculate persons with the serum as a preventative measure.

PIONEER PORTLAND CONTRACTOR DIES

Portland, Ore., April 13 (AP)—C. H. Dougan, 85, building contractor, died while driving his car near his home here Thursday. He had been a resident of the Pacific northwest since 1880 when he settled in Tacoma, Wash. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Madeline Adams, of Tacoma, and Mrs. Esther Miller, of Corvallis, Cal.

The Los Angeles postoffice and some of Portland's most imposing buildings were constructed by Dougan.

GIVEN OPERATIONS
Woodburn, April 13—Miss Jeanette Wageman had a tonsil operation at the office of Dr. Donnelly, who also removed the tonsils from two children of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sines of West Woodburn.

FWLER INJURED SELF
Woodburn, Apr. 13—John Fowler who had the misfortune to cut his leg badly last week while cutting wood, is yet confined to his home. He will be unable to work for some time.

BIBLICAL PLAY PRESENTED ON SUNDAY EVE

A three-act Biblical drama entitled "The Rock" written by Mary Hamlin will be presented in the First Methodist church on next Sunday evening by a group of players from the First Methodist church in Corvallis. This is the play chosen by a committee of famous playwrights as one of the prize winners in the drama league Biblical play contest in 1929. It portrays in a thrilling way the customs of Palestine in the time of Christ and in particular the calling of Simon Peter to be a disciple and his becoming "The Rock" in the Apostolic twelve. The cast consists of ten people and the three scenes are in the home of Simon in Jerusalem. The costumes and platform lighting will be specially attractive and original and will add to the effectiveness of the Christian message. The players are young people from the state college who are workers in the Wesley league of the Corvallis Methodist church.

The play was given last Sunday evening to a capacity congregation and by request was repeated on Thursday evening of this week. It will be given later at the First Methodist church in Portland. The company will motor to Salem Sunday afternoon and be ready for the program at 7:30 in the evening.

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