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EMIGRANT DAM NEARLY FILLED BY BAD STORM

Full 8,000 Acre Feet Nearly Backed Up by Giant Dam. Water Is Let Out

STREAMS ARE FULL
Klamath and Rogue Said to be Highest in Years. Ashland Creek Carries Much Water.

Proving unsound all the arguments advanced against the construction of the Emigrant Creek dam, completed late this fall, the heavy rains of the past three days have filled the dam nearly to capacity. Yesterday afternoon, with the water within one and eight tenths feet of the top of the dam the flood gates at the bottom of the dam were opened. This was done in order that the water might be prevented from running over the spillways, and thus flood Emigrant creek below the dam.

At the rate the water was rising today, even though much was running out the flood gates, it is estimated that by tonight the level of the water will be within one foot of the top of the dam. If the rains continue as heavily during the next twenty four hours as they have during the past like period, there is a strong possibility of the level rising to the level rising to the top of the dam. The capacity of Emigrant Creek reservoir is 8,000 acre feet.

The rains which have put local rainfall far above normal, and the warm rains in the higher altitudes which have melted a large part of the snow, have turned the streams into raging torrents. Ashland Creek today was running more water than has been carried by the stream for years, according to those who keep a check upon the stream flow. It appeared for a time during the night as though the creek would overflow its banks, but this morning the water had fallen somewhat, and the danger of a flood had passed.

Klamath River is reported to be higher than in years. Dams used by lumber operators along the stream have been swept out, and it is reported that the water is within a few feet of the bridge floor on the bridge near Yreka. Roy Parr, deputy state game warden reports the Rogue to be higher than in years. The stream is carrying an immense amount of water which has changed it into a raging torrent. Fishing for steelhead, according to Parr, has temporarily stopped because of the high water which is carrying plenty of food for the fish.

Reports from the Willamette Valley state that the Willamette has risen rapidly during the past twenty four hours. The highways are flooded with from six inches to a foot of water. The roadways in the section, although slippery, are still in good shape. Reports were circulated that the Ashland-Klamath Falls highway was impassable, but the Howard and Grimes stages have continued to make the trip on scheduled time, although the drivers state that the road bed is in bad condition near Klamath Falls.

Springfield-Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company adds 200-name switchboard and audible ringing for all phones.

New Signs to be Placed on Roads Near Klamath F.

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 5. — Hereafter the weary tourist up and down the Pacific highway isn't going to fume and fret and wonder where the dickens he's going to turn off the beaten path of concrete in order to visit Crater Lake, Klamath Falls and other scenic points in the "Empire Awakening."

For the highway committee of the Klamath chamber of commerce today was authorized to procure four big signs to be placed north and south of the "crossroads," and also to arrange for suitable electric lights for the big sign where motorists start up the Green Springs hill. Bert Hall, chairman of the committee, says that speed is going to mark the activity of his committee.

TIDINGS WANT ADS SELL ANYTHING.

Japanese Solons Hotly Besieged by Creditors

TOKYO, Feb. 5. — Creditors of members of the Japanese Imperial Diet want their money, so they keep track of when pay day comes for the parliamentarians and are on the spot to press their claims for settlement. Members of the Diet get \$1,500 a year and, when the Diet opened in December, they were paid five months' salary in advance. Creditors swarmed about the entrance in such numbers police guards had difficulty in handling them. Despite their alertness the creditors reported collections poor.

WILLAMETTE IS RISING ABOVE FLOOD LEVEL

Columbia Also Rising, With Danger of Floods in Portland

PORTLAND, Feb. 5. — Torrents of fresh water coming from melting snows in the mountains, today were pouring into the Willamette river, all along its course. As a result of this early thaw in the mountains, a 22 foot stage, seven feet above the flood stage will likely be reported by Sunday, weather bureau officials announced here today.

The Columbia river is also rapidly rising, which will probably retard the flow of the Willamette at the mouth. This will likely cause serious floods and much damage to materials lying on the docks here, awaiting shipping. Everything has been ordered from the docks and lower waterfront basements, but it is doubtful if the work can be accomplished in time to escape the flood.

Vale, the county seat of Malheur county is today under a foot of water due to the breaking of the dam in Bully Creek. No lives have been lost, but two bridges have been washed out. More rain is the forecast of the weather bureau, and a new storm, even more violent than the present one is predicted.

The Coquille Valley in Coos county is inundated, and the highway north of Eugene is covered with ten inches of water. Due to bad slides East of Lyle, near White Salmon, Washington, the S. P. & S. trains have been routed across the Columbia at Fall-bridge.

JUSSERAND IS NOT WORRIED OVER DEBT

PARIS, Feb. 5. — "The Franco-American debt problem can be arranged more easily than is generally believed," said Jules Jusserand, former French ambassador to the United States, who arrived here today. "I believe a favorable solution can be reached which will not crush France," he added.

TAYLOR'S LIFE THREATENED BY MEN ON TRIAL

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 5. — Reputed threats against the life of John Taylor, confessed leader of the gambling house slayers, recently caused Sheriff Burt Hawkins to have him removed from the county jail to the city jail. It is understood that he will be kept separated from the other defendants until after all the trials are completed.

It was Taylor's voluntary confession which brought about the arrest and murder indictments against the others. In the trial of Jim Pate, which resulted in conviction, it was Taylor who appeared in the role of star witness against his former bootlegging companion.

Pate, Sullivan and O'Shea are said to be extremely bitter against Taylor because he "came clean" and confessed the crime, implicating them. Which of the trio, if any, made any direct threats against Taylor's life could not be learned.

INSPECTION OF CITY MADE BY INSURANCE MAN

Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau Surveyor Completes Work Here

REPORT IS TO BE MADE
Request for Re-Rating for City Results in Inspecting Equipment and Water Here

Acting upon a request of Fire Chief Clinton Baughman, that the city be inspected and a new fire rating given the property owners here, W. F. White, surveyor for the Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau spent several days here during the past week inspecting the water system, fire department equipment, inspecting buildings and doing other necessary work in order that information could be obtained upon which to base either the refusal or granting of the re-rating request.

White declared the water system here to be one of the best in the state. Testing the large hydrants in the business section of the city, he discovered they were capable of supplying from one thousand to one thousand, five hundred gallons per minute. The high mark was registered when only one hydrant was opened, while the low mark was registered with more than one hydrant opened.

The city, however, will be somewhat penalized for the small hydrants in the residential district. Although the pressure is the same, or even greater than in the business section of the city, the small hydrants allow a much smaller flow than the downtown hydrants. The electrical wiring in the homes and business houses in the city are declared to be above the average for Oregon cities, but with plenty of chance for still further improvement.

The fire department equipment was given a thorough examination, but White failed to make comment upon the apparatus, except to compliment the men for the good condition in which it was kept. He intimated, however, that since Ashland has but one piece of fire fighting equipment, the city will be penalized for lack of proper equipment.

The Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau recently adopted a graduated rating system, by means of which individuals are given special ratings instead of having blanket ratings to apply for the entire city.

ALL ALASKA IS IN DANGER, EPIDEMIC

NOME, Feb. 5. — All Alaska may be gripped by the fearful diptheria epidemic, according to Leonard Sepella, world champion dog musher, who arrived here today.

Sepella stated that the towns of Elm and White Mountain have been quarantined as cases of the disease are suspected there. Thirty two cases are officially on record at the village of Shaktoolik, Sepella stated, with many contacts and possibilities for even more cases.

Price of Gasoline Is Raised 2 Cents Over Pacific Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5. — An increase of two cents a gallon on the price of gasoline and from 25 to 58 cents a barrel in the price of fuel oil, effective yesterday, was announced by the Standard Oil company (California).

The oil increase ranges from 25 cents to 45 cents a barrel, except for crude oil of 36 per cent gravity and above in the Rosecrans-Athens field in Southern California. Here, where the higher priced light oils predominate, the increase ranges from 46 to 58 cents a barrel. The fuel oil increase of 25 cents a barrel is effective at all points except El Segundo and San Pedro where the increases is 20 cents per barrel. The company did not state the reason for the increases.

The increases are effective at all points served by the company in Pacific coast states.

Chief Figures in the News of the Day



Above: HERE BRAUN & LILLIAN GISH Below: CHARLES R. FORBES & GASTON B. MEANS

Gaston B. Means, long-time investigator in the Department of Justice, and often tried for various crimes, but never convicted, has finally been found guilty by a New York jury and sentenced to two years' imprisonment for attempted jury fixing. Colonel Charles R. Forbes, former director of the Veterans' Bureau, has been found guilty in Chicago of conspiracy to defraud the Government. Herr Braun, Socialist, has been re-elected as Premier of Prussia, receiving 221 votes to the 175 cast for his Nationalist opponent, Kries. Lillian Gish, noted motion picture star, and Charles H. Duell, Jr., often reported engaged, have finally broken off friendly relations, and Duell has entered suit in New York to restrain her from appearing in pictures for anyone but him.

SALEM CONTESTS HERE ARE NOT CANCELLED, COACH DECLARES

Report Untrue, Hughes States. Team in Best Condition of Year. Marske Still Out With Mumps, But Wilson Going in Great Style. Expect to Win

BY TUT JACKSON
Reports emanating from self-styled "sportsmen" in a town near by and published as news in that city, state that because some of the Ashland High School basketball players are out of the lineup because of illness, that the two games scheduled for this week with the Salem High school have been cancelled. The "sportsmen" claim that their team will endeavor to obtain a game with the Salem outfit for one of the nights which they are to play here.

Coach Hughes of the local five when called this morning stated that the first information he had obtained about the cancellation of the games came from the announcement in the Medford newspaper. "We will play Salem if we have to use the Junior High team," Hughes declared. Ashland supporters of the high school athletic teams remember the incident of having a game cancelled by the Medford team. Probably the "sportsmen" can recall that incident if they care to. At that time tickets had been sold, advertising was out, and the Ashland team was ready to play when the Medford outfit refused to do their stuff. That is the only legitimate cancellation on record at the local school, and the memory rankles.

The report of the cancellation of the Salem games included the following statement: "Ashland has scheduled two games this week with Salem, but as a couple of their best men have the mumps it is expected that they will cancel them. This method of Ashland's dropping a game because they had a man out of the line up does not meet with much approval from Medford supporters in view of the fact that Medford had their best men crippled and out of the game."

MAN SURRENDERS IN CAB MYSTERY

SEATTLE, Feb. 5. — Elmer Manhart, 35, who last night surrendered himself to officers, saying that he had found out he was wanted in connection with the shooting of Mrs. Lillian Helen Morley in a taxicab Saturday night, was to be faced today with witnesses of the affair. Manhart appeared in a dazed condition when he surrendered. He said that he had been on a long spree, was reluctant to talk, appeared puzzled at questions and stammered in his answers.

GENERAL WHITE IS UNDER FIRE NOW

SALEM, Feb. 5. — In an affidavit filed with Governor Pierce Major Charles Gjedsted charged that Adjutant General White is guilty of petty graft in the conduct of his office. Gjedsted, until a few days ago an assistant in the office of the Adjutant General alleges White charged traveling expenses for his Buick automobile, at the same time he was making use of a Dodge car maintained by the National Guard. White contends Gjedsted was discharged and the latter says he resigned.

FISH BILL HELD OVER TO AWAIT ACTION MONDAY

Action Deferred Until Next Week by Members of Senate

TRAPPING BILL PASSED
Irrigation District Bill Providing for Power for Directors Is Given United Approval

SALEM, Feb. 5. — On motion of Senator Ritner, senator from Pendleton, the Senate deferred action on the fish bill today. The bill, which seeks to take the complete control of the fish commission out of the hands of Governor Pierce, and to place it under the control of the Board of Control, was postponed until Monday afternoon.

While the bill is likely to pass the senate, there are some doubts existing as to the ability of its proponents to enact the measure finally over the veto of the Governor. The Port of Portland commission bill was easily passed in both houses, with the knowledge that even though Pierce were to veto the measure it could be passed over his veto and thus become an active law. The fish bill, however, although it was passed in the house with an overwhelming majority, does not have as many proponents in the upper house of the legislature to insure its passage should Pierce veto it as he surely will.

The senate passed bills today increasing the salary of the county school superintendent of Josephine county from \$1200 to \$1600. The house passed a bill today, permitting the taking of beaver during the months of December, January and February, after the trapper has obtained a license. The bill provides, however, that beaver cannot be taken in any national forest, or in game district No. 2 or Coos, Curry, Jackson or Josephine counties, or in parts of Douglas, Clatsop or Columbia counties. The house approved the bill relating to the assessment of lands within irrigation districts, authorizing boards of the districts to enter into any obligation with the United States for the construction, operation and maintenance necessary for the delivery and distribution of water.

INDICTMENTS AGAINST CLEAVER ARE DROPPED

PORTLAND, Feb. 5. — Upon the advice of Attorney General's office in Washington, D. C. the indictment against state prohibition director Cleaver, charging him with the unlawful seizure of liquor aboard the British steamer, London Merchant was dismissed by Judge Bean. The jurist reluctantly dismissed the case but the government attorneys state they believed Cleaver acted only in ignorance of the law in boarding the vessel.

Klamath Body of Irrigationists to Choose Officers

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 5. — At the annual meeting of the board of directors of the Klamath Irrigation district, R. E. Bradbury was elected president, A. M. Thomas secretary and J. H. Carnahan attorney. Bradbury succeeds T. N. Case on the board as president. Thomas succeeds A. L. Wishard, who has been secretary for eight years, and J. H. Carnahan succeeds F. D. Fletcher as attorney. Charles E. Drew and J. L. Jacob are the holdover members of the board. The board went on record as opposed to the proposed legislative bill which would change the election date of irrigation districts from the second Tuesday in September.

The board decided not to make any move toward a change of location, as reported. It was explained that there was no disposition on the part of the old board or the retiring secretary to take advantage of the district in the matter of lease of the quarters, it being proposed to protect present tenants.

STUDENTS DIE AS RESULT OF BAD MISTAKE

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 5. — The strong possibility that the distribution of strychnine among the Ohio State University students in this city, which seemingly resulted in the horrible death of two students, and the serious illness of four others might have been due to a mistake on the part of some pharmacy student loomed here today.

Dean Dye, head of the school of pharmacy, announced this morning that he had discovered a bottle containing strychnine on the shelf of the dispensary on the University campus. Previous to the discovery, Dean Dye announced that all the strychnine was intact. Pharmacy students compound all the prescriptions issued by the school infirmary physicians, and it is believed that the strychnine was mistaken for some other drug, and dispensed by the students.

Woman Didn't Read Papers and Eclipse Was Puzzle to Her

PHOENIXVILLE, Pa., Feb. 5. — There was one person in the United States who did not know about the eclipse until it happened. Then a woman's voice called the police station. "What's happening?" she asked the officer who answered the phone. "Why is the sky so dark? Is it a thunderstorm, an earthquake or what?" "It's the eclipse," said the officer. "Eclipse! What do you mean?" The officer explained as best he could, and asked: "But haven't you read about it in the newspapers?" "No, I didn't know a thing about it. You see, I don't read the newspapers."

SHEVLIN-HIXON SEEKING PLANT AT KLAMATH F.

Reported to be Negotiating With Pelican Bay Lumber Company

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 5. — The Shevlin-Hixon Lumber company, extensive operator in the central portion of the state and owner of big timber resources in this section, is negotiating for the purchase of the plant and holdings of the Pelican Bay Lumber company, according to information gained by local authorities.

It has been known for some time that the Shevlin-Hixon interests have had plans for opening a plant in this territory and rumors of purchases of different sites have been current. Last December it was reported the company had an option on the Shaw-Bertram holdings. Earlier an option on the Modoc Lumber company was allowed to expire.

H. D. Mortenson, president of the Pelican Bay Lumber company, is in Minneapolis, the headquarters of the Shevlin-Hixon company, and is reported to be concluding the sale for his company. Horace W. Bridgford, secretary of the Pelican Bay Lumber company, when questioned last night, said he knew nothing of the proposed sale.

The Fremont Land company of Minneapolis, holding company for the Shevlin-Hixon company, purchased last July the North Marsh unit of reservation timber, containing 350,000,000 feet of timber. Before this purchase the Fremont Land company owned 73,426 acres of timber land in the Klamath country.

ACTION POSTPONED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. — After two hours debate, the Senate today indefinitely postponed further action for this session on any world court legislation.

CO. ED'S STORY OF KIDNAPING DOUBTED

EUGENE, Feb. 5. — Officials in the sheriff's office announced Tuesday that they had, to their complete satisfaction, pulled to bits the kidnaping story told by a 20-year-old University of Oregon co-ed Monday night. Earl Luckey, deputy, who investigated the case believed the story entirely imaginary, he said, although he would give no reason as to why the girl should have said what she did.

101 Automobiles Are Registered at Park Camp Ground

One hundred and one automobiles were registered at the camping ground during January, according to a report of the Lithia park commission. In the cars there were 290 persons and 32 of the cars remained at the park for two or more days during the month. This is an unusually good record for the month of January and indicates that 1925 will bring a record number of tourists and campers to this city.

CAVE VICTIM IS SHUT OFF FROM AID BY SLIDE

Mouth of Cave Is Closed to Rescue Crew by Order of Military Commander

SHAFT IS STARTED
Pal Declares He Will Enter Cave No More. States His Belief That Collins Will Die

CAVE CITY, Ky., Feb. 5. — All efforts to rescue Floyd Collins by means of the tortuous, twisted passage into Sand Cave, in a small pocket of which he has lain pinned by a large boulder for the past six days, was abandoned by his rescuers here this morning. With martial law clamped tight over the cave area by General Donhart, commandant of the military forces of the state, the tunnel through which Collins entered the cave, and through which his rescuers had been working, was closed. The work of sinking a two foot shaft to the spot where it is estimated that Collins lies was started immediately after the closing of the mouth of the tunnel.

Johnny Gerald, pal of Collins in many mine exploring adventures, said this morning that he would go in the cave no more. Shaking from exhaustion, Gerald declared he believed that Collins would be in the cave forever. He said that the rock was falling so fast from the sides and roof of the cave that it is impossible to clear it out. He believes the end is near for Collins.

Doctors Hazlett and Jones sent to the cave from Chicago, in order that they might endeavor to free Collins by amputating his leg, arrived here late yesterday afternoon, but Collins' relatives who are on hand refused to give them permission to amputate the leg until it was discovered there was no other means of saving the injured man. The surgeons, who are two of the most prominent of their profession in Chicago, were prepared to work in the close quarters in which Collins was confined. They were confident they would be able to release the victim in a short time.

Yesterday afternoon, the huge boulder which has been holding Collins rolled loose, but before the injured man could drag himself to the mouth of the cave, a slide closed the entrance to the cave and shut him off from the outside. It is no longer possible for his rescuers to talk with him and furnish him food. For this reason, the members of the rescue crew are almost certain that he will be dead by the time they reach him.

It will take two days to drive the shaft, which was decided upon when it was determined that, at worst, it will sacrifice only the life of Collins, while a continuation of the tunnel method is likely to sacrifice the lives of several of the rescuers.

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