

France Still Wants Strong Army; Havoc Wrought In County, State

WIRES BROKEN AND ROADS OVERFLOW; RAIN DOES DAMAGE

Willamette River Rises Rapidly from Effects of Heavy Downpour of Past Few Days. Telegraphic Reports Handicapped. Electric Train Service Temporarily Suspended.

Roads are being washed out, bridges are overflowing, and telegraph wires are down as the result of a near flood caused by three and three-quarter inches of rain which has fallen during the last three days.

The Western Union Telegraph company reported that only one of its 14 wires to Portland was working this morning.

The falswork under the street car bridge over the Willamette river at Springfield washed out during the night. Traffic over the bridge had been discontinued Sunday afternoon, however, the rapidly rising water making travel over the bridge, which has been considered unsafe for some time, impossible.

At Judkins point, half-way between Eugene and Springfield, the river had risen to the level of the highway early this morning. Should the heavy rains continue tonight the water will undoubtedly cover the road as it did during the heavy rains last fall.

The Amazon at noon today had reached its limit on both banks but had not spread over the low country on south Willamette street.

Fear for Elmira Fill. Jack McKee, county road master, and P. M. Morse, county surveyor, were called to Elmira this morning as fear was felt that portions of the new Long Tom fill would be washed away.

Reports from many other parts of the county indicate the water is rising, that roads and bridges are being overflowed.

The temperature during last night ranged from 38 to 52 degrees. The readings of the river taken at 7:45 o'clock in the morning were: Saturday, 1.8 feet; Sunday, 6 feet 1 inch; Monday, 11.08 feet.

Up to noon today the Guard was the only newspaper in Oregon, Washington or the United States subscribing to the United Press service that was able to receive its full report of news of the outside world. This was due to the fact that storms in the north had broken down the wires.

All telephone connections between Eugene and Portland were still broken at a late hour today, and long distance messages to many other points were not being received.

All five lines of the Postal Telegraph company were down late this afternoon and no messages were being taken for northern points.

Southern Pacific train service between Eugene and Salem was interrupted today by a washout at Jefferson and all trains are routed over the west side branch from Albany through Corvallis and Rainier to Salem.

Several hundred feet of track near Jefferson and the Jefferson bridge on the Santiam river has been damaged. It is reported a side drive arrived today from Marshfield and railroad officials express the belief that service will be resumed on this section of the main line sometime tomorrow.

While the rains have raised the river to a large extent, some of the foothills have caused much of the water, rail officials believe. The snow fell low on the foothills Saturday and Sunday and with the warm weather melted fast, making torrents out of small streams and causing rivers and creeks to overflow their banks.

RESTS IN HOMELAND



TOMB OF OUR UNKNOWN SOLDIER AT ARLINGTON. The floral tribute from the American Mothers rests on the tomb which is guarded by soldiers. Thousands visit the tomb daily.

400 LANE TEACHERS ARE IN EUGENE FOR COUNTY INSTITUTE

Four hundred teachers of Lane county were present in Eugene this morning for the opening session of the three-day teachers' institute held at Eugene high school this week.

The evolution of the moving picture machine, the science of moving pictures and their place in the educational life of today were discussed by Earl Kilpatrick, director of the extension division of the University of Oregon.

The program for Tuesday is as follows: Tuesday morning—Vocal solo, Professor John Siefert, University of Oregon; address, Superintendent Churchill, "Oregon's Objectives in Education."

Tuesday afternoon—Gory School Boys' Glee club; Open forum, "Is the Institute Worth While?" Address, President J. W. West, "Teaching of Language in the Grades."

Dairymen Ask Eldridge Quit; Discuss Marketing. Banks, Ore., Nov. 21.—A meeting of the local members of the Oregon Dairy men's league was held Saturday to discuss plans for marketing their milk.

Shortly after December 1 the new box factory and by products plant of the Pacific Ray Lumber company of Klamath Falls will start operating.

BUS IN OPERATION ON SPRINGFIELD LINE

The street railway branch of the Southern Pacific company at 9 o'clock this morning placed in operation a bus service between Springfield and West Springfield replacing the through street car service which was discontinued Sunday afternoon when the rapid rise of the Willamette made it unsafe to carry on traffic over the street car bridge.

The bus will leave Seventh street, Springfield on the first trip at 6:22 a. m. and thirty minute service will be continued each half hour during the day, until 8:22 p. m.

The bus service will be continued until the rerouting of the Springfield street car line over the railroad bridge is completed, said T. L. Billingsley, superintendent of street car lines in this city.

UNDER-SEA PICTURES WILL BE SHOWN ELKS

"Wet Gold," a dramatization of the wonders of the under-sea world, will be shown Wednesday night at the Elks club rooms as a feature entertainment for the members following the regular lodge meeting.

The theory of the scientist was that he could photograph through water as far as he could see through it under ordinary circumstances.

Cottage Grove Chamber Postpones Big Banquet. Owing to the almost impassable condition of a short piece of road between Eugene and Cottage Grove, especially after get-together with Cottage Grove as hosts comes on Thanksgiving eve when so many might be away from home or have company from away for Thanksgiving.

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

STORM CONDITIONS GET WORSE AS DAY DRAWS NEAR CLOSE

Portland, Ore., Nov. 21.—Storm conditions in the northwest late today were rapidly growing worse.

Low temperatures at many points, with high winds, coupled with rain and snow were paralyzing traffic and wire communication and reversing this morning's hope of early relief.

Encased in solid blocks of ice and swept by congealing blasts of wind, seven passenger trains stand in the Columbia gorge on the lines of the O.W.R. & N. and S. P. S., out of communication and all attempts of relief.

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Wasco County Farmers Are Against 1925 Fair and N. P. The Dalles, Nov. 21.—The Wasco County Farmers' union, at its meeting on Vapinitia Plains, repudiated the activities and principles of the Non-partisan league, and also condemned the plan to tax the state for the 1925 exposition in Portland.

California is Winner Over Stanford by 42 to 7 Score. Stanford University, Cal., Nov. 21.—California's unbeaten football team dedicated Stanford's new stadium here Saturday afternoon by defeating the Cardinal varsity 42 to 7 before approximately 57,000 people.

Hansards Get Stiff Sentences in Court. J. R. Hansard, and sons, Everett and Zeno, and Jim Criss, all Camp Creek farmers, who were convicted on appeals from justice to circuit court, drew stiff sentences from Judge H. E. Skidmore today.

Deny Rumor of Prince of Wales' Assassination. London, Nov. 21.—Rumors circulated on the street here today that the Prince of Wales had been assassinated in India were promptly denied at Downing street.

By CHARLES M. McCANN (United Press Staff Correspondent). London, Nov. 21.—Great Britain would be certain to join the United States in the advent of a war between America and Japan, the Times declared today in a demurely phrased editorial.

Alfred Dawson, a resident of Clatsop county for more than 50 years, is dead at his home on Clatsop Plains, aged 75.

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Most Damaging Testimony in Trial of Comedian So Far Comes from Miss Zey Pyron Prevost. Declares Fatty Followed Miss Rappe into Room and Then Locked the Door.

San Francisco, Nov. 21.—Miss Zey Pyron-Prevost, show girl, today gave the most damaging testimony thus far in the trial of Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle, for alleged manslaughter growing out of the death of Virginia Rappe.

That Arbuckle followed Miss Rappe into a bedroom of his suite at the St. Francis hotel here, and locked the door behind him.

That when the door was opened Miss Rappe was lying on Arbuckle's bed, her hair disheveled.

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10-YEAR OLD BOY ACCUSES FATHER OF TRIPLE CRIME

Wilmington, Ohio, Nov. 21.—A ten-year-old child today was the accuser of his father, Oliver Vandervort, under arrest here charged with a triple murder.

Vandervort insisted he was victim of circumstances in being found at the home of his divorced wife with the bodies of her three children.

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This He Would Do by Having Period of Compulsory Military Service Cut to Half of Present Length. Declares German Strength Prohibits Any Other Mode of Procedure.

Washington, Nov. 21.—France, with the world's largest army, is ready to make a reduction in fighting strength. With this official declaration by Premier Briand, the arms conference today began discussion of the third major task—limitation of land armament.

The cut in the French army effective-ness could be made, Briand said, through a bill in parliament decreasing the period of compulsory military service from three to one and one-half years.

France, however, needs a strong army because of the Russian and German "menaces," the premier said.

Italy, with an army of about 300,000 men, will make further reductions soon, Senator Schanzer, her chief delegate said.

The United States with its army of 157,000 men is not faced with the question of limiting land armaments.

Baron Kato pledged that Japan's army would be cut to the lowest point consistent with her national safety.

Great Britain did not promise any definite reduction in her army.

Belgium, Baron De Cartier said, had already reduced her army to the minimum, considering her national security.

All the nations expressed sympathy with the position of France in Europe, but Balfour of Britain said Briand's speech was not "hopeful for any solution of the question of land armaments."

Balfour indicated that he did not believe Briand's promised reduction in her fighting strength was sufficient to make possible an important limitation of land armaments.

Hughes expressed the hope that a solution of the land armament question could be reported as it was referred to a committee.

TELLS OF DANGERS (By Lawrence Martin) (United Press Staff Correspondent) Washington, Nov. 21.—France will cut in half her effective army by reducing by fifty per cent the period of French military service, Premier Briand told the arms limitation conference which met today in open session.

"Tomorrow it is certain that by action of the French government the period of military service will be cut in half," the premier said.

"As a result of this, France's army may be said to be reduced by half."

Briand's pledge that France will cut her army, now the largest and most effective fighting organization in the world, came after he painted a gloomy picture of the dangers facing France.

Bulletins

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Pistmaster Joe Spay announces that the "pistmaster" will be closed tomorrow between the hours of eight 'til six for pilot practice. Steve Nugent has returned after a pleasant visit 't Dayton, O., where three different bank cashiers failed to recognize him.



MANY AUTOMOBILE COLLISIONS OCCUR

Numerous automobile collisions occurred in the city while the big Homecoming crowds were here during the week-end to witness the football game and attend other functions at the University of Oregon.

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