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TENT CRUSHED; 3 SAFE

Three Dead; Two Missing In Floods

DAMAGE RUNS HIGH; WRECK IS REPORTED

Alabama City Plunged Into Darkness As Electric Plants Go Out

Train Service Crippled As Rivers Set New High Water Levels

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 19.—(AP)—With rains continuing to fall in a half dozen southern states today, rivers were reported steadily rising with considerable property damage expected to follow over a wide area.

Two trainmen were killed when a passenger train broke through a weakened trestle near Selma, Ala., and one trainman was killed when a train struck a slide, six miles from Cartersville, Ga.

Hope has been abandoned at Albany, Ga., for the safety of Asa and Will Tift, who failed to return Saturday from a canoe trip on Flint river.

Georgia and Alabama bore the brunt of the flood waters force, although almost unprecedented high water is also reported in other states.

Macon saw new marks registered for the Ocmulgee when the river passed 27 feet. At Milledgeville the Ocmulgee reached more than 36 feet.

Columbia found the Chattahoochee river at a stage of 45 feet. The city's gas supply was threatened as water entered the plant.

RAIN CONTINUES MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 19.—(AP)—Rain continued to fall in southern Alabama today with rivers and streams already swollen far beyond their flood stage.

Although the Alabama river is still within its banks, precautions are being taken along the Coosa and Tallapoosa rivers. Convicts have been removed from state prison number 4 to Kibby and storekeepers are removing goods from basements at Wetumpka.

Three hydro-electric plants of the Georgia Alabama Power company have been placed out of commission near Columbia.

The entire section was in darkness last night and it is estimated that months will be required to repair the damage.

Tourists to and from Florida are being held up on both the Georgia and Alabama sides of the Chattahoochee river due to the overflow over the lowlands adjacent to the bridge. The ferry at Alaga has been washed away.

PROPERTY DAMAGE HIGH DOTHAN, Ala., Jan. 19.—(AP)—Thousands of dollars worth of property damage has been caused by the rising waters of Choctawhatchee and Pea rivers, according to reports here.

Dothan's new municipal power plant under construction is reported threatened with destruction.

HIGH MARK BROKEN MACON, Ga., Jan. 19.—(AP)—All high water marks of the Ocmulgee river here were eclipsed when the gauge registered 27.1 feet today.

Plot To Blow Up Battleships Of British Is Discovered; Men Jailed; Details Are Withheld

LONDON, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Two men, W. T. O'Leary and J. D. McGough, were brought before the Bow street police court today in connection with an alleged plot to blow up British battleships and submarines.

They were charged with an offense under the official secrets act. The details of the offense with which the men were charged were not made public.

Documents Seized. It is understood Scotland yard detectives have seized many documents bearing upon the case, which are being examined.

O'Leary is a shipwright and McGough is a civil servant. The detailed information charges O'Leary with having in his possession information concerning the Haslar dockyard at Portsmouth which is a prohibited area and communicating this information to McGough.

Organization of the Eugene Orchestra is expected to be completed at a meeting this evening to be held at the school of music building at the University of Oregon.

George H. McMorran, president of the society, issued an invitation today to all music lovers of the city who were interested in the aims of the society to attend the meeting this evening.

Tentative plans are to limit the membership to 100 at present but this may be extended later if a sufficient number of those interested in the plan and who have vocal talent manifest a desire to affiliate and take part in the programs of the organization.

John Stark Evans, of the school of music of the university, is director of the society. Glen Morrow is secretary.

FRANK CHAMBERS HOME FROM TRIP

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Eugene Woman Is Victim of Illness

Mrs. Mary Short Van Crummingham, 67, died at the home of her sister, Miss Alice Short, 1512 Columbia avenue, this morning.

TWO INJURED WHEN SHASTA BUMPS AUTO

John Michelbrook And Son Of Near Eugene Are Bruised In Accident

Victims Have Narrow Escape From Death When Train And Car Meet

John Michelbrook, 43, and John Michelbrook Jr., 7, of motor route A in the Eugene hospital with injuries received when their automobile crashed into the Shasta train of the Southern Pacific at the Lincoln street crossing this afternoon.

The injuries of both are not serious, consisting of a few cuts about the face and body from broken glass, and minor bruises. It is the fact that they escaped from the accident with their lives is considered almost miraculous by those who witnessed the crash.

"I was hurrying to town to get some business over before attending the funeral of my wife's sister in Roseburg," explained Mr. Michelbrook. "I wasn't speeding, although a person must give the car a little more gas to get up the grade at that crossing. I am still hazy about how the accident happened, but I cannot recall that I heard the bell at the crossing or that I even saw the train before it struck us."

The automobile was carried several yards down the track, and from the manner in which it was wrecked it is thought the train struck the machine a glancing blow instead of amidships. The effect was to throw the car away from the track some distance away. Bystanders picked up the victims and hurried them to the hospital.

Late this afternoon arrangements were being made to dismiss both the patients.

SCHOOL NEEDS TO BE TALKED OVER

SPRINGFIELD, Ore., Jan. 19.—(Special)—It may be necessary to build a new grade school in Springfield. An open forum will be held by the Springfield Parent-Teacher association tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock at the high school to consider the measures to be taken to meet the school housing problem for next year.

There are times now when the school is running at its fullest possible capacity, according to Vern D. Bain, principal, and after the coming semester any increase cannot be met with present facilities.

Plans for the coming year will be discussed, and Principal Bain will give a talk on "The School and the Community." A program prepared by the high school students will be one of the features of the meeting.

Jessie and Verna Manning will sing, and Charles Nadvornik will play a violin solo. A reading will be given by Myrtle Hawton. There will also be a game club selection.

All parents are urged by Mrs. Paul Brattain, president of the association, to be present.

GOES TO CORVALLIS

Arnold Collier, county club leader, is at Corvallis today to confer with state club leaders on organization of clubs in Lane county and to obtain supplies for the work.

HERE FROM CROW

T. J. Danvers, resident of school district 165 west of Crow, was a business visitor in this city today and called at the office of E. J. Moore, county superintendent of schools.

TAX PLAN FOR OREGON GIVEN OUT AT SALEM

Repeal Of Inheritance Tax And Prevention Of Income Plan Asked

Legislature Again In Session After Week-End Of Rest From Work

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 19.—(AP)—A plan whereby Oregon may invite popular attention to the repeal of the inheritance tax and prevention of another income tax law was announced by Denton G. Burdick, speaker of the house, in an address today before the Salem chamber of commerce.

By inference Mr. Burdick recommended the plan which has been put into effect in Florida and which is a constitutional amendment barring an income or an inheritance tax for 25 years. Burdick's plan is based on the theory that the way to reduce taxes is not to search out new sources for taxation but to get more wealth into the state and more people into the state among whom taxes may be distributed.

LEGISLATURE REOPENS STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Opening the second week of the legislative session the senate this morning held a ten-minute session and the house a 15-minute session.

Both adjourned until 2 p. m. Several bills were introduced.

All monies collected under the prohibition laws would be thrown to the funds of the various counties under a bill introduced today by Representative North, Multnomah county.

Only one spotlight would be permitted on an automobile under house bill 54 introduced today by Shrook, Clackamas county. The measure would provide that such light would be fastened on the left side of the machine and directly diagonally across to throw its beam on the right hand side of the machine.

Irrigation Stressed

The bill relative to liens on crops for irrigation water furnished would be tightened up by a bill introduced today by Senator Davis.

The bill provides that the person or concern furnishing the water must, within forty days after the water is furnished, file a lien.

Fast Home Broken Into by Burglars; Jewelry is Taken

Burglars entered the home of O. A. Faust, 158 Twelfth avenue east last night between 6:30 and 10:30 o'clock, and stole a considerable quantity of jewelry and other articles, it was reported to night patrolmen.

The marauders broke through a window, using an ax, and took the following articles: a 17 jewel Waltham watch, an Ingersoll watch, elk tooth, a string of pearl beads, valued at \$25, a pink cameo ring, and \$7 in money.

Skull Broken in Smashup of Autos

A. R. Eager of Grants Pass, whose skull was fractured on the forehead Saturday night when a light car he was driving was turned upside down in a ditch near Monroe, pinning him beneath, was resting easily today at the Mercy hospital. It is reported.

Seeks Fossils



For the first time in history scientists are searching the great Mojave desert for prehistoric bones of animals. Professor A. J. Tjeje, who heads the expedition, declares that 5,000,000 years ago the desert was a fertile grassy plain. Some of the bones he has uncovered there are said to be from 3,000,000 to 8,000,000 years old, and are said to come from prehistoric camels, three-toed horses and elephants.

WOMAN MOVES HEAD; BRANCH TEARS PILLOW

Man, Wife And Baby Saved By Merest Chance As Big Tree Falls

Not Even A Scratch Is Felt By Any Of Them; All Pinned In Bed

BEND, Ore., Jan. 19.—(AP)—Imprisoned in their bed, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nicholas and infant child, miraculously escaped death Sunday when the tent in which they were, was crushed by a falling tree at a logging camp near here.

The stove in the tent had no fire burning or it is thought the family would have been burned to death, according to members of the logging crew who effected the rescue after more than a half hour of hard work.

According to information reaching this city yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas with the baby between them were suddenly awakened from sleep by the cracking of the tree which was but a short distance from the tent. Mrs. Nicholas for no reason she can give, moved her head on the pillow just as one of the huge branches crashed through it. Another branch smashed through the lower part of the bed between the two sleepers.

None of the three suffered even a scratch, although neither Mr. nor Mrs. Nicholas could speak for five minutes after workmen had saved through the tree and freed the couple.

Investigation showed that the heavy trunk had driven the tent pole four feet into the ground and it was only the two heavy branches which prevented the inmates from being crushed to death. The tree was 24 inches in diameter.

Mr. Nicholas is employed on the Clyde skidder at the Shevlin-Hixon camp.

Senate Refuses to Consider Question Of Gun Elevation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—By a vote of 45 to 22, the senate refused today to consider the question of the elevation of guns on the 13 American battleships in order to give them equal range with ships of the British royal fleet.

Chairman Hale of the navy committee told the senate it would be unwise to take affirmative action while a protest of a foreign government in this matter is pending.

Only one republican—Johnson, of California, supported the motion, while eight democrats and one farmer-labor—Shipstead, of Minnesota—voted against it. A two-thirds majority would have been necessary to suspend the rules.

The democrats opposing the motion were Bruce, Caraway, Dill, George, King, Neely, Rajston, and Swanson.

TODAY

Order or Keep Still—Radio and Religion—Eclipse is Coming

By ARTHUR BRISBANE (Copyright, 1925, by Star Company) One of Napoleon's sayings, most characteristic of him, was "J'ordonne, ou je me tais." That means, "I give orders, or I stay silent." That describes Calvin Coolidge. He proved, as vice-president and during the campaign, that he knew how to say nothing when not talking seemed wise.

Now politicians discover that he also knows how to give orders. And it doesn't please all of them.

The Paulist fathers of New York will install a powerful radio station, to cost \$40,000, to be used "to teach the truth about the Catholic church to the people of the United States."

That means obeying, on a gigantic scale, the command to preach the gospel to all the world.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Fair tonight, colder in east portion; increasing cloudiness, moderate southerly winds. Temperature Sunday: maximum, 57 degrees; minimum, 36. Precipitation, .38 inches. Stage of river, 5.5 feet. Direction of wind, south.

Trees to Fall

Two old trees that have stood for 40 years on Willamette street near 10th avenue are about to fall. Work cutting the trees was started this morning and with their passing there remain but one tree on Willamette street in the business district of the street curb line. This tree near Sixth avenue in front of the sign shop. At one time, according to old residents, there were many trees along both sides of Willamette that afforded shade for drivers in the days when this mode of transportation was in vogue and drivers tied their teams at the curb.

Enumerator Is Through

Edwin E. Gruff, federal farm census enumerator at work in Douglas county, has completed his work and filed reports at the office of Ralph P. Laird, director. Thirteen of the district enumerators have completed their task of compiling the census data for the government and it is expected that all will be through by the end of the month which is time set for the completion of the census. The office of Mr. Laird will be open for another two weeks after that, is the announcement.

Speeding Is Fast

Speeding at 40 miles an hour on a slippery pavement is not conducive to safety but some do attempt it and get caught. E. E. Hall of Portland tried it out near Creswell avenue and was stepping along on an hour "passing everything on the road," according to Melvin Raball, county traffic officer, who pulled him down, took his pedigree and invited him to appear in justice court here tomorrow. The fast driver was promised to do so.

Loan Meeting Wednesday

The district meeting of the farm association of the Willamette valley and the Coos Bay district will be held at the rooms of the chamber of commerce here Wednesday starting 10 a. m., according to H. A. Soultz, secretary of the Lane county association. An all-day program is planned and the meeting will continue on Thursday, it is announced. Representatives from about 15 associations are expected to attend the session, is the announcement.

Building Not Decided

Chairman of the Bethel school district wishes to correct the statement that plans have already been made for a new schoolhouse to be placed on the old one. Nothing, he has decided upon as yet. A board of directors are considering the question and will notify the voters when the plans are ready.

Burglary Attempted

An attempted burglary of the Alpha Phi Beta sorority house was reported to night police last night by a watchman in the vicinity of the house. Someone was seen for the door to the building about 1 o'clock in the morning, but arrival of the policemen apparently frightened the disturber away.

Man From Mapleton

U. Goude, resident of the Mapleton district and chairman of the school board in district 32, is a Eugene business visitor today in regard to school matters and also road work in his district.

Monday Day Tuesday

Monday will be motion day in court, according to an announcement at the office of Judge F. Skilworth today.

Business Name Filed

The assumed business name of the London brothers garage which is at Main street, Cottage Grove, was filed today at the office of the county clerk.

County Is Collected

The county bounty on two coyotes and one bobcat was collected by the office of the county clerk by B. H. Helfrich, resident of the Vida district.

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