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FLOOD HITS HEPPNER

Bridges and Sidewalks Swept Away by Water.

PEOPLE SEEK SAFETY IN HILLS

Water Pours From Hillside Down Dry Canyon, Swelling Willow Creek to Raging Torrent.

Heppner, Or., July 14.—At 3:30 yesterday afternoon a cloudburst brought water in torrents from the hills about town, driving Willow creek out of its banks and threatening for a time a repetition of the disaster of June 14, 1903.

Bridges at the upper end of town were carried away, sidewalks and fences swept down the streets, and many houses filled with two or three feet of water, the receding flood leaving behind a trail of mud and debris. Several houses were partially wrecked.

In a few instances people living in the path of the water had to be carried to places of safety, but the greater part of the population, remembering the experience of a few years ago, fled to the hills as soon as the storm assumed dangerous proportions.

The electric power station was quickly put out of business, and the city was in darkness last night.

No lives were lost, and it is not believed that damage to crops will be serious.

For several days the weather has been excessively warm, with an unusual amount of humidity in the atmosphere. Atmospheric conditions were very similar to those which preceded the great flood of 1903, and yesterday afternoon when dark clouds began to gather to the south of town, preparations were made by many to seek safety in the hills.

MAY UPSET LUMBER RATES.

Railroads Threaten to Enjoin Decision of Commission.

Seattle, Wash., July 14.—Lumbermen report that the industry is as badly paralyzed as before the recent rate decision by the interstate commerce commission, on account of rumors that the railroads are contemplating enjoining the decision of the commission in the federal courts. If this should be done, the effect would probably be to continue for possibly as long as two years the uncertainty prevailing previous to the decision.

Robert B. Allen, associate editor of the Pacific Lumber Trade Journal, said yesterday that he had been informed on reliable authority that the railroads had practically decided either to take a straight appeal to the federal courts or to enjoin the decision of the commission. The former course would leave the rates established by the commission in force pending the decision of the appeal, while the latter would not seriously embarrass them in going ahead in securing business and resuming the industry.

An injunction, on the other hand, would probably result in a continuance of the business on a bond basis, which would force the lumbermen to make all shipments under bond to pay the higher rate should the courts finally overthrow the decision of the interstate commerce commission.

FIRE SWEEPS MOUNTAINS.

Does Considerable Damage in San Bernardino Range.

San Bernardino, July 14.—The most disastrous forest fire in many years has just swept the south slope of the San Bernardino mountains, burning a path 12 miles in length and three miles wide, destroying the Ben Burnell apiary and several houses on the F. M. Brush ranch. The fire originated east of Verdmont from a spark from a Santa Fe locomotive, it is thought.

Several recently completed fire-breaks were encountered, but the flames jumped them without difficulty. Late last night a shifting of the wind enabled the fire-fighters to get control of the flames on the mountains a mile above the lower Toll House inn.

Dies Four Days After Promotion.

Peking, July 14.—Interest is being manifested in the appointment of a successor to Thomas W. Haskins, who died Saturday night, four days after being ordered to the American consulate at Swatow. Haskins' death occurred at Poi Tai Ho, a seaside resort. Haskins was formerly a resident of Los Angeles, became a student interpreter in China, July 18, 1902. He was appointed assistant secretary to the legation in China, July 4, 1904. He was promoted to consul at Swatow, Wednesday.

Trial Marriage Proposed.

Atlanta, Ga., July 14.—Drop-stitch hose, V-shaped lingerie, cosmetics, artificial teeth, puffs, rats and padding are the weighty matters which are being gravely discussed by the committee on ways and means of the Georgia legislature. According to the provisions of Glenn's measure, any marriage which has resulted from artificial attractions offered by the bride shall be declared null and void.

Can Inspect Bank Books.

San Francisco, July 14.—The state supreme court yesterday made an order directing Receiver Le Breton, of the wrecked California Safe Deposit & Trust company to permit all parties interested to inspect the books of that institution now in his charge.

LAUNCH SOUTH CAROLINA.

Big Battleship Leaves Ways Without Hitch.

Philadelphia, July 13.—Amid the din of steam whistles ashore and afloat and the cheering of thousands of persons assembled to witness the event, the all-big-gun battleship South Carolina was launched Saturday at Cramps' shipyard, on the Delaware River. As the latest addition to the American navy slipped into the water Miss Frederica Calvert Ansel, daughter of Governor Ansel, of South Carolina, broke the traditional bottle of wine against the prow of the great hull and gave the big sea-fighter his name. Surrounding the pretty girl stood a group including her father and his military staff, many officials of the navy department, the commandant of the Philadelphia navy-yard, officials of the city, officers of the Italian warship Ettore Fieramosca, now in port, and hundreds of other invited guests.

There was not a hitch to the launching. After the launching the christening party sat at a luncheon and the usual toasts to the new ship, to the president of the United States, to the navy and to the fair sponsor of the ship were drunk.

The South Carolina is the second of the two all-big-gun battleships authorized by congress, the other being the Michigan, which recently was launched at Camden, N. J.

The South Carolina has a length between perpendiculars of 450 feet, a breadth of 80 feet and her mean draft will be 24 feet 6 inches. Her normal displacement will be 16,000 tons and full-load displacement 17,000 tons. Her engines will have 17,000 horse power and a contract speed of 18 1/2 knots. Her bunker capacity will be 2,100 tons. Her cost complete will be \$7,000,000.

The main battery will consist of eight 12-inch breech-loading rifles mounted in four turrets and so arranged that each gun can fire two shots a minute. These guns will be able to fire on either broadside and will permit 16 350-pound projectiles to be discharged every minute. She will also have a battery of 30 3-inch and smaller guns.

MILWAUKEE LAYING RAILS.

To Butte Next Month and to Coast Early Next Year.

Spokane, Wash., July 13.—Barring delays not now looked for, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul rails will be laid as far as Butte by the middle of this month, according to W. E. Dauchy, engineer in charge of that division. The rail-laying crews are now within a few miles of Butte and the roadbed is ready for them. From Butte west the laying of rails is scheduled to commence July 20.

Mr. Dauchy has just completed a trip over the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul right of way from Butte to Portland and Puget sound. The condition of the work is such that he estimates the completion of the entire line early in 1909. The road will be handling traffic on the Butte division before the end of the month.

Reports from the recently flooded district in Montana show that damage to the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul roadbed was greater than at first estimated. Between Garrison and Missoula several miles of rail was completely washed away, and the trestle work was damaged. Construction work in the state was also delayed four weeks on account of the high water.

GOOD TIMES AHEAD.

General Revival of Prosperity Seems to Have Begun.

Chicago, July 13.—Careful analysis of commercial, industrial and agricultural conditions made by representatives of the Record-Herald in Chicago and throughout the United States show that business activity in all lines is decidedly returning to normal and in some cases exceeds it. Crops are unusually large and the number of unemployed men and of empty railroad cars shows marked decrease.

One of Uncle Sam's reliable business barometers, the postoffice receipts, registered an exceptionally reassuring indication that the tide of business throughout the country has taken an upturn. In Chicago fully 10,000 railroad men have gone back to work in the last six months. Half of the men the packers laid off last winter are at work again. The idle cars in the Chicago district have been reduced one-half since the high number reached in May.

Pardon Delayed Eighteen Years.

Columbus, O., July 13.—Officials of the penitentiary here have started an investigation to learn why a pardon signed by President Benjamin Harrison and mailed 18 years ago did not arrive until last Saturday. George Swanston, the man pardoned, completed his one-year term for violation of the pension laws in 1890 and departed from the prison without discovering that the stain had been officially removed from his name several months before. The envelope containing the pardon was dated September 3, 1890, 6 p. m.

Naval Uniform is Passport.

Santa Cruz, Cal., July 13.—After having left Catalina island because they were not allowed upon the floor of a dance pavilion while in uniform, the soldier-sailors of the state naval reserve encountered opposite conditions when they arrived here Saturday night on the United States training ship Alert. After the militiamen had been officially welcomed to the city they were formally invited to attend a grand ball in their honor.

Shah Will Apologize.

London, July 13.—The London Times states that two representatives of the shah will go to the British legation at Tehran to apologize for the trouble given British subjects during the recent uprising. The shah has issued a fresh rescript, promising to restore the courts of justice immediately.

NEWS ITEMS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

RELATIONS SEVERED.

Venezuelan Consul Prepares to Leave Washington.

Washington, July 11.—The diplomatic relations between America and Venezuela, that have existed uninteruptedly for more than half a century, though in recent years severely strained, were yesterday completely severed. At 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon Senor Veloz-Goiticoa, the Venezuelan charge d'affaires, called at the state department by appointment to present to Acting Secretary Bacon notice from his government that he was to quit his post here, closing up the Venezuelan legation in Washington and repair forthwith to Venezuela.

The charge explained that the action of the state department in withdrawing Jacob Sleeper, the American charge, from Caracas, and in closing up its legation there, made it necessary for his government to take similar action in the case of its legation in Washington.

The charge made no demand for his passports, nor could he do so consistently, in view of the fact that Foreign Minister Paul had declined to issue such passports to the American charge when he withdrew from Caracas, on the ground that there was no necessity for passports, the country being in profound peace, and his person not being threatened in any way. Senor Veloz stated that the files and papers of the Venezuelan legation would be placed in the custody of Senor Jacobo Pimental, the Venezuelan consul general in New York. This statement is regarded as an indication that the Venezuelan government will follow the precedent established by the United States in refraining from closing the consulates. No arrangement has been made for the transaction of any diplomatic business which Venezuela might find it absolutely necessary to transact, through some unforeseen contingency.

FOR MERIT ONLY.

New Chief of Army Engineers is Not a Politician.

Washington, July 10.—President Roosevelt recognized merit when he appointed Colonel William L. Marshall as chief of engineers of the army. He picked the best man in the engineer corps, and the one who, in the opinion of unbiased officials of the department and of the army, was most entitled to the promotion, and in recognizing the merit of Colonel Marshall, he placed the corps in the hands of the man most competent to handle it. In deciding upon Colonel Marshall, the president was swayed by Secretary Taft, who from the first has favored the selection of Marshall for this post.

Colonel Marshall is physically a man of the Taft type, and for that reason there may have been a bond of sympathy between them. Last fall, when the army riding tests were held, the president threatened to retire Colonel Marshall because he failed to make the ride. But the failure was not due to the disinclination on the part of the new chief of engineers; it was due to the fact that no horse could be found in all the army stables who could carry the round colonel for a full day's ride, as he tips the scales at nearly 300 pounds.

Killed in Paraguay Revolution.

Washington, July 10.—Information received at the state department yesterday is that the estimated loss of life in the recent revolution in Paraguay was from 100 to 150 persons, while 100 were wounded. The information came to the department in a dispatch from Edward C. O'Brien, American minister to Uruguay and Paraguay. The revolution began on July 2, when the minister of war was taken prisoner. The dispatch came by way of Buenos Ayres, dated July 7, and at that time the City of Asuncion, where the revolution began, was tranquil.

Chinese Make American Uniforms.

Washington, July 9.—Secretary of War Wright has received from Connecticut manufacturers of khaki cloth a protest against the use of English-made khaki for uniforms. The protest recites that the uniforms were not only of British material, but were made up in Manila by Chinese labor, thus excluding not only American manufacturers of khaki, but American labor in the production of uniforms. The complaint was made through President Roosevelt.

Meyer for Secretary of State.

Paris, July 11.—According to advices received here from Washington, William H. Taft recently announced to certain of his friends his purpose, if elected president of the United States, of appointing George von L. Meyer, at present postmaster general, to be his secretary of state.

Two Years for Forgery.

Chicago, July 10.—Daniel Keller, ex-convict in the United States army recently convicted of defrauding the government through the use of stolen quartermaster's checks, was yesterday sentenced to serve two years at hard labor in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan.

All's Well With the Fleet.

On Board U. S. S. Connecticut at Sea, July 8, 9:30 A. M. (by wireless to Mare Island navy-yard, Cal.)—The Atlantic fleet is starting this morning in squadron formation at ten knots, 185 miles out from San Francisco. Weather clear and calm.

WARSHIP TO GO SOUTH.

American Vessel Sent to Honduras to Investigate Trouble.

Washington, July 14.—It was announced at the state department Saturday that an American warship will be sent to Port Amapala, Honduras, to investigate the reports that Honduran revolutionists are rapidly pushing forward with a view to capturing the city. These messages were received at the state department Saturday. From the tenor of the telegrams, no apprehension is felt that the dispute will involve other Central American republics.

Dispatches from Salvador Saturday state that a number of arrests of Salvadoran revolutionists have been made by the Salvadorean government because it was thought they were aiding the revolution. The Honduran government is evidently trying to suppress the disturbances.

In accordance with the request of the state department, the bureau of navigation Saturday afternoon issued orders to the protected cruiser Albany to proceed at once to Amapala. The Albany is now at Panama, where she had gone from San Francisco to take marines to preserve peace in the coming Panama elections. She will carry 100 marines to Amapala, the ostensible reason for her visit to the Central American port being a threat to the Honduran government to preserve peace. After the Honduran revolution is quieted the Albany will take the marines to San Francisco.

SNAKE INDIANS DEFIANT.

Drive Off Sheriffs, Who Go to Investigate Trouble.

Muskogee, Okla., July 9.—The sheriffs of McIntosh and Omalge counties went to the Old Hickory grounds, near Henryetta, yesterday to investigate the uprising of Snake Indians and were driven away from the camp by thirty armed Indians and negroes. Before sending them away, Crazy Snake delivered a message defying the laws of the state and the United States government, who, he declares, have no authority over the Indians.

The officers will get into communication with Guthrie and it is probable that state troops will be sent to disperse the malcontents. Crazy Snake is the leader of several uncivilized Creek Indians, many of whom do not speak English. They find the laws of the new state objectionable and they are enraged by Crazy Snake's assertion that they are being cheated in the land allotments.

Granddaughter of Carlisle Married.

Washington, July 14.—Miss Laura Carlisle, granddaughter of John G. Carlisle, former secretary of the treasury in Cleveland's administration, was married last week in the rectory of Cathedral church to Lewis P. Pitkin, of Boston. Rev. W. T. Russell, pastor of the church, was the officiating clergyman. Only former Secretary Carlisle and William Kincaid Carlisle, father of the bride, were present at the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Pitkin left Washington immediately after the ceremony, and will travel until the middle of September. They will spend the winter in either Washington or Boston.

Reds and Blacks Clash.

Washington, July 9.—There has been a clash between the Snake Indians and negroes near Sonora, Okla., according to dispatches received by the Indian Protective association of Washington from Eufaula Harjo, orator of the four Indian tribes. Several complaints have been registered here of late by the Indians, who declare that the whites, through government officials dealing with half-breeds in Oklahoma City, are obtaining possession of their land with but nominal remuneration, and this is understood to have been the cause of the trouble.

Keep Eye on Coreans.

Denver, July 15.—Secret service men are said to be watching the Corean patriotic convention in the chapel of Grace Methodist church in this city, because of a report that the foreigners came to this country to learn army and war tactics for use in freeing their country from the domination of the Japanese, but there was no indication of such a purpose in the proceedings yesterday, which were entirely peaceful in their tenor.

Will Visit Oyster Bay.

Washington, July 14.—Senator Bourne has returned to Washington from a week spent in the North. At the invitation of the president, he will spend a day at Oyster Bay, his call being purely personal. He also witnessed the boat races at Schenectady, and spent the rest of the week on the Hudson. He expects to leave in a few days for Bar Harbor.

Agreement With Mexico.

Washington, July 11.—A perfect understanding between Mexico and the United States as to this government's purpose to take all steps possible to prevent violations of neutrality laws on the Mexican border, was reached at a two hours' conference between Acting Secretary of State Bacon and Ambassador Creel.

Troops Fight Forest Fire.

Washington, July 9.—The war department has ordered Colonel W. S. Schuyler, commander of Fort Huachuca, on the Mexican border in southern Arizona, to render all possible assistance in the suppression of a serious fire raging on Huachuca mountain in the Goveco national forest.

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