

136 LIVES LOST ON BURNING STEAMER

**Terrific Storm Prevents Other
Vessels Rendering Much
Assistance.**

Liverpool.—One hundred and thirty-six persons lost their lives when the steamer Volturno of the Uranium line was destroyed at sea after having been on fire for 24 hours.

Ten steamships called by wireless to the burning ship surrounded the Volturno for 16 hours while the fire raged at its height, but none of the rescue fleet was able to lend assistance owing to the terrific storm.

The Volturno sailed from Rotterdam for New York via Halifax on October 2. She carried 24 cabin passengers, 540 steerage and a crew of 33. Of the 657 known to have been on board, 521 have been reported saved by the 10 vessels.

The greatest loss of life occurred when four of the Volturno's six lifeboats were dashed to pieces against the side of the vessel a few moments after they were launched. Other lifeboats launched from the rescue fleet were also crushed by the waves.

Never before has such a disaster been witnessed by so many spectators. Huddled on the eight ocean liners, a German tramp and a Standard Oil tank steamer which heard the Volturno's "S. O. S." distress call by wireless, unmindful of the biting cold of the gale and the danger from the huge waves which crashed over the vessels, those on board the waiting ships remained on deck throughout the afternoon and night watching the fire.

BLOOMS FOR JESSIE WILSON

**Chrysanthemums Grown for White
House Election.**

Washington.—A chrysanthemum wedding appears to be the plan for the white house nuptials of Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson and Francis B. Sayre on November 25. Thousands of the beautiful "mums" are being grown in the white house conservatory for the event.

Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, wife of the vice-president, has bought many yards of exquisite hand-made lace for the bride-elect's wedding finery.

Test Suit Begun on Minimum Wage.
Portland, Or.—Suit attacking the constitutionality of the minimum wage law was filed against Edwin V. O'Hara, Bertha Moores and Amedeo M. Smith, members of the Industrial Welfare commission, and the court was asked to restrain the defendants and each of them from putting into effect the statute.

UNDERWOOD AND HOBSON HAVE CLASH

Washington.—Representative Richmond Pearson Hobson, representative of Alabama, and his colleague, Majority Leader Underwood, engaged in a bitter debate on the floor of the house over the senatorial contest in their state, in which they are rival candidates. The oratorical duel was precipitated by Mr. Hobson reiterating utterances he made last week in a speech at Wetumpka, Ala., intimating that Mr. Underwood was "the tool of Wall street and the liquor interests," and charging that he had gained Alabama's support in the last presidential campaign under false pretenses.

Cheers from Democrats and Republicans greeted Mr. Underwood as he rose to reply, and later, when Mr. Hobson tried to interrupt, there were loud cries of "Sit down, sit down; you've had your time."

B. F. O'Neill Is in Prison.

Boise, Idaho.—B. F. O'Neill, convicted of making false reports to the state bank examiner of the condition of the Bank of Commerce while its president, arrived here in company with four other convicts from north Idaho, and immediately began his term of two to ten years in the penitentiary.

Ad Wolgast Wins Over Bat Nelson.
Milwaukee.—Ad Wolgast, of Cadillac, Mich., defeated Battling Nelson, of Hegewisch, Ill., in a 10-round no-decision boxing contest at the Elitte arena here. Wolgast had the better of eight of the 10 rounds, while two were even.

Arkansas Is to Go Dry.

Little Rock, Ark.—The state supreme court sustained the validity of the going prohibition bill and Arkansas will become dry after January 1 next.

Athletics Are Champions.

New York.—The Philadelphia Athletics won the baseball championship of the world for 1913 at the Polo grounds by defeating the New York Giants, 3 to 1, in the fifth and deciding game of the series.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

**Events Occurring Throughout
the State During the Past
Week.**

Thirty Days Longer For Hunters.

Coquille.—Sportsmen of the Coquille valley are happy because the open season for ducks and such game has been extended one month, or until January 15. Because the game birds do not get into the valley until the latter part of the year local hunters had very little shooting when the season closed in December.

Boy Will Exhibit Stock.

Monmouth.—Johnny B. Stump, Jr., a boy of this city, who won the Shetland pony at the state fair for the best exhibit of livestock presented by a child, has received word that he will have a chance to show his animals at the national livestock show in Chicago, and at the international show at Waterloo, Iowa, this fall.

SNOWFALL STOP TRAFFIC

**Telephone and Telegraph Lines Badly
Damaged By Early Season Storms.**

Baker.—Early snowfall in eastern Oregon is the order this year. For the past few days the fall has been steady and very heavy in some localities, the heaviest being in Bourne, in the Sumpter district, where several feet covers the ground. There has been good sleighing in the Cable Cove section for about a week, and all the higher altitudes of the country report a fall varying in depth from a few inches to a foot or more. The foothills adjacent to the city are white.

The snow caused much trouble to the Sumpter Valley railroad, which runs through a mountainous section between Baker and the John Day valley. It caused great damage also to telephone and telegraph lines, and the Sumpter Valley railroad had an unusual accident. A wire falling across the track tore the whistle from the engine, causing all the steam to escape and "killing" the locomotive, so that the passenger train was held up for several hours.

Agricultural Report In.

Salem.—Cheaper credit, state guarantee of land titles, co-operative laws, the federation of farmers' organizations and better roads were recommendations of a committee appointed by Governor West at the suggestion of Dr. C. J. Owens, director of the American commission, to report on the agricultural needs of Oregon.

MAY CALL SPECIAL SESSION

Money Needed If Eight Hour Law Applies to State Employees.

Salem.—If it should be held that the eight-hour labor law applies to the employees at the state institutions, it is possible that a special session of the legislature will be called to make additional maintenance appropriations to meet the emergency.

State Labor Commissioner Hoff has notified the state board that the law is being violated at the institutions and says he will bring suits, if necessary, to enforce a compliance with the law.

Governor West will ask the attorney general for an opinion as to whether the law applies to the state institutions and if he holds with the labor commissioner, the matter will be taken up with the heads of the various institutions to ascertain the additional cost of maintenance, as the existing appropriations were based on the present hours of labor. If the threatened emergency would be of sufficient consequence to justify it the governor will consider calling a special session of the legislature.

Lebanon Safe Is Cracked.

Lebanon.—The department store of the Reeves-Clark company was burglarized, the safe being blown open and about \$800 in money and checks taken, besides one or two suits of clothes, an overcoat and some other clothing.

More Water Is Wanted.

Ashland.—This city is considering tentative plans for the extension of its water system and supply. Now that the municipal light plant is on a firm footing, prompt attention will be given to the water department.

Bandon to Vote on Drink.

Coquille.—An election to decide whether intoxicating liquors shall be sold within the corporation limit of Bandon was ordered by the Cook county court to be held Tuesday, November 4.

Wife Traps Erring Spouse.

Roseburg.—Trilled by his wife and a detective, Robert Coates, reputed to be a wealthy lumberman of Aberdeen, Wash., and Miss Lillian B. Carter, of Portland, were arrested here by Sheriff Quinn.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Heavy snow fall in the Sumpter district has hampered traffic and telegraph and telephone lines have been hampered.

Mrs. Sarah A. Evans was re-elected president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs at the convention at Hood River.

Since the establishment of the state automobile registration department in 1911, Multnomah county has paid in more than \$25,000 in fees.

Owing to effective forest patrol Lin county passed through the summer without a single destructive forest fire.

Three carloads of horses have been bought in upper Malheur section by the government for use in the war department.

Glendale and Sutherlin will not vote on local option issues November 4 because of technicalities in the petitions.

Governor West had no right to incur debt in carrying on vice crusade work, and the emergency board had no authority to declare legal such action, according to the attorney-general.

L. D. Westfall of Tualatin won the handsome loving cup offered by the Great Northern railroad for the best agricultural exhibit at the state fair at Salem.

More than 30,000 head of sheep will leave Bend for Chicago stock yards, this probably being the largest single shipment of mutton ever made from Oregon.

Eugene was chosen as the next place of meeting at the closing session of the annual convention of the State Federation of Women's Clubs at Hood River.

High school officials of Coquille have placed a ban on pupils' attending picture shows, parties, dances, etc., on any night in the week except on Friday and Saturday.

George Temple, aged 12, a Chemawa student, shot Watchman George Staniff. The latter hit the boy on the head with the former's weapon. Both may die.

The Nott tunnel on the Eugene-Coos Bay railroad is nearly ready for the rails. Trains may be run from Eugene to Mapleton within the next 80 days.

School fund loans in Oregon aggregating \$100,000 may be forfeited unless the notes are renewed or foreclosure suits are brought, says Governor West.

Representative Humphrey of Washington may visit some of the more important river and harbor projects in Oregon if Representative Hawley finds he can't make the trip.

The C. A. Smith lumber company has been asked by Governor West of Oregon to defend its title to 10,000 acres of land which, it is intimated, has been obtained by use of dummy school land selections.

Guy M. Lindsay, former cashier of the Citizens National bank of Baker City, was freed of the charge of misappropriating funds, because of the government's failure to produce any damaging evidence against him.

George H. George, president of the Astoria National bank, vice president, secretary and treasurer of the Columbia River Packers' association and one of the foremost citizens of Oregon, died at his home in Astoria.

That the national forest, which recently was opened to homesteading of available agricultural lands, is on the brink of an era of development is the opinion of J. Roy Harvey, newly appointed supervisor.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels has informed Senator Chamberlain that insufficient room on the battleship Oregon will prevent Oregon guardmen from accompanying the ship through the Panama canal, as an escort.

Suit has been filed by the attorney general of Oregon against the governor, secretary of state and treasurer, for recovery of \$14,000 said to have been unlawfully spent out of the penitentiary revolving fund.

Senator Chamberlain has been told by the state department that the proposed legislation by Chile has been changed to make the lumber duty 70 per cent ad valorem, an increase of 50 per cent, instead of 215 per cent as intended.

Governor West intends to put the payment of expense of grand jury investigation of I. W. W. deportation in Coos county up to A. H. Powers, of the Smith-Powers Logging company. Powers is blamed for instigating the deportation.

Very largely through the efforts of Representative Sinnott, the director of the geological survey has recommended to the secretary of the interior designation under the enlarged homestead act of sections 7, 8, 16, 23, to 36, township 26 south, range 16 east; sections 1, 2, 11 to 14, 23 to 26, 35, 36, township 27, range 16 east, Lake county, near Fort Rock.

Governor West has appointed a committee to devise a plan for an improved system of forest taxation. The governor also will urge the committee to formulate a plan to encourage reforestation and the settlement of logged-off lands and to make recommendations to the next legislature.

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

**Believe President Will Ask Congress to Repeal Canal Tolls
on American Shipping.**

Washington.—Reports published in London that President Wilson soon would ask congress to repeal the exemption of American shipping from tolls in the Panama canal brought from the white house the brief statement that any announcement of the administration's policy on that subject at this time was unauthorized. Officials declined to amplify that statement.

In other administration quarters, however, the belief was expressed that later such a repeal would be recommended to congress, but those who spoke disclaimed any official knowledge of President Wilson's intentions. Those closest to the president predicted that any announcement of policy would not be made until the legislative situation in congress was opportune.

Last negotiations over Great Britain's diplomatic protest against the alleged discrimination were conducted by former Ambassador Brice last February. He relinquished his post after having announced he would not do so until the matter was on the way to settlement. Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the new ambassador, has taken no steps in the question and diplomats have construed this inaction as an indication that satisfactory assurances have been given by Washington to London of a settlement of the dispute.

Dispatch of Warship Not Disapproved.
Germany's decision to dispatch a warship to Mexican waters attracted wide attention in official circles here. No formal comment was made on the incident, but it was apparent that the Washington government was not displeased.

Significance was attached to the action by official Washington, however, because it was accepted as indicating that European powers which previously had recognized the Huerta government, among which were Germany and Great Britain, now saw evidences of Huerta's inability to dominate the situation.

Latest advices from Great Britain to Washington are to the effect that King George and Queen Mary have taken a personal interest in the situation with a view to fostering measures that would support the policy of the United States. It is reported that Great Britain is prepared at the first opportunity to repudiate the recognition, and that failure of the Huerta administration to hold a constitutional election on October 26 probably will be held as sufficient cause.

Commerce Judges Kept on Rolls.
The United States commerce court, created in 1912 to have jurisdiction over appeals from the interstate commerce commission, will go out of existence on December 31, if President Wilson signs the deficiency appropriation bill as it repassed the house.

The positions of its judges, however, were finally saved when the house accepted the senate's amendment continuing the present judges as additional circuit judges of the United States until they resign or retire.

The senate's amendment was accepted because of the belief that the deficiency bill would be indefinitely held up by the senate if the house insisted on legislating the present commerce court judges out of office.

National Capital Brevities.
Jefferson McCann, of Nashville, Tenn., has been selected by President Wilson and Attorney-General McReynolds for United States attorney for Hawaii.

L. F. Speer of Bangor, Me., chief of the corporation tax division of the treasury department, has been named by Secretary McAdoo as deputy commissioner of internal revenue in charge of the income tax administration.

Propositions whereby the railroads may avoid prosecution under the Sherman law were made to the attorney general by President Elliott, T. D. Quigley, and President Hadley of Yale, directors of the New Haven road.

It is possible that the government will not start its suit under the anti-trust law against the American Telephone & Telegraph company for several months yet, pending outcome of the suit to separate the "trust" from its Pacific coast holdings, now under way at Portland.

"The government could expend profitably in 10 years \$100,000,000 in the reclamation of arid, semi-arid and swamp lands in that part of the country west of the Missouri river," said Secretary Lane.

By the closest vote of the session, 111 to 106, the house voted to recede from its conference disagreement to concur in the senate amendment to the urgent deficiency appropriation bill, which provides for the removal of deputy internal revenue collectors and deputy marshals from civil service regulations.

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