

KANSAS CITY FLOOD

Entire Lower Section of City Is Under Water.

EIGHT RAILROADS ARE TIED UP

Convention Hall Now Shelters 15,000 Homeless People—Worst Believed to be Over.

Kansas City, June 11.—All calculations of the weather bureau and river experts as to the duration and extent of the flood at the junction of the Kaw and Missouri rivers were upset yesterday by the continued rise of the Missouri river, due to heavy rains in Dakota and Nebraska. At 3 P. M. the Missouri river was 27.2 feet above low water, a rise of 2 since noon.

The Kaw has overflowed most of the railroad yards, the stockyards and the residence and manufacturing district of Armourdale. Ten feet of water is running through Kansas avenue, the main street of Armourdale.

The flood is the highest since that of 1903, but the water is more than seven feet lower than in that year.

Eight lines out of Kansas City are now tied up. Convention Hall has been opened to shelter refugees. At least 15,000 persons have been driven from their homes.

The overflow is bound to cause trouble east of here as far as St. Louis, it is predicted, as it reaches into the Mississippi and north along the banks of the Missouri as far as Omaha.

Mines and Smelter Closed.

Butte, Mont., June 11.—A dispatch to the Miner from Great Falls states that the electrolytic smelter of the Boston & Montana, one of the Amalgamated Copper Company's mines, will be closed down for two months, during which time the Boston & Montana mines in Butte will remain closed unless arrangements can be made to handle the ore of the company at Anaconda. Five thousand men are affected by the shut-down.

The road between Great Falls and Helena, it is said, will not be repaired within two months. The only method of travel out of Great Falls at the present time is by stage.

Great Northern Is Clear.

Spokane, Wash., June 11.—Great Northern officials announced yesterday that the whole main line is clear and ready for traffic between St. Paul and Seattle. The Montana Central branch is still tied up. Further washouts have occurred on the Northern Pacific west of Missoula, and that city cannot be reached from the west before tomorrow at best.

GOVERNMENT AFTER REBATERS

Southern Pacific May be Indicted for Violation of Law.

San Francisco, June 11.—The federal officers are maintaining the greatest secrecy concerning a hearing that was begun Tuesday afternoon by the federal grand jury that may lead to the indictment of the Southern Pacific railway on 250 counts for rebating.

The hearing was conducted by H. B. Duncan, of Washington, an attorney for the interstate commerce commission, and is the direct outcome of the evidence taken here last fall by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Franklin K. Lane. Three witnesses were called Tuesday, C. B. Seger, auditor of the Southern Pacific company; T. G. Brewer, freight claims agent, and Alfred H. Rising, chief clerk of the freight department.

The investigation started Tuesday has particular reference to shipments of pine box lumber from Verdi, two miles outside the state line in Nevada, to points in California at the same rate charged for shorter hauls within the state. Over 200 violations of the law in this connection are said to have been found out by Duncan.

Another violation of the law is said to be in reference to shipments of wool from California points to Stockton, Cal., at reduced rates and from there to other states at interstate rates.

Supply Ships Ready for Cruise.

Vallejo, Cal., June 11.—Orders have been issued by the authorities at the Mare Island navy yard for the departure of the auxiliary vessels of the Atlantic fleet from here before next Saturday, so that they can prepare at San Francisco to depart for the Orient next Monday. The refrigerator ship Culgoa left for the lower bay yesterday morning and the rest will follow this week. The Glacier, Arethusa and Panther are nearly ready to load supplies for the long trip across the Pacific. They will leave here today and tomorrow.

Hearst Continues to Gain.

New York, June 11.—William R. Hearst made good gains yesterday in the recount of the ballots in the disputed mayoralty election of 1905. The examination of the contents of 99 boxes during the day gave him a net gain of 53 votes. The ballots in 300 boxes have been examined and Hearst has gained 188 votes.

NO NEW TREATIES.

Announced in Connection With King Edward's Visit to Russia.

London, June 10.—Foreign Secretary Grey's announcement in the house of commons that no negotiations for new treaties would be initiated during the king's visit put an end to talk of a probable triple alliance between France, Russia and Great Britain, but it did not affect the hope of those Englishmen who are desirous for closer relations between these three powers that important diplomatic consequences will result from the meeting in Russia yesterday of King Edward and Emperor Nicholas and their respective foreign advisers.

No secret is made of the fact that the presence of Sir Charles Hardinge and M. Osowsky at Reval is for the purpose of discussing questions that have arisen out of the convention which put an end to the recriminations between Russia and Great Britain over Persia and Tibet and Afghanistan, more particularly the present unsatisfactory state of affairs in Persia.

The good effects of this agreement already have been shown in the speedy ending of the threatening frontier war on the Indian border, a situation which in the old days of suspicion and enmity between Great Britain and Russia might have led to an Afghan war.

Following so soon upon the visit to England of President Fallieres of France it is hard to disabuse the public mind of the feeling that King Edward's trip to Reval has also some relation to European affairs and as an actual alliance is considered impossible at present, serious thought is being given the suggestion that this exchange of visits signifies that Great Britain's policy in Europe in the future will follow closely that of the dual alliance between France and Russia. The foreign office says that too much significance must not be attached to this visit, but this is the usual official policy during such negotiations.

ST. PAUL NOT BADLY HURT.

Little Damage Done to Roadbed by Montana Floods.

Butte, Mont., June 10.—R. A. Harlow, vice-president in Montana of the St. Paul, said little damage was done to the Montana roadbed, but that he believed considerable damage was done east of Saratoff and that it will be four days before traffic is resumed. Northern Pacific officials have no idea when they will resume service westward and there is no change in the Great Northern.

The Northern Pacific tracks east of Butte are open, though the railroad company is still having considerable trouble with rock slides in the mountains near the continental divide. A number of stalled trains of the east arrived yesterday and departed south over the Oregon Short Line bound for the coast via the Oregon Railway & Navigation Line.

General Manager Gillie of the Amalgamated Copper Company said yesterday that the damage to the Boston & Montana smelters at Great Falls is not so heavy as was first thought; that so soon as ore can be shipped the Boston & Montana mines here will resume.

COREANS BUTCHERED.

Japanese Troops Kill 113 Insurgents Within Four Days.

Tokio, June 10.—A dispatch from Seoul dated yesterday (June 9) received at army headquarters reports that from June 5 to June 7 the government troops had twenty-six engagements with the insurgents. In these engagements 113 insurgents were killed and twenty-five taken prisoners.

The recent transfers of Korean cabinet ministers were due to the fact that during a conference of provincial governors a number of cases of negligence of the governors to present the actual facts concerning the attitude of the Korean government towards the insurgents were overlooked, also neglect in failing to correct false and malicious reports concerning Japanese policy, thus tacitly encouraging the insurrection. In consequence the minister of agriculture was transferred to the home department, and yesterday the new home minister announced the removal of seven provincial governors, showing a determination to effect many sweeping changes in local officials.

May Reveal Big Deals.

New York, June 10.—The extent to which the great European banking house of Rothschilds was interested in the merger of the transportation lines in New York City may be disclosed in the municipal court, probably June 19. Walter Lutzten, confidential adviser to August Belmont, who was called as a witness yesterday in the suit in connection with a deal in Metropolitan stock, was ordered to appear again on June 19 and produce all the correspondence the Belmont firm had exchanged with the Rothschilds bearing upon the merger.

Death Question of Hours.

New York, June 10.—At 12:30 this morning the watchers at the bedside of Oliver H. P. Belmont were waiting for the end. Since early yesterday afternoon Mr. Belmont has been unconscious and all hope of his recovery has been abandoned. His death, his physicians think, is now only a question of hours.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

PREPARING FOR FAIR.

More Space Will be Provided for Counties This Year.

Salem.—At a meeting of the building committee of the state fair board the contract was let for enlargement of the grandstand at the fair grounds so that it will accommodate an attendance of 6,000 people. McFarlane, Denton & McLaren, Salem contractors, were awarded the contract for \$3,900.

From the reports that have been received the state fair this year will be one of the grandest in the history of the state. Nearly every county has signified its intention to be on hand with a large exhibit next fall.

The board has already concluded to move the administration offices to another location to make room for additional county exhibits, and the building committee is seriously contemplating the necessity of putting up new structures. Besides the remodeling of the grandstand, a new entrance will be constructed before the fair opens. The members of the building committee who were in session are W. F. Matlock, Frank Lee and F. W. Welch. Mike Wisdom was also in Salem with the committee inspecting the grounds.

The organization of the Portland Country club and Livestock association has been a great factor in bringing better horses to the west this year and will continue to be so in future years. It is therefore expected that the racing feature at the fair this year will be much stronger than in former years. The large purses hung at Portland will attract many drivers and breeders who have never before visited the Pacific Coast. The two fairs, coming one following the other, will enable both to get the full benefit of the exhibitions, which will be the best ever seen on the coast.

Lower Prices for Wool.

Pendleton.—The second and last wool sales were as follows: William Slusher's clip, 150,000 pounds, sold to Defour for 194c; D. Goodman's clip, 26,136 pounds, to C. H. Green for 91c; A. P. Warner, 12,121 pounds, to Kuhn, 101c; G. W. Ellis, 1,047 pounds, to Green, 124c; D. W. Chapman, 26,136 pounds, to Green, 91c; M. P. Pomeroy, 80,230 pounds, to Green, 108c; Lahr & Sons, 11,401 pounds, to Green, 10c; J. W. Groom, 9,997 pounds, to Green, 111c; Henderson & Son, 12,129 pounds, to Kuhn, 114c; Sam Warner, 9,830 pounds, to Green, 121c; J. M. Phipps, to Judd, 81c. There will be but little wool left after this sale. Prices are lower owing to the fact that this wool from the west end of Umatilla county is heavier than that sold May 25.

Pack Fruit in Brewery.

La Grande.—The Roesch Brewery of this city, one of the largest plants of the kind in Eastern Oregon, will be closed July 1 as a result of the prohibition vote at the recent election. Plans are already on foot to convert the brewery into a fruit packing and storage warehouse. It is located convenient to the O. R. & N. depot and is a large and well arranged building and is well adapted to the purpose. Julius Roesch, proprietor of the brewery, is one of the pioneer brewers of the state and has accumulated a fortune here in the business. However, the increasing fruit culture in this vicinity will not allow his building to remain idle long after the prohibition law goes into effect.

Lake Homesteads in Demand.

Lakeview.—Many land filings are being received at the land office—most of them homesteads. Every piece of land that can be cultivated is being taken under the laws governing this form of entry. Few timber filings are now being received as land of this character is scarce indeed in this district. Occasionally someone finds a quarter section or an 80-acre tract that has been overlooked in the rush, but most of the filings that are being made under this act are on claims that were at first taken under the homestead act.

Experts at Butteville Grange.

Salem.—Considerable preparation is being made for the horticultural meeting to be held at Butteville under the auspices of Butteville Grange, Saturday, June 20. Dr. James Withycombe of the Oregon Agricultural College, E. C. Armstrong, county fruit inspector, and prominent fruitgrowers will participate. A large attendance is expected.

Ready to Construct Road.

Astoria.—Not only is the Pacific Railroad & Navigation company making preparations to put a large force of men at work on its road within a short time, but it will begin active construction almost at once on the proposed road from Astoria to Nehalem valley. Sufficient work will be done this year that the line can be completed by next summer.

Timber Transfers in Clatsop.

Astoria.—Deeds have been filed for record whereby J. E. Wheeler, of Portland, sells to the Jones-Wheeler company 3,092.72 acres of timber land in the southwest portion of Clatsop county, and W. N. Jones, also of Portland, sells to the same company 3,104.72 acres in the same locality. The consideration named is purely nominal.

DIP ALL MANGY CAYUSES.

Big Vat Erected for Use by Umatilla Cayuses.

Pendleton.—Every horse in Umatilla county that has the mange must be rounded up and dipped. This is the edict issued by State Veterinarian Kornick, who has been here for a couple of days in conference with Dr. S. W. McClure, head of the federal bureau of animal industry in the northwest. In order to eradicate the mange, which is so prevalent among the hundreds of Indian horses on the reservation, the government inspectors stationed here have just completed arrangements for dipping every cayuse on the Umatilla reservation, whether infected or not.

A great vat has been constructed near the site of the old agency, and for several days the reeds have been engaged in the task of rounding up their ponies. County Inspector Bryant started out Tuesday to make a tour of the county, and every white man's horse found to be infected will be taken to the reservation dipping vat and given a bath, the owner being charged the nominal sum of 50 cents. The order on the part of the state veterinarian was issued at the instance of Dr. McClure, who insisted that it was little short of folly to clean up the reservation horses when those of the adjoining ranchers were in many cases just as bad.

INCREASE PENDLETON PLANT.

Wisconsin Company Negotiating for Woolen Mills.

Pendleton.—Agents of the Racine woolen mills, of Racine, Wisconsin, are here looking over the Pendleton woolen mills with a view of purchasing them and making them a part of the great Racine industry. It is proposed to employ at least 200 men and women in the plant and to increase the capacity by more than three times in the northwest. Pendleton, being on a main line of transportation and in the heart of the sheep district, has been selected as the most favorable location for the branch of the Racine industry.

If purchased the mill will be devoted exclusively to the manufacture of high grade Indian robes, blankets and similar lines of goods.

Klamath Should Yield Oil.

Klamath Falls.—A. L. Darrow, cashier of the Fort Sutter National bank of Sacramento, who is heavily interested in Klamath realty, has returned from a 200-mile drive over the Klamath basin and states that indications point strongly to sections of Poe and Langell valleys being great oil producing districts. Mr. Darrow has been in past years connected with the Standard Oil company and speaks from experience. The Klamath Oil company will sink experimental wells this spring.

Open Bids for Building Sites.

Washington.—The supervising architect has announced that bids will be opened July 16 for public building sites 130x175 feet at Albany and La Grande and 140x140 feet at Pendleton.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 84@89c per bushel; red Russian, 86@87c; bluestem, 91@92c; valley, 86@88c.

Barley—Feed, \$21.50 per ton; rolled, \$27.50@28.50; brewing, \$26.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$27.50 per ton; gray, \$27.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$17 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, \$15; Eastern Oregon, \$18.50; mixed, \$16; clover, \$14; alfalfa, \$12; alfalfa meal, \$20.

Butter—Extras, 25c per pound; fancy 24c; choice, 20c; store, 16c.

Eggs—Oregon, 18@19c per dozen.

Poultry—Mixed chickens, 12@12½c per pound; fancy hens, 12c; roosters, 8c; fryers, 20c; broilers, 22c; ducks, old, 17@18c; spring, 20@22c; geese, 8@9c; turkeys, alive, 16@18c for hens, 14@16c for gobblers; dressed, 17@19c.

Apples—Select, \$3.50 per box; fancy, \$2; choice, \$1.50; ordinary, \$1.25.

Potatoes—Old Oregon, \$1.10 per hundred.

Fresh Fruits—Strawberries, \$2@2.75 per crate; cherries, \$1@1.40 per box; gooseberries, 6@7c per pound; apricots, \$1@1.50 per crate; blackberries, \$1@1.25 per crate.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.50@1.75; beets, \$1.75; parsnips, \$1.25; cabbage, \$1.75@2 per cwt.; beans, 11@12½c per pound; head lettuce, 12@15c per dozen; asparagus, \$1.50 box; eggplant, 20c per pound; parsley, 25c per dozen; peas, 5@7c per pound; peppers, 20c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen; rhubarb, 20@3c per pound; spinach, 3c per pound; cauliflower, \$2.50 per crate.

Hops—1907, prime and choice, 5@6c per pound; olds, 2@2½c per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 11@15c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 10@12c.

Mohair—Choice, 18@18½c per pound.

Cascara Bark—34@44c per pound.

Hogs—Best, \$6@6.25; medium, \$5.75@6; feeders, no demand.

Cattle—Best steers, \$5; medium, \$4.50@4.75; common, \$3.50@3.75; cows, best, \$4; common, \$3.50@3.75; calves, \$4.50@5.

Sheep—Best shorn wethers, \$4; mixed, \$3.50@3.75; spring lambs, \$5.

TWO BIG FLEETS.

Admiral Evans Wants 24 Vessels on Each Coast.

New York, June 12.—Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, who left for Lake Mohonk yesterday to spend the summer, said much of the criticism of the American navy was unwarranted. "Americans can go to sleep every night satisfied that, ship for ship, they have a navy able to hold its own against vessels of equal age," said he. "But we must have more ships if we want to keep on the safe side."

Asked his opinion as to the most formidable battleship, the admiral said:

"The ship that is to carry the battery that will win a fight must not be less than 25,000 tons. The 20,000-ton battleship is not big enough."

"Are you still in favor of a greater fleet?" he was asked.

"Indeed, I am," he replied. "We want 24 battleships on each coast."

KAISER IS DISPLEASED.

Regards Anglo-Russo-French Entente as Threat of War.

St. Petersburg, June 12.—It was learned here yesterday from a competent source that the recent meeting between King Edward and Emperor Nicholas at Reval and the rapprochement between Great Britain, Russia and France has been made the subject of grave representations on the part of Germany, who has met the threatened birth of a new "triple alliance" with a display of the "mailed fist."

After the announcement of the Reval meeting, Russia was given to understand at Berlin that the conclusion of a formal entente among these three powers would be regarded as a measure hostile in tendency or, to quote the exact term used by the informant of the Associated Press, was a "krisgesdround."

Whether such a development was originally contemplated from the meetings between King Edward and the president of France and King Edward and the emperor of Russia is not stated, but the immediate result of the representations made in Berlin was the publication of an obviously inspired article in the official Russia, which speaks warmly of the meeting between King Edward and Emperor Nicholas, but declares that the suggestion of new grouping of the powers at the present time was impossible.

BIG WHEAT CROP.

Rain Fell at Right Time for Farmers of Northwest.

Portland, June 12.—It is estimated by the traffic department of the O. R. & N. Co., from reports received throughout the inland empire, that the condition of the wheat crop at this time is even better than it was last year at the same period, and that there is every indication of a bumper crop of wheat in the grain areas of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

In nearly every section of the interior country there have been rains at times when they would do the most good to the wheat crop. Sherman county prospects are excellent and Gilliam county is in good condition. The Morrow county crop is generally favorable, but rain is needed in the northern portion. A late cool spring is said to have had unfavorable results in the valley of the Powder river, but there will be some grain and hay. In the Grand Ronde valley, the Palouse country and around Walla Walla conditions are excellent.

So far as heard Central Oregon will come to the front this year with good grain crops. The Crook county region gives favorable indications, and in higher altitudes where the late spring has held back crops the hot summer days are expected to bring everything forward rapidly from this date. It is believed Oregon will this year produce one of its not the greatest wheat crop in the history of the state.

Submarine Builder Invents Airship.

New York, June 12.—Plans of the new style airship, invented by Simon Lake, the submarine boat builder, were made public yesterday, together with the information that preparations for the building of the ship were already fairly under way. The airship is to be constructed by one of the best-known students of aerial navigation. The new ship is to be a combination of aeroplane, dirigible balloon and helicopter.

Ancient Tower Totters.

Venice, June 12.—The campanile of Santo Stefano Church, a Gothic structure of the 14th century, which contains the tomb of the Doge Francesco Morosini, threatens to fall like the campanile of St. Marks, which collapsed in 1902. The question of demolishing it is under consideration.

Form New Steel Trust.

London, June 12.—According to the Iron and Steel Trades Journal, there has recently been effected a great combination in the British steel trade, with a capital of \$375,000,000.

Kansas Flood Falls Fast.

Kansas City, June 12.—The Kaw and Missouri flood, which has been exceeded in height only twice since the country was settled, is falling more rapidly than it rose. Owing to the Missouri's permitting free outlet from the gorged Kaw, the financial loss has been small, and within a week scarcely a trace of the inundation will remain.

MORE FLOODS AHEAD

Heavy Rains Swell Missouri and Kaw Rivers.

TOPEKA PEOPLE MUCH ALARMED

Prospect Now Is That Water Will Go Higher Than Before—Heavy Rain in Kaw Valley.

Kansas City, June 13.—Unusually heavy rains fell yesterday in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Iowa and the weather bureau predicts that the Kaw and the Missouri rivers will again reach the high stage on Wednesday night. At 5 p. m. the Missouri here had fallen 25 of a foot, but had risen 1 of a foot at St. Joseph and continues to rise there. The Kaw fell about six inches yesterday and was stationary last night. At Topeka the Kaw is rising rapidly.

The weather bureau predicts that the new flood at Topeka will exceed that of Tuesday. All of the tributaries of the Kaw are very high, and more rain is threatened. The crest of the new flood here will be reached Sunday night. A heavy downpour yesterday morning caused some additional trouble from flooded basements in the West bottoms, where the sewers were unable to carry off the excess. No further damage was experienced in the stockyards, Argentine and Armourdale, Kansas, and in Harlem, Mo., and none is expected.

The stockyards are still idle and the parking houses were unable to continue working even if they had stock. The railroads, on the other hand, were in better shape, but schedules were still disarranged.

CANADA CLOSES DOOR.

All Japanese Immigration is Shut Off for One Year.

Vancouver, B. C., June 13.—The Canadian government has notified the government of Japan that the limit of immigrants allowed for one year has been reached and that no more Japanese laborers can be sent to Canada before January 1 of next year. This is in accordance with the understanding reached between the Laurier administration and Tokio last January, which provided that not more than 400 each year should be sent. Six hundred and eight had come up to the end of May, and more are arriving by every boat. It looks like a barefaced evasion of the arrangement on the part of Japan.

Japanese Consul Yada said tonight that even the 400 had not yet arrived, when the number of tourists and students was taken into consideration. As a matter of fact, Canadian officials assert, not more than 5 per cent of the new arrivals are exempt from the arrangement.

OIL TRUST FOUND GUILTY.

Rochester Jury Brings in Verdict in Rebate Case.

Rochester, N. Y., June 13.—Guilty as charged in the indictment, was the verdict brought in by the Federal Court jury in the Standard Oil company case here at 6:30 o'clock this evening. The jury had been out since the noon recess.

Daniel J. Keefe, of Buffalo, who conducted the defense, moved for a new trial and it was arranged to have Judge Hazel hear arguments on the motion July 7.

The oil company was placed on trial June 1 for an alleged violation of the interstate commerce law in accepting a concession from the fled tariff on shipments of oil from Okla. N. Y., to Rutland and Hollow Falls, Vt. There were 40 counts in the indictment, each representing action on a car of oil. The maximum fine on each count is \$20,000, or a total for the whole of the shipments of \$800,000.

More Track Washed Out.

Missoula, Mont., June 13.—It was reported Thursday night that several miles of Northern Pacific track had been washed out near Sand Point, and there is little hope of opening up transportation between Missoula and Spokane for some time. Heavy rains last night delayed repair work west of here, and much of the work has been destroyed. An effort will be made tomorrow to run a train from Arlee and transfer passengers who have been stalled for several days at Dixon. The distance between the two points is 14 miles.

Dies to Save Czar.

Reval, June 13.—It became known here yesterday that a woman school teacher thwarted a plot to kill King Nicholas just after the ceremonies in the Gulf of Finland on the occasion of the king's visit. The woman had been picked by the nihilists to throw the bomb that would have killed the czar and his entire family, but she committed suicide rather than carry out the mandates of the secret order.