

BIG PROPERTY LOSS

Six-Foot Wall of Water Rushes Down Grand River.

SEVEN DEAD AND EIGHT MISSING

Heavy Rains and Melting Snow in Mountains Turn Missouri Valley into Vast Sea.

Kansas City, July 5.—Swollen by unprecedented rain and by melting snows from the Rocky mountains, the rivers of the Lower Missouri valley are out of their banks, causing damage in many parts of Missouri and Kansas. The results of the flood up to a late hour tonight were as follows:

Train No. 5, of the Atchafalaya, Topoka & Santa Fe railway, which left Kansas City at 9:25 a. m. for Denver, left the track at Pomona, Kan. Of the 10 coaches which made up the train, a baggage and three day coaches left the track and slid into 15 feet of water.

A telephone message from Pomona, Kan., at midnight said the four-year old daughter of Mrs. Carrie Rose, of Chicago, had been drowned in the wreck. Three hundred other persons who had taken refuge on top of the unaffected coaches were rescued by boats and quartered at nearby farmhouses.

Pomona is almost completely inundated, the Marias des Cygnes river at that point being three miles wide. A relief train was sent from Ottawa tonight with food and other supplies for the passengers, who were said to have climbed on top of the coaches for refuge from the rising waters.

In Kansas City the situation is threatening. In the bottoms in the western section where are located the stockyards, wholesale warehouses and manufacturing plants, the waters from the confluence of the Missouri and Kansas rivers are lapping the danger line.

Patterson, a town in Missouri 50 miles north of Kansas City, is ten feet under water, and its 1,500 inhabitants are in dire straits. Fifty rowboats were put on a special train at Kansas City this morning and hurried to the scene. Later reports say that the marooned citizens were all removed to higher ground without loss of life, but that the property damage will be tremendous.

At Chillicothe, Mo., on the Grand river, six men were swept from a bridge this afternoon and were seen floating down the stream. Whether they reached shore or not was not learned.

The bridge was carried out when a great wall of water six feet high swept down both forks of the Grand river and joined at Utica, continuing after that as one great flood. The water spread out all over the bottom lands and did great damage to farms and crops in its path.

The water overwhelmed the railroad tracks, blocking traffic absolutely, and causing the death of several people. Joe Willard and his wife were drowned two miles west of Chillicothe as they were fleeing along the tracks. William Christian was also drowned and six section hands are reported missing. The agent at Gault, Arthur Fisk, was rescued from the roof of the station after a close escape from the flood.

The Burlington bridge to the west of Chillicothe has been abandoned.

Body On Way Home.

Washington, July 5.—The body of Representative Cushman, accompanied by two representatives of the sergeant-at-arms of the house, left New York at 4:45 yesterday afternoon, and was met at Harrisburg by Robert Joyce, with whom Cushman lived here, and by A. G. Hendricks, representing Senator Piles. They will accompany the remains to Tacoma. The body is expected to arrive there Sunday night.

In accordance with Mrs. Cushman's wish no congressional party was designated to act as escort. Congress will appropriate \$7,500 for Mrs. Cushman in accordance with the custom of bestowing upon the family of deceased members an equivalent to one year's salary. The house will also bear all funeral expenses.

Waterways Men Meet at Yankton.

Yankton, S. D., July 5.—One of the most notable gatherings ever assembled in this part of the country in the interest of waterway development was called to order today when the Missouri River Navigation congress met in second annual convention. Representatives are present from Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, South Dakota and other states in the section tributary to the Missouri river. Senators, representatives, governors, captains of finance and others high in official and commercial life are scheduled as speakers.

Calvin is Doing Nicely.

San Francisco, July 5.—The condition of E. E. Calvin, vice president and general manager of the Southern Pacific company, who underwent an operation for appendicitis Sunday, is reported to be entirely satisfactory.

YIELD NEAR RECORD.

Northwest Wheat Crop Now Placed at 55,000,000 Bushels.

Portland, July 5.—Estimates compiled from data received from more than 350 of the principal wheat stations of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, indicate the 1909 wheat yield for the three states to be approximately 55,000,000 bushels, compared with 40,000,000 bushels last year, 60,000,000 bushels in 1907, and a five-year average of 48,500,000.

Of the three states, Idaho has the best crop, with Washington showing up exceedingly well, while Oregon, especially in the river counties, suffered from dry weather to such an extent that the damage could not all be repaired by the late rains.

Some of the poor yields in Oregon have been offset in the totals by an increased acreage in new territory. The most noticeable increase of this nature is along the Walla Walla extension of the O. R. & N.

Another locality in which new acreage will aid in swelling the totals is the Haystack and Bakeoven country, where there is an increase of about 20 per cent in the acreage, with the yield about 10 per cent better than last year.

Sherman county is somewhat spotted, and early in the season the outlook was poor. Rains in the latter part of June helped, however, and there will be a material increase over last year's output. Conditions in Wasco are similar to those in Sherman county.

Umatilla, the banner wheat county of the state, is not coming up to its usual standard. The light lands suffered by the dry weather early in the season, and the showers that came later were not general throughout the county.

Along the Arlington branch of the O. R. & N. the crop is light until Condon is reached. Around Condon, however, the outlook is far from gloomy. With the exception of about 20,000 acres, which have been taken by weeds, there will be a pretty fair yield.

Morrow county is not quite so good as Gilliam, but there, as elsewhere in the river counties, some very short stalks of wheat are turning out well filled heads.

Union county has an excellent crop and 40-bushel yields will not be uncommon around Elgin and Summerville. The Willamette valley has ceased to be a figure in the export wheat market, but the yield is an important factor in the milling business.

Washington reports are uniformly good. Walla Walla, with its never-failing foothill land, promises an output of 4,500,000 bushels. Barley is also turning out well in this county, and has made some inroads on the wheat acreage.

Columbia and Garfield counties are both expected to turn out record yields of wheat and barley. This region was favored with rain at a time when the river counties in Oregon were missed.

Whitman, the banner wheat county of all the Northwest, gives excellent promise of breaking records. The acreage is large and the crop conditions are far above the average. Estimates run from 9,000,000 to 12,000,000 bushels, the latter being generally regarded as too high, while 9,000,000 bushels is regarded as conservative.

Lincoln county, which in "light land" years has come very close to Whitman's yield, has suffered this year by dry weather.

Adams county is still in the uncertain class, as the crop is late in that region and even the winter wheat is not out of the woods. At the best the crop will be only fair, except down in the southeastern part of the county.

Douglas county lost the greater part of its wheat territory when the new county of Grant was carved out this year, and Grant, which has an increased acreage as well as a fair yield, gives promise of about 3,000,000 bushels. Some new wheat land in the northern part of Douglas county will make the yield for the old county in excess of 500,000 bushels.

Spokane county was in the moisture belt with Whitman, and as a result has a fine crop in prospect.

Franklin county is somewhat behind its neighbors in yield, and in the vicinity of Connel the crop will be smaller than that of last year. Farther east the outlook is more favorable.

Klickitat county, which has always been in Portland territory, gives promise of a very good yield, with some increase in acreage.

The Horse Heaven country, lying just across the Columbia from the river counties in Oregon, suffered from the dry weather that cut down the Oregon yield. Spring wheat in this district is almost a total failure, but some of the winter wheat will make a fair crop.

Asotin county was also in the rain belt and promises to turn off a crop that may break records.

The crop for the entire state of Washington will approximate 35,000,000 bushels.

Idaho has the best crop on record. There is not very much increase in acreage, and there is a big crop of barley and oats, so that the wheat yield may not quite reach that of 1907. Latah county will probably harvest nearly 1,000,000 bushels of wheat, and Nez Perce and Idaho counties will have from 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 bushels.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

OREGON MEN TO SPOKANE.

Strong Delegation to Attend National Irrigation Congress.

Salem—Governor Frank W. Benson has appointed the delegates who will attend the National Irrigation congress in Spokane representative of the state of Oregon. In a few days five more will be appointed by C. N. McArthur, speaker of the late house, and five more will be appointed by Jay Bowerman, president of the late senate. Following are the delegates named by Governor Benson:

Professor P. L. Campbell, of Eugene, president of the University of Oregon; D. W. J. Kerr, of Corvallis, president of the Oregon Agricultural college; C. W. Fulton, former United States senator; J. N. Teal, F. S. Stanley, E. B. Piper, John T. Whistler, Tom Richardson, R. M. Brereton, C. B. Merrick, Joseph B. Knapp, all of Portland; Jay Bowerman, Condon; John H. Lewis, Salem; H. L. Holgate, Bonanza; Francis M. Saxton, A. V. Swift, John L. Rand, Baker City; W. J. Furnish, Gilbert W. Phelps, Pendleton; S. D. Peterson, Milton; Walter M. Pierce, W. J. Snodgrass, La Grande; Clyde T. Hockett, Enterprise; Malcolm A. Moody, The Dalles; E. T. Early, Hood River; F. H. Hopkins, Central Point; J. D. Heard, Jacksonville; Dan P. Rasmussen, Jacksonville; H. A. Brattain, Paisley; A. T. Buxton, W. A. Williams, Forest Grove; H. V. Gates, Dallas; H. A. Randa, Oregon City; Drew Barnum, Moro; Will R. King, Ontario; R. N. Donnelly, Richmond; John Ellis, Frank White, Klamath Falls; H. C. Levens, Burns; F. E. Waite, Sutherlin, and George E. Davis, Canyon City.

The list of delegates probably presents the strongest selection ever made in this state by a chief executive to attend any convention. It is composed of leading men in all walks of life and all of them take a keen interest in the science of irrigation. Every one of them has promised to attend the congress.

MUCH WHEAT SHIPPED.

Portland Ships More Than the Puget Sound Ports.

Portland—During the cereal year, ending June 30, Portland shipped in the neighborhood of 3,000,000 more bushels of wheat than was sent from Puget sound, while from there not quite 1,000,000 more barrels of flour was sent out.

The wheat shipments to Europe from here were 6,182,778 bushels, while those from Puget sound were 4,154,481 bushels; to the orient, South America and Africa, Portland shipped no wheat, Puget sound sending out 315,285 bushels. California wheat shipments from here were 2,932,881 bushels and from the sound 2,032,492 bushels were shipped. Wheat from Portland to Mexico was 165,257 bushels and from Puget sound to Mexico it was 203,578 bushels.

During the year just completed Portland shipped the following amount of flour: To the orient and Hawaii, 542,132 barrels; Europe, 15,000 barrels; California, 295,716 barrels. In the same order are the shipments of flour from Puget sound ports: Orient, 909,513 barrels; South America, 109,847 barrels; Europe, 25,581 barrels; California, 278,555 barrels, and to Mexico, 8,500 barrels. The grand total for the season, 1908-1909, being 26,811,259 bushels of wheat from here and the sound.

The Portland barley shipments for this season are 822,509 bushels.

New Buildings for Indians.

Klamath Falls—Superintendent H. G. Wilson, of the Klamath Indian reservation, is making preparations to enter upon a campaign of improvements. During the past week several contractors have visited the agency to look over the ground for the purpose of filing bids for the construction of the large modern school building which will be erected during the summer. The bids will be forwarded to Washington and will not be opened for several weeks. Work is to be begun shortly on a large gymnasium. Mr. Wilson believes that the Indians should be given all the exercise possible and with this end in view he will endeavor to have the gymnasium roomy and equipped with a view to making it attractive. The school grounds are to be improved and many of the old buildings renovated.

Baker Courthouse Done.

Baker City—The county court has accepted the new courthouse from C. A. Gray & Son, of Portland, who were contractors for the interior work. The building is now completed and awaits the arrival of the new office furniture. It has cost Baker county less than the \$120,000 appropriated.

Asylum Improvements Awarded.

Salem—The asylum board has awarded the contract for improvements at the asylum farm to Dennison & McLaren, of Salem, for \$6,790. A new amusements hall will be built, the kitchen enlarged, the main building re-roofed and the dining room repaired.

BUILD TO SIUSLAW.

Holding Company Will Back Eugene & Western in New Road.

Eugene—The Eugene-Siuslaw railroad, which has long been talked of, appears now to soon be a reality. The proposition to build the road has reached a point where the promoters of the enterprise feel that the building of the line is a certainty. The Lane County Asset company, which was organized in Eugene last winter for the purpose of promoting the line, will be the holding company for the Eugene & Western Railway company, which was incorporated a few weeks ago to build the road. Offices have been opened here and operations will be directed by the asset company.

It is the intention to offer for sale to the people of Eugene and vicinity at least \$150,000 of the stock of the Lane County Asset company, the funds to be used in building the first section of 20 miles of the road. When this has been accomplished it is proposed to turn all the assets over to the Eugene & Western Railway company, issuing stockholders the same amount of stock in the railroad company as they have paid for in the asset company and to issue and sell the bonds of the railway company for the purpose of completing the road to Florence.

Calf Costs Ten Thousand.

Klamath Falls—It took the jury just 25 minutes to find a verdict for the defendant in the Kelley-Arent damage suit, last of the cases resulting from the criminal prosecution of Jay Arent, who was indicted for the larceny of a calf more than two years ago. Arent was twice tried on a charge of larceny, the first trial resulting in a disagreement, while the second acquitted him. Three cases resulted over the ownership of the calf. The calf involved in the litigation was worth approximately \$10. The money expended in litigation will aggregate close to \$10,000, and of this amount the taxpayers of the county will be forced to pay not less than \$4,000.

Surveying for New Road.

Marshfield—Chief Engineer Haines, of the Coos Bay, Oregon & Idaho railroad, who has been making preliminary surveys, reports that in a few days the first 12 miles will have been surveyed. The preliminary work of finding a grade through the mountains has been carried on in a thorough manner, and the engineer is pleased with the result so far. It is hoped to finish the survey work before fall.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, milling, \$1.30; club, \$1.18@1.20; valley, \$1.17.
Corn—Whole, \$35 per ton; cracked, \$34 per ton.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$40@40.50 per ton.
Millet—Bran, \$26.50 per ton; middlings, \$33; shorts, \$29@32; chop, \$24@30; rolled barley, \$34@35.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$17@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$20@23; mixed, \$16@20.
Grain Bags—6 1/2 c each.
Fruits—Apples, \$1@2.50 per box; strawberries, \$1.75@2 per crate; cherries, \$3@10c per pound; gooseberries, 4@5c; apricots, \$1.25@1.50 per box; currants, 7@8c per pound; loganberries, \$1.25 per crate; raspberries, \$1.50; black caps, \$1.75@2.
Potatoes—\$1@1.75 per hundred; new, 2 1/2 @ 3 1/2 c per pound.
Vegetables—Asparagus, 75c@90c per dozen; beans, 8c; lettuce, head, 25c per dozen; onions, 12 1/2 @ 15c; peas, 4@5c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen.
Butter—City creamery, extras, 26 1/2 c; fancy outside creamery, 25@26 1/2 c; store, 15c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2 c per pound under regular butter prices.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 25c per dozen.
Poultry—Hens, 12@13c; springs, 16 1/2 @ 18c; roosters, 8@9c; ducks, young, 12@13c; geese, young, 9@10c; turkeys, 15c; squabs, \$2@2.25 per dozen.
Pork—Fancy, 10c per pound.
Veal—Extras, 8@8 1/2 c per pound; ordinary, 7c; heavy, 6c.
Hops—1909 contracts, 15c per pound; 1908 crop, 11@12c; 1907 crop, 7c; 1906 crop, 4c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@23c per pound; valley, fine, 23c; coarse, 21 1/2 c; mohair, choice, 24@25c.
Cattle—Steers, top, \$4.50@4.60; fair to good, \$4@4.25; common, \$3.75@4; cows, top, \$3.50; fair to good, \$3@3.25; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; calves, top, \$4@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls and stags, \$2.75@3.25; common, \$2@2.50.
Hogs—Best, \$8@8.15; fair to good, \$7.50@7.75; stockers, \$6@6.50; China fats, \$6.75@7.
Sheep—Top wethers, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, 1/2 c less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4.15; fair to good, \$3.75@4; spring lambs, \$4.75@5.25.

MOURNED BY ALL.

News of Cushman's Death Shock to Friends in Congress.

Washington, July 5.—News that Francis W. Cushman, representative from Washington, had passed away in New York yesterday morning, came as a great shock to his host of friends in both branches of congress. Morning papers contained dispatches announcing he had successfully passed his crisis and was on the road to recovery. It was not until the members of congress reached the capitol that they heard of his death, and even then word spread slowly among the members, for the house was not in session.

In conformity with Mrs. Cushman's wish, there will be no congressional escort appointed to accompany the remains to Tacoma, but the body will be taken across the continent by a representative of the sergeant-at-arms of the house, who went to New York this morning. The house will not meet until Thursday. At that time Cushman's death will be announced, and adjournment probably be taken out of respect to his memory.

Senator Piles, who was with Mr. Cushman when the end came, returned to Washington last evening. He said Mr. Cushman passed away peacefully, being unconscious during his last hours. Heroic treatment was resorted to as soon as Mr. Cushman's condition took a turn for the worse, but he was so weakened that he did not respond to treatment. He sank steadily through the night and breathed his last at two minutes past 5 yesterday morning.

HOLDS UP BANK.

Heavily Armed Bandit Works in Broad Daylight.

Everett, Wash., July 7.—A lone robber held up Assistant Cashier E. C. Olson, of the Bank of Commerce, shortly before the bank closed yesterday afternoon, wounded Cashier J. L. Lyon and escaped with a few hundred dollars.

He fled on a bicycle to the north end of the city, then turned toward the waterfront. Here his pursuers found the satchel in which he carried his money. It contained only \$15. Deputies and citizens are searching for the man. Bloodhounds have been secured. When the robber entered the bank he thrust two revolvers into Olson's face and commanding him to throw up his hands, laid down one gun and seized all the money he could reach and placed it in his satchel. He paid no attention to the few customers in the bank.

Cashier Lyon was in the rear end of the building. He ran down an alleyway and entered by the front door to take the robber by surprise and grappled with him. The robber shot three times, one bullet passing through Lyon's jaw and neck, making a serious wound. The robber then fled, with both Lyon and Olson shooting at him. His hat was shot off and it is believed he was slightly wounded. He is supposed to have had a bicycle hidden in the vicinity, for he was next seen riding furiously north on one. He was seen by hundreds of people, but before armed citizens and officers took up the chase in automobiles he disappeared.

New Machine for Flying.

Victoria, B. C., July 7.—An airship which, the inventor asserts, will right itself within a few feet when started upside down and will fly from Victoria to San Francisco in less than five hours, has been built by A. W. Gibson, a Scotch engineer. The inventor purposes to make his first flight from Victoria to the Seattle exposition and has offered to wager \$1,000 that he can go the distance in half an hour. The airship embodies entirely new principles and is propelled by an engine weighing 222 pounds.

New York Tax Roll Out.

New York, July 7.—Andrew Carnegie and Mrs. Russell Sage are each assessed as possessing \$5,000,000 worth of personal property in New York City, on the rolls presented to the board of assessors today. John D. Rockefeller's personal assessment is \$2,500,000, and that of seven members of the Vanderbilt family aggregates \$1,340,000. J. Pierpont Morgan is down for \$440,000, while the late H. H. Rogers and William Rockefeller are each assessed \$300,000.

Gunnison Bore Finished.

Montrose, Colo., July 7.—The last round of shots in the East heading for the Gunnison irrigation tunnel was fired at 5:30 o'clock this evening. A few minutes later workmen from the two headings shook hands through the opening. The tunnel is six miles long and has been under construction four years and a half. This project has been carried out by the Federal Reclamation bureau at a cost of \$3,500,000. It will furnish water for the irrigation of 150,000 acres of land.

Use Cannon at Oil Fire.

Martinsville, Ill., July 7.—Fire, started by lightning in one of the 35,000 barrel tanks of the Ohio Oil company, was brought under control tonight. The tank was punctured by a cannon shot and most of the oil drained out. This prevented an explosion.

TAFT TO TOUR WEST

Plans for Extensive Trip to Pacific Coast This Fall.

GOING DIRECT TO SEATTLE FAIR

Executive Will Visit Portland and on South to California and Gulf States.

Washington, July 10.—President Taft today gave an outline of the tentative plans for his trip through the West and South this fall.

The president has abandoned all idea of visiting Alaska this year, largely because Mrs. Taft will not be able to go with him. Upon his arrival here today the president received word from Beverly that Mrs. Taft was rapidly improving in health. He feels, however, that she is hardly strong enough to take the long Western trip this fall, which will occupy about two months.

As soon as the tariff bill is out of the way the president will leave Washington for Beverly, to remain until September 17, his 62d birthday—when he hopes to begin his Western trip. The president will go directly to Seattle, stopping for brief visits en route at Denver, Salt Lake and Spokane.

After visiting the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, the president will swing down to the Southwest, stopping for a time at Portland, Or., where he will be the guest of Senator Jonathan Bourne, and proceeding thence to San Francisco.

Leaving San Francisco, the president will go to Los Angeles, where he will stop for several days with his sister. From Los Angeles the president will go to San Diego and then into Arizona and New Mexico. If the weather is pleasant and his arrangements permit, Mr. Taft hopes to visit the Yosemite valley before going to Los Angeles. Coming out of Mexico, the president will stop for a time at El Paso, where he expects to meet President Diaz, of Mexico.

After his stop at El Paso the president will visit San Antonio, where he will inspect Fort Sam Houston, which he was instrumental in building up. After visiting Austin and Dallas, the president expects to spend several days on the ranch of his brother, C. F. Taft, at Corpus Christi, Tex.

Continuing East, the president will stop at Houston and go to New Orleans to attend the meeting of the Deep Waterways convention. After attending the convention, Mr. Taft wants to stop for a time in the Bayou Teche country of Louisiana, the land of Evangeline and Arcadia.

From there the president will proceed to Jackson, Miss., thence to Montgomery, Birmingham and Macon. From Macon the president will go to Augusta.

Leaving Augusta the president goes to Savannah and thence begins his northward trip to Washington, stopping at Wilmington, N. C., and Richmond, Va.

DAM THREATENS VALLEY.

Great Pathfinder Structure Said to Be in Perilous Shape.

Cheyenne, Wyo., July 10.—Reports received here tonight indicate that conditions at the Pathfinder dam at Alcoa, said to be the largest in the world, at most serious. The dam is held only by a temporary dike built on gravel foundations. Seventy men are working day and night to strengthen the dike.

The government geological survey has a force of men scattered along the river for more than 100 miles above the dam, taking measurements of the river's flow to give indications of any sudden rise in the stream.

Preparations have been made to dynamite the dam if the water carries away the temporary dike. Arrangements have also been made toward warning the people living in the valley below in case of danger.

Man Convicted by Proxy.

San Francisco, July 10.—An extradition case with unusual features came up for hearing this afternoon before United States Commissioner Hancock. Moysa don Amaral, arrested on a State department warrant, was accused of murder committed on one of the Azores islands, and though he had fled from the country, was tried and convicted, a man appointed by the Portuguese court representing him at the trial. Recently he was captured at San Luis Obispo in this state, and now is resisting the attempt of extradition.

To Guard Mexican Border.

El Paso, Tex., July 10.—Daniel J. Keefe, commissioner general of immigration, accompanied by F. W. Berkshire, chief inspector for Texas, reached this city today on a tour of inspection of the entire Rio Grande border, preliminary to establishing stringent regulations to prevent smuggling of Chinese across from Mexico.