

CALIFORNIA FLOOD AREA CLEANED UP

Los Angeles Will Bear Cost of Rehabilitating Damaged Homes.

Los Angeles, Cal.—A battery of 55 tractors, traveling in formation like military tanks so as to leave no ground uncovered, rolled down the Santa Clara river valley in a final search for victims of the St. Francis dam disaster of last week. The total known dead in the catastrophe, as compiled from official and unofficial sources, reached 244.

Those directing the search believe that all bodies visible on the surface, or partially buried, have been found. The tractors were sent into the theater of destruction to remove all piles of debris and uncover the remains of any victims that might have been hidden. While this search progresses, other tractors, steam shovels and teams are at work throughout the valley on the job of rehabilitation, the cost of which, Mayor George E. Cryer of Los Angeles announced, would be borne by that city which had owned the destroyed dam.

Survey of the flooded area brought the total area of orchard and farm acreage inundated and badly damaged to 79,000 acres. No estimate has been made of the cost of rehabilitating this land. Mayor Cryer of Los Angeles said that this work would be undertaken by Los Angeles city by the raising of a bond issue.

A special investigation committee was instructed by Asa Keyes, district attorney of Los Angeles county, to inspect the ruined dam and report to him what, in his belief, caused the structure to give way.

U. S. PUT ON RECORD FOR ANTI-WAR PACT

New York.—Placing the American government formally on record in favor of an unqualified anti-war treaty between the great powers of the world, Secretary Kellogg said in an address here that if the principal nations are united in a sincere desire for such a compact, a formula could be devised acceptable to all.

The secretary spoke before the council on foreign relations and took for his subject the war prevention policy of the United States and treaties and proposed treaties advanced in favor of world peace.

He coupled his advocacy of an anti-war treaty with the emphatic statement that the American government "will not become a party to any agreement which directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, is a military alliance."

Mr. Kellogg expressed the hope that present negotiations with France, which have as their object the conclusion of a general anti-war treaty, would be successful. The common people of the world are of one mind, he believed, in their desire to see the abolition of war as an institution.

SUBMARINE IS RAISED

S-4, Sunk Three Months Ago, Towed To Boston.

Boston.—The submarine S-4 has been raised from the ocean floor off Provincetown, drydocked at the Boston navy-yard, and the bodies of eight members of her crew were removed from the hull where they have been imprisoned since the submarine was sunk December 17 last in collision with the coast guard destroyer Paulding.

Forty men perished when the S-4 made her last dive, including two members of a board of inspection and survey, which was superintending standardization trials of the vessel. During the salvage operations at Provincetown 32 bodies were taken from the engine and motor compartments. Because it was impossible for divers to enter the torpedo hatch of the submarine six bodies in the engine room were not found.

British Columbia Seeks Alien Ban. Vancouver, B. C.—The Oriental immigration problem, facing British Columbia, was intensified, following adoption by the provincial legislature of a resolution calling on the Canadian dominion government to negotiate a treaty with Japan which would provide for the expatriation of all Japanese now living in the province.

Wright Brothers' Claim Recognized. Washington, D. C.—The Smithsonian Institution has formally recognized the claims of the Wright brothers in the protracted controversy over the first flight of heavier than air craft.

Population Estimated at 120,013,000. Washington, D. C.—Estimated in round numbers, the population of the United States will be 120,013,000 July 1, this year, the census bureau announced.

COL. O. LATROBE



Col. O. Latrobe, who has been appointed by President Coolidge to be his chief military aid, succeeding Col. Blanton Winship.

LONDON FLASH LIGHTS VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Wash.—The history of the Oregon country passed in review Saturday night when Charles B. Sale, governor of the Hudson's Bay company, pressed a button in the London office, which released a flash that sped across the ocean and the American continent and lighted the new ornamental street lighting system of this city.

At the same time the formal opening of the Evergreen hotel, a \$200,000 venture, was observed.

It was 102 years ago, lacking two days, when George Simpson, deputy governor of the Hudson's Bay company, in the presence of the gentlemen and servants of the company, and a number of Indian chiefs and tribesmen at sunrise raised the British flag, broke a bottle of rum on the flagstaff and proclaimed in a loud voice: "In behalf of the Honorable Hudson's Bay company I hereby name this establishment Fort Vancouver, God save King George the Fourth."

Fort Vancouver thus became the seat of government under Dr. John McLoughlin and so continued for a score of years, until it became American territory. Its story is the early history of the Pacific northwest.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Two more battalions of marines will be sent as soon as possible to Nicaragua to participate in supervising the election in that country.

The decisive defeat of Mayor Bartha Landes of Seattle when she ran for re-election against Frank Edwards, merely indicates that men still hold the balance of the voting power, the mayor said.

A bill providing for the issuance of bonds up to \$100,000,000 for highway construction will be submitted to citizens of Iowa for acceptance or rejection at the general election in Iowa next November.

Calling upon republicans to "reputate" the \$160,000 contribution of Harry F. Sinclair, oil operator and lessee of Teapot Dome, to the republican campaign fund of 1920, Senator Borah of Idaho set out in a lone-hand endeavor to raise the funds to pay Sinclair.

Senator Walsh of Montana, "prosecutor" of the Teapot Dome investigation, has agreed for his name to be entered in the democratic presidential primary election in Oregon. This is the fourth state in which Walsh's name has been entered, the others being California, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

American for the Open Door.

Washington, D. C.—The United States gave notice to Great Britain, France, Spain and Italy that it makes "full reservation of its position" on any decisions by the conference in Paris on Moroccan affairs which may affect its rights in Morocco and Tangier. The state department, in identical notes to the four governments, reminded them that prior to a similar conference in 1923 this government took the position that while it had no political interest in Morocco, it had a fundamental interest in the maintenance of the "open door." It indicated that this position remained unchanged.

Boise Engineer Heads Dam Quiz.

Los Angeles.—The state board of inquiry has started its investigation of the St. Francis dam disaster. The board, appointed by Governor C. C. Young, is headed by A. C. Wiley.

Oregon Gasoline Tax Receipts Heavier

Salem, Or.—Gasoline sales in Oregon during February, 1928, were 22 per cent more than in the same month in 1927, Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, reported.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Millions of smelt entered the Sandy river, bound for their spawning grounds, last week.

Marshfield's community chest drive is completed with a fund of \$6300 on hand for work during 1928.

Building permits so far this year in Eugene are close to the \$500,000 mark according to William H. Alexander, city building inspector.

The Rev. Fred J. Greene of Cove has been called as pastor of the Milton-Freewater Baptist church and will begin his pastorate on April 1.

Forty-two students will be granted diplomas from the standard two-year course at the Oregon normal school at graduation exercises March 22.

Total apple shipments from Imbler in Union county during the past season were 250 carloads. Thirty carloads of potatoes have also been shipped.

The first full carload of barreled strawberries ever shipped from the Rogue river valley left the Bagley Canning company's plant at Ashland for the east coast.

The winter load limit on the McMinnville-Tillamook highway between Hebo and McMinnville has been removed by the state highway commission, effective at once.

Dr. James Gilbert of the University of Oregon was the principal speaker at the dedication of the new Reedport high school, recently completed at a cost of more than \$32,000.

Nomination of Frank L. Shull by the Portland Chamber of Commerce as director of the United States Chamber has been endorsed by a number of chambers of the Pacific coast.

A veteran of the Civil war and a prominent resident of Linn county since 1888, David Wesley Milhollen died last week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. Miller, near Shedd.

Ten carloads of steel rails are at Chemult and within the next few days will be shipped to Klamath Falls, where they will be used in the freight and passenger terminals in that city.

Fire, originating in a small shed used to house a lighting plant, destroyed the general merchandise store at Lakeside last week, and for a short time threatened the entire business section.

Mrs. Evangeline Martin, 72, who was the first school teacher at Newberg, and who numbered Herbert Hoover among her early pupils, died at the home of her sister in Portland last week.

Six thousand head of cattle, 22,000 head of hogs and 58,000 head of sheep were shipped out of Wallowa county to market during 1927. Wheat shipments for the same period totaled 442,000 bushels.

Frank Smith, superintendent of the Coos River salmon hatchery, says he has 3,500,000 fish in the ponds. This is a short catch compared with some years, when as high as 7,500,000 eggs have been taken.

Appropriations for government reforestation of denuded land, looking to adequate supplies of timber and other forest products, are asked in a bill introduced in congress last week by Senator McNary.

Scores of deer in the wilds of Curry county are dying from some mysterious malady, according to Elmer E. Miller, predatory animal hunter, who reports counting 16 carcasses on a recent trip to the hills.

Prisoners in the Marion county jail at Salem attempted to burn the courthouse by setting fire to some old rags which they had placed in the air vents between the ceiling of the jail and the ground floor of the structure.

At its meeting last week the St. Helens city council adopted a resolution calling for construction of the west end sewer system. It will be the largest sewer yet built in St. Helens and the estimated cost is \$58,941.

The water is being run over the spillway at McKay dam near Pendleton for the first time since the completion of the big irrigation basin in 1926. The reservoir can still hold 10 feet of water before being completely filled, but officials are going to allow water to run over the spillway from now on.

Adoption of the McCoy canyon route for the new Sweet Home-Holley market road in eastern Linn county is announced by the Linn county court. This road is shorter than any other route and will cost \$4500 less to construct.

F. A. Banks, chief engineer on the Owyhee project near Nyssa, who has just returned from a conference with the consulting engineers in Denver, has announced that the bids for the construction of the Owyhee dam will be opened on June 1.

A fall of 10 inches of snow on the summit of McKenzie pass is offering further resistance to the efforts of the state highway crew attempting to open the pass with a snow plow, it was reported from Sisters recently.

Bids on more than \$200,000 worth of machinery for the power plant to be constructed by the city of Eugene on the McKenzie river at Leaburg were opened by the water board last week and contracts will be awarded soon.

As a result of her 10-year-old son's playing with dynamite caps, Mrs. G. Deprez of Cornelius may lose use of her left arm. The youngster threw a cap on the stove while his mother was getting breakfast and it exploded.

Election and installation of officers and choosing of the next meeting place closed the 29th annual Presbyterian session in Central Presbyterian church in Eugene last week. Corvalis was chosen as the next meeting place.

The city of Baker has voted to purchase a hook and ladder outfit for the fire department. The outfit includes a motor truck, chemical tank, ladders and additional equipment. Provision was made for the purchase of the fire apparatus in the 1928 budget.

The monastery of St. Benedict's abbey and chapel will be dedicated Wednesday, March 21, St. Benedict's day, just 18 months from the day of the disastrous fire when the entire Benedictine community were driven from their home on the night of September 21, 1926.

Seventy West Linn union high school students from Oswego and Lake Grove narrowly escaped death or serious injuries last Tuesday morning when the two school busses carrying them crashed near Robinwood and went into the ditch, wrecking both machines.

A substantial increase in income tax returns for 1927 is anticipated over 1926 by Clyde G. Huntley, collector of internal revenue for the Portland district, who reported that an official count of returns showed 27,500 filed, about 650 ahead of last year at the same time.

One hundred representative citizens of Marshfield at a mass meeting, decided that the Coos county court should petition the state highway engineer to draw and approve plans for a bridge over Coos bay. The Park avenue site, which was voted two years ago, would be used.

At a meeting of the Clackamas county Guernsey Cattle club at Oregon City, plans were made for the annual Guernsey sale and Guernsey gaities in June. The sale will be held at the Clackamas county fair grounds June 2 and will precede the Guernsey gaities, set for June 7, 8 and 9.

The Central Oregon Cow Testing association advanced to second rating among similar associations in the state in the past year, it was made known at the annual meeting of the group at Powell Butte. At the beginning of the year the mid-state association started at the bottom of the state list.

C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, has set April 15 as the final date for the filing of formal applications of music teachers who wish to be certificated in order that their pupils may receive credit toward graduation from high school for piano, voice or violin, studied outside of school.

The new Dubois lumber mill being constructed on the old Menefee site at Rainier will be ready to begin sawing lumber within two weeks, it was announced by the management. Only enough dock is being laid to enable them to start operation, and they will cut their own lumber to extend the dock and make other improvements.

Eight trees planted on the highway at Canby by the Canby Women's civic club were stolen last week. About a year ago the same kind of trees were planted by the club as markers and these were stolen a few weeks after planting. The women have decided to give up the idea of growing markers as suggested by the state highway commission.

More money is spent by Clatsop county union high school district No. 3 at Jewell in the Nehalem valley to educate each of its students than by any other high school district in the United States, according to E. E. Montague, investigator for the Tri-County association, composed of northwestern Oregon timber interests. The sworn statement of the district school clerk puts the cost at \$653 per student enrolled.

A \$90,000 road development program for Wasco county in 1928, using money from the state market road fund, the county highway funds and Wasco county's share of the auto license fees, was announced at The Dalles by County Judge Adkisson.

Three schools of the Nehalem bay district closed last Tuesday because of the presence of two cases of infantile paralysis and several cases of measles. The closing affects the grammar grades and high schools of Wheeler, Garibaldi and Nehalem.

M. H. SALISBURY



M. H. Salisbury of the University of Wisconsin, who has become chief of the radio service of the United States Department of Agriculture.

MUSCLE SHOALS BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Washington, D. C.—The government's huge \$100,000,000 Muscle Shoals project will be operated by the government for the distribution of power among all states within transmission distance and the proceeds used for fertilizer experiments throughout the whole country, the senate decided in adopting an amended Norris resolution. The vote was 48 to 25.

Under the resolution as adopted a gigantic system of fertilizer experimental stations will be set up by the secretary of agriculture, while the secretary of war will dispose of all power development at the project. The resolution now goes to the house for action before it becomes a law.

This action represented a clear-cut victory for Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska, insurgent leader, who has fought for 10 years against leasing the property to a private corporation as a fertilizer project. Norris maintained throughout the fight that fertilizer cannot be manufactured cheaply at Muscle Shoals, but that the government should sell the power developed there and spend the money on fertilizer experiments elsewhere.

MARSH DENIES AGREEMENT

No Compact to Hide Contributions Says ex-Treasurer.

Waterloo, Iowa.—Wilbur W. Marsh of Waterloo, treasurer of the national democratic committee in 1923, denied testimony of Irl G. Hipeley and A. V. Leonard, associates of Fred W. Upham, the republican committee treasurer, before the senate Teapot Dome subcommittee hearing in Chicago, that he made an agreement with Upham not to publish party contributions that year, since none was required by law. Mr. Marsh issued a signed statement declaring that the story of Hipeley and Leonard was "made up out of whole cloth."

Seattle Girl Weds Oriental Nabob.

Barwah, India.—Nancy Ann Miller of Seattle and Tukoji Rao, ex-maharajah of Indore, were married here with the prolonged and richly picturesque ceremonies of Hinduism. The rites, solemn in their performance but rather tiring in their detail, contrasted strongly with the simple marriage ceremony of western lands.

Boulder Canyon Dam Bill Favored. Washington, D. C.—By a vote of 13 to 1, the senate irrigation committee favorably reported the Johnson Boulder canyon dam bill to the senate.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.45; hard white, federation, soft white and western white, \$1.38; hard winter, northern spring, \$1.31; western red, \$1.30.
Hay — Alfalfa, \$17.50@18; valley timothy, \$18@18.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.50@21.
Butterfat—51c.
Eggs—Ranch, 19@24c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.50@12.25.
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$7.75@8.85.
Lamb — Medium to choice, \$12@14.00.

Seattle.
Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.39; hard white, \$1.34; western red, \$1.33½; northern spring, \$1.34½; bluestem, \$1.50; dark northern spring, \$1.52½; dark hard winter, \$1.49½.
Hay — Alfalfa, \$24; timothy, \$28; P. S. \$24.
Butterfat—52c.
Eggs—Ranch, 22@24c.
Cattle—Steers, choice, \$11.50@12.50.
Hogs—Prime, \$9.00@9.10.
Spokane.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.25@12.10.
Hogs—Good, \$8.50@8.65.

EXPERTS DIFFER IN GRAIN RATE PROBE

Growth in Number of Exporters and Millers Help Farmers.

Chicago.—Grain markets and ports agree that the more traders, brokers, exporters and millers there are bidding for the American farmer's product, the healthier his bank account will be.

That, however, is all that they agreed upon during an interstate commerce commission investigation of transportation rates on grain intended for export as they affect the grower's finances.

They disagreed, at the Chicago hearing, on the amount of business it is entitled to and distribution of the remainder.

Spokesmen for the markets and ports, railroad traffic experts, economists and grain traders disagreed, further, on what sets the price of grain shipped from the United States. Some thought the European buyer determined the price of the 200,000,000 bushels of wheat exported from the United States by bidding other exporting countries—Canada, Australia, India, Argentina and Russia—against this country.

The Chicago spokesman, J. S. Brown, representing the world's largest marketing agency—the board of trade—asked that all railroad rates be reduced, placing the distortion of rates largely upon the railroads. What relief can be given the farmer by changing rates also was a moot topic for divergent opinions.

HOUSE PASSES BILL FOR NEW WARSHIPS

Washington, D. C.—The \$274,000,000 new warship construction program was approved by the house and sent to the senate. The vote was 287 to 57. In passing the Butler bill, the house voted for construction of 15 cruisers of 10,000 tons displacement each and one aircraft carrier of 13,800 tons.

The measure carries a provision requesting the president to urge the "necessity" of another international conference for the limitation of naval armaments and gives him authority to suspend the proposed construction either in whole or in part in the event of a limitation agreement.

In addition the bill would provide that eight of the new ships must be built in navy yards.

The program was described by the house naval committee as designed to meet the immediate needs of the American navy and not as competitive with any nation.

It would provide for the laying down of five cruisers each year for a three-year period, starting in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929. This would have all of the cruisers under construction by the close of the fiscal year 1931. No definite completion date was specified.

RECORD STOCK SALES

20,305,130 Were Exchanged in Six Days Last Week.

New York.—The New York Stock Exchange last Saturday closed the biggest week of wild speculation and trading in its history.

During the week millions of dollars have been made and lost; the market value of stock issues, such as General Motors, Radio, American Linsed and others, which were the center of speculation, has increased by hundreds of millions.

A total of 20,305,130 shares of stock were bought and sold during the week, which is at the rate of a billion shares a year.

\$4,000,000 Voted for Wood and Rill.

Washington, D. C.—The house passed a bill appropriating \$4,000,000 for the next two years to carry out the purposes of the Clarke-McNary act under which the federal government is purchasing land for protecting navigable streams and for reforestation.

New High Price for Exchange Seat. New York.—Another new high record for New York stock exchange seats was made when the sale of a membership was boosted at \$320,000. This represents an increase of \$5000 over the previous high record.

Hickman is Put in San Quentin Cell.

San Quentin Prison, Cal.—William Edward Hickman entered San Quentin prison Saturday. He is scheduled to pay with his life here April 27 for the murder of Marion Parker in Los Angeles.

Minnesota Democrats Back Smith.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Minnesota's 24 delegates to the democratic national convention were pledged to vote for Governor Smith of New York for the presidential nomination.