

OREGON RUSHING IN SUPPLIES

For Relief of the Stricken People of Morrow County

HELP TO BURY THE DEAD

Second Waterspout and Electrical Storm Terrifies the People.--Further Details of Disaster

Heppner, June 16, via Ione.—The entire state of Oregon, and many citizens from all parts of the northwest are rushing supplies to the stricken people of Heppner.

Railway tracks, bridges and ravines are flooded, which makes entrance to the district difficult.

The number of dead has been placed at 300. Relief work centers at Ione, from which point undertakers are leaving for the scene. Bodies recovered now number 188.

Heppner is almost entirely demolished, portions of houses' braces, logs and dead bodies encumber the creeks and streets. There was no loss of life at Lexington, although the property damage is heavy.

Tools for burying the dead are scarce. Hence many willing hands are idle. There is no way of getting to town except by wagon or on horseback. Rails in the tracks are twisted like ropes. Every available horse has been pressed into service to carry tools and supplies to the stricken district from the relief train at Heppner junction 45 miles away.

Thirteen families are homeless at Lexington as a result of the flood and have been huddled in the school house since Sunday night. Homes, orchards and farms were swept away in a twinkling. Almost the only building which escaped destruction in Heppner was the Palace hotel which stands on high ground where a number of people went to escape the avalanche water. Debris is piled nine feet high in the streets.

Lexington, June 16.—Workers at 3 this morning had uncovered 12 bodies. The force of the flood is shown by the fact that the body of a woman was carried down the gulch from Heppner to Lexington, a distance of 12 miles.

When the pile of water struck the Congregational church, the building was thrown three blocks away, lodging about the Methodist church.

A courier from Heppner says it will take 1000 men two weeks to clear away the wreckage and recover all the bodies.

Portland, June 16.—The first press dispatch today from Heppner, via Ione, says that the Rev. C. H. Lake stood all day and night saying the burial services over the dead as the bodies were laid away in crude coffins. The survivors, who had been working since the disaster uncovering bodies, were fainting from exhaustion when the first relief party arrived.

The local relief committee has issued a statement, saying: "We need men

and tools to bury the dead and they must be hurried here as fast as possible. It will be months before the town resumes the semblance of its normal condition."

Arlington, June 16.—A heavy rain fell and waterspout appeared at 7 o'clock last evening. There was five feet of water in Columbia street. Much damage done to gardens, fences and outbuildings, but no lives were lost. Great excitement prevails. Messengers have been stationed five miles out.

Ione, June 16.—For over an hour last night there was not a living soul in Ione. A fearful electric storm broke over the village at 5:30, and the inhabitants took to the hills in fear of a repetition of Sunday night's catastrophe. It seemed as though the pent up fury of the storm had broken loose and death stalked on every side. Four, five and six streaks of lightning were flashing at once.

CHARLES SCHWAB'S

GIFT

State College, Pa., June 16.—The new auditorium of Pennsylvania State College, built through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Schwab, was dedicated today with interesting ceremonies. Mr. and Mrs. Schwab were present, together with a number of other friends of the institution.

FEMALE MOUNTAIN CLIMBER

New York, June 16.—Not satisfied at having climbed the Matterhorn, the Jungfrau, Popocatepetl and other of the most difficult ascents of Europe and America, Miss Annie S. Peck, A. M., formerly professor of Latin at Purdue university and Smith College, leaves New York today for South America, where she intends to try to make the ascent of Mount Sorata, 25,000 feet high, the highest point on this hemisphere.

Miss Peck will go to Panama and then to the west coast to Arequipa where the Harvard University Observatory is, and will stay there a little while. She expects to get to Mount Sorata about the middle of next month. She will be assisted in the ascent by two Swiss Alpine guides.

GERMAN GENERAL ELECTION

Strong Fight to Down the Socialists

Berlin, June 16.—The heated contest between the Emperor and the Socialists causes the keenest interest to be manifested in today's general election in Germany. The campaign has been one of the liveliest ever seen in the empire, especially in the province, where personalities and local interests have aroused considerable feeling. The capital being overwhelmingly socialistic, the other political parties have worked their hardest in the country, but the question which politicians everywhere are asking one another is: "What will the Socialists vote amount to?" The anti-socialistic parties have conducted the campaign on a platform of loyalty to the monarchy, to the church, to the staple institutions and the rights of property against the Godless, lawless, propertyless, greedy disintegrators of dreamers. The Socialists have laid stress on cheap bread and meat, economic prosperity based on lower tariffs and freedom of speech and criticism, omitting theoretical discussions.

The Emperor and his supporters have employed all their vast influence, using the press and the machinery of official for all they are worth, in a herculean effort to overwhelm the Socialists at the polls today. To the unbiased on looker, however, it appears more than probable that the "political monster" will refuse to be overwhelmed and that he will show his head even higher after the contest is over. Herr Bebel and the socialist leaders have conducted a whirlwind campaign and it is a significant sign of the times that the meetings in many of the provinces have been more largely attended than ever before.

SYSTEM MAY BE CHANGED

At Modern Woodmen Convention

Indianapolis, Ind., June 16.—With the opening session today began the greatest convention of Modern Woodmen of America in the history of the order. There were 10,000 Woodmen in the city when the first gathering met this morning and others arrive by the hundreds on every train. A committee of several hundred is caring for the visitors, and the city is decorated in carnival festivity. From present indications the proposal to readjust the insurance assessment system of the order will carry. This

has been one of the most momentous matters that ever came up for the discussion by the order and its final settlement is looked forward to with keenest interest. The election of officers is also of more than ordinary interest at this convention owing to the announcement by Head Consul Northcott, who has been at the head of the order for many years, to the effect that he does not desire reelection. Frederick G. White of Illinois and J. G. Johnson of Kansas are mentioned as candidates to succeed him. Toledo, Seattle and several other cities are in a contest for the next national convention of the order.

CRACK SHOTS GATHER

Denver, Colo., June 16.—The grand western handicap shooting tournament was opened here today under favorable auspices and will continue three days. The participants include prominent shooters from a number of states and the competitions promise to be lively.

BRITT O'KEEFE

Pulled off at Butte With Others

Butte, Mont., June 13.—Though disappointed in an effort to secure Fitzsimmons, Tommy Ryan and other big fighters the management of the little carnival in celebration of "Miners' Day" has arranged a program of events well worth seeing. The card provides for a contest late this afternoon between Jimmy Britt of California and Jack O'Keefe of Chicago, to be followed in the evening by a bout between Aurelia Herrera and "Kid" Broad. The Britt-O'Keefe contest is naturally attracting most attention. The two according to announcement, are to battle for the "white lightweight championship." They are to clash for 20 rounds at 135 pounds. It will be their second meeting. In their first contest, which took place a short time ago at Portland, Ore., O'Keefe was awarded the decision on a foul. The decision was unsatisfactory to Britt and he appears confident of his ability to reverse it when they come together in the ring this afternoon. Many visitors from out of town are in the city and from all indications the affair will be the biggest sporting attraction ever pulled off in Montana.

That's Why

Our readers may have noticed that we have had a remarkably poor paper this last week, so far as local news is concerned, though we don't suppose any one has mentioned it. The fact is that we have been short-handed, one man being away; we have been moving our presses into another room to give us more elbow room; and our landlords, Bennett & Walter have been good enough to turn J. R. Rochon loose in the shop with his paint brush; and in the midst of it all we have had two or three people pounding us on the back for their job work.

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