

## 18,000 HOMELESS, FLOODED TEXAS DISTRICT

### 30 LOSE LIFE, PROPERTY LOSS TWENTY MILLION

Scores Missing and Thousands Are Stranded in Tree Tops, Islands and Isolated Districts—Three Valleys Submerged.

Much Suffering in Flooded Area—Waco Under Ten Feet of Water—Rain Continues.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 4.—Flood conditions were growing worse in central Texas this afternoon.

News was meager owing to the prostration of the telegraph in the inundated section, but the water was still rising and every minute brought fresh reports of the destruction of property and of suffering among the refugees.

Several villages were said to have been practically wiped out, the total death toll, it was believed, would reach twenty-five or fifty, and of livestock enormous numbers were drowned.

Rescue work was progressing with much difficulty on account of the force of the current and the vast extent of territory to be covered.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 4.—The flood situation in central Texas grew worse today.

That twenty had been drowned was the best information obtainable here and this did not include many missing or taken into account a score of small towns with which communication was totally cut off.

The Brazos river was five miles wide. Beside it the Trinity and the Colorado, all their small tributaries were out of their banks. The Leon river, normally a little stream, was a mile wide.

It was estimated that in the three big valleys 18,000 people were homeless and threatened by starvation. Fifty were said to be in tree tops between the towns of Hillsboro and Malone. A large part of Waco was under ten feet of water.

The railroads in the flooded district were nearly paralyzed. The property loss was estimated at \$6,000,000.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 4.—Ten thousand residents of the flooded Brazos, Colorado and Trinity river valleys were homeless today. Rain continued to fall in torrents and the streams were still rising.

The number positively known to have been drowned was placed today at fourteen, but many more were missing and believed to have perished.

The flooded section included an area of about one hundred by two hundred miles, practically all of which, except for occasional high spots, was under water. The railroads traversing it were almost completely tied up and in several places trains were marooned on high ground with water all about them.

Waco was at the center of the stricken district. Its suburbs were under water and immediate immense property damage had been done. The militia with headquarters there were doing everything possible to help the victims but the inundated region was so extensive and the difficulty of getting about it so great that rescue work was retarded.

Other towns reporting a serious situation were Elmira, Temple and Waxahachie.

### APPERSON AGENCY OPENED IN MEDFORD

J. C. Robison has opened an agency for the Apperson autos in Medford and can be found temporarily at the Nash hotel. He has a 1914 car here and while the agency is new here the car is not a stranger, there being several in use in Medford and the valley. Mr. Robison will have a store room later.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY IN FLORIDA IN SEARCH OF HEALTH.



James Whitcomb Riley, the poet, whose health is broken, has been taken to Florida, where it is believed the mild climate will prolong his life during the winter. The poet has been in poor health for some years, and lately he has reached a condition where he found it impossible to stand the cold of the north.

### POLICE OUTWIT SUFFRAGETTES IN ARRESTING LEADER

PLYMOUTH, Eng., Dec. 4.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, back from her lecturing tour in America, was arrested today on the steamship Majestic off Devonport.

A big bodyguard of militant suffragettes was waiting for her here, prepared to resist the arrest, but the police outwitted her women and their leader was on her way to London in the authorities' custody before her followers knew she had been made a prisoner.

It had been the bodyguard's plan to meet the Majestic as it entered Plymouth harbor and a tug was in readiness to take the party on board. Alongside it lay a police tug with a force of constables lounging conspicuously on deck.

The moment the Majestic was sighted the two tugs started to race one another in its direction. In the meantime, however, another tug starting before the militants arrived in Plymouth, had been lying off Devonport with a detective on board and when the steamship passed some time before it could be seen from Plymouth, he climbed the ladder and made the arrest.

### SLINGSBY RESEMBLES BABY IN DISPUTE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 4.—British Vice Consul Douglas Young today compared photographs of Lieutenant Charles Slingsby, late of the British navy, with those of the baby boy Slingsby and his wife say is their own but who, according to relatives who will get his estate when Slingsby dies if the baby proves a "changeling," was substituted by Mrs. Slingsby for a real son who died. It was a fact that Slingsby's features and the baby's were much alike.

### ABANDON HOPE OF PEACE IN COAL FIELDS, COLORADO

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 4.—Federal Secretary of Labor Wilson, who has been trying here for several days to arrange a settlement between the Southern Colorado coal mine owners and their striking employes, gave it up today as a bad job.

All negotiations were called off. "I've had my final interview with representatives of both owners and miners," said Wilson, "and no basis for an agreement could be found. I shall make no announcement concerning future steps until I have consulted the president. I expect to leave for Washington tonight."

### SWINDLED FARMERS ON POULTRY JOURNAL

Sheriff Gunne of Roseburg was in the city this week, and returned with E. Arnitage, who is alleged to have swindled Southern Oregon farmers through subscriptions for a poultry journal. The Douglas county authorities believe he has a long record, and to have used several aliases in his operations. He lived at Y. M. C. A.'s when possible. A grand jury is investigating.

### FUNERAL SERVICES OF MRS. HARRY L. YOUNG

The funeral services of Mrs. Edna May Young, wife of Harry L. Young, were held this morning at the Presbyterian church, the Rev. W. F. Shields officiating. The Mail Tribune suspended for an hour to allow Mr. Young's associates in the mechanical department to attend. Arthur Powell sang a solo and read a poem. The floral tributes were many. Many expressions of sympathy were received from the friends of Mrs. Young throughout the valley. Interment was in I. O. O. F. cemetery. Mrs. Young was beloved by her family and a wide circle of acquaintances.

### CENSURE VOTE FROM REICHSTAG FOR CHANCELLOR

German Parliament Expresses Disapproval of Administration by a Vote of 293 to 54 on Account of Handling of Riots in Alsace.

Haughty and Intolerant Acts of Military Defended by Von Bethmann-Hollweg and Confidence Lacking.

BERLIN, Dec. 4.—By a vote of 293 to 54 the reichstag, or German parliament, expressed today its "lack of confidence" in Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg of the German empire.

The vote of "lack of confidence" or "censure" was the result of recent disorders in Alsace, where the large French population, goaded to desperation, as the government's critics declared, by the military's overbearing conduct, broke into a series of riots which it was not certain are over even yet.

Many sincere friends of the imperial government were much angered by a military policy they believed had undone the result of years of effort to reconcile the province to the kaiser's rule.

The matter coming up in the reichstag, however, Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg and War Minister Falkenhayn made lengthy speeches, declaring that "the military would continue to be the supreme authority in Germany."

A few hour's debate ensued, at the end of which the administration's policy was overwhelmingly condemned.

The censure of Bethmann-Hollweg and his cabinet does not mean, as it would in England or France, that there will be a change in administration, but it will make the chancellor's position difficult and many believed would end in his resignation.

### REBELS BOMBARD CITY OF MAZATLAN

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 4.—That the rebels had begun bombarding Mazatlan was reported here this afternoon. It was said there had been a number killed in the streets.

Communication with Saltillo was cut today and it was believed the rebels were closing in on the town, which is the key to Monterey.

Zapatistas captured Coscatlan, Puebla state, today and it was believed they massacred twenty-five or thirty.

### HEAVY FOG STOPS FLIGHT OF AVIATOR

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 4.—Heavy fogs which prevented his passenger from seeing the power line stopped the flight of Aviator Bob Fowler, who left Sacramento for Oakland early today on his first regular patrol trip for a local power company. Fowler landed without injury near Courtland and will proceed to Oakland as soon as the fog lifts.

### REICHSTAG PETITIONS FOR DISPLAY AT FAIR

BERLIN, Dec. 4.—Two hundred and fifty members of the reichstag today signed a petition urging the German government to appropriate \$500,000 for an exhibit at the Panama-Pacific exposition in San Francisco in 1915. It was believed here that a bill to this effect soon would be passed.

CARRANZA'S TROOPS SHOOTING A FEDERAL OFFICER IN THE BACK AT JAUREZ.



### WRANGLING MUST CEASE 'ERE WEST NAMES A BOARD

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 4.—Governor West today reiterated his declaration that a new state game and fish commission will not be appointed until the wrangling over matters relating to the commission has ceased. This may not be for several weeks. In the meantime no fish and game departments exist in the state.

The governor held a length conference with former State Game Warden Finley and former Master Fish Warden Clanton last night with regard to the payroll and claims for the last month. It was agreed that as they were approved before the four commissioners resigned, they should be allowed.

The governor also explained in detail his idea of having the new commission, when it is appointed, establish its offices in Salem and maintain a paid secretary. This plan would subordinate the two wardens to the commission, which would act through its secretary.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 4.—Believing that the difficulties which beset the status of the state game and fish commission at the present time will be adjusted, both Game Warden Finley and Master Fish Warden Clanton and their subordinates will remain at work. Each expressed the belief that the men employed in the departments will remain at work pending a settlement of the trouble.

### KENTNER ACCOUNTS ADDED IN COURT

The circuit court continued today its adding up of the accounts of H. C. Kentner on trial on a charge of embezzlement, that has been in progress for two days, and expects to finish this part of the work today. The figures show the expenses of the Kentner household were heavy. Argument of technical points occupied much of the time. The case will go to the jury Saturday at the present rate of progress.

### IOWA COURT SAYS SALOONS CAN OPEN

OSKALOOSA, Iowa, Dec. 4.—Judgment against eighty-six saloons issued because the petition of consent by the liquor dealers was faulty was stayed today by the order of State Supreme Court Justice Preston. This means that Des Moines saloons closed ten days ago may reopen. The dry element was expected to start mandamus proceedings to reclose the saloons.

### HALF OF STRIKERS ORDERED TO WORK UNDER AGREEMENTS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 4.—One-half of the striking teamsters here were ordered by their leaders this afternoon to go back to work.

Organizer Farrell of the teamsters said that 1,500 men's employers had signed union agreements. Representatives of the employers' association said they had not, that the strike was broken, that was all.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 4.—A strike involving every union worker in Indianapolis seemed imminent today.

Not enough employers to furnish places for half of the 3,000 striking teamsters had signed union agreements last night, so the strike continued today.

The proposed general walkout in sympathy with the teamsters which was scheduled for discussion by the local central labor body at a meeting this evening. Labor leaders predicted that it would be decided on.

### Urge Concessions

A citizens' committee was working hard to prevent it, however. Both sides were urged to make concessions. The clergymen who, at a union meeting yesterday, asked for a statement from each side for publication that the public might be informed concerning the situation, argued strongly in favor of their plan. With the real merits of the fight known to everyone, they said, they believed public opinion would speedily force a compromise or surrender by whichever side was wrong.

J. B. Densmore of the federal labor department also arrived in the city and joined in the effort to bring employers and striking employes together.

The employers kept a few wagons moving and there was a garbage collection in the business section, though not in the residence quarter, but the tieup was otherwise very effective.

### Commerce Stagnation

Freight houses were all jammed with incoming goods which it was impossible to deliver. Comparatively little was being received for shipment elsewhere. Holiday shopping had fallen to less than half its normal volume.

Acting Mayor Wallace issued a proclamation urging a resumption of business and promising protection in making deliveries, but it had little effect.

The strikers were in an angry mood as a result of the use of firearms by strikebreakers. The families of many of them were also beginning to suffer. Charitable citizens started a movement for their relief.

J. H. Mason, one of the teamsters shot by a strikebreaker Tuesday, died yesterday, making the second fatality since the strike began.

### 700 DELEGATES MEET, ROSEBURG

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 4.—More than 700 delegates were in attendance here this afternoon when the Western Oregon Development meeting began its sessions in the Antlers theater.

Among the most important subjects discussed were the advisability of maintaining a state-wide exhibit at Ashland during the Panama Pacific exposition, and methods of influencing all visitors to the exposition to purchase tickets either coming or going via Portland, with stopovers at various points within the state so that its resources may be inspected with the hopes of attracting settlers.

A uniform and state-wide system of advertising is also under consideration.

An effort will also be made to induce the Southern Pacific company to reduce its differential during the exposition.

A special train bearing 110 delegates from Ashland, Medford, Jacksonville, Grants Pass and other southern Oregon towns and another with 100 delegates from Eugene led by the Radiators in uniform and the State university band, arrived during the morning.

A delegation of eighteen Medfordites left this morning at 6 o'clock to attend the Development League meeting at Roseburg today. Among those leaving were: J. A. Westerlund, E. E. Oman, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kent, C. M. Kidd, Ed Warner, Fort Hubbard, K. K. Gaudet, W. Miles, H. A. Adams, F. S. Johnson, H. A. Latta, P. J. Neff, Judge Colvig and Secretary Streets of the Commercial club. The Central Point band led the Central Point delegation.

### PRENDERGAST OUT OF BULL MOOSE

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—His withdrawal from the progressive party was announced here this afternoon by William Prendergast, recently elected comptroller of New York City.

"I have no patience with the vindictiveness which unquestionably is animating many of the progressive policies," he explained.

Prendergast declared he had been out of sympathy with the party's course since the Chicago meeting, adding:

"The presidential election made it evident that the idea of a third party is not acceptable to the American people. The time has come when there should be less talk of Armageddon and more thought for the future of our own United States.

"It now looks to me as if the time had come for an amalgamation of the republican progressive interests."