

WORST WIND AND RAIN STORM OF THE YEAR SWEEPS PACIFIC COAST STATES

WORST STORM IN FIFTY YEARS HITS CALIFORNIA

Flood, Rain and Snow Prevail Throughout State—Gale Blowing at Sea and Another Storm Due for Tonight—Rivers Overrun Banks.

Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers at Tops of Levees—Many Towns Submerged—Deep Snow in Hills.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 25.—Flood and rain swept California another storm this afternoon. After predicting unsettled weather for tonight, Government Forecaster Wilson here today at noon declared another storm, which prevailed at sea was due to reach the California coast before morning. Just how severe the approaching disturbance would be he was unable to say. "It may be light," said Wilson, "or it may be as severe as that which swept the coast yesterday."

The only ray of hope of relief came from Father Jerome S. Ricard, Santa Clara University's "Padre of the Rains." He declared the storm would begin to break away late today, and that the prevailing southeast wind would change to southwest, and then veer around to the north. He saw no further storm in sight.

Worst in 50 Years

Reports from centers of population indicated that yesterday's storm was the worst California has suffered in 50 years. Cities and towns were partially inundated from the Oregon line to Southern California's lower limits. The property loss will run into the hundreds of thousands. Bridges were swept away at a score of places, telegraph and telephone communication was seriously interrupted and railroad traffic out of a number of towns and cities was at a standstill.

Every station north of Los Angeles reported that the total rainfall for the season is nearly double that of last season.

The situation at all points along the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers was reported critical. The Sacramento was reported brimming full at noon but the levees were holding.

Rain for Tomorrow

"We are not out of the woods

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STREAMS RUNNING AT DANGER LINE IN CALIFORNIA

STOCKTON, Cal., Jan. 25.—The San Joaquin river at Lathrop this morning had reached 17.6 feet and was still rising slowly. It is expected to reach 18 feet, the danger mark by night. The highest point known here is 22.5 feet which was attained in February 1911.

All levees in the delta district are being patrolled. All reclaimed tracts are safe today but in the lower regions trouble is expected within the next three days. Mandeville and Bacon Islands, now being reclaimed have been flooded.

The Tuolumne river at Waterford and the Stanislaus at Knight's Ferry have been falling since early this morning. The Orange Blossom bridge above Oakdale on the Stanislaus was swept away last night.

The Calaveras river reached its crest, 19.6 feet at 8 o'clock last night at Bellota and had fallen 10.18 feet.

The diverting canal again protected Stockton from overflow last night.

FOUR LIVES LOST BY STORM RAGING OFF ATLANTIC COAST

BOSTON, Jan. 26.—Four lives were lost today in a heavy storm which is raging off the New England coast and Nova Scotia coast. The schooners Pontiac and Joseph Mullen each lost a man, and the schooner Allee two men. They were swept overboard by heavy seas. The fishing schooner Zelma was wrecked off Halifax. Its crew was saved by the steamer Lady Laurier.

HUERTA'S PLAN TO TAKE COMMAND OF ARMY FAILS

VERA CRUZ, Mex., Jan. 26.—Jesus Flores Magon, who, as the personal representative of President Huerta, conferred here with John Lind, President Wilson's emissary, left for Mexico City today. It was reported that he had failed to obtain Washington's approval of Huerta's plan to take the field against the rebels and name Francisco de la Barra as his successor.

Before leaving here Magon bitterly denounced the newspapers. "The plan was spoiled," he said, "by premature publication of President Huerta's intentions."

FLOOD REFUGEES RESCUED FROM TREES

WHITTIER, Cal., Jan. 26.—Thirty two Mexicans were rescued from trees and house-tops at Jintown, near here, in boats at daybreak today. The San Gabriel river overflowing its banks and portions of the low-lying settlement soon was under from three to eight feet of water.

BRYAN IN CONFERENCE WITH GOTHAM MAYOR

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Secretary of State Bryan visited Mayor Mitchell here. It was understood they discussed Mitchell's offer of the New York police commissionership to Col. Goethals, but neither the mayor nor the secretary would give out any statement.

NEW YORK STATE'S "FUTURIST" ROAD "CUBIST" PATTERN



John B. Wright, first assistant engineer of the New York State Highway Commission, took the photograph reproduced above on November 6, 1913, in Broome county, when he recommended that all payments on the road be suspended. In face of this report \$3,235.65 was paid to the contractor December 4, 1913. The road is in practically the same condition to-day.

NO MONOPOLY RADIUM LANDS DECLARES LANE

Secretary of Interior Declares Issue Is One of Human Welfare Versus Human Greed—Is Battle to Protect Race Against Cancer.

America Producing Most of Radium, Sending It to Europe and Buying It Back at Fancy Prices.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Secretary of the Interior Lane came out strongly today before the house committee on mining in favor of the withdrawal from public entry of all the government's radium bearing lands.

"The fight for the segregation of these lands," he said "is so strongly tinged with human interest that it really seems a battle to protect our fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters against the ravages of cancer."

"Of this curative agent—radium—it is unquestionably our duty to secure as much as possible, since it is known that it is a cure for superficial cancer."

"I was alarmed when investigation showed that although seventy-five per cent of the world's radium supply is produced in America, we have only two grams here. We found we had been sending radium to Europe and then buying it back. A second danger was that there would be a monopoly of radium-bearing lands, and it seemed manifestly our duty to prevent this."

"The plan before you means the withdrawal of such lands from exploitation by private interests and insures that they would be held against the people."

It was generally predicted that the withdrawal proposition would pass congress overwhelmingly. The only remaining matter, it was considered, was the working out of details.

SACRAMENTO HIGHEST IN SEVERAL YEARS

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 26.—Following the heavy rainfall of Saturday night and Sunday morning the water in the Sacramento river and its tributaries have reached a critical point and all levees are being patrolled. In Sacramento the water has reached the 28 foot mark, the highest in several years, but Weather Forecaster Taylor says the city is in no particular danger. Railroad traffic is badly hampered.

RAOUL MADERO, YOUNGER BROTHER OF THE MURDERED PRESIDENT, IS WITH GENERAL VILLA



Raoul Madero, younger brother of the murdered president of Mexico, is now the chief adviser of General Paucho Villa, conqueror of Chihuahua City, one of the wealthiest towns in the whole country. The young man knew that he could not be friends with President Huerta, whose purpose seemed to be to exterminate the Madero family, several members of which escaped to New York City.

GOLDEN STATE REFUSES AID TO UNEMPLOYED MEN

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 26.—It's up to the municipalities of the state to take care of their own problems of the unemployed; the state will take no hand in relief under the present conditions, according to the report on the "unemployed," made to Governor Johnson today by Commissioner McLaughlin in this city of the bureau of labor statistics.

McLaughlin states that conditions are almost identical with those of two years ago. He says the problem is mainly one of California being a fine winter resort, and labor flocking here anticipating work under excellent climatic conditions. He predicts normal conditions throughout the state by April and says conditions have already been greatly relieved in Los Angeles, and with the let-up of the rainy weather many will find work on the farms of the state.

RECALL ELECTION ENFORCED THROUGH ORDER OF COURT

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 26.—The state supreme court, at a special session today, issued a peremptory writ of mandate to Secretary of State Jordan to submit to Governor Johnson the recall petition against State Senator Owens of Richmond. It was said the governor would issue the call for the recall election as soon as Jordan had notified him that the properly certified lists containing a sufficient number of names had been filed.

When cited to explain why he did not forward the petition to the governor, Jordan presented a writ of prohibition issued by the Contra Costa county superior court, which he said had thus far prevented him from doing so. The supreme court held this writ void upon its face.

The state labor federation, which launched the petitions against Owens, accused him of violating his pre-election pledges to labor. The senator was elected on the democratic ticket.

JAPANESE OFFICERS RECEIVE OVATION CITY OF MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 26.—Officers and marines from the Japanese cruiser Izumo were the most lionized individuals in Mexico City today.

The party arrived yesterday and was received with a tremendous ovation. Brass bands played, cannon saluted and the crowds cheered enthusiastically. A big escort of Mexicans, carrying Japanese flags, accompanied the visitors to their legation. It was understood President Huerta intended to receive Commander Mori Yama and his staff.

Minister Azechi, the Mikado's representative here, denied, however, that the marines came to guard the legation. They would return to the Izumo Friday, he said.

TRUST POLICY IS AIMED ONLY TO CURB MONOPOLY

President Wilson Says New Bills Will Not Bar Any Business Not in Itself Monopolistic, But Will Be An Aid to Legitimate Business.

No One But Goethals Ever Considered for Post of Governor of Panama Canal Zone.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—President Wilson made it plain to callers on him today that his anti-trust policy is aimed only at such business methods as partake, in their nature, of the spirit of monopoly.

He held groundless the alarm expressed in some quarters that the proposed legislation prohibiting holding companies will affect companies which desire to organize subsidiaries to meet legal conditions.

His trust bills, he explained, will be no bar to any business not in itself monopolistic.

An Aid to Business

Nor will the industrial trade commission, he assured his visitors, be a "dragon," as it was pointed out to him, many business men fear. It will prepare orders for the courts on the strength of its findings, but, the president pointed out, the courts can amend them as they wish.

The commission itself will determine, the president said, whether to publish information it secures. He did not expect it to be as secretive as is the treasury department concerning the corporation tax, he conceded, but he did assure his callers that one thing was certain—business men might feel confident that rivals would not be permitted to learn trade secrets as a result of investigations under the proposed new law.

Goethals for Governor

Referring to affairs connected with the Panama canal, the chief executive made it plain that he had never considered anyone but Colonel Goethals for the post of governor of the zone. Secretary of War Garrison, he said, had already assured the colonel of this. The order creating a civil government of the zone, he added, was ready for signing. He did not discuss, however, the suggestion that if Goethals should express a wish to retire for a year it might cause him to delay signing the order.

Undue importance, the president concluded, had been attached to tonight's dinner, at which the members of the senate foreign relations committee are to be present, denying that the administration confronts a critical situation, and that for that reason he wants to get closer to the members of the committee, and explaining that those to attend the dinner wish merely to discuss unfinished business before the committee takes up pending arbitration treaties.

STOCKS RESUME SKYWARD MARCH

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—After some hesitation at the start, stocks moved upward today with few exceptions. National Biscuit was the feature with a three-point rise. There was some heavy selling at the outset, but the losses were limited to fractions. Baltimore & Ohio being about the heaviest loser with a 3/4-point drop. Seaboard Air Line rose 1. As trading progressed the market became stronger. The good quarterly report of the United States Steel corporation had a favorable effect on all the industrials. Mexican Petroleum was again very strong. Bonds were firm. The market closed steady.

FRUIT SHIPPERS WIN ICING CASE SUPREME COURT

California Orchardists Victorious in Contentions Against Railroads, Securing Reduced Charges for Refrigerating Fruit Cars.

A Reduction to \$7.50 Per Car Ordered From the \$30 Rate Established by Traffic Lines.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—California fruit shippers won an important victory in the supreme court today here against the Santa Fe, Southern Pacific and San Pedro & Salt Lake railroads in the so-called icing case. The court sustained the order of the interstate commerce commission greatly reducing the charges for refrigerating fruit cars and denied that the railroads have the exclusive privilege of icing cars or that they can prevent shippers from pre-cooling or pre-icing their own cars.

Whether the railroads carrying the bulk of oranges and other citrus fruits from California have the exclusive right to refrigerate cars and may prevent shippers from pre-cooling and pre-icing cars at a lower rate was the prime question in the icing case. Both the I. C. C. and commerce court decided in favor of the shippers. On July 5, 1909, the Santa Fe, Southern Pacific and Salt Lake railroads amended their refrigeration rules to provide a reduction to \$30 for the use of refrigerated car pre-iced and pre-cooled at the shippers' warehouse, the car being sealed and not re-iced in transit. The rate for "standard" icing (refrigeration after cars are loaded, with replenishing of ice en route) was \$62.50 from the coast to Chicago. The \$30 rate was declared unreasonable by the I. C. C. and ordered cut to \$7.50 per car. On May 4 the railroads attempted to withdraw the entire pre-icing privilege. They filed an injunction suit to set aside the commission's order. By pre-icing the shippers would save about \$600,000 a year.

The court's opinion was read by Justice Lamar. It held that the railroad's contention would result in an increase of \$54 per car for shipping fruit across the country. The opinion held that until the railroads can provide the same pre-cooling accommodations as are now enjoyed by the shippers as a result of their own facilities, the railroads cannot deprive the shippers of the advantages of their own pre-cooling system.

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PROBE MURPHY BANK ACCOUNTS 16 INSTITUTIONS

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—District Attorney Whitman had in his hands today, in connection with his graft investigation, the bank books of sixteen important New York politicians, including those of Charles F. Murphy, Tammany leader, and John Gaffney, to whom United States Senator O'Gorman was said to have referred, in a conversation with ex-Governor Sulzer, as Murphy's "chief bagman."

With these books Whitman was on the trail of what he suspected was a plot to loot the state. He was of the opinion, it was understood, that alleged graft money was banked, not in New York alone, but also in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Canada and possibly in Europe.

James W. Osborne, Governor Glynn's special investigator, informed that if Whitman needed information, from sources outside his own jurisdiction, he would aid the prosecution in getting it.