

50 LIVES LOST BY FLOOD FROM BURSTED DAM

Lower Otay Dam Near San Diego Gives Way and Wall of Water Sweeps Narrow Valley—Relief Expeditions Bring Aid—Farm Houses Swept Away and Occupants Perish.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 29, by radio.—The first men forming relief parties reached the Otay valley today and found the entire valley devastated by the flood of water released by the breaking of the Lower Otay dam late Thursday.

Six bodies from the flood waters south of here were brought into San Diego. Eleven more were found near the mouth of Otay river, but were not moved.

Reports from other sections stated that five other bodies had been recovered and that it was feared many more were among the debris or carried out to sea.

No definite estimate has yet been made of the total number of deaths but it will undoubtedly total at least 50, according to reports.

Tia Juana Flooded
The Tia Juana river was at its highest in its history and reports received from Tia Juana say the town is under water. The race track located on the border is believed to have been carried away.

Reports say probably many persons have been drowned at Tia Juana.

A number of the bodies recovered at the mouth of Otay river were badly mutilated, it was said, and identification probably will be difficult.

The weather here was cloudy and more rain was expected. Another downpour would result in further damage and much suffering among the many homeless residents in the flooded districts.

Entire Dam Swept Out
Reports from the site of the lower dam which was received from officials of the water department, stated that the entire dam had been carried away. Measurements showed that a wall of water thirty feet high and 1200 feet wide tore through the valley, sweeping everything before it.

The Otay river was still a raging torrent. Twenty-seven houses were known to have been carried to destruction, the water taking it all, livestock, crops and implements.

Further north the San Diego river was at flood stage and was cutting new channel. The Sweetwater river was causing much damage to farm lands along its course and had destroyed several packing plants. San Diego bay was filled with wreckage of all descriptions from the valleys, with hundreds of rattlesnakes from the mountains drifting about on the debris.

Rescue parties were greatly handicapped by the high water and it was feared they could do but little toward relieving the suffering of the people.

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MONTENEGRIN'S SURRENDER VALID WITHOUT KING

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—The Lokai Anzeiger, commenting on details of the surrender of Montenegro, states that the absence of King Nicholas at this time has little weight since the constitution provides that the heir to the throne shall act in his absence and in the absence of the heir the cabinet is in possession of governmental power. The Montenegrin delegates, General Belcir and Major Lompar, the newspaper says, signed the document on behalf of the cabinet ministers who remained in Montenegro. Therefore the Lokai Anzeiger declares, the treaty is valid without ratification by the king, crown prince or anybody else connected with the government.

Besides, the newspaper says, King Nicholas committed himself by a letter written in his own hand and telegram January 13 in which he asked Emperor Francis Joseph for peace. The king left Montenegro January 18.

MEXICAN RANCHERS DEFEAT KIDNAPPERS IN PITCHED BATTLE

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 29.—General Miguel Hernandez, former Villa commander of Pearson, western Chihuahua, and his band of about 125 men, was attacked by fifty Mexican ranchers of Coconorahic, in the Guerrero district, and lost all of their horses, rifles and ammunition, according to a report reaching the border today. The ranchers reported fourteen Mexican girls from 12 to 14 years old had been kidnapped by the bandits. The father of one of the girls raised the company of ranchers, surprised the bandits and opened fire. The bandits, unable to reach their mounts and rifles, fled after forty had been killed.

CARRANZA PLANS COMPULSION FOR MEXICAN ARMY

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 29.—A commission, appointed by General Carranza to consider the advisability of establishing compulsory military service in Mexico, has begun work in the City of Mexico, according to official advices received today by the Mexican consulate here. Carranza previously had declared against compulsory service, but it is understood that the recent development of revolutionary movements south and west of Chihuahua City made with that of Zapata in the south, prompted him to appoint the commission to canvass the situation, and draft a compulsory service law if necessary.

Ramon Frausto is president of the commission. The other members are Ignacio Noris, attorney general for the army; Jose Almaraz, chief of the Carranza department of justice, and Juan Sanchez, chief attorney for the public interest.

Official dispatches also announce that General Cesario Castro, a subordinate of General Pablo Gonzalez, had undertaken a campaign against Zapata, with 20,000 men from the city of Mexico.

The state of Chihuahua, it was said, had been placed in the division of the northwest, commanded by General Alvaro Obregón, who has been with Carranza at Queretaro for some time.

GUNMEN AFTER CHICAGO OFFICIALS CONFESSES MACK

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—Charges that criminals are being brought from New York and other cities to commit crimes in Chicago for the purpose of discrediting the state's attorneys office and the city administration is to be investigated by a special grand jury according to police officials today.

In an alleged confession made public last night by the police Eddie Mack, a notorious pickpocket, and charged with leading the bandits who robbed the Washington Park National bank of \$15,000, is said to have revealed a plot to discredit both city and county officials and members of the police department.

"It was generally known among crooks that imported gunmen were going after Captain Hunt (captain of detectives) and MacLay Hoyne (state's attorney of Cook county) because they were after the crooks," Mack is alleged by the police to have said.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 29.—Trans-continental traffic over the Sierra Nevada via the Southern Pacific and Western Pacific lines has been blocked by an accident forty miles from Elko, Nev.

GERMANS TAKE SOUTHERN END FRENCH TRENCH

Capture of Thousand Yards of French Positions, Including Village of Somme, Claimed—French Claim Attack Repulsed—Albanian Troops Join Italian Forces.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—Capture of 1000 yards of French positions south of and including the village of Frise was announced today by army headquarters. Thirteen machine guns and 227 prisoners were taken.

Northeast of Neuville the Germans stormed trenches along the front of about 1700 yards, capturing 27 prisoners and nine machine guns.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—An attack by the Germans on the French front south of the Somme yesterday along a width of several kilometers, failed completely on the southern end of the line, succeeding only on the bank of the Somme against the village of Frise, it was announced today by the war office.

French troops near Hill 140 in the Artois district, recaptured this morning some of the trenches taken yesterday by the Germans, the announcement declares.

In the valley of the Ficht French heavy artillery caused an outbreak of fire in a German munitions depot. A number of explosions had been heard in the French lines.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—A dispatch to the Matin from Rome says Essad Pasha has effected a junction with the Italian forces in Albania. It adds he is fortifying positions at Avlona and other points further south in Albania and is confident he will be able effectively to stop the advance of the Austro-Hungarian forces.

ROME, Jan. 29.—Heavy rains have made northern Albania almost impracticable for the Austrian troops, who have been able to advance only very slowly. The Idea Nazionale's Durazzo correspondent says Austria and Hungary are carefully preparing for a re-entry of Prince William of Weld, who abdicated the throne of Albania in 1914 and who is now at Prizrend.

SUNSHINE FOLLOWS WEEK OF WINTER AND LIGHT SNOW

The present week of winter weather exceeds in severity that of any winter for many years, old-timers say. The soft-pedal should be put on the use of the word severity when applied to winter weather in Rogue river valley.

For instance, the mercury registered 12 1/4 above at 4:30 this morning. The snowfall this week will probably measure, half an inch of rain. These conditions of thermometer and snowfall are referred to as severe here, when in countries where they have really wintry weather, this situation would be only a mild suggestion of the presence of boreas. A sunshiny Saturday is fast melting the thin layer of snow in the valley.

The worst feature about it is found in the fact that feed is scarce in many sections of Southern Oregon, as is the case all over the northwest coast of the Cascade mountains. It is not believed that stock in Jackson county will suffer much, if any, but the situation in Josephine and Klamath counties, according to reports from those districts, is not so favorable.

Trains on the Southern Pacific are on time, practically, and no menacing situations are reported along the line in Southern Oregon or Northern California. The only danger lies in the possibility of a sudden thaw. If a chinook wind or a sudden change to high temperature should produce the thaw, swollen streams may interfere with traffic, both by rail and ordinary highway.

However, the condition in this valley is very gratifying to farmers and orchardists. Their only fear is that the precipitation will not continue.

SAYS SHE HATES THE TEUTONS, BUT MUST WED ONE



Grand Duchess Marie Adelaide, ruler of Luxembourg, aged 21, who doesn't want to get married, but who has been ordered to by the court officials of Luxembourg and must choose an Austrian prince as neutral princelings are all to young or else protestants. Since the outbreak of the war she has been a semi-prisoner in the palace of her ancestors.

SNOW BLOCKADES ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD LINES

DURANGO, Colo., Jan. 29.—With the exception of a branch line to Farmington, N. M., all railroad lines in southwestern Colorado were blocked today by snowdrifts. Numerous avalanches had also caused suspension of nearly all mining operations and considerable property loss, but there was no known loss of life.

Snow stopped falling early in the day and efforts were turned toward raising the blockade. Residents in cities, towns and isolated mining camps began the task of digging themselves out.

Men on snowshoes from the Columbus mine in La Plata canon reached Valley View camp and telephoned that James Doyle and twenty miners, marooned at their camp on Mount Lewis, still were alive. Their situation was reported precarious and their escape cut off by slides running for ten miles along the canon.

An avalanche covered the Denver & Rio Grande track for half a mile near Bondad. The Rio Grande & Southern from Rico to Telluride was reported tied up by a big slide.

Snow and sleet in Missouri and Mississippi river valleys prostrated lines east and west communication was seriously interrupted. Telegraph companies here were accepting business for Kansas City, Dallas and Chicago subject to delays of thirty minutes to three hours.

YUMA THREATENED BY ANOTHER FLOOD

YUMA, Ariz., Jan. 29.—A further rise of the Colorado river later today caused residents of this city to hasten efforts to remove property from the imperiled districts. The First National bank began moving its effects. Every available team in the city was used in moving goods from stores. The crest of the Gila river flood has not yet reached here.

COLDEST WEATHER OF YEAR PREVAILS OVER NORTHWEST

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 29.—The coldest weather in nearly two weeks prevails in western Washington, with no sign of a change. The temperature is not likely to rise above the freezing point today, and 20 degrees is forecasted for tonight. Yesterday at Rockdale, the west portal of the Milwaukee railroad tunnel, the snow lay 135 inches deep and the total snowfall for the season had been 282 inches. At Hyack, the east portal, the snow was 157 inches deep, and the season's fall had been 337 inches.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 29.—With prospects for continued cold weather Butte today is experiencing the third day of extreme temperatures. The official weather bureau thermometer last night showed a minimum of 25 below zero.

Trains, although greatly delayed, are running on the Great Northern, Milwaukee and Northern Pacific lines, but the Oregon Short Line seems to be hopelessly tied up.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 29.—Low temperatures prevailed in Oregon today, the minimum in Portland being 18 above, while 8 below was recorded at Baker, in the eastern part of the state. Portland was visited by another snow-storm during the night. Railroad traffic both south and east of here is contending with heavy drifts in the mountain passes, but passenger trains so far have not been seriously delayed.

ENTENTE CRUELTY TO TEUTON PRISONERS

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The foreign office last evening made public a note from the German foreign office transmitted through James W. Gerard, the American ambassador to Germany, relating to alleged cruelty on the part of the French and English troops toward German prisoners. The British government gives unqualified denial to the charges.

ENTIRE COAST IN ICY GRASP OF STORM KING

More Rain for California, Gales for Coast and Floods for Interior—Coldest Weather of Year in Northwest With Heavy Snowfall—Loss of Life Estimated at Sixty.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—More rain was predicted today for the Pacific coast, with light winds, following the disastrous storm of the last forty-eight hours. The weather bureau said it was not yet certain that danger was passed for flood-afflicted areas and that unsettled conditions prevailed all along the coast and in the interior of California.

Light falls of snow were recorded here and in the bay district with intermittent sunshine and showers.

Danger at sea appeared to have passed with the moderation of the gale.

Sixty Lives Lost
The general storm that has raged over the Pacific coast since early Thursday has claimed a toll of not less than sixty lives and caused property damage amounting to millions of dollars, according to reports thus far received. It is feared that further loss of life may be reported when lines of communication with at present isolated parts of the state are cleared.

Flood waters and high winds did much damage in various parts of the state. The oil districts in particular have suffered severely, hundreds of derricks being toppled over.

Snow fell generally throughout the northern part of the state and the Sacramento valley. In the lower sections it melted rapidly, but in the foothills and mountains it remains drifted high. Seventeen and a half feet of snow is reported at Summit.

Telegraph and telephone communication throughout the state, which was generally demoralized by the storm, is gradually being restored to normal condition.

Northwest Shivering
The storm struck the northwestern states heavily, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana reporting cold and snow. Montana last night was shivering in what was termed the worst storm in twenty years, with the thermometer ranging from 20 to 54 degrees below zero. Railway traffic was at a standstill on account of drifts and snowslides.

Flood conditions prevailed in Arizona, reports from Yuma being to the effect that the rivers above that point were swelling rapidly and that fears of a repetition of the floods of last week were entertained.

Reports from Phoenix said the Gila river was rising rapidly. Flood waters from the Colorado and Gila are expected to meet at the confluence at Yuma tomorrow morning.

Better Weather Predicted
Riverside, Cal., today faced a shortage of drinking water as a result of the snow melt by the flood waters of the Santa Ana river of 600 feet of the water man carrying to the city's supply.

The storm was reported today to be gradually moving eastward and more favorable conditions for the Pacific coast were predicted.

INVENTION PREVENTS DESTRUCTION BY MINES

COPENHAGEN, via London, Jan. 29.—An apparatus which it is claimed will prevent destruction of ships by torpedoes or mines has been invented by Frantz Poulsen, engineer. Details are withheld, but the feature is said to be a device for diverting the pressure on ship's sides of the air gases formed by the explosion. The invention has been offered to the British admiralty, which has promised to test it at the earliest possible time.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 29.—Eight inches of snow, the heaviest fall recorded in twenty-five years, lies on the ground here today and there was no sign of the storm abating. All logging camps and lumber mills in the Coos Bay district were closed as a result.

WILSON PLEADS FOR DEFENSE OF NATIONAL HONOR

President Says We Want to Defend Equal Honor of Nation Against All Other Nations and to Maintain the Peace of Western Hemisphere—America Stands for Sovereignty.

"It has been difficult to maintain peace but I am the friend of peace. There have been hourly dangers. Often it has been impossible to control the situation because others were involved. As to your responsible servant I must tell you that the dangers are constant. I must go out and tell the people that the new circumstances have arisen which make it necessary that America defend itself."

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 29.—President Wilson opening here today his six-day program of speaking in the middle west on national preparedness, told a throng which packed Memorial hall that the test of national preparedness lay not with congress, but with the men of the country, and their answer to the call to volunteer and their employees who should not oppose free response.

"And, for one," the president said, "I believe both the young men and their employers will do their duty."

"And I am not afraid that America will not do enough. I am only desirous that she should be very coolly considerate of what she does. One cool judgment is worth a thousand hasty counsels."

Reject Experts' Advice
The president declared against the taking of advice of professional sailors and soldiers on some questions.

"It is time that we attempted, at any rate, to apply the standards of our own life to national defense. What do we want to defend? 'Need I answer? We want to defend the equal honor of a nation against all other nations, and we wish to maintain the peace of the western hemisphere. 'Where are our great needs of defense? 'Did you ever stop to reflect just what it is that America stands for? She stands for the sovereignty of the self-governing peoples of the world. Our assistance, our encouragement has thrilled two continents in this western hemisphere. This is what we stand for."

"It seems to me that America is in love with efficiency. Material efficiency of which we hear so much only underlies, however, what I may call spiritual efficiency."

Rendering Efficiency
"I, for my part, have a great enthusiasm for rendering America spiritually efficient. The plans for our military efficiency do not provide for a great army. We want only an army necessary for the use of peace, but back of that army we want a trained body of men. These men should be civilians, men who know that the arts of peace come before the arts of war."

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BILL TO LIMIT USES OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The senate elections committee today recommended passage of bills to make it unlawful for any member of congress to serve on or solicit funds for any political committee, club or organization, to limit the uses of campaign funds in presidential and congressional elections and prohibit the movement of outside funds into "doubtful" localities.