

ORCHARDS PASS THROUGH FREEZE WITHOUT INJURY

Weather Predictions

Tonight, rain; Saturday, rain. Southerly winds; warmer.

Although the thermometer dropped to 26.5 at Medford and in some of the orchards as low as 22, and a heavy white frost coated the earth, little damage resulted from the freeze last night. At 4 o'clock this morning clouds spread over the sky and during the day the sun never shone. There were frequent flurries of snow, followed by showers. The moistened condition of the earth and foliage from Thursday's showers and the gradual thaw saved the fruit crop. Smudging was resorted to in some of the orchards, but was unnecessary. The rising temperature precludes further damage.

Pathologist Reports

An official investigation begun early this morning and continuing till 2 o'clock this afternoon by County Pathologist Cate revealed the reassuring fact that no appreciable harm had been done. The moisture present at the time of the congelation period during the night prevented the loss that, without it, would have been serious.

C. A. Noren, entomologist in the county agriculturalist's office, went into the apricot and peach orchards early this morning and obtained boughs of each containing buds and bloom in all stages. These were subjected to the office test and found to be free from damage. Reports from many of the orchards of the valley had been received up to 2 o'clock this afternoon. None of them report any appreciable damage, so far as careful examinations revealed.

Thaw Is Gradual

Following the latest flurry of snow yesterday evening early, the thermometer began to drop very noticeably. Many anxious orchardists sat up nearly all night, fearing that they might at any time be required to light the fires in their smudge-pots. Some absolutely refused to do that, no matter what the condition of the weather, because of the injury they feared it would do.

It snowed a little later in the night,

PERSHING SILENT OVER CAMPAIGN AGAINST VILLA

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 24.

Reports from Mexican sources that Villa had been defeated by American-Mexican troops at El Oso, near Nahuatlan, were accepted today by General Funston as probably true, although no confirmation by General Pershing had been received. Improvement in the working of the wireless made it appear likely that General Pershing would break his fifth day of silence regarding operations south of Casas Grandes by rendering an account of the engagement at El Oso.

Until now the operations against Villa have been nothing more than a campaign of location. Three cavalry detachments have been working southward along widely separated trails, but the opportunity for direct chase now is offered, it was indicated by staff officers, who have followed the details of the pursuit.

Here it was not believed that the Americans would allow Villa to get out of their sight again and that his capture or death appeared more likely today than at any other time. General Pershing, it was believed, would concentrate as many of his men as possible in the pursuing force, relieving those who have been riding the country south of Casas Grandes.

A request from General Pershing for additional signal corps men for service along his main line of communication was received today at General Funston's headquarters, but no direct report came of General Pershing's operations south of Casas Grandes. Company I of the signal corps has been sent from El Paso for service south of Columbus.

followed by a sprinkle of sleet; but the moisture that had fallen during the day preceding had soaked the fruit buds and bloom so thoroughly that, when the freeze came, it enveloped them in an ice film that protected them and the degree of warmth they held from the body of the trees.

The thaw was gradual, producing the best possible condition in the process of release from the grip of a freeze.

CONSUL LETCHER REPORTS HERRERA LOYAL TO CAUSE

WASHINGTON, March 24.

American Consul Letcher at Chihuahua today reported there was no truth in the reported revolt of General Herrera and the Carranza garrison at Chihuahua.

Consul Letcher's dispatch reported that General Herrera was in command of the de-facto troops there and was "loyal to General Carranza."

His report is regarded as removing one of the most menacing features of the Mexican situation.

Major General Funston sent this telegram to the war department:

"General Herrera in telegram to General Gaviro strongly denies reports that he has gone over to Villa. General Gutierrez, governor of Chihuahua, in a letter to General Gaviro also strongly denies that General Herrera has gone over to Villa."

State department messages from Durango, San Luis Potosi, Nogales and other points reported quiet. Americans were leaving the Durango region, but there was no anti-American outbreak.

PORTLAND FAVORS CHAMBERLAIN BILL

PORTLAND, Ore., March 24.

Resolutions memorializing congress to support the original Chamberlain bill providing for the disposition of the Oregon and California railroad land grant, as against the proposed amended bill were adopted today by the unanimous vote of the Portland city council.

The amended bill provides for a larger part of the proceeds from the sale of the lands to go to the government than provided by the original bill. The resolutions set forth that the increased appropriation for the government would mean that the money would go into the reclamation fund and, in the distribution, much of the money rightfully belonging to Oregon would be appropriated for other states.

IMMIGRATION BILL BEFORE CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, March 24.

The Burnett immigration bill, including terms which Pacific coast congressmen say provide complete exclusion of Asians outside of certain excepted classes, is expected to occupy several days in its passage through the house.

The literacy test comes before congress again with the record of having been repeatedly vetoed by different presidents, and the Asiatic exclusion features face the complete disapproval of the administration, which is much averse to agitating the question at this time. The Asiatic features are said to be more far-reaching than ever proposed before and meets the demands of the Pacific slope for what practically amounts to complete exclusion. There have been indications that the president would veto the bill if it retains those features.

Columbia beach opposite Vancouver to be improved for summer resort.

St. Johns—E. H. Walkins erects 50 by 70 foot concrete creamery building.

Eugene—Contract let for school house to cost \$13,492.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC MOST PROSPEROUS

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.

The Southern Pacific Railroad company is in one of the most prosperous periods of its entire history, according to figures made public today by Julius Kruttschnitt of New York, chairman of the board of directors, who is in San Francisco.

For the first eight months of the present fiscal year the gross operating revenue of the road was \$101,121,384, an increase over the same period last year of \$14,885,449. This showing places the Southern Pacific third among the big railroad systems of the country, according to the Kruttschnitt statement. With four months' earnings yet to be added to the total for the present fiscal year, the company bids fair to exceed last year's gross operating income of \$129,865,675.

German Socialist Party Divides

BERLIN, March 24.—(By wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.)—The long-expected split in the German socialist party as a result of the situation cre-

ated by the submarine warfare controversy in the reichstag occurred today. A new party consisting of eighteen socialist members was constituted by the radical wing after a socialist caucus had decided to exclude Deputy Haase for a breach of discipline.

Says the Girl on the Film

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