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FLOODS IN NORTHWEST ARE RECEDING

ANGRY TORRENTS ARE STILL THREATENING CALIFORNIA CITIES

FLOODS ARE OVER BUSINESS RESUMED AND NO DAMAGE DONE

SACRAMENTO VALLEY TOWNS ARE HOW- EVER NOT YET OUT OF DANGER

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Portland, Or., Jan. 22.—Reports received here today from district affected by the floods in Idaho, Washington and Oregon indicate that the swollen rivers are receding and that railroad traffic is being resumed on lines that have been blocked from two to four days.

At Wallace, Idaho, the Walla Walla branch of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation resumed traffic today, but all other trains have been annulled. Bad washouts are reported near Riparia and LaCrosse, Wash. Northern Pacific trains are running

through to the coast, the washouts at Sprague and Lind, Wash., having been repaired last night. The Great Northern is running over the Northern Pacific railroad's tracks from Spokane to Adrian, and from there over their own lines to the coast. This is necessitated by a bad washout near Wilson Creek, Wash. Trains east of Wallace are in a fair condition.

At Walla Walla the conditions were much improved today and indications point to an opening of all lines by tomorrow.

The first mail for three days has

reached the city this morning from the East. No serious damage was done by the high water here.

The Dalles reports that the weather has turned colder and as a result the Columbia river dropped two feet during the night. The principal danger here now is from ice jams. On the Washington side of the river opposite The Dalles, the ice jam towers 75 feet in the air. At Celilo, seven miles up the river, the ice is mountain high.

The first trains over the Southern Pacific from California in 36 hours arrived at Grants Pass today. The waters of the Rogue river are receding rapidly.

Ashland, Ore., reports that the storm appears to be broken there. The high water has caused heavy damage in the bottom lands along the Rogue river, but the danger is now past.

Floods are still working havoc in the three Pacific coast states, but California is faring much worse than Oregon or Washington.

At Portland the river is still a raging torrent, but has ceased to rise. Navigation by river craft is attended by great difficulty and danger, owing to the tremendous current. Several houseboats and a portion of the public baths went adrift last night, and were wrecked. Heavy drift is running. It is now believed the Madison street bridge will withstand the flood.

Upper tributaries of the Willamette are reported falling, and there is little damage reported from the upper valley.

The great ice gorge which made such a spectacle at Celilo has broken up and gone out. The Columbia river is filled with running ice and driftwood all the way down to Astoria. Vessels cannot be moved, and are tied up waiting better conditions.

At The Dalles the river is now stationary. The ice at this point broke yesterday for the first time since the recent cold weather and flows from the broken Celilo gorge are tearing through the narrow channel formed.

A 12-foot tide in the lower harbor yesterday washed over portions of the railroad below Astoria and flooded large tracts of land. Damage of a similar kind is reported from Mount Stevens.

Another terrific downpour of rain in the Palouse has created fresh havoc with Northern Pacific tracks. Small streams are running bank full and flooding adjacent lands.

Trouble continues in the mountains of Southern Oregon and Northern California, but train schedules are being restored gradually.

The lower portion of Stockton, Cal., is flooded, and it is feared the inundation may extend. Four houses were destroyed at Angels by the waters, and a bridge was washed away.

Reports from Sacramento are that a heavy storm is raging, that Sherman Island is flooded, and that a railroad bridge has been wrecked. At Orlando a southwestern gale is raging.

All railroad schedules in Central California are disarranged or suspended. The storm which raged yesterday extended from the Oregon line to San Diego.

Blockade Is Lifted.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 22.—For the first time in days trains left Seattle late yesterday evening over the Great Northern and Northern Pacific with assurance from railroad officials that they would get through.

Between 1 and 8 o'clock this morning, five Northern Pacific trains, which have been held up by floods east of the mountains arrived at the Union depot. East bound trains on the Northern Pacific were sent away on time last night. That something has happened on the Great Northern line between Skykomish and Spokane seems evident on account of the fact that no information could be given about the Oriental limited due last evening, and for the further fact that passengers who had purchased tickets on the Oriental limited for Wenatchee and other Columbia valley points, were informed that they could not be taken as the train was to go over the Northern Pacific tracks to Spokane.

Trains Reach Tacoma.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 22.—After struggling against landslide and flood for the past three or four days, in a vain attempt to get the trains through, the Northern Pacific announced this morning that all the lines are now open and that belated trains will come through today.

"We expect six passenger trains over the main line from the East today," was the word from the office of General Superintendent Palmer.

Trains on the Grays Harbor line to Olympia, which was blocked by landslides yesterday has been cleared and trains are running on schedule today.

The freeze of last night and the cessation of the rain is expected to put an end to the troubles of the railroads in this section of the state for the present.

Adispatch from Oregon City yesterday says: The Willamette is still rising slowly, though on the lower river tonight the gauge is not so high as in 1907 by seven feet. The upper river above the falls is a wild scene. The bridge, connecting the sawmill of the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company with the main buildings, has gone out. The steamer Porto, of the Jones line, had a narrow escape this afternoon. While towing a barge load of paper under the bridge the current swung the craft around and for a few minutes she was unmanageable, but finally righted and steamed out of danger. The height of the river under the suspension bridge makes it impossible for the steamer N. R. Lang, of the W. P. & P. Company, to pass under.

Aside from a complete shutdown of the mills and factories, no inconvenience has been caused so far by the high water.

TO PUT SHACKLES ON LOAN SHARKS

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Olympia, Wash., Jan. 22.—Senator Cotterill, of King, has a bill designed to put the loan sharks out of business, and before the session is over he will present other measures with this end in view. The bill he has prepared provides that no assignment of salary shall be legal unless it is signed by the employer and the wife of the employee.

Senator Cotterill believes that this will act as a deterrent to loans for the sharks. In the first place no employee cares to have his employer know that he is borrowing money, and in the second place the bill will make it impossible for a husband to

pledge his salary without his wife knowing about it.

The law requiring the signature of the wife and the employer is now in effect in Massachusetts, where it has given excellent satisfaction.

IDAHO TO HAVE LOCAL OPTION LAW

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Boise, Ida., Jan. 22.—A local option bill, which will have the support of the Republican majority in the house, was introduced in the legislature today. The bill provides for county elections, on petition, once in two years. It is expected that a strong opposition to the measure will develop in the senate.

HUBER COMMITS SUICIDE AFTER KILLING HELTZEL

WIFE HEARD HUSBAND CALL AND HE DIED IN HER ARMS

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Hillsboro, Or., Jan. 22.—Munro Huber fired a bullet into his brain shortly after daybreak today at the Thornburg farm, 13 miles from this city, and when Sheriff Hancock's posse arrived a few minutes later, after an all night's chase for the murderer of William Heltzel, they found that death had cheated them out of their quarry.

Heltzel, who was a prominent Washington county farmer, living above Banks, about ten miles north of Forest Grove, was killed last night by Huber. There were no witnesses to the tragedy.

The two were out near the barn on Heltzel's farm. Mrs. Heltzel heard her husband cry, "Oh, Huber, don't shoot me." She rushed from the house and found him lying prone upon the ground. As she gathered him in her arms he murmured "Huber shot me." A few minutes later he died.

When the wife appeared Huber fled. She immediately notified the neighbors, and within half an hour Sheriff Hancock and a posse were in pursuit. All night they tramped about, but found no trace of the murderer. Toward morning they telephoned to the farm residence of Will Thornburg, where Huber had been working for about two weeks, since leaving the employ of Heltzel. It was learned this morning that Huber answered the telephone.

"Have you seen Huber," asked the sheriff.

"Yes," came back over the wire. "Well, we're on his trail, armed to the teeth. We'll be over that way shortly."

A few seconds after this conversation Huber shot himself. Up to that time the Thornburg family had no inkling of his deed of the night before. Coroner E. C. Brown, of Hillsboro, took charge of the body this morning.

BOTH HOUSES ARE WORKING ON FULL TIME

MANY BILLS RAISING COUNTY SALARIES ARE PUT THROUGH

The usual junket of the two states on the Columbia has been rushed through. The senate raised the salary of the state librarian to \$1800, raised the judge of Baker circuit court, the smallest district in Oregon to \$4000 a year, raising a number of county salaries, passed bills for fire escapes on lodging houses and hotels, regulating size of sheets on beds in hotels, and \$1000 for the Linn county fair, were the bills passed.

In the House Campbell reported a bill to enact an eight hour day in

all factories running day and night. The memorial for direct election of senators got one vote against it by Beala. The House adopted a resolution regulating the size of apple boxes, and sat down on the junket to visit the Cascade locks. The ways and means committee was authorized to adopt the budget system and given another clerk. Brattain of Lake was called to the chair and a lot of new bills introduced.

Both houses adjourned to 2 p. m. this afternoon and will adjourn over to Monday.

WASHINGTON HAS SOME FREAK BILLS

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Olympia, Wash., Jan. 22.—Two weeks in session and nothing done, is the record of the state legislature to date. Senator Cotterill of King this forenoon introduced a bill in the senate calling for the restoration of the Seattle harbor front. This will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000. A fight was on immediately, and the success of the bill is doubtful.

Senator Palmer, of King, this morning introduced a local option bill which excepts incorporated cities, villages and rural settlements will, by this bill, have the privilege of ousting saloons, if a 40 per cent vote is secured.

The house this morning passed a

bill for the appointment of a new superior judge in Pierce county. Little opposition was experienced with this measure.

Representative Dr. Ghent, of King, has under preparation a bill limiting boxing bouts. Nothing definite concerning the bill can be ascertained. A bill will this afternoon be introduced calling for the placing of cuspidors in hotels and restaurants and any other public place where it is deemed necessary.

Representative Morris, of Thurston, will today introduce a bill creating the position of county recorder. The object is to split the work of county auditors, who are generally overworked.

There is as much virtue in swearing off now as on the first day of the month.

ALTERATION SALE

REMEMBER COST CUTS NO FIGURE

DURING THIS SALE THERE IS NO USE TRYING TO BEAT OUR PRICES. THE SHELVES HAVE TO BE CLEARED TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE BRICKLAYERS, MASONS AND PLASTERERS. THIS IS A PROPOSITION OF HAVING TO DO IT, SO IF YOU WANT PRICES NOW IS YOUR TIME.

The Following Goods Must Be Sold Out Regardless of Cost

DRESS GOODS, SILKS, BLANKETS, COMFORTS, WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S SHOES, LADIES' COATS AND SUITS, MILLINERY AND FEATHERS, MUSLIN UNDERWEAR, BLACK AND COLORED SILK AND SATEEN PETTICOATS, GINGHAMS, CALICOES AND MUSLINS, WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR, UMBRELLAS, COTTON BATTS, LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S HOSIERY, BELTS AND GLOVES, MEN'S FURNISHINGS AND CLOTHING, CORSETS, EMBROIDERIES, LACES AND RIBBON. NO RESERVE—EVERY ARTICLE IN THE STORE HAS TO GET A MOVE ON—OUT THEY GO.

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