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DEATH ROLL OF 75 DUE TO FLOODS

Every Fresh Report Brings News of More Who Are Victims of Disaster.

MANY RESCUE AIDS ARE AMONG MISSING

Over 150 Freezing and Nearly Starved Sufferers Taken From Trees.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Bryan, Texas, Dec. 6.—Seventy-five drownings in the Texas floods were accounted for definitely today. Every fresh report increased the death roll.

The latest fatalities included ten victims at Hearne, six at Highbank and eight here. Of the dead, half or more were negroes.

Anxiety was felt, too, for a number of residents, who, having volunteered for rescue work, were missing today. It was feared their boats had been overturned by the rushing current and their occupants drowned.

Taken From Tree tops. In this vicinity several motor boats were searching in the treetops for refugees. More than 150 half freezing and nearly starved sufferers were saved thus.

Farmers, in many instances, sent their families to places of safety, but preferred to remain on their premises themselves in the hope of saving some of their property.

The Brazos river was ten miles wide today for a distance of 100 miles and was sweeping toward the gulf with irresistible force. The water was beginning to recede, but it was still 18 feet deep in the business districts of several towns.

Wherever it was possible to resume railroad traffic, provisions and clothing were being shipped in to the sufferers. Many people lost everything they owned, and it will be some time before they will be self-supporting again.

Wires were prostrated throughout the entire flooded district.

Railroad Official Missing. The search was still progressing, thus far vainly, for the body of Vice-President Harry Martin, of the International & Great Northern railroad, who, while rescuing marooned flood victims at Valley Junction, was drowned by the upsetting of his boat.

In the section swept by the high water were state farms on which 2500 convicts were employed. They were transferred to higher ground near Houston.

Grave fears were expressed of an epidemic as a result of the destruction of sanitary improvements in the stricken towns. Everywhere the water had fallen sufficiently the work of cleaning up and repairing damages was in progress, but so complete and extensive was the destruction that it was going forward slowly.

MRS. PANKHURST GROWS WEAKER AND SPEEDY RELEASE EXPECTED

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] London, Dec. 6.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, who collapsed in Exeter jail yesterday, following a 30-hour hunger and thirst strike, was weaker today. Much alarm was felt concerning her. Her speedy release from prison was expected.

Militant suffragettes today set fire to the scenic railway on the Liverpool exhibition grounds and burned Rosholme exhibition hall at Manchester, the latter with \$60,000 loss. A woman left a letter at Premier Asquith's house some time last night notifying him that the fire was the suffragettes' answer to Mrs. Pankhurst's arrest.

Stick to Valley Lands With Cash

Fairy Tales About Big Shipping Harbors Should Not Lure Money Away From This Region.

Giebisch & Joplin, of Portland, will build the north jetty at the entrance to Tillamook bay for \$629,624 under a contract with the government. Major Morrow, corps of engineers, U. S. A., was informed from Washington yesterday that General Kingman, chief of engineers, had approved the bid, which was the lowest submitted and authorized the execution of a contract.

A short time will be required in which to assemble equipment, and the jetty project will be pushed without delay. The general improvement decided on for Tillamook bay includes dredging a channel to Bay City. Taxpayers of the district are to share with the government in the total cost, which is estimated at \$814,000.

Railroad Situation Bad. Those who have invested in Bay City property hope to get some of their money back when the channel is dredged. However, Bay City sadly lacks railroads, the commerce from the immediate vicinity is light, and the fact that fair-sized boats can enter after the work is completed will not help, unless there is business there to handle.

With a nasty range of mountains to be crossed the situation is not encouraging. The Puget Sound region is thronged with good harbors, but the principal business goes to Tacoma and Seattle, because they have the railroad facilities to carry commerce from all sections of the United States. Everett and Bellingham have a small amount of traffic, consisting largely of lumber business. There are dozens of little ports which can accommodate deep sea vessels that lack railroad facilities.

Big Ports Got Business. Discussing the situation a few days ago, the Everett Herald warned its readers against becoming possessed with the belief that the Panama canal would bring an immense business to that city. The Herald knows from experience that the railroads find it to their interest to ship from the big ports, although Everett has a deep water harbor and several docks, one costing \$500,000.

With a water level railroad service to the east, a good passage for ocean vessels from the Pacific ocean up the Willamette river, Portland bears the same relation to the little Oregon ports that Seattle and Tacoma do to the other Puget Sound ports.

Oregon people must not expect much of the little harbors on the coast. When an oily-tongued promoter comes around with fairy tales, it is just as well to forget what he says and invest in Willamette valley lands.

5 MILE CROSS COUNTRY RUN ADDED TO LIST OF SPORT EVENTS

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Portland, Or., Dec. 6.—A five-mile cross-country run and an intercollegiate tennis tournament have been added to the list of sport events of the Pacific Northwest College Conference. The managers who are in session here today, voted unanimously in favor of these two sport events at this morning's session.

The cross-country run will be held under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural College in Corvallis next fall. The exact date has not been set yet.

The tennis tournament will be held at Eugene, Or., on May 22 and 23. The events will be men's singles and doubles.

The 1914 track and field meet was awarded the Washington State College, and Athletic Director Bender announced that the meet would be held on May 23. The managers voted not to allow the 16-pound hammer-throw in the list of events.

The wrestling tournament will be held under the auspices of the Multnomah club during the last part of March. The baseball and basket ball schedules were divided into two sections, the east and the west. The baseball teams will play four games each and the winner of each section will play for the championship west of the mountains.

The basket ball teams will play six games between each college and the championship will be played east of the mountains.

DENVER STRUGGLES IN HUGE SNOW DRIFTS AND SITUATION IS SERIOUS

Business Men Find It Impossible to Get to Their Offices and Stores.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Denver, Colo., Dec. 6.—Denver was struggling today to throw off a smothering blanket of snow, such as never before in its history.

The snow has ceased, but the city was still nearly paralyzed. Dating from last Monday 45.7 inches of snow had fallen on the level.

The situation was serious today. The drifts were 10, 12 and in some places 15 feet deep.

Business Suspended. Business was practically suspended. Business men and their employees could not get to their stores. Those who could get to business could not get back home.

Hotels and lodging houses were filled. Theatres and school houses were used as sleeping places. The fuel problem was serious. Owing to the strike in the Colorado coal fields, few families had on hand enough coal to last more than a few days, many were already suffering from cold, and it seemed certain that in another day or two with the temperature falling, as it was doing today, thousands would be actually in danger of freezing to death in their homes.

During the forenoon, by frantic exertions, shoveling crews succeeded in opening a mile of street car track and the first car was moved in 36 hours. The company's officials admitted, however, that they could not get the rest of their system in operation again before next week.

Fire Danger Great. The fire danger was great. In trying to respond to several alarms while the storm was in progress, the fire department found it impossible to move its apparatus, and the firemen had to make the run on foot, wading through immense drifts and carrying their ladders.

No pretense of railroad service was made, except on one line to the eastward, and on that only two trains had arrived since Wednesday.

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Crew Escapes But Vessel is Lost

Four-Masted Schooner Aloha Water-Logged and Her Captain Decided to Beach Her on Island.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Seattle, Wash., Dec. 6.—The four-masted schooner ashore on Destruction Island, off the Washington coast, has been identified as the Aloha from the Fiji Islands for Puget Sound. All hands were saved.

In answer to a rocket sent up by the crew, who were camped on Destruction Island, the steamer Admiral Farragut, of the Alaska Pacific company, which arrived here this morning, stood by last night, while a boat came off to send a wireless message for a tug.

The officer in charge of the boat, according to officers of the Admiral Farragut, said the Aloha had sprung a leak during a hurricane at sea and had become waterlogged. When they neared the entrance to Grays Harbor, there was no tug in sight, and with a falling barometer, the captain decided to beach her in a protected spot behind Destruction Island, rather than risk going on the rocks as she was unmanageable in the heavy seas. Since then high winds have prevailed and the Farragut was the first steamer sighted.

Up to the time the Farragut left the scene, no damage had been done to the Aloha.

Queer Ones in News

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Portland, Or., Dec. 6.—Charles Vallee was awfully blue through losing a couple of hundred in a business deal and jumped into the Willamette river. The water was cold and Vallee swam out. He now faces trial for disorderly conduct.

Portland, Or., Dec. 6.—Max Williams, a teamster who horsewhipped Police Sergeant Roberts when the latter seized his steed's bridle, was acquitted in police court because the officer had not made his identity known.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 6.—A marriage license was issued here to Oliver Meek and Helen Battle.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 6.—Eight chickens roosted last night on the top of an enormous outdoor tangle oven beneath which fire was started at midnight. They were not the kind that lay, the loss therefore being minimized.

JOKERS EMASCULATING POPULAR GOVERNMENT REFORMS SAYS BRYAN

Secretary of State Insists It Should Be Easier to Amend Constitution.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Dec. 6.—Progressive members of all parties met here today to organize a national popular government league.

Secretary of State Bryan presided over the gathering. He declared the conference stood firmly for an amendment making it easier to amend the federal constitution. Jokers, Bryan declared, were emasculating popular government reforms.

The initiative, referendum and recall and school civic centers also were discussed.

Other speakers today were Senators Owen, of Oklahoma; Clapp, of Minnesota; Poindexter, of Washington, and Lane, of Oregon, and Frank Walsh, of Kansas City, and Herbert Quick.

Former Governor Folk, of Missouri, now connected with the state department, was scheduled to speak at tonight's session.

Suffragist Interrupts. In the course of his address, Bryan declared for a more flexible constitutional amendment system and for human justice.

Once Miss Helen Todd, of San Francisco, leader of the suffrage movement, interrupted the speaker.

"How about justice for women?" she demanded. "You have talked justice, but you have made no mention of women at all."

Secretary Bryan, unabashed, advanced until he faced Miss Todd. "Madam," he answered, "in all you have done I have doubt that you have followed your own judgment and conscience, as I have done myself."

Miss Todd sat quietly thereafter, but other suffragists renewed the questioning, until Senator Owen finally called another speaker.

Conservation Declared. In his address Secretary Bryan declared for an "ideally perfect" plan of amending the constitution. He declared conservation, but admitted it was necessary as a check on ultra radicalism.

Senator Owen attacked the senate's

Anna Held Sells Red Cross Stamps

Frothy Actress Aids Worthy Cause This Afternoon and Visits the State Penitentiary.

Daintier than ever, Anna Held, the famous actress, arrived from the south today and graciously consented to sell Red Cross stamps at Ladd & Bush's bank this afternoon, beginning at 3:30 o'clock. Miss Held was much interested in the state penitentiary here on account of having heard so much about the honor system, and this afternoon she visited the institution, accompanied by Edward Wray and A. B. and F. A. Bublert.

Miss Held was much pleased with Salem and declared it to be one of the prettiest little cities she has ever visited. Its well-kept homes and attractive streets and parks and lighting system were praised generously by the petite Parisienne.

This is Miss Held's first visit to Salem and her coming marks an epoch in local theatre circles, for she is unquestionably the greatest actress that has ever played here.

Red Cross Stamp Sales. Her interest in the sale of Red Cross stamps gave the charitable work a distinct boost. This was the greatest day so far in the sale of the stamps.

Those selling the stamps yesterday were: At the U. S. Bank in the morning, Mrs. Walter Spaulding, and in the afternoon, Mrs. E. T. Barnes and Mrs. C. H. Robertson. At the Ladd & Bush Bank, Mrs. C. P. Bishop and Mrs. Frank Lovell sold in the morning and in the afternoon, Mrs. William McGilchrist, Jr., and Mrs. Oswald West. At Shipley's, Mrs. Curtis Cross held forth in the afternoon and at Meyers', Miss Dorothy Pearce and Mrs. Geo. G. Brown. At the Barnes store were little Miss Marguerite Flower, the blind singer, and Mrs. Joe Baumgartner. At the cafeteria two university girls had charge of the sales. The record for the day was made at the state house where the work was under the management of Miss Helen West and Miss Bertha Eckert.

dilatatory methods, saying the delay in the passage of currency legislation was a partial example of the need of a more popular government.

GREEN INSISTS HE IS THE ONE WHO KILLED BANK CASHIER

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] El Centro, Cal., Dec. 6.—"I was to blame for the shooting of the cashier; Paul didn't have a thing to do with it," Tom Green, confessed bank robber, made this declaration to Sheriff Wilson, of Riverside county today, just as he stepped aboard a Southern Pacific train here to be taken to Riverside, where he and his companion in the robbery of the Verde Valley bank, at Blythe, will be jailed.

Green and Case robbed the Blythe institution of \$5000 Tuesday. They were captured at El Centro early yesterday, after a thrilling race across the desert, with four determined possees at their heels.

To Wilson and Sheriff Meadows, of Imperial county, they confessed the robbery. Green then accepted responsibility for the shooting of Cashier A. W. Bowles, who courageously tried to save the bank's money, by leaping on Case's back, as the pair fled from the bank.

The men were actors with the "101 Ranch" motion picture concern at Los Angeles before going to Blythe to rob the bank. They had frequently participated in robbery scenes for the picture camera.

OLCOTT DECLINES TO HONOR PAYROLL OF GAME DEPARTMENT

Completely ignoring an opinion rendered by Attorney-General Crawford yesterday, Secretary of State Olcott announced today that he would issue no warrants for the November pay roll of the game department until the Fish and Game Commission is put on a basis so that its legal status cannot be questioned, and employees of the department will either have to abide their time or compel the issuance of warrants by mandamus proceedings.

The pay roll aggregating about \$4000, and is in favor of State Game Warden Finley. The attorney-general held that though four members of the commission have resigned they continue to remain in office, and so does the state game warden, until successors to the resigned commissioners are appointed. Should the commission be out of existence, it is questionable whether the game warden's bond is in effect, and, though the attorney-general has rendered that it is, the secretary of state is dubious about the question, and has concluded to issue no warrants.

Salem's Waterfront Business is an Important Feature of City

Salem is beginning to take a front seat in the line of business on the water front on the Willamette, outside of Portland and Oregon City. The water front at this point is gradually becoming a feature in the general business circles of this city, and, providing it continues to enlarge as it has within the past year, by the time another year goes by, it will behoove Salem to begin purchasing some additional land for frontage on Water street.

Many new enterprises have sprung up on Water street between the Willamette bridge and South Mill creek, and it is said that there are several other propositions being figured upon by those desiring to get in on the ground floor with water front business.

Leads Good Effect. With steamers, launches, dredges, snag boats and enormous scows plying in the back water of the Willamette along the Marion county shore, the factories and mills located on Water street lending a business aspect to the vicinity and the regular business being transacted by the warehouses and the Oregon City Transportation company, not only visitors and strangers, but local people are attracted to the water front for the purpose of investigation into the cause of so much stir.

At present there are ten established businesses along the very edge of the Willamette here, and, according to the manager of each establishment, they are all doing a fine business in one way or another. The plants turn out lumber, iron, gas, sand and gravel, boats and many other things too numerous to mention, but which go to make up quite a large payroll. A small army of laborers file up from the water front every evening, and the working force of the ten factories represent not only a large income, but several hundred thousand dollars worth of property in this city.

Willamette Yields Money. While the old Willamette river at this point has not been utilized to any extent up to within the past year, there has been wealth lying in its bed ever since Salem became a town. Gravel and sand are being removed from the river by tons and tons. This material is being shipped either in the raw state or prepared to almost every other point in the valley and the business has not only proven profitable to its owners, but has furnished a great amount of labor to the workmen of the city.

One young man owning a little launch in this city cleared up over \$350 in four months recently by simply establishing drift wood, sawing it up and selling it to consumers. Another lad is conducting a wood yard all his own at the foot of State street, and he declares that he is making good wages at his late enterprise.

Front Street Active. Within a block of the water front business is still more lively. This is on

Front street. There are three car and railroad lines on Front street, and this thoroughfare is the principal shipping district for almost every business in the city. The Oregon Electric, Southern Pacific, Portland, Eugene & Eastern and the Salem, Falls City & Eastern railroads all make Front street their main point for freight business, and the street from Trade to Union is covered with sidings, switches and turnouts belonging to the various transportation companies.

As soon as the Oregon Electric company will have completed its railroad bridge on North Front street, and is given permission to extend its line north, it will have two freight terminals in the city. One will be located on the main line across South Mill creek while the other will be located along the main line in Highland addition in North Salem. By establishing this new system, passenger traffic through the city will not be hampered by reason of idle freight equipment on the main line and all freight will be confined to Front street.

Nice Location. Taking it all in all, Salem can boast of having an ideal business district and civic center. The freighting district is located far away from the civic center, and the noise and bustle is confined to its proper place, the water front, and points near thereto, while the civic center is surrounded by quietness and cleanliness, as it should be.

The Weather

The Dickey Bird says: Oregon: Fair east, rain west portion tonight and Sunday; warmer southwest portion tonight; southeasterly winds.

