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SUMMARY OF DAY'S NEWS

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday:

Virginia—Fair, warmer Tuesday; Wednesday fair; light west to northeast winds.

North Carolina—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; light north to northeast winds.

Chill but pleasant was the atmosphere yesterday, the day resembling one in the early part of October. To-day fair weather is again expected, and it will probably be somewhat warmer.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

9 A. M.	65
12 M.	70
3 P. M.	73
6 P. M.	68
9 P. M.	64
12 midnight	63
Average	67 1-6

Highest temperature yesterday	73
Lowest temperature yesterday	62
Mean temperature yesterday	64
Normal temperature for June	75
Departure from normal temperature	11
Precipitation during past 24 hours	00

MINIATURE ALMANAC. June 16, 1903.

Sun rises	4:49	HIGH TIDE.	
Sun sets	7:31	Morning	9:50
Moon rises	11:38	Evening	9:27

RICHMOND.

Outlook in the street-car situation is gloomy—Conductor Maurice Cosby loses his life under a train—Reply of Dr. Hawthorne to Father Pardow—Death of Miss Hotchkiss—Closing exercises of the High School last night; splendid music; address by Prof. Thornton—Great importation from Italy—Richmond College commencement begins—Great reception to the Bijou Musical Comedy Company—Council concurs in the resolution to appoint a committee to inquire into municipal corruption—Big meeting of the Sons and Daughters of Zion—Long list of excursions scheduled—Knights of Honor close their meeting, and adjourn to meet next year in Atlanta—Dr. Priddy resigns from the Marion Institute—Democratic Committee called to meet—Members of the Legislature decide not to run again—Great reunion at the V. M. I.—Meeting of Sunday schools—Governor names Mr. Delaney to settle a dispute—Portrait of Pitt taken to Westmoreland—Great race yesterday won by "Fern"—Beach Park being greatly beautified—Rev. Dr. Kerr installed in Baltimore—Lieutenant Skipwith chosen captain of Company C, and Sergeant Loving first lieutenant—Water Committee determined to eradicate electrolysis, if possible—Consolidation of the United Moderns—Council circles agitated by telephone matters—The cast of Hudspeth—Charters granted by the Corporation Commission. MANCHESTER—Close of public schools; those who graduated—Finals of Catholic schools—Council to meet to-night—Street improvement—Councilman Sampson a captain—Preparations for St. John's night—A marriage—Court-room being enlarged—Moonlight excursion.

VIRGINIA.

Young white man wakes in time to stop his mule team in the path of train on the Chesapeake and Ohio road; man and mules killed—A Roanoke county farmer attacked by boar in pen and badly injured—The Democratic Committee of Shenandoah endorse a candidate for the Senate—J. M. Wolford, at Newport News, who was sent to jail for felonious assault, discharged on a rehearing—Young white men in Fairfax held for grand jury on charge of stealing horses—Young white men fight at a church celebration in James City county and one is badly stabbed in the shoulder blade—A small boy in Norfolk charged with murder—Discharges in bankruptcy in Norfolk opposed by creditors—Judge White disposes of heavy docket at Amherst and continues cases against S. A. Day—Dr. Scott a candidate in Amherst and Judge Campbell petitioned to run—The wheat harvest commences along the Rappahannock—William A. Little of Fredericksburg, secures a good position in Rochester, N. Y.—Proceedings in Supreme Court at Wytheville—Mayor of Petersburg calls mass-meeting of citizens, who pass resolutions in regard to Kishineff massacre—Good roads organization formed in Fauquier—Captain Spencer investigates whitecap rioters in Charlotte county—Ministers call Judge Portlock's attention to the wide open condition of Ocean View on Sunday—Second crop of strawberries at Norfolk finest of the season—Commencement exercises at the University of Virginia; Dr. Barringer resigns as chairman and his successor appointed; award of scholarships—Washington and Lee's 121st commencement; regatta between Harry Lees and Albert Sidneys on the James—Virginia Polytechnic Institute's final exercises; military and academic.

NORTH CAROLINA.

James Wilcox fired a revolver in his cell, which he claims to have had on his person ever since his arrest; acts in an ugly manner when taken from jail on his way to the penitentiary—Pearch Jones' slayers make application for a continuance of their cases—Interstate Commerce Commission given fifteen days by Judge Purnell to file briefs and railroads fifteen days to answer—Big railroad executive conference at Greensboro Sunday—A negro thrown from the cow-catcher of an engine and fatally hurt—Freight trains smash together and block traffic on the Southern—Five thousand gallons of paint ordered by a cotton mill company—The operator at Pelham lived in dread of the kind of catastrophe for which he was responsible—New cotton company chartered at Raleigh.

GENERAL.

Five hundred lives lost in flood which destroyed the town of Heppner, Ore., on Sunday—Incendiaries burn the hotel of Ewen, the chief witness for the prosecution in the trial for the murder of J. B. Marcum, in Breathitt county, Ky.; grand jury charged by Judge Redwine; charges the jury to indict those guilty, and says that nowhere is life and property in such danger as in Breathitt county—Stock market was reactionary and active stocks lost from one to three points, and the close was at the lowest—Badger Girl won the Petite Stakes on the Harlem track at Chicago—Peter Karageorgevitch is unanimously elected king by the Servian Parliament, and the announcement of the election is received by the people with salvos of cheers; the new King wires his acceptance of the throne and will start for Belgrade on Thursday—American fleet will be entertained at Kiel—Dowager Empress of China receives Fighting Bob Evans—Lynchburg boy among the graduates of the College of Physicians at Boston—Judge Thomas Jones, of the Federal Court, delivers a charge to the special grand jury which is investigating the charges of peonage—Mud horses in demand at Gravesend, and Africander was the only winner which the talent succeeded in picking—Miners meet in convention and determine to abide by the selection of the Executive Committee in the matter of the members of the conciliation board—New Orleans bride takes laudanum and ends her life within an hour after her marriage—Flood stage in the Mississippi River has reached Memphis—Temporary barracks will be built at the Norfolk navy-yard to relieve the congestion on receiving ship.

BURNED HOTEL OF WITNESS

Breathitt County in a Deplorable State.

SPENT NIGHT OP SLEEPLESSNESS

Citizens Afraid to Retire Lest Torch Be Applied to Homes.

THE GRAND JURY IS INVESTIGATING

Judge Redwine Charged Them, if Possible, to Indict the Men Who Were Guilty of Setting Fire to Ewen's Home—The Murder Trial is Continued.

(By Associated Press.)

JACKSON, KY., June 15.—Interest in the trial of Curtis Jett and Thomas White for the murder of Marcum was secondary to-day to the preliminary hearing of the teamsters of Hargis Brothers, arrested by the soldiers on the charge of burning yesterday morning of the hotel of B. L. Ewen, the principal witness of the Commonwealth against Jett and White. Although this place has become accustomed to assassinations and incendiary fires during the feud of the past three years, it never had such a night of terror as that of last night. Many spent a sleepless night, not as members of any vigilance committee patrolling the streets, but within their own doors, as they were expecting the torch to be applied to their houses next.

Joe Crawford and Ed. Thorpe were brought before Judge Redwine this morning and testimony was heard on the writ of habeas corpus issued out for their release by the Hargis people yesterday. Gray Haddicks and Jerry Ludsford identified Crawford as one of the men seen coming from the Ewen Hotel just before the fire was discovered, and A. H. Short said he saw Crawford and Thorpe crossing the bridge, going in the direction of the Ewen Hotel, an hour before the fire. The prisoners told conflicting stories of their whereabouts.

Judge Hargis and the attorney he employed to defend Jett and White represented the prisoners. Judge Redwine decided to hold them to the grand jury, which was reconvened this morning.

MURDER TRIAL CALLED.

After the habeas corpus proceedings were disposed of the trials of Jett and White for the assassination of Marcum were called. There was much excitement about the courthouse, and those entering the court-room were not only searched, but closely watched. Attorney Golden made the opening statement for the defense in the assassination case this morning. He outlined an alibi, which the defense will depend on to save White and Jett, as already forecasted.

According to Mr. Golden's statement, the defense will endeavor to place Jett near the postoffice when the fatal shots were fired, and will urge that White alone entered the side door of the courthouse prior to the shooting. Golden said they would prove that Jett came out of the side door after he went to see Marcum's prostrate form in the doorway, and that he was there only to learn what had happened. Golden charged that Ewen lied when he testified that he saw Jett fire the shot. Curtis Jett was then called to the stand in his own defense. He was calm, but answered questions by his attorneys with considerable hesitation.

CHARGED GRAND JURY.

The jury was excused for a few minutes and the grand jury filed into the court room, when Judge Redwine charged them to investigate the burning of Ewen's Hotel. Judge Redwine was very forceful in his charge, saying that arson was next to assassination, and that he wanted the grand jury to resort to every fair means to indict the men who were guilty of setting fire to the home of Ewen. He said it was doubtful if life and property were ever so insecure in a civilized county as it is in Breathitt county to-day. Judge Redwine intimated that a special term of court would be held to try incendiary cases if indictments were found. Meantime the overworked troops were sent out with summons to bring in witnesses for the grand jury.

HAND BADLY SWOLLEN.

The murder case was then resumed. Jett was asked what he had said to Mrs. Johnson on meeting her after Marcum was killed. He replied: "I said that she could not lay this on me; that every time a man was killed they said I did it."

Mrs. Johnson testified that Jett said: "Hargis' money killed him; I fired the shots."

He said at the time of the shooting his right hand was so badly swollen that he could not have pulled a trigger. He said he had a finger amputated two weeks before. When court adjourned for dinner Jett was still on the stand.

RAISE A FUND TO REMUNERATE EWEN

LEXINGTON, KY., June 15.—A subscription list for the benefit of Captain B. L. Ewen, whose hotel at Jackson was burned by incendiaries yesterday, has been started by local newspapers, and has met with a liberal response already. A call has been made on the people of Kentucky to make good the loss which it is said Ewen suffered in payment for his attempt to assist in aiding the law in feud-ridden Breathitt county.

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE ENDORSES TAVENNOR

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WOODSTOCK, VA., June 15.—The Democratic Executive Committee of Shenandoah county met here to-day, and after a heated session endorsed the candidacy of Hon. F. S. Tavennor, of Woodstock, who has announced himself as a Democratic nominee for the State Senate from the Tenth District.

STREET-CAR SITUATION HERE GROWS MORE AND MORE GLOOMY

ALL HOPE THE CLOUD WILL SOON PASS OVER.

No Solution Has So Far Been Reached

LAST PROPOSAL HAS BEEN DECLINED

Little Chance of Further Propositions from the Men.

THE UNION WILL MEET AT MIDNIGHT

What it Decides to Do Will Be Known To-Morrow—Committee Not Authorized to Declare a Strike—If One Comes it Will Be by a Majority Vote of Members of the Union.

A strike of the street railway employees of this city, Manchester, Petersburg, suburban and inter-urban lines, involving in all about 670 persons, now seems almost inevitable on Wednesday.

There is now no other choice on the part of Division 152, but to strike or recede from its position asking for a general agreement with the company or arbitration with respect thereto, and the full meeting of the divsion and branch division to be held to-night will decide which alternative the men will choose. For several weeks now the proposal of the employes that a general agreement involving an increase in wages of three and a half cents an hour for all motormen and conductors on the various lines, has been before the company, together with a proposition to submit the matter to arbitration.

Manager Huff's Answer.

The Times-Dispatch printed Sunday morning the communication from the employes to the officials of the Virginia Passenger and Power Co., making a final appeal for some action looking to a settlement in some satisfactory manner of the differences between the two. The full text of the original proposal has been printed several times. The answer of the company, through General Manager S. W. Huff, firmly refusing to accede to the reiterated request. Here is the letter:

"June 15, 1903.

"Messrs. W. J. Griggs and others, Committee:

"Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of yours of June 13th, proposing that another meeting be held with a view to making the proposed agreement for one year, or else that the entire matter be submitted to arbitration.

"This seems but a repetition of propositions that have already been declined, and as full conference has already taken place between us, and as the company is unwilling to rearbitrate, for reasons already given, I must again decline both propositions.

"Very truly yours,

"S. W. HUFF,

"General Manager."

Meet at Midnight.

It can be stated with certainty that no further action will be taken by the Division No. 152 on the matter until after the general meeting to be held to-night after midnight at Sanger Hall. It is expected that every man in the division will be there who is not on duty, and representatives from the branch division at Petersburg will come over also. In the event that a strike is ordered, it will hardly be made effective before noon on Wednesday. The only contingency that can prevent a strike now, it would seem, is that a majority of the men may not favor a strike.

It was stated last night by Mr. Rezin Orr, of Detroit, the national organizer of the Street Railway Employes of America, that the impression that a strike could be declared by the committee which has been endeavoring to secure a settlement of the differences was wholly erroneous. As a matter of fact, it will require a majority vote of the members present at a general meeting to take such an important step, so vitally affecting each man.

Still Has Hopes.

Mr. Orr, a member of the special committee, stated yesterday that he still had hopes of an amicable agreement, but when asked to specify upon what he based his hopes, did not state, any further than to say that he always hoped for such a solution until the last spark of hope had been extinguished. He admitted that the prospect now seemed very small. The meeting to be held to-night would take such action as it deemed proper, but the organizer did not undertake to prophesy what that would be.

General Manager Huff, of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, when asked as to the situation, stated that there was nothing further to say that had not been already several times firmly said. Further than this, he asked to be excused from talking of the matter.

Mr. Rezin Orr, President W. J. Griggs, of Division No. 152; Mr. R. H. Mullen, of the Central Trades and Labor Council, and several men of the car employes' committee went over to Petersburg last night to a meeting of the branch division there. The meeting would only transact the business of the regular meeting, it was stated last night by one of the party. There may be an address summarizing the situation in the recent negotiations.

Anticipates a Strike.

There is little doubt that the company anticipates a strike, for other evidences of such a prospect are perceptible besides their refusal to discuss further the propositions out of which the crisis grows. More substantial evidences are apparent in the fact that cots have been secured and placed at its car barns by the company, presumably for the use of strike-breakers in the event of a tie-up.

It is understood that the company, in the event of a strike, will make efforts to secure men of experience from car lines in other cities, but with what success remains to be seen. In many of the smaller towns where no organization exists the wage scale is not equal to that here. Just what efforts the company has made to secure men when needed have not been divulged.

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WILCOX HAD A REVOLVER

The Murderer of Nellie Cropsey in an Ugly Mood.

FIRED 3 SHOTS IN HIS CELL

He Declares He Could Have Escaped a Dozen Times Had He Desired. Tears His Clothes and Acts in Demoniacal Way to Officers.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., June 15.—James Wilcox was carried to the penitentiary to-night by the Sheriff of Perquimans county, where the last trial was held. Wilcox tore his clothes into threads and placed himself on the floor of his cell on his back, saying that if they would treat him like a hog he would act like a hog. He begged the Sheriff not to handcuff him, but this was refused. He promised to dress himself decently and go along quietly if allowed to do so.

DREW A REVOLVER.

To the astonishment of the old jailer this morning, Wilcox deliberately drew a revolver from his pocket and fired three balls into the wall of his cell. He then sold the pistol to the frightened man for $1 with the other two balls in it. He said he had had the weapon ever since he was imprisoned and could have escaped a dozen times if he had desired.

At the depot an effort was made by a newspaper man to catch his photograph, and this was accomplished, but Wilcox swore terribly.

GRAY HAIRS SAVED HIM.

He told the Sheriff that his gray hairs saved him from insult. The prisoner's clothes, when he was put on the train, were tattered and ragged and his shoe soles were knocked half off. He laughed loudly and appeared indifferent to every one.

It is stated that the young man swears he will not work at the prison and intends to make himself a martyr. His term of imprisonment expires in 1933.

CURSED OFFICERS.

When the officers appeared he had to be carried from the jail by force. He cursed and swore at them, refused to wear a neat suit of clothes provided by his father, and insisted on wearing old torn pants and worn shoes. He said to Sheriff Reid:

"I shall not stay at the penitentiary. I shall be back here soon. A few embers here, some houses there, and a match will make a blaze. People will know when I get back."

TROOP OF UNITED STATES CAVALRY AT HORSE SHOW

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., June 15.—Congressman Carter Glass has received a communication from the Adjutant-General of the United States army stating that his request that a troop of cavalry be sent here to attend the Lynchburg Horse Show in October would be granted.

This will prove a big attraction for the entertainment.

FARMER BADLY HURT BY A BOAR IN A PEN

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROANOKE, VA., June 15.—J. N. Conner, a farmer of Roanoke county, residing near the city, was terribly bitten by a boar hog yesterday. He got into the pen to clean it, when the hog jumped at him and knocked him down. His right leg was cut from the inside of the thigh to the knee cap, which was lifted, and he was badly bruised.

MACFARLANE KILLED IN COURT BUILDING

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, June 15.—Charles F. McFarlane, of the Anti-Policy Society, was shot and killed to-day on the general sessions floor of the Criminal Courts building by William Spencer, a negro, who was to have been placed on trial today on the charge of violating the anti-policy law. A detective who witnessed the shooting knocked the revolver from Spencer's hand and placed him under arrest.

Spencer was indicted immediately for murder in the first degree.

CUT HIS OWN THROAT WITH A POCKET KNIFE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINCHESTER, VA., June 15.—While in a fit of despondency Joseph Rady, a farmer, aged twenty-seven years, went to his barn on his farm near Boyce, Clarke county, this morning and cut his throat with a pocket knife. He was found dead by his wife, who, with three children, survive him.

CUP CHALLENGERS TO BE REFITTED

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, June 15.—The Lipton yachts Shamrock III. and Shamrock I. were taken to Erie basin to-day, where they will be overhauled and refitted.

R. M. LAMB WAS ACQUITTED YESTERDAY

R. M. Lamb, who was charged with forgery, was tried yesterday in the Hustings Court and acquitted.

CONDUCTOR COSBY LOSES HIS LIFE

Was Crushed Under an Engine at Irwin Yesterday Afternoon.

Conductor Maurice W. Cosby, of Chesapeake and Ohio train No. 57, was killed at Irwin early yesterday afternoon while attempt to alight from the engine on which he was riding. The scene of the distressing casualty is on the James River Division of the railway, about thirty miles west of this city.

The following telegram from The Times-Dispatch correspondent at Irwin Station gives the details of the awful tragedy:

"Conductor Maurice W. Cosby, at 1:10 this afternoon, while trying to alight from the engine of westbound local freight No. 57, tripped and was knocked face forward on the platform. His foot caught in the wheel, dragging his body under, which was terribly mutilated. The remains were taken to Richmond on the third section of train No. 72."

The body of the conductor was brought to this city on the afternoon train here a 4:25 P. M., where it was met by Funeral Director L. T. Christian and the brothers of the deceased. The remains were taken to the undertaking rooms and there prepared for burial.

The death of Conductor Cosby was a great shock to his family and friends and to the large circle of his acquaintances in this city.

Mr. Cosby was born in 1866 in Albemarle county, but removed to this city when a lad. He was a son of Mr. William H. Cosby, who now resides in Barton Heights at the ripe age of ninety-one. Early in life he entered the employ of the railroad, and for ten or twelve years had been a freight conductor for the Chesapeake and Ohio, and was highly valued by the company. Eleven years ago Mr. Cosby married Mrs. Alexander, of this city, who, with two sons—Maurice, aged nine, and Bentley, a little fellow of four years—and a step-daughter, survives him. The step-daughter, Mrs. Robert Farley, of Sussex county, was on a visit to her old home at the time of the accident. Besides his immediate family, Mr. Cosby is survived by three brothers—Messrs. W. G. and C. W., of Albemarle, and L. B. Cosby, of this city—and by two sisters—Mrs. Temple, of Albemarle, and Mrs. J. Sills Daniel, of this city.

Mr. Cosby was a sober, steady reliable man, who took great pride in his work and in an upright life. He was held in high esteem by his employers and by those who knew him.

The funeral service will take place from his late residence, No. 621 North Eighth Street, to-day at noon, Rev. William E. Evans, D. D., of Monumental Protestant Episcopal Church, conducting the obsequies. The pall-bearers will be chosen from the Masonic order and from the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors, of both of which he was a member, as also of the Odd-Fellows order. He held his Masonic membership with Richmond Lodge, No. 10, and was a member of Abou Ben Adhem Lodge, No. 119, I. O. O. F., of this city.

SCENE WAS BEAUTIFUL

The Close Last Night of Richmond High School.

A WHITE-ROBED CHORUS

The Sweetest Music Was Rendered. Fine Address of Professor Thornton—Diplomas and Certificates Awarded.

For the twenty-ninth time the old High School of Richmond, around which for so many of the city's people cluster fond memories of a childhood day, has closed a year of bright and lasting achievement.

In the presence of a brilliant audience which entirely filled the house, and to the accompaniment of sweet music and sweeter songs the commencement exercises were held last night in the Academy of Music. Pit, galleries and boxes were crowded, and from start to finish a generous and cordial sympathy with all that occurred was manifested. A programme of rare excellence was carried out and well carried out and through it all between the stage and the audience there existed an invisible, but ever present hand of "sweet amity." It was like to a great home gathering of the city's people to witness te triumph and success of their children.

THE BEAUTIFUL CHORUS.

Behind a cordon of fragnant and beautiful roses and other choice flowers of the summer time sat a hundred white robed girls in the full bloom of youth and beauty. For a space, perhaps a joint show of nervousness indicated a passing fright at the strange surroundings, but before many moments had passed they caught the homelike atmosphere of the place and the awkwardness fell away to give place to the ease and grace natural to them. Rounds of applause greeted them when the curtain rose, rounds of applause ushered them out when it went down; and between the beginning and the end the same unstinted and well deserved mead of praise fell to their lot.

Many features tendered to make the evening one of rare good pleasure, but none contributed so largely as that which came first and stayed longest by the loudly expressed will of the audience. As the fair host lifted up their fresh young voices in sweetest song, a thrill of pride and delight caught all and carried all along with the soaring music. Nothing more rare than a young girl's voice and twenty-five and more of them were there. Through the difficult selections of a half-dozen operas they sang, acquitting themselves in such style that the audience sang a lusty chorus of applause and demanded of them time and again more than the programme contained. And then they abandoned the operatic scores and sang the good old songs of the South, the perennially fresh and inspiring "Dixie" and "Maryland." At these moments the applause waited not for the end, but wore itself into the charming chorus as it sang itself along. The High School chorus won a triumph, indeed.

THE OTHER FEATURES.

While this was in fact a feature, there were others almost as pronounced. The evening opened with orchestral music, and then came an essay, "Onward," by Miss Ethel Redwood, one of the fairest of the young graduates. Her ring of applause, which sounded through the house when she closed, spoke well for her effort. Similarly received was an oration on "Character," by young Alvin Hutzler. Immediately following came an account of "Jimmie Brown's Sister's Wedding," given in a most delightful vein by Miss Bessie Sutton. A choice and beautiful recitation, "The Sicilian Captive," by Miss Laura McCaba, took the house by storm and made it impossible for Professor Thomas to make himself heard when he desired to announce the next item of the programme.

To little Merton Rosenbaum, however, fell perhaps the greatest individual triumph of the evening. Merton is small, and he thought he would be nervous, but he wasn't. Not a bit of it. He got into

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HEPPNER ANOTHER JOHNSTOWN

Five Hundred Lives Lost in Onrushing Water.

THE FLOOD CAME WITHOUT WARNING

Inhabitants Had Not Time to Flee to the Hills.

HUGE BOULDERS SWEPT LIKE STRAWS

Town Completely Destroyed and Those Houses Which Were Not Swept Away are Toppled Over and Wrecked—Lifeless Bodies Found in Piles After Flood Receded.

(By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND, ORE., June 15.—Five hundred people lost their lives in a cloudburst that almost entirely destroyed the town of Heppner, Ore., at 6 o'clock last night.

Heppner is the county seat of Morrow county, and had about 1,250 inhabitants.

All the telephone and telegraph wires are down and no accurate information can be obtained, but the estimate of loss of life is based on the most reliable reports received up to to-night. A report from Ione, seventeen miles from Heppner, is to the effect that 400 bodies have been recovered. A messenger, who arrived at Ione, said that a wall of water twenty feet high rushed down into the gulch in which Heppner is situated, carrying everything before it.

The flood came with such suddenness that the inhabitants were unable to seek places of safety, and were carried down to death by the awful rush of water.

Almost the entire residence portion of the town was destroyed, but some of the business part, which is on higher ground, escaped.

Huge boulders weighing a ton were carried down by the current, and many people were killed by being dashed against the rocky bluff.

THUNDER-STORM.

Early in the afternoon a thunderstorm occurred, covering a wide region of country, and later a heavy rain storm set in, many of the small streams overflowing their banks in a short time. Bridges were swept away like straw.

As soon as possible after the flood had subsided the work of relief was commenced by the citizens of the town. Dozens of bodies were found in the creeks, and in some places they were piled over one another. Up to 2 o'clock this afternoon over two hundred bodies have been recovered almost within the city limits. The buildings which were not carried away were moved from their foundations or toppled over.

Hundreds of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs that had gone into the creek bottoms for water perished.

News of the calamity did not reach the outside world until to-day, all the means of communication having ceased.

As soon as possible news was sent by courier to the near by towns. The Oregon Railway and Navigation Company started a relief train with physicians and supplies from The Dales shortly after noon. At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon another train of relief started for the scene from this city. The citizens of Portland started a relief fund as soon as the news of the disaster spread over the city, and within a few hours $5,000 was raised. Supplies will be rushed to Heppner as soon as they can be assembled.

A PARTIAL LIST.

Following is a list of identified bodies:

—— KRUG AND FAMILY.
THOMAS HOWARD AND FAMILY.
JAMES JONES AND FAMILY.
DR. M'SWARDS.
FAMILY C. A. RHEA.
MRS. CARR'S FAMILY.
MRS. CHARLES ANDREWS AND CHILDREN.
MRS. ROBERT BAIRD AND CHILDREN.
—— WELLS, SR., AND FAMILY.
JAMES MATLOCK.
THOMAS MATLOCK'S FAMILY.
DR. HIGGS' CHILDREN.
MISS ELLIOTT.
MISS ELDER.
WILLIAM COHEN AND FAMILY.
MRS. GEIGER.
W. M. WALTON AND FAMILY.
HERBERT BARTHOLEMEW'S FAMILY.
JOHN MEYERS.
GEORGE NOBLE AND FAMILY.
ROBERT HINDS AND FAMILY.
MRS. AND MR. DAWSON.
OCCUPANTS OF HEPPNER HOTEL.
SEVERAL CHINAMEN.
MRS. CHARLES CURTIS.
GEORGE EINSLEY, WIFE AND CHILD.
H. A. BOYD'S FAMILY.
MRS. W. H. BERG.
CHRIS MASHBAUGH.
CARL JONES AND FAMILY.
GEORGE SWARDARD.
JOHN M. KEARNEN AND WIFE.
AGENT O. R. AND N. RAILWAY.
C. E. MAITFIELD AND FAMILY.
ALBERT CABOTS AND FAMILY.
BENJAMIN PATTERSON AND FAMILY.
H. C. GERHER AND FAMILY.

Fifteen buildings in the town of Lexington, nine miles below Heppner, on Willow Creek, were washed away, but with no loss of life, the inhabitants having time to save themselves from the surging torrent.

At Ione, seventeen miles away, considerable damage was done to buildings, although no loss of life is reported from there.

MORGAN TO SAIL FOR HOME JUNE 17TH

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, June 15.—J. P. Morgan will be a passenger on the White Star liner Oceanic, which is to sail from Liverpool June 17th for New York.