



RIVERS ON A RAMPAGE

Havoc, Destruction at Seattle and Tacoma.

SUSPENSION OF TRAFFIC

Five Persons Known to Have Been Drowned North of Stuck River.

LOSS EXCEEDS HALF MILLION

Hundreds of Farm Houses Submerged, Furniture and Supplies Ruined and Hundreds of People Have Been Rendered Homeless.

SEATTLE, Nov. 16.—Heavy rainfall yesterday amounted to 2.48 inches in four hours, and a Chinook wind which melted the snow in the Cascade mountains, coming simultaneously, are the causes of one of the most disastrous floods in the history of the Puget Sound region. The valleys of White, Cedar, Duwamish, Green, Stuck, Black and Puyallup rivers are under water, flooding over 400 square miles of territory. This includes practically every acre of low lands back of the eastern shores of the Sound and extending from Seattle to Tacoma.

So far as known, but five deaths are directly attributed to the floods and have occurred north of Stuck river. These are F. W. Kaltner, a logger of Auburn, Pat Clance and John Viol, ranchers of Orelli, and two loggers whose names are unknown. None of the bodies were recovered. From Tacoma comes rumors of several deaths near Mount Puyallup, but the reports are unverified. The property loss will be heavy, exceeding half a million dollars. All traffic over the Northern Pacific and Tacoma and Seattle interurban lines are at a standstill. It will require a week or more to repair the damage after the waters subside.

The damage done to fields and herds runs into the hundred thousands. To the north the Skagit is on a rampage and all railroad traffic in that direction is at a standstill. The greatest loss by flooded streams is to the Northern lumbering interests, millions of feet of logs and shingle bolts having been carried out to sea. Hundreds of farm houses are submerged to the second story windows and many people are homeless. No rain has fallen in the flooded districts since Thursday morning, and it is the belief that the worst is over.

OFFICERS SHIFTED.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The War Department today detached Brigadier General Pershing from the command of the department of California, and ordered him to proceed to Manila, via Tokio, where he will take command of the department of Visayas, relieving General Jesse M. Lee. Lieutenant General MacArthur, in addition to his position as commander of the Pacific division, has been assigned to the command of the Department of California.

MRS. CREFFIELD DEAD.

Woman Belonged to the Holy Rollers in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Nov. 16.—Mrs. Creffield is dead. The cause is not determined. Maud Hart Creffield was the wife of Joshua Creffield, who was shot by George Mitchell, who believed that Creffield maltreated his sister, Esther. After Mitchell was acquitted Esther shot and killed him, the result of a plot to avenge the death of Joshua.

The United States cableship Burnside arrived from Sitka this afternoon. According to advices received by the Post-Intelligencer, the deck seems opened after encountering very rough

weather. During the storm she was entirely submerged at times, her cabins filling with water. The firemen are alleged to have attempted mutiny and were with difficulty kept at their posts. According to dispatches, she was kept from foundering through the excellent seamanship of Captain Stamford and his officers. She left Seattle November 2nd.

RAILROAD COLLISION.

One Man Killed and Two Seriously Injured.

EL PASO, Nov. 16.—Collision at a railroad crossing in the outskirts of the city tonight between a shifting freight train of the Texas Pacific Railroad and a switch engine of the El Paso and Southwestern road, one man was killed, one seriously and another badly hurt.

The dead: ROBERT MYRTLE, aged 40, yard master of the Texas & Pacific.

PARLIMENT DEBATING.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—Both houses of Parliament tonight debated on the unpleasant subject rising from the recent unauthorized publication of the contents of the "Bucknill" report, which gives the results of an inquiry into the conditions of Chinese labor in South Africa, and which reveals the systematic practice of unnatural vices in the Chinese compounds there. The motion was eventually talked out.

TWENTIETH ROUND.

OGDEN, Nov. 16.—Dick Hilland of San Francisco won the decision over Cyclone Thompson at the end of the twentieth round.

TRAFFIC IS RESUMED

Slide at Donson on O. R. & N. Is Removed.

COMMUNICATION RESTORED

Northern Pacific Has a Crew of Men at Work at Kelso Building Temporary Trestles, so that Trains Can Run.

PORTLAND, Nov. 16.—Though the O. R. & N. main line has been cleared of the slide at Dodson's, there is little improvement in the general paralyzation of rail lines and telegraph and telephone communication. In all cases the lines are open to San Francisco and all telegraph messages are being sent South to be routed via Salt Lake to the East.

The Northern Pacific ordered a crew and a pile-driver from Portland shortly before noon, in charge of Assistant Superintendent Buckley, to Kelso, Wash., for the purpose of constructing a trestle so trains can get through and if this can be accomplished, temporary repairs will also be made at Castle Rock. As the wires are down, no information has been gleaned by the officials as to the conditions north of there, but it is supposed Tacoma can be reached if the line can be opened at this end. Otherwise, a transfer system will be arranged. Steamers will be put on so the Northern Pacific can operate trains to Kalama and then send passengers from there to the nearest point of connection by steamer.

In the meantime arrangements have been made with the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad to handle local passengers for the Northern Pacific between Portland and Goble. Under the terms of the lease through which the A. & C. obtains the use of 40 miles of line between those points, it is stipulated that no local passengers shall be hauled, the business of the A. & C. to begin beyond Goble. Under the present stress the obligations have been rescinded and until the Northern Pacific can get through the Sound the Hammond road will attend to the traffic.

FIFTEENTH ROUND.

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 16.—Abe Attel was given the decision over Billy Decoursey at the end of the fifteenth round tonight.

PEOPLE DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES TO THE HILLS

Latest Reports from Cowlitz District State that the Floods are Subsiding.

THE SHINGLE AND LUMBER INTERESTS WIPED OUT

Two Steamers Leave Portland To Gather Up the Homeless Carrying Provisions and Other Necessaries of Life Many Families Losing Everything they Owned on Earth.

FISHING BOATS AND LAUNCHES GATHERING UP DEBRIS

IMPOSSIBLE TO ESTIMATE THE DAMAGES CAUSED BY FLOOD, BUT IT WILL AMOUNT TO THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AND WILL PARALYZE THE BUSINESS OF FOUR OR FIVE PROSPEROUS TOWNS, WIPING OUT INDUSTRIES.

PORTLAND, Nov. 16.—The flood situation in Oregon has not reached the dangerous stage at any time during the past few days. The Willamette river is rising and it is expected the danger line will be reached tomorrow. Reports from the Willamette valley show that all the rivers are still rising at some points, but no serious results are apprehended. In eastern Oregon the flood waters have done some damage to power plants, but the waters are now receding and unless there is a further fall of rain or warm weather, no serious results will obtain. In southeastern Washington some damage was done, but the water did not nearly attain the heights or force of the floods of last spring.

In the Yakima valley considerable damage has been done to railroad and other property. The farmers also lost heavily. The loss is estimated at \$285,000. The greatest damage done in southwestern Washington appears to have occurred along the Cowlitz river, which is a mighty torrent, sweeping houses, barns, bridges and other property before it and carrying away millions of feet of logs to the Columbia. Hundreds of people in the vicinity of Kelso, Castle Rock, Ostrander and Lexington were forced to flee to high ground with little or no covering as a protection against wind and rain, and with but little food. The Northern Pacific has sustained serious damage and several of its important bridges are reported impassable. No trains are moving northward and the situation is a precarious one. The property loss along the Cowlitz will run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. So far no loss of life has been reported anywhere in southern Washington or Oregon. Reports from Seattle tonight say that a light rain has commenced falling and the local forecast for tomorrow is rain.

KALAMA, Nov. 16.—More cheering news was received from the Cowlitz flooded districts tonight and the general belief is that the worst is over, and the waters which swept the river clean of all shingle and lumber interests, inundated the surrounding territory and flooded the towns of Castle Rock, Lexington, Ostrander and Olega, driving the people to the hills and high grounds for safety, are beginning to subside.

A message from Castle Rock says the water there has fallen three feet, and, barring further rains, no more destruction is expected. While destruction to property was great on both sides of the raging river, as far up as news can be secured, no loss of life has been reported. Loss of stock, however, is reported to have been quite heavy, horses, cattle and hogs being washed away by the overflowing river. Throughout the inundated district today people driven from their homes by the flood are camping on the hills and on high ground. Many were able to make their way to the homes of friends and have shelter, but a large number who were forced to flee and leave all their belongings behind are without adequate shelter and sufficient food. It is reported a drizzling rain is falling and unless these people can get to places of shelter soon there will be great suffering from exposure and lack of food.

Reports reaching here say the hills along the Cowlitz are lined with campers, who are doing the best they can to protect themselves from the weather. Many of their homes are still partially submerged by water, and they will not be habitable again until the flood subsides completely. No accurate reports as to the number of people forced to flee from their homes can be gotten here.

A steamer or two and several launches have gone up the Cowlitz River to gather up the homeless, if possible and transfer them to places of safety and shelter. It is reported a rescue vessel is operating between Kelso, Stella and Rainier, taking refugees to the latter place. That these vessels are able to accomplish much, though it is doubtful, as the current of the Cowlitz is known to be almost un navigable and choked with floating debris. A relief train on the Northern Pacific left Kalama shortly after noon to work its way as far into the flooded district as possible.

The shingle and lumber interests along the Cowlitz have practically been wiped out. The water has swept the river clean, it is said, not a log or bolt of shingles being left. The loss to the lumber and shingle men cannot be estimated, but will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars, it is claimed.

Fishing boats and launches are at work on the Columbia gathering up such debris as can be recovered. The flood at Castle Rock washed away several houses, but it is reported did not do as much damage in this line, as was thought last night. Weather indications lead people here to fear that more heavy downpours may come and the rivers be put on the rise again.

Railroad washouts and breaks on the wires are so numerous that little authentic information as to the true extent of the damage can be secured here today.

TENOR TOO FRESH.

Prominent Male Warbler Arrested for Insulting a Woman.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Enrico Caruso, a tenor in the Metropolitan Opera House company, was arrested today in Central park on a complaint of Mrs. Hannah Graham, who charged him with repeatedly insulting her. He was released on bail, to appear in court tomorrow. He vehemently protests his innocence. He made a scene when searched.

REMARKABLE VERDICT.

Coroner's Jury Complimented Citizens for Killing Nigger Harris.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Nov. 16.—The inquest on the body of Will Harris, the negro shot to death by the posse,

the coroner's jury returned a remarkable verdict, practically lauding the "public spirited citizens who at the time were fearless and unselfish in the discharge of a public duty, killed Harris, that the law might be vindicated." Saying that "the posse deserved the highest commendation and thanks of the whole community."

GUILTY OF HERESY.

Rev. Mr. Crapsey Will Be Excommunicated from the Church.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—A decision was reached today in the Episcopal Court of Review, which has heard the appeal of Rev. Dr. Algernon S. Crapsey, from a verdict of the diocesan court of western diocese of New York, which found Crapsey guilty of heresy. The decision was not made public at Buffalo, but it is known that the decision of the lower tribunal was affirmed.

DAM WASHED OUT.

Portion of Big Dam at Leavenworth Goes Out With Flood.

SPOKANE, Nov. 16.—A small portion of the big dam at Leavenworth was washed out today by the flood. The main portion can be saved as the waters are now receding. Some logs escaped, but as a large force of men are at work most of them will be recovered. The river went eight feet higher than ever before known at this point.

LOST THE STRIKE.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—Ten thousand boiler makers on the Clyde have returned to work. They did not gain a point and have been on a strike since September 23.

ROOSEVELT CHEERED

President Amador Delivers the Address of Welcome.

ROOSEVELT DELIVERS ADDRESS

Frequently Interrupted by Applause Showing That the People of Panama Are His Friends and Appreciate His Efforts.

PANAMA, Nov. 16.—The train which brought the presidential party from Colon arrived in front of the Tivoli Hotel at Ancon at 10:30 a. m. President Amador and his party alighted and President Roosevelt and his party were conducted to LaBoca, at the Pacific entrance to the canal. The steamer Bolivar was in waiting to take the President on a cruise about the bay, passing around the Flamenco, Naos, and Perico Islands, afterward returning to LaBoca.

From LaBoca President Roosevelt came this afternoon to Panama City. From the railroad station he was driven up Central avenue to the Cathedral plaza. The streets were filled with people who constantly cheered the President.

At 4 o'clock upon a platform in front of the cathedral, President Amador delivered his address of welcome. President Roosevelt's reply was interrupted time and again by the admiring crowd, which cheered almost every word.

The welcome given President Roosevelt upon landing in Panama territory today proved conclusively that the people of this republic are his firm and sincere admirers.

SUGAR TRUST ON TRIAL.

Commenced Today on Charge of Rebating Against Elkins Law.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The so-called sugar trust of the American Sugar Refining company, was called for trial for the first time on a charge of rebating today. The specific indictment charges the corporation with knowingly violating the Elkins law in accepting rebates on shipments by the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad in the spring of 1903 amounting to \$25,000, and for granting the same rebates, the New York Central was convicted yesterday in the same court, the United States circuit court, Judge Cook presiding.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

Two Masked Men Attempt to Hold Up Saloon.

FOUR MEN ARE KILLED

Deadly Pistol Duel in San Francisco and Desperate Battle Ensues.

ONE ROBBER IS ARRESTED

Retired Policeman Opens Fire on the Robbers and a Battle Ensues in Which Proprietor of Saloon Was Killed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—Two men are dead, two others dying and another seriously injured as the result of a deadly pistol duel tonight in the attempted holdup of a saloon by two masked robbers. Shortly before 10 o'clock tonight two men with handkerchiefs over their faces and revolvers in their hands entered the saloon of John O'Connell at Sixth and Brennan streets. One of them came in by the Sixth street entrance and the other through the Brennan street door and immediately ordered those present to throw up their hands. Twelve men were in the saloon at the time, including the bartender, John O'Connell, a nephew of the proprietor.

All complied with the order given by the masked men except George O'Connell, a retired and pensioned police officer, who drew his revolver and commenced shooting at the robber near the Sixth street entrance. Seeing the gun flash in O'Connell's hand, the robber began firing at the plucky policeman, almost the same moment. While the two men were engaged in the deadly duel that followed, the second robber began shooting at the patrons of the saloon who were standing with their hands above their heads. The affair lasted only a few moments. When the smoke of the battle cleared away four men were lying on the floor of the saloon, three of them dying and the fourth seriously injured, O'Connell with two bullets in his chest, Stephen Lynch, shot twice in the abdomen, Louis Delator with his jaw torn away by a bullet, and Michael Kennedy, shot in the ear. From the Sixth street door a trail of blood led across the street to the sidewalk opposite the saloon, where was found one of the robbers with the mask still on, dead with two bullets, fired by O'Connell, in the chest. The second robber escaped and the police are scouring the city for him tonight.

Following the battle to the death with the two masked robbers in the saloon of John O'Connell, at the corner of Sixth and Brennan streets last night, in which George O'Connell, a pensioned policeman, was killed, three men were wounded and one of the robbers, identified later as Frank Burke, an ex-convict, was killed, came the arrest of John Byrne, believed to be the other robber, who escaped at the time. Byrne was arrested at an early hour this morning in a saloon on Sixth and Brennan streets. He answers the description of the second man engaged in the hold-up. A revolver with two empty cartridges that had been recently fired, was found under his bed.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

President of Brazil Pays High Compliment to Secretary Root. WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The Brazilian embassy has received a dispatch from Rio Janerio in which President Alfonsa Penna, after paying a high tribute to Secretary Root in his inaugural address, advocated an increased armament for Brazil.