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## RAILROAD MEN IN WARM COMBAT WITH THE ELEMENTS

### Thousands at Work Repairing Storms Damage

### EAST TRAFFIC IS OFF

### Hill and Harriman Suffer Greatest Loss in Eastern Washington

### NORTH BANK IS CRIPPLED

### Southern Pacific Line Restores Something Like Normal Service Trouble Lies Mostly East of Portland—Delaying Trains 24 Hours.

PORTLAND, Jan. 22.—With thru railroad traffic in the entire northwest more or less demoralized, the operating officials of all lines are fighting the ravages of the elements with thousands of men. There is some promise of having something like a serviceable schedule in operation by tomorrow. The Hill and Harriman lines, chiefly in Eastern Washington, where the devastation has been the worst, appear to have fought the battle to a standstill.

Portland is practically cut off from mail service in all directions save local points on the Northern Pacific. There has been no through mail in from the South or East for more than 24 hours. No. 1, the Overland Limited, which brings 40 per cent of the Eastern mail for Portland destination, and which was due last night at 8:50, was annulled, and No. 5, the next through train due here at 7:20 o'clock, has not yet arrived through reported for late this afternoon.

No. 14 of last night and No. 16 of this morning have been combined into one train, and will arrive as first and second sections of No. 14 tonight at 11:15. These trains have experienced the worst trouble of any of the north-bound overlands since the heavy rains set in, having been delayed for hours in the Sacramento Valley and in Southern Oregon.

This noon Southern Pacific headquarters reported that the line had been cleared as far south as Ashland, and that the south-bound Southern Pacific trains are making fairly good time.

## HELTZELS SLAYER COMMITS SUICIDE

### Monroe Huber Found Dead in Field Not Far From Scene of Crime

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 22.—Two weeks ago Huber had been in his employ from last September. Prior to that, Huber worked for William Thurnburg, a neighbor, with whom he had been eight years. It is said, he was paid in full by Heltzel when he quit. The exact cause of Huber's enmity towards Heltzel is still in doubt, but Huber was infatuated with some woman, and it is said he claimed Heltzel had talked about them. It is believed this, and not a question of wages, caused the killing. After he left Heltzel's, Huber went to the home of Fred Rufles, a neighbor, half a mile distant, where he has spent the last two weeks. Yesterday (Continued on page 6)

men, including Judge K. R. Babbitt of New York, had an exceedingly narrow escape from death on the Union Pacific, near Rock Springs, Wyo., Wednesday when their private car was caught in a wreck and rolled down a high embankment. Two cars left the track both turning over and a third car was derailed. None of the occupants of the coaches were injured, with the exception of a few slight bruises.

### CALIFORNIA STORMS.

### Whole State Has Been Inundated By Heavy Rains.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—With the heavy downpour and cloudbursts of yesterday the rain and windstorms which have been raging in all sections of California for almost two weeks see to have spent their force. As a result of the downpour of yesterday Stockton is inundated, Sacramento isolated and practically all the train service in the North is at a standstill. A feature of the storm yesterday was the phenomenal rainfall in the South at Santa Barbara eight inches fell in less than 12 hours.

The islands at the mouth of the Sacramento river are flooded and steamboats are busy removing people and stock from the levees where they had taken refuge. Traffic north to Portland has been brought to a stop by the collapse of the bridge across Stoney Creek. A cloudburst at Angles Camp washed away twenty four houses and drowned one Chinaman, practically the entire Chinese quarter being wiped out. At Ocean, on the coast line of the Southern Pacific, 200 feet of the track was washed away and the traffic was delayed for several hours.

The storm is moving toward the east and last night was raging in the Sierras and in the inland country from California to Washington. Professor McAdie, in charge of the local weather bureau, says that it is one of the worst Januaries in 60 years.

He predicts rain for today but says showers will not be as severe as yesterday.

## 11 MILLIONS ALREADY SPENT ON CANAL

### REPORT OF CHIEF QUARTERMASTER GIVES IDEA OF TREMENDOUS EXPENSE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Nearly \$11,000,000 is thus far spent for floating equipment, rollway stock and machinery in the work on the Panama Canal, according to a statement submitted to the commission today by the chief quartermaster.

## LABOR LEADERS TO GET LOYAL SUPPORT

### MINE WORKERS VOTE \$2500 AS A STARTER TO FIGHT THE CONTEMPT CASE.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 22.—The United Mine Workers of America today voted \$2500 as preliminary aid for Messrs. Compers, Mitchell and Morrison in aid in further legal proceedings in contempt cases. The resolution also instructed the miners of the international executive board to appropriate in the future as much as necessary to give these men the proper defense. John Mitchell arrived today and addressed the convention saying he spent so much of his life building up the union that he will go to jail if necessary to advance its cause. "I will defend it as I would defend my child," he said.

## FINAL PASSAGE OF BEALS BILL

### Measure Carries by Vote of 43 to 8

### MCCUE OPPOSES IT

### Owners of Timber Land Must File List and Holdings of Property

### STATEMENT BILL DISCUSSED

### Exciting Time Expected When Measure Comes up For Consideration House Adjourns Until Monday at Two o'Clock.

STATEHOUSE, Salem, Or., Jan. 22.—The House adjourned at 2 o'clock to 2 o'clock Monday afternoon.

STATEHOUSE, Salem, Or., Jan. 22.—Verbal pyrotechnics, both on the floor of the House and in committee of the whole, this morning, resulted in the passage of Beal's bill requiring all owners of timber lands to furnish County Assessors with lists of their holdings and estimates of standing timber thereon, and the demise of Muncy's bill exempting mining corporations from the filing fees now required.

While the debate was warmest, McCue, who is opposed to Beal's bill, H. B. 43, himself, took a slap at Campbell for raising the question of constitutionality, saying this was the argument used by the Multnomah and Clackamas delegations to delay action on all measures, and is not the proper procedure. A call of the house was necessary before the vote on final passage and resulted in the measure triumphing by 43 to 8, with several absentees and a few excused.

Muncy, Orton and Rusk vigorously defended the proposed measure as to mining fee exemptions, H. B. No. 75, declaring it to be in the interest of the small miner and prospector, but Brooker, Campbell, Bean, McKinney, Buchanan and Jones of Lincoln and Polk denounced it in strong language, saying it was in the interest of "wild-catters" and would deprive the state of needed revenue. It was defeated by a substantial majority.

Contrary to expectation the House did not adjourn this morning until Monday but to 2 o'clock this afternoon.

To one not familiar with the ways of legislators more often mysterious than otherwise, it would appear that the introduction of Bean and Brooker's bill making it a misdemeanor for a political candidate to take a pre-election pledge and providing penalties and forfeitures to the office to which they may have been elected in case of violation, has excited little attention. Such a conclusion would be erroneous. Under the surface of things indignation at this attempt to subvert the will of the people is boiling. When the bill comes up for consideration Representatives Bean and Brooker will see breakers ahead. It has been suggested by one member that they do well on third reading and final passage of the bill to provide themselves with ear protectors.

"The people of Oregon gave Statement No. 1 a majority of 40,000," said Representative Dimick of Clackamas. "The will of the people should be supreme. I do not care to criticize my colleagues who are responsible for H. B. 107 at this time, for they will probably be made aware of the view taken by a majority of members when the proper time comes. I do not think the bill will ever get to the Senate."

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### SAME OLD TALE.

### Another Innocent Babe Sent Out Into The Hard World.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—While a baby two weeks old is laughing cooing at an asylum, the police are searching the fashionable North Side district in an effort to learn who deserted the child late last night.

It was found in a gray telescope in the vestibule of a hotel by a guest who noticed the valise and heard sounds coming from it.

The baby was dressed in a white silk wrapper, with stockings to match, but there were absolutely no signs of identification. A bare-headed woman with a telescope in her hand was seen near the hotel a few minutes before the child was found.

## EDGAR FRANK WINS FROM JOHNNY HALEY

### ALTHOUGH OUTWEIGHED 13 POUNDS MULTNOMAH BOY GETS VICTORY.

PORTLAND, Jan. 22.—Edgar Frank of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club tonight defeated Johnny Haley of the Illinois Athletic Club of Chicago two straight falls in 11 minutes 30 seconds and 17 minutes 14 seconds. Haley was weighed in at 137 pounds, and Frank at 124. Frank's wonderful fast work and ability to get out of tight places in which the very clever Chicago boy got him on several occasions won him the match.

## SEATTLE'S PET BILL IS AGAIN OPPOSED

### MEASURE RE-ESTABLISHING HARBOR IMPROVEMENT FUND IS FOUGHT.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 22.—There is strong opposition of the Eastern Washington members of the legislature against the bill re-establishing harbor improvement fund abolished 1897. The bill is objected to because it proposes to levy a general state tax to replace the money taken from the general fund amounting to about one million dollars. The fund is most beneficial to Seattle, Tacoma and inland counties and say it is unjust to 75 per cent of the population and property of the state. The friends of the bill in the senate saved it from defeat today by consenting to a motion to commit it to a committee on revenue and taxation. The harbor and river lines committee had reported it favorably. Very little was done in either house today. Both adjourned until Monday.

### THEY WALKED.

### Plucky Bride and Groom Finally Succeed In Their Purpose.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Battling bravely against an adverse fate ancient her marriage an adverse fate Spartz, of Kenosha County, Wis., has finally triumphed and is now Mrs. Philip Neu. The couple was to have been married a week ago yesterday but while making arrangements for the marriage feast Neu was injured by a runaway horse; after five hours he found two of his ribs were broken. When he recovered sufficiently to go to the church for the wedding he drove over to the house of Miss Spartz.

As Miss Spartz got into the carriage, she said: "Do you think the wedding will be a go this time, or are you going

## RECOMMEND MILLION DOLLAR DEFENSE IN PHILIPPINES

to have another runaway accident? Neu, still suffering from his injuries, assured her he was determined to be married if he had to walk to the church or be carried on a stretcher.

Half an hour later the horse shied and upset the carriage throwing the couple out, though neither was seriously wounded. Leaving the runaway animal to demolish the buggy, they walked to the church.

## THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY TO BE BUILT

### FEBRUARY 12 DECLARED SPECIAL HOLIDAY PASSED BY SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—February 12 was today declared a special holiday and a survey and plans for a highway from Washington to Gettysburg to be known as "The Lincoln Way," as a memorial to Abraham Lincoln was provided for by joint resolution passed by the Senate after an extended debate. A resolution did not commit congress to the construction of the highway when surveyed. Final action was also taken on legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, the senate refusing to vote 41 to 27 to fix at \$75,000 the salary of the president previously increased by an amendment to \$100,000.

## ST. LOUIS EXPRESS IN SERIOUS WRECK

### FIVE REPORTED KILLED AND MANY INJURED NEAR MINERAL POINT.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 22.—Officials of the Pennsylvania railroad have received information that five persons were killed in a wreck on the first and second sections of the St. Louis express near Mineral Point and many were injured. The first section was wrecked and the second section ran into it. The dead and injured will be removed to Altoona from which point relief trains were sent out.

## RECORD TIDES ALONG PACIFIC

### Dykes Give Away at Marshfield and Much Damage is Done by Water

PORTLAND, Jan. 22.—Phenomenally high tides assuming in places proportions of tidal waves is reported at all points along the Pacific Coast from British Columbia south to California. At Marshfield Thursday following a severe gale the highest tide known there, swept away dykes in the southern portion of the city letting in water which flooded a score of dwelling houses and did damage that will reach into thousands of dollars. Carlos Wittick, aged five years, playing at the wharf at North Bend, was swept into the sea and drowned. The body was washed ashore at Marshfield. A gasoline launch with eight passengers was swamped but reports say all lives were saved.

### Fortification Bill is Cut Down Ten Million

### AIRSHIPS ABANDONED

### Committee Leave Out Every Cent of \$500,000 Desired for Military Aeronautics

### COMPROMISE ON WARSHIPS

### Sustaining Recommendations Calling For Two Battleships and Five Torpedo Destroyers—War Scare a Ruse.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Cutting down estimates nearly ten millions, the house committee on appropriations today decided to report fortifications bill carrying only \$7,920,000 for the next fiscal year. The largest item carried is that of \$1,000,000 for sea coast batteries in the Philippines. The bill as reported carries an appropriation of \$337,200 for sea coast batteries in Hawaii. The \$1,785,000 estimated by the war department for construction of fire control stations and purchase of instructions reduced to \$247,955. For seawalls at Fort Travis, Galveston, \$440,000 is appropriated. The committee left out every cent of the \$500,000 desired for military aeronautics.

Discussing the naval bill in the house Tawney said that the Japanese war scare was started for the purpose of bringing an impression on congress for the purpose of the naval increase. Cockran of New York said it is impossible for any two races to live together on terms of equality. He spoke of the growing numbers of an "alien" race on the Pacific Coast and predicted that it will be impossible to get the Japanese to sign a treaty of exclusion. In that event it will be necessary for congress to pass an exclusion act and that, he predicted, would be accepted by the other country as a hostile demonstration.

Finally an amendment to the naval appropriation bill striking out the battleship provision was rejected and an amendment by Burton restricting an increase to one battleship to like (Continued on page 6)

### AXE VERSUS GUN.

DENVER, Jan. 22.—Armed only with an axe, Otto Johnson landscape gardener in West Berkeley, laughed at the drawn revolvers in the hands of two officers sent to arrest him for his treatment of his family. One of the officers tried to close with Johnson and the gardener made a terrific and wicked swish, narrowly missing the peace officer's head. Then Johnson fled to a barn and the two officers had to literally tear out the side of the barn to reach their man. Johnson still showed fight, but surrendered when one of the officers pressed a revolver to his head.