

MENACED BY FLOODS.

Immense Area in Northwest Washington Is Under Water.

TACOMA, Nov. 14.—With a flood area embracing practically 300 square miles, northwest Washington is now face to face with a state of affairs which, unless the waters subside soon, will prove far more disastrous than the floods of four years ago.

Freely by a constant succession of heavy rains and melted snow from the slopes of the Cascades, almost every river and stream in the northwest has within a night and day risen with that rapidly characteristic of the waters of this section of the country, over-flooded their banks and are spreading across the valleys and lowlands, bringing a monetary loss which will reach hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Scores of towns, including Seattle, have, for the last 24 hours, been cut off from all outside communication. Bridges have been swept aside, railroad tracks washed away, telegraph and telephone wires torn down, and as far as can be ascertained, at least half a dozen lives lost.

Darkness fell tonight on a scene unparalleled in the history of the state. Watchers from the highlands, looking across the rainswept lands, saw nothing but an expanse of water, with here and there the tops of submerged houses, on some of which the forms of water-bound persons could be seen, signalling for help.

Only Two Terms For Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—It is announced here, that President Roosevelt before starting on his Panama trip took occasion at a white house conference to again strongly reiterate his public announcement "that no combination of circumstances could induce him to become a candidate for reelection in 1908." It is said the subject was broached by one of the callers alluding to frequent publications which declared the president to be the logical man to lead his party to victory. The president, in declaring that he had not changed his mind, expressed appreciation of the compliment implied. He said that while the suggestion was no doubt made in sincerity, it was embarrassing because it created the impression that he could be swayed from his former attitude. He said his decision to retire at the conclusion of his present term was irrevocable. The president subscribed to the time honored tradition that the president of the United States could not serve more than two terms. He regarded this as his second term. He scouted the suggestion that the policies he had been pursuing could not, or would not, be carried to their conclusion by his successor, whoever he might be.

Pearry Will Try Again.

BUCKSPORT, Maine, Nov. 13.—Commander Robert E. Peary, the arctic explorer, who is returning to the United States with the record of "farthest north," will make another attempt to reach the north pole in 1907. The explorer's ship, the Roosevelt, was built in this town, and it is recalled that when Commander Peary was here he said that if he did not succeed this year he would positively make another effort in 1907.

Dispatches from the commander speak well of the ice fighting and seaworthiness of the Roosevelt and local shipping men think that with a few repairs she should be ready to make the trip north next season.

Steel Passenger Cars.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 13.—Six hundred steel passenger cars are to be built for the Pennsylvania railroad during the next year. Space for 550 cars has been reserved at the American Car & Foundry company. The rest of the cars will be constructed at the Altoona shops of the railroad company.

The total cost is estimated at \$6,000,000. The order to the American Car & Foundry company will be divided so as to include coaches, baggage, express and mail cars. The company has also ordered twenty-five new engines. These will be built at the company's shops at Altoona also.

Millions For New Equipment.

CHICAGO, Nov. 14.—The large orders for new equipment which have been announced within the last few days by western railroads indicate that all records relating to increases in equipment will be smashed this year. The Wabash expects within a few weeks to make contracts for \$12,320,000 worth of new cars and engines and the Northern Pacific has just made public its purchase of \$7,700,000 worth of new freight cars.

The Burlington has begun to receive \$5,558,000 worth of new locomotives and cars, orders for which will not be filled until next year.

The Santa Fe has in orders for \$5,000,000 worth of cars and locomotives. Adding to the recently made orders, including the Harriman lines, aggregating \$21,560,000, and by the Rock Island, amounting to \$6,000,000; this makes \$61,138,000 in orders which

six western systems have placed, practically all of them for delivery early next year. Other roads are making purchases on a similarly large scale, which they are not yet ready to announce.

President Reaches Panama.

COLON, Nov. 14.—The first trip of an American president outside of the boundaries of the United States was successfully concluded this afternoon at 1:30, when the battleship Louisiana, having on board the president and his party, dropped anchor in the harbor of Colon. The Louisiana, which arrived ahead of the scheduled time, was conveyed by Tennessee and the Washington. The three vessels anchored about a mile from the dock, during a heavy rainfall.

Owing to the fact that the Louisiana arrived ahead of time, neither President Amador, of Panama, nor Chairman Shonts, of the isthmian canal commission, were on hand to welcome the president. They left Panama at 4:30 on a special train for Colon and at 8:30 tonight boarded the Louisiana and extended a cordial greeting to the American executive.

During the afternoon the president received the local newspaper correspondents on board the Louisiana. He said that his voyage had been pleasant and uneventful and expressed himself as greatly gratified at the welcome which the citizens of the isthmus are preparing for him when he lands tomorrow. He said that he proposed to look into the Jamaican labor question and also intended to "see right" concerning the canal. The president will begin his tour of inspection tomorrow. An extensive program of official entertainments has been prepared.

Rockefeller Is Indicted.

FINDLAY, Ohio, Nov. 14.—Late this afternoon Prosecutor David admitted that the grand jury had voted an indictment against John D. Rockefeller on the charge of violating the Valentine anti trust act. Mr. David stated, however, that no attempt would be made to compel Mr. Rockefeller to come to Ohio at this time, because his attorneys had already entered appearance for him in the probate court. Mr. David said:

"Some other prominent oil men against whom indictments have been voted will be brought into court within a few hours."

Relief Funds Are Missing.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—A new investigation is progressing in the course of developments in the local graft scandal. It now appears that many sums of money, large and small, that were sent from different states to San Francisco for the relief of the sufferers from the calamity never reached the relief committee. Some of these amounts which aggregated a large sum, were mailed to the care of Mayor Schmitz. F. J. Heney, Detective William Burns and about 100 government agents have been making an investigation.

President Roosevelt is the moving spirit behind the inquiry and he declares that 'no man guilty of diverting the relief funds shall escape justice.' The cases come within the jurisdiction of the federal authorities because of the interstate character of the postal service, which, it is alleged, was criminally tampered with.

A considerable sum was also sent through the express companies and Wells-Fargo, which companies are now investigating the disappearance of \$10,500 sent in one package from the citizens of Searchlight, Nev., which the relief committee say they never received and which the company says was delivered to the representative of the committee to whom it was addressed. The crime of forgery is said to be included in the offenses of the raiders of the relief contributions. It is said that in the aggregate the stealings will amount to \$1,000,000.

Juror Was Offered Bribe.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 14.—A special to the Cleveland News from Findlay, Ohio, says: According to C. C. Myers, a member of the jury that convicted the Standard Oil company of violations of the anti-trust law, a bribe of \$500 was twice offered to him during the trial, once on the street and once in the basement of the court house, on condition that he hang the jury and force a disagreement.

Myers says he does not know the man who tendered him the money though it was the same man in both instances. The bribe offered in the second instance may have been greater than \$500, as the agent did not state the amount, merely displaying a huge roll of bills. Members of the jury on which Myers served have been summoned before the grand jury to give their testimony.

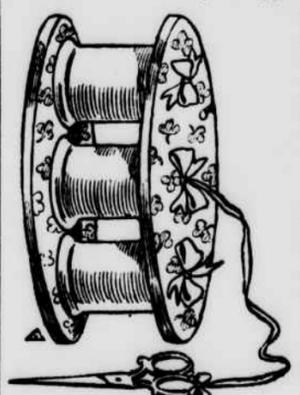
Shippers Want \$10,000,000.

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—The Illinois Audit company, organized by the shippers of this state, today commenced proceedings against railroads entering the state for over charges in shipping rates. The claims for overcharges and damages amount to \$30,000,000.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Prizes in the Fancy Work Line Suitable For Presents.

A veritable ever ready friend in need is a reel for holding baby ribbon. When completed it resembles a very large spool of cotton. The starting point is to cut two circles in cardboard one inch larger in diameter than the roll of baby ribbon. These are covered on both sides with any material you happen to have that is pretty and appropriate, although linen on the outside and china silk on the inside are nicest. Hoops are pierced, through which the scissors are slipped. The other end holds a bodkin in a similar loop. The reel is an exceedingly compact little thing, and there is no hunting for the right shade of ribbon or the implements to use with it.



BABY RIBBON REEL.

A pretty cover for a book or magazine is always an acceptable small gift and need never be an expensive item.

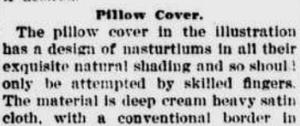
First get a stiff piece of cardboard and cut it the exact size of the front and back of the book it is intended for, not, of course, including the back piece which holds the pages together. You must now select a material to cover the cardboard with, and of course any work in the shape of embroidery or painting must be done before the stuff is stretched over the cardboard. You have endless scope for your decorative capabilities. When linen is used a conventional design worked in flax thread is most effective; silk and satin display embroidery to perfection; figured materials can have their patterns outlined in gold or silver thread, and the covers de luxe can be painted with delicate sprays of flowers or small fruit.

Cut the material nearly an inch larger than the book when it is open and in cutting allow for the back piece. Now fold it over the cardboard covers and stick down with glue or photograph paste and remember to notch the material at intervals, as it lies better if this is done.

When the covers are quite dry take a piece of silk or sateen and sew it carefully around the edges of the cover and where the cardboard ends at the back piece stitch the sateen right through very neatly to the outer material. You must now put a piece of ribbon to the top and bottom of the back piece (to tie through the middle of the book covered), and you can edge all around with narrow silk cord if desired.

Pillow Cover.

The pillow cover in the illustration has a design of nasturtiums in all their exquisite natural shading and so should only be attempted by skilled fingers. The material is deep cream heavy satin cloth, with a conventional border in



PILLOW COVER.

golden browns and greens, forming a charming background for the spray of flowers, pale yellow shading to deep orange, and the tender green of the leaves and stems.

WHAT A GIRL LIKES.

Christmas Hints For Young Men Who May Be Puzzled.

- A fan.
A muff.
A good picture.
A handsome belt.
A pair of gloves.
One of those lovely antique necklaces.
Opera glasses, if she hasn't any.
Hatpins; she can't have too many.
One of those long bar pins to fasten her veil.
One of those curious little oriental charms for her chain.
A clock for her desk, or, maybe, the desk itself, if she hasn't one.
A book rack, a bookshelf, or a bookcase, according to the extent of her bookishness.
A little dog of blue blood pedigree, or an Angora cat, if she likes animals.
A handsome parasol; the sun will shine next summer.
A jewel box of any degree, from burnt wood up to cut glass and gold.
Books according to her taste, or jewels if she is gay, or pretty dress frivolities if she must economize.

FEARFUL PAINS

SUGGESTIONS HOW WOMEN MAY FIND RELIEF.



While no woman is entirely free from periodical suffering, it does not seem to be the plan of nature that women should suffer so severely. This is a severe strain on a woman's vitality. When pain exists something is wrong which should be set right or it will lead to a serious derangement of the whole female organism. Thousands of women have testified in grateful letters to Mrs. Pinkham Compound and overcome woman's special pains and irregularities. It provides a safe and sure way of escape from distressing and dangerous weaknesses and diseases. The two following letters tell so convincingly what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will do for women, they cannot fail to bring hope to thousands of sufferers. Miss Nellie Holmes, of 540 N. Division Street, Buffalo, N. Y., writes: Dear Mrs. Pinkham:— "Your medicine is indeed an ideal medicine for women. I suffered misery for years with painful periods, headaches, and bearing-down pains. I consulted two different physicians but failed to get any relief. A friend from the east advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I did so, and no longer suffer as I did before. My periods are natural; every ache and pain is gone, and my general health is much improved. I advise all women who suffer to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Mrs. Tillie Hart, of Larimore, N. D., writes: Dear Mrs. Pinkham:— "I might have been spared many months of suffering and pain had I only known of the efficacy of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Ask Mrs. Pinkham's Advice—A Woman Best Understands a Woman's Ills.

Desert Land--Final Proof.

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Notice of Contest.

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For Sale or Exchange.

Fifty-two copies of the WEEKLY RIVER PRESS for \$1.00 each, or its equivalent in bank bills or paper. Goods will be delivered in regular weekly installments during the twelve months following receipt of remittance. Satisfaction guaranteed. Address: THE RIVER PRESS, Fort Benton, Mont.

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UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., Oct. 15, 1906. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Fort Benton, Montana, on Monday, November 19, 1906, viz: J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Notice of Publication--Isolated Tract.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., Oct. 15, 1906. Notice is hereby given that as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved June 27, 1906, Public Law No. 393, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m. on the following day of November, 1906, at this office, the following tract of land to-wit: Big Sandy, NW 1/4 SW 1/4 section 25, township 25 north, range 10 east, M. N. Any persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the day above designated for sale. J. M. BURLINGAME, Register. C. A. WILSON, Receiver.

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UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., Oct. 24, 1906. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Fort Benton, Montana, on Monday, November 19, 1906, viz: J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

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UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., Oct. 27, 1906. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Fort Benton, Montana, on Monday, November 19, 1906, viz: J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

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UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., Nov. 8, 1906. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Fort Benton, Montana, on Monday, November 19, 1906, viz: J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

ALIAS SUMMONS.

In the district court of the Twelfth judicial district of the State of Montana, in and for the county of Chouteau. Matilda Christian, plaintiff, vs. John L. Christian, defendant. The State of Montana sends greetings to the above-named defendant. You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action which is filed in the office of the clerk of this court, a copy of which is hereunto served upon you in the county of which you reside, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer judgment will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. The said action is brought to obtain a judgment that the marriage between plaintiff and defendant be dissolved, and a divorce granted according to the statute in such cases made and provided, and plaintiff prays that the custody, control and possession of the children, Carl Christian and Arthur Christian, be adjudged to the plaintiff. The ground upon which such judgment and decree is claimed is, that about the 15th day of March, 1904, and at other times the defendant has cruelly and inhumanly treated plaintiff as if fully set forth in the complaint on file. Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 3d day of November, A. D. 1906. CHAS. H. BOYLE, Clerk. Tressler & Wilson, attorneys for plaintiff, Malta, Montana. First publication, November 5, 1906.

JOHN L. DAKE. Cattle branded on right hip. You can get same brand below original. Range, Sweet Grass hills. Will pay \$2 reward for recovery of stray cattle. Address—Gold Butte, Mont.

GEORGE L. OVERFIELD. Cattle brand as shown on cut; also 2 on left hip only; RC and R-C on the right ribs. Increase branded on right hip only; high from fall of 1894. Ear mark, over-loop in left ear and split in right. Vent, 1 on the left shoulder. Hcross branded on left shoulder. Range, Shonkin and Arrow creek. P. O. address, Fort Benton.

MILNER CATTLE CO. M. E. MILNER, Pres. and Manager, Fort Benton, Montana. Main brand as shown in the accompanying cuts. Also own all cattle bearing the single "square" brand, and all branded cattle bearing only cross P. Also own brand on right hip called "square 2."

CLAUS PETERS, Licensed Embalmer and Undertaker. Bond Street, Fort Benton.