

Weather—Rain tonight and Saturday; colder tonight.

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FLOODS SWEEP THROUGH CITIES

Four Thousand People Homeless in Indiana and Michigan.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 13.—Four thousand people have been rendered homeless and damage to the amount of \$500,000 caused here by floods, which have prevailed for the last 48 hours and show no sign of abatement.

Throughout northern Indiana and southern Michigan swollen streams have become raging torrents, in many cases sweeping through streets of cities and towns and bringing transportation to a standstill.

COULDN'T FIND EVIDENCE AGAINST M'PHEE

The long looked for report of the corporation counsel on the reported graft charges which Councilman Pratt made against Sergeant McPhee was submitted to Mayor Moore this afternoon and reads as follows:

"Pursuant to your request that I investigate the rumors current in the city regarding the misconduct of Officer D. D. McPhee of the police force, I beg to report my investigation has not been so thorough as I should like on account of lack of facilities in my office to make a full investigation of this kind, and the lack of time that a thorough investigation would require. "The rumors I have investigated do not seem to be founded on sufficient legal evidence of misconduct to warrant an investigation by the board of police commissioners. "In most of the cases investigated in which misconduct has been suggested I find them to have been cases in which defendants charged with some crime have been defended by certain criminal lawyers with whom Mr. McPhee has been closely associated either politically or socially, and it may be that this association has given rise to conclusions which are the result of inferences drawn from such association rather than from any act of misconduct."

Just what the corporation counsel really means in this is rather hard to get at. The only utterance approaching a definite statement is that there is no evidence to warrant an investigation by the commissioners, and this is qualified considerably.

McPhee demanded a regular hearing at which the charges could all be aired and he could present his defense.

Instead of this he is accorded a report of guesses and possibilities that leave him in a position hard to classify.

FEED FLEET ON SAUSAGE

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—Secretary of the Navy Metcalf today wired their following telegram of congratulation to Rear Admiral Evans and his men:

"The navy department congratulates you and your officers and men of the Atlantic fleet upon your arrival at Magdalena bay in exact accordance with the itinerary, and also upon the efficiency of the ships at time of their arrival."

SAN DIEGO, March 13.—Up to noon today no communication had been held with the fleet. The big supply ship Culgoa reached here today and began taking on tons of provisions for the men. One consignment was two tons of sausages.

FRISCO ASKS NAVY TO FURNISH GUARDS

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13.—Marines from the Atlantic fleet instead of city policemen will be utilized as guardians of the waterfront during the visit of the fleet. The marines will act as guides for the men as they leave their ships and see that they are properly directed in order to return to them. Instead of stringing the battleships out in single line in the bay, as was proposed, the fleet will anchor eight abreast.

BREWERY MUST MUST ANOTHER DUMMY

Police Chief Rice this afternoon ordered the Schade brewery, that owns the Nightingale saloon license, to depose Proprietor Zangari on account of the shooting and slashing fight into which four Italians mixed there Wednesday night.

FIVE YEARS FOR JOHN WALSH

CHICAGO, March 13.—John R. Walsh, former president of the Home Savings and the Chicago National banks, was today sentenced to five years in prison by Federal Judge Anderson, before whom he had been convicted of illegal banking.

Earlier in the proceedings Anderson had taken unfavorable action on Walsh's contentions for a new trial.

LET UNION LABOR BUILD THE HOME

The new Home for the Friendless will undoubtedly be a union labor proposition from top to bottom on account of the interest a number of unions have expressed in seeing the 150,000 club's campaign made a success. It has been suggested that members of the various unions donate one day's pay to the fund, and the idea has found favor with at least one organization, the stonemasons.

In consideration for this it should not be difficult to arrange that union labor be employed throughout in the erection of the new building, which with the site will cost \$40,000 or thereabouts.

GREEKS DRUGGED AND ROBBED

Drugged and robbed of \$300 was the story told the police this morning by four Greeks who have been working all winter at railroad construction. They stopped at Quincy last night, and during their stay drank some. Three other men were with them. They claim that after they came out of a stupor caused by drugs in the liquor the three men had disappeared, likewise their cash.

The Greeks were advised to take this afternoon's train back to Quincy and put the case in the hands of the marshal there.

BOOSTERS WILL BE THERE

The boosters, real and willing to be, gather at Elks temple tonight in a regular 150,000 club social session for the good of the order and the city. Anybody desiring an initiation into the process of making Spokane shine in the 150,000 population class pretty shortly will be given the glad hand, something to eat and smoke and listen to.

WORLD WILL SEE FLEET

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—Sec. Metcalf officially announced today that the Atlantic fleet would complete its trip around the world. The fleet will start westward from San Francisco July 6, stopping first at Honolulu, and from there will go to Samoa and Australia, proceeding northward to the Philippines for target practice. The fleet will then sail for home, stopping at Colombo, Aden, Port Said and Gibraltar. It is not known if the fleet will visit Japanese waters.

Deputy Prosecutor Pugh, who is in charge of the Buck shooting affair, states that nothing will be done for a few days. In the meantime Buck is in the county jail, where his movements are being watched. It is said that Buck's mind became deranged over inventions which he has tried for years to perfect.

Commissioner O'Brien stated today that at the next meeting of the city council he would submit three or four plans of the proposed Sprague st. fill, which are now being drawn in the city engineer's office.

MOTHERS LIKE ROOSEVELT



MRS. FREDERIC SCHOFF
Presiding Officer of Convention
MRS. OSCAR G. STRAUSS

MRS. JAS. BRYCE
MRS. THEODORE ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—Pres. Roosevelt acquired a new distinction yesterday when Mrs. Frederic Schoff, introducing Mrs. Roosevelt to the Mothers' congress now in session here, said that the president's attitude in honoring the mothers had spread the mothers' congress idea all over the civilized world. Mrs. Roosevelt is a member of the congress.

Mrs. Schoff declared that the future of the mothers' club movement was assured. "At first," she said, "we were dubbed a set of cranks. It was flatly declared that if we were good mothers we would stay at home and take care of our children instead of running about the country attending conventions. "Now everyone acknowledges the welfare of children to be a subject which needs thorough and exhaustive study, and a legitimate occupation for women. The National

Society of Mothers believes every child should have an opportunity to develop physically, mentally and morally. That is what we seek to accomplish.

"We have accomplished much in the way of child labor and compulsory education laws. Vacations, schools, fresh-air clubs, day nurseries, playground associations and kindergartens are other movements in the direct line of our work. To be a good mother does not mean to sit at home all day any more than to be a good father would mean to exclude all public interest from one's life."

The remaining sessions of the congress, which will conclude on the 15th, will be held in the Metropolitan M. E. church, where Pres. Grant, Hayes and McKinley were worshiped. Five hundred delegates are in attendance. The program covers a wide range of child interests with a brilliant array of speakers.

From the Workingman's Standpoint



BRUNO FINDS WAY TO DEFY POLICE ORDERS

In defiance of police orders, Frank Bruno has begun gradually to get back into the disreputable business which he carried on so successfully in the Main block. Previous to leaving that place on police orders, Bruno erected a three-story brick block on the corner of Front av. and Brown st., just across from the old Sacred Heart hospital. He has since put in a wholesale liquor store on the ground floor. The two upper floors are fitted up with rooms, 25 on each floor.

Some of the women who were driven out of the Main block are now domiciled under Bruno's new roof. In each room is two bells, one to call for drinks and the other to call the police in cases of emergency. A dumb waiter to carry drinks from the liquor store to the upstairs has been put in. This dumb waiter does not show on the plans which are on file in the office of their board of public works.

STEPTOE NEEDS MAIL SERVICE

The new town of Steptoe wants a mail service that amounts to something. No postoffice has yet been established there and the population is dependent upon the rural route from Colfax. This is subject to a bunch of Spokane mail one day and then missing fire for several days.

Two months ago the Steptoe folks sent in an application for a postoffice and service over the Inland road, but nothing has been heard from it since, and won't be probable unless somebody yanks loose the postal department red tape at Washington.

STATE POLICE ARREST RENO CHIEF

RENO, March 13.—The first clash between the recently organized state police and local authorities occurred here today with the result that Chief of Police Sparks, of Reno, is under arrest. Captain Cox, of the state police, accuses Sparks of refusing to take charge of prisoners arrested for illegal fishing.

MISSES DEATH BY THE LENGTH OF HIS CUE

A Chinaman, possibly full of "hop," had an adventure in the river at the Howard st. bridge this

TO START LABOR TEMPLE WEEK WITH BAND PARADE

Next week inaugurates a movement that will undoubtedly result in the erection of a commodious home for organized labor in Spokane. A Central Labor union committee, headed by George G. Cody, has been working on the project for weeks and is now in shape for systematic progress. Estimates on building and site have only been taken up in a general way yet, as the unions intend to start the building fund first and proceed with the enterprise along safe and conservative lines. The first public effort to raise this fund begins next week with the Curtis Co. benefit at the Columbia theater. The play will be "The Master Workman" and a portion of the entire week's proceeds will be turned over to the labor temple fund.

BELL'S AIRSHIP WILL FLY

HAMMONDSPORT, N. Y., March 13.—A partly successful test of a "heavier than air" airship was held here today when Alexander Graham Bell's "Redwing" rose over Keuka lake and sailed a distance of 300 yards. Then the machinery broke and the aeroplane settled to the ground.

CURRY SHOOTING STILL MYSTERY

The mystery surrounding the shooting of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Curry in bed at 01509 Washington st. Wednesday night is still as deep as ever. The police are trying to trace the odd revolver which was found on the dining room floor and with which the shooting was presumably done. None of the family recognizes the weapon. Mr. and Mrs. Curry are reported as getting along satisfactorily today at Sacred Heart hospital, and their recovery is considered certain.

FINDS A JIMMY BUT LETS OWNER ESCAPE

Patrolman Peabody trailed a suspicious looking character from the vicinity of the railroad tracks down Howard st. to Sprague av. this morning early. He noticed the man peering about doorways in an archaic manner and cutting across street corners somewhat after the style of the thief in melodrama. It was in the neighborhood of the Spokane Eastern Trust Co. and other institutions that might be expected to attract the attention of desperate yeggmen.

FORGED CHECKS ON GOV. GUILD

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13.—H. Mortimer Wilson and wife, arrested at their St. Francis hotel for attempting to pass forged checks against the account of Gov. Curtis Guild, of Massachusetts, on the Shawmut bank of Boston, will probably be sent to Denver, where the police want him on a similar charge. The wife will probably be released.

NAVAL CRITIC WILL KEEP QUIET NOW

SAN DIEGO, March 13.—Henry Reuterhald, marine artist and writer, whose criticisms of the navy in a recent magazine caused such a stir in the United States and resulted in the investigation now going on at Washington, reached San Diego today on the supply ship. He left the fleet at Caliao and declared he is going direct to New York. "I will not write any more on the subject of the navy," he said. He praised their men and officers highly, saying the navy had the best personnel in the world.

CHINA'S EMPRESS WANTS WAR WITH JAPAN

PEKING, March 13.—The war cloud between China and Japan suddenly took on a darker and more ominous shade today when the dowager empress stepped in and gave positive orders to the foreign office not to surrender the Tatsu Maru, held by the Chinese, in spite of Japanese protestations. The empress is strongly supported by her personal court and she is urged by them to throw China's resources in the field and fight before giving up the vessel. Defeat by Japan would mean little to this faction, but the disgrace of a diplomatic surrender with consequent loss of prestige would mean much.

EVELYN SHOWS HER TEETH

PITTSBURG, March 13.—The Thaw family has abandoned all thought of fighting Evelyn Thaw's suit for divorce from Harry. The family is broken up and the apparent intention of Evelyn to muck-rake her husband's life and air all the scandal possible is said to have driven the elder Mrs. Thaw almost insane. So complete is her breakdown that she will soon leave Pittsburg for Pasadena, where her son, Josiah, is now staying with his family. Meanwhile, it is said that if Evelyn proceeds with her suit quietly there will be no trouble, but if she attempts to break into the newspapers with her story she may encounter opposition she does not dream of at present.

COUNCIL SLOWLY WAKES UP ON GRADE SEPARATION

The council met once more last night and the property owners' committee, consisting of about six wealthy men headed by Judge Turner and W. H. Cowles, who are apparently determined to block the N. P. grade separation unless their own particular plans are adopted, has met a half dozen times. Still the question is not settled. The committee's filibustering tactics met with a rebuff last night when the council, with the exception of Funk, Baldwin and Estep, the latter two being the only councilmen who have been admitted to the secret conclaves of the committee, suddenly awakened to the fact that, instead of unofficial parties, will be expected to finally decide the separation question. They passed part of the ordinance along for a legal ruling.

Judge Turner proposed to change it to permissive form on the ground that this only will permit property owners recovering damage from the elevation of the grade. Cannon offered to insert in the ordinance a provision that the mandatory form should not be held as a bar to damage recovery, but Turner held this of no value in case of suit after the city had ordered the work done.

On motion of Pratt the section with Cannon's amendment was referred to the corporation counsel for a legal opinion on its validity and guarantee of damage payment. The council will take up the ordinance again Monday evening. In a discussion of the plans after this was settled Cannon again declined to agree to the opening of Bernard st.

Meanwhile thousands of people are compelled to continue the daily grade crossing risk of life and limb with dim prospects of speedy relief.

FINDS CORPSE ON FISH HOOK

MONTEREY, Cal., March 13.—Confronted by what appears to be a murder mystery, the police force of this city is endeavoring to ascertain how Mrs. Frank Sage, whose body was found in the bay by fishermen, came to her death. Mrs. Sage left her home for a walk Wednesday night and did not return. Searching parties suspected she had been murdered when they found a pool of blood in the rocks between Monterey and Pacific Grove, but no trace of the woman was found until C. J. Kedotto pulled the body from the bottom of the bay with a fish hook.

HURRICANE ON PUGET SOUND

There is a bit of spring zephyr lurking around the corners today, but if it bothers you a bit just stop and be thankful you are not over on the Sound. There the weather bureau reports a gale humping along at the rate of 68 miles per hour. That's about as near to a genuine hurricane as you can approach and keep your feet on the ground. The lofty shallow rooted fir along the Sound must have gone down by the acre. Probably there was no gust flying, but the Puget Sounder must have had a lively time sidestepping dislocated roofs and other objects of similar magnitude with no other mission in life than to suddenly land on luckless skulls.

SPOKANE GETS CONVENTION

Mayor Moore has received favorable replies from seven of the republican delegates to whom he sent letters asking them to work for securing the next convention for Spokane. It is expected that every Eastside delegate will be in favor of Spokane. Not an adverse reply has been received.

CLEVEREST RUSSIAN WILL COACH CHINA

ST. PETERSBURG, March 13.—It is rumored here today that Gen. Wegack, one of the cleverest diplomats in the Russian service, has been named ambassador to China and will start at once to take charge of the embassy at Peking. Gen. Wegack is thoroughly familiar with oriental politics.