

Five Hundred Dead at Heppner

Wall of Water Fifteen Feet High Sweeps Down Willow Creek Wrecking Buildings, Bringing Sudden and Terrible Death to Hundreds, and Leaving Mangled Corpses and Ruined Homes in its Path

Portland, June 15.—A cloud-burst swept Heppner, Lexington and Ione, Oregon, and there is a report of big losses of life and property. Three hundred are missing.

The Dalles, Or., June 15.—A messenger arrived at Arlington this morning from Lexington, with the news that a cloud-burst last night, at Heppner, had swept down the valley everywhere before it, and estimates that 500 were killed. When he left, at 1 o'clock, 100 bodies had been recovered. A special leaves here at noon for the west.

Portland, Or., June 15.—A message from the mayor of Lexington to Mayor Williams, of Portland, says a large part of the town was swept away by a cloud-burst, and they need help.

Portland, Or., June 15.—A dispatch from Echo says a courier has just arrived from Heppner, and says 325 are dead at that place. The wall of water was 15 feet high. It is feared another flood has inflicted further disaster. A relief train leaves Portland at 1:30 for the scene of the disaster. Fifteen bodies have been recovered at Lexington.

Portland, Or., June 15.—Up to 1 o'clock this morning 105 bodies had been recovered, and but a small portion of the territory devastated had been gone over. From the meagre details gathered from every section of Morrow county, where the damage occurred, it appears that a giant wall of water, almost housetop-high, bearing on its crest trees, timbers and immense stones, descended upon Heppner, the town farthest up the valley, at a late hour yesterday evening. Many people were at church, and others in their homes, and there was no warning. Buildings crumbled and turned to splinters in the face of the terrible deluge, and human beings were twisted and crushed and torn, to be submerged and strangled at last beneath a mighty river flowing along a course, where, 10 minutes before, hardly a trout brook could be found. Gathering depth, breadth and velocity, as it progressed, the water crests rushed on down the valley, sweeping everything before. Lexington was almost entirely submerged, and the loss of life there is supposed to have been greater than at Heppner, the first town visited by the deluge. At Ione the sea, which had followed the channel

of Willow creek, was augmented by another mighty volume of muddy water which came hurtling down from the hills where Wilson creek heads.

Pendleton, Or., June 13.—News received here from a reliable source says 300 people are known to be dead and missing from the Heppner cloud-burst, which occurred about 7 o'clock last night. The depot buildings, warehouses and many houses at Heppner were washed away, as well as those down Willow creek, all the way to Heppner Junction. Seventeen miles of track on the Heppner branch of the O. R. & N. have been washed out.

Heppner, Lexington and Ione, the three towns devastated by the cloud burst last night, are all situated on the Heppner branch of the O. R. & N.,

which leaves the main road at Heppner Junction, formerly known as Willows. The road follows up Willow creek, a good-sized mountain stream, rising in the Blue Mountains, and flowing northwesterly into the Columbia. It is a typical Eastern Oregon mountain stream, with a narrow creek bottom from 50 to 300 yards wide, from the sides of which rise abrupt bluffs. Willow creek has a fall of 45 feet to the mile, and at Heppner is probably 250 yards wide. The town is built in the creek bottom, just below the forks of the creek, Hinton canyon and Donaldson creek coming into the main creek, the former in the lower part of town, the latter in the upper part. It is presumed, from the meagre reports obtainable, that the cloud-burst occurred not far above the fated town on

these two creeks, which, at the same time, emptied their floods upon the sleeping town. The terrific force of the flood may be guessed at when, with all the big creek bottoms, to spread in for a distance of 10 miles, it swept the little town of Lexington almost out of existence, and at Ione, 10 miles further away, did immense damage. Heppner was the county seat of Morrow county, had a population of about 1500, and was a substantial and thrifty town. It will be some days before the full measure of the damage and loss of life can be known. The wires are down, and news can only be received by messengers, after a ride of 20 miles. A special train was sent out from The Dalles at noon, with stores and supplies, and all available physicians.

List of Bodies Recovered

Portland, June 15.—Following is the list of bodies recovered: Heppner—Thomas Howard and family, Krug and family, Bob Hinds and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, James Jones and family, Dr. M. Sward, family of C. A. Rhea, Mrs. Chas. Andrews and child, Wells, Dr. Yiegar, John Ayers, several Chinese, Ben Pattison and wife, Geo. Noble and family, occupants of the Heppner hotel, Matlock family, Dr. Higgs' child, Miss Elliott, Mrs. Elder, William Cohen and family, Redfield, (an attorney) and family, William Walten and family.

Waiters are Winning Slowly

Chicago, June 15.—Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, arrived in Chicago this morning. He immediately offered his services to both sides of the cooks' and waiters' strike. He declared he would take no sides in the controversy, but that the waiters had been for years treated in a contemptible manner by their employers, who forced them to subsist by tips, rather than by honest wages. The situation today shows improvement, and many employes are returning to work.

Not Worrying About Servia

London, June 15.—Balfour in the commons today said the Servian situation was not even under consideration by the cabinet, and that diplomatic relations automatically ended with the death of Alexander.

General McCook is Buried

Dayton, Ohio, June 15.—A simple, although military funeral was given General McCook today. Eight non-commissioned officers were pall bearers.

House Falls Killing Forty

Berlin, June 15.—The Tageblatt reports that a flat building in Warsaw collapsed today, and 40 were killed.

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Bad at El Paso

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American Hash House

London, June 15.—An American quick lunch stand, opened on the Strand today, attracted a great crowd, which blocked the street about the window, watching the cook flip pancakes and sinkers. The place is doing a rushing business.

That Feud in Kentucky

Jackson, Ky., June 15.—Thorpe and Crawford, suspected of firing the Ewen hotel, in retaliation for his testimony against Jett, and White were taken before Judge Redwine this morning. The judge, after hearing the habeas corpus proceedings, held the men to the grand jury.

Steamer is Wrecked

Christiansand, June 15.—Part of the crew of the Belgian steamer Rubens was brought here today. The vessel capsized and sunk; and six sailors, the captain and mate were drowned. Seven others drifted about twenty hours before they were picked up. Three died from exposure.

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