

WIDESPREAD RAVOC BROUGHT BY FLOOD

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Portland to-night is cut off by floods from Seattle, Tacoma, Bellingham, Spokane and every point north and east of Kelso, Wash.

The rainstorm that swept over the Northwest Pacific Coast last night has created a condition under which railroads are at a standstill or greatly interrupted.

Flooded rivers have washed out bridges and wagon roads are impassible. The only trains that entered Portland to-day were from the south.

Trains from the north are stalled, and about Seattle and Tacoma, and from the east over the O. R. & N. tracks are stalled by a landslide at Bonville, and passengers will be brought here by boat.

A dispatch from Kelso, Wash., says a raging torrent is rushing through the lowlands in that vicinity, carrying away thousands of dollars' worth of property.

The Cowlitz river, which began to rise rapidly yesterday, jumped to 20 feet above low water mark this morning, and the big 800-foot drawbridge that spans the stream between Kelso and Catlin was unable to withstand the terrific strain, and broke from its fastenings early to-day.

Nine steamers have left Portland for the Cowlitz river to recover the booms of sawlogs that broke loose near the headwaters of the river.

The Willamette river in Oregon at points above Portland rose rapidly yesterday and to-day.

Hundreds Homeless. Seattle, Wash., Nov. 15.-With 300 square miles of Northwest Washington torn by floods, with three known to be dead in King county and dozens ill from fright and exposure, with a score of towns cut off from communication, with teams stalled, roadbeds destroyed and bridges swept away, the losses of the floods of the last 20 hours - save in life itself - have been sudden and appalling.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars will not begin to restore the land to the non-irrigated condition. For miles are carried away, and in some cases the buildings themselves have been flood-swept till not two sticks of the original structure remain together.

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DEBATE IN THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT Conditions in Compounds Discussed - Government Refused to Publish Bucknill Report.

London, Nov. 15.-Both houses of parliament to-night debated the unpleasant subject arising 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.

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REBELLIOUS BOERS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED Capetown, Nov. 17.-Ferreira, the leader of the Boer raid from German Southwest Africa into the northern part of Cape Colony, and all his followers were captured to-day by colonial patrols.

Winston Spencer Churchill replied on behalf of the government. He said it had been decided not to publish the Bucknill report because it was unprintable and because the evidence upon which it was based had been obtained confidentially. It was undoubtedly true, Mr. Churchill said, that such vices existed in many compounds, but the opponents of Chinese labor always recognized that such a state of affairs would be inevitable, and the government rested largely, in the first place, with Alfred Lyttleton, until lately colonial minister. It was quite untrue, however, as alleged, that these practices amounted to an open scandal or were tolerated by the police or mine managers. These evils had long been foreseen. "Then why this belated intervention on the part of the bishops and archbishops?" asked Mr. Churchill. The revelations of the Bucknill report, although they did not bear out the statements alleged, nevertheless disclosed a condition of affairs sufficiently unhealthy and unnatural to require the attention of the government. In a matter, however, which should be left to South Africa which was on the eve of responsible government.

Mr. Lyttleton then declared that no shred of evidence of this horrible and monstrous system of vice had reached him while in the colonial office.

Other members spoke on the subject, and then Premier Campbell-Bannerman said the government had every reason to believe that the evil would be diminished if not altogether eradicated. The motion was eventually talked out.

The subject was raised in the House of Lords by the Archbishop of Canterbury, who asked if the government had any information thereon. Lord Elgin, the colonial secretary, said the revelations of the Bucknill report went to show that the practices prevail in nearly all the compounds and in his opinion strengthens the view that the permanent adoption of a system of Chinese labor was impossible. The grosser allegations, however, were not substantiated by the report.

Lord Lansdowne, foreign secretary in the late ministry, defending the late government said the opposition would go as far as possible to assist the government in stamping out the evils. The subject was then dropped.

MURDERER SHOT. Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 15.-A special to the Journal says that Will Harris, the negro who killed two policemen and was shot at Nashville on Tuesday, was killed by a posse near Asheville at noon to-day. Two members of the posse were hurt in the fight which resulted in the death of the negro.

CHARGES OF EXTORTION. Five Indictments Returned Against Mayor Schmitz and A. Ruef. San Francisco, Nov. 15.-The grand jury to-day returned five indictments against Mayor E. Schmitz and A. Ruef on charges of extortion. On each charge the bail was fixed at \$10,000 and bond at \$20,000.

BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR. Refused to Answer Questions Put to Him by Immigration Inspector. New York, Nov. 15.-Whether or not the ambassador of a friendly nation on arriving at New York to take up his duties in Washington, must be compelled to inform the immigration inspectors whether he has ever been in a prison or almshouse, or supported by charity, or whether he is a polygamist or an anarchist, may have to be decided by the state department at Washington as the result of the refusal of Joaquin Nabuco, Brazilian ambassador, to answer the questions when he arrived here to-day from Liverpool. The immigration law requires that all arriving at the port shall answer these and other questions.

Concerning the incident, Mr. Nabuco said: "I answered every question which I believed would add to the statistical government information, but when it comes to asking questions regarding my beliefs and opinions, it is different. I am not a visitor to this country in the implied sense of the word. I am here as a representative of another power, and as such I am to a certain extent the guest of this nation. This is the ground I take, and for this reason alone I refused to answer certain questions."

Washington, D. C., Nov. 15.-Upon being unofficially informed of the circumstances attending the landing in New York of the Brazilian ambassador, Nabuco, brought about by his refusal to answer certain questions, United States Secretary of State Root promptly communicated with the department of commerce and labor and requested that the necessary instructions be telegraphed to the collector at New York immediately to extend the courtesies of the port to the ambassador and his secretary.

It is probable that an apology also will be offered to the ambassador and a severe admonition given to the immigration officials responsible for the indignities.

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SCORES SAW WOMAN COMMIT SUICIDE Jumped From the Fifth Story of an Apartment House in New York City.

New York, Nov. 16.-Holding an umbrella overhead a young woman hurled herself from the fifth story window of a house in East 54th street yesterday. Before she had fallen 20 feet the umbrella turned inside out, her head struck a railing and she was crushed to death. The police have been unable to identify the woman, who is about 40 years of age, and wore good clothing and jewels. She died before the eyes of scores of persons. While outside the door of the room from which she had leaped a man was waiting for her and she was severely injured. The man was waiting for her and she was severely injured. The man was waiting for her and she was severely injured.

Last night the woman called on Mrs. Emma Oltott, janitress of the house. She wanted to view the apartments on the fifth floor, which were vacant. Mrs. Oltott called her husband, who escorted the woman to the rooms, she said she would take them. "It's the usual thing here to ask for a deposit," said the janitor. "Oh that's all right," answered the visitor. Then according to the janitor she added: "Would you mind letting me go to another room and get the money?" The man murmured an acquiescence. The stranger went into the next room and closed the door tightly behind her. Not a sound was heard by Oltott. When he had waited five minutes he became worried. He did not want to enter the room, so he called on Mrs. Henitz, who lives across the hall. Mrs. Henitz found the room empty. On the mantelpiece lay a woman's hat and a purse containing only 70 cents. Mrs. Henitz screamed and the janitor ran down the stairs. They encountered a policeman who had come up to discover the identity of a woman who had jumped from the fifth story and had been killed.

GOT TEN YEARS. G. E. Adams Sentenced For Stealing Gold From Seattle Assay Office. Seattle, Nov. 15.-George Edward Adams has commenced serving sentences aggregating ten years for stealing gold from the United States assay office at Seattle, when he was cashier there. He changed his plea of not guilty, made months ago, to one of guilty shortly after 10 o'clock yesterday morning before Judge Hanford, and received the extreme imprisonment penalty of five years on each of the two counts in which he admitted guilt. The first was for the theft of three ounces of gold, valued at \$50, from dust deposited by the Washington Assay Co. The second was for the theft of 420 ounces of gold, worth \$7,000, from depositors unknown at the time the indictment was drawn. The remaining counts of the 153 included in the indictment were dismissed by the court.

The plea and sentence obviate the necessity of the criminal trial, which had been set for November 20th.

JAPANESE PUPILS. Viscount Hayashi Expects the 'Frisco Trouble Will Be Amicably Settled. Tokio, Nov. 17.-Viscount Hayashi, Japanese minister of foreign affairs, who was interviewed to-day by delegates from the progressive and conservative parties with reference to the trouble with the school board of San Francisco, explained that the views of the American authorities at Washington and those of the Japanese government were in perfect accord on the subject. He trusted that a satisfactory settlement would be made in time by working out the six of the constitution of the United States. He assured the delegates that there was no danger of any controversy arising over the affair which would injure the traditional friendship of both countries.

GUARDING ROOSEVELT. Anarchists and Suspects Detained by Police. Panama, Nov. 16.-All the dynamite intended for use in blasting the canal has been carefully locked up for two days past. Four well-known anarchists and twelve suspects have been arrested. They will be detained until President Roosevelt leaves.

ADVICES were received from the police of England, Germany and New York, warning the isthmian authorities that certain persons of known anarchistic tendencies had disappeared with the supposed destination of the isthmus.

CANADIAN NOTES. Sudden Death on Train - Tragedy in Saskatchewan. Kenora, Ont., Nov. 15.-A most distressing death occurred just as the first section of the Atlantic express pulled into Kenora this afternoon. Sister Babin, of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary, of St. Laurent, Man., died in extreme agony from hemorrhage of the lungs. The deceased lady was on her way to New York in the company of Sister Maria, in search of health. The body will be sent back to the Sisterhood of St. Laurent.

BARGE SUNK. Port Huron, Mich., Nov. 14.-The barge I. L. Bell, owned by the Pittsburg Steamship Company, was sunk in the rapids here to-day by a collision with the iron steamer Seguin. No lives were lost.

FATAL FIGHT. Regina, Sask., Nov. 15.-Macgregor, Walmen, Blackly and Damm brothers of Long Lake were members of a threshing syndicate. Trouble arose on Wednesday last as to the threshing of Macgregor's crop, and a fight ensued, resulting in Macgregor's death. B. A. See, land agent, with Dr. Waugh and John Adams, intending purchasers, were in the neighborhood on Sunday last, and hearing rumors of foul play visited the scene of the tragedy and found Macgregor's body in a casket ready for burial. Dr. Waugh made an examination and found bruises on the head, shoulders and stomach, and advised Mr. See to notify the authorities, which he did. Corp. Goldsmith, Corp. Sheppard, Dr. Cutchinson, and two brothers of the deceased left yesterday for the scene of the tragedy.

Sent to Penitentiary. Port Arthur, Ont., Nov. 15.-A sentence of seven years in the Kingston penitentiary was imposed on two brothers named Jansen, convicted of highway robbery here. They are Danes.

ROUGH VOYAGE. Engineer and Seaman of the Dundee Injured While Crossing the Atlantic. St. Johns, Nfld., Nov. 16.-With two of her crew severely injured, her steering gear disabled and otherwise seriously damaged, the steamer Dundee arrived here to-day after a terrible voyage across the Atlantic. The captain reported that owing to the condition of her steering gear the steamer narrowly escaped going ashore while trying to make this port last night. The Dundee sailed from Dundee twelve days ago for Montreal, and the voyage was a constant battle with wind and sea. It became necessary to put in here to make repairs and to send the injured men to a hospital. The injured are a seaman and the third engineer. The seaman has a broken leg, and the engineer's body was severely crushed in the Dundee's machinery.

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The report received here last night that the forty people who were marooned on an island at the juncture of the Cowlitz and Columbia rivers had been rescued by the steamer Burton, sent from Portland for the purpose, proves untrue. The Burton was unable to approach the island on account of the rush of the water, and the presence of logs and drift. The steamer Sarah Dixon has gone to the scene and will attempt the rescue. Owing to the fact that the Cowlitz has about reached the limits of the flood, it is believed that they will be saved.

Seattle, Nov. 17.-Although chaos still reigns in the flooded districts of this state, conditions to-day are greatly improved. Water is rapidly going down, and the danger of further damage is about past.

Rail communications have been established on a few spur tracks, but transcontinental trains will be running for about a week.

In the low Dummawish valley the water