

Peter First of Serbia

Senate and Parliament of Little Balkan State Selects Ruler.

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MILLINERS ASSIGN.

London, June 15.—Clarke, Vandenberg & Co., wholesale milliners, assigned liabilities \$50,000, with assets of a like figure.

CHINESE MINISTER TO U. S.

Washington, D. C., June 15.—Sir Chen Tung Lin, Chinese minister to the United States, was received formally by President Roosevelt at the White House today. The presentation was made by Secretary Hay. The minister was accompanied by the official staff of the Chinese legation.

NEW CONFERENCE.

Manitoba Gathering Decide to Divide Methodist Work.

Winnipeg, June 15.—At the Manitoba and Northwest Methodist conference today a motion was passed authorizing a division of the conference after the next annual gathering, into three conferences, to be known, respectively, as the Manitoba, Assiniboia and Alberta conferences.

AMERICAN-CHINESE TREATY.

Shanghai, June 15.—The terms of the American commercial treaty have been settled except the clause providing for the opening of two Manchurian ports. The treaty abolishes all interior trade barriers, and allows customs management, and allows duties of one-half per cent. import duty, and half per cent. in export duty.

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CLOUBURST CAUSES APPALLING CALAMITY

Without Warning Heppner, Oregon, Struck by Raging Torrent and a Large Portion of the Town Swept Away.

Loss of Life Estimated in the Hundreds but Particulars are Hard to Obtain—One Hundred Corpses Recovered.

Portland, June 15.—The following dispatch was received from Heppner, Oregon, this afternoon: "Two-thirds of Heppner was swept away by a terrible flood. Fully 200 people were drowned. The weather is hot today and the bodies cannot be recovered on account of the debris and lack of men. The bodies are being buried in the debris and small damages. Outside assistance is needed to bury the dead and clear away the wreckage."

All the telegraph and telephone wires are down, and no accurate information can be obtained, but the estimate of loss of life is based on the most reliable reports received up to tonight. Report from June 17, 17 miles from Heppner, is to the effect that 800 bodies have been recovered.

A messenger who arrived at June said that a wall of water 20 feet high rushed down into the gulch in which Heppner is situated, carrying everything before it.

The flood came suddenly, so sudden that the inhabitants were unable to seek places of safety, and were carried down to death by the awful rush of water. Almost the entire resident portion of the town was destroyed, but some of the business part, which is on higher ground, escaped. Huge boulders, weighing a ton, were carried down by the current, and many people were killed by being crushed against the rocky bluff. Early in the afternoon a thunderstorm set in, many of the small streams overflowing their banks in a short time. Bridges were swept away like straws.

As soon as possible after the flood had subsided the work of relief was commenced by the citizens of the town.

Dozens of bodies were found lodged along the bends of Willow creek, and several places they were piled over one another. Up to two o'clock this afternoon 200 bodies had been recovered almost within the city limits. Hundreds of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs that had gone into the creek bottoms for water, perished. News of the calamity did not reach the outside world until today, all the means of communication having been cut off. Soon as possible news was sent by couriers to the nearby towns. The Oregon Railway & Navigation Company started a relief train with physicians and supplies from the Dulles shortly after noon. At 1.30 this afternoon another relief train started for the scene from this city. The citizens of Portland started a relief fund as soon as the news of the disaster spread over the city, and within a few hours \$5,000 was raised. Supplies will be rushed to Heppner as soon as they can be assembled. Fifteen buildings in the town of Lexington, nine miles below Heppner, on Willow creek, were washed away, but with no loss of life. At June 17, 17 miles away, considerable damage was done to buildings, but no loss of life is reported.

A terrible avalanche of water raced down Willow and Wilson creeks in Eastern Oregon at a late hour yesterday evening almost totally destroying the towns of Heppner, Lexington and June. Five hundred are reported dead. Without other warning than a few preliminary claps of distant thunder the worst calamity that ever came to the Pacific Northwest descended upon the towns, almost wiping them out of existence. Terrible loss of life is known to have resulted, and by some is estimated at 500, although details are impossible to make. Rough estimates place the property damage at more than a million dollars.

Preparations for relief of Heppner are in progress at various points on Portland to Pendleton. The Oregon Railway & Navigation Company dispatched a relief train from the Dulles at 12.30 and 1.30 p. m. A train left the city carrying J. B. O'Brien and a party of engineers. Dozens of wagons with supplies and doctors are being sent to Heppner from nearby points.

Spokane, Wash., June 15.—Telegram and telephone advices from Arlington, Oregon, state that the town of Heppner was almost destroyed by a flood that rushed down. Williams creek between 6 and 7 o'clock last evening. Reports from June state that from 350 to 500 people are believed to have been drowned. Early today it was reported that 100 bodies had been found, but only meagre reports of the disaster have been obtained.

Heppner is a town of about 1,250 inhabitants, the seat of Morrow county. Early reports indicate the flood was caused by either one or two cloudbursts.

Heppner, the county town of Morrow county, which suffered so severely in the fatal cloudburst which devastated that section of Oregon, is a town of some 1,200 people, situated some distance from the Columbia, and is on a branch line of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company. It is the centre of a large stock and grain belt, and the gateway to the John Day plains, from which much gold has been taken. It lies in an area used extensively for sheep and cattle raising, and the floods will doubtless cause heavy financial loss, as well as loss of life.

Lexington, another of the stricken towns, where death has ridden rough shod on the flood, is a town of some importance on the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company's system beyond the Dulles, and is next in importance to Walla Walla and Portland. It is a shipping point for large quantities of grain, and sheep, and many cattle are shipped there.

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LOAN COMPANY SUSPENDED.

St. Thomas, Ont., June 15.—The Elgin Loan & Savings Company closed its doors this morning. A note on the door stated that the bank suspended payment for a few days pending an investigation into the situation.

COL. DUNBAR ACQUITTED.

Seattle, June 15.—Judge Bell late this afternoon dismissed the indictment against Col. H. B. Dunbar, charging him with conducting a gambling game on the ship. The court held that the gambling law passed by the legislature applied to the case, and that Dunbar was indicted. The action of the court was taken after a lengthy argument by the attorneys on both sides. The case had come to trial and several witnesses had been called for evidence before the detention order. This ends the Dunbar case finally.

DISTINGUISHED OFFICER DEAD.

General McCook, a Veteran of the Federal Army, Dies Suddenly.

Dayton, O., June 15.—General Alexander McDougall McCook, 62, retired, suffered a third stroke of paralysis at 6 o'clock yesterday morning and died at 10 o'clock. He was the father of his daughter, Mrs. Charles C. McCook. General McCook came from Washington a few weeks ago and had been suffering a mild stroke of paralysis. This was followed a few days later by a severe one, and he died at the first, but despite this fact it was hoped that he would recover. He appeared to be in good health until this morning, when the end came suddenly.

General McCook was a distinguished officer in the Federal Army, and was a member of the United States Senate. He was a