

FLOODS FOLLOW OREGON STORM

RAILWAY TRAFFIC IS DEMORALIZED

Scores of Families Without Water and Light in Salem—Man Loses Life

(Times Leased Wire.)
Portland, Ore., Jan. 19.—Train service north, south and east out of Portland has been demoralized, basements and streets flooded, telephone and telegraph lines are crippled as a result of a heavy downpour which began Tuesday morning and only showed signs of ending today.

The total precipitation during the present storm up to 5 o'clock this morning was 6.25 inches, the heaviest since 1888. The weather bureau to-day predicted that the storm had practically ended, although small showers in the Willamette valley for possibly two days is looked for. All storm signals on the Oregon coast were ordered down today, as the hurricane which has delayed shipping for the last 48 hours is abating.

In the cascade the heavy rains caused a number of small landslides last night, which effectively stopped all east and west bound traffic over the O. W. & N. Floods washed out bridges north and south of Portland, stopped train service on the Southern Pacific and over the Northern Pacific tracks north to Seattle. Officials this forenoon stated that they were unable to say whether service would be resumed to-day. All trains were annulled last night.

The Willamette river is rising rapidly and this morning had reached the highest stage. It is expected that the highest stage, which is the danger line, will be reached by to-morrow afternoon.

ARE PREPARING A MEMORIAL

EXECUTIVE OF B. C. MUNICIPALITIES HERE

Decision of Electors on Referendum in Victoria Goes to Legislature

(From Thursday's Daily.)
Preliminary to presenting a memorial to the legislature, the members of the executive of the Union of B. C. Municipalities, an organization which undertakes to lay before the government each year all matters affecting the welfare of the various municipalities throughout the province on which legislation is sought, are to-day holding sessions at the city hall.

While in the city the party are guests at the Empress hotel. Those in attendance at the meeting of the executive are: Major Piana of Nopalmo, president; G. Boss, Surrey Centre; E. H. Bridgman and J. McNaught, North Vancouver; Ald. Enright, Vancouver City; Dr. Hamilton, Revelstoke, and J. Byrne, of Burnaby. Ex-Ald. Bannerman, of Victoria, a member of the executive as representing the city council here.

The questions which were included in the referendum submitted to the electors at the last recent municipal elections will go before the government in the memorial being prepared by the executive, but they will not be endorsed, as time was not given for the union to consider the same. These questions, which received affirmative answers, dealt with the abolition of taxes on improvements, the election of licence and police commissioners and the abolition of saloon and bottle licenses.

Last evening the members of the executive were guests of P. A. McDiarmid, city solicitor, at dinner at the Pacific club.



THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

OUR MR. ASQUITH—Five hundred coronets, dirt cheap! This line of goods ought to make business a bit brisker, what?
OUR MR. LLOYD GEORGE—Not half; bound to go like hot cakes.

STEAM SCHOONER GOES ON ROCKS

Crew of Fifteen Men in Danger—Attempts to Launch Lifeboats Fail

(Times Leased Wire.)
Eureka, Cal., Jan. 19.—With her crew of 15 men in imminent peril of their lives, the steam schooner Lakme, from Coos Bay, is pounding on the rocks today off Cape Blanco, and may go to pieces at any moment.

Wireless reports from Table Bluff say two attempts by the Lakme to launch a boat were frustrated by the high seas and one of the boats was dashed to pieces against the vessel's side.

The Standard Oil steamer Assunon, the passenger steamer Watson and the steamer Argyle are standing by the wrecked Lakme, but have temporarily abandoned all attempts to aid her crew.

NORTHCLIFFE CHANGES FRONT

HIS NEWSPAPERS ACCEPT LIBERAL PROGRAMME

London Daily Mail Denies Sensation Rumors That Ulster is Arming

(Times Leased Wire.)
London, Jan. 19.—Denial of the cause of the Conservatives by Lord Northcliffe and acceptance by his powerful newspapers of the Liberal programme, which hinges on Home Rule for Ireland, are seen here today in a publication by Northcliffe's paper, the London Daily Mail, of a story, saying sensational rumors that Ulster is arming to resist Home Rule are untrue.

The publication received a national sensation. It is admitted that the Mail's new attitude will do much to destroy the "Ulster county bog" designed to frighten the Lords into accepting the Home Rule measure sure to be passed by the Commons.

State Insurance Scheme.

Forecasts of Lloyd George's state insurance scheme are appearing in the press. The following appear to be the main outlines:

Compulsory insurance for sickness and invalidity for the whole of the working population of the country whose incomes are below the income tax level of £80 a year. The minimum amount of the insurance is to be £12.50 a week, this to be the limit of the state compulsory scheme; all insurance beyond this fixed minimum being a purely voluntary insurance by the member with the friendly society. The minimum insurance of £12.50 a week will be guaranteed by the state, but the extra insurance will carry no guarantee. The period which the state insurance will cover will be the working years of life between 16 and 70. The age of 70 has been fixed for the cessation of the sickness insurance, because of the provision of the old-age pensions; but there will be no objection on the part of the state to a man insuring for a further sickness or superannuation benefit. The contribution of five shillings a week will be calculated by the government actuaries, and the cost will be met, one-half by the workman insured, and the remaining half in equal proportions by the employer and the state. The proposed scheme of insurance, being compulsory and universal in its application, so far as the whole of the working population is concerned, will accept the risk of all three, good and bad.

Home Rule Question.

Dublin, Ireland, Jan. 19.—John E.

RECORD YEAR IN WARSHIP BUILDING

Struggle Among Nations Continues

In 1911 New Dreadnought Will Be Launched Every Nine Days

(Times Leased Wire.)
London, Jan. 19.—Figures made public to-day by the British naval authorities show that despite the establishment of Andrew Carnegie's \$10,000,000 peace fund and the activities of The League tribunal, this year 1911 will smash all records for the launching of battleships.

From February 1 until December 31, a new dreadnought will take the water in some part of the globe every nine days. Thirty-six will be launched in all, or only two less than the number already afloat as the result of five years' launches.

Of these sea monsters, Great Britain will launch 11; Germany, 7; Russia and the United States, 4 each. France, Chile and Japan will each have two to take the water, and Italy, Austria, Brazil and Spain will each launch one.

The total value of the battleships and cruisers now on the ways of the world's shipyards is placed at the enormous sum of \$700,000,000.

MEETING OF ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF TRADE

Bodies of Eastern British Columbia Want Inquiry Into Rates on Coal

(Special to the Times.)
Nelson, B. C., Jan. 19.—The thirteenth annual convention of the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia met at Creston yesterday.

Among the resolutions adopted were: Demanding the cancellation of the Kaslo & Skeena Great Northern railway charter, calling a positive guarantee of immediate repair and operation of the line; asking the provincial government to take up the question of the rates on coal and devise a remedy; asking that in case of reciprocity with the United States to secure free interchange of zinc and iron in all forms; advising the provincial government to take over all telephones and provide long distance connection; asking the provincial government to survey a road from Hillfort and Windermere via Grey's Pass and to take up the question of English instruction for Doukhobor children, and also to provide for the care of feeble-minded children.

Resolutions were also adopted demanding more Dominion government wharves, and a Dominion fish hatchery on Kootenay waters, and asking for a provincial inquiry into the practicability of work to control the water of Kootenay lake and reclaim flooded areas.

Fred A. Starkey, of Nelson, was elected president.

THREE TRAINMEN SUSTAIN INJURIES

Conductor and Two Brakemen Severely Burned by Lamp Explosion

Portage La Prairie, Man., Jan. 19.—Conductor Howe and brakemen John Alexander and Frank Moore of the C. P. R., are in the hospital here, though none are seriously hurt. The cause of the trouble was the explosion of a lamp when the train was five miles west of this city. Owing possibly to the expansion from the heat they were unable to open the door, the car being filled with fumes and on fire. They finally broke the window and leaped out. The train was going at fast rate, but the depth of the snow saved them from serious injury. The fire secured a good hold on the car before it was noticed from the engine, but it was soon got under control. The men are suffering from severe burns.

WARD TWO HAS ORGANIZED LIBERALS PERFECT WARD ASSOCIATION

Active Staff of Officers is Elected at an Enthusiastic Meeting

(From Thursday's Daily.)
A most enthusiastic organization meeting of electors of Ward two was held in the Foresters hall last evening, when the Ward two Liberal Association was formed.

The new association, organized under such auspicious circumstances, starts with an earnest and hard-working set of officers. Ald. Humber presided and C. N. Tubman acted as secretary. After addresses from the popular alderman and from J. C. McInnes, city Liberal organizer, the meeting considered and adopted a constitution. The following officers were then elected:

Hon. president, Bob. William Temple; president, Ald. Humber; vice-presidents, F. W. Dempster and H. Petticrew; secretary, C. N. Tubman; executive, R. Lawson, Wm. Turpel, James E. Wilson, J. Clark, Thomas Furdy, Ed. Christopher, Len. Cousins, E. L. Cox, Robert Dwydale, J. T. McIlroy.

During the evening stirring speeches were made by F. W. Dempster, Joshua Kingham, Hugh Kinniburgh, A. Stevens, president of the Socialist Liberal Association; and T. J. W. Hick. Mr. Kingham recalled his first Liberal meeting in Victoria, twenty years ago, when he was told that he had committed political and business suicide by identifying himself with the party.

Additional ward meetings are fixed as follows for the ward: Ward three, Wednesday, February 22; Ward four, February 14; Ward five, February 23.

WANTS WARSHIP NAMED "WINNIPEG"

Prairie Capital Council Will Send Petition to Dominion Government

Winnipeg, Jan. 19.—The city council has unanimously passed a motion petitioning the Dominion government to call the next warship "The Winnipeg."

Mayor Evans, in explaining the motion, said he had been prompted to place it before the council by Mr. Justice Martin of Victoria, who was at one time a resident of Winnipeg. He thought it an excellent suggestion and the council was of the opinion that such a name would help both Winnipeg and the warship which received it.

SIR F. GALTON DEAD.

London, Jan. 19.—Sir Francis Galton, the noted explorer and writer, is dead.

PREMIER KATSURA OF JAPAN RESIGNS

THREE OTHER MINISTERS FOLLOW THEIR LEADER

Action Due to Protests Against Death Sentence Passed on Socialists

(Times Leased Wire.)
Tokyo, Jan. 19.—Daunted by a storm of protests which poured in since the sentencing to death of 24 Socialists here yesterday for alleged conspiracy to assassinate the Mikado, Premier Katsura and three of the most powerful members of his cabinet to-day tendered their resignation to the Mikado. The effort to shift responsibility for the government's condemnation of the Socialists were Minister of Interior Hirata, Minister of Education Komatsu, and Minister of Commerce and Agriculture Oura.

The action of Premier Katsura and his ministers is hailed by the Socialists of Japan as an important preliminary victory in the fight they have already started to save Denjuro Kotoku, Susu Kanno, and the 22 other Socialists condemned to die. It is believed that their fate, now being directly in the hands of the Mikado, the protests against their execution will be more likely to succeed than if Katsura had stood his ground. The emperor now will come direct world-wide demands that a commutation of the death sentence be granted.

To add to the Socialists' confidence it became known to-day that a powerful anti-Katsura party will seize the occasion of the premier's tendering his resignation, to make desperate efforts to oust him from imperial favor. Any change in the government, they say, must be to the advantage of the condemned Socialists, as Katsura's pursuit of the alleged conspirators has been particularly bitter.

Throughout all Japan to-day petitions to the Mikado are being circulated praying for clemency for the Socialists. These will be in shape for presentation soon. Before the emperor can call together the "other statesmen," the unofficial body of whom he turns for advice in crises of moment, the petitions, it is expected, will be presented. To these "fathers of the nation" will be submitted the petitions in the favor of Kotoku and his comrades. Not until they have decided upon the plans to be followed will the fate of the Katsura ministry be known, it is believed.

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INVESTIGATION INTO DEATH OF ANARCHISTS

Winston Churchill Gives Evidence—Will Be Asked for Statement in House

(Times Leased Wire.)
London, Jan. 19.—The resignation of Winston Churchill, Home Secretary, is considered probable as a result of the recent Sidney Street battle in the heart of London in which police, firemen, and a detail of the Scots Guards, were used to kill two suspected anarchists.

The Home Secretary, who testified yesterday at the inquest into the deaths of the Anarchists, is likely to be asked an explanation on the floor of parliament. If censured, it is believed he will resign.

Mr. Churchill denied that he had directed police arrangements or taken any part further than to assist firemen from extinguishing the flames in the Sidney Street house until he knew that both Svaars and Rudgewick were dead.

The coroner's verdict declared that Rudgewick was slain by bullets of the Scots Guards and that Svaars was suffocated. It recommended more stringent regulations for the administration of aliens.

MEXICAN RAILWAY STRIKE

Mexico City, Jan. 19.—Traffic was suspended yesterday on 1,000 miles of the main lines and branches of the Southern Pacific Railway in Mexico as a result of the strike of American and native engineers.

Railroad officials said it was impossible to grant the demands that had been made for increases in wages. Superintendent E. B. Sharp of this city, is now making efforts to get a force of engineers from the National system, and if he succeeds will send them to Mazatlan by steamer from Manzanillo to take the places of the strikers.

PECULIAR FATALITY

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—A peculiar accident happened to Celestine Beaudin, 33 years old, of Hull, Quebec. He was walking home when he fell on the sidewalk and hit an inch of his tongue. Doctors failed to staunch the flow of blood, and he died a few hours afterwards.

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(Wire.)
Jan. 14.—That of nitro-glycerine, carried in John Norbom, the explosion, which killed five others, was the official inquiry.

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Spokane, Wash., Jan. 19.—In less than two weeks after the Northern Pacific wreck at Cheney, suit was brought in the superior court yesterday asking \$25,000 for the death of Jno. Porter, colored, the porter on the Burlington train No. 42, who died within 30 minutes after the crash of the train and collision.

The suit is brought by Mrs. Mamie Porter, the wife of the dead porter, and her two children, aged 13 and 12 years. The plaintiffs allege that the wreck at Cheney on January 4 was caused by the defective fuse supplied by the company and negligence of the brakeman and dispatcher in charge, which follow the findings of the coroner's jury.

SEEKING DAMAGES.

MURDER FARMER ARRESTED.

(Special to the Times.)
Stonerville, Ont., Jan. 19.—John Prentice, a permit farmer living in Chaffey, is under arrest charged with murdering Mrs. Stahis, a neighbor. Prentice has been living with his three-year-old child in a log house, which he refuses to leave and has a hidden gun to scare off in- quiry. Police Chief Watson effected arrest by sending two of Prentice's neighbors to see the recluses with an offer to buy some hay. While Prentice was talking with the two the chief entered and made the arrest.