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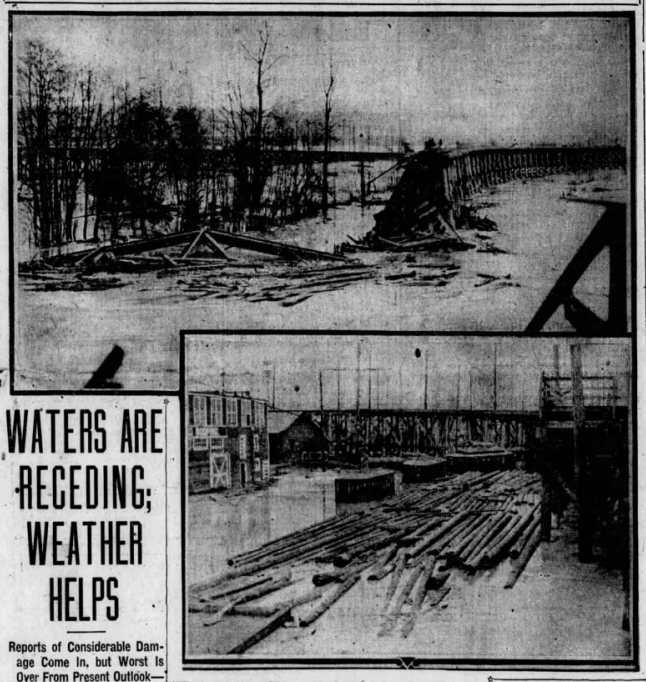
35TH YEAR. NO. 74. TACOMA, WASHINGTON, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1917. WEATHER FORECAST: Rain tonight & Thursd. mod. southwest winds.

FLOOD CONDITIONS IMPROVING, THOUGH STILL SERIOUS

News photographs showing the havoc wrought by the flood waters on the big Milwaukee main line trestle and the flooding of the T. R. & P. Bay street yards. The steel drawbridge is shown in the river. Street cars were almost submerged near the Peterman factory on Puyallup avenue.



WATERS ARE RECEDING; WEATHER HELPS

Reports of Considerable Damage Come In, but Worst Is Over From Present Outlook—Rivers Still Out of Banks.

Colder weather, decreases in temperature throughout the state, and only occasionaly rains, is the encouraging weather forecast of the local observation bureau, which assures immediate recession of a sea of flood waters which surround the eastern section of Tacoma and the Puyallup valley. Reports conflict as to the actual drop in the Puyallup river flow. The waters have receded at least a foot and further danger from the swift current and racing driftwood is passed unless the temperature rises and heavy rains fall.

Although conditions are greatly improved throughout the valley, the flood waters are still critical and considerable havoc was wrought during the night and morning. At Sumner an empty frame building on the Stuck river veered from its foundation and plunged into the raging current, which carried it down stream where it crashed against a log jam. Hundreds of logs came down during the night.

The main streets of Kent were flooded this morning for the first time in the history of the city.

Meat Plant Is Demolished.

Near the village of the Milwaukee bridge washout, the big plant of the Tacoma Meat company was all but demolished by the river current and racing driftwood last evening. A considerable number of hogs and calves perished, it is reported. Harlyer, down the valley the dairy farm of Frank Christoffersen, a Swiss dairyman, is almost surrounded. His cattle are in immediate danger and the family is almost isolated in a sea of flood waters surrounding their farm.

Commissioner of Light and Water H. P. Grotsen announced this morning that danger in the city water supply has passed at the Green river dam. The waters at this point have receded from

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Tacoma Flood Scenes Picture a Story of Wide Destruction

A wide swept waste of yellow waters, inundating everything for miles around, was the scene of desolation which stretched before the eye when the flood waters were at their crest just below the city limits this morning. The valley, railroad tracks of three railroads, small houses, everything was submerged. Here and there protruded a housetop or the upper branches of trees, standing out like gaunt shadows against the dull landscape.

Through the center of the flooded sea raced the Puyallup, on its current floated drift of everything—giant logs, huge stumps, pieces of fence, lumber and an occasional roof or section of a small house.

As if a mighty hand had pressed and crushed it like an egg-shell, the big timbers and steel framework of the main line Milwaukee bridge lay splintered and twisted where it had collapsed into the river. Standing on the broken edge of this bridge was a perilous undertaking, but the News-Ledger photographer ventured out and secured a unique and exclusive picture. Suspended on wooden piling which swayed and groaned the fragile superstructure, the bridge moved and jarred dangerously as the first authentic photograph of the wrecked span and swirling stream was snapped.

Although the staggering bridge seemed ready to collapse into the mad river the telephone men braved danger and balanced themselves on the far end of the broken bridge timbers. Below them, and imbedded by the waters, lay the Milwaukee main line, a twisted, twisted mass, where they were dashed by the swift current. Swinging from a rope, which was twisted with the side of an attached piece of lead, the repairmen made futile attempts to throw the line to the other side of the broken bridge. In this manner it was planned to stretch telephone wires across the river and resume connections with Seattle.

East of the Milwaukee trestle stood the slaughter house of the Tacoma Meat company, almost submerged in the flood. The adjoining dairy farm in front of the building and the structure on its swift current bumped into the building continually during the day. It was nearly demolished. Once a small outbuilding of the plant was lifted bodily off its foundation. It went down the stream, bobbing like a cork, until it bumped and crashed against a stationary log.

Within a few hundred feet of the destroyed Milwaukee span a crew of workmen risked their lives on a piled mass of driftwood to save the interurban bridge. Within the city limits the flood wrought its pathos and humor. Across from the Tacoma dairy at 27th and E streets stood a two-story house, the water well up to its first story. A rowboat made intermittent trips to shore from the second story windows of other houses in the district. The water stood up to the very doorsteps. Pontoon walks and other means of passage were quickly pressed into service. The small boy delighted to carry in the serving firewood, for such a task meant wading in an abundance of dirty water.

Woman Vanishes From Berth Of Moving Train

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Elizabeth Kline, 40 years old, who was said to be the wife of a prominent businessman of Buffalo, N. Y., disappeared last night from a Santa Fe train somewhere between Bakersfield and Richmond, Cal., in her night clothing, it was learned today, when Dr. Anna E. Perkins, who accompanied Mrs. Kline from Buffalo, found the latter's berth unoccupied and the window open.

Mrs. Kline, according to Dr. Perkins, was suffering from a nervous trouble and was coming to San Francisco.

NEWFOUNDLAND RAISED TO DIGNITY OF A DOMINION

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—As a reward for the gallantry of its overseas forces, Newfoundland, the oldest British overseas possession, has been designated officially as the Dominion of Newfoundland, according to word received from St. Johns today.

TACOMA DANCE HALLS GIVEN WEEK MORE TO LIVE

Question of Right to Close Them When All License Requirements Were Met Awaits City Attorney's Findings.

The life of the Tacoma dance halls was prolonged this morning when Attorneys John Fletcher and Robert Evans, representing the proprietors of Tacoma's three public dance halls, appeared before the city council and questioned the right of the city and of the commissioner of public safety to revoke the dance hall licenses.

Following the conference with the attorneys for the dance hall men and with City Attorney Harmon, the council voted to allow the dance halls to remain open until next Wednesday, Dec. 26, when Attorney Harmon will give a ruling as to whether or not the city or the commissioner of public safety has the right to close the dance halls.

"In revoking the licenses without cause the city may be overstepping its power," said Attorney John Fletcher. "These men have invested their money here at the invitation of the city, have adhered to police regulations, and all the girls which they employ have been passed on by the police and their ad-

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Ten Civilians Killed, 70 Injured

LONDONERS WIN SKY FIGHT

TWO OF FOE AIRPLANES BROUGHT DOWN

From 16 to 20 in Raid, but Only Five Reach City—Two of the Crew of One German Machine Captured by Trawler.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Ten persons were killed and 70 injured in London during last night's air raid. Outside of London five persons were injured.

One of the German airplanes which took part in last night's raid over England was brought down.

From 16 to 20 raiders divided into six groups endeavored to reach London, but only five succeeded in dropping bombs on the city.

All the British machines which went up to engage the raiders have returned safely.

There is reason to believe another raid will be made on the English channel this evening.

A British pilot fired two drums of ammunition into a raider as it was dropping bombs on London from a height of 11,000 feet.

After the main attacks of the raiders ceased a single airplane flew over London at about 9 o'clock. The raider, known definitely to have been destroyed, was hit by the fire of anti-aircraft guns and finally dropped into the sea off Kent. Two of the crew of three were captured alive by an armed trawler.

FOE ARTILLERY ACTIVE ON THE FRENCH FRONT

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Today's war office statement follows:

"The enemy's artillery during the night bombarded our first lines south of Juvincourt and in the Argonne, at Four de Paris. Our batteries replied effectively. At the latter point enemy forces which made two attempts to approach our positions were repulsed with losses.

"In Lorraine, in the sectors of Flirey and Nauroy, our patrols took prisoners, including an officer.

"Last night German aviators threw down bombs in the region of Dunkirk. No victims have been reported thus far."

German Patrols Driven Off.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—German patrols were active last night in Flanders the war office reports. The statement follows:

"Hostile reconnoiterers endeavored to approach our posts southeast and northeast of Paschendaele. They were driven off by our fire. We made a few prisoners. Elsewhere there was nothing of special importance."

Soldiers Get 3 Months for Visiting Seattle

Sentences in three courtmartial cases at Camp Lewis have been approved by Gen. James A. Irons.

Sigward Lindin, company 69, 164th depot brigade, was tried on a charge of wilful disobedience to a lawful command and refusal to submit to an operation which would fit him for service. He has been sentenced to five years' hard labor in a United States disciplinary barracks, dishonorable discharge and loss of all pay.

Dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and five years' hard labor in a United States disciplinary barracks, 164th depot brigade, who was charged with stealing $50 from Private Savantos. Levera is said to have taken the money from the pocket of his "bunkie" while the latter was asleep.

In the same court Ernest Ellis, Company B, 347th machine gun battalion, and Frank A. Prince, Battery C, 347th field artillery, the men were sentenced to confinement at hard labor for three months and forfeiture of two-thirds of their pay for a similar time. Judge Irons reduced the sentence to three months in the case of Prince, who was a private. The men were found guilty of absences from a hospital where they were confined, going to Seattle on Nov. 25, against orders, and introducing morphine into Camp Lewis.

Baltimore Fire Loss $700,000.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 19.—Revised estimates of the losses caused by the fire last night which destroyed the four-story building at 319 West Baltimore street, in the business center of the city, and damaged two adjoining buildings, placed the total at $700,000.

"YOU ARE WANTED AT HEADQUARTERS"

It is already evident that our canvas in the RED CROSS CHRISTMAS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE cannot reach all of the people. The work of solicitation is necessarily slow. The workers are doing their best but there are a lot of people to see, and the time is short.

This appeal is now made to non-members: Come to RED CROSS CHRISTMAS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE headquarters, 1109 Pacific avenue. The location is convenient to all; hardly a person in Tacoma but passes it every day. Drop in and record your membership and those of your family. They work rapidly at headquarters and you will be detained only a few moments.

Get this: The RED CROSS is not a fad. The RED CROSS is an arm of the national war service and stands charged with a specific national duty; relief work on the battle fields of France. President Wilson has said that it is your patriotic duty to join the RED CROSS. Don't wait! Visit headquarters today and have your name enrolled. Bring a dollar.

And again: If you haven't yet caught the spirit of the thing, visit RED CROSS headquarters. Things are booming there; the place is surcharged with patriotic zeal—and it's catching.

ARTHUR G. PRICHARD,
Chairman.

SCHOOL PUPILS GIVE BOOST TO DRIVE OF RED CROSS

One Boy Takes a $50 Life Membership—Mayor's Family of 13 Are 100 Per Cent Red Cross—Drive Is Gaining.

Clutched tightly in a grimy little fist, $50 for the first life membership in the Tacoma Red Cross Christmas campaign was taken to Central school yesterday by John Miller, 10 years old, in the 4th grade. The life membership had been taken from his father, C. A. Miller, 617 South K street, who has been a generous contributor to every Red Cross campaign.

This membership and others brought by the children swelled the Central school total to more than 200 members at noon today, Principal Stanley announced. Whitman school had 155 at noon today, and Jefferson school by when school closed last evening. Reports of the principals will be made this afternoon.

A Record Red Cross Flag.

Breaking all records for family membership, Mayor A. V. Fawcett today hoisted a Red Cross service flag with 13 central Red Cross surrounded by 12 small crosses, each one significant of membership for one of his household. It beats the record of Stephen Ludwick yesterday by one, Mr. Ludwick having taken 12 memberships for his family. Mayor Fawcett's family enrollment is for himself, Mrs. Fawcett, Alvert L. Fawcett, Vance D. Fawcett, Clarence V. Fawcett, Margaret H. Fawcett, Angelo V. Fawcett, Jr., Carl T. Fawcett, Theodore R. Fawcett, Walter O. Fawcett, Ethel B. Fawcett, Helen B. Spencer and Edgar J. Fawcett.

Mrs. Arthur Prichard, soliciting in the Fidelity bank yesterday, broke all individual records when she secured 23 members for the Red Cross during banking hours from 10 to 1. Her husband is chairman of the Christmas campaign, and she was doing her bit to help him and her work along. Mrs. Walter Harvey was next in line with 182, which she obtained at the Red Cross booth in Stone-Flaher's.

Seattle closed its campaign Monday, a week's campaign with 40,000 members, according to reports received at headquarters here today.

Seek 10,000 Members Here.

No reports have been received from outlying territory in Pierce county. These and the reports from the schools

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TRY IN VAIN TO REACH PRISONED MINERS

Six Men Caught When Mine Pillars Fall May Be Dead—Fellow Workers Dig Frantically While Town Waits.

WILKESON, Dec. 19.—Five or six men, whose names are unknown by the Wilkeson Coal and Coke company, are entombed in the mine of that company at Wilkeson.

All last night and this morning a party of miners endeavored to reach the men. They have thus far been unable to get to them. It is not known whether the miners are dead or alive. It has been impossible to communicate with them in any way.

The accident occurred yesterday evening when the miners were busy at their work. Pillars in the mine suddenly fell, and cut off five or six of the workers.

May Have Been Crushed.

Just how extensive the cave-in is cannot be ascertained. It is possible that the entombed men have been crushed.

The cave-in is partly ascribed to the fact that the mine had become wet as a result of flood conditions in and near Wilkeson.

The men who were entombed were working in an entry in the mine. When the pillars fell and allowed the roof to cave in, other miners made a hurried getaway and reached places of safety.

Many people in the town of Wilkeson are at the mine this morning waiting until the rescuing party reaches the victims of the accident. There has been so much excitement as a result of the accident that mine officials and others have been unable to check up and find who the missing miners are.

Their Fate Is a Conjecture.

This noon the manager of the Wilkeson Coal and Coke company was unable to say when the rescuing party might reach the entombed men. He said the rescuers were working frantically, with no idea how far they may have to go before they find the victims.

He would not venture a guess as to whether the miners are at present dead or alive. It is not known whether air to them has been cut off or not, as it is impossible to tell the extent of the cave-in.

RETURNS WITH HIS MAN.

CENTRALIA, Dec. 19.—Naaman Rickert, sheriff of Wahkiakum County on a charge of wife desertion, is from Fort Whistler of Adna, and was arrested at Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, was returned yesterday to this county by Sheriff John Berry, who went after him. The auto was recovered in Oregon several months ago, but Rickert at that time made a successful getaway.

News Want Ad Market Place

HELP WANTED—MALE

EXPERIENCED stenographer and clerk. Call at room 12, Union depot.

WANTED—Ford drivers, $2.50 for 8 hours, sleeping quarters furnished. Apply Camp Lewis Transportation Co., garage, opposite N. P. depot, Camp Lewis.

See other ads under similar heading on today's Classified page.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE

WANTED—Girl for general housework. 2111 North 28th st., Old Tacoma car.

YOUNG and active woman who has had experience in dress work. J. Schoenfeld & Sons, Inc.

See other ads under similar heading on today's Classified page.

LIVESTOCK, PETS, DOGS, ETC.

AIREDALE TERRIERS—THREE fine puppies, 2 months old, $15 each. Also pedigreed prize-winning stock, $25 each. Make nice Christmas presents. ONE 4-months-old male puppy, solid tan, black eyes; half Airedale; good watchdog. Price $5. TWO pedigreed, registered Airedale brood bitches, sired by Imported Champion Crafton Chum, out of Champion Ike Floradora. Sell at $25 each, or lease on shares. Call 1012 South Sheridan, or phone Main 9?.

See other ads under similar heading on today's Classified page.

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