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High Waters Appear Again

Skagit County was yet in danger of serious floods late yesterday, when after long continued rains, the Skagit and Samish rivers were bankful, the ground full of water, and a warm, cloudy weather threatened a Chinook wind.

While the Samish river was flooding the countryside at intervals all week as the result of the rain storm, the Skagit remained dangerously full, and was gradually rising Thursday. It overflowed its banks between Burlington and Sedro-Woolley Sunday, and washed across the road near the Bryan Doran home.

The Pacific highway was closed below Conway and at Silvana all week, traffic being shunted off via Arlington.

The big rise in the Skagit took place Saturday night and Sunday morning¹, when in the space of 15 hours, the water rose 14 feet, some hours gaining more than a foot. Besides rains and a Chinook wind which melted snows, opening of the Baker river dam caused much of the rise, it was understood.

¹ November 12th and 13th.