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## FLOODS IN THE EAST

### INESTIMABLE DAMAGE DONE IN NEW JERSEY.

**Loss Will Be in the Millions—Delaware and Susquehanna Rivers Raging—Dozens of Bridges Cracked—Much Suffering Caused.**

**Paterson, N. J.:** Many dwellings collapsed; flames and water power damaged; mill property submerged; loss to city, over \$2,000,000; 500 families homeless; many lives imperiled; only three fatalities reported.

**Passaic, N. J.:** Twenty-five bridges down on Susquehanna Railroad; many houses ruined; great suffering.

**Easton, Pa.:** Only one bridge standing between headwaters of the Delaware and Easton; railways badly crippled; enormous damage to property; repairs will cost millions.

**Burlington, N. J.:** Worst flood in history; general damage to property.

**Trenton, N. J.:** No traffic on the Pennsylvania between Trenton and Easton, Pa.; many bridges carried away.

**Wilkesbarre, Pa.:** Susquehanna continues to rise; residents prepare for the worst.

**Paterson, N. J.:** With the waters of the Passaic River falling at the rate of an inch an hour above the falls and at double that rate below them apprehension of further great disaster to the city from the flood has almost disappeared, the sale question being whether Spruce street hill, the narrow embankment which holds the waters above the falls, can continue to withstand the strain until the water recedes to its normal proportions.

At the height of the flood this hill, standing between the river basin above the falls and the lower valley, was rapidly being washed into the river below the falls. Councilman Horace Riley losing his life in one such career, and it was feared Sunday that the flood would wash away the dike and precipitate itself in a huge wall upon that portion of the city lying below. A dike but little wider than the Spruce Street roadway stood between the city and this disaster, but it was holding firm, and the police felt reasonably sure of its permanency, though prohibiting access to it for fear that it might be undermined.

### OCEAN LINERS DELAYED.

**Only Four Succeeded in Making Port in New York Sunday.**

New York: The fierce storm which for several days has been raging along the north Atlantic coast has seriously interfered with shipping, and Sunday only four of the ocean liners, all of which have been greatly delayed, succeeded in making port.

The four steamers which arrived all reported hurricanes and severe seas. The Monterey of the Ward line, and the Jefferson of the Old Dominion line, came in from the south. The latter craft was terribly battered by the storm, and when boarded by a high wave on Saturday, Richard McLane, the lookout, was seriously injured, and, by the rolling of the Jefferson, in an effort to free herself of the deluge that suddenly fell on her foremast, the Rev. L. B. Kelsey, one of the passengers, was thrown across the cabin and instantly killed. His body was brought to port. McLane was taken to the New York hospital.

### MICHIGAN STUDENTS RIOT.

**Fierce Rush Between Freshmen and Sophomores at Ann Arbor.**

Ann Arbor, Mich.: Freshmen and sophomores of the University of Michigan indulged in a fierce rush here. Several students had to be carried off the campus, and the botanical gardens were badly torn up.

A student, whose name the police keep secret, fought with a fellow student, and was carried away in a carriage. The fight started when the student and four other officers attempted to prevent a mob of freshmen from building a fire on an asphalt pavement.

Five freshmen were arrested, and the police threatened to expose them to the faculty, contrary to custom. Exposure means expulsion from the university.

Several thousand people witnessed the rush, including many women. Freshmen were forced to propose to girls in the crowd, to bark at the moon, and climb trees. Many students, half naked, fled from the campus during the rush.

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**The City is Deluged by Torrential Rain.**

New York: Torrential rain, commencing early in the morning and continuing with scarcely any intermission until late Friday afternoon, during which time the unprecedented precipitation of 10.4 inches was recorded at the local weather bureau, laid New York City and all the surrounding country under a flood, causing a damage that will amount to many thousands of dollars. The rain has ceased, but a constant storm is reported to be approaching, and a threatened hurricane renders it unsafe for vessels of any class to leave port.

Along all the river front and in many sections of Brooklyn cellars were flooded, and an enormous amount of damage done. A great portion of the subway was badly flooded.

Suburban steam and trolley lines, with hardly an exception, were crippled by floods and washouts, and in the early morning rush hour thousands of suburban residents were unable to reach their offices in this city. Those who were fortunate enough to cross the ferries found further progress blocked by the submerged condition of the water front streets, across which they were ferried in trucks and wagons.

Reports of extensive floods and serious damage to property and interruptions of traffic came from almost all sections of New Jersey and Long Island. In Newark, Passaic and other large manufacturing centers factories were closed down owing to the flooding of engine rooms. In many places light and power plants were shut down for the same reason. A dam on the Ramapo River at Pompton broke, flooding the valley for ten miles, but causing no loss of life.

Paterson was one of the worst sufferers, and for a time there was grave danger of repetition of the terrible disaster of last February.

A great part of the city was laid under water, and scores of great plants, including those of the Rogers locomotive works and the Passaic Steel Company, were flooded and shut down, involving a loss estimated at fully \$100,000.

Only one life was reported lost, that of a girl drowned by the carrying away of a bridge over a creek.

Thousands of New Jersey commuters slept in their cars over night, being unable to return to their homes.

Except for the actual running of the ferries, the Erie Railroad was practically tied up.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western also was badly crippled.

### CHANGES PLEA TO GUILTY.

**E. Johnson Admits He Wrecked Duluth Commercial Bank.**

Duluth, Minn.: E. Johnson, bookkeeper for the Commercial Banking Company, who was indicted by the last grand jury on the charge of embezzling \$48,500 of the bank's funds, Friday afternoon changed his plea of not guilty to one of guilty of forgery in the third degree, whereupon he was sentenced to the State reformatory on the indeterminate plan.

Johnson's arrest was followed immediately by the collapse of the bank and the subsequent indictment of its president, Charles P. Leland, on the charge of receiving stolen goods when he knew his bank to be insolvent.

Mr. Leland's case has not yet been disposed of.

### BIG DAMS GIVE WAY.

**Heavy Loss Caused by Waters Which Are Released.**

Seattle, Wash.: The high water in Lake Union at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning burst through the dams retaining water at the side of the first gates at the head of the government canal. The gates are still standing, but the flood has opened a big channel around the lock.

The Fremont passenger, team and street car bridges are badly damaged, and are expected to go out. The Ross bridge has been so badly damaged that it is impassable.

The government channel through Salmon Bay (Ballard harbor) is filling rapidly with dirt.

### NEW CABINET TAKES HOLD.

**First Meeting of British Ministers Held at Buckingham Palace.**

London: The new cabinet ministers have assumed their duties, the seats of office having been exchanged at a private council meeting held by King Edward at Buckingham palace. All the retiring officials and their successors were present with the exception of the duke of Devonshire, late lord president of the council, and Arthur Foster, the new war secretary. The latter is indisposed and the former was subsequently received in private audience by the king.

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## GROW TIRED OF QUARRELS.

**France and Great Britain About Ready to Sign Treaty.**

Paris: It is learned in authoritative quarters that the terms of the general treaty of arbitration between France and Great Britain have been concluded. The Foreign Minister Delcasse and the Foreign Office in London.

All the substantial terms of the treaty have been agreed. There only remain minor details and the signing of the treaty. These formalities are well advanced.

The treaty follows the general lines of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty of arbitration, which, to a considerable extent, served as a model. It is pointed out that the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, although rejected by the United States senate, now serves the useful purpose of giving a basis for the important Anglo-French treaty. The evidence of the sympathetic attitude of the United States, France and Great Britain on the practical adoption of the theory of arbitration.

The treaty is mainly significant in being the culmination of the rapprochement between France and Great Britain after centuries of warfare, the maintenance of defensive armaments and the recent animosities growing out of the Fashoda incident and the South African war.

### IN DEEP FINANCIAL TROUBLE.

**William B. Given of Lancaster, Pa., Said to Be Short \$100,000.**

Lancaster, Pa.: Rumors which have been current for some time affecting the relations of William B. Given, president of the Lancaster County Railway and Light Company, with that company, culminated in the announcement that Mr. Given has tendered his resignation as president, and that several discrepancies amounting, it is alleged, to \$100,000 or more, have been discovered in his accounts.

Mr. Given had in recent years been regarded as a man of large wealth, and has been noted as an operator on a very extensive scale in the stock market. The unprecedented slump during the past year, and particularly in recent months, it is said, carried with it such heavy losses that he was unable to meet the further demands from his brokers.

### A "REGULAR HOLD-UP GAME."

**Kansas City, Kan., Board of Education Scandal is Serious.**

Kansas City: A grand jury to investigate alleged hoodlums on the part of members of the board of education of Kansas City, Kan., seems a certainty. Each day develops further evidence of crooked deals, and Thursday it was asserted by M. A. Waterman, chairman of the investigation committee, that a member of the board had demanded money from a Chicago firm to influence the awarding of a contract for school books. Mr. Waterman said:

"We have gone far enough with our investigation to know that nobody can long oppose the calling of a grand jury. Certain members of the board of education have been conducting a regular hold-up game. The hold-up schemes have been promoted to get hold-up."

### PUPILS IN INDIAN SCHOOLS.

**Nearly 25,000 Enrolled During the Past Fiscal Year.**

Washington, D. C.: A statement showing the total enrollment of pupils in government and Indian schools during the fiscal year ending June 30 is in the hands of the Indian bureau. During the period mentioned there were 24,527 enrolled, with an average attendance of 20,876. In the mission schools, 3,789 Indian children were taught by denominational teachers. There were 101 Indians in the public schools. All the 306 schools devoted to Indian education there were enrolled 28,411 pupils.

### DECIDES FOR A LIQUOR MAN.

**Judge Says Parker Council Must Grant Permit.**

Judge Smith has given his decision in the McCormick case at Parker. Last spring the town of Parker went wet, and the council granted a permit to Mr. John McCormick of Bridgewater to sell liquor. The council refused to grant a permit and was refused. He then asked the court for a writ of mandamus compelling the council to grant the permit.

The judge in his decision orders the council to grant the permit, and to show good cause why it will not, thus taking away the arbitrary power which the council had used to grant licenses to whom it chose and refuse others.

### Frog Pond Becomes Valuable.

Messrs. R. M. Tackabury and W. B. White of Vermillion are demonstrating to the public this year that as fine celery can be grown in the state of South Dakota. From an acre of ground they will have 25,000 bunches of celery of a quality hard to excel. The land on which it is being grown has for years been a frog pond, seemingly worthless for anything else.

### Queer Result of a Storm.

The recent miniature tornado at Miller caused the death of a valuable horse for W. T. Rafferty in a very odd manner. A hay rack loaded with green corn stood outside the barnyard. The gale pushed it alongside of the fence and overturned it into the yard. Then the wind twisted open the stable door and the horse walked in, ending so freely of the corn that it died the next day.

### Injured at Football.

Henry Jordan, the youngest son of well known residents of Sioux Falls, is the first victim of football this season in that part of the state. He had a leg broken by being tripped while running after a kicked ball.

### Big Aberdeen Fire.

The desiccated potato factory at Aberdeen was totally destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. The plant was owned by eastern parties and was not being operated.

### For "Granger" Roundup.

Arrangements have been made for what is known as the Rapid City "granger" roundup, by which small stockmen in the vicinity of Rapid City expect to gather their stock and get it into their own ranges before winter sets in.

### Much Property Destroyed.

Reports received at Huron indicate that the damage done by hail and wind at Highmore and points west last Friday night was not as great as supposed. Much property was destroyed, but no lives were lost.

### Appears to Be Insane.

A man got off the train at Sturgis and wandered around the city for a while, when he was taken in by Sheriff Brown. He appeared to be insane. A book in his pocket gives his name as F. H. Gwynne of Omaha. It also appears that he is connected with a telephone company there.

### Accidentally Shoots Arm Off.

Harvey Vokes of Ardelle, Ia., who is visiting friends near Harrison, accidentally shot off his arm Tuesday afternoon. He was on a load of hay with a loaded gun. It was necessary to amputate it above the wrist.

## WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

### NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

**Is Mrs. Mollieux Divorced?—No Record of the Decree Found in South Dakota—Validity of Antiquated Compact Law Being Tested.**

The discussion as to whether or not Mrs. Roland B. Mollieux was actually granted a divorce a few weeks ago is watched with keen interest by the people of Sioux Falls, where she has her ten month's stay in South Dakota.

The original reports that she was granted a divorce were based purely upon the claims of her attorneys. They have now reiterated the claim, but beyond stating that a divorce was granted and that she was given the right to her maiden name, they decline to give the name of the circuit judge who is alleged to have granted the decree or furnish any other evidence whatever in support of their statement that she was really granted a divorce.

In view of this, and the further fact that every circuit judge in the state was aware that she had in reality invalidated her residence in the city and state by publicly announcing soon after her arrival that she had come to South Dakota for a divorce, that a decree was actually granted her naturally is shrouded in considerable doubt.

Under the South Dakota statutes a clerk of courts or other court official violates his oath of office if he attempts to suppress the papers in divorce cases which are supposed to be public records after a decree is granted.

And yet, notwithstanding that diligent inquiry has been made, not even a scratch of a pen has been produced to show that the alleged divorce was granted.

### NARROW ESCAPE FROM WRECK.

**Omaha Railway Has an Accident at Salem.**

The Omaha Railway barely escaped a bad wreck at Salem. The Sioux Falls train, arriving at 4:30 o'clock, came in with a rush, the engine refusing to respond to the air brakes. A full speed collision was averted, but just could not avoid a collision. Seeing that a wreck was certain, the engineer reversed his engine, shut off steam, and engineer and fireman jumped. The standing engine was nearly knocked over and the cars of the collision putting on steam again.

The injured engine started back on the track at full speed, only running a short distance, when it fell over on its side. The other engine was badly damaged. Fortunately no one was injured in the wreck.

### GUN IS QUICKER THAN KNIFE.

**South Dakota Rancher Stops Career of Man Who Assaulted Him.**

Word has been received at Sturgis of a shooting scrape at the ranch of C. K. Howard, a stockman in the eastern end of Meade County.

As near as can be learned, James Estlick, who is working for Howard, was introduced, and it is said, took to beating his wife, Mr. Howard interfered and was knocked down by Estlick. Mr. Howard then went into his own house and Estlick followed him and broke in the door. He had an ugly looking knife, and took down his shotgun and fired. The shot was about to use it on Howard, who was wounded man was taken to Rapid City.

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### Passed Forged Check.

Quincy Edwards has been convicted in the circuit court at Deadwood of passing a forged check for the amount of \$25, and was cashed at one of the saloons in Deadwood.

### Farmer Dies in the Road.

A farmer named Holland was found dead in the road near Bancroft. He leaves a wife and six children.

### Hail Big as Hen's Eggs.

During a severe rain storm at Miller hailstone as large as hen's eggs broke hundreds of window glass on the west side of buildings. North of town the storm is believed to have done some damage.

### Injured by the Cars.

A stranger giving his name as Dickey Day had the front half of his right foot cut off while trying to pass between two freight cars that were coming together at Flandreau. He says he has a brother living at Kearney, Neb.

### Mitchell to Have Gas.

Within a year the citizens of Mitchell will be using gas. A company has been formed, with O. L. Bronson president. The city council passed an ordinance granting the company a franchise for twenty years. The maximum rate for gas is to be \$1.75 per thousand cubic feet.

### Thrasher is Burned.

Guy Ripley's steam thrasher was destroyed by fire while thrashing on the M. Thurston farm about ten miles north-west of Huron. The separator, together with a large amount of grain, was completely destroyed.

## OF STATEWIDE IMPORTANCE.

### Appointments Completed in Case of Judge John M. Ellis.

At the close of the state circuit court in Sioux Falls, has concluded the hearing of arguments in a case of the highest importance to various county officers throughout South Dakota. It involves the validity of a law passed by the last legislature fixing the compensation of judges of probate, county superintendents of schools and county commissioners.

The case originated in McCook County, where the officials presented bills to the county for additional compensation in accordance with the terms of the new law. The board of commissioners allowed the bills, but some of the taxpayers objected, and the suit resulted. Officers in practically every county in the state will be affected by the decision, which will be rendered by Judge Jones after he has examined the case, and it is to be submitted in the near future.

### EXCITING TIME AT OLIVET.

**Attempt to Blow Up Safe in Court House.**

A gang of bold robbers attempted to break into the Hutchinson County court house at Olivet Wednesday night, and blow the safe in the treasurer's office.

F. M. White, a merchant, was aroused and opened fire on one of the fellows who evidently was a "lookout." Several shots were exchanged and the robber finally surrendered.

Three others, on hearing the firing, rushed to a livery stable, and taking a team belonging to one of the county commissioners, and a buggy belonging to a stage driver, escaped.

The fellow captured had two revolvers, and a set of burglar's tools was left at the court house. The men were followed, but not caught.

### WANDERING MAN FOUND.

**P. L. Mappes Brought Back to Hot Springs After Four Days.**

P. L. Mappes, the Burlington foreman, who made his escape from the Siloam sanitarium at Hot Springs while in the delirium of typhoid fever, was found wandering over the mountains for four days and nights. The third night he became comatose and when found was searching for some habitation. He was bareheaded and barefooted, and had eaten nothing since he left. He has been in a serious condition since, but is now getting better.

One hundred dollars was paid to Walter Van Wert for finding Mappes and bringing him to town, that being the reward offered by Mappes' father.

### THREE NEW STEEL BRIDGES.

**Public Improvements Ordered in Lawrence County.**

The county commissioners have ordered material for three steel bridges to be constructed along the road between Lead and Deadwood. Two of these bridges will be built near the brickyard between Pluma and Deadwood. They will be sixteen feet wide, of all over trusses resting on stone abutments. The county is beginning to replace some of its old bridges, and it is expected that many of these will give way to steel. The stone work on those bridges are to be commenced early next week. The bridge material is to be shipped at once from Omaha, and will arrive within a few days.

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