

### THOUSANDS DESTITUTE IN CHINA FLOOD AREA

Three to Thirteen Feet of Water Covers Anhui Province District.

Floods along the Hwai river in Anhui province, China, are equal to if not greater than the inundation of 1909, according to dispatches received by the State Department yesterday. The American consul at Nanking wired that an area of 3,000 square miles was under from three to 13 feet of water. From July 11 to July 21 the waters reached such a height as to submerge all except very high ground in one area estimated at 7,000 square miles. The flood extended throughout eight districts in Northern Anhui. There are many thousands of destitute people, nearly all of whom are now objects of charity. Practically all the autumn crops in the eight districts were destroyed.

**Fined for Flirting.**  
Chicago, Sept. 20.—"A salesman is taught to smile," explained Paul S. Griten, salesman. Nevertheless, he was fined \$25 on a charge of flirting.

### 8-HOUR LAW PUZZLES RAILROAD EXECUTIVES

Committee's Counsel Believe Statute Covers Switch and Signal Men.

(By the International News Service.)  
New York, Sept. 20.—The railway executives' advisory committee, composed of the heads of the chief railway systems of the country, today held its first meeting since the passage of the eight-hour bill. The session was taken up in discussion of the eight-hour law and a number of subjects in connection with works of the committee, which is planning to meet the joint committee of Congress appointed under the Newlands' resolution to inquire into the railroad situation.  
Frank Trumbull, chairman; Robert F. Lovett, B. F. Brush, A. J. Earling, Howard Elliott, W. J. Harahan, Hale Holden, L. F. Loree, C. H. Markham, Samuel Rea, Daniel Willard, E. P. Ripley, Walter R. Hines, George F. Bromell, A. Harris, E. J. White and A. J. County attended.  
Counsel for some of the roads believed the scope of the eight-hour law included not only the members of the four brotherhoods, but also the switchmen and signal men. It was also suggested that it might cover such employees as train dispatchers and ticket sellers. The majority of the committee, however, believed the law covered only the four brotherhoods of trainmen.  
E. P. Ripley, president of the Atchison,

### Tupeka & Santa Fe, who recently said his road would not submit to the eight-hour law unless compelled to by court, is understood to have said that "the men who drew up the bill didn't know what it meant, so how do you expect railroad men to know."

### "POP" GEERS, TURF SAGE, MAY BE FATALLY HURT

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 20.—Edward F. (Pop) Geers, the veteran driver, was probably fatally injured in a collision during the running of the race for the Hotel Hartman purse in the Grand Circuit races here late today.  
Geers' sulky wheel became entangled with that of another, and Geers was hurled onto the track, where he narrowly escaped being run over.  
Geers was rushed to a hospital, where it was said he had internal injuries and a badly bruised shoulder. He was still unconscious.  
Geers was driving Sir Anthony Carter, and was in seventh position.

### Farmer Poisoned by Caterpillar.

Mahoney City, Pa., Sept. 19.—Bitten on the neck by a caterpillar, Harry Schoener, a Locust Valley farmer, is suffering from blood poisoning and is under physicians' care.

### Song Brings Divorce Suit.

New York, Sept. 20.—Mrs. Mary Newman sued for separation when she found that her husband had written a song entitled "A Glimpse of Paradise" and dedicated it to another woman.

### Nutshell News

Charles W. Darr, Julius Peysner, Roger Whitford and Sefton Darr have organized the law firm of Darr, Peysner, Whitford & Darr, with offices in the Southern Building.  
Mr. Whitford was formerly assistant corporation counsel of the District. All the members of the new firm are well known in Washington legal circles.

Damages to the extent of \$25,000 are asked by Karl A. Larsen from the John H. Parker Company and the John A. Hendricks Company in a petition filed in the District Supreme Court yesterday by Attorneys Hawken and Havell. Larsen alleges he was injured while employed by the defendants as an iron worker in the new Interior Department building.

Passenger traffic officials of the Baltimore & Ohio system will hold an annual staff meeting in Pittsburgh September 25 and 26, at which schedules for fall and winter service will be adopted and improvements in service discussed.

According to advance statements issued by the United States Geological Survey, there were fewer days worked by the employees in the anthracite mines in 1915 than since 1910. The average number of days worked in 1915 was 239, against 245 days in 1914 and 257 days in 1913.

Arthur V. Hillyard yesterday filed his answer in the District Supreme Court to the divorce suit of Eula Hillyard. He resists the petition of his wife, contending she should not be made to pay alimony. He filed a cross bill asking an absolute divorce. The hearing for the wife's appeal for alimony has been continued until next week. October 6 the court will award the custody of their child.

An estate of \$10,000 was left by Martha Widdicombe, according to her will, filed for probate yesterday. Harriett B. Brown is named as chief beneficiary. Robert H. Boardman, late chief of the District Bureau of the Police Department, was left \$4,000, which will be divided among his daughters. Other relatives of the testator are mentioned in the will.

Justice McCoy, of the District Supreme Court, has ordered Howard M. Armstrong, an assistant patent examiner, to pay his wife, Elise Armstrong, \$75 a month alimony pending final disposition of her suit for divorce. The wife was given the custody of the children and the use of furniture in the home in Manor place.

The Postmaster General has awarded to the Ludlow Manufacturing Association, of Boston, a contract for furnishing next year's supply of twine for tying bundles of letters. It is estimated that 2,000,000 pounds of jute twine will be used during the year or \$1,818 miles of string, enough to circle the earth 27 times. No bids were received from manufacturers of cotton twine.

Charged with breaking into the art gallery of A. Mendelsohn, Carl H. Furrer and George Craig were held to the action of the grand jury in police court yesterday under \$1,000 bond each.

Distribution of benefits accruing to members of militiamen's families under the act of Congress appropriating \$2,900,000 for relief will begin as soon as necessary formalities are observed. Monthly allotments to dependent relatives of soldiers, both of the militia and regular establishments, will be made when the soldiers have filled out blanks provided for the purpose. The men at Camp Ordway received copies of these blanks yesterday.

The funeral of Dennis Johnson, who died Monday at his residence, 1524 Third street northwest will be held today, with services in the Third Baptist Church at 1 o'clock.

Edward Gillem, who died Monday at Elkins, W. Va., will be buried today. Services will be held in St. Augustine's Church at 10 o'clock.

Fifteen Boy Scouts who rode to Fredericksburg on bicycles Tuesday returned yesterday afternoon. The boys' return trip took 16 hours. Deputy Scout Commissioner Eugen L. Taylor was in charge.

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### CAMP ORDWAY TROOPS ATTEND MILLS FUNERAL

Guardsmen Invited to Press Club-Traders Ball Game.

Close order drill in the morning was the chief feature of yesterday's activities at Camp Ordway, preceding the departure of the troops to take part in the funeral exercises of Gen. Albert L. Mills, in Washington.

All the men in camp have been invited to attend the baseball game between members of the Board of Trade and the National Press Club, as guests of those organizations. The Board of Trade yesterday addressed letters to Gen. William E. Harvey, commanding the Guardsmen and Maj. Charles W. Fenton, commanding officer at Fort Myer, which promise to have features that will greatly augment the attractiveness of the day's program. The game will be played Sept. 27.

In the Board of Trade letters, Chairman C. J. Gockeler, of the baseball committee, asks the military commanders to permit their bands to attend the game, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the benefit of families of local militiamen in service. Maj. Fenton also is asked to send to the city his picked squad of adepts in the Butts manual drill, thus providing a military feature for the program.

The baseball committee will provide transportation for the bands and the drill team.

### VETERAN LAWYER DIES.

Aged Member of District Bar Passes Away.

After an illness extending over a year, William H. Beck, for more than half a century a member of the District of Columbia bar, died Monday at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Valeria R. Myers, in Lewisburg, Pa. He was 73 years old. Funeral services will be held today at the residence of Mrs. Myers in Lewisburg at 2 o'clock.

### Flea Theory Given Up.

New York, Sept. 20.—Efforts of Federal and city health authorities to determine the source of infantile paralysis have been unsuccessful thus far. It was disclosed last night in an announcement by United States public health service officials of the abandonment of the latest theory that the rat flea transmitted the disease.

### JURY TO INVESTIGATE DEATH OF MRS. HAMEL

John W. Chism's Note Only Indication of Suicide.

While there is no evidence, except the note left by John W. Chism, to indicate that Mrs. Blanche Hamel, who was shot when at Tenth and M streets southeast Tuesday night, died from her own hand, Coroner Nevitt has subpoenaed a jury to consider the case. The jury will hold an inquest at 11:30 o'clock today.

With the police officers just outside the house, Chism shot himself at 700 Sixth street southeast a few hours after the woman was slain, leaving a note in which he said Mrs. Hamel shot herself. All other evidence indicates that she was murdered. Dr. Nevitt declared last night that had Chism died without leaving the note he probably would have given a verdict of homicide without a jury trial. There was no witness to the shooting of the woman.

The theory has been advanced that there probably was a struggle and that Mrs. Hamel was shot accidentally. According to the coroner, the character of the wound in the dead woman's neck did not indicate that she shot herself.

### PHONE GIRL REFUSES TO FLEE FROM BLAZE

Special to The Washington Herald.

Bridgeport, Conn., Sept. 20.—In a \$20,000 fire last night in the plant of the Automatic Machine Company, one of the largest in Connecticut, Miss Rose Gilpin, telephone operator, stayed at the switch answering all calls. "I will stay until the room takes fire," the girl said over the wire while the blaze raged.

### He'll Stay Single.

Jersey City, N. J., Sept. 20.—Former Judge Abel I. Smith must stay single if he wants the interest from a fund of \$50,000 his wife left. She so stipulated in her will.

### Too Slow with Gun.

Bridgehampton, Conn., Sept. 20.—Angelo Vellicce decided he would kill his sweetheart, Mary Averga, but when he reached for his revolver the girl's brother also reached and fired first. Vellicce is dying.

### HEAVY CLOTHES ORDER RAISES BORDER HOPES

Ordway Thinks Wood's Letter Means Early Departure.

Four men enlisted yesterday in the District National Guard, expressing the hope that they would see active service. They are Charles Anderson, of Detroit, Walter Bates, of Gordonsville, Va., and John B. Lloyd and James Washington, of Washington. They were assigned to the First Separate Battalion.

The expectation of these recruits, that they may see active service, seems to be given basis by the fact that heavy winter uniforms have been ordered issued to the men in Camp Ordway. The wording of General Leonard Wood's order directing this issue is considered significant. It reads: "Hereafter all militia organizations sent to the southern department for border service must be equipped with overcoats and other wooled clothing."

Troop A, Battery A and the Third Infantry will take part in two days' field maneuvers, beginning today. The infantrymen will be trained in Coasack outpost work, with a shelter tent camp near Fort Berry. The artillery and cavalry will have a war game.

### MOTOR CARS COLLIDE WITH TWO LAMP POSTS

The pole and fireplug season among Washington automobiles opened yesterday. Two lamp posts and a fire plug were among the victims.

A car belonging to E. P. Hinkel, 638 Maine avenue southwest, backed against a light pole at Sixth and C streets northwest, breaking the light globe and slightly damaging the car. Another machine, driven by Arthur Dennison, struck a pole in an alley at Thirtieth and E streets northwest. A fire plug at Bank and M streets northwest was the victim of the indiscretion of a truck belonging to the Washington Brick and Terra Cotta Company.

### Probe Dardanelles Campaign.

London, Sept. 20.—Formal inquiry into charges growing out of the Dardanelles campaign was begun here today. The first session of the investigators was held in private.



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