

## 25,000 DIE IN FLOODS IN THREE CHINA PROVINCES

### Great Fire in Canton Adds to Horror and Handicaps Rescuers

LONDON, July 16.—At least 25,000 Chinese have lost their lives in the floods in three inundated provinces, according to dispatches from Hong Kong.

The provinces of Kwangtung, Kwangai and Kiangsti, are all under water. To add to the horror, fire has swept a square mile in Canton, the city being in darkness last night, greatly hampering rescue work. The United States consul reports no American lives lost.

### \$5,000 FIRE AT HOMER CITY

Disastrous Fire of Mysterious Origin Thought to be of Incendiary Origin

### B. R. & P. ENGINE HELPS

A fire which for a time assumed proportions decidedly disastrous, broke out Thursday morning at about 1 o'clock, causing a property loss of about \$5,000. The occupants of two houses were forced to flee in their night clothing, leaving their belongings a prey to the flames which spread rapidly. There is small insurance.

The fire originated in the general store of Thomas Testa who has apartments on the second floor. Mrs. Testa was awakened by the smoke and hurriedly arousing her children, barely succeeded in reaching the sidewalk in safety.

The fire rapidly spread to the house and store of Fedele D'Amico and was soon a roaring furnace. An unsuccessful effort was made to save some of the furnishings of this building, the heat and flames driving the workers back. Strong work on the part of the volunteer firemen and the entire male populace prevented the fire from spreading further although several buildings were scorched. A B. R. & P. engine helped materially in quenching the fire.

The fire is thought to be of incendiary origin. An investigation is being made.

Mr. Testa, one of the losers has been a patient in the local hospital, and when informed of his loss took it optimistically. He was discharged from the hospital Thursday, and is making plans for rebuilding.

### Profitable Cherry Tree

In 1880, Mrs. Margaret Myers planted a cherry seed on her farm near Clymer. This year, as a reward for her faithful care and watching, there was picked from this tree, a yield of 325 quarts of the luscious fruit.

(Political Advertisement)

For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

(Non-Partisan)

J. N. LANGHAM,  
Of Indiana Borough.

Subject to the decision of the voters of the Fortieth Judicial District (Indiana County) at the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, September 21, 1915.

### People You Know

—Murray Peelor was a visitor at Punxsutawney Tuesday.

—H. G. Means has been spending a few days at Punxsutawney.

—Hugh M. Bell, of West Water street, was visiting in Ebensburg, the first of the week.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Hetrick, of North Seventh Street, are spending the week at Atlantic City.

—Clark McNealey, of North Fifth street, left Monday morning for Akron, O., where has accepted a position.

—Mrs. Harry McCreary, of South Ninth street, is in Battle Creek, Mich., where she will remain several weeks.

—F. B. Longwill, of North Eighth street, was taken to a Pittsburgh hospital on Monday for treatment for heart trouble.

—Mrs. Ray Craig and her daughter, of North Ninth street, are spending a week with Mr. Craig's parents at Vandergrift.

—Miss Mary Wily, a nurse in the U. of P. hospital, Philadelphia, is spending her vacation at her home on North Eighth street.

—Lawrence Little, of Philadelphia street, left last week for Denver, Col., and points west. He expects to be away about six weeks.

—Mrs. J. Clark Flude and her son James, have returned to their home in Wilmerding, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Speedy.

—County Commissioner J. M. Wakefield, of Chestnut street, has as guests his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Francis Wakefield, and two children of Elk River, Minn.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moore, of Water street, and granddaughter, Miss Catherine Lyon, left yesterday morning for an auto trip through the eastern part of the state.

—Mr. and Mrs. Erank Learn, and their daughter, of Church street, Dr. and Mrs. Guy Harmon, and their family, of Jacksonville, left this week in their automobiles for Ashville, N. Y., where they will spend a month in their cottages, at Chautauqua Lake.

### Jail for Knife Wielder

A drunken fight at Heilwood last Sunday resulted in a cutting affray the result of which Philip Perchas was critically wounded and taken to the Penn Mary hospital to receive treatment. The cutting was done by John Bobits. He was given a hearing before Squire Wallace and brought to the county jail.

## THAW IS FREE!

Special to the Patriot

NEW YORK, July 16. (Noon bulletin) Judge Hendricks today upheld the verdict of the Thaw Jury. Thaw will be freed today on \$50,000 bail.

### WOMEN MOST INTERESTED IN THAW.



Photos by American Press Association.

Harry Thaw's mother, Mrs. William Copley Thaw, who has stood by her son throughout his entire fight, and his wife, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, with her child.

This week the jury vindicated Thaw on the charge of insanity. It is thought that Judge Hendricks will give the noted prisoner his freedom with certain restrictions.

### WANTED TO SEE THE COUNTRY

Two Young Girls From Johnstown Spend a Night in County Jail

Two Johnstown young ladies, the Misses Marie Myers, aged 16, and Florence Metmeyer, aged 18, spent Wednesday night in the county jail, the former a prisoner and the latter her voluntary companion.

Marie left her home Monday afternoon, telling her mother she was going to the "movies." She did not return that day and no clue of her was found until a card was received in Johnstown written by Florence saying they were in Indiana. The local police were immediately notified and the girls were found in one of the stores.

The Myers girl was taken to jail, and the older girl was allowed to go as there was no charge against her, but she would not desert her friend and accompanied her to the jail.

Thursday when the constable arrived, the younger was taken back to Johnstown. They said they wanted to see the country.

### Governor Brumbaugh Will Be Here Encampment Week

The Governor of the State, Martin G. Brumbaugh, will spend two days in Indiana during the annual encampment of the Second Brigade, National Guard of Pennsylvania, to be held here in August. During that time he will inspect the various infantries, the Signal Corps and the Headquarters and will be the honored guest at the military ball to be held in the Auditorium.

### INMATE OF COUNTY HOME HANGS HIMSELF

Despondency Over Poor Health Was Cause of Deed.

Albert Clawson, aged 60, familiarly known as "Black Al," and a well-known resident of Indiana for many years, committed suicide Saturday afternoon by hanging himself to a branch in the woods of the county home, where he was an inmate. He was a sufferer of tuberculosis and became despondent. He leaves two daughters.

### Girl Admits Having Raised Money Order

Charged with raising a \$4 money order to \$40, Miss Frances Smith, a Rossiter girl is being held for trial in federal court, Pittsburg. A sister of the girl, Miss Anna Smith was arrested in Buffalo and brought to Rossiter, as it was first believed she was implicated in the money order manipulation, but a confession of Frances Smith has satisfied the authorities that her sister is entirely innocent.

Last spring Miss Anna Smith sent from Buffalo to her sister at Rossiter a money order for \$4. The order was raised to \$40 and cashed. The manipulation of the order was discovered the early part of June and a warrant was issued and placed in the hands of C. R. Masters, special officer for a coal corporation at Rossiter. The girl was arrested and brought to the county jail. The officer then went to Buffalo, where he located and placed in custody Miss Anna Smith who was afterwards released.

## NOTE ON NEBRASKAN FAILS TO SATISFY U. S.

### U. S. Demands That Ships Be Visited by Submarine Commanders

WASHINGTON, July 16.—Although officials were pleased today by receipt from Ambassador Gerard, memorandum transmitting Germany's admission of liability and expression of regret for the submarine attack on the Nebraskan, they practically decided to dispatch a note on the subject further to conserve American rights in the war zone. This government will insist that merchantmen be visited in order to determine its nationality and character of its cargo before being attacked.

### Rome Press Sympathizes With U. S. Position

ROME, July 16.—All the Rome papers comment on the German reply to the American note, which was received here from Berlin by way of Switzerland. The papers are in sympathy with the United States. In general, the view is held in political circles that Germany has been influenced through recent victories in the east to a point where she "thinks she can defy the whole world."

### State Police Located Here

State authorities recently issued orders that a detail of state police be stationed here, and the first detail, composed of Sergeant H. T. Bland and Privates Scheiban and Shelton, of Troop D., located at Butler, arrived here Tuesday afternoon. They are quartered at the Clawson House. They were accompanied by details for Phillipsburg and Punxsutawney, which left here overland the following morning.

### Colver Mines Have Big Order

The Ebensburg Coal company, with offices in Philadelphia, and mines at Colver, Cambria county, has received an order for 100,000 tons of coal for the Argentine Republic. The contract will keep the 1200 men employed by the Colver plant busy for ten months.

### Indiana Man Drowns Near Cumberland, Md.

The remains of John Brennan, who was drowned near Cumberland, Md., Sunday, have been shipped to Clymer for burial. Brennan was a resident of Clymer for many years and was widely known throughout Indiana county.

### Old Home Week at Clymer

Next week Clymer will celebrate its Home-Coming week commencing Tuesday. Great doings are planned. Wednesday the founders of the borough will hold the boards. Thursday will be Firemen's Day with its races, water battles, band contest, etc., for cash prizes. The miners will have Friday for their own when Secretary of Labor Wilson will be present and deliver an address. The festivities will end on Saturday with a masked carnival.

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### ENGINE COLLIDES WITH AUTO

One Young Man Killed Instantly, and Two Are Seriously Injured

A collision of an automobile with a freight engine on a crossing at Saltsburg Wednesday morning resulted in instant death of one young man, and fatally injuring the other two who were his fellow passengers, one so badly that he died in the hospital that evening.

### The Dead:

Joseph Pratt, 27, fractured skull; killed instantly.

Jacob Shaffer, 40, fractured skull; died in Saltsburg hospital.

### Injured:

Charles Shaffer, brother of latter, suffering from shock and minor injuries. In hospital.

The young men were on their way to the Kiski schools and at the crossing did not see an approaching engine running "light," in time to stop. The impact of the collision threw the occupants a distance of nearly fifty feet and when Pratt was picked up an instant later he was dead. The shaffer brothers were taken to the hospital, the elder being in the worse condition. Charles was later removed to his home, suffering mostly from shock.

### A. P. Lowrey The New Chairman

Adam P. Lowrey, of Indiana, will lead the Democratic forces in Indiana county this year as the result of the meeting of the Democratic County Committee, at which time he was chosen chairman. Paul Vogel, of Indiana, was named as secretary and treasurer. Mr. Lowrey is also a candidate for the office of County Commissioner.

### List of Letters

remaining uncalled for in the Indiana office July 10, 1915:

Mr. and Mrs. David Artimus, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Byers, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Cooper, Mr. B. H. Cunningham, Mr. C. M. Ethell, Mr. Lon Ebdon, Miss Annie Fouts, Mr. Andero Jackson, Mr. Andrew G. Mottsney, Mr. William Neal, Indiana Bakery Co., Miss Elsie E. Steving, F. H. Leman, George Spicher, Mr. Clyde Widdowson.

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HARRY W. FEE, P. M.