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TOWN WASHED AWAY BUT INHABITANTS SAFE

High Waters Bring Destruction to
Catlin, Washington, While Many
People Are Marooned on
an Island.

Portland, Ore.—Several lives reported lost, forty persons said to be marooned on an island in the Cowlitz river in southern Washington, the town of Catlin swept away by the same river, railroad traffic between Puget Sound and Portland at a standstill, the railroads of western and northwestern Washington in the same condition, the Union Pacific and Oregon Railway & Navigation track temporarily blocked by a mud-slide at Dodson, the telegraph and telephone between here and Seattle out of commission, and wire traffic to eastern Oregon and Washington almost at a standstill, hundreds of thousands of dollars damage in the rural districts back of the Sound country, in the Yakima country and in southeastern Washington, and as much more to the logging interests of southwestern Washington, briefly summarizes the reports of the known destruction brought about by the storm in Washington, the creeks and rivers of which are thundering torrents, the result of the downpour of the past three or four days.

On the Cowlitz, which is the most serious menace, the town of Catlin has been washed away. Happily in this case the inhabitants had sufficient warning to get to the highlands. In this same district there is a rumor that forty farmers who had taken refuge on an island are in serious danger unless the Cowlitz stops its rise.

'FRISCO MAYOR ACCUSED.

Is Said to Have Taken Money From
Restaurant Men for Protection.

San Francisco.—The grand jury on Thursday afternoon found five separate indictments against Eugene Schmitz and Abraham Ruef, on the charge of extortion. On each charge the bail was fixed at \$10,000 bond and \$5,000 cash.

The first alleged crime was in connection with the Poodle Dog restaurant, and the indictment recites that Ruef and Schmitz demanded money from the proprietor, Tony Bianco. As this demand was made, it is stated, on two occasions, two indictments were returned. Extortion, declared to have been practiced upon Ed Marchand, proprietor of Marchand's restaurant, is the basis of two more indictments. A demand made upon Joe Malfonti, another restaurateur, is the alleged offense on which the fifth and last indictment was founded.

FINAL ASSAULT UPON COMBINE.

Government Begins Action Against the
Standard Oil Company.

Washington.—Attorney General Moody on Thursday, acting through the resident United States district attorney, instituted proceedings against the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, under the Sherman anti-trust act, by filing in the United States circuit court at St. Louis a petition in equity against it and its seventy constituent corporations and partnerships and seven individual defendants, asking that the combination be declared unlawful and in the future enjoined from entering into any contract or combination in restraint of trade, etc.

Farmers May Go Into Insurance Business.

Denver.—At the fortieth annual convention of the National Grange, held here, delegates from twenty-two states were in attendance. Miles M. Dawson, expert insurance actuary of New York, explained to the convention his plan of insurance for members of the Grange. "I advise you," he said, "that an insurance department of colossal importance, based on old line foundations, fraternal policies, is entirely practical and urge you to adopt such a plan for your own protection."

Negro Desperado Killed.

Asheville, N. C.—Will Harris, the negro who killed two Asheville policemen and three negroes Tuesday night, was shot by a posse of men Thursday near Fletcher, about ten miles south of Asheville. At 8 o'clock Thursday morning word was received that the negro had been discovered in a barn near Fletcher, and aid was requested. One hundred men left Asheville on horseback and surrounded the barn. Fire was opened upon the negro, who attempted to escape and returned the shots until he was killed.

TERRIBLE STORM IN SUNNY SOUTH

Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas Swept by Small Sized Cyclone.

Five Lives Known to Have Been Lost.
While Property Damage is Heavy
—People Are Killed by Falling
Buildings or Burned
to Death.

Memphis, Tenn.—Telegraphic and telephonic communication from points in Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee for a distance of several hundred miles report that territory to have suffered, on Sunday, from one of the most destructive rain and wind storms in years.

Five lives are known to have been lost and great damage done to property and crops.

At Winona, Miss., the Catholic church, Christian and the Methodist churches and the Healy brick yard were demolished and numerous buildings unroofed and otherwise badly damaged. Among the largest buildings damaged at this place are the postoffice, opera house, the oil mill, the cotton compressor warehouse of the Jackson Mercantile company, and the residence of E. J. Dunkton. Besides these about twenty-five smaller buildings were almost completely destroyed. The roof of the compress was torn off by the wind, which at times reached almost tornado-like velocity, falling on the home of E. J. Dunkton, 205 yards away. The wind storm was preceded and followed by heavy rains, causing serious washouts along the route of the Illinois Central railroad and badly damaging crops.

At Mathison, Miss., serious damage is reported to have occurred, and a woman was killed by a falling building.

At Techula a falling tree, striking a small frame building, caused it to be set afire, and a woman and child were burned to death.

At Honconah creek, a few miles from this city, a railroad trestle fell at night under the weight of a switch engine, the engine plunging into the swollen stream, carrying with it Engineer C. V. Peterson and Fireman A. R. Ritchie, who were drowned.

West Point, Columbus and Mahin, Miss., are reported to have suffered serious damage, but as these points are completely cut off from communication, it is impossible at this time to ascertain the extent.

TWO PERISH IN FLAMES.

Hotel at Goldfield, Nevada, Destroyed
by Fire—Two Guests Meet Death.

Goldfield, Nevada.—At an early hour Saturday morning the Hotel Goldfield was destroyed by fire, and two guests, A. H. Heber of Los Angeles and Judge J. M. Ellis of Denver, met death in the flames, while a number of the guests escaped in their night clothes.

Many were injured by jumping from the second and third stories, as the big wooden building was enveloped so quickly that there was no other means of escape. C. A. Cramm of Los Angeles had a leg broken; C. A. Young, Los Angeles, leg broken and severely cut about head and body; F. B. Woods, Los Angeles, hip and leg broken. Many others sustained more or less serious injuries. Nothing was saved in the entire building. Guests escaped in their night clothes. Very few took time to dress.

President Talks With Canal Laborers.

Colon.—President Roosevelt reached Cristobal at 3:15 Saturday afternoon, and personally inspected the houses of canal employes, the camps of the laborers, the docks and other points of interest. Most of the president's time was devoted to an inspection of the quarters of the laborers. He talked with some of them and made note of their complaints, which were chiefly on the scarcity of West Indian food. The president promised that improvements, such as the erection of baths and kitchens and the paving of streets, would be made.

Wants Funds for Public Works.

Pekin.—In connection with the opening of Mukden, Antung and Tatung Kao, Yuan Shi Kai, governor of Chi Li and commander-in-chief of the forces, has memorialized the throne, asking for funds for the construction of needed public works, which he declares China ought to carry out in order to maintain her sovereignty. The board of revenue has recommended that the necessary money be raised in the province affected and paid back from the revenue collected therein.

Eight Men Entombed in Deep Well in Indiana.

Terre Haute, Ind.—Effective work on the part of the rescuing party saved the lives of at least seven or eight workmen entombed in a cave-in in a deep well at the plant of the Indiana Distilling company on the Wabash river front on Saturday. When the cave-in occurred the men were at work in the bottom of the well. They were covered by the drop of earth. One of the men will probably die. Seven others are crushed and badly cut.

BOMB EXPLODED BEFORE AN ALTAR IN CATHEDRAL

Historic Edifice Was Crowded With
Worshippers When Explosion Occurred, But No One Was Hurt.

Rome.—A bomb was exploded in St. Peter's on Sunday. The edifice was crowded and an indescribable scene of confusion followed. There were no fatalities.

As soon as the echoes of the tremendous roar had ceased a canon sought by reassuring words to quiet the people, but in vain. They fled in all directions, and a number of women screamed and tried to protect their families in the crush. The church is so large, however, that there was ample room for the crowd to scatter, and no one was injured. No trace of the perpetrator of the deed has been found.

Since Saint Anacletus, who was ordained by Peter himself, erected an oratory in 90 A. D. on the site of the present basilica to mark the spot where the remains of St. Peter are buried, no such dastardly occurrence is noted in the annals of the church.

WRECKED ON THE LAKES.

Canadian Steamer Goes Down During
Terrific Gale.

Fort William, Ont.—In a terrific gale on Lake Superior, the Canadian steamer Theano, Captain George Pearson, struck a rock four miles east of Thunder Cape and was totally wrecked. The American steamer Philip Minch and the Canadian steamer Strathcona were also blown ashore during the storm, and the former may be a total loss. The crews of all three steamers are safe.

When the Theano struck the wind was blowing fifty miles an hour, and the blinding snowstorm caused the ship to run north of the entrance to Thunder bay. The steamer struck bow on and the stern swung around against the rocks, crushing in the steel sides of the ship like paper. The crew, numbering twenty, remained on the vessel for two hours after she struck, but were compelled to take to the lifeboats for safety.

A few moments after the crew had abandoned the wreck the boilers exploded and the shattered hull slid off the rock into deep water.

SIXTEEN NEW LAWS DRAWN UP.

Work of Insurance Commission at
Meeting in Chicago.

Chicago.—Members of the insurance commission who had been in session for the past week drafting projected laws for the control of life insurance throughout the country, completed their work Saturday and adjourned. No complete report of the contemplated recommendations was made prior to the adjournment, and it will not be prepared for some time.

Sixteen new proposed laws have been drawn up, and it is believed by the commissioners that they will, if adopted by the various states, correct the greater part of the abuses in the management of life insurance companies. The bills will be introduced during next winter into the legislatures of thirty-seven states.

Young Woman is Beaten to Death With Piece of Iron Pipe.

El Paso, Tex.—Her lifeless body still warm, Felipa Guerrero, a young Mexican woman, was found in her room on South Oregon street Sunday morning. She had been criminally assaulted and then beaten to death with a piece of iron pipe. After a short investigation and a hot chase, Santiago Blanco was arrested and is in jail charged with the crime.

CONFIDENT OF WINNING OUT.

Standard Oil Company Issues Cheer-
ing Circular to Stockholders.

New York.—The directors of the Standard Oil company issued another circular on Saturday to the stockholders of the company, saying that the company's position is unassailable from both a legal and a moral standpoint. The directors declare themselves confident that in the proceeding now instituted the company's position will be successfully maintained and vindicated.

Prominent Man Charged With Arson.

Bellefontaine, O.—George Gamble, aged 65, said to be a prominent citizen of Denver, Colo., has been indicted on the charge of arson, and was at once arraigned and pleaded not guilty. It is alleged in the indictment that Gamble on Oct. 7 last burned a flour mill at Zaneshield, near Bellefontaine, for which he had paid \$1,800 and on which he had placed \$3,500 insurance. State Fire Marshal Creamer claims that fires occurred in buildings which Gamble owned at Champaign, Urbana and Tuscol, Ill., and Evans, Colo.

They Are Used to Such Doings.

Pittsburg.—A large automobile conveying the members of the Washington and Jefferson football team of Washington, Pa., from Exposition park, Allegheny, to their hotel in this city, was wrecked Saturday night by a street car at Fifth avenue and Wood street. There were eleven men in the automobile. All were thrown to the street and bruised, but none were seriously hurt. The motor car was demolished, a part of which scraped the side of the car, breaking all the windows.

BITTER FEELING AMONG CUBANS

Prospect of American Occupation of the Island for Some Time to Come.

Bitter Feeling Between Two Political
Parties, the Moderates Preferring
American Occupation to Lib-
eral Rule.

Havana.—The bitter feeling between the moderates and the liberals is growing more intense as a consequence of rumors that the former party is prepared to go to any length to prevent new elections, the result of which, it is a foregone conclusion, would be an overwhelming liberal victory. The moderates are believed to prefer an indefinite American occupation and even annexation to the United States to submission to liberal rule. The liberals assert that the moderates are prepared to instigate disorders in all provinces as soon as the date of the elections is fixed, hoping by this means to compel the provisional government to abandon its intention of holding elections.

Such intentions are vehemently denied by the moderate leaders, who, however, are frankly opposed to the election project and advocate the continued retention of American troops in the hope that the delay will bring about dissensions in the liberal ranks and the consequent extinction of the present liberal preponderance. This also will give time for the organization of the conservatives.

Fears of an outbreak are not seriously considered by the provisional government. The rural guard has been reinforced and redistributed, in accordance with previous plans, to more than 300 posts throughout the island, and it is believed these men will be able to deal promptly and decisively with the first symptoms of disorder.

HAD HARD VOYAGE.

Vessel Given Up for Lost Reaches
Port After Many Tribulations.

Philadelphia.—After a voyage of 207 days from the Hawaiian Islands, during which the vessel was given up for lost, the five-masted steel schooner Kineo tied up at a wharf here on Friday. The schooner is commanded by Captain Patten and carries a crew of fifteen men. The captain's log shows a tale of hardship, the vessel during the voyage sustaining many accidents. The steam gear by which sails were raised and anchors handled was out of order several times, and all hands, including the wife of Captain Patten, were compelled to take their turn at the pumps.

Dakota Man Arrested for Killing His Brother.

Minot, N. D.—Accused of killing his brother and nailing the body in a box and taking it with him as household goods to Stanley, Martin Hagen, who lives two miles north of Stanley, was arrested Friday and taken to Devil's Lake, where the crime is alleged to have been committed. Hagen formerly lived near Devil's Lake, moving from there to Stanley about a week ago. His brother disappeared about the same time.

The police allege that Hagen killed his brother in a fit of passion and that he put the body in a box and shipped it to Stanley along with his furniture. The police advance the theory that the body was thrown into the Missouri river.

Convicted of Counterfeiting.

Denver.—Dr. J. D. Eggleston, a prominent physician and son of President Eggleston of the Pacific Express company, was convicted in the United States court here on five counts of having in his possession apparatus for making counterfeit money. Dr. Eggleston became involved in a quarrel with a former business partner, which resulted in his office rooms being raided. The outcome of this action was the charge filed against him which resulted in his conviction on Friday.

Jury Justifies Lynching.

Asheville, N. C.—At the inquest over the body of Will Harris, alias Rufe Lindsay, the negro who was shot to death by a posse of officers and citizens, the coroner's jury returned the following remarkable verdict: "The said Will Harris, alias Rufe Lindsay, came to his death at the hands of public spirited citizens who at the time were in the fearless and unselfish discharge of a public duty, that the law might be vindicated and justice administered."

Railroads Refuse Demands.

Chicago.—A demand by the independent oil dealers of the entire country that the eastern railroads make a reduction of nearly 40 per cent in the rates of petroleum and its products was refused here on Friday at a meeting of the General Freight association, and the oil men declare they will take their case before the interstate commerce commission. An investigation of the matter will be sought, and the dealers declare that their demands will be granted.

BANKERS FIGURE IT OUT.

Agree Upon Plan of Currency Reform
That Suits Them.

Washington.—The plan of currency reform agreed upon by the committees of the American Bankers' association and the New York chamber of commerce, upon which they have been at work for four days, was made public Thursday. Before adjourning finally, a committee was appointed to whom was intrusted the drafting of a bill for presentation to congress which will embody the ideas expressed in the statement made public by the committee of bankers.

The plan agreed upon by the two committees contemplates the issue under government supervision of credit bank notes by national banks equal to 40 per cent of their bonded secured circulation, subject to a tax of 2½ per cent per annum; an automatic increase of credit notes under certain conditions; a further issue of credit notes equal to 12½ per cent of a bank's capital at a tax of 5 per cent per annum; the establishment of a guarantee fund for the redemption of credit notes; repealing the existing law limiting the holdings of the bonded secured notes to \$3,000,000 per month and the deposit of all public moneys above reasonable working balances in national banks without collateral securities, on which the banks are to pay 2 per cent.

INDIANS CLAIM THEIR RIGHTS.

Senate Committee Listen to Argu-
ments Against Present System.

Muskogee, I. T.—The entire time on Friday of the senate Indian committee was devoted to hearing arguments in favor of removing the restrictions placed on the sale of Indian lands. The morning session was productive of much feeling.

Colonel Robert L. Owen, a Cherokee by blood, a prominent attorney and a candidate for the United States senate, said in reply to a question as to whether he had ever had his restrictions removed: "I am as free a citizen as any man on this senate committee. I am a free man. I will not bow my head to the interior department. I have no personal restrictions. I have never made and will never make application for the removal of my restrictions.

"The fault of this government which controls the Indian Territory lies in the frailty of human nature which leads a man to believe that he can govern a people better than they can govern themselves."

UNIFORMITY OF DIVORCE LAWS.

The National Congress in Session at
Philadelphia.

Philadelphia.—The national congress on uniform divorce laws, in session in this city on Tuesday, adopted about one-third of the proposed uniform bill as drafted by the committee appointed at the meeting held in Washington nine months ago. The portions adopted include seven causes under which annulment of marriage may be obtained and six causes for absolute divorce.

Delegates from twenty-seven states and the District of Columbia and representatives of all Protestant denominations who attended the international conference on marriage, together with a Catholic prelate, Bishop Shanley of North Dakota, attended the sessions, which were presided over by Governor Pennypacker.

Avenge Sister's Wrongs.

Portland, Ore.—Orlando S. Murray, aged 21 years, son of an east side physician, shot and killed Lincoln C. Whitney of Hubbard, Ore., at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. Porter, at East Third and East Harrison streets, and then boarded a car and went to the office of Sheriff Stevens, where he surrendered himself. In a statement to the police young Murray said he killed Whitney because of the latter's persistent refusal to right a wrong done Murray's sister.

DEATH RATE IN ARMY.

The Great White Plague Kills More
Soldiers Than Any Other Disease.

Washington.—The report on the work of the medical department of the army by Surgeon General R. M. O'Reilly, just made public, goes into that service during the calendar year 1905 and also compares the health of the different armies of the world, as far as possible, in view of the different conditions in each army.

The highest rate of admission to the sick report is held by the Dutch army, whose rate is 13.21 per 1,000 men, with the American army ranking second, with 12.95, and the Russian army holding the lowest rate of 3.43 per 1,000 men.

The British army ranks first in the death rate, with 7.13 per 1,000 men, the American army having the next highest, 6.28. The Prussian army has the lowest rate, two per 1,000 men.

As a cause of death tuberculosis led with a rate of 68, a slight increase as compared with the previous year. Pneumonia was second, rate 32.

Giant Powder Explosion.

Douglas, Ariz.—Two Americans and six Mexicans were killed by a premature explosion at a lime quarry nine miles east of Douglas. The quarry is one at which lime rock is secured for the smelters in this city. The explosion was heard and felt in this city. Several boxes of giant powder were being loaded into drill holes to blow lime rock from the side of the quarry when a premature explosion occurred, knocking thousands of tons of rock on the men at their work below.

WOULD HAVE NEGROES DIG THE PANAMA CANAL

Plan Proposed to Solve the Race
Troubles in the South and Which
Would Advance Interests of
the Big Ditch.

Nashville, Tenn.—The southern Quarantine and Immigration convention, which at noon on Tuesday assumed its new title of Southern Immigration and Industrial association, concluded its business Tuesday night.

The sentiment of the delegates is largely in favor of welcoming any desirable class of white immigrants without regard to nationality, yet here appears at times some desire to keep the black man, with all his faults, where he is.

At the afternoon session N. F. Thompson of Chattanooga advocated the strictest enforcement of the vagrancy laws, with a suspension of sentence in case the negro would go to the Panama canal, and in following into the race problem said:

"I would have the world know that this race problem has its most fertile sources of perpetuity in the efforts of politicians, who find a most efficient hobby on which to ride into place and power. When there are no elections in the south we hear very little about this race matter.

"The enforcement of the vagrancy laws uniformly all over the south will tend largely to the elimination of the idle negro."

KILLED 3 MEN AND ESCAPED.

Negro Murderer Fights Desperate
Battle With Police Officers.

Asheville, N. C.—Fighting bravely in defense of their police captain, Patrolmen Charles Blackstock and William Bailey of this city, were shot to death on South Main street by a negro, who also killed one negro and fatally wounded another. The murderer gave his name as Will Harris, of Charlotte, N. C., a desperado for whom a large reward has been standing for some time. Prior to the death of the two officers a negro restaurant keeper named Ben Allison was shot and killed by Harris without provocation. Another negro named Tom Neil lies mortally wounded, he, too, being shot before the officers took a hand in the melee. The negro has escaped and a posse is in pursuit, bloodhounds being used in the search.

CONSPIRACY CHARGED.

Grain Dealers and Railroads Indicted
by Missouri Grand Jury.

Kansas City.—Davis H. Kreski, a broker, and W. A. McGowan, local agent for the Nickel Plate fast freight line, indicted here, charged with conspiracy to violate the interstate commerce act, and Henry S. Hartley, a grain dealer, indicted on a charge of accepting rebates in freight shipments, were arrested Tuesday afternoon and arraigned before Judge Garland, sitting in the United States district court. They were released on furnishing a \$5,000 bond apiece.

Acquitted After Two Years' Imprisonment.

Shreveport, La.—After being in jail over two years, charged with the murder of Jesse Brown at Girard, La., W. D. Womack and Ryan Henderson, white men, were acquitted at Monroe, Tuesday. A few months ago Robert Rogers, who had been arrested with Womack and Henderson, charged with implication in the crime, was lynched by a mob and Dr. Frank, a prominent physician of Monroe, and brother of the murdered man, is under indictment charged with leading the mob.

Independence League to Continue in the Interest of Hearst.

New York.—At a meeting on Tuesday of the executive committee of the Independence league, resolutions were adopted congratulating W. R. Hearst on the result achieved in the recent election in New York state, and pledging the continuance of the Independence league as a means of the furtherance of the principles advocated by Mr. Hearst. The resolutions declared that "steps be taken at once for a reorganization of the Independence league throughout the state."

Violating the Eight-Hour Law.

Washington.—Attorney General Moody has issued instructions to United States attorneys regarding prosecutions of violations of the eight-hour law, in which he says the government is determined upon a strict enforcement of this statute as relating to public works of the United States. Within the last ten weeks as many as 300 alleged violations have been reported. C. J. Garlton, a lawyer of Haverhill, Mass., has been appointed by General Moody to have special charges of violations.

Liberals Preparing More Drastic Bill.

London.—The Liberal papers comment on the speech of Augustine Birrell, president of the board of education, at Bristol, as an ultimatum on behalf of the government to the house of lords. The Tribune declares the education bill is the last effort that will be made to reconcile popular control with religious education, and avers that if the present bill is destroyed it will be substituted by a denominational, but a secular system of religious education.