

GREAT WATER DAM AT DOBBIN WASHED OUT SWEEPING EVERYTHING AWAY IN THE VALLEY BELOW IT

Great Wall of Water Sweeps down through the Valley below Carrying Everything Therein before it with a Great Rush.

PIEDMONT AND OTHER TOWNS ARE THREATENED NOW

Warning in Time for the People to Flee to the Mountains But It is Probable There is Great Loss of Life in the Valley.

(By Associated Press.)

CUMBERLAND, Md., Jan. 15.—Information was received at the offices of the Western Maryland railway here at noon today that the whole of the Stony river dam of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, near Dobbin, W. Va., had given away.

(By Associated Press.)

DAVIS, W. Va., Jan. 15.—Arnold Baker, of Grant county, who resides a short distance from the Stony river dam, telephoned the officers of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company here that he had gone to the dam at 11 o'clock today and a short time after that hour two sections of the west end of the dam had gone out and that he estimated about half of the water had rushed out of the reservoir up to noon today.

(By Associated Press.)

THOMAS, W. Va., Jan. 15.—The dam of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company at Dobbin, W. Va., was entirely washed out at 12 o'clock today. The rushing waters washed away everything in the valley of the Stony river below the dam.

(By Associated Press.)

PIEDMONT, W. Va., Jan. 15.—A wall of water fifteen feet high, is sweeping down the north branch of the Potomac river following the bursting of the dam of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company at Dobbin, shortly before noon. According to reports received here inhabitants of the valley are fleeing to the hills. No loss of life has been reported.

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BANK STOCK

Is to Be Issued by West Virginia Bank Up to Its Authorized Capitalization.

While the West Virginia Bank has an authorized capital stock of \$100,000, only \$57,600 of it has been issued and sold. It was decided at the annual meeting of shareholders to issue and sell the remaining \$42,400 of the authorized stock.

PROGRAM

Will Be Rendered at the African Methodist Episcopal Church Here.

The following program will be presented Friday night at Bride's A. M. E. Church: Instrumental Solo - Florence Thomas; Vocal duet - Misses Green; Piano solo - Mrs. Laura Snell; Vocal solo - Mrs. Velma McCoy; Piano solo - Miss Hadaline Lacy; Vocal solo - Mr. Geo. R. Lewis; Reading - Mrs. J. H. Jenkins; Piano solo - Miss M. O. Washington; Vocal solo - Mrs. E. Hickenbottom; Mr. Geo. R. Lewis.

COURT IN OHIO ASKS FOR VEGA

Man in Jail Here is Known by Another Name in Cleveland, Ohio.

MURDER IS PREFERRED Against Him There and He May Be Taken There to Be Tried.

That Matthew Vega, who is now in the Harrison county jail, where he was sentenced a few days ago by Justice William E. Starcher to a term of one year for carrying a pistol, is none other than Nick Viougulla, who is wanted in Cleveland, on a charge of murder is evidenced by the positive identification of Vega's photograph by the police of that city.

SHIP PASSENGERS

And Crew Rescued Yesterday Are Comfortably Housed and Recovering.

YARMOUTH, N. S., Jan. 15.—The twenty-four passengers and seventy-two members of the crew of the royal mail steamer, Cobeguid, rescued yesterday were comfortably housed here this morning and are recovering from the effects of their long exposure to icy winds and waves. Captain Hawson and the remaining eleven seamen were taken off the wrecked vessel early today. The Cobeguid, impaled on Trinity rock six miles off Port Maitland, was badly smashed and coated with ice but the captain's cabin remained intact.

VIOLENT SHOCKS

In a Town of Italy Causes a Panic among the Inhabitants of It.

LEGHORN, Italy, Jan. 15.—Six violent earthquake shocks caused a panic among the inhabitants of this city today. The people rushed in terror into the streets. No casualties were reported.

VIOLENT SEAS

Break Starboard Port Holes and Steamer, Majestic, Returns to Port.

CHERBOURG, France, Jan. 15.—The steamer Majestic which left here for New York last evening with Francis B. Sayre and his wife, formerly Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson, among its passengers, returned to port this morning. Violent seas had broken a number of its starboard port holes and it was taking water through them.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses have been issued to William E. Hammond and Ethel H. Rhodes and Saverio Arena and Nelly Panetta.

ALASKAN COAL IS NOT A GOOD FUEL

Exaggerated reports of the reservoir's condition spread and many persons fled to the hills. All of these, however, had returned to their homes before noon today. William Anderson, chief of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, is enroute from Charleston to make a thorough inspection of the dam.

BLAKE WILL

Disposing of Estate is Probated with Executors Named Therein.

The will of Edward Blake was probated Thursday with W. S. and Lee Blake and A. L. Lewis executors. He bequeathed \$200 to his grand daughter, Birdie Johnson. Personal effects as given other heirs and S. D. W. S. and Lee Blake, sons, are given farming tools and so forth with the provision that they pay the estate \$200. Wirt W. Post, of Jarvisville, was a city visitor Thursday.

CAMP IN THE OPEN WITH HOMES GONE

Refugees on Return Do But the Warships Bring Them Food Supplies.

KAGOSHIMA, Japan, Jan. 15.—Telegraphic communication between this city and the North was restored this evening. A Japanese government vessel taken charge of the situation and are rapidly restoring a semblance of order along the waterfront. Many of the people of Kagoshima have returned to the city. All their houses are in ruins and the returning refugees are compelled to camp in the open spaces. The warships brought a large stock of food and supplies which are being freely distributed. The property loss in this city is immense. The clearing away of ashes and debris has not gone far enough to allow even an approximate estimate of the loss of human life. A group of thirty-three refugees was rescued from amid a great waste of steaming lava at the foot of the volcano today. With their rescue no living beings remain so far as known on the entire island of Sakura.

TARIFF LAW ROASTED BY WOOL GROWERS

REV. MR. BIRD HERE TO DELIVER TALKS



THE REV. JAMES E. BIRD. The Rev. James E. Bird, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church at Charleston and formerly pastor of the First church here, whose likeness is herewith presented, arrived in the city from Charleston Thursday afternoon for the purpose of delivering an address at the big meeting of the local Masons tonight in the Masonic temple, which meeting is to mark the completion of the beautiful new structure now occupied by the local lodge and its affiliated branches. He will also deliver an address Friday night to the Methodist Brotherhood.

FATHER MURDERS GIRL'S BETRAYER

SURRENDER

Of Secretary of Federation and His Band of 300 Comrades to Officers Made.

JOHANNESBURG, Union of South Africa, Jan. 15.—Secretary Baine of the South African Federation of Trades, and his band of 300 comrades who had barricaded themselves in the trades hall here since Tuesday, surrendered unconditionally to the police today. Mr. Baine and ten other leaders were lodged in jail.

Well Known Italian Lawn and Garden Laborer Sends Fatal Bullet into Another.

WHITE SLAVERY FEATURE

James Pimmato Believes Another Italian Wronged His Daughter and is Avenged.

James Pimmato, a well known Italian lawn and garden laborer, shot and killed another Italian whose first name is Frank but whose last name at this writing is not known. Thursday afternoon near Frank Smith's mineral well on the Grassell car line a short distance west of Union park, the victim was shot through the head and was dead when other persons reached his prostrate form. Hack U. Crummit arrested "Jim," as he is familiarly known, and took him at once before Magistrate G. H. Gordon, where he was committed to the county jail under a charge of murder to await a preliminary examination.

TRUE BILLS

In Connection with Strike of Copper Miners Are Returned by the Grand Jury.

HOUGHTON, Mich., Jan. 15.—A presentment embracing some true bills was made by Judge O'Brien in circuit court here today by the special grand jury which has been investigating lawlessness arising from the copper miners' strike. The court was told that none of the men accused of felonies were in custody and their names were kept secret. John E. Antilla, secretary of the Calumet union, was indicted for conspiracy the court announcing that this bill charged a misdemeanor and, therefore, could be made public.

ELEVEN FACE MAYOR.

The police force was kept busy Wednesday and Wednesday night and as a result eleven drunks faced Mayor Will H. Cole at the regular session of police court this morning. Four paid fines of \$4.00 each and were released, while the others were ordered to leave the city.

Toad of Adversity, However, May Yet Bear a Jewel in Its Head.

TO BRING BETTER METHODS

Producer is Neglected for the Benefit of the Parasite Declares Hagenbarth.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 15.—The new tariff placing wool on the free list was held up to criticism when delegates of the National Woolgrowers' Association marked the fifteenth year of the association's existence at their annual convention here today. The address by the president of the organization, Frank J. Hagenbarth, pointed out that for the third time in a century of national progress the flockmaster faces free and unlimited competition in the production of wool against the whole world, that previous experiences had proved the woolgrowers' inability to withstand the shock, and that the outcome of the present experiment was doubtful. "The flockmaster is reduced," he said, "to the necessity of striving on unequal terms with the half-breed savage of South Africa and Asia, the peon of South America and the skilled producer of New Zealand and Australia, whose flocks are shorn under the fostering care of their respective governments. Like Napoleon, the shepherd faces the necessity for organizing his broken battalions for a last stand against hopeless odds. However, it is an American characteristic never to say quit."

In analysis of the tariff he declared that was "decidedly an alignment of the East and South against the West" and asserted that eighty per cent of the products of New Jersey would be found on the dutiable list, whereas but nine per cent of the products of Nevada were so favored. "The backbone of the strength of the nation is the producer," he continued. "The producer is the farmer or the miner. He, who takes from the soil of the earth and the waters thereof, and who takes from the sky with its sun and its air, and from these primary elements brings wealth into the world, is alone entitled to the kindly title, 'Producer.' The rest of mankind, either directly or indirectly, are parasites living off the fruits of his labor. For the underlying principle of the present tariff act has been to favor the manufacturer and middleman on the theory that the producer is able to take care of himself. In other words, the parasite is more important than the body on which it feeds."

"As a further criticism of the tariff act of October 3, 1913, the statement can conservatively be made that, after all, it was written hastily and with improper preparation and information. The labors of Messrs. Underwood and Clark and their associates in the preparation of a consistent tariff act, which covered a year or more of 'unrelenting' toil, were hurriedly dispensed with when Mr. Bryan said, 'Mr. Wilson came into power and wrote 'free wool, free sugar and free cattle,' in place of the paragraphs that had been prepared theretofore by Mr. Underwood. These changes were arbitrarily made and without rhyme or reason as pertaining to the balance of the bill. Under the new law the grower of Merino wool will be seriously hurt, and most likely eliminated from the ranks of American industry. The mutton producer may be able to survive, but even this is problematical at this time."

"After all," he added, "the toad of adversity may yet bear a jewel in its head. The tariff act that has come upon us may prove a blessing in disguise by calling our more serious attention to proper breeding, to more economical methods, to better preparation of mutton and wool for market, to the proper marketing of these products and to suitable national and state legislation."

He suggested that American breeders were behind their competitors in New Zealand, Australia and the Argentine. "Where our flockmaster," he said, "imagines that \$100 per head for the right sort of breeding rams will run him, the foreigner will readily pay \$1,000 to \$5,000 for individuals animals of pure merit." He pointed out that western flockmasters lost an average of nearly two cents a pound on all the wool they grew by branding sheep with insoluble materials when chalk would answer the purpose. "A 'pure fabric law' along the lines of the Pure Food Act was advocated. He said: "This period of extreme solicitude for the consumer would appear to be the psychological moment for the passage of a pure fabric law by Congress. We have laws covering pure foods, pure morals and pure beer, but the subject of the protection of the public against the use of all kinds of adulterants in so-called 'pure wool goods' has found no lodging place among the statutes of the nation, notwithstanding the

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