

# AUGUSTA LOSS BIG

### MILLS AND WAREHOUSES ARE RUINED BY FLOOD.

### DEAD MAY NUMBER SIXTY

Great Damage and Widespread Distress in North and South Carolina—Fayetteville is Submerged.

Augusta, Ga. — The flood water at Augusta is receding rapidly, and as the water leaves the streets it is apparent that the loss has been underestimated.

In addition to the disasters already reported, the Riverside mills, in damage to plant and loss of cotton which floated away, sustained a loss of \$100,000; the Reid cotton warehouse, the finest in the south, was greatly damaged, but it will require a survey to determine the loss; the Triangular block, where the wholesale houses are assembled, was badly damaged. The Nelson Morris & Co. warehouse has collapsed and is being razed; the Augusta Grocery company's building was damaged to the extent of \$50,000; the National Biscuit company building was wrecked. The Central grammar school and the Davidson grammar school were also damaged severely.

In addition to the fires already reported, ten smaller houses were burned in different sections of the city.

### Death Rate May Reach Sixty.

Twenty-two bodies have been recovered and corpses are being found every hour or so. The captain of the river steamer Swan, which arrived Friday reported that he saw on the trip up the river at least 25 corpses, all negroes except one. There are reports of many drownings among negro farm hands in the lower valley. The Chronicle estimates the death list at 60.

The citizens in mass meeting and the city council and the board of health in special session have taken measures to relieve the distress. Citizens are subscribing to a fund to help the poorer people in the submerged district, for portions of the town are still under water. There is sure to be the greatest suffering, and relief must be quick to prevent starvation from swelling the death list.

### South Carolina's Flood.

Columbus, S. C. — The crest of the great freshet, which starting in the Piedmont section of the state, has swept through South Carolina, leaving ruined farms and crippled railway lines in its wake, has now passed Columbia and is moving toward the lower part of the state. The railroads are making strenuous efforts to restore lines of communication and have succeeded in some measure.

Kingville, 25 miles south of this city on the Wateree river, is seven feet under water and every house in the town is deserted. The water at that point is still rising and will probably reach its highest point about three o'clock Saturday.

No accurate estimate of damage can be made, but it probably will run well into the millions.

### Fayetteville is Submerged.

Fayetteville, N. C.—The Cape Fear river at this point has reached a height of 79 feet, breaking all records of former floods. The river valleys on the east side are covered for miles with a rushing torrent of muddy waters. Houses and bridges are swept away for miles around, and the estimated damage to the cotton and corn crops will go beyond 35 per cent.

The greater portion of Fayetteville is covered with water backed up to the city hall from the river, which is a mile and a half distant.

Three thousand people are homeless and a proclamation was issued by the mayor at noon Friday. The city was in total darkness Friday night, the power plant being submerged.

### Many Die in Colorado Flood.

Trinidad, Col. — Citizens of Polson are dazed over the result of the awful flood which spread death and destruction Thursday night, and anything like accurate details are impossible owing to interruption of wire communication. Casualties are variously estimated at from 15 to 25. Polson had about 600 population and was built on both sides of the Cimarron which is dry except on occasions of heavy rainfalls. A 12-foot wall of water came down the canyon while the inhabitants slept.

### Japanese Bank Closed.

San Francisco.—The Imperial Japanese bank at 1543 Laguna street, was closed Friday by the state bank commissioners. It is alleged that the officers of the institution have been making loans to themselves. The bank is capitalized at \$7,000 paid up with a reserve fund of \$7,000.

### Montana Socialists Nominated.

Helena, Mont.—The Socialists of Montana in state convention Thursday adopted a platform and nominated a full state ticket, headed by Harry Hazelton Niasoula, for governor.

### Five Young Oarsmen Missing.

San Francisco.—Five young men, members of a racing club, who started out Thursday from their clubhouse for a row in the bay in racing shell, have not been seen since, and it is feared that all have been drowned.

### Kills Father to Protect Mother.

Lexington, Ky.—At Minerva, Marion county, Friday, John Bruce, aged 20 years, shot and killed his father, Lewis Bruce, 45 years old. The elder Bruce had attacked his wife, when the son interfered and shot him.

### Living Cups for the Tafts.

Hot Springs, Va.—The 350 guests of the Homestead hotel Thursday night presented Judge Taft, Mrs. Taft and Master Charles Taft each with a silver loving cup as a formal farewell expression of their regard.

### Canal Zone Population 50,000.

Colon.—The recent census gives the total population of the canal zone as 50,000, of which 25,000 are employed by the Isthmian canal commission and the Panama railroad. Of the population, 6,883 are Americans.

# MELBOURNE GREET'S TARS

### AMERICAN BATTLESHIPS REACH AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL.

### Seventy Thousand Visitors Arrive in City to Participate in the Entertainments.

Melbourne.—The American battleships steamed into Melbourne harbor Saturday. The warships were in column formation. The warships arrived at Port Phillip Head on schedule time Saturday morning.

Melbourne was on the tip of excitement when welcoming the American battleship fleet. The weather cleared and the day was beautiful. The warships were due at the Head at about noon, but arrived earlier. A wireless dispatch from the fleet said that since leaving Sydney the fleet experienced good weather and smooth seas.

The visit of the American fleet to the capital of the Australian commonwealth is the most remarkable military event in the history of Australia. The welcome to the American officers and men by the people of Australia which began at Auckland and which Sydney continued, reached its climax here.

The federal state and municipal authorities were busily planning to receive the fleet for about three months. Private organizations eagerly co-operated with the authorities to give the Americans a cordial welcome. The Salvation Army chartered a steamer and, accompanied with several of its best brass bands, proceeded to the heads at the mouth of the harbor to welcome the fleet upon its arrival.

There are fully 70,000 visitors in Melbourne during "American week." As this city and its suburbs have a population of about 500,000 the streets of the city were thronged to their fullest capacity. Hotels and boarding houses entertained their overflow guests at private houses.

The public entertainment of the Americans was on a more extensive scale than has ever been known here. The state government expected to spend about \$50,000 in entertainments, not to mention the expenses of the federal government and the municipality composing "Greater Melbourne."

### PERISH IN BLAZING MINE.

### Nearly Thirty Lives Lost in Shaft at Halleyville, Okla.

McAlester, Okla.—Nearly 30 miners are believed to have perished in Halley-Ola coal mine No. 1, at Halleyville, 14 miles east of McAlester, Wednesday morning, when fire broke out, destroyed the hoisting shaft and air shaft and cut off air from the men below. Twenty-five bodies had been recovered by Wednesday night.

After the entombed miners had gone down in the cage a fire broke out, occasioned by the ignition of a barrel of oil which a miner was trying to divide. The flames spread once to the hoisting shaft and the air shaft, and all communication with the top was cut off. Hundreds of miners rushed to the scene and tried to get into the air shaft, but this was impossible, as flames and smoke were coming up with such force as to drive them back. Then an effort was made to operate the cages running up and down the hoisting shaft, but it was found that the cages, the cables and the pulleys had been burned. There was absolutely no help for the imprisoned miners.

### THREATENS ATLANTIC CITY.

### Gov. Fort May Send Troops to Enforce Sunday Closing.

Seagirt, N. J.—In a startling proclamation issued Thursday for the summer capital, Gov. Fort declares that unless the excise law is observed in Atlantic City Sunday and all saloons and cafes are closed, he will call an extraordinary session of the legislature and may send the New Jersey troops to the famous resort, declaring the city to be under martial law. This is the most drastic action ever threatened to enforce a general law in New Jersey. The executive refers to Atlantic City conditions as a "saturnalia of vice."

### FIVE DIE IN MINE ACCIDENT.

### Runaway Car Strikes Train Loaded with Workmen.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Five men were killed, another fatally hurt, and five seriously injured in a collision Friday afternoon at the Warrior Run colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal company, six miles from this city. The men were being hoisted up a slope when a runaway mine car struck a train of cars, in which were 20 men who were employed in the mine. Only six of them escaped injury. Those killed were horribly mangled.

### Tony Pastor is Dead.

Elmhurst, Ill.—Antonio (Tony) Pastor, the theatrical manager, died Wednesday night after an illness of several weeks. He was 71 years old.

### "Fagin" School is Raided.

New York.—In a stuffy little second-story room over a barber shop in Third avenue Central office detectives Friday arrested 12 boys and one woman, and broke up what they believe to be a "Fagin" school.

### Killed by Discharged Employee.

Milwaukee.—Louis Kissel, the head of the Kissel Kar company and head of several Hartford business concerns, died Friday of wounds inflicted by an employee who shot him after he had been discharged.

### Editor Shoots Self by Accident.

Stone Mountain, Ga.—J. J. Chaffee, 25 years old, said to be an associate editor of the Augusta (Ga.) Herald, accidentally shot himself in the abdomen while on a Georgia railroad train near here Thursday. It is believed he is fatally injured.

### Fires in National Forest.

Pasadena, Cal.—Forest fires are raging between the third and fourth range back of Mount Wilson, on the government forest reservation, and devastating a fine forest region.

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# GOL. VILAS PASSES AWAY

### WELL-KNOWN WISCONSIN MAN SUCCEUMS TO PARALYSIS.

### Second Stroke of Paralysis the Cause —His Career as a Soldier and Statesman.

Madison, Wis.—Col. William F. Vilas died at 10:45 o'clock Thursday following five weeks of illness.

When Dr. Philip Fox called upon the colonel Thursday he found him unusually cheerful and bright and believed he showed signs of remarkable improvement.

Shortly after ten o'clock, while the nurses were administering a bath to the patient, they noticed that he weakened very quickly. An attempt was made to reach the doctor, but Col. Vilas died before he could be reached.

Dr. Fox believes that the immediate cause of the death was a second stroke of paralysis.

Col. William Freeman Vilas, former United States senator and noted lawyer, was born at Chelsea, Vt., July 9, 1840. He was a pioneer of Madison, his family having settled there in June, 1851. Col. Vilas graduated from the University of Wisconsin law school at the age of 18, in 1858. In 1860 he graduated from the Albany law school and set up his shingle in Madison. In July, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, Twenty-third Wisconsin regiment, and took part in the Vicksburg campaign. After carrying off his share of civil war honors he returned to Madison in 1863 and resumed the practice of law. He was elected a member of the Wisconsin legislature in 1875. He was made permanent chairman of the national Democratic convention in 1884. He was postmaster general of the United States from 1885 to 1888. He was secretary of the interior 1888 and 1889. In 1891 he was elected a member of the United States senate, which office he held until 1897. He held many positions for the civil war veterans.

### EARLE IS OUT ON BAIL.

### "Affinity" Man Immediately Begins Search for His Wife.

Goshen, N. Y. — After spending two sleepless nights in the jail here on a charge of beating his wife, Ferdinand Finney Earle, he of "affinity" and "soul-mate" fame, was released Thursday on furnishing \$2,000 bail. Immediately upon leaving the jail he began a search for his wife, Mrs. Julia Kuttner Earle, whom he married after inducing his first wife to go to France and get a divorce from him.

Earle was surrounded by newspaper correspondents the moment he stepped from the jail, but he stopped only long enough to say:

"I am going to find my wife no matter where she is. I know that if I can talk with her for ten minutes she will forgive me and everything will be all right again. This whole trouble has been wasted and I have been misrepresented. I must hurry to find my wife."

### Burglar's Conscience Hurt Him.

Philadelphia.—Joseph G. Mantell surrendered himself to the police here Friday, declaring that he was wanted for robbing the home of Miss Bertha Brand in City avenue, Brooklyn, on October 23 last, and also the home of William Gluck, fourth assistant examiner in the patent office at Washington. The latter robbery was committed, he said, on November 9, 1907. "I have been tortured by my conscience and can get no rest day or night, so I want to face trial and end it all," Mantell told the detectives.

### Kansas Official Guilty of Grafting.

Kansas City, Mo.—C. W. Trickett, special assistant attorney general of Kansas appointed to enforce the prohibitory liquor law in Wyandotte county, was found guilty Thursday in Kansas City, Kan., of using his office to obtain \$250 from Wayne and Frank Hurlbut.

### Americans Beat the Dutch.

Amsterdam.—A race between Dutch and American dories was held here Thursday and won by the American entry, the Tautou.

### Induced Lover to Kill Husband.

Valdez, Alaska.—Kacrena Kavorzoff, 19 years old, confesses that she induced George Postriakoff, whom she loved, to kill her husband, Peter S. Kavorzoff, a woodman, at their home on Afognak island. Postriakoff killed Kavorzoff with an ax in the presence of his 13-year-old son by a former marriage. The slayer and the woman fled, but were overtaken and lodged in jail. The woman made charges of cruelty against her husband. Postriakoff said he sought to deliver her from the terror she was living in.

# FIREMEN WERE AT PICNIC

### WHEN \$2,000,000 BLAZE STARTED IN NEW ORLEANS CENTER.

### Flames Gain Great Headway on Account of Water Supply Being Inadequate—Incendiarism Charged.

New Orleans, Aug. 31.—Fire which broke out in the center of the commercial district Sunday afternoon swept over portions of three blocks, destroying a large number of wholesale houses, manufacturing plants and small stores.

Originating at Benville and Chartres streets, the flames worked their way north as far as Conti street, and west toward Royal, bringing a loss of about \$2,000,000 before they were finally subdued.

Several circumstances combined to give the fire a headway which proved hard to overcome.

As the time the alarm was turned in, shortly before 2 o'clock, the New Orleans firemen were in the midst of their annual picnic at a suburban park and the engines and patrols responded with a more tardy hand.

It was fully an hour before the department was in position to make any thing like a successful fight against the fire, and even then the handicap against it was added by an inadequate supply of water.

The fire was one of the most spectacular that has occurred in New Orleans during recent years.

Two warehouses filled with wines and liquors were among the buildings destroyed by the fire.

As they burned the barrels of whisky and brandy exploded with thunderous roars which could be heard for blocks, and which shook the walls of adjoining buildings and endangered the lives of the firemen engaged in fighting the flames.

It was not until several hours had elapsed that the fire was gotten under control, and even then it continued to burn well into the night.

Among the establishments burned were: Central Glass Co.; George D. Scott, lighting and electrical instruments; Heidenheim, Levy & Weiss, shirt manufacturers; Heahn & Dietz, wholesale millinery; Knott, Commission Co.; Paul Gelpi & Sons, wholesale liquor dealers; New Orleans Junk Co.; Isidor Keiffer & Co., boots and shoes; and Thomas L. Harris, wholesale liquor dealer. The origin of the fire is thought to be incendiary.

### HAUNTED BY SON'S IMAGE

### Rich Farmer Who Had Mistaken Him For Wife's Admired, Ended Life.

Clay City, Ill., Aug. 31.—Rendered temporarily insane by remorse for his act in killing his wife and wounding his son last June, whom he mistook for her admirer, Julius Turner, a wealthy farmer, committed suicide in his cell in the county jail here by swallowing cyanide.

Mrs. Turner attended a church social and had made arrangements to meet her son there. Turner stood in a grove near the church when the pair arrived. He had a distant look at his wife as she left the church door, but the face of his son was hidden as he appeared from the roadway. He saw only vaguely the form of a man standing close to his wife.

Drawing a revolver he glided to within a few feet of the couple and opened fire on them. The first bullet struck Mrs. Turner in the back. As she started to run another bullet struck her in the head.

Then the weapon was turned on her companion and two more shots rang out. One of the bullets struck the son in the groin and he fell unconscious beside the bleeding form of his mother. As Turner stooped down to look at the face of the man whom he suspected to be his wife's admirer he recognized his son.

### KERMIT ROOSEVELT IS BRAVE.

### Stops Runaway, Saving Woman and Children from Death.

Oyster Bay, N. Y. — It was stated here Thursday night that Kermit Roosevelt, second son of the president, stopped a runaway pair of horses after a wild chase on horseback along the shore road into Bayville, and probably saved the lives of Mrs. Frank Hilton of New York and her two small sons.

Kermit seized the horses' reins while the animals were galloping at full speed and brought them to a standstill. Mrs. Hilton and her two children were in the carriage. They were unhurt. Mr. Hilton was thrown out when the horses took fright but was not injured.

### Hains Are Held Without Bail.

New York.—Capt. P. C. Hains, Jr., and his brother, T. Jenkins Hains, were held without bail over the action of a grand jury Friday on a charge of the murder of William E. Anple.

### Three Witnesses Testified for the Prosecution.

Patrolman Charles W. Baker, who arrested the brothers after the shooting, said that when he arrived on the yacht club float Anple was lying there wounded.

### Ex-Gov. Semple Is Dead.

San Diego, Cal.—Eugene Semple, former governor of Washington territory, died here Friday of pneumonia. Gov. Semple was a son of the late Justice Semple of Illinois and was born in 1840 at the American legation at Bogota, Colombia, where his father was American minister.

### Friends at Winona Lake.

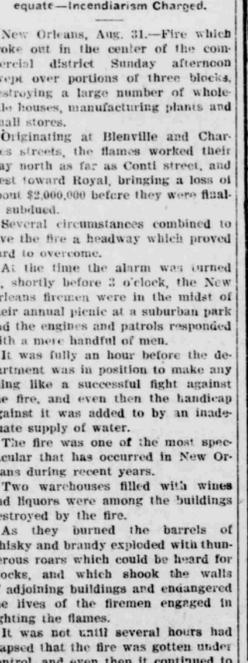
Warsaw, Ind.—At the opening session Friday of the general conference of Friends at Winona lake 800 delegates were in attendance.

### Persian Revolt Increases.

Tehran.—The latest news that has arrived here by courier confirms the report that the revolution is in full swing in the western and southern parts of Persia. All the tribes in Persian Kurdistan have raised the banner of revolt under the leadership of the constitutionalists. The city of Kerman is entirely in the hands of the revolutionists, the government officials having either fled or submitted. The vice-governor has been killed. The seizure of the city was preceded by a bloody battle.

# KEEP THE SPARKS FLYING

### PROSPERITY



# TRADE UNIONISM

### Its Methods and Its Goal.

THE trade union enables the fair employer—who, like the fair antistite, predominates in setting his labor on a living basis. This system is a good deal preferable to figuring on what his unfair competitor can procure his cheapest help for. Not only that, but it is a protection for the merchant. It enables the trade unionist to live as becomes an American citizen, and has a powerful influence in procuring fair compensation for the individual whose conscience will not permit him to join any combination in this free (?) competitive age. Again, the union headquarters act as a clearing-house for the employer. It is convenient to send there for additional help.

The hours of labor have been reduced from sunrise and sunset to ten and then to eight hours; Chinese immigration has been stopped, as also the importation of contract labor; the sweatshop has been eliminated in large measure and wages have been advanced. That is worth while. We have undertaken to abolish child labor and will not cease until it is accomplished and the child sent to school. These are some of the things we are working to accomplish. We wish to secure the initiative and referendum and we are diligently at work in every state to that end. The work is progressing excellently. The initiative and referendum once secured it will form an effective means toward other reforms.

### What Has Been Done

WHAT are the reforms that industry and labor is addressing itself to its effort to reach the good time coming, and what means are being employed? In the first place it should be noted we have come a long way already. The hours of labor have been reduced from sunrise and sunset to ten and then to eight hours; Chinese immigration has been stopped, as also the importation of contract labor; the sweatshop has been eliminated in large measure and wages have been advanced. That is worth while. We have undertaken to abolish child labor and will not cease until it is accomplished and the child sent to school. These are some of the things we are working to accomplish. We wish to secure the initiative and referendum and we are diligently at work in every state to that end. The work is progressing excellently. The initiative and referendum once secured it will form an effective means toward other reforms.

### World Movement

THE jurisdiction of the American Federation of Labor extends over North America, including Canada. Canada is well organized, especially Ontario, Quebec and the maritime provinces. A union card is good anywhere in these places. Indeed, the union card of England is accepted here. England is very well unionized and they have a congress there that is organized on lines similar to the American Federation. Two delegates attend the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor and two delegates from the latter attend their annual meeting. Germany, France, Austria and Russia are well organized, but there is no central body there. They will be certain, however, to follow the example that they see works to such advantage with us, and I look to see an international organization of labor.

### Its Wisdom Shown

THE growth of organized labor in the United States is shown by the great increase in the membership of the American Federation of Labor, the most powerful body of wage-workers in the country. If not in the world, organized labor is stronger in America than ever before. The cry for the open shop and the heated denunciations of the opponents of the boycott the closed shop and the sympathetic strike is met on every hand by examples of the wisdom of collective bargaining on the part of workmen when dealing with their employers and the continuance of union shops by cooler headed employers.

### The Greatest Need

I CANNOT name the greatest achievement of the unions since the first Labor day, but two that I consider the greatest are the measures against child labor and the accomplishment of the eight-hour day.

Unions should in the future strive most for general adoption of the eight hour day, for it means the advance of other workingmen's questions.—Francis J. Clarke, President of Massachusetts Branch, American Federation of Labor.

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