

FLOODS IN WEST VIRGINIA

HUNDREDS WERE DROWNED.

Thousands Are Homeless and Destitute—Mine Buildings, Mills and Dwellings Are Swept Away—Railways Track Are Gone—Loss Is Enormous.

Two hundred, perhaps more, drowned or crushed to death.

Four or five thousand people homeless and destitute.

Mills, mine buildings, storehouses, stores and dwellings by hundreds washed away.

Property loss aggregating \$2,000,000. Miles of railroad tracks, with cars and engines, carried away by the torrent.

Bluefield, W. Va., June 24.—This section has been visited by flood, the extent of which in all probability will equal or exceed that of Johnstown in 1893, so far as the loss of property is concerned. Sunday a heavy downpour of rain, accompanied by a severe electrical storm which increased in volume, continued for several hours. The storm continued throughout the entire day and night, and at 10 a. m., while the storm has abated, the lowering clouds threaten another terrific downpour at any moment.

Many miles of the Norfolk & Western railroad track, bridges and telegraph lines are entirely destroyed and communication is entirely cut off west of Elkhorn so that it is impossible to learn the full extent of the loss of life and property, but officials of the coal companies, located in the district, have sent out messengers to Elkhorn, the terminus of both telegraphic and railroad communication and have received a report that a conservative estimate as to the loss of life will easily reach 200. Some of the drowned are among the most prominent citizens of the coal fields.

The Pocahontas coal field is located in a basin with high mountain ranges on either side, Elkhorn creek flowing through the center of the basin, which ranges from one-fourth to one mile in width. From Tennes, W. Va., to Vivian yards, W. Va., a distance of 10 miles, miners' cabins, coal companies' commissaries and coke plants line the basin. Elkhorn creek, fed by numerous small streams coming from the mountain side, rises rapidly.

This waterspout came so suddenly that the entire basin between the two mountain ranges was flooded and before the terror-stricken people realized what was upon them, they were carried down by the flood, which swept everything in its path. The little town of Keystone, with a population of about 2,000, seems the greatest sufferer, practically the entire town being washed away. The town is located near its center. It was to a great extent the headquarters from which the mining population purchased supplies and was also the only place in the field where whiskey could be purchased.

At this place there were some 12 to 15 saloons all of which were washed away.

A great number of the coal and coke plants throughout the Pocahontas district are reported practically destroyed and are in some instances entirely washed away.

Owing to the very high water which has flooded the region and prevented communication, anything like a correct estimate of the loss of property is impossible, but from the best information obtainable at 2 p. m. Sunday the loss to the property will easily reach \$2,000,000.

Lindgraff, the beautiful home of General Ord, is reported gone, but his family is said to be safe.

Passenger train No. 4 of the Norfolk & Western reached Vivian about 8:30 a. m., met the flood and was unable to proceed further. The waters reached such a depth that the coaches had to be abandoned, the passengers being rescued by means of ropes strung from the windows of coaches to the tops of remaining coke ovens, some distance away. Between Elkhorn and Vivian yards, a distance of 10 miles, 100 cars are said to be washed from the tracks and many of them carried down the stream.

A rough estimate places the number of bridges washed away between Bluefield and Vivian yards, a distance of 28 miles, at from 15 to 20, and from present indications it will be impossible to run trains through to Vivian and points west of there for eight or ten days. This will render it impossible to get relief into the stricken districts and with those who escaped with their lives, homeless and without food, indescribable suffering is inevitable.

On the Clinch valley branch of the Norfolk & Western railroad, between this city and Norton, communication is entirely severed west of Tazewell, Va. Reports come from that point of great loss of life and property throughout the entire section.

In Shakerag, a negro settlement on the outskirts of Tazewell, the water stands to the depth of eight feet in the streets and houses. All of the occupants have been removed to points of safety.

Three miles west of Tazewell, on the Higginbotham farm, the house of Paris Vandye, a farm hand, was swept away, carrying with it Mrs. Vandye and her four children.

There is no telegraph station at Witte's Mill, and it is impossible to ascertain particulars.

Nothing whatever has been heard from the section of country between Vivian and Williamson, other than the river is reported as being entirely over its banks and higher than ever known by the oldest inhabitants.

The town of Welch, county seat of McDowell county, must have suffered

SEVERELY AND A NUMBER OF LARGE PLANTS

DISMANTLED ON THE BANKS OF THE RIVER, NO DOUBT ARE ENTIRELY WASHED AWAY.

Late advices from the Clinch valley division confirm the reported drowning of 10 persons. A family named Hook, living near the river, close to Pounding Mill station, on the Clinch valley division, were all drowned, six perishing.

Three daughters of Coal Inspector Dinsmore are reported drowned at Keystone. They were alone in their father's residence when the flood came, and all trace of them is lost. The Pocahontas company lost \$30,000 worth of coke in cars and coke yards. At least 100 freight cars standing on sidings collapsed, rolled into the flood and were destroyed.

Freight trains in transit were overtaken by the flood and some cars washed from the tracks.

Relief committees will leave here at daybreak for the stricken region. The train master of the Norfolk & Western railroad walked the track between Vivian and Northfork, a distance of 12 miles. He discovered 30 bodies floating in the river.

A. S. Hay Dead.

New Haven, June 24.—Adelbert S. Hay, son of Secretary Hay and former consul to Pretoria, was found dead on the sidewalk outside the New Haven hotel.

Hay retired to his room at 1 o'clock after spending the evening with friends in apparently excellent spirits. At 2:30 a passerby noticed the body of a prostrate man lying on the sidewalk of the College street side of the hotel. The night clerk of the hotel was immediately summoned and recognized the young man as the one who registered as Adelbert S. Hay. There was considerable excitement about the hotel, and a large body of students and graduates who are here for the commencement exercises, soon gathered. A number of his former classmates at Yale positively identified the young man. It is believed that Hay became ill and went to the window for air, was overcome by a fit of dizziness and fell to the ground below.

Dr. Bartlett, the medical examiner, stated that Mr. Hay probably came to his death by an accident.

Adelbert S. Hay succeeded Consul Macrum as the representative of this country at Pretoria, South African republic, early last year and served acceptably during the trying times of the Boer war, winning golden encomiums, despite his lack of diplomatic experience, for the able manner in which he looked after the interests of Americans and preserved the friendship of both British and Boers. The times were such that to avoid showing partiality to either side—a serious offense because of his official position and his relationship to the American secretary of state—required the utmost nicety and tact. He was instrumental in befriending Boer prisoners, securing by personal appeal to the British commanders many concessions which greatly ameliorated the hardships of their lot. Mr. Hay returned home in March, having resigned the position as consul.

Fatal Train Wreck.

Kansas City, June 23.—A special to the Star from Butler, Mo., says:

Two Missouri Pacific freight trains collided end on in the yards here and were wrecked. John Slawson, fireman on the northbound train, had his legs cut off; Worthington, a brakeman, was buried under the wreckage of 13 cars and was seriously hurt, and S. Snyder, fireman of the southbound train, who jumped before the trains struck, was injured badly. Slawson and Worthington will die. Joe Burke, engineer of the southbound, was asleep in his cab and failed to carry out orders to take a siding. He saved himself by jumping and has disappeared.

Big Fees.

Butte, June 23.—District Judge Clancy today decided that the attorneys representing the different interests which brought about the receivership of the Boston & Montana company were entitled to \$50,000 for their services. Among the attorneys are ex-governor Smith and ex-Judge McHatton. The same court recently gave the receiver \$231,000. The matter has been appealed to the supreme court.

Bribe Juries.

Kansas City, Mo., June 23.—The special grand jury which has adjourned returned indictments against three employees of the Metropolitan Street Railway company for alleged bribery of juries sitting on damage suits against the company. Their names were not made public, but warrants were issued. The report of the jury was sensational, indicating as it does a systematic attempt to corrupt juries in the criminal court.

Body Found in River.

Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, June 23.—Coroner Barker received a telegram informing him that a headless body had been found floating in Pend d'Oreille lake, four miles southeast of Hope, Idaho. The body was found by Sam Owen, and was that of a civil engineer named Ralph, who was drowned at Horse Plains, 75 miles from the mouth of Clark's Fork river, on the 1st of June, 1899.

Jointists Retaliate.

Manhattan, Kan., June 24.—An attempt was made to blow up the First Methodist church with dynamite. It is believed to be the work of jointists who directed their spite against Rev. J. M. Miller, pastor of the church, because of his crusade against saloons. No arrests have been made.

Fearful Storm in Virginia.

Tazewell, Va., June 23.—The worst storm in its history struck this county this evening, doing great damage to crops, railroads and buildings. Three children were drowned.

SUMMARY OF WORLD'S NEWS

NEWS OF THE WORLD IN BRIEF.

Complete Review of the Events of the Past Week—In This and Foreign Lands—Taken From the Latest Dispatches.

On May 25 Nome was subjected to a most disastrous fire.

Del Hawkins, lightweight champion of the Pacific coast, defeated Billy Armstrong, champion of British Columbia, in six rounds. The contest was fast and scientific and the best man won.

Colonels Infant and Guivara, representatives of General Cailles, have signed the name of their general to the agreement to surrender. Under the terms of this agreement Cailles is to assemble his men at Santa Cruz, Laguna province, as quickly as possible, and there surrender himself and command to the American authorities.

Attorney General James Donovan had scarcely crossed the state line on the way east until the Helena gambling house proprietors began to brush off the dust from their paraphernalia. The attorney general left for a six weeks' vacation at his old home in Maine. One gambling house in Helena opened, another followed suit, and the gamblers in Butte, Anaconda, Great Falls and Kalispell are doing the same. Donovan had closed gambling tighter than it had ever been since Montana was settled.

A contract has been signed in New York city for a complete outfit of rolling stock, including pressed steel cars, locomotive and passenger coaches, for the Republic and Grand Forks road in Washington. The road will be 48 miles long and of standard gauge. At Grand Forks it will connect with a Canadian Pacific railroad. The first trains will be run early in November if nothing occurs to block the construction work now under way. The road will be used mainly to carry gold and silver ores from mines in the Republic district, on the eastern slope of the Cascades, to Canadian smelters at Grand Forks.

Ex-Governor Hazen S. Pingree of Michigan died in London last Wednesday. His son was the only one present at the time. Hazen S. Pingree was born in Denmark, Me., in 1840. In 1862 he enlisted in the First Massachusetts heavy artillery and served until the end of the war, when he located in Detroit, embarking in the manufacture of shoes. In 1889 the republican party nominated Mr. Pingree for mayor of Detroit and he was elected by over 2000 majority. He was re-elected in 1891, 1893 and 1895 by increased majorities each time. In 1896 Mr. Pingree was elected governor of Michigan by 83,000 plurality, running ahead of the national ticket by 26,000 votes. He was re-elected governor of the state in 1898 by about 160,000 plurality and served out his term, which expired in 1900. Last March he started on a trip to South Africa, which resulted in his death in London.

General Shafter did not consider the alleged frauds at San Francisco worthy of a report.

At the conclusion of the regatta held on the Lower Elbe a dinner was given on board the Hamburg-American yacht Victor Louise, at which Emperor William made a speech. His majesty told his hearers that he deduced from recent events in China the guarantee that the peace of Europe was assured for long years to come, because of the mutual esteem and spirit of comradeship created by the united action of the allied contingents.

The Denver Times says a gigantic scheme is under way to transfer the railroads of the United States to the government. A western financier who returned from New York, where he investigated the rumors afloat in financial circles, asserts that the report of pending government ownership is general. He declared that in a few years the Rockefeller, Harriman, Vanderbilt, Gould and Morgan interests would turn over to the government every line of railroad in the country, the government to pay the total value of about \$10,000,000,000, a string of banks to be controlled by the same interests to finance the deal.

The jury in the Barker case at Jersey City has returned a verdict of guilty of attempt to kill Rev. John Keller.

A violent storm burst over a large area of southern Russia recently, flooding several towns and greatly damaging the crops.

Since the present serious condition of affairs in southwest Texas between bandits and the authorities began, six men have been killed—three American officers and three Mexicans—six wounded, all Mexicans, one being a woman, and nine captured.

Bob Fitzsimmons and Gus Ruhlin are matched to meet in a wrestling match at Madison Square Garden on the night of July 2. Graeco-Roman style, the winner of two falls out of three to be declared the victor. Charley White will be referee.

Thousands of people camped on the border of the Kiowa, Comanche-Apache reservations in Oklahoma, awaiting the opening of that land to settlement, are in destitute circumstances according to Dr. J. McKenna, who recently returned from the scene.

Seventeen persons are believed to have been killed and a number injured as the result of a fire following an explosion among a quantity of fireworks is not known. The property loss will be in the store of A. Rittenburg at Paterson, N. J. The cause of the explosion not exceed \$35,000.

Civil government will be established in the Philippines on July 4. Judge William H. Taft will be designated civil governor. He will remain at the head of the Philippine commission, which is to be continued. The order creating him civil governor was issued by the president through the secretary of war.

Hoshi Toru, who was minister of

communications in the last its cabinet,

was stabbed at Yokohama at a meeting of the city assembly and died shortly afterward. Hoshi Toru was Japanese minister at Washington, and was formerly president of the house. The assassination is supposed to have been due to politics.

It is reported that a syndicate of capitalists is planning a combination with \$100,000,000 capital to control the entire production and sale within the United States of the various products and by products of cotton seed. There are 490 cotton oil plants in the United States, of which the American Cotton Oil Company with a capital of \$30,000,000 owns 35 and the American Oil Company owns 10. The others are operated largely by cotton planters.

Secretary Root has received a letter from Governor General Wood containing the official announcement of the adoption of the Platt amendment by the Cuban constitutional convention. Like the constitutions of most of the South American republics, the Cuban constitution has been framed with the constitution of the United States as a model. The adoption of the Platt amendment makes it sufficient for all the purposes of this government in its relations with Cuba.

Dr. D. K. Pearsons of Chicago has made public the following college pledges, due by January 1, 1902: Whitman college, Walla Walla, Wash., \$50,000; Illinois college, Jacksonville, \$50,000; Fargo college, Fargo, N. D., \$50,000; McKendrie college, Lebanon, Ill., \$50,000; Bethany college, Linnburg, Kan., \$25,000; Fairmont college, Wichita, Kan., \$25,000; Drury, Springfield, Mo., \$25,000. Total, \$275,000. This is an official list of gifts "to struggling colleges," which Dr. Pearsons proposes to make before the end of the year. In addition there are one or two other promises which will make the total \$250,000 in round numbers.

Each nation is to help in the destruction of the forts in China.

The grain warehouse at Reardan, Wash., is now a mass of burnt ruins, together with about 12,000 bushels of wheat. The fire is supposed to have been started by a drunken tramp, and he is not to be found, his remains are now supposed to be in the ruins.

S. E. Stevens, county judge and a wealthy farmer, and John A. Webb, a neighbor also prominent in county affairs, met on the road three miles from Miakka, Manatee county, Florida, and renewed an old feud that existed between them. Stevens was stabbed to death, and Webb seriously but probably not fatally cut.

Recent events in Cape Colony seem to prove the Boer invasion of that country to be serious. A letter to the Daily Mail dated Cape Town, June 5, confirms the pro-Boer report, and says the invaders number anywhere from 7000 to 10,000; that they are swarming all over the eastern and midland districts and getting recruits and horses.

The death of H. S. Church of Louisville was the second act of a bloody tragedy that began in Louisville with the murder of Emily Stewart, but which did not come to light until recently when the police found the horribly mutilated body of the woman hidden in a closet in the same house where the man was dying from wounds self-inflicted with pistol and razor.

A shooting and cutting affray in a crowded coach on the St. Louis & San Francisco Sunday ended in the killing of one person and the wounding of several others, and created a panic. The killed: Mrs. Samuel Hart, colored, St. Louis. The wounded: James Laughlin, conductor, St. Louis, shot through the arm; Frank Williams, colored, St. Louis, shot through the leg and badly cut about head.

A tornado struck the residence portion of Middleport, Ohio, early Sunday morning. Two houses and six barns were blown down, about 20 buildings unroofed and 500 trees uprooted. All the telephone, electric light and telegraph wires were torn down and across the trolley wire of street cars. Horses were killed by contact with the wires and one man was fatally burned. Thousands of dollars damage was done to bridges.

The annual report of B. H. Tatum, assayer in charge of the United States assay office at Helena, Montana, shows the mineral production of Montana for 1900 to have been as follows: Gold, \$4,736,225; silver, \$18,482,211; copper, \$39,827,135; lead, \$701,155; total, \$63,746,727. This is a decrease of \$4,710,581 as compared with the previous year and is due to the falling off in silver production and the lower average price received for copper, whose output exceeded the preceding year.

Spain Buying New Guns.

London, June 23.—Spain appears to be making vigorous efforts to repair the depletion of her armament caused by the Spanish-American war. A special navy commission from Madrid, now in London, has placed with the Maxim-Vickers concern a large order for guns which during tests this week made the remarkable record of firing five aimed rounds in 37 seconds, maintaining an average, with a projectile weighing 200 pounds, of over five rounds per minute. The striking muzzle energy was 11,687 feet, or nearly six times greater than in the case of the guns now used on board Great Britain's best battleships.

Awful Humidity in Chicago.

Chicago, June 23.—One person fatally hurt and six prostrations, one fatal, was the record of a simmering day in Chicago. The mercury stood at 90 degrees, but the humidity was so great that the record of the thermometer is only a faint record of the discomfort caused.

John Hall fell from a third story window while trying to get fresh air. Charles Jenkins, aged 78, died of the heat.

The Duty of Mothers.

What suffering frequently results from a mother's ignorance; or more frequently from a mother's neglect to properly instruct her daughter!

Tradition says "woman must suffer," and young women are so taught. There is a little truth and a great deal of exaggeration in this. If a young woman suffers severely she needs treatment, and her mother should see that she gets it.

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