

WHOLE TOWN WIPED OUT WHEN BIG DAM BREAKS

Hundreds Are Dead at Austin, Pa.

FIRE ADDS TO HORROR

People Feared Repetition of Johnstown Disaster.

HAD BAD SCARE LAST SPRING

Employed Nearby Resident to Watch For Break and Sound Alarm to Narrow Valley Below.

Man at Whistle Sounds Fire Instead of Flood Warning, Causing Many to Lose Lives.

Doctor Who Lost Entire Family Does Heroic Work in Caring For Injured—Several Bodies Found Floating 10 Miles Below—Some Will Never Be Recovered.

When it was thought that the brink was ready to give way. The water poured over it so freely and with such violence that a man galloped on horseback down the valley crying the warning that another rider once gave in a flood in this state. At that time the people ran to the overhanging hills, but there was no need for their fears. The flood did not come. But when the alarm was over and the townspeople went out to look at the barrier, it was found that the concrete had slipped down something like 18 inches. After that notches were cut in the upper surface to lessen the pressure by permitting a larger volume of water to trickle over the edge.

The examination of Farley Gannett, engineer for the state water supply commission, showed that one chunk of concrete, weighing perhaps a ton and a half, had been projected down stream 100 feet. Another much longer section lay 60 feet out of the plumb line of the dam. Mr. Gannett found a man who from the hillside saw the bursting of the wall.

"A Newiman, a politician of Cowdeshop," said the state engineer, "told me that he was driving along the hillside, away from the dam. His companion turned back to look at the flood of water. It seems to me that there's an awful lot of water coming over today," said Newiman. "That's right," agreed his driver, and then as they looked Freeman shouted, "By God, there it goes!"

Like Crack of Whip. "The big lump popped out of place and catapulted down the stream. Then, like the cracking of a whip, the other popped out. In another second the great mass of wood pulp was being flung into the air like matches. It went up like a cloud. The smokestacks of the Bayliss Paper company were hidden behind the spray and cracking logs."

The chunk that popped so far down was the first to give way. It was the top half of a section, ripped off as cleanly as if it had been sawed. The exposed surface of the base that remained in place showed that it had not been roughened. It apparently marked the end of a day's work in the construction and the only way in which the next day's section had been welded into it was by four twisted iron bars which were pressed downward.

After the false alarm of last spring the inhabitants of Austin decided that in the event of another flood they might not place any reliance upon the speed of a horse's hoofs and the strength of a man's voice to warn them. It was agreed that one long blast from the whistle of the Standard Wood company should be the signal for the people to spread out of the quarter-mile width of the valley and to climb the hills. They went further and hired Harry Davis, the general factotum around Cora Brooks' roadhouse, which was the nearest building to the dam except the pulp mills, to keep an eye out for danger signs in his leisure moments.

Takes Look at Dam. Davis went up to take a look at the dam with Fred Anderson, superintendent of the mills. The handy man around the roadhouse did not like the looks of it, he said, and he went back to his job a little bit worried. He went to the window more frequently in the fall in business around the noon hour.

It was a few minutes after 2 in the afternoon that he heard the sound of which the town had been in dread. One look was enough to show him that the break had happened.

He ran to the phone as he had agreed to do and got the telephone central in the Bank of Austin building, where a young woman had the receiver across her hair. He gave the traditional warning just as every one else who had the chance gave it. They had been thinking a lot about the Johnstown disaster, had the Austin people, and in every case they appear to have followed the action of history.

"The dam has burst!" yelled Harry into the phone.

"Quit yer kidding," said Miss Binky, the phone operator. "He says the dam has burst," she repeated to her co-worker, Katherine Lyons, at the next desk.

"I tell you it has!" shouted Davis. Something in the way he said it made Lena believe it this time, and the way that she reached for a handful of wires sent Miss Lyons to work too. They called up the Standard Wood company, told the man who answered to send out his warning, and then began telling everyone they could reach.

Miss Binky waited until she saw the wall of water coming and then she ran into the streets. Miss Lyons stuck to her switchboard until she saw the steeple of the Presbyterian church topple and drop. Then she clattered down the stairs. She stayed so long that she forgot her pocketbook. But it was just a step to the higher ground from the bank building, and she came out all right, as did Miss Binky.

Somehow the men at the kindling yards didn't sound the flood signal. Instead of one long blast there came eight short toots and then a sustained whistle, the town fire signal. As a result people strolled out to see where the blaze was. The single horse cart was yanked into the main street, and was whirled around the corner into Railroad avenue, the chief thoroughfare, that cuts off at right angles along the banks of Freeman run, the creek that went over the dam and then rippled through

Mystery Surrounds Return of G. A. Kimmel



GEO. A. KIMMEL

the town with a width of not more than a dozen feet. The freemen turned up the valley and raced right at the wave that was spreading before them.

John Deziel was standing upon the high ground at the west. He saw what the men below couldn't see and he shouted with all his voice. They heard him, dropped their ropes and ran to his place of safety. The horse cart was scooped up a minute later. Deziel's sister was beside him. She screamed and pointed down to Main street, where four schoolgirls were walking along, arm in arm, looking into the sky for sparks. As they watched, the four were caught in the force of the wood and water and buried against the brick buildings. Their bodies have not been recovered.

The property loss will exceed \$6,000,000, and it is the general opinion that the town never will be rebuilt. Two, at least, of the large plants will not be reconstructed, and a majority of the business men of the place have been financially ruined.

Mary Blazit, employed in the office of the Bayliss Pulp and Paper company, was caught beneath a huge grinding stone and all efforts to release her failed. At last, in desperation, she pleaded with her would-be rescuers to amputate her leg with an ax. At last one man was found with sufficient nerve to do the girl's bidding, and after whacking away four or five times the leg was severed and the girl released.

ADMITS KILLING WIFE

Medical Student Sought to Hide Fact He Was Bigamist.

Chicago, Oct. 2.—Dr. Harry Elgin Webster, intern at the Polyclinic hospital, in a remarkable confession to the police admitted that he murdered one of his two young wives, Bessie Kent Webster of Chicago, in the woods of Ogle county, 10 miles from Dixon, Ill., Sept. 15. The police say the motive for the crime was Webster's desire to hide from his first wife, Zoe Varney Webster of Cedar Rapids, Ia., the fact that he was a bigamist. He had married the two women within one week last January.

The accidental discovery of Bessie Kent's body Friday, almost two weeks after she had been killed, was followed by identification Saturday and the arrest of Webster.

HAS DREAM OF EMPIRE

Greek Prince Hopes to See Old Rome Restored to Power.

Columbus, O., Oct. 2.—His imperial highness, Prince de Byzantium, Count of Velus and Veevendens, heir of the imperial Hellenic-Roman house and pretender to the Hellenic-Roman imperial throne (Constantinople), is in Columbus to secure the financial and moral help of local Italians and Greeks in the Italian-Turkish war.

In discussing his mission in America the prince said: "The war which has just been declared between Italy and Turkey is the first play of a move to reunite Italy, Greece and European Turkey into a great Roman empire, such as existed in the days of the old Roman empire."

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FOUR STATES DELUGED

Cloudburst at Atchison, Kan., Sends Surging Mass of Water Over Country, Submerging Houses to Second Story and Weakening Railway Tracks—Pilot Train is Sent Ahead to Test and Repair Bridges and Trestles Over Swollen Creeks.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 2.—The deluge that flooded four states and halted traffic from Omaha to Kansas City marooned the Taft special for nine hours on the Missouri prairies, and brought the president into this city 12 hours behind his schedule time. For most of the day the president's train was the only one running between Omaha and Kansas City. Trestles were built to hold the tracks above the surging mass of water that buried the meadowland tracks were made up to test the track before the Taft special was allowed to continue its journey.

For miles at a stretch the water ran up to the tracks and flooded over them. No rock bedding could have lasted a minute before the rush of water. Houses with the water half up to their windows were passed and entire cornfields, fences and roads were submerged. Families with wagons full of household furniture rescued from the flood stood stranded in the mud on the highest points of the roads as the president's train passed by. At every dangerous point the president's permission was asked each time before proceeding.

Despite the precautions of the railroad officials and their assurances that there was no danger, it was the most thrilling ride that the president has ever been given in all the hundred thousand miles of his traveling about the country.

Cloudburst at Atchison.

About six miles north of Atchison, where a cloudburst occurred, is the village of Rushville. The route of the train passed by that town and over the old river bed, which is low and flat and partially marsh land. Into the old river bed the water had rushed and eaten away the bedding. About a mile north of Rushville the land gave way entirely beneath the tracks just as the pilot train passed over. They tried to cross back to intercept the Taft special, but it was impossible. So they telegraphed the dispatcher at Rushville and he caught the news just before the head light on the Taft special came into sight. By that time the torrent had weakened the tracks behind the train so badly that it was not safe to attempt to return to Atchison. The Taft special was marooned and, though the railroad men had turned heaven and earth, they could not move it. The pilot ran on to St. Joseph and the work was at once begun to patch up the tracks.

BOTH SIDES BUSY

Get Ready For Real Work of Big Railway Strike.

Chicago, Oct. 2.—Railroad officials and shopmen on the Harriman lines, who struck to enforce their demands for recognition of the newly-organized federation, spent the day in preparing for the struggle. The walk-out, occurring just before the Saturday half-holiday, gave the railroads a full day and a half in which to make preparations to run the shops, and it was said that in many of the shops practically a full force of men would be at work. The men at the big Burnside shops here spent the day quietly, gathering in little knots in the streets and in their cottages, discussing the outcome of the struggle.

Watchers near the ship's stockade say more than 100 strikebreakers were brought into the stockade on a special train. Provisions for keeping the men at the shops were also made. There was no sign of a dem-

onstrator, although a guard of policemen was constantly at the gates.

Cyclone Levels Orchards.

Lincoln, O., Oct. 2.—A cyclone demolished barns, unroofed houses, laid orchards waste and caused damage estimated at \$100,000 four miles east of here. The two-story frame house of Edward Nelson, farmer, while several members of the family were within, was blown off its foundation and set down 200 feet distant. No one was seriously injured. The cyclone swept a strip of country one-half mile wide and five miles long.

WEATHER FORECAST

Ohio — Tomorrow: Probably rain; moderate north to north-east winds.

Daily Calendar.
From noon today to noon tomorrow: Sun sets, 5:44; sun rises, 5:57; moon sets, 12:53 p. m.

JOSE PINO SUAREZ

Madero's Running Mate in Mexican Presidential Election.



MEXICAN ELECTION IS QUIET AFFAIR

Madero Elected President on Face of Early Returns.

Mexico City, Oct. 2.—The first official returns obtained from more than half of the polling places in the city show Francisco I. Madero will carry the city by an overwhelming majority. Pino Suarez, who is the candidate for vice president on the Madero ticket, will probably be successful also.

Madero managers brought out a tremendous peon vote, but in spite of this it is said that no more than 60 per cent of the registered voters of the city visited the polls. Election day was extremely quiet and there was not the slightest disorder up to the hour of closing the polls.

Reports from other sections of the republic are meager, and it is not expected that anything will be known definitely regarding the outcome of the vice presidential contest until late today.

One member of the cabinet is reported as saying that there are nine states which give majorities against Madero, including Chihuahua, Jalisco and Vera Cruz, three of the most important states in the republic. While it is not doubted that Madero was elected president, it is probable that some states will refuse to accept Suarez.

FICTION WRITERS BUSY AT FRONT

Stories of Fighting at Tripoli Tinged With Yellow.

ITALIANS ARE JUBILANT

Accept War News at Face Value and Become Chastely With National Pride—Turks Have Abandoned City and Are Inland Awaiting Arrival of Reinforcements — Destruction of Vessels Unaware That War Was Declared Considered Act of Piracy.

Rome, Oct. 2.—Patriotism, perhaps, is responsible for the pervasiveness of the Roman press, which announced a long series of naval victories which surprise even the yellowest of pressmen. The Italians, however, accepted the "news" as a matter of fact and with true Italian pride.

Since the Tripoli and Malta cable is in the hands of the Italians reliable information is lacking. The only positive facts are that the Turks have changed tactics, abandoned Tripoli and departed into the interior, where they intend to remain pending the arrival of reinforcements, and that the Italians are now occupying Tripoli. The Italians are already showing anxiety lest the Turks swoop down on them.

To date the Italians have sunk four Turkish cruisers and five destroyers, including the Hamid, Alpagot and Tarabony. These vessels were unaware that war had been declared and it is considered that the Italian attack was an act of piracy. The vessels were sunk at Prevesa, as told in previous dispatches, and the attack has incensed the Austrian government.

BUCKEYE BRIEFS

Refused to Indorse Lewis. Columbus, O., Oct. 2.—The executive board of the Ohio miners refused to indorse Tom L. Lewis of Bridgeport for international president next year. Lewis was defeated for re-election for the office this year. He has been contemplating being a candidate for either state or international president.

White Has Ambition. Columbus, O., Oct. 2.—It has leaked out that Congressman George White of Marietta, of the Fifteenth district, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor. Mr. White and D. P. Torpy of Marietta, formerly member of the penitentiary board of managers, were feeling out sentiment of prominent Democrats in Columbus with regard to the former's candidacy.

Beat Sheriff's Break Job. Findlay, O., Oct. 2.—John J. Garland of Minneapolis, sentenced to four years in the penitentiary; Andrew McGarrald, an alleged highway robber, not yet tried, and Harry Ebert of Columbus, who was held on a statutory charge, escaped from the Hancock county jail after Garland knocked down Sheriff Johns and the other two kicked him. He is in a serious condition.

Pen Probs First on List. Columbus, O., Oct. 2.—Convinced that gross mismanagement and irregularities, if not dishonesty, have long been the accepted standard at the Ohio penitentiary and other state institutions, Attorney General Hagan announced that he would proceed with an investigation of institution purchases and will omit no effort to discover offenders and punish them if possible. The investigation will be public and will commence tomorrow morning.

BUNCHED PARAGRAPHS

Three blind students are registered in Cornell university at Ithaca, N. Y., this term.

In an attempt to save a kitten's life J. J. Soper, baggageman, was ground to pieces by an Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe train at Kansas City. The cat was also killed.

Elsie Stoddard, Elgin (Ill.) society girl, had her nose bitten off by a pet bull terrier.

Columbus was selected as the 1912 meeting place for the Ohio Methodist Episcopal conference.

Rumors are afloat to the effect that the Wright Brothers are experimenting with a new aeroplane which imitates the flight of birds.

At Monmouth, Ill., William E. Dawson, his wife and daughter, were found dead in bed with their heads crushed. Police have no clew.

Centenarian Preacher Dies. Findlay, O., Oct. 2.—Rev. John Smith died at his home at Mt. Blanchard, aged 100 years and 3 months. He was born in Hampshire county, W. Va., and came here in the early twenties. He has been in the ministry since 1840, and cast his first vote for Andrew Jackson. His long life was attributed to abstinence from liquor and tobacco and constant work.

Eight Children Cremated. Indiana, Pa., Oct. 2.—Eight children of Mr. and Mrs. William Dias of Heebben, ranging in age from 13 years to 3 months, were burned to death when fire destroyed the family home.

DEMOCRATIC CITY TICKET.

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- Eric. Southwest—10:27 a. m.; 5:18 p. m.; 11 a. m.; East—5:38 a. m.; 12:53 p. m.; 11:55 p. m.
- Chicago & Erie. West—10:25 a. m.; 12:05 a. m.; 7:45 a. m.; 7:19 p. m.; East—5:28 a. m.; *9:55 a. m.; *5:10 p. m.; 5:57 p. m.; *Daily except Sunday. *Runs to Marion only. *Runs to Ohio City only.
- Pennsylvania. Northbound—*7:36 a. m.; *12:25 a. m.; *6:55 p. m.; *7:42 a. m.; *10:10 a. m.; Southbound—7:10 a. m.; *3:25 p. m.; *7:52 p. m.; *8:03 p. m.; *Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only. *Daily.
- Big Four. Eastbound—9:25 a. m.; 12:25 noon; 7:40 p. m.; 10:42 p. m.; Westbound—5:53 a. m.; 10:03 a. m.; 1:55 p. m.; 7:13 p. m.; *3:10 p. m.; *Daily except Sunday.
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