

LINCK ARRAIGNS COUNCIL AND PROSECUTOR

CLOUDBURST RENDERS 2,000 HOMELESS GOVERNOR HUGHES SLATED SAYS THEY ALLOWED SALOONISTS TO ESCAPE

BIG FLOOD MENACES IOWA

Cloudburst Does Heavy Damage at Sioux City and Rivers Go on Rampage Through-out State.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SIOUX CITY, Iowa, July 10.—A cloudburst today caused the most disastrous flood in the history of this city.

Twenty business blocks are under six feet of water and one citizen, Leo Bethreder, is known to be dead. He was swept from the seat of a wagon and drowned.

A bridge on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul has been washed away and Barnum & Bailey's circus is stalled ten miles out of town.

Children Fight for Life. Many women and children, clinging for dear life to driftwood and other floating objects, are being carried along Perry creek.

Rescue parties (are working hard to save all within reaching distance. The blowing of whistles probably saved many lives, as this warning aroused the city. The property loss will be heavy.

Rivers Raging Torrents. The Floyd river and Perry creek are raging torrents and the Missouri is rising rapidly. That more damage will be done is apparent, and property owners are making every effort to protect themselves.

Reports from neighboring cities indicate that fearful havoc has been wrought in many of the river towns and their surrounding territories.

Two Thousand Homeless. More than five hundred houses along Perry creek were wrecked by the flood, or partially submerged. About two thousand persons are temporarily homeless, and many are suffering greatly from exposure.

Street car service in this city is paralyzed. The traction company's plant is flooded with water, and the repair pits beneath the cars in two of the barns are miniature wells.

Gas mains throughout the city are broken, and many homes are without fuel and light.

The second death resulting from the flood occurred at noon today when Barney Collins, while trying to rescue a man who was struggling in the water, became exhausted and was drowned.

MAD COW HOLDS ENTIRE FAMILY AT BAY

(By United Press Leased Wire.) DAYTON, July 10.—Driven mad by excessive heat, a cow owned by G. W. Bailey, a farmer living near here, held away over the ranch all day yesterday while Bailey was in Dayton. Mrs. Bailey and the children were kept prisoners in their home, and the wife is now under the care of a physician, suffering a nervous breakdown brought on by a narrow escape when she was charged by the maddened beast. Pandemonium reigned on the farm, the cow attacking cattle, hogs, dogs, sheep and chickens, which fled precipitately before her. When Bailey returned home the animal had torn her eyes out on a barbed wire fence, but was still charging about wildly, and he was compelled to shoot her.

THREE DIE IN CYCLONE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SNYDER, Tex., July 10.—Three persons were killed and another fatally injured by a cyclone near Hermilgh yesterday, according to reports received here today. The cyclone demolished the home of Web McDowell, killing him, his wife and daughter, aged ten years. Another daughter, aged 14 years, was fatally hurt by a falling beam.

STEAMER PRESIDENT SMASHES RECORDS

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SAN FRANCISCO, July 10.—The steamer President arrived today from Puget Sound, breaking all records for the trip down the coast. She made the trip in 45 hours and 36 minutes.

BANK CLEARINGS.

Clearings	\$885,267
Balances	55,244

Women Easy Dupes of Bigamist

Love Letters Show That He Held "Wives" Under Strange Power—He Admits Three Marriages

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SAN FRANCISCO, July 10.—Anxiety of Christian C. Johnson to conceal the truth regarding some of his bigamous marriages, while he freely confesses to others, led the police to start an investigation of the theory that their strange prisoner is attempting to conceal some crime more serious than the one with which he is now charged.

When first arrested, Johnson talked freely about two of his marriages; those to Mrs. Leopold, of San Francisco, and Mrs. Tretheway, of Stockton, but stoutly denied that he had any other wives. When confronted by evidence that he was also the husband of Mrs. Sylvia Pollard de Bonnett, he also acknowledged her as his wife, but now insists that she is the only one whose name he concealed.

"Man of Honor." Johnson gravely declared today that he was a "man of honor and respected his word," which he gave that he had been married but three times.

His attention being called to the fact that he had lied about the marriage of Mrs. De Bonnett,

Johnson rather lamely explained that he had thought the woman to be dead and did not want to drag her name into the case when it was not necessary.

Love letters written by Johnson to his victims shows that he was but an indifferent lover and the police are puzzled by the ease with which he won the hearts of women.

Letters Made Public. The following letters written by Johnson to Mrs. Ida Mitchell, to whom he was engaged and whom he always addressed as "wife," and Mrs. Josephine Tretheway, his Stockton wife, were made public today.

The first was written to Mrs. Mitchell at Ingleside, Cal. It reads:

"On the train, May 3. My Dear Little Wife:—I will arrive in Stockton this afternoon and I hope to get a letter from you when I arrive there. Am going in the country tonight; expect to be in San Francisco tomorrow some time, or sure Wednesday. Everything is O. K. Hope this finds you in better health as when I left you. I will close with all my love and many kisses.

"Your own husband," "John C. Anderson." The other letter, which was

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ELKS TRAIN WRECKED: 3 DEAD

Triamen Are Reported Killed In Collision of Elks' Special With Freight in Utah

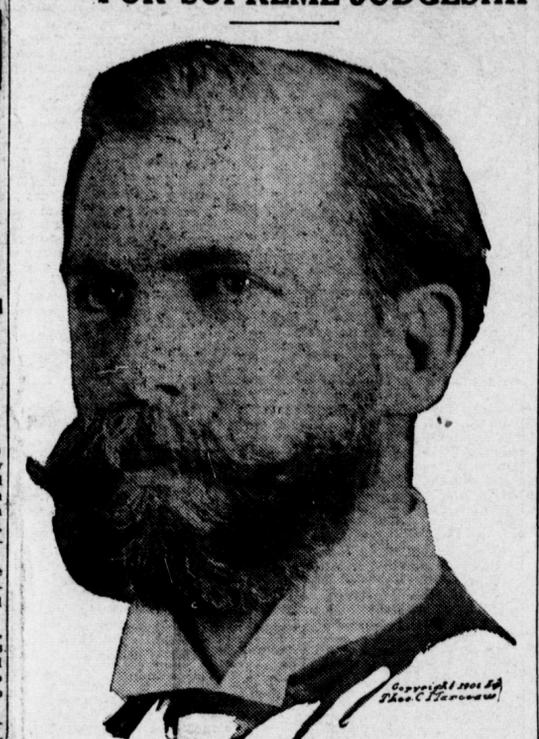
(By United Press Leased Wire.) GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., July 10.—The Twin City Elks' special train is reported to have been wrecked in a head-on collision with a freight train near Cisco, Utah, early today and three trainmen killed.

None of the passengers on the special was seriously injured, according to the reports received here.

Reports of the disaster vary, some saying fifteen passengers lost their lives. This is denied by officials of the Denver & Rio Grande railway, who say that no passengers were hurt.

Three trainmen are acknowledged by the officials to be missing and it is believed that they are buried under the wreckage.

Details of the disaster are meager, all wires being down most of the time and working, but intermittent at the best.



GOVERNOR C. E. HUGHES.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 10.—That Governor Hughes of New York is slated for the first vacancy that occurs in the United States supreme court, is the persistent rumor being circulated about the capital today.

There is a strong impression in New York and Vermont that the position will be offered by President Taft as soon as opportunity presents itself.

The determination of the president in this matter is said to be the result of his several days' discussion with Governor Hughes at the Lake Champlain celebration, which came to a close yesterday.

It is said that the tender of the appointment is regarded as contingent upon the coming of the vacancy at the time when the New York executive can accept it.

TRIBUTE TO FULTON

(By United Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, July 10.—Following a salute of 16 guns, one for each state in the Union, at the time Robert Fulton launched his Clarion in 1807, in a new replica of the first steamboat, was launched this afternoon. Mrs. Alice Gray Sutcliffe, granddaughter of Fulton, broke a bottle across the boat's bow.

The replica will go to Albany and participate in the celebration there this fall.

FOREST FIRES RAGING

(By United Press Leased Wire.) DULUTH, Minn., July 10.—Cooler weather of the Mesaba iron range this afternoon quieted fears of disastrous forest fires which were entertained here.

Men were sent today to Leander, 20 miles north of Virginia, to fight a fire which now surrounds several million feet of logs.

OLD SOLDIER IS MISSING

F. W. Stevenson, an old soldier, who up to three weeks ago lived on the Lein ranch at Puyallup, has mysteriously disappeared, and his friends fear that some misfortune has befallen him. His absence was first noticed nearly three weeks ago, but it was thought that he would return. It is the general opinion now, however, that he has met with some accident. The neighborhood has been searched several times without finding any trace of him.

SCHIVELY LAYS BLAME ON NICHOLS

OLYMPIA, July 10.—Insurance Commissioner Schively yesterday filed his answer to the impeachment charges. He challenges the right of 16 senators to sit in judgment on him inasmuch as they have expressed themselves as convinced of his guilt. They are Paulhanus, Allen, Fishback, Anderson, Arrasmith, Blair, Brown, Bryan, Cope, Davis, Falconer, Feland, McGregor, Myers, Polson and Stevenson.

Schively lays all the blame for irregularities on Nichols.

JAIL BREAK

TWENTY PRISONERS TUNNEL THROUGH WALL AND ALL BUT ONE ESCAPE.

PADUCAH, Ky., July 10.—Twenty prisoners, including two murderers, tunneled through the wall of the county jail at noon today and all but one escaped. Jonas Smith, a negro paroled, who recently received a new trial after having been sentenced to death, was captured. Poses are searching for the others.

The prisoners escaped while the sheriff and his deputies were at dinner.

FARM HAND STUNG ON FAKE MARRIAGE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SEATTLE, July 10.—It was explained to Pearce that the new code of this state exacts a physician's certificate before a marriage ceremony can be performed, and to this, Pearce submitted, paying \$12 therefore and receiving a receipt entitling him "to wed."

"Minister" Is Summoned. "Dr. Wilson" graciously tendered his services in summoning a minister to perform the ceremony.

"The man of cloth" arrived in due time and he spoke the words that made Arthur Pearce and Evelyn Thompson "man and wife."

Pearce also paid "the minister" \$12. "After both the doctor and the minister had gone, my wife asked me for \$10 to go out and do some shopping," said Pearce. "I gave her the money and that was the last I saw of her."

WASHINGTON LAND RESTORED

(By United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 10.—Announcement was made today that 25,000 acres of land formerly withdrawn from entry in connection with the Yakima project in Washington had been restored.

SHOT TO DEATH NEAR SPOKANE

SPOKANE, July 10.—While pursuing A. Kaa, a Greek who had stolen his razor, S. Hoffman, a sawmill man, was shot and instantly killed at noon today on Peone prairie, 17 miles northeast of Spokane.

It is thought by the police that Hoffman overtook the Greek, and that in the ensuing fight for possession of the razor Kaa shot Hoffman.

SLAYER IS STILL AT LARGE

Council's Flimsy Excuse for Dropping Case Against Zender & Alder Shown Up By Mayor—Police Did Not Lay Trap to Catch Liquor Men

Is the city council conniving with Prosecutor McMurray to protect law-violating saloonmen? It looks so to the city administration.

Mayor Linck insists that Chief Duley has been making an honest effort to enforce the Sunday closing law on saloons. Recently his officers secured evidence and filed complaints against John Batchl and Zender & Alder of Puyallup avenue. The cases were set for trial in court and the county attorneys took charge. Zender & Alder came in and pleaded guilty to keeping open and selling liquor and were fined.

No Witnesses Called. The prosecutor had called absolutely to call any witnesses against Batchl and although his case was set for trial regularly no preparation was made to make a case. When it came up the prosecutor allowed it to be dismissed without an effort to get the testimony.

Then the Zender & Alder case was referred to the city council. Chairman Russell of the police and license committee found that the council had adopted a resolution declaring that anyone keeping open his saloon on Sunday should have his license revoked. He recommended the revocation of the license of Zender & Alder.

Zender went to several councilmen, put up the same old story about being benched into selling by a man who came in representing himself to be sick, and without making any investigation to see whether the story was true or not, the council took the saloonkeeper's word, jumped on the police department and Wednesday night gave the saloonkeepers who had admitted they violated the law a clean bill of health and told them to go their way.

Councilmen Weaken. Lynn, Brand, Jamieson and Gliblett all repudiated the speeches they made last year when they adopted the rule that licenses should be revoked if any violated the Sunday law and turned the law-breaking saloonists free.

Mayor Linck started an investigation. Patrolman Brown was called in to see about the "sick man" story. He showed that two men had gone to Batchl's place and bought liquor Sunday without a question. But Batchl is present.

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SEATTLE WOMAN KILLED

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SEATTLE, July 10.—Carousing with chance male acquaintances in the scenic bar and cafe, led to a quarrel which resulted in the death of Mrs. Elizabeth T. Fife, in the Olympic apartments early this morning.

James A. Fife, her husband, occupies a cell at the city jail and will be held pending a rigid investigation of the woman's death.

The body of the woman is at an undertaking establishment covered with bruises and cuts.

At the city jail, Fife, who also admits using the name of James F. Foster, admitted that both he and his wife had been drinking yesterday. Late last night Fife earned that his wife was drinking with other men at the scenic cafe and immediately went there. He ordered his wife to leave with him.

Before reaching their rooms, however, Fife admits that his wife insisted that she be allowed to return to the scenic cafe. He forced her to go home, he says. It was about 11:30 o'clock when Fife and his wife reached their room. A few minutes after closing the door to their apartment, a violent quarrel broke out, and the heavy thud of a body striking the floor aroused G. L. Estis, the proprietor. A short time afterwards the body was found.

The couple was married this afternoon by Justice Card, and the case against Jackson dropped.

HAS COMMON LAW HUSBAND PUT IN JAIL

In order that she might give her little children a name, Mary Melba this morning caused the arrest of Stwert H. Jackson, her common-law husband, with whom she has lived for three years although never having been married to him. Jackson was arrested by Constable Shaw at 2801 South K street, where he resides, at 3 o'clock this morning.

The woman stated that she had left her home in Minnesota with Jackson three years ago. They came to Tacoma and have lived here since that time. She belonged to a well-to-do Norwegian family and, when she left home, had \$1,700 of her own money, of which she now has only \$300 remaining.

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AGAIN DEMANDS INVESTIGATION

FREMONT, O., July 10.—John Harris today forwarded to Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture a sarcastic reply to a notice that he had been dismissed from a meat-inspectorship at the government stock yards at East St. Louis.

Harris reiterated the charges which brought about his dismissal, that there is an alarming disregard of regulations at East St. Louis, and again demanded an "open investigation."

POLITICIANS WOULD PUT CITY UNDER SPOILS SYSTEM

OLD CLAMOR RAISED AGAINST "CIVIL SERVICE," WHICH KEEPS WARDHEELERS OUT OF CITY JOBS—CHARTER COMMITTEE UNDECIDED.

Civil service for city employees is hanging in the balance before the new charter committee, with Commissioner McGregor fighting like grim death to eliminate the last vestige of civil service, and turn the city back to the old spoils system.

McGregor is being groomed to run for a place under the new commission form of government, and he wants it elected to be free to hire and fire whom he pleases. He told the committee his experience with the present civil service and with the present civil service has taught him the folly of all civil service.

Chairman Hendley of the civil service sub-committee last night reported a plan for a civil service commission of three to examine all applicants for jobs and make all appointments.

O. G. Ellis led the battle in favor of civil service. He said it was necessary to eliminate politics. With the spoils system, he said, candidates for council and mayor would be besieged with applicants for jobs, and it would be a matter of bargain and sale, promises of jobs for promises of votes. Incapable politicians who want to build up a machine could get what they wanted, and the efficiency of the service would be killed if candidates were allowed to thus barter jobs for support.

The whole thing was finally laid over until the next meeting. It does not provide for civil service for the heads of departments. This may be added later as advocates of civil service declare it more important to have an experienced and efficient head of a department than mere under clerks. If the candidates are allowed to appoint the heads of departments they will have the same clamor for the jobs by the politicians.

The committee revised its former prohibition of free transportation to city employees with a view of allowing street car tickets to be furnished by the companies for city business, if provided for in the franchise. It is a question whether this meets the case yet. The T. R. & P. has not provision in its franchise for the free tickets, but it furnishes them. If it did not, it would cost the city nearly half a million dollars to buy them before its franchise runs out.

TO RE-ADVERTISE

The county commissioners will re-advertise for bids on the county printing, acting upon an opinion of Prosecuting Attorney McMurray. When the bids were called for the first time, none were received until after the date at which the limit. Three were submitted after that time but according to Mr. McMurray they could not be accepted.

RAIN

Occasional rain tonight and Sunday, light south winds.