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NEARLY HUNDRED LIVES WERE LOST

FEARFUL DAMAGE WROUGHT BY SUNDAY'S FLOOD IN WEST VIRGINIA RUSH OF MADDENED WATERS LEFT INHABITANTS OF NARROW VALLEY BUT SMALL CHANCE OF ESCAPE NO ACCURATE FIGURES YET

ROANOKE, Va., June 24.—The following short statement tonight by one of the general officers of the Norfolk & Western railroad, summarizing the flood situation in the light of the latest dispatches was given to the Associated Press:

Restoration of telegraph line develops that damage by flood through Bluefield was exaggerated. Loss of life will not exceed sixty or seventy-five, and damage to property including repairs to railroad and coal operations, will not exceed \$500,000. It is expected the railway will get a line opened through tomorrow or next day.

There has been very little news received here today from West Virginia flood. One train came in this afternoon, but not much new information could be gained from the passengers.

The damage to property will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Miles of railroad track are washed out and great gulches have been created.

IN A NARROW VALLEY. The devastated section covers an area of about twenty miles west of Bluefield. It is a narrow valley, not much wider than a broad street in some places.

Coal mines are scattered all along the road. Keystone, the town reported to have been so greatly damaged, and which was at first believed to be wiped out of existence, is a village of between 2,000 and 3,000 people, and is built along the narrow valley and on the steep hillsides.

The railroad people are rushing material and supplies to the Elkhorn. One hundred and fifty men were sent to the Elkhorn yesterday, and the Norfolk & Western today on an extra train and west, and nearly all the work trains on the road have been sent to the Elkhorn.

J. W. Crotty, a fireman on the Norfolk & Western road, who resides in this city, received a message yesterday from Bluefield that his father, mother, one sister, two brothers and six-in-law, with her two children, were lost in the floods Saturday at Keystone. Mr. Crotty's people lived in the center of the town. A neighbor of the Crotty's, who escaped the flood, informed Mr. Crotty at Bluefield Saturday that he saw the Crotty house move off in the waters.

The Western Union telegraph officials in this city say that the situation, so far as general news from the territory west of Bluefield is concerned, is unchanged, and they have nothing new to give out.

GRAPHIC STORY OF THE STORM. Mr. E. H. Stewart, a well known furniture dealer in this city, was in the midst of the storm, and he says that he saw nearly the whole of the route devastated. Mr. Stewart had been to Jamestown, N. Y., on business and was returning via Columbus, Augusta and Bangor, and was living in W. Va. about 9 o'clock Sunday morning water already covered a large

BULLETIN OF IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE DAY

- Weather Forecast for St. Paul: Local Rains. 1-Floods in West Virginia. 2-Dr. Chage Will Appeal. 3-S. D. Saloonkeepers Scared. 4-Editorial Comment. 5-Goings Over New Line. 6-Going Over New Line. 7-Markets of the World. 8-City Will Sue T. C. R. T. Co.

WEATHER FOR TODAY.

Table with weather forecasts for various cities including Minneapolis, St. Paul, and others, listing temperature, wind, and precipitation.

OCEAN LINERS.

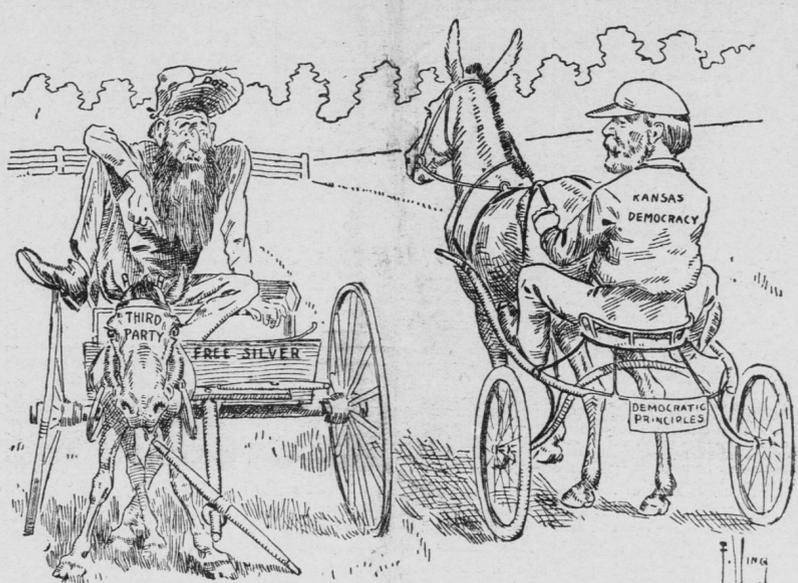
New York-Arrived: Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Marseilles, London, Liverpool, Patna, Marseilles and Naples. Glasgow-Arrived: Norwegian, Montreal, Sailed: Laurentian, New York, Livonian, Montreal.

AT NEW YORK SPECIALS.

NEW YORK, June 24.—(Special.)—Following are Northwesterns registering at New York hotels: Albert W. H. Peeps, A. P. Lathrop, Park Avenue; Mrs. E. S. Lyons, Holland.

Austria's Force in China.

VIENNA, June 24.—The force maintained by Austria in China has been reduced to two vessels and 100 men.



The Pop-Hitch in with me and we'll win. I've got a daisy new nag. The Kansas Democracy—Guess I'll go it alone this time. You've got the same old cart, and the horse is another of them calamity colts. Better change the breed.

BOSSED BY MARK HANNA

OHIO REPUBLICAN CONVENTION MEETS AT COLUMBUS TO REGISTER HIS DECREES

FINISH OF CHARLEY FOSTER

Bumped Off the State Central Committee for Opposing the Power Behind the McKinley Administration.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 24.—

The Republican state convention met here this afternoon with a large attendance. At the conferences during the forenoon centered in the control of the new state committee, the construction of the platform, and the opposition of the state anti-slavery league to the renomination of Lieut. Gov. Caldwell.

HANNA THE WHOLE THING.

The Hanna men have never before been able to control the party organization in the Columbus district, but today, although Harry M. Daugherty made a personal appeal in a strong speech at the meeting of the Twelfth district, the Hanna faction secured everything.

South Omaha's Tax Assessor.

OMAHA, Neb., June 24.—Judge Baker, in the district court today, reversed his decision by which Tax Commissioner John Fitzgerald, of South Omaha, was suspended from office, pending the peachment proceedings against him by the city council.

Mason City Burglar Dying.

MASON CITY, Iowa, June 24.—(Special.)—Charles Smith, who was shot last night in an attempt to break into Kludger Bros.' store, is very low and will hardly survive the night.

MARSHAL'S POSSE IN FIGHT WITH STRIKERS

ARMED MATTEWAN MINERS FORCE DEPUTIES TO FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., June 24.—Today a posse of deputy United States marshals led by A. C. Hufford, of Bluefield, were fired on by the strikers and forced to flee from the coal fields at Matewan. Yesterday afternoon the marshals, under the leadership of A. C. Hufford, set out from Bluefield to reach the scene of the miners' riots.

SURRENDER OF CALLES

INSURGENT LEADER IN LAGUNA WITH HIS FORCE GIVES UP THE FIGHT HAD A FORCE OF 650 MEN

SANTA CRUZ, Province of Laguna, P. I., June 24.—When Gen. Calles surrendered here today, with 650 men and 60 rifles, he entered Santa Cruz to the accompaniment of the United States army.

PRISONERS LIBERATED.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—The war department has made public an order issued by Gen. MacArthur on May 30, liberating Filipino prisoners. The order follows:

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JAMESTOWN, N. D., June 24.—(Special.)—The most destructive hail storm that has ever visited Jamestown and Stutsman county began at 4:30 this morning. Hail and common size windows were shattered, holes knocked through roofs, branches stripped from trees and damage amounting to \$1,000 done.

WAREHOUSE DESTROYED.

On the James river branch of the Northern Pacific a number of cars were blown off the track and badly twisted. The storm was scattering and the injury to crops was light, when its fury is considered. But few cases of grain damaged have been reported.

GRAND JURY REPORT SCORES W. D. JOHNSON

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"It appears that there is gross carelessness in the management of the office of county auditor, resulting in the loss of revenue and great danger of further loss both to the county and to individual taxpayers, and the placing of some taxpayers in danger of losing their property."

CAUSES MUCH EXCITEMENT.

The report caused a profound sensation in court house circles, despite the fact that it had been rather generally anticipated. The report is a scathing arraignment of the county auditor's office.

LAW DIRECTLY VIOLATED.

"It appears that it has been the practice in the county auditor's office to make out warrants before the certificates have been delivered, and the county auditor's office has been in violation of the law."

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One of the most scathing arraignments ever made by a grand jury against a public official is that contained in the report of the present grand jury, submitted to Judge Lewis yesterday, against County Auditor W. R. Johnson.

The report had been anticipated, in a measure, as it was expected that the county investigation into the alleged mismanagement of the affairs in the county auditor's office would bear fruit; but nothing quite so severe was looked for.

The charges, as originally made by Public Examiner Pope to Gov. Van Sant, as to gross mismanagement, resulting in the loss of revenue, are sustained, and the jury recommends if, after a complete investigation by the proper authorities, they are found to be true, that both W. R. Johnson and Commissioner E. B. Lott be removed from office or impeached for malfeasance, misfeasance, or both.

E. B. LOTT INVOLVED.

E. B. Lott's connection with the case arising from his position as chairman of the tax committee of the county commission. It is the duty of this functionary to certify to the legality of all tax returns before the same are presented to the report contains a detailed history of the notorious matters in connection with the refunding certificates, and, as will be seen, the jury has no hesitations to ex-Deputy County Auditor Bourne, who is charged with having made false entries as to delinquent taxes charged against a property, and regret is expressed that he is exempt from criminal action by the statute of limitations.

The practice of paying 10 per cent interest on tax certificate redemptions is not being sold, but belonged to the revolutionary government and that the proceeds must go to the widows and orphans. During the surrender of arms Calles and his staff, who were outside the enclosure, went.

The officers afterwards walked to headquarters, where Calles tendered his sword to Gen. Sumner, who gallantly handed it back. Gen. Sumner also handed Calles the revolutionary flag, which Calles will personally present to Gen. MacArthur. Gen. Sumner congratulated Calles on his surrender, and the latter responded that it was a happy day for Laguna province.

The president of the Federates in Laguna made a patriotic address to the former Filipino officers, and then the latter and the rank and file of the Filipinos took the oath of allegiance publicly on the plaza.

F. Mekin, the deserter, from the Thirty-seventh infantry, who had been acting as a lieutenant with the insurgents under Calles and who surrendered today, was placed in irons.

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"In pursuance of the general policy of the division commander in respect to matters appertaining to the pacification of the archipelago, 500 prisoners of war are released, to especially signalize the surrender and acceptance of the sovereignty of the United States by Gen. Mascardo, commanding insurgent forces in the provinces of Bataan and Zambales, and Gen. Lacuna, commanding in the province of Ilocos and Nueva Ecija."

Gen. MacArthur announces the arrival of the Lawton at Manila, with Companies K and L of the Eleventh Infantry.

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G. A. MOREY RESIGNS FROM BOARD OF CONTROL

WILSONA, Minn., June 24.—(Special.)—Gov. Van Sant came down from St. Paul this evening, and while here took important action in accepting the resignation of Charles A. Morey, of Wiltona, as a member of the board of control, and appointing O. B. Gould, of Wiltona, as his successor. Judge Gould immediately resigned his acceptance.

TO TAKE EFFECT JULY 1.

Gov. S. R. Van Sant, St. Paul, Minn.—car said: It is uncertain when I can again assume active duty as a member of the board of control. The work of the board will never be more pressing and important than at present, and I believe a passive member longer would be unfair to my associates and to the state.

NASH FOR GOVERNOR.

Lieut. Gov. Caldwell caused quite a stir tonight by announcing that he would not be a candidate for renomination. This ended the conferences that have been in almost continuous session the past two days.

Attorney General—J. M. Sheets. State Treasurer—J. B. Cameron. Member of Board of Public Works—W. G. Johnson.

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