

AUSTIN DAM
BREAK DEATH
LOSS IS 200Plans On to Strengthen
Wall When Catastro-
phe Occurs.

TOWN IS WIPED AWAY

Deluge Comes Without Warn-
ing, Carrying Everything
Before It.FLOOD DISASTERS
IN RECENT YEARS

1874—Mill river valley, near Northampton, Mass.; 144 lives lost.

1874—Pittsburgh and Allegheny rivers overflow; 200 persons drown.

1883—Johnstown destroyed by breaking of dam in Conemaugh river; 2,142 persons drowned.

1894—Destructive floods in Wisconsin.

1897—Mississippi valley floods; heavy loss of life.

1900—Galveston, Texas, inundated; over 6,000 lives lost and \$12,000,000 property destroyed by West Indian hurricane.

1901—Quebec and other Canadian cities submerged.

1904—Flood caused by cloudburst destroys San Juan del Monte, near Manila, with 200 lives.

1904—Reservoir bursts at Bloemfontein; 20 lives lost.

1904—Dam bursts on the Hwang-ho, in China; hundreds of lives lost.

1905—Rock falls in Loenvand lake, near Bergen, Norway, causing flood; 60 lives lost.

1905—Mississippi flooded; damage \$1,000,000.

1910—River Seine overflows; damage \$200,000,000; 200,000 people homeless.

Austin, Pa., Oct. 2.—With the arrival of a load of coffins here this morning, the grimness of the tragedy which practically obliterated this town was impressed upon the survivors and a considerable number of workers, who today began anew their efforts to mine deeply into the hills of debris.

Twenty victims, including two at Costello, have been placed in a temporary morgue at Odd Fellows' hall, one of the few buildings standing in the ruined district.

Well informed investigators now place the total dead at not more than 200, with a possibility of it not exceeding 150.

RECALL FORMER SCARE.

Questioned as to the cause of the sudden failure of the Bayliss Pulp and Paper company's dam, citizens and business men accustomed to visiting Austin shake their heads ominously. They recall a scare a year ago last January when a considerable leak was discovered in the immense cement structure. Although two feet along the rim of the dam was removed to relieve the pressure and a 14-foot patch was placed where needed, the alignment of the upper edge of the dam gradually became a slight arch instead of a straight line.

DELAY IS FATAL.

This bulge caused worry on the part of citizens and led to a somewhat recent inspection. Certain protective measures were determined upon but the delay was fatal.

"I never went to sleep in a hotel on the main street there," said a visiting railroad official today, "without a mighty fervent prayer that the apparently inevitable might be delayed. I always felt we might be swept away during the night."

DREARY PICTURE.

There is little hope that any of the bodies remaining in the wreckage will be found intact. The aspect at Austin, Costello and the valley beyond is as dreary as it is appalling. The towns are pictures of desolation. The valley side hills in which they lie are still littered by shattered homes and remnants of prosperous places of business and manufacturing plants.

PROPERTY LOSS MILLIONS.

No reliable estimate of the property loss can be so soon made, but it will not be less than eight millions. The paper and lumber industries are utterly destroyed. Below the torn dam today the valley for a mile or more is swept practically clear to bedrock and Freeman's Run, the reservoir feeder, swollen by last night's rain, is sweeping through new channels where the main business portion of town once stood.

SAVED BY WARNINGS.

Costello, three miles away, is as badly shattered as Austin. Only the loss of the floods momentum and the timely warnings given by operators who risked their lives to do so held the death list there to two.

PROMISED UNSAFE.

Wilmington, Del., Oct. 2.—T. Chalky Hutton, civil engineer who designed the dam at Austin, Pa., which broke

NAVAL HERO DIES

ADMIRAL SCHLEY
DIES IN STREET

New York, Oct. 2.—Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley dropped dead here today. Schley dropped dead near the corner of Forty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, while on his way down town. He died before medical aid could reach him. Schley had been out of town over Sunday and on his return he had gone to the New York Yacht club. After a short stay there Schley left the club house and started to walk along Forty-fourth street towards Fifth avenue when he was taken suddenly ill. A hurry call was sent for physicians and an ambulance, but before aid could reach him the admiral was dead.

As Schley walked along the street the chauffeur of a taxicab who stood alongside the curb bowed to him and then turned to a fellow chauffeur and remarked how well the admiral was looking. Near the Berkeley theatre Schley started across the street and as he stepped up the curb passerby saw him stagger and fall. Several persons rushed to his aid and traffic policemen sent in a hurry call for physicians and ambulance. When the ambulance arrived the physicians said Schley was dead. The body was placed in the ambulance and driven away.

Saturday, is a resident of Wilmington. He said today he had not seen the admiral since Jan. 19, 1910, when he and Mr. Wegmann, consulting engineer of the New York aqueduct commission inspected it and pronounced it unsafe. They made certain recommendations for its repair, but does not know whether they were carried out.

SANDSTONE FOUNDATIONS.

The foundations were of sandstone, he says, and this caused damage when water got under the foundations. Hutton described the breaking of the dam Jan. 24, 1910, when the wall moved forward 44 inches on its bed. He aroused the town at that time and the inhabitants remained in the mountains two days. The imprisoned water escaped through a breach made with dynamite and the dam and town were saved.

ALLEN, SMUGGLER, IN
A PLEA OF GUILTY

Kenosha Millionaire, in New York Court, Admits Facts Charged in Indictments.

New York, Oct. 2.—Nathan Allen, the millionaire leather manufacturer of Kenosha, Wis., in the United States circuit court here today pleaded guilty to all counts in the indictments charging him with smuggling jewelry into this country. Allen was fined \$12,000.

BRITISH STEAMERS
COLLIDE; ONE SUNK

Twenty Members of Crew of Hatfield Are Lost at Sea—Latter Is Hit by Glasgow.

London, Oct. 2.—The British steamer Hatfield, from Helva, Spain, for Rotterdam, collided today with the British steamer Glasgow, Rotterdam for Dundee, and sunk. All the Hatfield's crew of 20 men were drowned.

The Weather

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline, and Vicinity.

Unsettled weather tonight and Tuesday, with showers; not much change in temperature.

Highest temperature yesterday 64, lowest last night 54.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 54.

Wind velocity 9 miles an hour.

Precipitation .36.

Relative humidity, 160 at 7 p. m., 88 at 7 a. m.

R. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow.)

Sun sets 5:57, rises 5:55; moon sets 12:39 a. m.

VIOLENCE IN
RAIL STRIKE

Carpenter at Burnside Shops is Assaulted by Pickets.

RESCUED BY POLICE

Illinois Central Officials Declare Many of Employees Have Returned to Work.

Chicago, Oct. 2.—Violence broke out today among the striking employees of the Illinois Central railroad shops at Burnside. John Chomas, a carpenter, who declined to strike, was assaulted by union pickets as he was going to

KILLED WITH AX
WHILE SLEEPING

William E. Dawson, Wife and Daughter of Monmouth Victims of Tragedy.

REVENGE BELIEVED CAUSE

Search Begun for Ex-Convict Against Whom Head of Family Had Given Evidence.

Monmouth, Ill., Oct. 2.—The bodies of William E. Dawson, his wife, and their 13-year-old daughter Georgia yesterday were found in their beds. They had been killed by blows with an ax while asleep.

The authorities have sent out a call for the arrest of an ex-convict against whom Dawson is said to have given information which led to conviction on the charge of horse stealing. The man was released from the Joliet penitentiary several months ago and since that time is said to have threatened that he would kill Dawson.

Outside of this meager information

3D TRIAL FOR
STEPHENSON

Wisconsin Senator is Before Investigating Committee Again.

CORRUPTION CHARGED

Claimed He Is Holding His Seat in Upper Branch of Congress Illegally.

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 2.—For the third time since his election to the senate, March 4, 1909, Senator Isaac Stephenson prepared to defend himself against charges of bribery today when a sub-committee of the commit-

DOCTOR MURDERS
HIS SECOND WIFE

H. E. Webster, Drug Nerve Gone, Confesses Crime to Chicago Police.

MARRIES 2 WITHIN WEEK

Body of Young Woman, Former Nurse, Found in Lonely Woodland Near Dixon.

Chicago, Oct. 2.—Dr. Homer Elgin Webster, or "Harry D. Webster," yesterday dispelled the mystery surrounding the murder of his wife, Bessie Kent Webster, by the simple statement that he was her murderer.

He said he had taken her to a boyhood playground, a lonely ravine near Dixon, Ill., and stabbed her to death. Moreover, he said he was guilty of bigamy. He had taken two wives within a week.

While the police were searching for him Saturday night, he was at a downtown hotel with his first wife, who was ignorant not only of the killing of her rival, but also that she had ever existed.

He gave but one reason for the murder. His second wife continued to annoy and embarrass him, and her death seemed to be only solution of his difficulties.

THE TWO MARRIAGES.

His two plunges into matrimony, he said, were accomplished with these steps:

Jan. 4.—Married Miss Zoe Varney, 25 years old, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He told her that a married interne would not be tolerated, and for that reason returned to Chicago without her.

Jan. 11.—Married Miss Bessie Kent, 2629 Jackson boulevard, in the "marriage parlor" in the county building. He told his second wife, according to his confession, that he had another wife, and exacted a promise that she would procure a divorce in the near future.

Cringing fear took the place of drug-produced nerve when Dr. Webster collapsed and confessed to the murder.

SOBS DURING CONFESSION.

The physician, whose brazen nonchalance had excited the wonder of police officials, sobbed as he lifted the curtain on a dual life that had existed since his second marriage.

He told how "on the impulse" he had taken two wives within a week. He related in detail his efforts to rid himself of the second wife and how she had persisted that she loved him and pleaded to be introduced to his parents.

It was this desire that led her to follow him to Dixon and to her death.

The remainder of the story, viewed from the doctor's standpoint, was simple enough. He grew so enraged at her perseverance in following him that he decided to kill her.

TEELS OF BRUTAL KILLING.

He drove in a buggy to the almost inaccessible spot in the woods where her body was found a few days ago. Then he literally threw her from the rig. He hurled a suit case and a traveling bag at her head. Finally, he said, he leaped from the buggy and stabbed her again and again in the throat.

When the unconscious woman sank to the bed of leaves under a hickory tree, he simply drew the leaves about her and returned to the buggy. He drove back to the village, paid for the rig and returned to Chicago, content in the belief that he had rid himself of the one obstacle to complete happiness.

That was all the prisoner had to say. He looked at his accusers when he had finished as if his statements had amply justified his acts.

FIRST WIFE HYSTERICAL.

In a cell at the police station Dr. Webster's first wife sobbed herself into a hysterical condition, while the confession was being made. She beat upon the bars of the cell and alternately begged to be taken to her husband and back to her mother in Iowa.

REMOVED TO OREGON.

Oregon, Ill., Oct. 2.—A crowd of several hundred surrounded the jail this morning in an effort to get a glimpse of Dr. Henry E. Webster, under arrest for the murder of his wife, who was found in the woods near Dixon, Ill., stabbed to death. Webster was brought from Chicago last night. He declined to discuss the case, explaining he had already told everything to the police.

REGISTRATION AT
ROSEBUD BEGINS

Gregory, S. D., Oct. 2.—Promptly at midnight registration was begun for a half million acres of government land in the Rosebud Indian reservation. Henry F. Patrick, Linwood, Kan., was the first to complete and mail his affidavit. Among the first 20 are Miss Caroline Hull, Cambridge, Ill.; Frank Felthauer, Sioux City, Iowa; George Schrotke, Hartford, S. D.; F. J. Beckler, Iowa City, Iowa; Henry J. Jennings, Lake City, Iowa; J. A. Bunker, Hamburg, Iowa, and John Clausen, Bonesteel, S. D.

ITALY MOVES
TO STOP WAR
WITH TURKEY

Proposal of Peace Said to be in Hands of Germany.

TRIPOLI CABLES CUT

Bombardment Said to Have Started at 8 Saturday Night.

London, Oct. 2.—The outstanding feature of the Turco-Italian war news today is the attempted mediation of Germany, the success of which appears more probable in the light of a statement made at the German foreign office today that a report that the German ambassador at Constantinople had presented Italian proposals for peace was "premature," indicating that such proposals were expected.

TRIPOLI IS CUT OFF.

Cable communication with Tripoli remains cut off, but the city had not been bombarded up to Saturday midnight, according to refugees arriving in Malta this morning.

However, a dispatch from Agosta, Sicily, says refugees arriving there today declared the bombardment began at 8 o'clock Saturday night.

TO DEFEND ADRIATIC COAST.

A dispatch from Constantinople says that Fethi Pasha, formerly Turkish minister to Serbia, had been named commander of troops mobilizing to defend the coast of the Adriatic. A dispatch from the island of Corfu, off the Albanian coast, says that two Turkish torpedo boats were sunk and a third captured off Gumenitza by the Italian patrolling fleet. It is reported from Malta that a British cruiser received a wireless dispatch saying Tripoli had been occupied by the Italians.

GERMAN ACTION SIGNIFICANT.

Berlin, Oct. 2.—It is semi-officially announced today Germany is not considering the dispatch of a warship to the Mediterranean, and this is taken as an indication the government expects the hostilities to be of short duration.

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POSTPONEMENT ORDERED.

Chiasse, Switzerland, Oct. 2.—It is reported that Saturday Admiral Aubrey was suddenly ordered to postpone bombardment of Tripoli, as there were signs of a possibility of reaching an understanding with Turkey through the intervention of certain powers, thus avoiding continuation of war.

TRIPOLI OCCUPIED.

London, Oct. 2.—Correspondent at Malta telegraphs: "I am informed by one of the crew of the British cruiser Aboukir, which has arrived here, that the vessel received a wireless despatch stating Tripoli had been occupied by the Italians."

STATE LEGISLATORS
MEET AND ADJOURN

Special Session of the Illinois Assembly Is Reconvened This Morning.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 2.—The special session of the general assembly reconvened this morning and promptly adjourned until Wednesday. The house resolution provided that when the two houses adjourn Wednesday they will stand adjourned until Oct. 17. The senate is expected to occur when it meets Wednesday.

8 CHILDREN DIE IN
FIRE BEFORE PARENTS

Indiana, Pa., Oct. 2.—Eight children of Mr. and Mrs. William Dias of Heshon, near here, ranging in age from 13 years to 3 months, were burned to death yesterday when fire destroyed the family residence. The parents, after discovering the flames, left the children in their beds and went to the first floor, where they made an attempt to extinguish the fire. The blaze spread rapidly, however, and they were unable to return to rescue the little ones.

Bryan Toasts Taft.
Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 2.—President Taft received a cordial non-partisan welcome to Nebraska and to Lincoln today. William Jennings Bryan, rising before 400 guests at a luncheon given here in Taft's honor, proposed a toast to the president of the United States.



work today. A riot call brought police who rescued Chomas. The pickets fled when they saw the police coming.

HUNG IN STRIKE BREAKERS.

Two hundred strike-breakers were smuggled into the car shops at Burnside under cover of darkness, according to a report of the Illinois Central officials. They also declare hundreds of strikers have returned to work since Saturday. The railroad officials estimate the number who struck as less than half those employed.

Union labor leaders today declared that no strike breakers had been sent to the shops and none there had returned. They claim 20,000 have already obeyed the strike order on all lines, and they expect more today.

QUIT AT WATERLOO.

Waterloo, Iowa, Oct. 2.—About two hundred and fifty union shop men employed by the Illinois Central here struck today.

AN ARMY OFFICER IS
JAILED FOR ASSAULT

Sergeant H. M. Radcliffe, Stationed Here, Gets in Trouble at the State Capital.

(Special to The Argus.)

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 2.—H. M. Radcliffe, sergeant in the United States regular army, in charge of the recruiting office at Rock Island, Ill., and at present stationed in this city, where he is assisting the officer here during fair week, was arrested here last night charged with assault and battery upon the person of J. A. Wiley of Lincoln, Ill. Wiley's nose was badly cut and his upper lip was swollen and bleeding.

RODGERS' MACHINE WRECKED.

Chicago, Oct. 2.—Aviator Rodgers' aeroplane was caught by a gust of wind and wrecked and the aviator had a narrow escape when he attempted to rise at Huntington, Ind., at 11:20 today. Rodgers was uninjured.

there is no clew on which to base a search for the murderer. Even the ax with which the three persons were killed was taken away by their slayer or was hidden somewhere about the house. Bloodhounds which arrived from Decatur were placed on the trail, but failed to follow it far from the scene of the crime.

There were no other members of the Dawson family in town when the attack was made on their house some time during the night, the three other children having gone to the country to spend the day. They knew nothing of the tragedy until they arrived home in the evening.

CHURCHMEN DISCOVER CRIME.

The discovery of the crime was made by members of the First Presbyterian church, where Dawson was janitor for the last year or so. When he failed to show up for duty yesterday morning, two of the members went to the Dawson home to get a key.

Unable to reach any one by knocking, they went to the rear door and found it unlocked. Entering the house they discovered in one bedroom the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Dawson and in an adjoining room the body of Georgia. Evidently a single heavy blow had been dealt each on the head, fracturing the skull.

The bodies had been carefully wrapped up in sheets. There were no signs of disorder about the rooms, which showed there had been no struggle. The motive could not have been robbery, as \$40 was found in the pockets of Dawson's clothing. Neighbors heard no noise from the Dawson house during the night.

REFORMS AFTER PRISON TERM.

Dawson served several years in the penitentiary, but later he reformed and has been industrious and law-abiding. He had no enemies as far as is known, outside of the friend of former years who declared vengeance on him for turning states evidence. Both he and his wife and all of their family were earnest church workers.

The authorities at Joliet prison have been asked for the measurements

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