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SHINER, - - - TEXAS.

EVENTS OF EVERY WHERE.

Emilio Zurzano proclaimed himself Aguinaldo's successor.

Salvatore Momo, a well known Mexican capitalist, is dead.

Two Boers were court-martialed and shot at Pretoria for attempting to escape.

Lord Kitchener reports that the number of Boers killed, imprisoned or surrendered during last month totaled up 2640.

Orders for plows hitherto given to Birmingham, Eng. are now being placed in the United States by firms in Switzerland.

Admiral Remy aboard the Brooklyn has left Wellington, Australia, for Sydney. He will shortly sail for Cavite and resume charge of the Asiatic station.

Suit has been brought in Jersey City, N. J., to recover concessions from the Honduras syndicate by the original Honduras company.

Dr. Edwin R. Lewis, president of the Medical College of Kansas City, and treasurer of the National Association of Railway Surgeons, is dead.

Premier Sagasta of Spain announces that the government will issue a loan for territorial defense and reorganization of the army.

Chief Boatwain J. E. Murphy of the Oregon was nearly killed by an anchor chain when the vessel came into port at Honolulu on May 30.

A fire in the general military hospital at Presidio, in San Francisco, destroyed three wards and medical supply room, but injured no patients. Loss \$25,000.

Winfield S. Stratton, the millionaire mine owner of Cripple Creek, has redeemed the Matchless mine in Leadville for the widow of the late Senator Taber.

The new British cable to connect Canada and Australia will be the longest in the world—5228 miles in length—and will be transported and laid by one ship.

The works of the Menasha Wood Split company at Menasha, Wis., were burned to the ground. Loss \$50,000, insurance \$20,000. It is doubtful if the plant will be rebuilt.

Harry Lee, nephew of Gen. Robert E. Lee of the Southern Confederacy, died at Macon, Ga. The deceased was the son of Henry, the older brother of the general.

The company organized in the City of Mexico to utilize the water power in Rio Blanco in the State of Vera Cruz will invest \$500,000 in hydraulic works at the falls twenty-five miles from Cordova.

Robert G. Memory, member of the New Orleans city council and a prominent contractor, filed proceedings in bankruptcy with liabilities of \$58,000 and assets of \$22,000.

The annual readjustment of postmasters' salaries has been agreed upon, and 770 postmasters will receive an increase. In only one instance, that of New Orleans, the increase amounts to as much as \$1000.

Samuel C. Kanter, David B. Weber and Braman H. Lovelace, were found guilty at Chicago of conspiracy to violate the city civil service law by helping unworthy police sergeants to pass the examination for lieutenants.

United States Senator Beveridge, according to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Daily Mail, will not find much difficulty in securing from the Russian government a concession for a steamship line from the United States to Vladivostok or Port Arthur.

Elder, Dempster & Co. of London offer to pay the traveling expenses of the official delegates of any British trades unions willing to go to the United States to study American trade methods.

A story comes from Honolulu of a sensational tragedy. A Chinese cook on board the American schooner J. A. Campbell murdered the mate and threatened to set fire to the vessel, terrorizing the crew for twenty-four hours. He was steamed to death.

A cyclone did considerable damage six miles southwest of Litchwood, La., Edward Uglan's house was wrecked. Mr. Uglan and child were carried a distance and landed in a wheat field, bruised but uninjured. The other members of the family were unharmed.

A FLOOD DISASTER

LOSS OF LIFE IS ESTIMATED AT FROM 200 TO 600.

Accounts of the Disaster Compare It With the Johnston Horror, and Others Say It Approaches the Galveston Catastrophe. Property Loss Great.

Roanoke, Va., June 24.—Passengers on a train from the west report that 300 people were drowned Saturday evening along the Elkhorn on the Norfolk and Western, and that miles of track and bridges were washed out. The passengers on the train were transferred yesterday by ropes from the train to the mountain side near Vivian, W. Va. Wires are down over the devastated section and no other particulars are obtainable. Those drowned are said to include the most prominent people of the section affected. The general manager of the Norfolk and Western left here for the scene yesterday afternoon. It will probably be several days before the road is open.

Had No Warning.

Tagewell, W. Va., June 24.—Clinch river has done an immense amount of damage and has swept away many mill dams. It has not been so high within the memory of any person now living. It was an immense landslide that occurred on the farm of A. J. Higginbotham, three miles from this place, which swept away the house of Paris Vandike. So sudden was the catastrophe that inmates had no warning at all. Two of the children, one a young man of 17 years and the other 4, were killed or drowned, and their bodies were recovered a mile and a half below where the house had stood. Another son, 7 years of age, is badly bruised and cut and will likely die. A little girl was carried half a mile in the mass of stones, logs and other debris, but will recover. The mother was carried 400 yards and is only slightly wounded.

Thirty Floating Bodies.

Tagewell, Va., June 24.—The trainmaster of the Norfolk and Western railway walked the track between Vivian and North Fork, a distance of twelve miles. He discovered thirty bodies floating in the river.

Towns Wiped Out.

Washington, D. C., June 24.—The following dispatches have been received by the Washington Post regarding the reported loss of life by the flood in West Virginia:

Bluefields, W. Va., June 24.—Flood in Pocahontas coal field equaling that of Johnstown. Two hundred drowned. Impossible to estimate the loss of property.

Roanoke, Va., June 24.—Cloudburst Pocahontas division Norfolk and Western yesterday morning. Keystone, Elkhorn, Vivian and other towns wiped out. Railroad dispatches say that 500 lives lost. One house left in Keystone. Twenty-five to thirty miles of railroad track destroyed.

Fought a Duel.

Brandetown, Fla., June 24.—News reached here of a bloody duel to the death near Minkka, in Manatee county. Judge Seth E. Stevens, a county justice and a wealthy farmer, and John A. Webb, a neighbor, also prominent in county affairs, met on the mountain road from Minkka and renewed an old feud that had existed between them. Webb was riding when overtaken by Stevens and asked to stop and settle them and there the dispute between them. He did so, telling his driver to go ahead. When the driver had proceeded several hundred yards he looked back to see both men grappling in the road. He returned to find Stevens dead with a bloody knife in his hand, and Webb seriously stabbed in several places. Webb is yet alive and may recover.

To Prevent Lynching.

Montgomery, Ala., June 24.—The constitutional convention Saturday afternoon completed the article of executive officers. The most interest during the day was taken in the section providing that when a sheriff allows a prisoner to be taken from his custody and lynched the governor shall immediately institute impeachment proceedings against the officer and he shall be suspended from office during his trial. The plea was made that as the convention was about to take from the negro the right of voting, the State should show to the world that he would be protected by the law. The section passed.

Cortes Was Identified.

Laredo, Texas, June 24.—Sheriff Avant of Atascosa county, Kinzel of Frio and Deputy Choate of Karnes, with several members of their various posses, arrived here at 6 o'clock last evening. They came for the purpose of identifying the captured man who was taken yesterday by Captain Rogers about forty miles above here. The full plans of the capture were forwarded last night. Among the men who arrived were two men who knew the man, one of them William Loguey of Bastrop county, who has known him since 1892, and Deputy Sheriff Choate of Karnes City, who has known him for years. They both positively identify him, and say there is absolutely no doubt that he is the man whom they have known all these years as Gregoria Cortez, and who killed Sheriff Morris and Glover. The identification is complete and he will be surrendered to the officers from the interior.

There is great rejoicing here over the capture, and Captain Rogers and his men are being heartily congratulated. In fact all the officers from all over the State who have been pressing the fugitive so hard deserve the thanks of the people of the whole State. It is not known positively when the officers will start with their prisoner for the interior.

Ocean Rates Declining.

Galveston, Texas, June 24.—The ocean freight rates are declining. This is usually the case at the end of the season, but it is thought that the rates will not go up next fall as high as they have been the past season. The decrease during the past season of the Maritime association, which closed in February, was not very remarkable, still there was a decrease on cotton for freight export of from 15 to 25 per cent. During the past year the ship brokers have experienced considerable difficulty in obtaining tonnage, as particularly in the early part of the season the ships were in the service of the government in transporting soldiers and supplies. Unless something unforeseen occurs these vessels will be in the merchant service next season, as in fact many of them are now, and there will be no shortage of tonnage like that which was experienced this year.

Children Burned.

Fort Worth, Texas, June 24.—Two children of Mrs. R. E. Dortch, Hollys, aged 6, and Mary, 9 years, were frightfully burned Saturday morning. Hollys was a paralytic and while playing around a bonfire fell into the flames head first. Her little sister attempted to drag her from the fire and was also fearfully burned. The arms and limbs of both children were burned to a crisp, while the flesh of the lower part of the body of Hollys was completely cooked, the flesh rolling off in great chunks. She will die. Mary may recover. The father of the children is a soldier in the Philippines.

No Promises Made.

Austin, Texas, June 24.—The governor stated Saturday that he had made no promises to any one as to what additional measures he would submit to the special session of the legislature and that if he submitted any at all it would be done with reference to the rapidly in which the lawmakers disposed of the business set out in the call. If they are slow in working, nothing else will be presented to them and some folks are wasting their time by coming to see the governor with regard to additional legislation during the special session.

Two Outrages Near Rockdale.

Rockdale, Texas, June 24.—Mrs. Britton, a white lady living on the Gilliland farm, seven miles north of Rockdale, was assaulted by a negro man on night before last. On Wednesday, the 19th, another lady in the same neighborhood was assaulted, who, however, was finally scared by the lady's cries and the alarm raised by her children. The whole people are in arms and scouring the country for her assailant. If they should overtake the brute he will, it is thought, be summarily dealt with, but up to this morning he had not been overtaken. Bloodhounds were brought into requisition but they could not follow the trail.

British Loss at Waterloo.

Craddock, Cape Colony, June 24.—In an engagement at Waterloo, June 20, the British lost eight men killed and two mortally wounded and had four men seriously wounded. In addition sixty-six men of the Cape (Colonial) Mounted Rifles, were captured. The captain of a Boer squadron is reported to have been wounded and one Boer was killed.

TROOPS BESIEGED.

THE LIGHT GUARD PROTECTING A PRISONER AT TRINITY.

Hundreds of Angry Citizens, Fully Armed, Are After the Negro in Their Care. Houston Cavalry Is on the Ground—The Situation Is Grave.

Trinity, Texas, June 22.—The special train bearing the Houston cavalry and Sheriff's Chandler of Trinity county and Brooks of Walker county, who got on board at Phelps, reached here at 1:15 this morning and the train was stopped at a point at a quarter of a mile from town and the troops disembarked, leaving a detail in charge of the two coaches and the engine composing the special.

Before Captain Breedlove and his men had gotten away from the train, Conductor Manning and the correspondent accompanying the party started to walk to the telegraph office. They had proceeded only a short distance when a group of determined looking men, fully armed, stopped them to ask information about the troops who just arrived. The stated that Captain McCormick and his men of the Light Guard were holding the Negro Spencer in a school house about 300 yards from the railroad station and the spokesman of the party stated that 1700 armed men were in and around the town and that the soldiers who had just arrived would not be allowed to enter. The citizens' spokesman said they only wanted to see justice done; they had been promised that the negro would be placed in the Trinity jail tonight, but this had not been done and instead a special train had been sent here and that no attempt had been made to take the prisoner to Grayton.

A conference with the officers of the cavalry troops and Messrs. Reichardt and Cushing, who accompanied Captain Breedlove in an advisory capacity, was advised, and the correspondent and conductor proceeded to the telegraph office.

At this hour there has been no further developments. The town seems to be quiet and although three shots have been heard since the arrival of the special it is not known whether or not Captain Breedlove has attempted to join McCormick in the school house.

It now seems probable that the operations will be suspended until daylight.

Kerosene Can Explosion.

Rogers, Texas, June 22.—Yesterday evening about 8:30 o'clock, while Mrs. Miley Calhoun, residing about four miles west of this place, was filling a lamp with kerosene oil a little child struck a match, igniting the oil which exploded, enveloping Mrs. Calhoun and her three children in flames. Mrs. Calhoun was burned so badly that she died in a few minutes. The three children are seriously if not fatally burned. Mr. Calhoun and a hired man were also seriously burned while trying to rescue Mrs. Calhoun and the children from the flames.

Sour Lake Land Sold.

Beaumont, Texas, June 22.—The largest real estate deal made since the discovery of oil in this section was closed today at Sour Lake by W. W. Wilson and J. H. Trezevant, who are said to represent a big syndicate. The deal consisted in the purchase of the entire holdings of the Sour Lake Springs company, containing 825 acres, including the resort at the lake, and 400 acres, the property of Mr. Merchant. The price paid is said to have been \$1,125,000 and a check for \$100,000 was put up to bind the trade, which is said to be a cash transaction.

Condition of the Cotton Crop.

Yoakum, Texas, June 22.—Mr. Hampus Roos, who keeps in close touch with crop conditions in this section, says that where the farmers have had the boll weevil gathered and have also had the fallen squares gathered and burned, the prospects for a good yield of the fleecy staple are very flattering at this time. He urges that farmers continue the good work of burning the fallen squares.

News from Manila.

Manila, June 22.—General Cailles, the insurgent commander in Laguna province, with 700 riflemen and some Bolomen, are now in the vicinity of Pagsanjan, about a day's march from Santa Cruz, on Laguna De Bay. Cailles will surrender on Monday, after which he is expected to assist in bringing in Malver, who in reality is his superior officer.

In Desperate Circumstances.

Kansas City, June 22.—Thousands of people—men, women and children—who are camping on the border of the Kiowa, Apache and Comanche reservations in Oklahoma, awaiting the opening of that land to settlement, are in destitute circumstances, according to Dr. J. J. McKenna, who has just returned from the scene. He says: "Only a small percentage have even tents to sleep in, but huddle under wagons and trees. At least 5000 of them have been there a year and a half. They went with possibly \$200 or \$300 and have made nothing since their arrival. They are simply waiting, waiting. There are hundreds of desperadoes on the border, who have picked out claims, and do not scruple to kill the successful ones in the drawings, in case they have a lottery."

Census of Consumptives.

New York, June 22.—A census of the consumptives in this State is to be begun in about three weeks by the State board of health. It will be the first census for the purpose of learning the number of consumptives in the State, as far as possible, and the revealing of other facts relating to the disease. It is expected that this enumeration will throw light on the question as to what the State should do for the care of those within its borders who are afflicted with consumption and who are unable to pay for treatment at the private sanitariums. Dr. Lewis said in an interview: "I first thought of asking the various boards of health throughout the State to ascertain the number of tuberculous persons in their respective districts and to submit a report to me, but I have decided that I could better obtain the information that I desire by sending a circular to every physician in the State. Of course I do not expect to get answers from them all, but I am firmly of the opinion that the majority of them will do all within their power to help in this work and to make the statistics as reliable as possible."

Benedict Arnold's Schooner.

New York, June 22.—A dispatch to the World from Burlington, Vt., says: J. G. Falcon, a diver, has visited the spot where the schooner Royal Savage, commanded by Benedict Arnold, was sunk in 1776 by the British. He found three gun carriages and about thirty cannon balls and shot. Two of the former will be sent to the Smithsonian institute at Washington and the other has been given to the city of Burlington. The relics were discovered in about thirty feet of water. The carriages are made of wood and iron, the former being now petrified.

Big Fire in Houston.

Houston, Texas, June 22.—Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock the Inman cotton press was totally destroyed by fire, the total loss approximating \$120,000, which is fully covered by insurance. The property was situated in the vicinity of Houston Heights. Besides the property destroyed about 2000 bales of cotton were burned, the majority of which were owned by Messrs. Inman & Nelms, owners of the press. Origin of the fire presumed to have been caused by a spark from a passing locomotive.

Will Help the Boers.

New York, June 22.—An appeal has been issued for money with which to buy supplies for the women and children of the Transvaal who have gathered in camps as part of the effort to end the Boer war. Among the signers of the appeal are Rev. Dr. David James Burrell, William Van Rensselaer, Edward Van Ness, Andrew D. Parker, and Rev. Herman D. Van Brockhuizen of Prussia. The appeal says that 23,000 women and children are in the camps and that 318 children died in May.

Affairs in Cuba.

Washington, June 22.—Secretary Root has received a report from Governor General Wood concerning the affairs in Cuba, in which the governor general says that the action of the constitutional convention in accepting the Platt amendment as passed by congress is received with general satisfaction throughout the island. An order of General Wood relating to debts and mortgages, it is understood, will tide over the difficulties feared a short time ago.

Prohibition Defeated.

Temple, Texas, June 22.—The election for prohibition in Bell county yesterday resulted in a victory for the anti. Not all of the smaller boxes are yet in, but enough of the larger ones have been heard from to give a wet majority of 900. Temple's anti majority was 485 while Belton gave 193 majority. The election passed off quietly except for some personal feelings in the campaign.