

DESTRUCTIVE FLOOD SWEEPS SAN ANTONIO VALLEY—MANY DEATHS

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WATER IN STREETS 12 TO 15 FEET DEEP

Banks of Rivers Strewn With Wreckage of Houses—Automobiles Are Swept Away—Heaviest Loss In Mexican Section—Tornado In South Dakota

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 10.—Six are known to be dead and property in the central portion of the city has been damaged to the extent of several million dollars by a flood which swept through San Antonio last night. Estimate of the loss of life and property damage is difficult early this morning.

Troops from Fort Sam Houston are patrolling the city and aiding in rescue work. The water supply is cut off as is the electric light and telephone power. Estimates of the loss of life reaches as high as 500 by police and fire officials. Water from the San Antonio river which winds through the city and from its tributary, the Olmos creek, flooded the business section of the city for many blocks to a depth of from 10 to 15 feet.

The San Pedro creek on the west side of the city which runs through the Mexican district overflowed and joined the waters from the river and swept through the southern part of the city. Both banks of the San Antonio river are strewn with the wreckage of houses. A number of automobiles were swept away.

Throughout the night the east and west sides of the city were cut off from each other and it was only at daylight that the waters had receded sufficiently to permit crossing by one bridge in the northern part.

Newspaper plants were flooded, but the San Antonio Light issued an extra on a hand press at 6 a. m. Alarming reports of loss of life in the valley of the San Antonio river south of the city are coming in, but the light is unable to confirm them. It is believed that the greatest loss of life occurred in the Mexican district.

At 8 a. m. the waters were receding, but were not yet within their banks. Soldiers were bringing out people who had been marooned throughout the night. The weather is still cloudy and further rain is in prospect. Unless there should be unusual precipitation in the Olmos valley it is not believed there is further danger.

Two Killed in Tornado. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Sept. 10.—Two men were killed in a tornado which destroyed in a tornado which struck just outside the Sioux Falls city limits early last night. The towns of Ollis, Hartford and East Sioux Falls are reported hard hit but telephone and telegraph communication is demoralized.

THE WEATHER. Showers Tonight or Sunday—Temperature Remains Mild. WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—The weather forecast: Local showers tonight or Sunday with temperatures. Light southerly winds.

Universalist Church. Rev. Edwin P. Wood, Pastor. Sunday, Sept. 11. 10:30 a. m.—Morning worship and sermon. The pastor's topic will be, 'What is a Skeptic?'

Odd Fellows Temple. Monday, Sept. 12, 7:30 p. m.—Regular meeting of Watkinson lodge. Tuesday, Sept. 13, 7:30 p. m.—Rehearsal initiation. Refreshments following the meeting.

To Business Men. If your suspicion has been aroused regarding your private or business affairs, write or phone us for consultation. No obligation. We do all that a Detective Agency may lawfully do under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Highest references.

ENEMY STATES STIR THE WATERS

Jugo-Slav Delegate Protests Admission of Albania—South America Will Vote for Root. GENEVA, Sept. 10 (Associated Press).—Former enemy states made their first appearance in the debate of the present assembly in the League of Nations, when Count Albert Mensdorff-Pouilly-Diedrichstein, the Austrian delegate, took the floor this morning to speak on the work of the council of the league. M. Spalickovitch, the Jugo-Slav delegate made a bitter attack upon Albania and criticized the action of the assembly last year in admitting Albania to the league.

Mr. Balfour, the British representative relieved the tension resulting from M. Spalickovitch's speech by correcting what he said were mistaken deductions. Albania he said had a permanent vote of the South American delegates to the league of nations assembly when the election of judges for the permanent international court of justice is held Wednesday, next.

MUCH ACTIVITY IN STOCK MARKET

Substantial Gains In Prices Severely Punish Short Interests—Mexican Oils Strong. NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—The most active week-end session of the year was witnessed on the stock exchange today when further substantial additions to recent gains were made. Dealings in the two hours were 600,000 shares. Short interests were again severely punished by the upward movement which ranged from two to five points. Mexican oils were the feature on the satisfactory outcome of conferences between American oil interests and Mexican government.

GOING TO ATLANTIC CITY. President Will Spend Week-End at Coast Resort. WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—President Harding arranged today to spend the week-end at Atlantic City, leaving Washington shortly after noon by automobile for the coast resort.

WELLS IS INDICTED. Two Counts of Murder in First Degree Against Him. BOSTON, Sept. 10.—Charles A. Wells, who yesterday shot and killed Ella A. Wells, who had divorced him recently, and her counsel, A. Louis Altmeyer, on a crowded street car in the West Roxbury district, was indicted today on two counts of first degree murder.

STOPS EIGHT MILES FROM SHORE. Sullivan Makes Fifth Attempt to Swim English Channel. LONDON, Sept. 10 (Associated Press).—Henry Sullivan, of Lowell, Mass., who left Dover Friday afternoon on his fifth attempt to swim the English channel, was forced to abandon the attempt because of rough weather early today when he was eight miles off the English coast. Sullivan was 12 1/2 hours in the water.

COTTON SELLS HIGH AGAIN. Torrential Rains in Texas Threaten Further Crop Shortage. NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Reports of torrential rains in South Texas intensifying the fear of a low grade as well as a short cotton crop were followed by active buying and further short recoveries in the market here this morning.

First Church of Christ, Scientist. Putney Road. Sunday services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject Sept. 11, Substance. The Wednesday evening meeting, which includes testimonies of Christian Science healing, is at 7:45 o'clock. The reading room in church foyer is open daily, except Sundays. Wednesday evenings and legal holidays, from 12 to 1, 3 to 5, and 7 to 9 o'clock. All are welcome.

Centre Congregational Church. Rev. Herbert P. Woodin, D. D., Pastor. Sunday, Sept. 11. 10:30 a. m.—Subject of sermon, Our Need of God. 12:00 p. m.—Sunday school.

Knights of Columbus Hall. Monday, Sept. 12, at 8 p. m.—Meeting of those who wish to help in making up the military wish set. Those who plan to attend the convention are asked to communicate with Mrs. W. J. Kraine as soon as possible so that reservations may be made.

Dance—Academy Hall TONIGHT Car After Dance

BIG EXPLOSION ON GERMAN-SUBMARINE

Three Killed and Three Injured on the Deutschland—Many Others May Have Perished. LIVERPOOL, Sept. 10 (Associated Press).—A tremendous explosion of the former German submarine Deutschland at Birkenhead across the Mersey from Liverpool killed three men and injured three others today. It is possible that many others perished. The submarine was being dismantled at the time of the explosion, which occurred in the engine room from an unknown cause. The Deutschland was one of the submarines surrendered by the Germans under the terms of the peace treaty.

SINN FEINERS ESCAPE BY TUNNEL

Fifty Interned Men Get Away—Digging of Tunnel Required. DUBLIN, Sept. 10 (Associated Press).—A tunnel requiring many weeks to construct was employed Thursday night in effecting the escape of some 50 interned Sinn Feiners from the Curragh internment camp in County Kildare, where about 1,500 prisoners were under guard.

BURGLARS BLOW OPEN BANK VAULT

Steal Everything of Value and Escape—Got \$100,000 In Bonds and Unknown Cash. PULASKI, Va., Sept. 10.—Robbers last night blew open the vault of the bank of Draper in the town of Draper four miles from here and escaped with everything of value, including an undetermined amount of cash and \$100,000 in bonds.

INSURANCE MEN NEXT WEEK. Linn D. Taylor to Give Report at Newport—Banquet Speakers. NEWPORT, Sept. 10.—The 15th annual meeting of the Vermont Association of Insurance Agents will be held here Wednesday. The business meeting will be held at 10 o'clock in the morning at the Memphrenagoc Yacht club. It will include reports by President Walter A. Clark of Rutland, Secretary Treasurer Dana J. Lovell of Bellows Falls and Chairman Linn D. Taylor of the executive committee.

ANOTHER CONFERENCE. Secretary Mellon Asks Ministers of Finance to Meet in Washington. WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—Secretary Mellon, as chairman of the inter-American high commission, has addressed a call to the ministers of finance of all the Latin-American countries for a series of meetings here and in the other respect to discuss the international exchange situation.

MEDAL TO UNKNOWN SOLDIERS. President Harding Awards Congressional Medal to France. PARIS, Sept. 10.—President Harding has awarded the congressional medal of honor to the unknown soldiers of France, Myron T. Herrick, the American ambassador, informed Premier Briand today. Mr. Briand asked Mr. Herrick to thank the American government for the gift of the medal. The presentation ceremony will occur in October.

Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Charles C. Chayer, Pastor. Sunday, Sept. 11. 10:30 a. m.—Morning worship. Theme, 'The Mighty Man.' 12:00 m.—Sunday school. 7:30 p. m.—Vesper service. Theme of sermon, Manifestations of Jesus.

First Baptist Church. Rev. Clark T. Brownell, D. D., Pastor. Sunday, Sept. 11. 10:30 a. m.—Morning worship. Sermon, 'A Matter of Life or Death.' 11:45 a. m.—Evening service. Subject, 'On Sacred Ground.'

Heavy Tropical Storm. Heavy Damage and Some Loss of Life in Trinidad. PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Sept. 9 (Associated Press).—A tropical storm of great violence which struck Trinidad Thursday caused two deaths and did damage estimated at \$150,000.

TRAFFIC ON NEW BRIDGE SUNDAY. Structure to Be Opened to Public—Will Be Accepted Soon. The new bridge will be opened to traffic on Sunday, Sept. 12. It will be accepted soon.

NOTICE SENT TO ASHUELLOT VALLEY. Car Containing Superintendent Burns and Timekeeper Charles Crosses This Morning—Bridge Satisfactory to Engineers. Traffic will be resumed tomorrow morning on the Brattleboro-Hinsdale bridge crossing the west branch of the Connecticut river from Bridge street. This fact was definitely announced last night by Road Commissioner Charles J. Dube, who has finished planking the bridge and who is now grading the approach at the Vermont end.

TOWER SUPPORTING CABLES TIPPING. Unequal Stress on Cables, but Anchorage Secure—Abutment Settling, Probably Because of Undermining—Large Crack in Masonry. That the Brattleboro-Chesterfield suspension bridge must be strengthened at once was the decision reached yesterday afternoon at a conference between the selectmen of the two towns, which was attended by Engineer John W. Storrs of Concord, N. H., and Attorney Philip Faulkner of Keene, representing the Chesterfield selectmen.

TO STRENGTHEN EAST ABUTMENT

The conference was held in the selectmen's room in the town hall building here, the full boards being present, consisting of Harold E. Randall, Roger C. Spaulding and George A. Tuttle of Chesterfield and S. A. Richmond, W. E. Stellman and Freeman Scott of Brattleboro.

As it appeared that the north part of the New Hampshire abutment had cracked off and was settling it was voted to instruct Mr. Storrs to make soundings and estimate the cost of strengthening the east abutment and to prepare specifications and plans from which bids will be asked.

To make the desired repairs it will be necessary to build a cofferdam and enlarge the abutment by building on the north and west sides sufficient to prevent further settling. The anchorages to which the cables are attached are supposed to be ample. The one on the Vermont end is known to be sufficient, as it is a big ledger. The anchorage at the New Hampshire end is of masonry.

A crack appearing in the east abutment last year, probably due to an undermining of the abutment. As the north section has continued to settle the crack has widened, being about four inches wide in places. This settling has thrown out of plumb the north tower supporting the cables at the east end of the bridge. It has been discovered also that the stress on the cables is not equal, some carrying a heavier load than others, and no way is known for equalizing the stress.

This bridge was erected by the Berlin Construction Co. in 1888-89, and while it was ample for the traffic of that time it is not as substantial as would be built for present-day traffic. However, there is little doubt that if the towers can be kept from tipping over and the abutment strengthened to prevent further settling it will stand for a long time.

Court action has been begun in New Hampshire to have all the town's share in the expense of a new bridge when one is built, and a part of the expense will be borne by Brattleboro. There is no fixed rule as to what part of the expense this town shall bear, but when the present bridge was voted for Brattleboro appropriated \$4,500 and Chesterfield \$8,000, and it is the understanding of the town officials that each town finally paid a like amount. The bridge is 329 feet long, which is almost as long as the Brattleboro-Hinsdale bridge.

A record of the number of cars passing over the bridge was kept on five consecutive summer days. On July 4 the number of vehicles crossing in 13 hours was 662. On the four other days the number was between 400 and 500.

BIG RECOVERY IN CORN CROP

Decline in Wheat and Oats, While Potatoes and Tobacco Show Increase. WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—Recovery of the corn crop during August from the serious damage sustained by the July weather conditions, during the September grain report of the department of agriculture issued yesterday. Favored by good growing temperatures and absence of rain in practically the entire corn belt, the production forecast made a jump of 154,000,000 bushels, bringing the increased production to 3,186,000,000 bushels, or only 48,000,000 bushels less than last year's crop, the largest ever grown. With continued favorable conditions, this year's production may yet become a record crop. Indications are that most of the crop is now out of danger from frost.

The wheat crop showed a decline of 3,000,000 bushels with a total of 754,000,000 bushels indicated as this year's harvest. Oats will be a short crop this year, the indicated production having declined 47,000,000 bushels during August, with a total crop of 1,090,000,000 bushels forecast. That is 426,000,000 bushels smaller than last year's crop and the average for the five years previous to last year.

Potatoes showed an increase of 7,000,000 bushels over a month ago with a total of 323,000,000 bushels, but the crop is almost 100,000,000 bushels smaller than last year and almost 50,000,000 bushels below the average of the five years previous.

Tobacco production indications showed an increase of 50,000,000 pounds over a month ago, with a total of 948,000,000 pounds. The improvement was confined almost entirely to the northern tobacco producing states. There were only minor changes in the indicated production of other crops.

THE PHILADELPHIA CLASS OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH will hold a food sale in the chapel Saturday from 3 to 5 p. m. Monday, 7:15 p. m.—Boy Scouts. Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor meeting. Friday, 4 p. m.—World-wide Guild conference and rally; 7:30 p. m.—church prayer meeting.

TRUSTEES OF THOMPSON FUND

Outline Attitude Toward Town. Since Court Has Given Trustees Right to Spend the Surplus Where They Please Town Should Cooperate with Them so That Benefits of Fund May Be Retained.

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Under the most recent court decree, it will be remembered, the expenditure for these general purposes is left wholly to the discretion of the trustees and in using that discretion they are bound to do their best to find what they consider the best use. They prefer to make expenditure of two-thirds of this surplus money in Brattleboro and adjoining regions provided such expenditure can be made an effective use of the endowment.

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NEW TRAIN SCHEDULE MUST BE CONVENIENT

In the face of figures showing revenues to be far below operating costs it will probably be difficult to advance conclusive arguments against the proposed train schedule curtailments, but if Brattleboro business interests cannot prevent the cutting off of trains they can at least make a determined effort to secure satisfactory service from those that are left.

In considering the matter of service as it affects Brattleboro and adjoining towns the first question is that of convenience for the large number of people who make this town their business center. It is of vital interest to them, as well as to local business concerns, that train service in and out of Brattleboro is so arranged that they can leave home and reach home at convenient hours.

The proposed schedule will not be convenient for the many people who come to Brattleboro from the south for the reason that it contemplates no south-bound afternoon train leaving Brattleboro at 4 p. m. The Boston & Maine proposing to discontinue their 3:15 train and the Central Vermont to advance by two hours or so the leaving time of the present 4:10 train. No train schedule should meet with the approval of Brattleboro that does not provide an afternoon train leaving for the south late enough to give outside shoppers a good part of the afternoon here and yet get them to their homes in Vermont, South Vermont and Northfield, Mass., by supper-time.

As to the talk of making Brattleboro the terminus of the West River branch, instead of South Londonderry, it is difficult to see how this can be done without abandoning the northbound late afternoon train, and such a course of action would raise a storm of protest all along the line. No service on the West River road would be considered anything like adequate that did not provide a train from South Londonderry to Brattleboro in the morning and a train from Brattleboro to South Londonderry in the late afternoon.

MUST PAY \$59.86 ON OVERDUE NOTE

Suit of Miller Against Worden in Municipal Court—Offset Claimed for Board Disallowance. The suit of Gilbert S. Miller of Townshend against Alin C. Worden of West Brattleboro to recover \$64 on a note was tried yesterday before Judge E. D. E. Stove. The court found for the plaintiff to recover \$59.86. The defendant claimed an offset for the board of the plaintiff should be allowed as well as an offset for some phosphate which he sold the plaintiff. The court ruled against the claimed offset for the board. The note was allowed for the phosphate. The note was for \$164, of which \$100 already had been paid the plaintiff by the defendant.

Attorney A. V. D. Piper was counsel for Mr. Miller and Attorney E. S. Jones of Wilmington for the defendant.

COMPANY I PLANS BIG ATTRACTION

Will Put on Amateur Show in Auditorium in October—About 125 Persons Will Take Part. Plans are well under way for the largest amateur production ever attempted in Brattleboro, to be staged at the Auditorium in October under the auspices of Company I, Vermont National Guard. The best talent in Brattleboro numbering 125 persons will take part in the performance, which promise to eclipse anything ever seen locally, as no expense will be spared to make Company I's initial amateur effort one long to be remembered. The proceeds are to be used for a furniture fund for Company I quarters in the proposed armory-community house. More particulars, including the dates, will be announced in a few days.

BRATTLEBORO MAN SEEKS ROLL OF \$127

John Bozka Complains to Holyoke Police—Suspects Joseph Neiroda, Who Disappeared Last May. John Bozka, who is employed at the Fort Dummer mills, made a complaint yesterday to the Holyoke police of the loss of \$127, stating that he had reason to believe that Joseph Neiroda of 16 Oliver street was the person who relieved him of the roll. The theft was committed last May, but Bozka did not report the matter at that time, as Neiroda had disappeared. Neiroda has since returned to Holyoke and Bozka now wishes to press the charge against him.

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