

TORRENTS POURING DOWN MOUNTAIN SIDES SWELL SUBWAY TO BURSTING POINT, CAUSING IT TO GIVE WAY AND SLEEPING MAIN STREET WITH FEARFUL FLOOD

BISBEE AGAIN THE VICTIM OF GREAT RUSH OF WATER; DAMAGE CLOSE TO \$25,000

Top of Subway at Head of Main Street Ripped Off By Flood and Sent Hurling Down Thoroughfare and Lodging Below the Fair Store—Water Came With a Rush and for Few Minutes Caused a Panic Along the Street.

SEVEN FINE DRIVING HORSES CAUGHT IN TORRENTS WASHED TO THEIR DEATH IN THE LOWER SUBWAY

Fears Entertained That Foundations Under Buildings on Main Street Would Give Way—Post Office and Library Suffered Little—Flour Used at Copper Queen to Keep Out Flood—Streets Damaged.

- LIST OF LOSERS. City of Bisbee, \$10,000. Fair Store, dry goods, \$3,000. L. L. Gilman, jeweler, \$2,500. The Holland Confectionery, Mrs. Cox proprietor, \$2,000. Henshaw's Market, \$500. Maze bar, cigar stand and restaurant, Annex saloon, Capitol saloon, P. & J. saloon, Antler's saloon, The Tart saloon, the Clary dispensary, the postoffice and two or three other stores on Main street, all inundated by water but slightly damaged, will total from \$500 to \$1,000. J. F. Sinclair, horse and buggy, \$600. Clint W. Moon, horse and buggy, \$500. Palace livery, horse and buggy, \$250. Tony Downs, horse and buggy, \$450. E. A. Tovega, horse and cart, \$200. Two smaller barber shops, \$250. The damage to the fire mains, gas mains, sewer mains and many small losses to residences and barns cannot be estimated at the present time.

With a roar and the velocity only attainable by a mountain torrent, the subway, meant to carry through the heart of the business section the terrific floods of the summer season, gave way yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock. A section of the road top, loaded with several tons of the surface of the street, was hurled like a barricade across Main street, the principal thoroughfare of the city, leaving a yawning gulf behind through which the torrent still flowed, and carrying with it the crest of a wave that wrought within a few minutes' time damage to the amount of thousands of dollars. As the long section of the street above the underground waterway began to leave a quaking, men and women fled for their lives, while with pistol shots and cries they warned those below of the impending danger. At the slight turn at the head of Main street the wreckage jammed into the plate glass windows of the Fair store, and swept away most of the jewelry stock of L. L. Gilman just above. Horses and vehicles were swept along with the torrent, while the former struggled in vain to stem the current. Seven horses are known to have been lost. The storm yesterday, which began at 4:30, was the third within the past three weeks. In point of damage to property destroyed and lives endangered, both the other floods were exceeded. The city suffered a loss of \$14,000, while the damage to the business and residence section will bring the total to \$25,000. The postoffice and library, the heaviest sufferers in the two previous storms, were only slightly damaged. Practically all of the business houses to suffer are on the north side of Main street. Fire Mains Broken. The fire mains of the city were broken by the gushing way of the subway, and the city is at present without protection from its ravages. The sewer mains were also destroyed in several parts of the camp, the gas mains were broken, and the electric lighting of the city interfered with by the burning out of many fuses by the electrical storm, the most severe of the season, which accompanied the flood. The city and county officers were on the scene of the wreckage of the subway, and immediately took steps toward preventing further accidents, as the streets were being crowded with the curious soon after the rain ceased, unaware that they were standing on portions of the street that were undermined and liable to give way at any minute. Street Commissioner P. J. McLaughlin soon had a force of men at work clearing the debris, and bridging the chasm across the head of Main street. This bridge was com-

pleted at an early hour this morning and the street is passable. The rain which in the forty minutes following the first heavy precipitation was two and one-quarter inches—the heaviest of the year. Those who were on the lookout noticed that the heaviest part of the rain was this side of Tombstone Canyon, and predicted that there would be something doing with the subway. Within fifteen minutes every street in the camp was impassable. Those separated from Main street could learn nothing of what was going on there, not even by telephone, as the lightning was so vivid that the phones could not be used. Drowning of Horses. The most pitiful sight of the flood was the drowning of several of the finest animals of the city. One man who stood at the subway at Lowell counted seven horses, all dead, which floated past, and two burros, both still alive. Four vehicles floated under the subway near the E. P. & S. W. depot, while five horses in rapid succession were swept down the same passageway. The train from the west had just arrived, and there was a large crowd at the station. When the flood reached its height a cry arose from several of the spectators, and the crowd immediately rushed out to see the cause of it. Floating past the Copper Queen general offices, were three horses and three burros. Men rushed out in the hope that they could do something to prevent their death. It was in vain. To have ventured into the torrent which was then pouring into the mouth of the depot subway would have been suicide. While men clenched their hands in helplessness, the representatives of man's noblest friend, struggling every inch of the way, were swept underground beneath the muddy water. One horse, that of J. F. Sinclair, a fine animal which he valued at \$800, was cut loose from his harness fifty yards above the mouth of the subway, but in his fright jerked loose from his reins, and went the way of the others. How the Post Office Escaped. The fact that while there was more water felt yesterday than in either of the two recent preceding floods, and yet it was much longer in falling, accounts for the slight damage to be post office, which was flooded to a depth of several inches from Main street, but suffered little damage. The slowness of the precipitation also accounts for the fact that the trails and roads are not so badly damaged as before. In fact, had the subway not broken, the damage would have been practically nothing. The extension of the retaining wall up Tombstone Canyon yesterday proved inadequate to carry the volume of water which fell, and it overflowed in several places, carrying around the turn at Castle Rock several immense timbers twenty feet long. It also overflowed just in front of the Mulhead boarding house, but did no damage. Fierce Electrical Storm. A fierce electrical storm accompanied the rain. For a few minutes before the heaviest period of the storm the heavens were rent with sharp peals of thunder and vivid flashes of lightning, many of which seemed to be striking close. J. G. Pritchard stated last night that the rainfall of yesterday brings the precipitation up to the average for August. Two inches in about thirty minutes and a fourth inch fell in forty minutes. During that flood ten cabins were washed away in front of the Palace livery stable. In 1891 three inches of rain fell in an hour. There was also much damage done at that time. Had not the subway given away yesterday the damage would not have been nearly so heavy, and the flood would have lost much of its spectacular aspect. However, the rain that fell up the canyon was much the heaviest that has fallen this season. FLOOD AT HEIGHT. When the flood was at its height the people who were caught in business houses and place along Main street be-

gan to get nervous. The water was gradually eating away the foundations from the street and the torrent in their rear over the top of the subway looked bad. Many were afraid that foundations would be washed so that buildings would soon begin to topple over, and their fears then appeared well founded. The postoffice girls made a break for the mountain when the wave came surging down Main street. Before the storm broke Postmaster M. E. Cassidy had the windows on the mountain side of the building covered with heavy planking. This saved the office from the wash of rocks and silt that came down on previous occasions. About two feet of water swept into the office from Main street when the flood came down that thoroughfare without any warning. Several shots were fired and at the same time a wave of water could be seen from the Copper Queen store sweeping down the street carrying all in front of it. An idea of the height of the water can be gained from the fact that it twice splashed into the office, which is raised about four and a half or five feet from the sidewalk. How an Auto Was Saved. When M. J. Cunningham's automobile glided off from where it was standing a little above Rinehart's everyone said goodbye to it. But just in front of the Copper Queen store one of the front wheels apparently hit a rock and the machine gently swerved up instead of down with the current of the flood. In an instant several persons were about the auto, one of them at the steering wheel and it was wheeled out of danger. The flood came down the street so quickly that no one got a chance to move the machine. Mr. Cunningham was at the bank and saw the danger too late. He said, "When I noticed the danger the machine was in, there was entirely too much water coming down Main street for me to take any chance. As good luck would have it, though, the machine is not damaged." Notes of the Flood. C. E. Rinehart was one of the most energetic men on lower Main street in saving property. He got several horses out of the flood and gallantly helped several ladies up the mountain side to the Copper Queen tailor shop and safety after they had been caught in the first rush of water on Main street. Johnny Foster and Frank Johnson, with Deputy Sheriff Will White were conspicuous at the postoffice corner in the work of rescuing horses, buggies and wagons that came down on the flood. They stretched a rope from the Bank of Bisbee to the postoffice, and in case any persons were carried down by the flood they could be rescued, or a desperate attempt made at least. The Bank of Bisbee force also were in the front of the rescue work. Fitzpatrick, one of their number, with C. E. Rinehart, got loose a fine roan team owned by Mr. Roth, that was tied near the bank just in time to save them from being washed down the subway. The horses with most remarkable coolness breasted the flood and started up Main street with the water washing up to their necks. They got above the Antler bar, when someone got hold of them near the corner and led them into the entrance between Rinehart's and the Bank of Bisbee. The sense of the team in turning up the street and fighting the water instead of going with it saved them. No distribution of mail was made yesterday afternoon owing to the fact that the floor of the postoffice was covered with several inches of water. The regular distribution and service will be in effect at the office today. Postmaster Cassidy announced last night. Street Superintendent McCullough, who rode all over town after the flood, reports that hardly any damage was done down the canyon along Naco road, the culverts there taking care nicely of the flood waters. The hillside roads were again greatly damaged. The work done since the flood of a couple of weeks ago on Rinehart's avenue, proved to have been finished up in the nick of time to save some of the stores along Brewery avenue from damage. A passage had been made and when the waters struck the remaining debris it carried it off, and the main stream of the flood came down Brewery avenue. Warren Did Not Suffer. While there were very heavy rains at both Tombstone and Douglas, no damage worthy of mention was reported from there last night. Warren was another section that did not suffer from the storm. It rained very hard there, but no damage whatever was done. The water found easy outlet. For a while there was some trouble with the wires, but before nine o'clock both the Western Union and the telephone wires were working in good shape. In many sections of the city there was no gas supply, owing to the fire that cut the mains and been broken by the flood. Mason Hill suffered. Several of the streets on Mason Hill were fearfully washed. The road leading past Lott's conveyer is 22 feet out of the water under Warren avenue, where the water cut a ditch ten feet deep. The gas and water pipes there were broken off by the flood that came down the street from the mountain side. Today it bears little resemblance to a street, with rocks and boulders sticking up at every angle and ditches cut right and left. This street is perhaps the worst damaged in the city except Main street. Up Tombstone Canyon the water

TILMAN MAY HELP BRYAN TO THE PRESIDENCY.



Senator P. R. Tilman.

According to advices from abroad Senator Tillman will be home early next month and will take an active part in the presidential campaign provided his health will permit. In the states where his services would do the most good it is the plan to put him on the stump.

A LONE BANDIT IN A HOLD-UP OF TOURISTS

As Fast As Each Stage Load Came in View He Pocketed the Passengers' Coin in Yellowstone.

BUTTE, Aug. 24.—One highwayman, wearing a black mask, held up and robbed the passengers of seven stage coaches in Yellowstone Park this morning at a point a few miles from the Old Faithful Inn, near Upper Basin. The coaches left the hotel in their usual order, at intervals of a few minutes and were held up, one after another, as fast as they came in sight. At the point of a rifle the highwayman lined up all passengers, and after relieving them of their money and valuables, allowed them to enter the stage and resume their journey. From meagre accounts received, it is believed the highwayman collected considerable more than \$6,000 in money. The fact that tourists are not permitted to carry weapons, made it impossible for any of the passengers to offer resistance. After holding up the coaches, the robber disappeared into the hills and it was afterward found, made his escape upon a horse belonging to one of the passengers. Soldiers from Fort Yellowstone were on the trail within ten minutes after the news was received. The robber is in extremely rough country. From the statements of passengers it is estimated that approximately \$2,500 in cash was secured, drafts worth \$10,000 and other papers and transportation, besides a rich haul in watches and jewelry. In all twenty-one coaches left the upper geyser basin this morning. The first detachment of coaches, numbering seven, passed by the place unharmed. As the first of the next eight came along a highwayman stepped from the bushes and ordered the driver to halt. He did not resist the driver nor any of the drivers following. On the first seat sat B. Drew, of Florida, and his stepson, P. H. Gaskin. Drew, with a gun upon him, handed over \$90 and young Gaskin was ordered to dismount and hold the man's sack. This he did at the point of a gun. All along the line of eight coaches every driver was warned not to start his team or he would be shot. Forest Stevens of Wilkes Barre, Pa., gave a nervous but not a nervous reply to the bandit and he was ordered to dismount. He started to go around the rig, but was ordered to come back, and got a whack over the head with the barrel of a rifle. When the last of the eight coaches reached the highwayman remarked he had a good mind to shoot the last man and let fire a shot over his head. The eight coaches were scarcely gone when three more came along and were held up. The robber saw them and "how were you through in a like

DEMOCRATS GATHER TO TELL NEWS TO KERN

Will Be Notified Today at His Home in Indianapolis That He Has Been Nominated for Vice President.

BRYAN AND PARTY ARRIVE FOR THE AFFAIR

The Nebraskan Has a Triumphant Trip From Chicago to Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 24.—William Jennings Bryan and party, arrived this evening from Chicago to participate in the gathering at which John W. Kern will be officially notified of his nomination for the vice presidency. With Mr. Bryan came Norman Mack, the national chairman; P. L. Hall, vice chairman; Urey Woodson, of Kentucky, national secretary; National Committeeman Sullivan of Illinois, and Dolbert Wing of Ia. The party were met at the station by a local committee headed by Stokes Taggart and State Chairman Thomas of Jackson, Ind., and was taken to the Denison Hotel. Mr. Kern called and was given a hearty greeting. The notification meeting tomorrow will be held in the Coliseum at the state fair grounds. The building will accommodate 15,000 people, and overflow meetings will be held if necessary. Speeches will be made by Theodore Bell Kern, Thomas Marshall, Democratic candidate for governor of Indiana and Mr. Bryan, who will discuss trusts at great length. An immense crowd greeted Mr. Bryan at the hotel. The street was lined with people who cheered Bryan. The vice presidential candidate went directly to his home. Later Mr. Kern, Mack and other leaders called and the evening was spent in an informal conference. In all his remarks Mr. Bryan expressed confidence in the rightness of Democracy's cause and never failed to impress on the audience his satisfaction with the Denver platform, urging them to read it with care. Once he said: "If you will remember in 1896 there was a great deal said about panic and the Republican speakers accused 'a Republican monopoly on panic. I have not told you that within the last year the Republican party has become an active competitor with the Democratic party on the subject of panics and they are no longer able to say they can cure the immunity from a panic. Yet with a record of the last forty years, which shows that of the three panics which came, two came when the Republican party was in complete power, and after Republican victories, and the third after a Republican administration they still have the presumption to talk panics." Mr. Bryan's journey from Chicago to this city was marred by enthusiastic receptions at every station where the train stopped. He delivered five speeches and shook hands with a large number of people and was the recipient of many presents of flowers and fruit.

TO PROTECT GEISHA GIRLS FROM SAILORS OF FLEET

That Is Plan of Y. M. C. A., Not the Girls.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—American sailors of the fleet will not be permitted to break the hearts of Japanese geisha girls if the Y. M. C. A. of Japan, native christian churches and missionaries are able to prevent it. Information from Tokio received at headquarters of the Y. M. C. A. today is that religious organizations of Japan are circulating petitions among the citizens protesting against the old style of Japanese hospitality, which is expected to include an introduction to the geisha girls.

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT GUARD AGAINST TROUBLE

EL PASO, Aug. 24.—The Mexican government is taking every possible step to guard against a recurrence of the recent border troubles. On account of celebrating the 15th of September, the anniversary of the independence of Mexico, troops are being distributed all along the border and in sections remote from the larger cities. At border posts, colonels are taking the places of captains and majors who were hitherto in command. Precautions will be taken against the congregating of crowds at places not designated for celebrations.

HEEDING THE DEMOCRATS ON THE PACIFIC COAST

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—Theodore Bell, who will notify John W. Kern tomorrow of his nomination for the vice presidency of the United States, arrived in Chicago today, en route to Indianapolis. "The people of the western states are in a very receptive mood. They are paying more attention to Democratic arguments than for a long time past," said Mr. Bell. PRESIDENT INVITES ATHLETES NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—President Roosevelt today advised the committee in charge of the reception to the American team of Olympic athletes that he will be glad to have all members of the team visit at Sagamore Hill Monday.

TAF FAVORS MISSIONARY WORK AMONG CHINESE

HOT SPRINGS, Aug. 24.—Taft today occasion today to express himself as heartily favorable to the efforts of American missionaries in China as the most effective method of bettering the condition of that nation and establishing cordial relations between the Chinese and American governments.