

TOWN WIPED OUT

Black River Falls, Wis., No Longer on Map.

RIVER CUTS NEW CHANNEL.

Deep Current is Flowing Through Heart of Town—Stores, Warehouses and Residences Swept Away by Wall of Water Ten Feet High.

The town of Black River Falls, Wis., destroyed in the flood following the washing around of the Hatfield dam on the Black river, ten miles above the city, can never be rebuilt on its old site. The new channel occupied by the river goes through the middle of the town.

The wall of water that swept the city was ten feet in height when it reached the town, and continued to gather force. Black river makes a turn at the falls in the city and the channel narrows, with high, steep banks. Into this narrow space the twenty-five miles of water, sixty feet deep in the Hatfield storage reservoir, poured and gathering impetus from this condition, leaped with resistless force on the town.

Offices, stores, warehouses and residences went down before it like a house of cards. With the big buildings went also great chunks of earth. A hill of considerable size 100 feet from the river was leveled even with the surrounding land.

Mayor McGilliveray estimated the loss at not less than \$1,000,000 at Black River Falls alone. Rumors are heard of three lives being lost, but there is no verification of them, and the remarkable spectacle is presented of a town being utterly destroyed, with perhaps not the loss of a single life.

The principal buildings destroyed include the Freeman and Spaulding hotels, the Jackson County and First National banks, the Jackson county general office, the Spaulding machine shops, the Marsh and the Jones dry goods stores, several large warehouses and all the saloons, restaurants and practically all the retail stores in every line.

Looking down from the hills on the ruins of their little city, the people of Black River Falls, whose homes were wiped out by the rise in the Black river, faced the problem of subsistence. Almost every scrap of food, except that in houses out of the reach of the floods, was destroyed. Every grocery store and meat market and other food depot in the city is gone.

TURKEY READY FOR PEACE

Note to Powers Asks If Time Has Not Come to Negotiate.

Berlin, Oct. 10.—A circular note from the Turkish government, asking the powers whether they consider that the time has arrived to seek a basis for negotiations looking to peace between Turkey and Italy, and under what conditions, was presented to the German foreign office. The note contemplates the cession of Tripoli to Italy under certain conditions. It is probable that the communication from Constantinople would be discussed between the other powers before the Italian government is approached.

It is thought that Italy may not be ready yet to negotiate. The decision to expel Italians from Turkey, against which the representations of the German ambassador at Constantinople, Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, have not been effective yet, was designed chiefly, it is thought here, for effect on the coming negotiations, Turkey hoping that the threat might induce the Italians to make moderate terms.

DR. COOK'S PROOFS MISSING

His Eskimo Says Story of Trip to Pole is Absolutely Untrue.

A message from Greenland says that Knud Rasmussen, the Danish explorer, failed to discover any traces of Captain Elmar Mikkelsen and his companions, who, after having been rescued on the coast of east Greenland last year, left their party to search for traces of the lost explorer, Erichsen. Rasmussen expresses fear that Mikkelsen and his party have perished.

Fruehen, another Danish explorer, who accompanied Rasmussen, obtained from Cook's Eskimo, Asit Etukishuk, the box which Cook alleged contained the instruments and papers which would prove his polar discovery claims. The box contained only a broken sextant and other instruments, but no papers. According to Fruehen, Etukishuk said Cook's story of his trip to the pole was absolutely untrue.

Amateur Wins Auto Race.

Philadelphia, Oct. 19.—In one of the greatest road races ever seen in this section, Erwin Bergdoll, a Philadelphia amateur driver, won the Quaker City Motor club's 202½ mile automobile race with a ninety horsepower Benz car. His time was 3 hours 18 minutes and 41 seconds. Wishart, in a Mercedes, was second; time, 3 hours 21 minutes and 52 seconds.

Six Coal Miners Injured.

Six coal miners received broken legs and two others were probably fatally injured when the cage in a mine at Nokomis, Ill., fell eighty feet with them.

CONDENSED NEWS

Cornelius N. Bliss of New York is dead.

Plans for a \$2,500,000 system of freight terminals in Minneapolis were announced by the Rock Island Railroad company.

Lieutenant William W. Walsh of Chicago was found guilty of neglect of duty in the gambling inquiry and was discharged.

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the national conference of Christian churches will be held in Washington from Oct. 23 to 26.

St. George's church and three large hosiery factories were destroyed by fire at Leicester, Eng. The loss is estimated at \$1,250,000.

The Laurier ministry has resigned and Premier elect R. L. Borden has accepted the call of his excellency to form a Canadian cabinet.

The world's series between the New York Nationals and the Philadelphia Americans for premier honors for 1911 begins on Saturday, Oct. 14.

The entire administration of Hunnewell, Kan., in the hands of women appears now to be the plan of Mrs. Ella Wilson, mayor of the town.

A decision by the United States supreme court on the constitutionality of the so called employers' liability law of 1908 is expected Oct. 16.

Dr. E. Clark Hyde, accused of murdering Colonel Thomas H. Swope, will go on trial before Judge E. E. Porterfield at Kansas City on Oct. 16.

A band of royalists have been defeated in a fight with republican forces near Braganca, in Tras-Os-Montes, the northeasternmost province of Portugal.

Buffalo, N. Y., was chosen as next year's meeting place of the League of American Municipalities. John MacVicar of Des Moines was elected president.

Dr. C. Willard Hays, chief geologist of the geological survey and for twenty-four years identified with that service, has resigned to enter mining in Mexico.

Louis F. Gavet of the firm of Gavet & Porter, Boston bond brokers, was arrested on a charge of embezzlement. It is said that a large amount of money is involved.

A group of Frenchmen hoisted a French flag over the fort at Azadir, Morocco, threatening grave international complications. The French government disavowed the action.

Ernest Leiness, the real estate dealer, who was arrested in Seattle recently, charged with swindling operations in Milwaukee, escaped from detectives at Roundup, Mont., by leaping from a train.

Wireless messages were flashed from San Francisco to Japan, spanning 6,000 miles of ocean. Greetings were exchanged between the San Francisco operator at Hill Crest and the Japanese operator on the island of Hokushu.

Two children were crushed to death under tons of stone and brick and a dozen other persons were injured when a new two-story brick building at Chicago collapsed, sending the front wall of the structure over into the street.

The principal subject of discussion at the ecumenical Methodist conference at Toronto was the decrease in membership of the church, which it was revealed in the reports submitted has taken place the world over during the last decade.

In order to save four hours' time in reaching the bedside of a critically ill relative in Chicago, Harold Kountze, a Denver banker, raced 340 miles in a special train from Denver to Holdrege, Neb., where he overtook the regular Burlington train.

A mob of Illinois Central strikers and their sympathizers attacked a railroad coach containing thirty strike-breakers at New Orleans. Bricks, iron and other missiles were hurled through the car windows. Two strike-breakers were hurt seriously.

Fred Schroeder, captain of the schooner Elviera, brought a marvelous story from Arctic waters. As his vessel neared Boscoslav, he said, a burst of vapor rose above the island, dust rained upon the sea, and as the vapor cleared four new islands were in sight.

Kidnaped by three men in an automobile, driven twenty miles northwest of Chicago, robbed of \$260, two suits of clothes and other articles and tied to a tree, from which he freed himself five hours later, was the thrilling experience of Stanley Schultz, a barber, according to his story to the police.

Judge Joseph Markey of Indianapolis denied the petition of state's Attorney Fredericks of Los Angeles, Cal., that dynamite seized in Indianapolis at the time of the arrest of John J. McNamara be removed to Los Angeles to be used as evidence in the trial of McNamara.

Pleas of not guilty were entered in the United States district court by the eight wall paper manufacturers and jobbers indicted by the federal grand jury at Cleveland, charged with a conspiracy in restraint of trade. Bail of \$5,000 each was furnished. Court proceedings will hardly be started before December.

After examining 725 items of amounts paid to individuals, who received \$107,753 for campaign expenses, the senatorial committee investigating charges of bribery in connection with the election of United States Senator Isaac Stephenson of Wisconsin, heard testimony that the money was used for "entertainment" and not for any corrupt purposes.

NEBRASKA NEWS

Regents Will Let State Board Build New Institution.

VOUCHERS WILL BE APPROVED

After Its Completion Operation of New Institution Will Be Taken Over by University Authorities—Hawxby Clears Himself Before Governor.

Lincoln, Oct. 10.—According to a conclusion reached by Chancellor Avery of the state university with regard to the operations of the Eastman agricultural school act, it will, for the purpose of this act, at least, be considered a division of the university.

The regents' approval of all vouchers for expenses incurred by the state board is required by the Eastman act, and nothing can be done toward the fulfillment of that act until the board has consented to the payment of such claims as come up in connection with the new Curtis school. Chancellor Avery signed the first voucher for the first money to be spent by the state board for the new school, a \$10 payment on land bought for the institution which is to be erected at Curtis.

Views of Chancellor.

"It was suggested to me that I could not approve the board's expense vouchers as long as I knew nothing personally of where the money was used," said Chancellor Avery. "That is frequently the case in all of the university departments, however. There are so many items presented that it is impossible to keep track of them all and there is no other way than to take the word of the heads of the departments. I shall do exactly the same way with the vouchers presented by Land Commissioner Cowles and the board. The university regents will, of course, visit the new school from time to time to see that the work is going on as it should. The school after its completion is to be given over to the university as one of its adjuncts."

Division of Authority.

The division of authority relative to the paying out of money by the board of public lands and buildings and subsequent control of the school by the board of regents of the state university was thought by opponents of the bill and those who opposed its location at Curtis to be its weak point, and it was thought that an attack on this line would be made before the first voucher making the law effective had been signed.

The attempt, however, which was made by several North Platte men to interest Holdrege, McCook, Alma, and other disappointed towns in fighting the bill, proved to be unsuccessful, and the matter was dropped at the instigation of business men of towns which had been in the race for the school.

Hawxby Clears Himself.

Letters were submitted to the governor in which the action of County Attorney Fred Hawxby of Nemaha county for not prosecuting W. F. Seaman on a charge of arson was commended and upheld by every member of the county bar, with the single exception of the attorney who brought the ouster application to the executive. Governor Aldrich notified County Attorney Hawxby that the matter would be dismissed and that nothing further would be done with regard to it.

JANSEN PLEADS GUILTY

Slayer of Stephen Frazier at Maxwell Given Life Sentence.

Louis Jensen, confessed slayer of Stephen Frazier in Box Elder canyon, entered a plea of guilty in the district court to the charge of murder in the first degree. Judge Grimes then sentenced him to the penitentiary for life and to pay the costs of the prosecution. He seemed to be more disturbed about paying the costs than anything else, for he asked what that meant and said he did not have any money. Ever since he has been arrested and confessed the crime he has slept well and eaten hearty meals. At no time has he seemed to be worried as to the outcome of the matter or to have felt the least remorse or regret.

GRAIN DEALERS MEET

One Thousand Delegates Attend Annual Convention in Omaha.

The convention of the National Grain Dealers' association has brought to Omaha about 1,000 visitors from other cities. Matters of importance to grain men will be discussed. The present national officers of the grain dealers are: President, E. M. Wayne of Delavan, Ill.; first vice president, Ely Bernay of New York; second vice president, E. E. Elliott of Muncie, Ind.; secretary-treasurer, John F. Counciler of Toledo; chairman executive committee, J. W. McCord of Columbus, O. Omaha has sixteen members of the national association.

Lincoln to Have Weather Kiosk.

Lincoln, Oct. 10.—The weather kiosk to be maintained in Lincoln by the federal government will be placed at the northwest corner of Tenth and O streets, if the city council acts favorably on a resolution giving the weather bureau use of a part of the city hall square. The kiosk will contain thermometers, barometers, weather maps and other apparatus.

MAD STEER IN SCHOOL

Enraged Animal Drives Teacher and Pupils From Room.

Miss Sailors and her pupils of Fairview, a school three miles south of Verdon, had an experience that will be remembered a lifetime when a two-year-old steer rushed madly into the school room.

The animal was with a herd of cattle which Carey Higgins had bought from Graham Jones, and when placed on the scales for weighing had become greatly frightened. Mr. Higgins and three men were driving the cattle to his home, about nine miles north of Verdon, and had only proceeded a short distance until they reached the school, where teacher and pupils were requested to leave the yard and enter the building.

Miss Sailors left the door open and the angry and excited steer rushed into the school room. Miss Sailors and her pupils made their escape through the other door.

The steer raged around the school room and worked havoc with the furnishings, breaking seats, overturning the stove and demolishing a large water cask. At last he ran into one corner of the room, looked up to the ceiling and could not be made to budge for an hour, until at last he was frightened by pounding on the outside of the wall near him. The day ended with the steer being left a mile or two south of Verdon.

SOUTH OMAHA OUSTER CASE

Action Under Sackett Law Against Ryan and Pivonka.

Alleging that members of the fire and police board of South Omaha, J. J. Ryan and Joseph Pivonka, have been seen drunk and intoxicated on the streets, that they have treated others in public places and have violated the Sackett law provisions relating to the sale of liquors, Attorney General Martin filed an ouster suit in the state supreme court.

The suit was filed by order of Governor Aldrich, who for some time past has been gathering evidence in the matter. Dean Ringer, a former Cornhusker football star and now an attorney in South Omaha, has been active in gathering proof as to the derelictness of the two offending commissioners in violating the state law and city ordinances.

This is the second suit filed under the Sackett law, the first being instituted by Arthur Mullen against Chief of Police Donahue of Omaha, an action started at the instigation of former Governor Shallenberger and which is still in the supreme court.

ALDRICH BACK FROM SOUTH

Governor Returns From Conference With Executives.

Gov. Aldrich returned from St. Louis after a conference with Governors Harmon of Ohio and Hadley of Missouri relative to the brief that will be submitted in the United States supreme court defending the right of the state to regulate intrastate traffic.

Governor Aldrich says the brief as it has been finally prepared contains many of the ideas he has advanced in favor of the rights of the state. The other executives upon the special committee took much the same view as he did himself upon these questions. The brief will be filed Oct. 10 at Washington.

BOY TRIES TO RESCUE BABY

Having, in Play, Set House Afire, He Attempts to Save Infant Sister.

While his mother was away from home Paul, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mathers of Kenesaw, set the house on fire and his nine-months-old sister was burned to death. The house was completely consumed, with all contents.

The boy, seeing the house was burning, rushed to the bedroom where the baby was sleeping and put her in the baby carriage and attempted to wheel her from the house, but the buggy got wedged in the door and the body was burned to ashes.

NEW MEN AT OMAHA SHOPS

Strike Leaders Say They Are Strike-breakers En Route West.

Omaha strike leaders of the Harriman railroad employees assert that a carload of strikebreakers was detached from several carloads being sent west and were put to work in the Omaha shops. The Union Pacific issued the following statement:

"Mr. Whittaker states that conditions on the lines of the Union Pacific are gradually improving and are quite satisfactory. All our trains are moving and we feel well satisfied with the conditions."

Charges Filed Against Attorney.

A complaint has been filed with Governor Aldrich asking that County Attorney J. W. McCord of Nemaha county be removed for failure to enforce a law and perform a duty enjoined upon him by that law. The complaint is filed by Henry Morgenstrom, who alleges that the county official failed to prosecute William Seaman, who was indicted by a grand jury in May, 1907, for burning a laundry building in Auburn.

Mrs. Davis Appeals.

Mrs. Margaret Davis, who is now serving a life sentence in the state penitentiary for the murder of Ira Churchill on a Cedar county farm, Nov. 2, 1910, appealed her case to the supreme court. It was taken under advisement. Several reasons are named in the appeal for a new trial. She alleges that the instructions to the jury were far from being in line with legal procedure.

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