

# FATAL FLOOD

The Valley of Pocahontas Runs a Death Flood.

TWO HUNDRED OF LIVES ARE LOST

Many Towns are Blotted Out by the Rush of Water.

ONE BUILDING LEFT AT KEYSTONE

Flood in West Virginia Almost Equals That of Johnstown—Keystone Wiped Off of Map—Fatalities Great—Bodies Seen Floating Down Stream—Other Important News.

A dispatch from Bluefield, W. Va., says: This entire section has just been visited by a flood, the extent of which, in all probability, will equal or exceed that of Johnstown in 1889, so far as the loss of property is concerned.

Early Saturday morning, shortly after midnight, a heavy downpour of rain began, accompanied by a severe electric storm, which violently increased in volume and continued throughout the entire day and night. At 10 a. m., while the storm had abated, the lowering clouds would indicate another terrific downpour at any moment. Many miles of the Norfolk & Western track, bridges and telegraph lines are entirely destroyed and communication is entirely cut off west of Elkhorn, so that it is impossible to learn the full extent of the loss of life and property, but officials of the coal fields, located in the stricken district, have sent out messengers to Elkhorn. The end of both telegraphic and railroad communication, and messages have been received that an estimate as to loss of life will reach 200. Some of the drowned are among the most prominent men of the coal fields.

The Pocahontas coal field is located in a basin, with high mountain ranges on each side, Elkhorn creek, flowing through the center of the basin which ranges from one-fourth to one mile in width. From Ennis, W. Va., to Vivian yard, W. Va., a distance of ten miles, miners cabins, coal company commissary and coke plants line this basin. Elkhorn creek, being fed by numerous small streams coming from the mountain sides, rose very rapidly, and this water spout came so sudden that the entire basin between the two mountain ranges was flooded, and before the terror-stricken people realized what was upon them, they were carried down by the flood, which swept everything in its path.

The little town of Keystone, with a population of 2,800, seems the greatest sufferer, practically the entire town being washed away. This town is the principal one in the Pocahontas coal fields, and is located near its center. It was to a great extent headquarters from which the mining population purchased supplies.

A great number of the coal and coke plants throughout the Pocahontas are deserted and are in some instances entirely washed away. Owing to the very high water which has flooded the region and prevented communication, anything like a correct estimate of the loss of property is impossible, but from the best information obtainable the loss of property will easily reach \$2,000,000.

CUBANS WELL SATISFIED.

Secretary Root Receives Report From General Wood.

Secretary Root received a report from Governor General Wood concerning affairs in Cuba, in which the governor general says the action of the constitutional convention in accepting the Platt amendment, as passed by congress, is received with general satisfaction throughout the island. The great difficulty which is now contended with in Cuba is that relating to commercial affairs and the necessity of better markets for Cuban products without tariff restrictions in the United States. Nothing can be done, however, until a Cuban government is formed, when a reciprocity arrangement may be made, and this will require ratification of the senate.

An order by General Wood relating to debts and mortgages it is understood will tide over the difficulties which were feared a short time ago.

Accused of Stealing Cattle.

Samuel Garven was the other day arrested at Billings, Mont., by the federal authorities charged with complicity in stealing \$18,000 worth of cattle from the Creek Indians, on which charge Robert Lee is now being tried. The alleged stolen cattle were found, it is said, on Garven's ranch. A year ago Garven was one of the most prosperous citizens of Billings.

Return Three Indictments.

The grand jury of Codoc county, California, which has been investigating the lynching on May 30 of Calvin Hall, his three sons and Daniel Yantis for alleged thefts, has returned three indictments for murder. Robert Leventon, Isom Eades and James W. Brown, are the persons named. It is understood that evidence was brought out by the investigation showing that these three men were the principal participants in the events leading up to the wholesale lynching.

# MURDER AT NORTH BEND.

Tramp Fatally Stabs One Comrade and Seriously Wounds Another.

Joseph Dusseldorf, a tramp, is in jail at Fremont, Neb., and will have to answer to the charge of murder. At North Bend he stabbed a fellow tramp, named Durkin, in the neck, and thrice stabbed another whose name was not learned—once in the left breast, once on the temple, and once on the left arm. Durkin and the unknown were asleep in a box car when the assault was made.

After making the assault Dusseldorf tried to escape, but was captured by a couple of local citizens who were attracted to the place by Durkin's cries for help. Sheriff Kreader was sent for and came up from Fremont. He returned, taking with him the two men who were able to be removed. The third one was left at North Bend and died from his wounds. No cause is known for the affair, outside of rumors which are heard to the effect that the three men had had a quarrel earlier in the day and that Dusseldorf did the cutting out of revenge for bad treatment received from the other two men. As none of the tramps profess to know each other, however, there may be nothing in this story. Dusseldorf admits having been drunk and the most plausible supposition is that his intoxicated condition put his mind into such a frenzy that he did not know what he was doing.

# ADELBERT HAY DEAD.

Falls From Hotel Window and is Instantly Killed.

Adelbert C. Hay, son of Secretary Hay and former consul to Pretoria, was found dead on the sidewalk in front of the New Haven house at New Haven, Conn., Saturday morning.

Mr. Hay retired to his room at 1 o'clock, after spending the evening with friends in apparently excellent spirits. At 2:30 a passer-by noticed the body of a prostrate man lying on the sidewalk on the Chicago street side of the hotel.

The night clerk of the hotel was immediately summoned and recognized the man as the one who registered as A. S. Hay. There was considerable excitement about the hotel and a large body of students and graduates who were there for the commencement exercises soon gathered. A number of Hay's former classmates at Yale positively identified the young man.

It is believed that Hay became ill went to the window for air, was overcome by a fit of dizziness and fell to the ground below.

# BOY DROWNED AT FREMONT

Gets Into Water Beyond His Depth and is Swept Away.

Carl Tonjes, a boy about 14 years old, was recently drowned in the Platte river, just east of the bridge which crosses it south of Fremont. In company with his brother Paul and another boy named Bert Kittle, he had gone to the river to swim. The lads took a notion to see how far out into the river they could jump, and young Tonjes leaped ten feet. His momentum carried him out into the strong current and his companions made futile efforts to rescue him.

# FOUND PEOPLE'S CHURCH.

An Unknown Benefactor Contributes One Million Dollars.

On the plan of endowing colleges and libraries, a western benefactor, whose name for the present is withheld, has placed in a Denver bank \$1,000,000 in securities for the purpose of establishing people's churches throughout the country, following the lines laid down by W. H. Thomas of Chicago. The administration of these funds will be confined to Dr. Thomas and men active in promoting the liberal church movement.

Quarrel Over a Horse.

At Jagers' ranch, near Horse Prairie, Mont., Sam Moore and William McKenzie quarreled over a horse and Moore shot McKenzie, wounding him fatally. Moore then rode fourteen miles to secure medical aid for the man he shot, but McKenzie died in the meantime. Moore, who is an old resident, while McKenzie was a recent arrival from Wyoming, rode to Hannock and surrendered. He said McKenzie threatened to shoot him and he fired in self-defense.

Strike For Short Hours.

At Reading, Pa., over 600 men employed in the car shops of the Reading Railroad company struck for shorter hours and increased pay. They left in body.

Immediately thereafter the boiler makers in the company's locomotive shops struck. Their action, though expected, caused the greatest excitement, in view of the present strike of 2,000 iron workers in the Reading Iron company, with whom they are apparently in sympathy.

Packing Plant Burned.

The pork packing plant of Klinck Bros., of Buffalo, N. Y., was totally destroyed by fire, loss \$140,000.

Bank Notes Stolen.

The steamer Victoria brings news from Hong Kong that bank notes to the value of \$70,000 have been stolen from the strong room of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking corporation at Singapore. Only two or three trusted employes had access to the vault. Great mystery surrounds the affair.

Goes to Samoa.

The cruiser Philadelphia has left San Francisco for Samoa with a crew of enlisted men to relieve the crew of the station ship Abarrenda at Tutuila.

# EXPRESS WRECKED

Pittsburg & Lake Erie Train Goes Through Open Switch.

TRAIN THROWN OVER AN EMBANKMENT

Two Dead and Forty Wounded—Coaches Well Filled and Wonder Expressed That Loss Was Not Greater—The Flood Victims Are Less.

By the wrecking of train No. 23, northbound, on the Pittsburg & Lake Erie road at Monaca, twenty-six miles from Pittsburg, Pa., two persons are dead, three fatally injured and forty others more or less seriously hurt.

The dead are: W. J. Cunningham, fireman, McKee's Rocks, Pa. Lowry Black, baggage man, Pittsburg.

Both bodies crushed almost to pulp. The fatally injured are: Mrs. Lola B. Perkins, Euclid avenue, Cleveland, O., abdomen punctured by splinter.

Mrs. James Lee, Washington, Pa., arm broken and hurt internally. Mrs. Jefferson Case, Beaver, Pa., badly cut and bruised.

The wrecked train was composed of three baggage cars, two day coaches and one parlor car, in charge of Conductor F. L. Murray, and carried between 125 and 150 passengers.

From passengers it is learned the train, while going at very fast speed, ran into an open switch at Monaca and the entire train went over an embankment some twenty-five feet high. Every car was turned over, two of them going over twice.

As soon as the news of the wreck reached Pittsburg Superintendent Yohe summoned a corps of physicians and took them to the scene on a special relief train. This train returned with the dead and a number of the injured when another train was at once sent to Monaca, which gave currency to the report that many more are hurt than has yet been made known.

# FOREIGN CROP CONDITIONS

Wheat Prospects Good and Bad According to Location.

The Mark Lane, London, Express, in its crop report, noting the necessity for rain in the United Kingdom, says: The wheat has come into ear on remarkably short stems and the ears will not fill without more moisture.

In France the spring crop is less promising. Wheat cutting has begun in southern Spain. The provinces of Andalusia and Murcia expect fine yields and the promise in central and northern Spain is excellent.

The wheat crop in central Europe is very promising on the confines of the Adriatic and very bad indeed on the confines of the Baltic, indicating that Croatia and Hungary will have a good crop while Prussia and Prussia Poland will have a serious deficiency. Mediocre results may be expected in Bavaria and Austria.

# SEVERAL DEATHS IN STORM

Raging Wind and Rain Strike Pittsburg Pennsylvania.

Pittsburg, Pa., and vicinity was visited by one of the fiercest storms known since the United States weather bureau has been established. Within 48 minutes 1.19 inches of rain fell, and during that time the lightning and thunder was almost continuous. The wind accompanying the storm was not high, except in a contracted path a few hundred feet wide, which swept like a tornado from McKee's Rocks through Allegheny, a portion of the east end of Pittsburg on to Wilmerding and Turtle Creek. Three lives are said to have been lost during the storm, but up to midnight only one victim's name has been learned. He was Charles Marcus, an Italian laborer.

# BOER INVASION IS SERIOUS.

Cape Colony is Again Overrun with Republicans.

Lord Kitchener, says a London dispatch, has as yet sent in no report of the Waterkloop mishap in which the British troops suffered a reverse.

Recent events in Cape Colony seem to prove the Boer invasion of that country to be serious.

A letter to the London Daily mail confirms the pro-Boer report and says that the invaders number anything from 7,000 to 10,000; that they are swarming all over the eastern and middle districts and getting recruits and horses.

Fell Down a Shaft.

While returning home to Terraville, S. D., Herman Peterson and wife fell through a coal chute at the Homestake Highland hoist, a distance of fifty-four feet. The woman sustained internal injuries from which she may die. The man broke an arm which had to be amputated. He, too, may die.

Postpone the Invasion.

The threatened invasion of the Lake front at Chicago which was set for today by the Pttawatomies of Michigan and Indiana, has been postponed, pending action of the Chicago syndicate which is negotiating for the necessary fund to pay the Indians their long promised \$45,000.

Telephone Improvements.

The Nebraska Telephone company is making a great many improvements in its line at West Point, which when through will amount to over \$4,000.

# WEST VIRGINIA FLOOD.

Conflicting Reports of Death and Property Losses.

Dispatches from the scene of last Saturday's flood in the cold fields of West Virginia are conflicting as to the extent of the death and property losses. Estimation of the number of deaths vary from sixty to 1,000, and the figures of property loss run from \$75,000 to \$500,000.

# ROBERT WADDELL WINS

American Derby at Washington Park, Chicago—Beats Best Time.

Thirty thousand people saw "Virginia" Bradley's Aloha gelding, Robert Waddell, at 12 to 1 in the betting, win the fourteenth American Derby at Washington Park, Chicago, by one length in 2:33 4-5, record time for the race. The best previous time was 2:36.

Terminus was a good second. The Parader was a tired third. Bonibert, paired with the Parader for favorite, failed to run his race and was fourth. His Eminence had a bad start, but landed in fifth position. The amount of the stake was \$25,000. It is said Robert Waddell's owner made a fortune of \$75,000 on the race.

# CHICAGO HEAT IS DEADLY

One Dead, One Fatally Hurt, and a Number Prostrated.

One person fatally hurt and five prostration is the record of a sweltering day in Chicago. The mercury touched ninety degrees, but the humidity was so great that the record of the thermometer is only a faint record of the discomfort caused. The dead: Charles Jenkins.

Fatally hurt: John Hall, fell from third story window while trying to get fresh air.

Prostrated: Michael Bemis, Stephen Conger of Stillwater, Minn., Emil Gagerman, Mary A. Lyon, Alexander Rasm.

None of the prostrations will result fatally.

# BIG WEDDING CALLED OFF

Granddaughter of General Grant Not to Marry Balfour.

According to a dispatch from London among the paid announcements in the Morning Post of London appeared this notice:

"The marriage between Miss Vivian Sartoris and Mr. Archibald Balfour will not take place."

London society is mystified. Miss Sartoris, who is a granddaughter of U. S. Grant, is well known in London, and Mr. Balfour is a cousin of Arthur Balfour, the statesman.

# CAILLES TAKES THE OATH

Insurgent Surrenders With 650 of His Followers.

General Cailles surrendered at Santa Cruz, Laguna province, with 650 men and 500 rifles. Oaths of allegiance to the United States were administered to the former insurgents.

Colonel Cabelles, who fled to the mountains with a portion of his command, also surrendered. Cailles did not sufficiently control the populace to bring in all the insurgents in his district. The proceedings of surrender were orderly.

Wanamaker Renews Offer.

Following his offer to Mayor Ashbridge last week to pay to the city \$2,500,000 for the street car railway franchises to certain capitalists of Philadelphia by the city council, to which he received no reply, John Wanamaker sent a communication to Robert H. Foerder, one of the capitalists to whom the franchises were granted, offering him \$500,000 for the franchises, in addition to giving the city the sum already offered.

Helped Husband Escape.

William Plummer and wife are under arrest at Minneapolis, Minn., the woman being accused of having helped her husband escape from jail at Sioux City, where, it is alleged, he was waiting to be taken to Anamosa prison to serve five years for highway robbery. A bloody revolver was found in Plummer's pocket and the police are endeavoring to connect him with the killing of a negro at Merriam, Wis.

To Control Production.

The North American will publish a story to the effect that a syndicate is planning a combination with \$100,000,000 capital to control the entire production of sale within the United States of the various products and by products of cotton seed. The North American says the syndicate is now negotiating to buy the stock of the Southern Cotton Oil company.

Boy Found Not Guilty.

The jury in the case of Charles Betts, a thirteen-year-old boy charged with killing C. L. Wiltberger, a farmer, for his money, near Winfield, Kas., returned a verdict not guilty. Wiltberger was shot from behind on August 18, last while returning from town after having sold a load of grain. The jury was out thirty hours.

Burglars at Norfolk.

Burglars entered the residence of R. B. Weller, manager of the Norfolk lumber company, in the absence of the family, and carried away Mrs. Weller's watch and the savings of the children, amounting to several dollars in money.

Two Killed, Seven Injured.

A premature explosion occurred at a rock cut half a mile south of Kalama, Wash., on the Washington & Oregon road, killing two men and injuring seven others.

# STATE WILL BUILD

Contracts for Material and Will Use Convict Labor.

IMPOSSIBLE TO SECURE BIDS ON JOB

Contractors Shy About Presenting Figures and no Other Resource Left the Board But to Contract For Material—Other News and Items.

Failing to secure bids on the construction of an administration building at the penitentiary the board of public lands and buildings has decided to buy material and erect the building with the aid of convict labor. Contractors for building material were awarded at a recent meeting of the board. It is believed by the board that the structure can be erected with the funds available.

The legislature appropriated only \$75,000 for the building and the purchase of new cells, both of which were rendered necessary on account of a fire which destroyed the west cell house and the old administration building. Sixty cells have been bought by the board at a cost of \$18,000, leaving \$57,000 available for a building.

After the material is delivered on the ground the work of placing it into the building will be done chiefly by convict labor under the direction of a superintendent. R. W. Grant of Beatrice, the architect whose plans have been adopted, has been authorized by the board to select a superintendent.

The stone, metal and fire proofing is to be placed in position by contractors who agree to use convict labor. Two contractors are to pay not less than 50 cents a day, and one is to pay not less than 12 1/2 cents per hour for the labor of convicts.

The contract for stone was let to the Johnson Stone company at \$11,250, the base work at 16 cents a foot, convict labor to be paid for at a rate not less than 50 cents a day. In the light of past experiences with stone for cell houses, the board will endeavor to avoid a controversy over two-man rubble, one-man rubble, stone plugged to size or stone plugged any other way.

Paxton and Vierling are to furnish the metal for \$9,350 and to pay 12 1/2 cents an hour for convict labor.

The fire proofing is to be furnished by the Pioneer Fire Proofing company for \$6,950 and 60 cents a day is to be paid for convict labor.

Theodore Kaar of Lincoln is to furnish and delivered at the penitentiary for 67 cents a yard.

The cost of the stone, iron and fire proofing according to the bids is 27,740, not counting the cost of the sand and the base work at 16 cents a foot. By utilizing convict labor the board hopes to serve a double purpose, that of saving money for the state and furnishing employment for idle convicts.

# BUILDS A FUNERAL PYRE

An Educated Indian Kills His Squaw and Then Himself.

According to a special from Albuquerque, N. M., Tom McCormick, a Wallapai Indian, shot and killed his squaw. He then built a fire and placed the dead body upon it, after which he shot himself dead into the fire. McCormick, who was an educated Indian, objected to the guardianship of an Indian agent, claiming he was a free American citizen. He resisted when attempts were made to arrest him for drunkenness and while enraged at the officers killed his squaw and himself.

It is understood at Albuquerque that the Wallapai Indians are in an angry mood on account of the murder and suicide, laying the crime to mistreatment of the Indians by the whites, and it may cause trouble.

# GETS LAND BY CONNIVANCE

A Suit Begun Against Senator Clark of Montana.

At Helena, Mont., United States District Attorney Rogers began an action in the federal court against United States Senator W. A. Clark, in which the government seeks to have set aside patents for about 10,000 acres of valuable timber now in control of the senator. The government claims that the lands were taken within the last three years under the timber and stone act by persons who, contrary to law, filed on them for speculative purposes and knowing that they expected to dispose of them to Senator Clark or his agents. The lands involved are located principally in Missoula county and are all on the west side of the main range.

Soldiers From Philippines.

The transport Grant has arrived at San Francisco from Manila with the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth volunteers. The regiments are colored and were recruited in the south. There were seventy-six cabin passengers on the Grant, mostly army officers at liberty on furlough. The Fortieth infantry has been mustered out.

Consolidate the Plants.

A big business consolidation has been effected at Sioux City, Ia., by which the Sioux City Gas company and the Sioux City Electric company have been consolidated, with a capital stock of \$1,500,000. The incorporators are Sioux City men.

Torpedo Boats Collide.

In the fleet maneuvers off the island of Tsushima, near Yokohama, three Japanese torpedo boats collided. It is reported that one sank and several men were drowned.

# BYRON CHEVRONT DEAD

Ran Over By Rock Island Train at Midnight Monday Night.

Rock Island train No. 90, a north-bound freight, ran over the body of Byron Chevront in the Rock Island yards at Lincoln, Neb., Monday night. The body was found after the train had passed by trainmen who went back to see what the train had struck. The police were notified. Sergeant Snell was sent to call Coroner Graham and the two went to the scene of the tragedy. No sooner had Sergeant Snell looked at the man than he recognized in the mangled feature the body of Chevront. The body was picked up and taken to the morgue.

Coroner Graham declared that Chevront was dead when the train struck him, as the wounds made by the train did not bleed much.

There seems to be some mystery about Chevront's death. He had been seen drunk. It is not known whether he went to sleep on the track, or whether he was slugged and placed on the track to cover up the crime. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cross, nearby the scene of the tragedy, say that shortly after 11:30 a hack drove up close to the track, that a quarrel seemed to be taking place, and that after being there about ten minutes the hack drove away. Further investigation may shed light on what is now considered either an accidental death or a murder.

Turn the Hose on Workmen.

Because a section gang on the Baltimore & Ohio tore up a newly paved street at North Baltimore, O., a general riot followed. A mob of about 200 men, comprising many merchants and prominent people, charged the workmen and drove them from the streets, pelting them with stones and clubs. A guard was left, but in a short time the workmen again went to work. "This time the citizens forced issues, pulled the village fire engine to the scene and played several streams of water on the workmen. A renewal of hostilities is promised if the railroad insists on laying its tracks on the forbidden ground.

Fate Ran on Bag Time Music.

The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran of the Missouri synods adopted resolutions at Milwaukee prohibiting any of its members from taking part in any public entertainment where "rag-time" music is played. The Missouri synods embrace the greater part of the United States. An effort will be made to have other districts throughout the synods follow the course adopted by the Wisconsin district.

Appoints Mr. Ludden.

Governor Savage has appointed Rev. L. P. Ludden of Lincoln, Neb., as a member of the state board of education to succeed Joseph E. McMaster of Tecumseh. The appointment is for a term of five years and takes effect in July or August. Mr. Ludden has long been active in educational work, especially in the affairs of the state educational association. He has been a member of the board of education of the city of Lincoln for many years.

Banchman Reported Dying.

Via Bassett, Neb., word has been received that Wm. Reynolds, a ranchman living fifteen miles northwest of Springview, was dying from the effects of a ounce dose of laudanum. No details are obtainable. Mr. Reynolds has a wife and five children.

Salesman Cuts His Throat.

At Luddington, Mich., after unsuccessful attempts to end his life with a razor, John Haller nearly severed his head from his body. He had been employed as traveling salesman for C. L. Benson, a Chicago fish dealer, and leaves a wife and one child. Deceased was a Mason.

Mrs. Funston Returns.

The transport Logan arrived recently at San Francisco from Manila with the Forty-fourth volunteers and six companies of the Thirty-eight; also a number of passengers, including Mrs. Funston. There were two deaths among the troops during the voyage.

Musham is Fire Chief.

After forty years of service in the Chicago fire department William H. Musham has become its chief. His promotion from first assistant fire marshal to marshal was given him when Mayor Harrison sent his name to the council and his appointment to succeed Dennis Sweney was confirmed.

Maniac Kills Mother.

Rolla Spears of Wayne, Mich., who has been afflicted with spells of insanity for three years, assaulted his mother, Mrs. Magginnon, who resides on a farm, with a knife, cutting her badly. The woman died later. Spears was found wandering in the woods and taken to the asylum.

Finds Evidence of Crime.

A farmer near Crook City, B. D., unearthed the body of an unknown man in the bottom of Whitewood creek who had evidently been murdered. His head had been crushed in and his body horribly mutilated. Nothing is known of the crime.

Engaged by Maurice Giran.

A London dispatch says: In consequence of his success at Covent Garden Saturday night, when he made his debut, the Italian tenor De Marchi has been engaged by Maurice Giran for the forthcoming opera season in the United States.

Passenger Jumps Overboard.

The captain of the anchor line steamer Furnessia from New York, B. D., which has arrived at Glasgow, reports that Richard Walke, a lawyer of West Virginia, jumped overboard June 20, and was drowned.