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DOZENS ADDED TO THE LIST OF VICTIMS OF TEXAS RIVER FLOODS

Thirty-Seven Negroes and Mexican Believed to Have Perished Near Navasota and Welborn.

SEVERAL PLANTERS ARE MISSING

Two Seen on Barn Roof Floating Down Stream, Signaling for Aid.

KNOWN DEAD FIFTY-THREE

Scores of Others Reported to Have Lost Their Lives in Waters.

DAMAGE ABOUT FOUR MILLIONS

Rescuers in Boat Find Man and Woman in Treetop, Where They Had Been for Twenty-Four Hours.

BULLETIN.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 7.—Fifty persons, mostly negroes, are reported to have been drowned at Sunnyside, a small town on the lower Brazos river, according to a long distance telephone message received here tonight. The message said between 400 and 500 persons were marooned on a small mound at San Felipe and were in great danger. A special train loaded with motorboats was dispatched from Houston to rescue them.

WELBORN, Tex., Dec. 7.—The flood in the Brazos river now is concentrating at Navasota, at the junction of that stream and its tributary, the Little Brazos. On the Allen plantation near Navasota, twelve negroes and one Mexican are said to have been drowned today. Twenty-five negroes are reported to have lost their lives on the John Parker plantation on the main stream, near Welborn, today. Several planters are missing in this vicinity.

The Parker plantation dwellings, which housed 100 families and their homes for a stretch of a mile have been swept away. How many persons were rescued is in doubt, but it is believed at least twenty-five were drowned. Parker himself was with John Gordon, another planter, on the roof of a barn floating down the stream. They frantically signalled for aid, but no boats were at hand to rescue them.

Tonight fifty persons, both whites and negroes, were marooned in a gin house on an island at Horseshoe Bend, the most dangerous part of the river. At Kobe bridge, a hamlet, 300 refugees, mostly negroes, also were sheltered in a gin house. High winds and waves prevented rescuers approaching their refuge.

Fifty-Three Known to Be Dead.

BRYAN, Tex., Dec. 7.—Fifty-three persons are known to be dead and scores of others are reported to have lost their lives in the floods which have been sweeping the valleys of the Brazos and Trinity rivers in central and southern central Texas since early in the week. Three thousand persons have been driven to the upper floors of their homes by rising waters, or have been compelled to seek refuge in trees, where they remained for hours, in some cases for two days before being rescued. Estimates of the damage generally center around $4,000,000.

One of the deepest overflows was in the Brazos bottoms of this section, where boatmen reported no houses visible when they made their final trips before dark this evening. The floods in both rivers tonight were beginning to pass out into the gulf through the last 100 miles of their courses. In the remaining territory there were few important towns, but additional drownings in remote settlements are feared. A number of towns which had been isolated for two days reported today, each telling of property loss over wide areas, but of few drownings. The Colorado river also is adding to the trouble of the Texas flood situation.

Water Near Top of Levee.

At Alleyton, a small town on the lower Colorado, the water tonight was three feet deep over the highest elevation. Bay City, twenty-five miles from the

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Introduces Bryan as "Next President of United States"

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 7.—When former Congressman L. Irving Handy of Delaware introduced Secretary of State William J. Bryan to the guests at the annual dinner of the Sons of Delaware here last night as "the next president of the United States," Mr. Bryan told the diners he hoped they would not treasure up against Mr. Handy, the "political indiscretion" he had just committed.

"He means well," Mr. Bryan said, "and it only indicates how a habit he learned seventeen years ago becomes fixed."

The Weather

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

6 a. m.	21
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7 a. m.	22
8 a. m.	20
9 a. m.	22
10 a. m.	23
11 a. m.	23
12 m.	25
1 p. m.	26
2 p. m.	27
3 p. m.	28
4 p. m.	28
5 p. m.	27
6 p. m.	26
7 p. m.	26

Comparative Local Record.

	1913.	1912.	1911.	1910.
Highest yesterday	28	42	48	23
Lowest yesterday	20	27	28	15
Mean temperature	24	34	38	19
Precipitation	.00	.00	.00	.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature	30
Deficiency for the day	6
Total excess since March 1	893
Normal precipitation	.02 inch
Deficiency for the day	.02 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	22.53 inches
Deficiency since March 1	5.02 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1912	3.63 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1911	15.25 inches

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

SCANNELL UPHOLDS CHURCH

Bishop of Omaha Diocese Tells of Work of Catholic Church.

SAYS OPPOSITION IS NEEDED

Preaches Pointed Sermon at St. Cecilia's Procathedral Sunday in Reply to Recent Assaults from Outside.

Although without direct reference Bishop Scannell vigorously upheld the position and work of the Catholic church against all assailants and recent assaults in a pointed sermon at St. Cecelias pro cathedral yesterday morning. He insisted that the church needed this opposition to stimulate its devotees to their real mission. The significant parts of his address are as follows:

"Now this world, which is capable of love and hatred and is easily scandalized, is a moral world, that is, it is made up of persons who have certain characteristics in common. They are animated by a common hatred of the church and they have a common end in view, namely, to oppose the church and to bring about its destruction as far as it may be in their power to do so. And they are unceasing in their efforts. They were active on Mount Calvary 2,000 years ago; they organized the pagan persecutions which gave such a glorious army of martyrs to the church; they stirred up schisms and brought about scandals within the church itself, and in every age they have inspired legislation hostile to religion; they have corrupted the literature of the nations and they use it for the moral debasement of the people; they have made the stage their own and from it proclaim to the world their own code of morals; they arrogate to themselves the right to dictate what shall be the customs, fashions and social observances of the day—and as a consequence these things are what they are; they spare no effort to capture the physical sciences and to make them their instruments in subverting Christian truths; and for the attainment of these ends they use any instrument that serves them best—violence, calumny, misrepresentation, ridicule. Disprove one of their charges today, and they will repeat that same charge tomorrow, for they have no honor and no sense of shame.

Do It in Bad Faith.

"Now of these enemies of the Christian name some—the leaders especially—are in bad faith. They know the character of the work in which they are engaged. They have no illusions about that. They are making a living out of it and that is all they care about it. The rest—the great mass—are the victims of ignorance. They think they understand the matter at issue, but when questioned about it they are forced to admit that they have no personal knowledge of it, but that they have been always told that the church is something very bad and ought to be opposed.

"With regard to the first of these classes it would be obviously useless to remonstrate with them. They must be left to time and to the common sense of the public. They are soon seen in their true colors, and then there is peace for a season, until a new generation arises to become in its turn the victim, for a while, of a fresh school of impostors.

"As to the second class, namely, the great mass of those who are called in scriptural language the world, it is plain that they, being in good faith, deserve rather compassion and forbearance than condemnation. Truly, they know not what they do. And when their eyes are opened, as they often are, they become good Christians and most loyal children of holy church.

Opposition Is Unavoidable.

"Now with regard to this whole matter I observe:

"First, this opposition to the church is unavoidable, and springs from the very nature of the opposing forces. It is but an aspect of the struggle that always exists between good and evil. Man's life on earth, whether we like it or not, is, and must continue to be, a warfare.

"I observe in the second place that this warfare, especially when it is most violent and most unjust, should be for us a source of encouragement, because of the words of our Lord: 'All these things they will do to you for My name's sake;' and because it supplies a proof that the church is faithful to its mission, for if it were not the world would not trouble itself very much about it.

"In the third place I observe that this warfare supplies an excellent discipline for ourselves—it keeps us alert, active and on our guard. All life on earth demands a struggle for its continuance and the spiritual life is no exception to the rule. Temporal peace and temporal prosperity mean stagnation in the spiritual order, and stagnation means decay and death. Hence the beatitudes: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.' 'Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.' 'Blessed are ye when they shall revile you, and persecute you, and speak all that is evil against you, untruly, for My sake; be glad and rejoice for your reward is very great in heaven.'

Shines Under Opposition.

"The days of persecution and of gross calumnies are the days in which the church shines forth in its brightest luster; they are the days of great sacrifices and of great virtues; they are the days when many prodigals are led back to the home of their childhood and strangers are captivated by the beauty of God's house and the glory that dwells therein."

In conclusion the bishop laid particular stress upon the opposition of parents, relatives and friends discouraging those that sought religious vocations. This, he said, was wrong, because there is no higher order of employment than that of serving God. He lamented those that could see nothing for the young folks but occupations for worldly emoluments and suggested that instead of turning religiously inclined from becoming priests and nuns that they be rather encouraged, for religion is the foundation for everything good in this world, and this foundation must be upheld as a natural support to the world's fundamental welfare.

Mrs. Gillen.

YORK, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Mrs. Gillen, aged 85 years, died at the family home, twelve miles southwest of York, last night. She was one of the pioneer settlers in this county.

The Conspirators

Whatever they tempt you into buying—buy it NOW. The earlier you shop the better service you get and the more you lighten the shopgirls' holiday burden.

TURNS DELIGHT PRISONERS

McShane's Guests Relieve Tedium with Song and Dance.

NEARLY ALL HOME TALENT

Reddy Burns, Ninety-Day Man, Opens Bill with "Good-Bye Summer, So Long Fall, Hello Winter."

Just to make the prisoners feel at home and perhaps to take their minds off what becomes of 40 cents of the 50-cent jail feed contract, Sheriff Felix McShane Saturday night staged a vaudeville show in the county jail to entertain the prisoners.

The bill was entirely made up of county jail prisoners, except one feature, Lanyon's orchestra, an amateur organization, which donated its services.

Two hundred and fifty men and women, all prisoners, were packed in one of the corridors. At another end the talented prisoners performed.

Reddy Burns, doing ninety days twice, opened the bill with a song, "Goodbye Summer, So Long Fall, Hello Winter."

Floy Young, doing a short "stretch," then demonstrated his ability as a clog dancer and was thunderously applauded.

Mary Doe, who is now completing a thirty-day sojourn for street walking, called for a dark house and the spotlight and sang "You Made Me What I Am Today, I Hope You're Satisfied." As a contrast and to cheer up her audience she next sang "I'm Going Back to Alabam."

Charles Snear, Charles Johnson, Ed Lewis and Paul Kelly, representing various branches of outlawry, formed a quartet and made the court house ring with "Silver Threads Among the Gold."

Ed Lincoln showed a few card tricks and Ducky Hemp and Lincoln put on a tumbling act.

Morris Locke, in for gentlemanly vagrancy, and Irene Bradshaw, who is in because her gentleman friend wouldn't pay her fine, learned the tango before they became McShane's boarders. It was the Social Service board's approved tango and McShane had no objection when they delighted their audience with it.

McShane says the vaudeville entertainment may become a regular institution at the county jail.

San Francisco Wins Victory in Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The Raker bill giving San Francisco water supply and power rights in the Hetch Hetchy valley of the Yosemite National park passed the senate last night, by a vote of forty-three to twenty-five. The bill had previously passed the house in identically the same form and goes at once to the president for signature.

MANUSCRIPT REJECTED, MINISTER HANGS HIMSELF

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 7.—Owing to his inability to have published a pamphlet dealing with the care of poultry, according to Coroner Thomas J. Lynch, Rev. George Engler, minister, hanged himself at his home here tonight. A rope had been tied to a doorknob and thrown over the door, leaving a noose dangling.

Hunger and Thirst Strike Frees Mrs. Pankhurst from Jail

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant suffragette, who was arrested at Plymouth December 4 on her arrival from the United States aboard the steamer Majestic, was released from the Exeter jail at 10 o'clock tonight.

Mrs. Pankhurst began a hunger and thirst strike immediately following her arrest.

SUN BACK ON THE JOB AGAIN

Clouds Break Away and Clear, Cool, Calm Weather Prevails.

TRAINS AGAIN RUN ON SCHEDULE

Temperatures Throughout Nebraska Start Toward the Zero Point, but Soon Turn Upward.

The short spell of winter that hovered over western Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming for three days last week came to an end Sunday morning and the delightful brand of weather that has been general all fall returned.

Temperatures started in yesterday morning at 20 degrees above zero and commenced to move upward as the day advanced. It was the warmest at 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the readings were at 38 above. At 7 o'clock last night the thermometer had dropped two degrees.

In Missouri river territory a high wind from the northwest prevailed most of Sunday, making it slightly disagreeable out of doors.

The railroad trains tied up in the snow blockades in western Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming got out from under the drifts early yesterday, and last night nearly everything passing through the Omaha stations was on time. By this morning regular schedules will be resumed and freight trains will again be started.

Out in the state and through Colorado and Wyoming, according to railroad weather reports, yesterday's temperatures were a little higher than here in the city. The Union Pacific, Burlington and Northwestern, all three operating entirely across Nebraska and into Wyoming, reported temperatures in the western part of this state around 28 to 36 degrees above zero during the day, becoming slightly cooler toward night. Where there was snow it melted enough so that there was no drifting and nothing to interfere with the running of trains.

MISS MAGEE OF CITY MISSION TO HAVE HELP

Increased activities of the Omaha City mission, made possible by its larger quarters, have proved a greater task than Miss Magee alone could handle, so the trustees of the mission have secured W. S. Lorimer, recently a pastor at Plattsmouth, Neb., to help her.

Mr. Lorimer, after putting in two years of post-graduate work at the University of Chicago, studied at the Moody Bible institute and took an active part in the work of the Pacific Garden mission in Chicago.

CALIFORNIA MOOSERS MEET

Repudiate Erstwhile Affiliation with Republican Party.

"FIGHT, FIGHT," SAYS JOHNSON

Executive Fails to Make Expected Announcement as to Probable Candidacy for the Senate.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—From every congressional district of California the progressives of the state met yesterday in party conference, repudiated their one-time affiliation with the republican party, cheered their leader, Governor Hiram W. Johnson, and entered immediately on the business of a temporary organization.

So far as the politics of the state goes, the most important development of the day was the governor's failure to make any declaration of his own intentions.

Earlier in the day the word had gone forth that an important announcement was to be expected at the close of the governor's address. The nature of it could not be forecasted, but presumably it bore on the senatorial situation, as it affects the next candidate of the party for governor.

Two Candidates for Senator.

Francis J. Heney and Chester Rowell of Fresno are both avowed candidates to succeed Senator Perkins, whose term expires next year and who will not be a candidate for re-election. There has been a feeling that this rivalry ought to be composed before it goes to the primaries, and many leaders who feel this way urged Governor Johnson as the strongest man to represent the party nationally.

Opposed to this group was another which argued that Johnson was needed in the state to hold his party together and which was determined to run him for governor again, but when the governor's set speech at the convention was finished and he lowered his voice to conversational tones; when every ear pricked up to catch the expected announcement, there came merely an exhortation to all progressives to stand together and fight hard.

"So far as I know, and I believe it is the truth," said Meyer Lissner of Los Angeles, formerly chairman of the executive committee of the late republican state central committee, "Governor Johnson has not indicated to any person his intentions—whether he will run for senator or governor."

In delivering the oration of the day, Governor Johnson cast aside his notes

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Wives of Farmers Blamed in Part for High Price of Eggs

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 7.—In discussing at their annual convention here yesterday the high price of eggs, members of the American Warehousemen's association placed some of the blame at the door of farmers' wives. It was declared many wives of the farmers do not know the proper method of handling eggs, and further, do not realize the necessity of properly gathering and shipping them.

According to reports made by representatives of forty-five of the largest warehouses in the country there was a shortage of 240,000,000 eggs recorded December 1.

Falls Dead as He Rises to Address Deacons at Lincoln

LINCOLN, Dec. 7.—Deacon Eugene C. Kemmerer of the Baptist church and prominent in the organization had just risen to address a meeting of the deacons over which he was presiding today when he toppled over dead. The occasion was a special prayer service, during which he had shown no indication of being ill. Heart disease was given as the cause of death.

GOVERNOR WRITES VIEWS

Nebraska Executive Tells What He Thinks of Primaries.

HIGH OFFICE BY POPULAR VOTE

Governor, United States Senators and Members of Congress Only and Remainder Chosen at Conventions.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Once more has Governor Morehead found it necessary to correct impressions which have gone out in a public speech made upon important questions. This time he has been criticised for taking a stand against the present primary when President Wilson advocates the cause of the primary. The speech was made at Havelock before a meeting of the Commercial club of that city, and in an effort to correct the impression gained the governor says that he is only opposed to the present primary so far as election of state officers below the governor is concerned. He believes that the governor, United States senators and members of congress should continue to be nominated at the primary and at the same time delegates from each county selected, who would nominate the balance of the state ticket at a state convention. The governor says:

"Before a man is seriously considered for the presidency he is well known to the reading public and, therefore, a voter is able to judge of his qualifications and availability and, in voting, he has information upon which to base his action. The same is generally true of candidates for governor and United States senator; but this is not always true of candidates for minor places on the state ticket. There are very few voters who know more than one or two men on the primary ballot and when they vote for the other candidates they just simply vote in the dark and trust to luck. Under the convention plan, delegates are able to make inquiry about the qualifications and standing of the candidate. They meet him personally at the convention and they are less likely to make a poor nomination than under the primary system as now in use in this state. I would not abolish the primary, but I would modify it so that none but the important officers would be nominated as at present, except that I would use the present method for the nomination of county officers. If our primary plan were so modified that we would nominate a governor, United States senator, members of congress and county officers by direct vote and at the same election each party select delegates to the proper convention to nominate the balance

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SECRETARY ADVISES DISCONTINUING FREE SEED DISTRIBUTION

Houston Recommends Instead Constructive Action in Securing and Placing New Plants.

WOULD REORGANIZE BUREAU

Plan to Carry Out Department's Work in Six Main Groups.

TO PROMOTE CO-ORDINATION

Importance of Good Roads Pointed Out by Report.

WOMEN OF FARM HEARD FROM

Ask that It Be Proved to Men Labor of Writers' Sex Worth Something in Dollars and Cents.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Reorganization of the Department of Agriculture is foreshadowed in Secretary Houston's first annual report presented today to President Wilson. A plan to be submitted to congress in the fiscal estimates for 1915 proposes to carry out the work of the department in five or six main groups, such as research, state relations, rural organization, forest service, weather and regulations, rural organization, forest service, weather and regulation. Such a plan, Secretary Houston believes will promote co-ordination.

Plans for redistricting the country for the enforcement of the pure food law are announced and the secretary announces his intention to ask for authority to prepare amendments to the pure food law, to improve the food supply, protect the public health and promote uniformity in food legislation.

Free distribution of seeds by congressmen should be discontinued, the secretary recommends. He would conduct in its stead a constructive work in securing and distributing new seeds and plants.

Conditions Vary Widely.

Conditions vary widely in the United States, says the report, because farmers do not equally need better credit arrangements and all sections are not similarly circumstanced. It contends that when all necessary allowance has been made for fundamental factors, it is probably clear that the rural communities are not as efficiently served as they should be by existing financial arrangements. The secretary believes there does not appear to be need for unique or special legislation or for legislation which shall aim to give the farmer credit on easier terms than other members of society. What is needed is the creation of conditions and machinery which shall enable him on similar credit foundations to secure money at the same rates as those that prevail for other classes and for other sections.

Good Roads a Need.

"Even though the problem of how the farmer can best sell his produce and can improve the conditions under which he can secure the necessary capital were solved, there would still remain vital things to be accomplished before rural life can be made fully efficient, profitable healthful, pleasurable and attractive, and before a larger disposition to remain on the farm develops. Good roads are pre-requisite for better marketing, for better schools, and for more comfortable rural living. Better sanitation and hygiene in the home, in the school, and in the community are just as vital for the rural community as for the urban," says the report.

"To gain information to enable the department better to serve rural women, the secretary has addressed letters of inquiry to the women of 25,000 selected farms covering every county. Other surveys and studies were also conducted. An analysis of the small part of the letters as yet digested shows that farm women desire assistance in all phases of home management, especially as to ways of securing running water, introducing household power machinery and labor-saving arrangements, and providing better hygenic and sanitary conditions. Many seek advice as to the better marketing of the articles they produce. Others ask the department to prove to the man that their work is worth something in dollars and cents.

Overwork of Women and Children.

"The overwork of women and children and difficulty of securing domestic help are mentioned by a number of the writers. The department believes that intelligent help to women in matters of home management will contribute directly to the agricultural success of the

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When a Man's Married

When a man's married a great many things may happen to him, but one of the best things that can fall to his lot is to have a home wherein The Bee is the family newspaper—the guide, philosopher, and friend of the household.

The Bee will be all of that if given the opportunity. Through its advertising columns it will put pure food and drink on his table; it will place correctly fashioned garments upon his back, a well shaped hat upon his head, good shoes upon his feet; it will tell him how and where to build his house and how to furnish and paint it; it tells him how to save money and how to invest his savings; it points the way in a hundred lines of everyday activity; and, if he will let it, it will be the best all round friend he has, next to his wife.

The best way to be friends with The Bee and its advertising columns it to take it home every day and accept the help it offers you.