

21 PERISH IN FLOOD

SEVEN DEATHS IN OKLAHOMA AND FOURTEEN IN TEXAS.

Great Havoc Wrought by Rain-Swollen Streams—All Railway Lines in Southwest Tied Up by Deluge. Heavy Damage to Crops.

Seven persons are dead, about five hundred are homeless, thousands of acres of lowlands are inundated, hundreds of houses are washed away or damaged, railroad and wagon bridges are gone over a large area of the southern part of Oklahoma, several of the railroad bridges are damaged and the tracks of nearly every railroad company operating in Oklahoma are either washed away entirely or disarranged in those sections visited by the heaviest rains and most disastrous floods.

The dead: William T. Lindley of Anadarko, Tompkins Cheek of Shawnee, W. B. Hallers, wife and child of Frederick, negro, drowned at Guthrie; unknown man, body found floating in Cimarron river, near Guthrie.

Near Davenport, both the Frisco and Katy tracks are washed out. Near El Reno, 800 feet of the Choctaw track are gone. On the Santa Fe, near Guthrie, the tracks were damaged, but have been replaced. The Rock Island, near Apache and near Fort Cobb, has been damaged in the dislocating of bridge vents. The tracks of the Wichita Falls and Northwestern, in the Big Pasture, are unsafe and trains are delayed. The Oklahoma Central has practically abandoned its service.

More than five hundred houses in West Guthrie are submerged. The flood has fallen, but the bottoms are still submerged and water four feet deep is running through the streets. Hundreds are homeless and transportation from one part of the town to another is by means of boats.

Flood Havoc at Dallas, Tex.

Four lives lost, more than a million dollars' worth of property destroyed, 4,000 people rendered homeless and telegraph and telephone wires, west and southwest, put out of commission is the result of a record breaking overflow of the Trinity river at Dallas. The flood passed the record made by the rise in 1866, fifty-two feet. Only one street car line is operating to a part of North Dallas. The waterworks plant is out of commission and the light plant is swamped.

The cresting west of the steel bridge over Trinity river gave way and ten men were thrown into the water in full view of 20,000 spectators. Seven of these men were rescued at great hazard. The names of the three men drowned are unknown.

At Fort Worth ten lives were lost and the property damage is estimated at \$11,000,000. Five thousand persons were driven from their homes, their personal effects and household goods being washed away by the waters.

DENSE FOG IN NEW YORK BAY

Collision Between Two Steamers Throws 300 Passengers Into Panic.

Fogs, which have been sweeping in from the sea for several days, enveloping the eastern seaboard with impenetrable curtains and delaying all shipping, lured two coastwise steamships—the Clyde line steamer Seminole and an unknown steamer—off their course onto the shifting shoals that fringe the Jersey coast, caused a mid-river collision of two steamers in the harbor, which threw over three hundred passengers into a state of panic; generally checked ferryboat service in the harbor and kept two trans-Atlantic liners hugging their anchorage off Sandy Hook.

Over three hundred passengers on the department of charities steamer Thomas S. Brennan, returning from the launching of the steamer Lowell at New Brighton, S. I., were precipitated into a panic when the steamship Maraval loomed up out of a fog bank in the channel off Liberty island and before the steel freighter could swing off her course, crashed into the Brennan and tore a rent in the steamer's side nearly to the water line. Frightened by the shock of the collision and the sound of the splintering timbers, scores of launching parties, many of whom were women, put on life preservers and scrambled to the steamer's rail and leaped to the bow of the Maraval, which remained tightly wedged in the side of the listing Brennan. An examination showed that the Brennan was not shipping any water and the officials assured the passengers that there was no danger. When it was discovered that the Maraval's cutwater had not penetrated below the water line a signal was given and the Maraval backed off, leaving the Brennan to proceed to the Battery, where many of the passengers who had remained aboard were landed.

Omaha Road Must Pay Fine.

The circuit court of appeals has affirmed the conviction and the fines imposed on the Omaha railroad and its general freight agent, H. H. Pearce, in the grain rebate cases tried last year in Minneapolis. The government's contentions in the lower court are sustained in every particular. The railroad was fined \$20,000 and Mr. Pearce \$2,000.

Wealthy St. Louis Man Killed by Bolt.

W. P. Howard, wealthy merchant, was struck and instantly killed by lightning during a heavy electrical and rain storm which swept over St. Louis. Mr. Howard, who was a member of the Glen Echo Golf club, had been playing golf and sought the shelter of a tree when it began to rain. The lightning ran down the tree, killing him instantly.

TRUE BILLS AGAINST LAMPHERE

Charged With Arson, Five Murders and Accessory in Helgelein Murder.

After indicting Ray Lamphere the Laporte grand jury also indicted Mrs. Gunness for the murder of Andrew Helgelein of Mansfield, S. D. No warrant was issued for Mrs. Gunness, as she was declared officially dead by



RAY LAMPHERE.

the verdict of Coroner Mack, but in order to vote a true bill against Lamphere as an accessory in the killing of Helgelein it was necessary to indict Mrs. Gunness as the principal. Lamphere now stands before the bar of justice officially charged with arson, five murders and being an accessory in the Helgelein murder.

In the indictment for arson, it is charged that Lamphere set fire to the dwelling house of Belle Gunness.

The digging resulted in the unearthing of a human skull, which is be-



MRS. BELLE GUNNESS.

lieved to belong to one of the bodies dug up in the chicken yard two weeks ago. At that time three skeletons were found in one hole, but there were only two skulls. Long hair attached to the skull is considered evidence that it is that of a woman.

SIX DEATHS AT HIS DOOR

Indiana Man Principal in Second Murder Sensation.

James Brimmginstall was arrested at Dowagiac, Mich., charged with six murders. The police say he has already confessed to two. His arrest followed an alleged attempt to make his wife his seventh victim. She escaped and appealed to the police. It is probable that Brimmginstall will be held on a charge of murdering David Huff at South Bend, Ind., last June.

The police say he confessed to killing a man in Kansas whom he had a grudge against and was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. After his release he killed a companion and received a sentence of three years.

Brimmginstall is said to have admitted to Prosecuting Attorney Bresnahan that he had killed six men in the west. The reported confession involves the shooting of two brothers named O'Brien in Arizona twenty-three years ago; the shooting of a man from his horse in Arizona twenty-one years ago; the killing of a Missouri Southern railroad conductor with a coupling pin twenty years ago; the killing of a man named Jones in Arizona in a free-for-all fight in 1899, and the shooting into a crowd in Missouri in 1900, without reason, and killing one man.

PLOT TO SELL PUBLIC LAND

Four Men Charged With Making Bogus Deeds to Niobrara Reservation.

An alleged plot to sell land in the United States military reservation at Fort Niobrara, Neb., by means of false deeds and abstracts, and mythical names and characters, was exposed when four real estate dealers were arrested at Indianapolis, Ind. The men arrested are Edward F. Kesler, George T. Voorhees, James N. Newby and Perry F. Carr. The specific charge against the men is that they used the mails to defraud, and entered into a conspiracy to defraud by the use of the mails. Some of the tracts of land sold by the men, it is alleged, have been sold twice. One man bought 160 acres on which the buildings of the military post are situated.

In most cases, it is alleged, it was represented that the Nebraska land was owned by a man named C. Hastings Reid of Polk county, Iowa. In other instances the owner was represented to be Thomas L. Thomas of Polk county, Iowa. It is said there are no such men.

Tornado Sinks Ship Off Africa.

Dispatches from the west coast of Africa announce that the steamer Ville de Bruges has been sunk by a tornado on the upper Congo. Six Europeans and forty-eight blacks were drowned.

RECORD OF CONGRESS

FEW MEASURES ASKED FOR BY PRESIDENT ARE PASSED.

House Passes Campaign Publicity Bill With Amendment Added Providing for Reduction of Representation of Southern States.

A resume of congress' work elicits the interesting fact that there were more important questions presented to and discussed by congress on which the public generally or sections or classes demanded action than ever before in its history. A majority of these were of President Roosevelt's making. Comparatively, the enactments were few. On the other hand, the aggregate of appropriations was great and when the final figures are obtainable it is not doubted that they will exceed those of any previous session in times of peace.

Standing above all questions with which congress dealt was the effort to pass an emergency currency bill. Thrust upon the attention of legislators at the opening of the session by a financial depression that had not fully subsided, it was the first big question to be considered. Likewise, it was the hardest to meet, and it did more to delay adjournment than any other. The senate and house failed to agree, with the result that a commission of senators and representatives in congress, whose duty it is to study the subject and report at the next session, was the alternative adopted.

Labor Legislation.

Numerous bills affecting labor were considered by both the senate and the house. It is conceded that more legislation would have resulted had it not been for the pending national election. The elections placed the majority in a delicate situation, a fact not overlooked by the Democrats in the house, who further complicated the Republicans' position by a filibuster to compel the passage of measures demanded by President Roosevelt and opposed by a majority of the Republicans in both branches of congress. Out of this condition of affairs was steered a new employers' liability law to take the place of that declared unconstitutional by the supreme court and there is pending a bill providing for the compensation of government employees in hazardous occupations who are injured in line of duty. Other matters of equal or greater importance to organized labor failed. These include an anti-injunction law, with a provision for the exemption of organized labor from the treble penalty clause of the Sherman anti-trust law, and other amendments to relieve labor unions from the operations of this law.

Authority to name a tariff commission and to appoint experts to gather data, with a view to the revision of the tariff at the next session, was strongly advocated. As a result resolutions were adopted in the senate authorizing the committee on finance and in the house authorizing the committee on ways and means to conduct individual investigations.

A substantial victory for the interstate commerce commission was won in the appropriation of \$350,000 for the establishment of a statistical and accounting division of the commission, which was opposed by Chairman Tawney of the house committee on appropriations.

No Dated Meat This Session.

The open session of the senate was concluded with an extended debate on the power of congress to regulate interstate and foreign commerce and a negative vote, 23 to 32, was taken on a motion to adopt the Foraker substitute for the interstate commerce commission resolution extending the time when the penalty provision of the commodity clause of the Hepburn railroad rate law is to take effect. The Foraker substitute provided that the prohibition against railroads transporting across state lines coal or other articles produced by them shall apply only to property acquired since the passage of the Hepburn rate bill, May 29, 1906. The committee resolution applied to all products without limitation concerning the time of ownership. After the substitute was lost and before a vote on the committee resolution was called for Aldrich moved that the senate go into executive session. The bill to place the date of canning meat products upon packages was discussed briefly, as was the omnibus claims bill, but both were displaced.

House Objects to Ship Subsidy.

Practically all hope of a ship subsidy was abandoned when the house, by a vote of 145 to 156, rejected the conference report on the postoffice appropriation bill containing a provision therefor, and on which the principal fight was made. The bill was sent back to conference, and there is now little prospect that the house conferees will yield to the senate.

By a strict party vote of 160 to 125 a campaign contribution publicity bill, with amendment providing for a reduction of representation in the house of the southern states, was passed. The Democrats voted against the bill because of the amendment.

Wilson Confers With Meat Inspectors.

Secretary Wilson arrived in Chicago for the purpose of opening a conference on education and instruction in connection with the enforcement of the new meat inspection laws. The conference will continue for three days. Secretary Wilson said that its purpose was to educate the inspectors throughout the middle west on the requirements of the law in view of securing a more rigid enforcement of its provisions. More than 100 inspectors are expected to attend the conference.

INSANE MAN STABS PRIEST

Father Lubeley of Salisbury, Mo., Is Perhaps Fatally Wounded.

Father Joseph F. Lubeley, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church of Salisbury, was stabbed twice with a pocket-knife and, perhaps, fatally injured in church by Joseph Schuette, a prosperous farmer living near there, who is believed to have become suddenly demented. The stabbing occurred in view of 400 worshippers, many of them women. The injured man was taken to a nearby residence, where his wounds were attended to by physicians. His condition is critical.

Immediately after Father Lubeley had finished high mass, he started to leave the church. At the door he was rushed upon suddenly from behind by Schuette, who stabbed him twice, felling him. The first blow from the knife struck the priest in the temple and the second cut a deep gash in the neck, just missing the jugular vein. The crazed man was about to stab the priest a third time when Mrs. Barbara Ginter and John Gates, both members of the church, caught his uplifted hand. In the struggle which followed, Schuette stabbed Mrs. Ginter in the hand and inflicted a painful cut on Gates' arm. A dozen men came to the aid of Mrs. Ginter and Mr. Gates and overpowered Schuette. Struggling and fighting, he was taken to jail.

It is believed Schuette, who has been a devout member of St. Joseph's church, became suddenly deranged, and the attempt on Father Lubeley's life resulted.

Another version of the attempted assassination is that Father Lubeley had publicly reprimanded Schuette for attacking a member of the congregation last Saturday.

During the services Schuette sat in the rear of the church. It is said he glared constantly at the priest as if in great rage.

COURT FINDS THAW INSANE

Decision Given Under Which He Must Stay in Asylum.

Harry Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, will not be released from the lunatic asylum. This is the decision reached by Justice Morschauser of the supreme court in an opinion filed in the matter of Thaw's application for release on a writ of habeas corpus at Poughkeepsie.

Both points brought up by Thaw's attorneys are decided against him. The justice declares that Thaw is now insane and should not be allowed at large, and he further declares that the commitment to the lunatic asylum by Justice Dowling after the last trial of the case was entirely legal.

Harry K. Thaw gave out a statement, in which he sought to make clear his point that the district attorney's "hot air" fooled the newspapers into giving more attention to points adverse to him than those favorable to his case. The introductory paragraph in Thaw's statement says:

"This is my first statement since the day before Christmas." Thaw then goes on to say that the last evening of court he was called to the stand just when the stenographer's hour was up and sometime before the new stenographer entered the room. Meanwhile two of the flashlights were exploded within twelve feet of him, which was probably what appeared to make him nervous.

TRY TO ROB BANK MESSENGERS

Trio of New York Thugs Fail to Make \$43,000 Maul.

In one of the densely populated portions of New York city, three thugs made a daring attempt to hold up and rob a trio of bank messengers as they were carrying \$43,000 in cash from one of the bank's branches to its main building. Black pepper was showered on the messengers, one of them was hit with a blackjack and another slashed with a knife in the desperate effort of their assailants to seize the money and escape with it before the arrival of assistance. That they failed to get clear with the valises filled with coin and bills which the bank employees were carrying was due to the stubbornness with which the messengers resisted the attack and to the bravery of a young Polish waitress in a nearby restaurant, who so impeded and delayed the leader of the attacking trio that he fell an easy victim to two policemen who came running to the rescue. He gave his name as Casimo Riccobona.

NEW WORKING SCALE SIGNED

Operators and Miners in Southwestern Field Definitely Come to Terms.

The southwestern coal miners and operators met at Kansas City and signed the working scale and agreement governing conditions in the mines for two years to come. The terms are practically the same as existed last year. The signing has the effect of sending 35,000 coal miners of Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas fields back to work, and in anticipation of the final closing of the controversy many miners were prepared to begin work today.

Bankers to Meet in Denver Sept. 27.

The meeting of the American Bankers' association will be held in Denver during the week beginning Sept. 27. The date was decided upon by Frederick C. Farnsworth of New York, secretary of the association, after a conference with officers of the Deaver Convention league.

Editor Indicted for Robbery.

Fred Tracy, editor of the Beaver Herald, and one of the best known politicians in Oklahoma, was indicted by the federal grand jury for robbing the postoffice at Beaver City. The postoffice safe was broken open by dynamite. The postoffice is located in Mr. Tracy's store.

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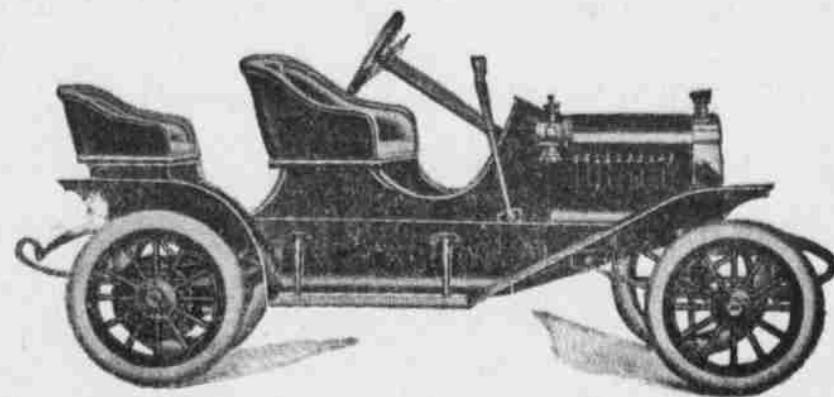
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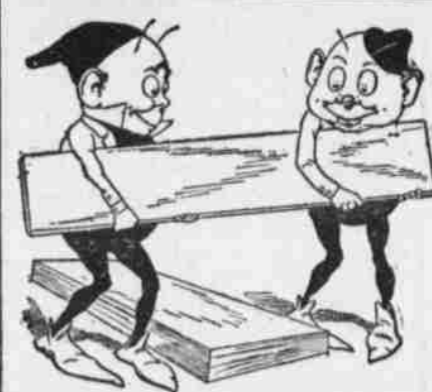
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