

SWEEP BY FLOOD

City of Cleveland Devastated by Rushing Waters.

A CLOUDBURST IN THE NIGHT TIME

Residence Streets Quickly Become a Torrent—Many Houses Undermined—Helpless Inmates Penned in and Panic-Stricken—Loss Heavy.

A Cleveland, O., dispatch says: With the breaking of dawn Sunday morning the citizens of Cleveland awoke to look upon a scene of unparalleled devastation and destruction caused by a raging flood. While the entire city was more or less affected, the great volume of raging water vented its anger over miles of the eastern portion of the city and caused an amount of damage approximately estimated at \$1,000,000.

The appalling overflow was caused by a terrific rain that commenced to fall shortly after 2 o'clock in the night, turned into a perfect cloudburst between the hours of 3 and 5, and then continued with great force. The storm, according to the weather officials, was the heaviest that swept over Cleveland since the establishment of the government weather bureau there over forty years ago.

That no lives were lost is scarcely short of a miracle. The surging waters spread over an area in the east end nearly eight miles long and a mile and a half wide. This extended from Woodland Hills avenue to East Cleveland and back to East Madison avenue.

Many Houses Undermined. Great volumes of water poured over from Dean and Giddings brooks down Quincy street, swamped Vienna street, rushed over Cedar avenue, back to East Prospect street, swept like a mill race down Lincoln avenue to Euclid avenue and then on to Glen Park place, where houses were undermined as though built of straw and almost incalculable damage done to streets and property.

Over a large share of this exclusive residence territory the water rushed with terrific force, varying in depth from one to six feet. Culverts, trestles and bridges were torn down and for hours nothing seemed capable of stemming the tide of destruction. Hundreds of residents who were imprisoned in their beautiful homes like stranded islanders were almost panic-stricken, expecting to be called upon to wade out into the swirling waters at almost any minute. Danger signals were flashed about the city as speedily as the disabled telephone system would allow and the rescue work commenced. Row boats plied back and forth assisting whole families from perilous positions, but these proved pitifully inadequate, and it was soon found necessary to resort to the precaution of calling on the life-saving crew from the river, a distance of seven miles.

The life-boats were quickly loaded on wagons and hurried to the scene of destruction. KIDNAPPERS DEMAND MONEY Threaten to Abduct Son of Wealthy Yankton Man. S. S. Groom, a prominent citizen and clothier of this city, has received a note poorly written and full of misspelled words, demanding \$500 of him and ending with a threat to abduct his ten-year-old son if he does not comply. The writer of the note demands him to place \$500 in a cave one mile west of town by Sunday evening. Mr. Groom says he will pay no attention to the note.

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Three Lynchers Convicted.

The jury in the cases of John Strength and Martin Fuller, at Wetumpka, Ala., charged with having participated in the lynching of Robert White, a negro, returned a verdict of murder in the second degree, and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. This makes three convictions in these cases, Geo. Howard having been sentenced to life imprisonment.

Root Has an Abscess.

Secretary of War Root is at his residence in New York suffering from an abscess.

His physicians say the abscess is in no danger, and that no operation will be necessary. Mrs. Root said that her husband needed a little rest, and that they would go to Southampton, L. I., for a few days.

Injuries Result in Death.

Injuries received by being thrown from a buggy at Plattsmouth, Neb., resulted in the death of Hon. John P. Buck, a pioneer Cass county farmer. Mr. Buck and wife and their granddaughter were on their way to the old settlers' reunion when the team became frightened and ran away, throwing the occupants out of the vehicle. Mr. Buck was rendered unconscious by the fall and he died several hours later. His wife and granddaughter escaped with only slight bruises. The deceased was eighty years old.

WILL NEVER BE CONVICTED

J. J. Kunkel, Charged With Murder, Dies Suddenly.

J. J. Kunkel, a German merchant, who was the principal in a sensational murder trial at Lawrence, Kan., in 1889, died in Lawrence recently. He was tried and acquitted on the charge of poisoning his second wife.

The case was fought stubbornly by both sides, and the state endeavored to show that the prisoner was responsible also for the death of his first wife, of his second wife's daughter and of his own crippled son, all of whom had met death at different times suddenly and in a mysterious manner. Kunkel was apparently in good health. He was taken suddenly ill on the street, and died as soon as he reached home.

ENDS HIS LIFE

Fourteen-Year-old Boy at Geneva Swallows Carbolic Acid.

Roy Van Cleve, a boy fourteen years old, the only son of Mrs. Van Cleve, matron of the girls' industrial school at Geneva, Neb., committed suicide at the home of his aunt, Mrs. J. S. Gapes, three miles southwest of Geneva, by swallowing a quantity of carbolic acid.

Letters written at 3 o'clock the day before the commission of the deed indicated his intention to do the deed. He went into an empty corn crib, wrote a note telling where the letters could be found, and then took the poison. When found, shortly after, he was in a dying condition and expired before his mother and the physician arrived.

He was a bright, intelligent boy, but it is not possible that he had any conception of the horror of the act he committed. His dread of starting to school in a strange place is about the only known cause for the deed.

MANY PRAIRIE CHICKENS

More in Western Kansas Than for Many Years.

According to reports received at Salina, Kan., from several points in the western part of the state more prairie chickens will be found this year than in any years past. This is the almost universal opinion expressed by correspondents throughout the west.

The reason advanced in the majority of instances for the presence of the large number of chickens is that the extreme dry weather of the present summer has been conducive to the breeding of the birds. Hunting parties are quite frequent in that section.

RANCHERS MAY RESIST

They are Given Notice to Quit Company Land in Arizona.

Forty-three ranchers and all the residents of the town of Fairbanks, Ariz., in the San Pedro Valley, have been notified to leave their homes, which are on the Bouquillas Spanish land grant. The land recently came into the possession of a large cattle company and will be fenced in as soon as the settlers can be ejected. One rancher has built a fort and proposes to stand off the company cowboys, who will be engaged in clearing the land of ranchers and their improvements. The grant embraces 17,355 acres.

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Find Man at the Wheel.

The navy department has succeeded by means of its notice to the press in learning the whereabouts of Gustaf E. Claeson, who was the man at the wheel on the Texas in the battle of Santiago. Captain Lemley, the judge advocate in the Schley court of inquiry, received a telephone message from a resident of Washington, giving him Claeson's address in the United States, which, however, was not made public.

Highest for Seven Years

The highest price paid for hogs during the past seven years was recorded on the Sioux City market Friday, the figure being \$6.25.

Phillips Begins Again.

The secretary of state has issued articles of incorporation to the George H. Phillips Grain company of Chicago, Ill., with a capital stock of \$500,000. The incorporators are George Phillips, the late "corn king," Jacob Ringer and William Wihart, all of Chicago.

Czar Sails for Denmark.

A St. Petersburg dispatch says: The czar, the zarina and the imperial children sailed for Copenhagen. They will remain a few days in Denmark before proceeding to Kiel.

UNABLE TO FINISH

The Second Race of American Yachts a Failure.

WIND DIES OUT AND TIME EXPIRES.

Columbia Shows Up the Best and Runs Away From Constitution When—over Wind Freshens Up—Lipton Present.

A Newport, R. I., dispatch says the second official trial race of the Columbia and the Constitution practically had no result. The yachts, for lack of wind, were unable to finish within the time limit of five and one-half hours.

At 6:30 in the evening the contest came to an inglorious conclusion, two miles to the eastward of Brenton's reef lights. At that time the Columbia led by a good quarter of a mile. The course was triangular, ten nautical miles to a leg, the first being a beat windward, east by south, the second a reach with the wind about abeam, and the third a run before the wind, which hauled to make it another stretch with the wind abeam until the race was declared off.

Sir Thomas Lipton and his friends watched the race with eager interest from the bridge of the steam yacht Erin. Nothing noteworthy occurred in the race until the second mark was rounded by the boats, the Columbia leading by a margin of four and one-half minutes. Almost a flat calm prevailed for nearly twenty minutes. The Constitution was showing marvelous ability as a drifter. The Columbia set her spinnaker, but the wind hauling, took it in again after a few moments. The Constitution lowered her spinnaker pole, but did not set the sail. Under her balloon jib top sail she crawled up very slowly and passed the Columbia. The wind came a little fresher and the Constitution increased her lead. It freshened still more, when Columbia luffed out and passed the Constitution with singular rapidity and was a quarter of a mile in the lead when the time limit was up.

ACCUSED OF CAUSING RIOT

Mrs. Nation Arrested at New York But Released.

A New York dispatch says: Mrs. Carrie Nation, who arrived in this city recently, was arrested at Twenty-eighth street and Eighth avenue, charged with "raising a crowd and creating a riot." She was released, however, upon the assurance of her escort that she would go directly to her hotel. Before being arrested Mrs. Nation entered three saloons and two concert halls, and in strong language lectured the bartenders and the persons gathered in the different resorts. A crowd followed her from place to place, constantly growing larger and more boisterous, and finally the police interfered and arrested Mrs. Nation.

Disapprove Boycott.

At Omaha, Neb., the central labor union recently declared a boycott upon the Ak-Sar Ben festivities because non-union labor was employed constructing the booths and pavilions that are to be used. The local typographical union held a meeting and resolved that while not liking it because non-union men were employed still it was against policy to boycott a public enterprise of this character. If any boycotting is done it should be against the persons directly responsible for the employment of non-union men.

Burns to Death in Hotel.

The destruction of the Hotel McKee at Pittsburg, Pa., a frame structure, resulted in the death of Harry McKee, a boy; injuries to four others, and the narrow escape of many more. McKee was burned to death. The injured were: Pella Campbell, John M. Gray, Harry Mardis, Harry McQuaver, and Mary Woloshu. Miss Campbell will probably die. The fire was caused by the explosion of a gasoline stove, which Miss Campbell attempted to light. The injured were all employees.

MacArthur at Washington.

A Washington dispatch says: Maj. General MacArthur, who formerly was in command of the American forces in the Philippines, has reached Washington. He was accompanied by Capt. T. Q. Ashburn, his aide-de-camp. General MacArthur's stay in Washington will be brief, as after formally reporting to the war department officials he will leave for a call on Secretary Root in New York and then will return west.

Charged With Bootlegging.

United States Deputy Marshal Moore brought before Commissioner Bode of Grand Island, Neb., one, Eli Warner on the charge of bootlegging. At the hearing the prisoner was bound over to the United States district court at Omaha and in default of the \$500 bond was taken to that city for safe keeping. He was operating at Nelson.

An Editor Badly Beaten.

C. Miller, editor of the Cuming County Democrat at West Point, Neb., was badly beaten by a young law student, Charles Neary. Miller's teeth were knocked out, his nose broken and both his eyes blackened. Miller was having a political discussion with Jim Conlin in the Green Tree hotel and Neary took a hand with disastrous results to Miller. Neary was arrested and released on bond. The encounter stirred up considerable excitement and there was talk of dealing harshly with the young man.

HASTINGS BOILER BURSTS

Explosion in Machine Shop Partially Weeks Building.

A dispatch from Hastings, Neb., says: A two and one-half horse power boiler in Buneingren's machine shop exploded with a terrific report that was heard all over town. No lives were lost. Mr. Buneingren had been using the boiler without a safety valve and at too high a pressure and it exploded. A portion of the boiler went through the west side of the building cutting the studding and springing the whole side of the building. Other portions went through the west side and the plate glass front was blown out and the engine left a wreck. Mr. Buneingren and another man who were standing in front of the shop were lifted off their feet, but were unhurt. The damage is \$300, with no insurance.

A BOX OF POISONED CANDY

Wealthy Woman of Black Hills Narrowly Escapes Death.

Mrs. Ella Vener, a well known lady residing near Whitewood, S. D., recently took to raise a little girl, a daughter of a waitress in Deadwood, named Priest. She promised her accepted child all her property when she died. The mother, working hard in Deadwood, is charged, purchased a box of candy and a bottle of strychnine and mixed the two pretty well and sent the box to her daughter with instructions not to eat any of it herself but to give it to Mrs. Vener which was done. Some of the candy was eaten by the woman and she was very badly poisoned, but will live. Mrs. Priest has been arrested.

FATAL AFFRAY AT A SOCIAL

Quarrel Between Women Terminates in Murder.

A Picketon, O., dispatch says: Israel M. McCallister is dead and John B. Cutlip and McClelland Nance are in jail as the sequel to a social given at Salt Creek, recently. Miss Stella McClelland and Sallie Cutlip engaged in a dispute and while McClelland was endeavoring to separate them he was stabbed from behind and expired almost instantly. Nance is alleged to have beaten the dying man with a club. A terrible scene followed, during which knives and revolvers were drawn and women fainting. Excitement is still high and more blood may flow as it is said a mob will take the matter in hand when it has been definitely settled who committed the murder.

Child Run Over by Dray.

A little son of Carl Spronze, just old enough to run out of doors, was run over by Bennett's dray at Callaway, Neb. The child was playing outside when the dray passed by at a good speed, and the little one ran in front and was knocked down and one of the wheels passed over it, injuring it quite severely, if not fatally. The father of the child committed suicide two years ago.

Fairfield Woman Burned.

Mrs. Henry Hall was probably fatally burned at Fairfield, Neb., by the explosion of a gasoline lamp which she was filling in her husband's store. Mrs. Preston was also badly burned and a young man named Norris was burned about the back and legs. The store caught fire, but the blaze was extinguished.

Two Dead—Two Burned.

At Albany, N. Y., a frightful fate befell the family of Wilbur Alexander, a contractor. A naphtha lamp exploded on the Hudson river at the "Abbey," a mile and a half below Albany, killing Mrs. Alexander and her little daughter and burning Wilbur Alexander and his son, Wilbur Alexander, Jr., in a horrible manner.

Expert Swimmer Drowned.

George Belcher of Brooklyn, New York, well known as an expert and fancy swimmer, was drowned in Broad Channel, at Rockaway beach. He was giving an exhibition in deep water of how a swimmer could carry a person on his back, and his daughter, Eva was the one he carried.

Brings Cargo of Sealskins.

The steamer Homer has arrived at San Francisco from the Pribiloff islands with 29,912 sealskins, a large number of foxskins and a quantity of walrusbone. The catch of seals is reported as small.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Warden Davis, of the Nebraska state penitentiary is sick with typhoid fever.

A dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela, says that war is imminent between that power and Colombia.

The strike of the brewers at the Fremont Brewery, declared last Friday is off, the men having gone back to work.

Articles of incorporation of the Valentine State bank have been filed. The new bank will have a capital stock of \$25,000.

At Munson, Pa., Emanuel Rinas, a German miner, was blown to atoms by an explosion of powder which had ignited from his pipe.

Rev. J. W. Swan and wife of Wymore were tendered a reception by the members of St. M. E. church. Rev. Swan has accepted a call to Omaha.

During a thunder storm at Altoona, Pa., a party of golf players took refuge in a building. Lightning struck it and D. D. Marks, aged 23, was killed.

Late reports from the wreck which occurred on the Great Northern forty miles east of Kalispell, Mont., indicate that the wreck was the worst in the history of the road. Thirty-four lives have been lost and ten were injured, at least three of whom will die.

TO AVERT WAR

President McKinley Tenders His Good Offices.

WRITES TO SPUNKY NEIGHBORS

Urges Colombia and Venezuela to Settle Their Differences—Deplores Disposition of Quarrel—Answers are Received—Contents Unknown.

It has been ascertained that on August 24, during Secretary Hay's recent visit to Washington, a telegraphic message was sent to the ministers at Caracas and Bogota, directing them to inform the foreign secretaries of Venezuela and Colombia of the distress with which the president had heard of the likelihood of a disturbance between those two republics.

Adverting to the responsibility of the United States being exerted to compose the pending questions, the ministers have directed to say that, while the relations of this government with both nations are equally intimate and friendly and every opportunity is taken to show the good will we bear them, an offer of the president's kindly offices to arrange any differences which may exist between Colombia and Venezuela would be ineffective without the acquiescence of both. Nevertheless, inspired by the sentiments which are common to all the governments of the American republics, the United States would sincerely deplore a breach of the amicable relations that at this time happily exist between the sister nations of the western world, and would especially regret any action by either of them which might menace the security of transit across the isthmus of the neutrality of its territory and thereby constrain the government of the United States to consider its responsibilities and functions under existing treaty engagements with Colombia.

The text of Mr. Hay's telegram has not been made public. It is understood that an acknowledgment of its receipt has been made by the Venezuelan government, but its purport has not been made known, although it is said to be friendly in tone, and while charging invasion by Colombian forces on the Venezuelan border and referring to the temporary suspension of diplomatic intercourse which has occurred, the way appears to be open for explanations. Venezuela has not declared war against Colombia. No acknowledgment has been received from Bogota, but this is supposed to be due to the reported delays in telegraphic communication between Bogota and the coast stations.

Colombia, also, it is said, has made response to the note of Secretary Hay. While its contents are not obtainable, the statement is made that it is conciliatory in character and expresses an earnest wish that war with Venezuela may be avoided. Such a result, it is stated, would be a cause of genuine regret to the people of Colombia. Colombia, it is stated, stands ready to accept the friendly intervention of the United States to avert war and reposes full confidence in the latter country.

PREPARING CZAR'S SAFETY

No Disagreement in France Concerning Coming Visit.

The official statement regarding the Paris cabinet council contains the significant statement that the cabinet at its meeting in July settled the measures to be taken for the safety of Emperor Nicholas during his visit to France. This phrase was deliberately inserted, it is understood, to disprove the assertions of the nationalist press that M. Waldeck-Rousseau was kept in ignorance of the czar's coming until a few hours before the public announcement. It also demolishes the stories of an alleged disagreement between President Loubet and the premier on the subject.

TWO LOSE THEIR LEGS.

Negro Man and Woman Sleep on Railroad Track.

Near Lawrence, Kansas, "Bill" Sparks and Rose Moore, negroes, were run down by a train. The legs of both were severed by the wheels of the engine. The man's legs were amputated just above the knees, and the woman's between the knees and ankles. Both are living, but their condition is critical.

The victims of the accident had been out arousing during the night, and it is believed they fell asleep on the track.

Tennessee Miners Quit.

Union coal miners are out of the mines at Oliver Springs, Tenn., and refuse to return to work until some agreement is reached with the operators relative to a new wage schedule. Last Saturday night about 200 of the Oliver Springs miners shouldered their picks and with lighted torches paraded the streets.

Train Load of Loot.

A Peking dispatch says: Mr. H. G. Squires, secretary of the United States legation in Peking, started for home on leave of absence. He takes with him a collection of Chinese art, filling several railway cars which experts pronounce one of the most complete extant. Mr. Squires intends to present the collection which consists largely of porcelains, bronzes and carvings from the palaces bought from the missionaries and at auction of military loot to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

FIRST KILL AND THEN BURN

Alabama Mob Shows More Than Usual Mercy.

Bill Fournay, alias Bill Hilliard, of Troy, Ala., charged with assaulting Miss Wilson at Chesnut Grove, was shot and his body burned by a mob near the scene of his crime.

Miss Wilson, who is seventeen years of age, and the daughter of Dr. Carroll, twelve years of age, were on their way to school at Chesnut Grove when they were overtaken by the negro. He seized Miss Wilson and the younger girl ran. As she did so the negro fired his pistol, but missed her. The girl raised the alarm and soon a posse was in pursuit.

When they reached the scene of the crime they found Miss Wilson unconscious and terribly bruised in the face and about the head.

The posse tracked the negro to his home, where he was found in bed, saying he was sick. The Carroll girl identified him and he was then taken out and shot, and his body burned. Miss Wilson is in a precarious condition.

ENDS LIFE AT AGE OF 122.

Record in Suicide Made by a Colored Woman in Indiana.

Suicide at the age of 123 years is the record of a colored woman of Kokomo, Ind. Last spring Mrs. Luey Washington, who was seventy-six years a slave and part of the time a servant in the family of President Madison, was taken to the county house. "I hope to die before my time," she said. "I have had more than 120 fly times now and that is more than my share." A month ago the old woman flung herself down a stairway, breaking three ribs and her left arm. The broken bones knit speedily and she adopted another method of self-destruction, that of voluntary starvation. Two weeks ago she quit eating, and since then has not tasted a morsel of food, even refusing to moisten her mouth with water. The end came Monday.

GOES TO BUY ARMS.

Brother of President Castro Embarks for France.

A dispatch to the New York Herald from Willemstad, Curacao, says: General Cecilio Castro, a brother of President Castro, has left Venezuela for France, to obtain an immediate renewal of diplomatic relations with France, to buy arms for Venezuela and also to attend to the creation of a French bank.

General Castro left Venezuela on the Venezuelan war vessel, the Restaurador formerly the Gould yacht Atlanta. He will board the steamship Canada at Martinique and will arrive at Bordeaux on September 14. He will travel incognito.

PLAN EXTENSION TO OMAHA

Chicago Great Western May Issue Bonds for Building.

It is reported, says a Chicago dispatch, that President Siskney of the Great Western has succeeded in forming a syndicate to underwrite an issue of \$6,000,000 Chicago Great Western debenture bonds, to provide for the building of the proposed extension to Omaha and Sioux City.

Work on these extensions is to be commenced next spring, but some preliminary grading may be done this year. The surveys have all been completed.

KILLED BY UNKNOWN ENEMY

Prominent Member of Mormon Church Assassinated.

Robert Graham, a well-known citizen of Weber county and prominent official in the Mormon church at Huntsville, Utah, was shot and almost instantly killed while on his way home from church at night. The affair is shrouded in mystery, there being no clue to the perpetrators of the deed.

Motorman Saved Eighty Cars.

At Chicago the Logan square terminal of the Metropolitan elevated road was practically destroyed by fire. The ticket agent narrowly escaped death in the fire, which destroyed a lot of cars, a train shed, repair shops and other railway property. A motorman waiting with his train at the station saw the flame and pulled about 80 cars out of the yards before the flames reached them. Estimated loss, \$100,000.

Denmark to Sell Islands.

A London dispatch says: A dispatch to a news agency from Copenhagen says the new Danish ministry has decided to accept the United States offer of 16,000,000 kroner for the Danish West Indies; this announcement is an accomplished fact what the dispatches of the Associated press said the ministry would do.

Plans for Colonial Army.

Count von Buelow, the chancellor at Berlin, is formulating proposals which he will soon submit to the German states, for the formation of a colonial army.

A. M. Segar, aged 25, whose home is supposed to be at Cherryvale, Kan., was stabbed to death by Riley Swallowood, aged 19. The affray occurred in a Tacoma, Wash., saloon, the result a quarrel between the two men. Swallowood fled and has not been captured.

Planting Mill Burned.

The planing, shingle and sash factory of N. McGrath & Son at Lakeside, Mich., was burned, together with the finished stock. Loss, about \$30,000; insurance about half in several companies. The fire caught from a passing engine.