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## FLOODS IN PENNSYLVANIA

LIVES LOST AND UNTOLD DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

RIVERS OUT OF THEIR BANKS

Bridge Which Is Being Erected Over Susquehanna River at Mifflinville Collapses, Resulting in Death of Seven Men and Injury of a Score.

Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—Loss of life and great damage to property is reported from central and eastern points in the state by floods, caused by the heavy rains of the past few days. The Delaware, Susquehanna and Schuylkill rivers are rising rapidly and small streams throughout the coal regions have been overflowing their banks, flooding mines, causing cave-ins and doing great damage to property.

High water caused the collapse of a new bridge in course of erection over the west branch of the Susquehanna river at Mifflinville, and resulted in the death of seven men and the injury of nearly a score of others, two perhaps fatally. Forty men were at work on the traveler on the middle span of the structure when it collapsed. They were all thrown into the swollen river.

The dead are: A. W. Fahl of Selin's Grove, Charles Creitzer of Selin's Grove, Adam Nuss of Selin's Grove, Adam Tritt of Beaver Valley, Irwin Updegraff of Georgetown, Millard Bowman of Mifflinville, George B. Faux.

Fatally injured: William Boyer of New York, back broken; Ray Sherman of Neshopan, spine injured and skull punctured.

The collapse of the bridge was caused by the rapid rise in the river. The water rose during the day at the rate of almost one foot an hour and debris carried down the stream by the flood struck the false work of the bridge and caused it to collapse. The second span of the bridge was weakened, and it was this span that fell with the big traveller. The bodies of four of those killed were found floating on the surface of the water, entangled in the bent and twisted girders and iron work, but the others have not been found. Many of the men were caught in the rapid water and carried a mile or more down the river before they were rescued.

The Lackawanna river is overflowed at Scranton and damage has been wrought in the valley from Carbondale to Old Forge. Fishing creek, in Columbia county, overflowed its banks and fifteen bridges belonging to the Pennsylvania Lumber company at Jamison City were washed away, together with several hundred thousand feet of lumber. The works of the Union Tanning company are flooded and the town of Benton is in danger of being washed away.

In the lower anthracite region, Paxinos is cut off from surrounding towns by the flood and at Gilberton half a dozen collieries suspended operations. The Little Lehigh, at Allentown, overflowed its banks and a number of mills and factories were closed down.

## MORE BODIES ARE RECOVERED

Total of 150 Removed from Shafts at Monongah, W. Va.

Monongah, W. Va., Dec. 11.—The scene of America's greatest mine catastrophe has lost its fascination for the idlers, who have surged about the pit entrances of mines Nos. 6 and 8 of the Fairmont Coal company, from the moment the awful explosion of last Friday occurred. This crowd had been dwindling ever since rain started until there only remained the forces employed in rescue work, the newspaper workers and the inconsolable near relatives of victims, who remained faithful in their vigil during the downpour all night and all day, and are still shivering and enduring excruciating physical discomforts in the wet snow that has succeeded the rain.

One hundred and fifty bodies have been brought to the surface, while many more have been located.

### James Dalzell Brown in Jail.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—James Dalzell Brown, general manager of the suspended California Safe Deposit and Trust company, who was arrested on the charge of embezzlement, was unable to obtain a bond for \$75,000 and occupies a cell in the female ward of the city prison. David F. Walker, president of the institution, arrived here in custody of a police officer from Santa Barbara. A bond of \$75,000 had already been secured for him and he was given his liberty.

## PASSENGERS IN A PANIC

Steamer Providence Collides With Crowded East River Ferryboat.

New York, Dec. 11.—The Fall River line steamer Providence was in collision with, and but narrowly escaped sinking, a crowded East river ferryboat. The latter craft lost a portion of her superstructure and her passengers were thrown into a panic, during which, it is reported, a man and woman jumped overboard and were drowned. The Providence's prow struck the ferryboat a glancing blow on the starboard, and the boats hung together long enough to permit many of its passengers to pass from the ferry's upper deck to the steamer. Others were taken off by tugs, while some remained on board. Both boats drifted down the river until aided by tugs, the ferryboat crippled by the accident and the steamer temporarily unable to get her head. The latter finally returned to her dock and the ferryboat was helped to a slip. The Providence was not greatly damaged. Following the accident charges of cowardice and brutality were made against the men passengers of the ferryboat. When the latter craft reached a slip she still had seventy-five women and children aboard, while, with few exceptions, the men passengers had escaped to other boats.

## HALEY OUTLINES HIS CASE

Chief Counsel for State in Pettibone Trial Makes Statement to Jury.

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 11.—Charging that George A. Pettibone, the defendant at bar, is the most guilty of all those charged with causing the death of ex-Governor Frank Steunenberg, James H. Hawley outlined the state's case. Little effort at oratory was made by the chief prosecutor, but he plainly told the jury what it is proposed to prove. For two hours he spoke of what he termed the most gigantic conspiracy in the annals of crime, always keeping in the foreground the part which it is alleged Pettibone took in it. The taking of evidence began at the afternoon session and before court adjourned for the day the state had established the corpus delicti, clearing the way for Harry Orchard, who will take the witness stand and for the second time tell to a jury his story of blood. Orchard was brought from the penitentiary to this city and spent the night in the office of James H. Hawley, Senator Barrah, who arrived from Washington, conducted the examination of state witnesses.

## TWO NIGHT RIDERS DIE

Succumb to Wounds Received During Hopkinsville Raid.

Mayfield, Ky., Dec. 11.—Two alleged night riders, Will Gray and Ed Cook, died as the result of wounds received during the visit of the 150 night riders to Hopkinsville, Saturday. Both are young men and reside near Welloma.

After receiving the wounds, the men were taken quietly to their homes by others in the night riders' order, and the fact that they were fatally wounded was kept quiet and did not come out until their deaths. It is believed that several other members were wounded at the Hopkinsville assault.

## COURT LETS OFF SPEYER

Through Insanity Plea Man Who Cut Own Child's Throat Will Go Free.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 11.—For the third time the Missouri supreme court reversed and remanded the case of John M. Speyer of Kansas City, convicted of the murder of his four-year-old son some years ago. The supreme court holds the defendant was insane when the act was committed. He will now probably go free. The child was killed by Speyer by cutting its throat following Speyer's arrest on a charge of assaulting a little girl, and had it not been for the prompt interference of officers, Speyer would have taken his own life.

### Kroonland Towed Back Into Port.

Southampton, Dec. 11.—The Red Star line steamer Kroonland, from Antwerp Dec. 7 for New York, which became her shaft off Sicily Islands on Sunday last, was towed to this port. The accident to the Kroonland occurred during a gale, just as the passengers were turning in for the night. The vessel suddenly quivered, took several plunges that threw almost everybody aboard off their feet and then slowed down.

### Policeman Kills Stranger.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 11.—A stranger walked into a crowded downtown cafe and began shooting. Dick Galtas, a bartender, was shot in the face. A policeman immediately closed in upon the stranger, who fired at his assailant, but the policeman, not being hurt, shot and killed the stranger. The identity of the man is not known.

### Socialist Now a Regent.

Lincoln, Dec. 11.—At a meeting of the board of regents of the state university, W. C. Rodgers of Waterloo, a

Socialist, was sworn in as regent to serve until Jan. 6. He received more than 30,000 votes at the last election, being the only candidate for the short vacancy.

### Earthquake at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 11.—A slight earthquake shock, which rattled windows in the downtown section, was felt here last night at 10:32 o'clock. The movement seemed to be from south to north.

### Bubonic Plague at 'Frisco.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The next report of the public health and marine hospital service will contain the official statement by Surgeon Hobby that bubonic plague infection "is still generally distributed in San Francisco, but the percentage is very much lower than was at first reported."

### General Alexander Hamilton Dead.

Tarrytown, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Major General Alexander Hamilton, grandson of Alexander Hamilton, secretary of the treasury under George Washington, died at his home here, at the age of ninety-two years.

### Sousa Has Fully Recovered.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—John Philip Sousa has fully recovered from an attack of ptomaine poisoning, from which he has been suffering for the past ten days. He left Chicago for Detroit.

## FUNSTON OFF FOR GOLDFIELD

### WILL LOOK OVER SITUATION AT MINING CAMP.

### NEAR CRISIS IN LABOR FIGHT

Five Hundred Men Will Be Imported for the Reopening of the Mines—Expect Desertions from the Union. Martial Law Not Yet Declared.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—General Funston said he would leave today with two or three staff officers for Goldfield for the purpose of looking over the situation. He wished it made plain that he was not going there to take command of the troops or in any way to supersede Colonel Reynolds. Neither is it his intention to order additional troops to the mining region. General Funston expects to spend only two or three days in Goldfield.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 11.—It is believed here that President Roosevelt is responsible for the decision of General Funston to come to Goldfield, that the intention is to take the com-

mand of affairs out of the hands of Governor Sparks and the Esmeralda county officials and that martial law will be declared in Goldfield immediately upon the arrival of General Funston.

Doubtless the request for this drastic action by the president came from the mine operators here, who are fearful of the consequences when the attempt to reopen the mines is made, but apparently are determined to carry out their intention to resume operations tomorrow.

The universal impression is that martial law will not be declared until after the arrival of General Funston, but that preparations will be made at once for the work which will have to be performed by troops as soon as such action is taken. Doubtless a search of the camp will be made for weapons and ammunition alleged to be hidden by some of the desperate element among the miners and the districts where the miners live will be patrolled by soldiers night and day.

The miners' association still assert that their intention to reopen the mines tomorrow will be carried out and that enough men have already been secured to carry on the attempt, although it is admitted that the number of men who have already signed the new agreement is small, and their hope lies in the supposition that after a few of the more fearless ones have gone back, many others will follow.

It is definitely known that at least

500 men have been secured in the mining camps of California, principally in Calaveras county, through the agency of the Thiel detective bureau, and are being held in readiness to come to Goldfield in two days' notice.

## NO MERCY GIVEN TRIBESMEN

Must Accept Terms of Surrender or French Will Proceed Against Them.

Paris, Dec. 11.—The terms of surrender proposed by General Lautay to the Beni Nassem tribesmen, who have been engaged in an insurrectionary movement in Algeria and who recently sent in emissaries asking for pardon, follow the lines of the terms proposed for the submission of the warring Moorish tribes at Casablanca, namely, the surrender of their arms, the delivery of hostages and the payment of an indemnity. Unless these terms are accepted unconditionally General Lautay will assume the offensive to-day.

### Police Charged With Robbery.

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 11.—Chief of Police John A. Suggs and Night Police Lewis Woods of Fort Gibson are under arrest, charged with robbing the postoffice at Fort Gibson on the night of Nov. 22, obtaining \$400 in cash. The arrest was made by Mayor Rand Lee after an investigation of the crime. The two prisoners were bound over to the grand jury each under a bond of \$1,000.

### Call for Live Stock Convention.

Denver, Dec. 11.—The call for the eleventh annual convention of the American National Live Stock association, to be held in this city, Jan. 21 and 22, 1908, has been issued.

### Minnesota Joins Fleet.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 11.—The battleship Minnesota, the last of the ironclads expected, arrived at the Hampton Roads rendezvous.

### His Order.

"Pop," asked the waiter's little boy "what does 'apple pie order' mean?"

"Huh," exclaimed the waiter, "that sounds like a Boston man's breakfast." "How much?" asked she. "Two pints."

Exactly.

"I can tell you," said he, "how much water runs over Niagara falls to a quart."

"How much?" asked she.

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### AGED SWEDISH MONARCH PASSES AWAY AT STOCKHOLM.

Crown Prince Takes Oath of Allegiance Under Title of Gustav V—Whole Country Is Bowed With Grief. Sketch of His Career.

Stockholm, Dec. 9.—Oscar II, King of Sweden, is dead. The death of the venerable monarch occurred in the royal apartment of the palace, where, surrounded by the members of his family, including the aged queen, Sophie, and the crown prince, Oscar Gustav, and high ministers of state, the inevitable end had been awaited, while outside the palace great crowds stood with bowed heads and tearful eyes long after the announcement came of the death of their well loved sovereign. The whole country is bowed with grief, for King Oscar was something more than a ruler of his people, and had endeared himself to them as an intimate and personal friend. When the flag on the palace



GENERAL FUNSTON.

was dipped to half-mast there was a moan of anguish from the assembled multitude and many of them cried "Our dear old king is dead."

The succession to the throne of Sweden now passes to Oscar Gustav Adolphe, duke of Verland, the oldest son of the late king. At a meeting of the council of state the new king took the oath of allegiance under the title of Gustav V, and adopted the motto: "With the people for the fatherland."

After taking the oath, King Gustav appeared on the balcony of the palace and was acclaimed by an immense throng.

The body of the dead king will be

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embalmed today and at Queen Sophie's request the funeral has been fixed for the earliest date possible and with the simplest ceremony. It was King Oscar's wish that there be no national mourning.

The last hours of the expiring monarch were passed in unconsciousness and up to the end he gave no sign of recognizing those about him. The queen was grief stricken because he could not bid her farewell.

### SECRETARY HEARS OF MOTHER'S DEATH.

On Board Steamer President Grant, in English Channel, Dec. 10.—The message announcing the death of Secretary Tamm's mother was received. The secretary was aroused and the message communicated to him. He was greatly affected. The secretary had hoped to reach America before his mother passed away.

### Winter Wheat Below Average.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Winter wheat is 1.9 per cent less than the area sown in the fall of 1906, equivalent to a decrease of 566,000 acres and a total acreage of 31,069,000. The condition of winter wheat on December 1 was 91.1, as compared with 94.1 on December 1, 1906, and a ten-year average of 93.0.

### Panama Issue Cut in Half.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The secretary of the treasury has accepted bids for the Panama canal bonds to the amount of \$25,000,000. The average price of all the bids accepted is 103. The allotments of bonds will be confined to the small subscriptions from \$10,000 down to \$20.

### Funeral of Clara Bloodgood.