

VAULT IS LOOTED

TOWN OF MINDEN EXCITED OVER ATTACK ON TREASURER.

Sandbagged While at Work in Court House—Receivers to Find Room on Fire and Nine Thousand Dollars Stolen—Reward offered for Capture.

MINDEN, Neb., June 29.—Minden is greatly exercised over the assault, late Thursday night, of County Treasurer Norlin, the robbery and setting fire to the courthouse. Treasurer Norlin was driven to the courthouse this morning, where he looked over the ruins as best he could, as he is still in a dazed condition. His story of the affair is to the effect that, being rushed to get out the treasurer's semi-annual report, he had gone to the courthouse after supper and worked until about 11:15, when he locked the door and went to a restaurant for a glass of lemonade. On his return to work he still seemed thirsty, and went to the hydrant, about fifteen feet from the door of his office, and got a drink of water. He then locked the door and went to work again. After working possibly five minutes there seemed to be a flash and he knew no more until returning consciousness revealed the robbery and that the papers in the room were on fire. He staggered to the door and gave the alarm. After the fire company had extinguished the fire they found the money drawer broken out and the vault looted. A conservative estimate places the money loss at about \$9,000.

NO VALUABLE PAPERS DESTROYED.

None of the valuable papers were destroyed, and the fire was extinguished before any of the books were burned. Some were charred, but not ruined.

The general supposition is that robbers gained entrance to the room in some way while Mr. Norlin was out and hid until he went to work, and then used a sandbag on him, knocking him senseless. They then went through his pockets, and after securing what money they could, fired the building, hoping either to cover up their work or to burn Norlin with the building or to create such a commotion in town that their escape would not be noticed. So far no clue whatever leads to the perpetrators of the crime. Three suspicious-looking characters were in town during the day, but are now missing.

While Mr. Norlin is a very popular man in Kearney county he has the sympathy of all in his misfortune. This is Mr. Norlin's first term as treasurer, having been elected by the largest majority ever given to this county. He had previously served four years as deputy treasurer under Mr. Andrews. At a called meeting of the county commissioners a reward of \$1,000 was offered for the capture of the man who looted the treasurer's office.

To Crown Him King.

LONDON, June 29.—The royal proclamation pronouncing that the coronation of King Edward is to take place in June next, the exact day not yet being determined upon, was read yesterday morning at St. James palace, Temple Bar and the royal exchange, with all the quaint, medieval scenes which marked the occasion of the proclaiming of the coronation of a king.

Yesterday's ceremonial was unheralded, so the crush was not so great as on the previous occasion, but crowds quickly gathered from all directions and thronged the point at which the announcement was read.

The ceremony began at St. James, where, from the purple draped balcony of the palace, the king of arms (William Henry Weldon), in a brilliant uniform, accompanied by the heralds and pursuivants in gorgeous robes and numerous state officials, read the proclamation.

TRUMPETERS PROCLAIM IT.

The trumpeters sounded a protracted fanfare and then the king of arms bared his head and read the proclamation in a clear voice, which must have been audible to the royal party, occupying a stand on the grounds of Marlborough house, facing the balcony of the palace, King Edward wore an admirable uniform. Queen Alexandra and others of the royal party, watched the ceremony with the greatest interest the king using field glasses to obtain a clearer view.

As the norroy king of arms concluded with the words "God save the king" the trumpeters again sounded a fanfare, the king, in the meantime standing at the salute.

A procession was then formed. Led by a detachment of the horse guards, five royal carriages, containing the heralds, pursuivants and other officials proceeded to Temple Bar and the Royal exchange, where the formalities less picturesque, perhaps, were repeated.

Lord Mayor Green and the sheriffs met the procession at Temple Bar.

Samuel Gompers Very Ill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 29.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American federation of labor, is lying dangerously ill at his home in this city, suffering from concussion of the brain and a possible fracture of the skull. While his condition is critical, his physician says he probably will recover.

He was injured last night as he alighted from a car on which he had been taking his two children for an outing.

CARRY OUT THREAT.

Blackmailers Burn Home of a Kansas Man.

TOPEKA, Kas., June 28.—Burned and dying in intense agony was the fate of Mrs. W. C. Carson, wife of a Cowley county farmer, all because her husband refused to deposit \$5,000 in a place named by unknown blackmailers.

Word reached this city of the tragedy, which happened Saturday night in an obscure settlement away from postoffice and telegraph stations. Three weeks ago Carson, who is wealthy, received an anonymous note requesting him to bury \$5,000 at the foot of a telephone pole on the roadside under penalty of having his house burned. The suggestion was ignored. One week later another anonymous note was received stating that if \$5,000 was not deposited within a week his house would be burned and he would be killed in addition.

No attention was paid to the second communication and on Saturday night while Mr. Carson was enroute to Oxford for mail the house was fired. Mrs. Carson was found about ten feet from the ruins by Mr. Dunn, a neighbor, horribly burned, and insensible. She was taken home by Mr. Dunn, where she died before dawn Sunday. Sunday to relate her knowledge of the transaction. She rushed outside when she discovered the fire, but remembered some valuable papers and a treasured old violin, and returned to save them. From that moment her mind was a blank until she awoke in the home of Mr. Dunn. When Mr. Carson returned it is said that he expressed great grief at the loss of his violin and papers and remarked that if his wife died that he would go back to Scotland, his native land.

Triumph for Yale.

NEW LONDON, Conn., June 28.—In a race never excelled on the Thames, Yale's varsity crew won the great inter-university rowing event of the year, in the last half mile of the four mile course yesterday, by a scant two lengths. The magnificent contest was witnessed by thousands from observation trains, yachts and points of vantage along the bank.

To Yale also fell the honor of a victory in the freshman race, while Harvard takes consolation in the fact that her varsity walked four away from the Yale quartet handsomely.

The two minor races, with honors divided, served only to whet the appetites of the spectators. These contests had resulted exactly as the experts had predicted and some twenty thousand people were impatient for the supreme event.

The big race was rowed down stream in the cool of the evening, shortly after 6 o'clock and the conditions were fairly favorable. A wind out of the southwest blew diagonally against the crews at the rate of about six miles an hour. A beautiful start, with the two eights rowing stroke for stroke, began a contest that will never be forgotten by those who witnessed it.

HARVARD STARTS AHEAD.

Harvard immediately took the lead. Her stalwart oarsmen retained it for a mile and a half. At the two mile mark Yale had cut down the Harvard advantage and drew ahead, only to lose again before a half mile had been traveled. For still another half the Cambridge boys held on. The excitement was intense.

Both crews by this time had rowed to an unusually slow stroke, at times to Yale being scarcely thirty. Yale's endurance, however, was up to the standard, and as the two shells approached the three and a half mile flag, the Elis spurred magnificently. Harvard heroically responded, but it was Yale's day. She took the lead and not only kept it, but drew away rapidly in the last quarter mile until the finish was reached. When Yale tore ahead.

The Wheat Crop Immense.

CHICAGO, June 28.—After making a careful canvass of the northwest territory, and preparing conservative estimates upon the conditions found throughout for the grain belt, traffic officials of the St. Paul, the Northwestern, the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern and the Burlington systems are agreed that the wheat crop of this region for 1901 will break all previous records. According to the estimates of these officials it is claimed that the two Dakotas and Minnesota alone will harvest between 185,000,000 and 200,000,000 bushels of wheat as against 100,000,000 last year. The greatest previous yield of wheat in the three states named was in 1898, when 175,000,000 bushels were harvested. The Record-Herald, in an explanation of this yield, says:

"The crop cannot be termed a 'bumper' crop, as the enormous increase is due largely to the fact that various railroad companies have withheld in the last two years made extreme efforts towards colonization of the northwest and as a result extensive additions have been made to the total cultivated lands and grain acreage."

Pope Leo Seriously Ill.

PARIS, June 28.—A dispatch to the Petit Bleu from Rome announces the pope to be seriously ill and says that Dr. Lippini does not leave the pontiff's side. Vatican officials are anxious concerning the pope's health.

Volunteers Mustered Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—The forty-third regiment, the last of the volunteers to leave the Philippines, arrived yesterday on the Kilpatrick.

DEATH LIST LESS

SIXTY THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF FLOOD VICTIMS.

Reports Come in Slowly—First News of Disaster, However, Magnified—One Train From District—Passengers Confirm Story of Many Drownings.

ROANOKE, Va., June 25.—There was very little news today from the West Virginia flood. One train came in this afternoon, but not much new information could be gained from the passengers. The trains are running from Bluefield and Ennis, which places are just outside the territory visited by the cloudburst last Saturday morning. The wires all being down west of Bluefield, save one wire, which goes through to Ennis, prevented the public from gaining any additional particulars. How many are dead is not definitely known, and there necessarily will be several days yet before the exact number can be given out as official, but the various reports in circulation here are that from fifty to 200 persons have been drowned. It is probably safe to assume that the former figures are more reliable. Property damages will amount to hundreds of thousands. Miles of track are washed out and great gulches have been created. The devastated section covers an area of about twenty miles west of Bluefield. It is a narrow valley, not much wider than a broad street in place. Coal mines are scattered all along the road.

KEYSTONE A DEATH TRAP.

Keystone, the town reported to have been so greatly damaged, and which was at first believed to be wiped out of existence, is a village of between 2,000 and 3,000 people and is built along the narrow valley and on the sides of the bluffs. There is a creek which runs through the town, over which most of the houses are built on piles and stones.

Persons familiar with the situation of the town say it would be a death trap if the storm was as heavy as reported. Let them reason that the flood occurring in daylight there was no reason why many people should have been caught in the onrush of the waters. All reports agree that between 200 and 300 houses were swept away in the Elkhorn valley, but of course not all of the occupants were drowned.

Will Punish Them.

SPRINGFIELD, Neb., June 25.—Great interest is being taken by stockmen in the preliminary hearing of Joseph Bingham before County Judge Estes. Mr. Bingham is charged with cattle stealing. For some time past cattlemen have been losing cattle and the stockmen's association started an investigation. Sensational developments are looked for at the hearing, today. It is believed that several other well known stockmen will be implicated. Frank Hoover, who, it is alleged, is one of the gang, is now in jail and it is said is willing to tell all he knows.

County Attorney W. C. Brown, assisted by W. T. Harrington of O'Neill, are conducting the investigation. Well known stockmen from Kapi Paha, Rock and other counties arrived last night, all determined to go to the bottom of the matter. Mr. Brown said the preliminary hearing will determine whether Mr. Bingham will be held to the district court or not.

"I have other information," said he, "which will be the subject of investigation which at this time would be improper to give to the public. You may say that I am determined to stop cattle stealing in this county. I want the people to know that the stock they turn out will be safe so far as their being stolen is concerned. We do not intend to persecute the innocent, but we are determined to punish the guilty."

Mr. Bingham is one of the most prominent cattlemen in this section and is well known over this part of Nebraska, and many are loath to believe the grave charges preferred against him and are anxiously awaiting the outcome of the preliminary hearing.

Condition of Foreign Crops.

LOXDOX, June 25.—The Mark Lane Express today, in its weekly crop review, 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 corn is less promising.

Wheat cutting has begun in southern Spain. The province 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 Pussia Poland will have a serious deficiency. Mediocre results may be expected in Bavaria.

Goes to Canton Next Week.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Mrs. McKinley continues to improve and the arrangements to go to Canton next week are unchanged. The date of departure has not yet been fixed.

For the first time since she was brought home from California in a very feeble condition Mrs. McKinley today was able to go down stairs and join the president while the latter was at luncheon. She remained at the table for some little time.

STATE TO REBUILD THE PEN.

Contract For Material And Will Use Convict Labor.

LINCOLN, June 26.—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. Contracts for building material were awarded at a meeting of the board yesterday. 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 convicts.

The contract for stone was let to the Johnson Stone company at \$11,250 the base work at 26 cents a foot, convict labor to be paid for at a rate not less than 50 cents a day. In the light of past experience with stone for cell houses, the board will endeavor to avoid a controversy over two-men-ruble, one-man-ruble, stone plugged to size or stone plugged any other way.

Paxton & Vierling are to furnish the metal for \$9,540 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 50 cents a day is to be paid for convict labor.

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

The cost of the stone, iron and fire proofing according to the bids is \$37,740, 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.

Graves Give up Their Dead.

ROANOKE, Va., June 26.—Persons coming in from the flood-stricken district place the number of drowned at sixty persons, but have no definite or detailed information on which to base the estimate. The coal trade will suffer almost incalculable loss as a result of the washed out tracks and damages to machinery.

A gentleman arriving in this city yesterday from the stricken section gives an explanation of the report first circulated that great masses of human bodies were to be seen floating around in the water, that there is a grave yard between North Fork Junction and Keystone, which towns are about a mile apart, and at which point the storm was very severe. This graveyard is near the bank of the river. When the flood came the graves gave up their dead and added greatly to the number of bodies seen.

The North Fork & Western officials expect to have their Clinch valley line open late tonight. They say the Clinch coal field lines are already open and that the road will be able to get a train through to Columbus tomorrow. These repairs will be only of a temporary nature, however, and it will be many weeks before the tracks and roadbeds can be placed in their former condition.

Nash Heads Ticket.

COLUMBUS, O., June 26.—The republican state convention that was in session here from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m., broke the Ohio record by completing its work in three hours. The intense heat was prostrating and Chairman Puma not only cut short his own speech but also those of others and then dispatched business with the utmost speed.

In those three hours the convention nominated a full state ticket, adopted its declaration of principles, endorsed Foraker as the republican candidate for reelection as United States senator, completed the party organization for the campaign and transacted other business.

Of the seven nominations, only three were new men, and one of these, Carl Nippert, for lieutenant governor, was nominated without opposition after Lieutenant Governor Caldwell had declined renomination. Nash and Sheets, Cameron and Johnson were nominated for second terms without opposition.

Make Claim for Valuables.

PEKIN, June 25.—The China Merchants company, owners of the premises in Tien Tsin, at first occupied by the marines and afterwards by Lisum's command as barracks, have completed their claims against the United States government for valuables which they aver were carried off by the marines.

The list comprises many valuable furs, rugs, jewels and diamonds. The total claim is 400,000 taels.

DEATH LIST LARGE

FLOOD FATALITIES NOW PLACED AT A HUNDRED.

Some as High as Eight Million—Three Men Escape to Williamson and Tell Harrowing Stories, Property Damage Larger Estimate of

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., June 27.—There is no longer any doubt but that the list of dead as a result of the recent flood, will exceed 100. Parties reported this evening from the upper end of the flooded district bringing the first information. The party consisted of Judge Doolittle of Huntington, Judge Flourney of Charleston and Elias Hatfield, deputy sheriff of Mingo county. These gentlemen left Vivian Sunday morning, and their journey to the city has been a perilous one.

Judge Doolittle said to the Associated press correspondent tonight that words could not express the scene of devastation between Vivian and Davy. It was a tidal wave from a cloudburst and swept everything before it. In the track of its course everything is gone including coke ovens and pillars of stone.

THICKLY SETTLED DISTRICT.

The section visited by the flood was thickly settled, but as the population consisted chiefly of miners who were at work at the time the large majority of the dead are women and children, and thrilling stories of rescue are told. At one point a mother climbed a huge pillar of a railway trestle, holding to her breast her only child. Her home was washed away, but the mother and child were saved.

Fifteen people are reported to have been drowned at Eckman.

At Keystone the loss of life was great. Probably thirty persons perished there. Mothers and babes were swept away by the raging current. Strong men battled for their life, but without avail in many instances.

In one instance parties fled to an island and climbed small trees, only to be swept away fifteen minutes later by the tide, which was filled with debris of every kind.

On Dry Fork the loss of life is exceedingly great. Bodies are scattered all along the stream, many of which will never be identified. Seven saloons at Keystone were washed away, four lives being lost in one of them.

Dr. Hatfield's home at this point was not washed away, as formerly reported, and his family is safe.

At Brooke, the loss of property is severe, but only three lives are said to have been lost there. The region from Ennis to Davy, forty-three miles, is completely in ruins. Hundreds of mine mules can be seen in heaps, intermingled with human bodies. Coal operators and mill men have lost unknown amounts. Near Davy, a horse was found lodged in a drift and a human body dangling to the same, the man's foot having hung in the stirrup of the saddle. A report has just reached here that fifteen bodies are lodged in a drift at Hatfield tunnel, twenty miles east of this city. Parties have gone to the scene with the hope of recovering them.

Near Burke, a man saw his brother sinking in the flood and plunged in to rescue him, both being drowned.

Twenty barrels of whiskey were caught in the Tug river at Welsh. A report has reached here that most of the colored miners are laying off there on account of a protracted spree and street fights are numerous. It is difficult for the authorities to handle the situation. Clothing is being torn from the dead.

Most of the bodies found along Tug river have been washed from the Elkhorn.

The loss of property by the flood on the Elkhorn and the Tug rivers is now roughly estimated at from \$5,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

Partial to American Make.

NEW YORK, June 27.—The Tribune says:

It has been definitely settled that the German kaiser will have a new yacht built in this country. A firm in this city has received an order through the German embassy in Washington to design a yacht somewhat on the lines of the Indiana, the American yacht now owned by the emperor. The new vessel will measure about 120 feet on the water line, which is about ten feet longer than the Indiana. Other dimensions have not yet been decided upon, and the designers have practically carte blanche.

Turn Down Wu Ting Fang.

PHILADELPHIA, June 27.—At a meeting of the Chinese-American society held here resolutions were unanimously made protesting against the selection of Wu Ting Fang, Chinese minister, as orator of the day at the Fourth of July celebration in this city.

The resolutions allege that Mr. Wu "soverly aided the Boxers in their massacre of the Christians in China," and "has been misleading the public by his statements in regard to his position toward them."

King a Friend.

LONDON, June 27.—David R. Henderson, speaker of the house of representatives, said to a representative of the Associated press tonight:

"I have never enjoyed a more agreeable half hour interview than the one I had with King Edward yesterday. He was perfectly frank and agreeable and in accord with American progress. He looks forward to even more cordial relations than now exist between the English-speaking nations."

NEBRASKA NOTES.

Beatrice hopes to secure a big pickle factory. Shelton is to have a local telephone exchange.

The cotton mill at Kearney will be closed down.

Nebraska City is to have a new high school building.

Sidney is engaged in a crusade against illegal liquor sellers.

Five thousand people attended the Orphans' home festival at Seward.

Fremont will entertain the state firemen's tournament July 16 to 18.

A stock company has been organized at Superior to prospect for coal.

A second bank has been organized at Battle Creek. It is capitalized for \$10,000.

Among the wedding presents of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Osborn, of Tilden, was a thoroughbred pig.

The new public school building at Franklin, that is being erected, will be ready for the fall term.

The Box Butte county teachers' institute will convene at Alliance July 8. Chancellor Andrews will deliver an address.

Someone started a report that Elgin was overrun with smallpox and the Elgin citizens are indignant in their denials.

Tekamah farmers have formed a stock company, capitalized at \$30,000, to handle the live stock and grain of the members.

Bellevue expects to have less trouble with law breakers in the future. A vigilance committee is being organized to deal with the offenders.

Since the organization of the territory, patents have been issued to Nebraskans on 3412 devices, seven-tenths of them on agricultural devices.

The Catholics of Madison are making an effort to establish a parochial school and erect a new church edifice. The new church will cost \$5,000.

The Plattsmouth Telephone company has secured a franchise and will begin at once the construction of a local telephone company at Hiawathock.

The Pawnee Press has issued a special edition, profusely illustrated and handsome typographically, setting forth the attractions of Pawnee county.

J. Callahan, of Wymore, a Burlington bridge carpenter, was robbed of three B. & M. checks while attending the Chautauqua at Beatrice, amounting to \$50. The thief escaped.

Daily mail service has been ordered between Harvard and Clay Center, with rural delivery to people along the route. Charles W. Wehrue of Harvard has the contract and the service will commence July 15.

A complaint has been filed against Joseph T. Dusseldorf at Fremont, charging him with murder in the first degree. Dusseldorf is accused of stabbing to death Thomas Burke during a fight between tramps in a box car.

A rural free mail delivery has been established northwest of Waverly. It comprises a twenty-five mile route. Carl Gillham has been selected as the mail carrier. The route was to be in operation about July 1.

Dr. Hoelwarth, a druggist at Greeley, went into his store late at night to lock up his cash. Gus Nelson, who sleeps in the building, mistook the doctor for a burglar and emptied a revolver at the supposed marauder, without hitting him.

Two sharpers are working in the western part of the state with a bicycle scheme. One rides into a town with a wheel, which he sells cheaply. The other, after a few days, visits the town looking for the thief that stole his wheel and confiscates the one sold by the confederate.

M. Murphy & Co., of Greeley, the largest firm burned out a couple of weeks ago have commenced to build. They have purchased the lots on which their business was formerly located. They will put up a wood and iron structure of the same size as the one burned down.

Vernie Graves, the 11-year-old daughter of C. L. Graves, of Union, fell from her bicycle through the window of the Smith hotel, cutting her throat severely, nearly severing the jugular vein. Drs. Wallace of Union, and Gilmore of Murray, dressed the wound, which required eleven stitches.

The line of sheds on the south side of the fair grounds at Lincoln were found to be on fire one day last week. When the fire department arrived on the scene the line was on fire for the full length of about 500 feet. The sheds were practically destroyed when water was turned on. This is the second fire that has occurred at the fair grounds within two weeks. The first started in the big elevator south of the grounds, and besides destroying the elevator took away about 300 feet of the stalls.

Zora Bennett, of Long Pine, aged thirteen years, was arrested by a deputy marshal and taken to Omaha to appear before the federal court on the charge of burglarizing the postoffice several months ago. The youthful offender, it is charged, entered the building through a window and took three dollars in change from the money till. He has signed a written confession to the postoffice inspector. His parents are respectable people who are much distressed by his actions.