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HUNDRED PEOPLE DROWN IN FLOOD ON CABIN CREEK

Waters of Cloudburst Sweep Down the Valley, Carrying Away Town of Acme in West Virginia.

PROPERTY DAMAGE IS BIG
Telegraph Communication With Flooded District Almost Wholly Paralyzed.

RAILROAD TRACKS GONE

Huntington, W. Va., Aug. 9.—Property loss exceeding a million dollars was caused by a cloudburst that swept down Cabin Creek valley this morning, according to a report received here, and rumors were persistent that at least a hundred persons had been drowned at Acme, W. Va. These rumors were denied by officials of the Acme Coal company.

Six bridges on the Chesapeake & Ohio railway are reported to have been washed out and in a number of places the tracks are said to have been swept from the right-of-way. The Kanawha & Michigan and other roads in the valley also suffered heavily. Wire communication with the Cabin Creek valley district is practically paralyzed.

Efforts to get into communication with the stricken district were unavailing. Just as a connection was made with the telephone operator at Eskdale she shouted into the telephone, "I can't stay here to talk to you; I've got to leave right away!" Reports were received at Montgomery that at least 100 persons had lost their lives, but confirmation was lacking there, as it was in Huntington and Charleston, where the same report was persistent.

Chesapeake & Ohio division offices here were unable to learn the fate of their trains in this district when the last wire went down at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Subsea Bremen Is Expected at New London Soon

New London, Aug. 9.—The German submarine, Bremen, is expected to arrive at this port at any time, according to the New London Day, this afternoon.

The Eastern Forwarding company, which is the American corporation for handling the traffic of the German submarine merchant line, it is learned, has leased for one year space on the new state pier for a large warehouse, and this city will be the principal American terminal of that company.

Nebraska Saengerfest Is Held at Grand Island

From August 17 to 20 the biennial saengerfest of the Nebraska Saengerbund will be held at Grand Island. All the German singing societies in the state will participate in an chorus of about 300 voices under the direction of Prof. Theodore Rud. Reese of Omaha.

The local chorus of Grand Island under the direction of Prof. Schluer will give the first concert Thursday evening. An orchestra of thirty pieces in which some of the best talent has been engaged for the occasion.

The following soloists will take part in this musical festival: Miss Margaret Damm, Miss Margaret Kinder, Miss Emma Lamp and Fred Rieth of Omaha, E. C. Boemer of Lincoln and Miss Marjorie Kohl of Wayne, Neb. The Omaha singers will leave on Thursday morning.

The Weather

Nebraska—Showers and cooler
Temperature at Omaha—

8 a. m.	66
9 a. m.	67
10 a. m.	70
11 a. m.	72
12 m.	73
1 p. m.	74
2 p. m.	75
3 p. m.	76
4 p. m.	77
5 p. m.	78
6 p. m.	79
7 p. m.	80
8 p. m.	81

Comparative Local Record.

Highest temperature	1216, 1215, 1914, 1912
Lowest temperature	52, 53, 83, 87, 72
Mean temperature	79, 72, 80, 82
Precipitation	.00, .00, .02, .7

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1, and compared with the last two years:

Normal temperature	1916	1915	1914
Excess for the day	3.3	2.5	2.5
Total excess since March 1	24.5	12.5	12.5
Normal precipitation	12.1	12.1	12.1
Deficiency for the day	12.1	12.1	12.1
Total rainfall since March 1	16.75	16.75	16.75
Deficiency since March 1, 1916	5.61	5.61	5.61
Excess for cor. period, 1915	4.1	4.1	4.1
Deficiency for cor. period, 1914	4.59	4.59	4.59

HUGHES REPLIES TO THE TELEGRAM SENT BY REDFIELD

Republican Presidential Nominee Tells How Durand Was Forced Out of Wilson Official Family.

LETTER READ TO PUBLIC

Does Not Retract Any of the Utterances Made While in Detroit.

URGES HIGH STANDARDS

Minneapolis, Aug. 9.—Charles E. Hughes, replying to Secretary Redfield's telegram denying that E. Dana Durand was forced out of office as director of the census, today read to a large audience here a letter from Mr. Durand, in which Mr. Durand said that he had told Mr. Redfield he would resign, but wanted to remain and that Redfield replied that the administration had decided on a change.

Mr. Durand's letter, read by the nominee in the course of an open-air speech at the parade grounds here, was in part as follows:

Reads Durand's Letter.
"Inasmuch as the truth of your statement with regard to the change in the directorship of the census has been challenged, I think it is only fair to you that I should make this statement. My resignation as director was distinctly a forced resignation. At the first conversation I had with Secretary Redfield I told him that I would resign, but that I hoped I would be permitted to remain. He at once told me that the administration had decided that it wanted to make a change. I believe to create a vacancy were his words. The next day I heard of it was announced in the press that my successor had been named and I at once wrote out my resignation."

Mr. Durand said that he did not wish to make the statement public unless it was necessary, but that Mr. Hughes was at liberty to do as he saw fit.

Repeats Declaration.
Mr. Hughes then repeated his Detroit declaration with reference to the displacement of "an eminent scientist" in the coast and geodetic survey by "an excellent stock breeder and veterinarian."

"Exception also has been taken by the distinguished secretary with regard to that man," the nominee continued. "Now I am not in a position to state of my own knowledge any circumstances with reference to the retirement of the eminent scientist who occupied that important place. But if I may assume that he retired voluntarily my point is not so much the retirement of the man who went but the character of the man who succeeded."

"I am now told that Mr. Jones, who succeeded him, was promoted after being deputy commissioner of fisheries. But he was appointed to that place, also involving the need of technical skill and training, by this administration. He went there from his stock farm and took charge of that bureau."

Raid on Civil Service.
Mr. Hughes went into detail as to the charge he made in Detroit that the administration had made a raid upon the civil service of the United States, and concluded as follows:

"We must have higher standards than those of this administration. This administration, with loud professions of devotion to civil service reform, has not been true to the standards of the administration which I believe the American people desire to see enforced."

Immediately after his speeches here Mr. Hughes returned back to St. Paul, where his program called for the delivery of an address later.

Talks in Minnesota

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 9.—The strain of unaccustomed campaigning had old somewhat upon Charles E. Hughes, when he reached here today. He was fatigued and his voice was hoarse. The throat specialist accompanying him urged him to save his voice for the two meetings here and at Minneapolis and Mr. Hughes refrained, except in one instance, from making back platform speeches at five scheduled stops in Minnesota before reaching this city.

At Winona, Minn., Mr. Hughes expressed gratification in the interest of the crowd which had brought them so early to the station.

Crowds greeted the nominee also at Wabasha, Lake City, Red Wing and Hastings, where brief stops were made.

Army Bill Ready For the President

Washington, Aug. 9.—The army appropriation bill, carrying a total of \$267,597,000, now is ready for President Wilson's signature. The house today adopted the conference report on the measure, previously adopted by the senate without roll call.

Publishers Reduce Size of Their Papers Because of Paper Shortage

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 8.—As a result of a series of meetings of the newspaper publishers of Philadelphia called to consider the situation confronting them caused by what is practically a famine in the news print paper market the following agreement was reached:

All daily, evening and Sunday newspapers will immediately reduce the size of their issues to the extent of a total in excess of eighty pages weekly.

DANISH WEST INDIES PURCHASE TREATY SIGNED—This picture shows a view of the harbor of St. Thomas, the chief port of the Danish West Indies. A picture of Secretary Lansing is also shown.



HARBOR OF ST. THOMAS, DANISH WEST INDIES. PHOTO © INTERNATIONAL MAP SERVICE. SECY ROBERT LANSING

STATE EDITORS SEE IRRIGATED LAND

Wonders of Northwest Nebraska Shown Visitors From Cornhusker Land.

HISTORIC LANDMARK SEEN

Scott's Bluff, Neb., Aug. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The Omaha Press association was unloaded under the shade of that historic old landmark, Chimney Rock, this morning, and taken by automobile to Bayard, a town that is showing the remarkable amount of life just now which is brought about in a great measure from the fact that the Great Western Sugar company is about to commence the construction of its third sugar factory in the North Platte valley at Bayard. The main street of this town had been very tastily and appropriately decorated for the occasion and the hustling citizens were ready to give the glad hand and lots of information about the country with it.

The party was taken out over some of the rich farming land adjacent to the town. The crops here cannot be excelled and the visitors were certainly treated right. Editor Westervelt, Charley Herrill, C. C. McElroy and H. L. Sams of Scott's Bluff joined the party here to assist in piloting the party into Gering to an invitation for the party for Scott's Bluff. The special reached Gering at 3 o'clock and found a town that is fast becoming a city, with a \$1,000,000 sugar factory nearly completed and a record of one new building erected for every day this year. Gering is feeling good. This is Editor Wood's home town and he took great pride in escorting the assemblage over town and showing them through the Courier office of one of the most up-to-date printing plants in the state.

The entire crowd paraded to the Methodist church. The press associations now famous band in the lead followed by the ladies, carrying the big flag and then the male contingent. The association held a business session here. The balance of the exercises for the day will be held at the Country club grounds, about a mile from town, and in one of the most sightly spots in the valley.

Editor Wood is on the program, introduced Mayor Mathers of Gering who will give the address of welcome. After the big feed is pulled off the evening will be spent in social enjoyment, dancing, visiting, etc. Tomorrow the crowd will be taken in autos for a fifty-mile trip over the country, getting dinner at Mitchell and spending the afternoon and evening in Scottsbluff. The weather is ideal.

Passenger Coach is Derailed at West Point

West Point, Neb., Aug. 9.—(Special.)—Northwestern passenger train No. 1, westbound, due here at 11:50 this morning, came near running off the bridge at the south entrance of the depot. A coach in the center of the train, through a fault in the running gear, left the track at the bridge, shaking up the passengers considerably. Had the accident occurred while the train was traveling at its usual speed between stations the consequences would have been disastrous. The damaged car was left here and the rest of the train proceeded on its way one hour and a half late. About twenty passengers were in the wrecked car.

Native of Maine.

It was at Wilton, Me., that Mr. Stickney first saw the light. His father was Daniel and his mother Ursula Maria Breede. After studying in the schools and academies in Maine and New Hampshire and teaching school off and on during his minority, he went to Minnesota to seek his fortune, taking no fortune whatever with him. After his few years as a member of the Stillwater bar he drifted into railroad work. He was concerned in the building and operation of half a dozen small Minnesota and Wisconsin railways and then he put his shoulder to the wheel that rolled the Canadian Pacific into being and then into predominance importance. Finally he became identified with the old Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City line, the predecessor of the Chicago Great Western. That was in the middle eighties, after he had served as vice president of the Minneapolis & St. Louis road. From 1890 till 1892 he was chairman of the board of directors of the Kansas City, and it was in the latter year that the road was reorganized and christened the Chicago Great Western.

Man and Boy Dead In Auto Accident

Sutton, Neb., Aug. 9.—Nine-year-old Otto Griess was killed instantly, and Charles Bauer, 37 years old, died this morning as the result of an automobile accident a mile east of Sutton at 8 o'clock last night. Gertrude Griess, 7 years old, and John Griess, father of the children, who was driving, may die. Mrs. Bauer escaped with slight injuries.

A. B. STICKNEY DEAD; WAS OMAHA'S FRIEND

Former President of Great Western, Who Did Much for the City, Passes Away.

FOUNDED GRAIN EXCHANGE

Alpheus Breede Stickney, former president of the Chicago Great Western railroad, died at his home in St. Paul yesterday, after a short illness. Mr. Stickney's health has been declining for several years, and he has been living quietly, waiting for the end.

News of his death was received with much sorrow in Omaha, where he was sincerely admired by a large circle of friends. Mr. Stickney was of great service to Omaha in the way of stimulating interest that culminated in the establishment of the Omaha Grain exchange. When the Chicago Great Western built its line into Omaha in 1902, it was looked upon as a factor in the problem of grain rates to the east, and early in 1903 Mr. Stickney came, and addressed an assemblage at the rooms of the Commercial club, his subject being "Omaha, the Market Town."

Established Grain Exchange.
Out of the enthusiasm then engendered, the formation of the Omaha Grain exchange was quickly accomplished. Mr. Stickney contributed to the success of the enterprise by the erection of a large elevator, which has since been leased to the Nye-Schneider-Fowler company, and is yet one of the most important of Omaha granaries.

In other ways Mr. Stickney, while he was active in railroad work, showed his interest in the upbuilding of Omaha as a market town.

Greater Omaha's prestige as a grain and live stock center is directly due to the untiring efforts and enthusiastic co-operation of A. B. Stickney. This sentiment is expressed by others who were associated with Mr. Stickney.

Started as Lawyer.

Mr. Stickney went to Minnesota early in life and settled in Stillwater. There he formed a law partnership with L. R. Cornman under the style of Cornman & Stickney. Mr. Cornman died, and Mr. Stickney married the widow of his partner. She had been Miss Kate W. H. Hall. A large family—two sons and six daughters—was the issue. Of his sons, Samuel was for many years general manager of his father's road, and Charles was at the head of a manufacturing company in St. Paul. The daughters are Mrs. Fred Banning, Mrs. Benjamin Hodge, Mrs. Paul Weed, Mrs. Dr. Halvor Sneve and the Misses Jane and Ruth Stickney.

Funeral Services Will Be Taken Charge of by Masonic Body at Temple.

Last rites over the body of former Senator John M. Thurston, whose death occurred August 9, will be held at the Masonic Temple Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the services being in charge of St. John's lodge, led by Worshipful Master Eugene Atkins.

OLD FRIENDS PALLBEARERS

The body of the veteran lawyer will lie in state in the main rotunda of the Douglas county court house between noon and 4 o'clock Thursday.

Twelve Men Killed By Mine Accident At Michel, B. C.

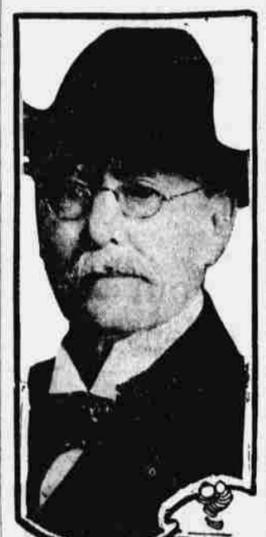
Michel, B. C., Aug. 9.—Twelve men are known to be dead today, and several are believed to be missing as a result of an explosion last night in No. 3 mine. Lightning, which struck surface wires conducting power into the depths of the coal mine, is supposed to have caused the explosion.

Press Censorship is Established By Army Officers at Columbus, N. M.

Columbus, N. M., Aug. 9.—The army headquarters here handed to the correspondents today a memorandum on the censoring of press messages filed for telegraphic transmission at Columbus, the main base of the punitive expedition. The memorandum provides that all news or comment is prohibited in regard to the following subjects:

"Everything pertaining to the operation of the aerial squadron or any aeroplanes, the conditions and position or the result of flights."
"Information concerning the location of headquarters of the expedition or of any organization or movements of troops."

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The market closed excited, 10 1/2 to 11 1/2 cents net higher, with September at \$1.44 1/2 to \$1.44 3/4 and December at \$1.48 to \$1.48 1/2.

Sensational crop damage, confirmed by the government report, was the cause of the extraordinary advance. So much excitement ruled in the pit that transaction, in many cases were 3 cents apart at the same instant. The initial range on December varied from \$1.42 to \$1.45.

Jumps in the value of other options than December, although radical, were not quite so severe. Taken as a whole, the market opened 5 to 8 cents higher, and when relative steadiness was established, showed 5 1/2 to 6 1/2 cents gain as compared with yesterday's close.

In later dealings the May delivery rose to the phenomenal price of \$1.50 a bushel, an extreme ascent of 8 1/2 cents over yesterday's final figures, and 40 1/2 cents up as compared with the price at the corresponding time a year ago.

Rise of 10 Cents.
After mid-day the fever to buy grew more intense, and the market soared to 10 cents a bushel above yesterday's close, December wheat touching \$1.47. At times the market appeared to be entirely bare of offerings. An incentive for the late demand was an estimate by a leading authority that owing to the increase of black rust the Canadian crop this season would be only 200,000,000 bushel, a shortage of 136,000,000 bushels under last year's total.

Ten Cents at Winnipeg.
Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 9.—Minneapolis September wheat showed an advance of over 6 1/2 cents this morning from the previous close on the government crop report. The Winnipeg market for December wheat was up 10 cents per bushel, lacking 1/2 cent.

Just before the close, a fresh bulge in the market rushed prices up to nearly 12 cents' advance in some cases. The new stimulus came from assertions that a large export business was in progress.

JIM THORPE ANXIOUS TO GET BACK TO MAJORS.

"Jim" Thorpe is endeavoring to convince major league managers that they made a serious mistake when they allowed him to drift downward. "Jim" is playing a fine game for Milwaukee, in the American Association. He leads the league in base stealing and is doing good work in hitting. Recently, at Louisville, a line drive from Thorpe's bat hit the left field fence, the clout being the longest drive ever made at the Colonel's park.

Mr. Garretson explained to newspaper men that the unions had not declined mediation unequivocally, but had refused to join with the railroads in asking for it because they did not believe in it at this time. The brotherhoods' chief, together with his colleague, Warren S. Stone, reiterated that their position was that they had not yet exhausted all the possibilities by dealing directly with the railroad managers.

"However," said Mr. Garretson, "our position is something like Barkis—we are waiting and willing."

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Two Coal Miners Are Killed by Gas Explosion

Scranton, Pa., Aug. 9.—Exploding gas in a shaft of one of the Pennsylvania Coal company's collieries at Inkerman, Pa., today killed two miners and seriously burned three others.

Why are so many people phoning their Want-Ads to THE BEE?

Because they want to talk to intelligent, wide-awake clerks when giving orders over the phone, and Bee advertisers are right up to the minute in every way.