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RESERVOIR BREAKS TWENTY DROWNED

No Warning---Thirteen Residences Destroyed--- Caused by a Defect in The City Waterworks Dam

Winston, Salem, N C, Nov. 3—Seventeen people are known to be dead, and many more missing as the result of the bursting of a reservoir at this place today. One of the brick walls of the reservoir collapsed, burying the home and family of Martin Peoples. A million and a half gallons of water were released and over a mile of territory devastated, thirteen residences being destroyed, while the colored settlement in the vicinity of the reservoir was entirely wrecked.

The cause of the disaster was the overflow of the reservoir, and a thorough investigation will be made to ascertain if the negligence of any employees at the pump station was responsible for it.

The reservoir burst without warning the victims being drowned while asleep and one couple floated on a bed for five hundred yards, neither being injured. Some of the victims were winched under the debris of wrecked houses and many bodies washed into Beloe's pond a mile away. The pond is being dragged for bodies. Masonry from the reservoir weighing tons, was carried half a mile and one child was rescued from a tree half a mile from home.

Later—The latest reports make the number of dead 18 and say that as many more are fatally injured. Martin Peoples was fatally injured, as was a young nephew staying at the residence.

Pleasant Surprise

The young friends of Mr Fred Hoffman made him a very pleasant surprise party on Monday eve Oct 31. The evening was spent in fortune telling, and the usual Halloween games and in dispensing with an excellent luncheon. Those present were: Zella, Lena, and Alex Robison, Myrtle Allen, Vest Smith, Minnie, Lilly and Ernest Holman, Etha Huffman, Roy Gekeler, Ethel Greenwood, Reba, Sarah and Eleanor Williamson, Frank Melring, King Rowe.

Ten Miners Killed

Wilkesbarre, Pa, Nov 3—Ten miners were crushed to death or drowned in a subterranean shaft of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western company at Nanticoke today. The victims, with one exception are said to be Poles or Slavs, and the men had taken their position in the cage to be lowered into the shaft, a total depth of 1700 feet. At the bottom is a sump filled with water. When the signal was given the engine got beyond control and the engineer and cage fell to the bottom. The bodies were horribly mangled and those not killed by the fall were drowned in the sump.

The hoisting gear is wrecked and much difficulty in reaching the men is expected.

Death Releases Boodler

St Louis Nov 3.—John A (Kid) Sheridan, a former member of the house of delegates whose trial for bribery in connection with the suburban deal has been delayed on account of his illness died this morning. Sheridan was convicted and sentenced to five years imprisonment, but the supreme court remanded his case for a new trial.

Pope Seriously Ill

Rome Nov 3—The pope had an attack of heart failure during the night but Dr Lippold gave him immediate relief. His holiness is much improved today and the gouty pain in his right leg is almost gone. He hopes to continue his audiences tomorrow.

There will be a business meeting of the High Five club, Saturday afternoon at 2:30 at the residence of Mrs. M L Causey. All members are requested to be present.

Neighborhood Club

A regular meeting of the Ladies Neighborhood Club was held Tuesday Nov 1st.

Roll call was answered by giving Current Events, Civics.....Our Schools by Miss Olive Slater Cooperation of Parents with the Teacher.....Mrs McAllister Foundation.....of Teaching Mrs Thomson There was a good attendance and the afternoon was one of exceptional value.

WAR SCARE OVER

St Petersburg, Nov. 3.—Official reports from Tokio describing the desperate assaults on Port Arthur beginning October 28, have created a visible depression at the war office. The sustained character of the bombardment with siege guns and the breaching of the walls by underground mines but above all the fact that the Japanese Government, after weeks of silence has given out these reports before actual success had crowned its efforts convinces the military authorities that General Nogi is not only making a supreme effort to carry the fortress but feels so confident of success that the result of his preliminary operation is made public. They believe the assault was timed for the announcement of the fall of the fortress to be made upon the birthday of the Mikado. Tomorrow, which by strange coincidence is the tenth anniversary of the accession of Emperor Nicholas and is also a great Russian holiday. Tomorrow, therefore, is expected to be marked by late for a day of immense rejoicing either for Japan or Russia.

The war office is trying to buoy up Russian hopes with reference to the large and successful defense of General Steerel, but things have reached such a pass with the garrison and the character of the present attempt upon the fortress is so determined that the authorities frankly admit they would not be surprised if the end was at hand.

FIGHTING WAS DESPERATE

The details of the assault show that the Russians at first struggled desperately to block every Japanese advance and then met the concentrated Japanese artillery fire with its kind. Latterly, since the Japanese began running parallels and traverses and extending mines, the Russians have been constantly making sorties. They rushed into the Japanese trenches and engaged in ferocious struggles with the engineers and pioneers. With desperate courage the Japanese continued to close in on the fortress, progressing stage by stage, and never failed to respond when asked to make an assault on almost impossible positions. When the troops gained a foothold they generally held it with unflinching determination.

St Petersburg, Nov 3—2 p. m.—The Associated Press can authoritatively announce that the basis of the British Russian agreement to submit the North sea incident to a commission insures an amicable settlement without sequel. The understanding is complete and the whole affair is regarded as a deplorable mistake but as the result of the inquiry, which will establish the facts each government is expected to take action without demands from either side and no pledges have been given or received by either country. So far as future complications are concerned the incident is regarded as closed.

Gibraltar, Nov. 3.—All excitement caused by the mobilization of yesterday has abated, and the crisis is believed to be over.

London, Nov. 3.—The cabinet met this morning at Lord Balfour's home and it is believed the final draft of the Anglo-Russian convention was under consideration.

London, Nov. 3.—Count Benckendorff and M Cambon had a conference Russian ambassador

BANDITS ESCAPE THREE TIMES

After Being Surrounded by the Sheriff's Forces ---Their Capture is Expected Any Hour

Omaha, Neb, Nov. 3.—A special to the Bee from Cody, Wyo., says.

Several battles were fought between the posse and outlaws who attempted to rob the First National bank of Cody yesterday. The bandits are still at large although their capture or death is a matter of a few hours.

At dawn today the officers came upon the bandits in a camp. The robbers refused to surrender and put up a hard fight and succeeded in getting away. The outlaws were again overtaken on Enos creek, eighty miles from Cody. Another fight followed.

One bandit was wounded in the thigh but both got away again after desperate fighting.

A courier came to Mestetes tonight with the news that the murderers were surrounded in a forest on Commonwealth creek and their capture was likely to occur any time. If captured they will be taken to Cody and possibly lynched. Colonel Cody arrived in Cody this evening with his Indian trappers, scouts and cowboys accompanied by a party of English noblemen and New York editors. Cody will take the trail of the outlaws at once.

A WELL KNOWN ATTRACTION

The Wiedemann Co came to the west two years ago, unknown to the theatre goers and the price they did not expect much. After their first performance the verdict was "Better than most of our dollar attractions" and their appreciation was shown, by the house being packed at every performance. They return for a two nights engagement at Stewards Opera House on Monday and Tuesday Nov. 7 & 8. The opening bill is the heart story of the west. The Silver King dramatised from Bert Harter famous romance. As the playwright has given us the very atmosphere of Harter all the faithful adherents of this brilliant western writer will appreciate the

romance in its dramatic form. The scenic effects are particularly appropriate, and the stage settings are true to life. The cast is headed by the well known artists Chas King Frank Montgomery and Francis Long. The supporting Co is unusually strong between acts the Vauderville offering is Geo Morrison, Baby Fox the clever child artist and Miss Perole Martin. An entire change of Fay and Vaudville is made at every performance. The prices are 10, 20, and 30 cents.

Married.

DAWSON—DEBOIE—In this city on November 2nd 1904 by Hon J M Hough, Isaac N D wason and Lorene DeHoe. The parties are both from Elgin, and the Observer joins their many friends in wishing them a happy and prosperous married life.

Mysterious Murder

New Ulm, Minn., Nov. 3.—Dr. L A Gebhard, a dentist, aged 20, was murdered in his office last night. A P Brooks, a newspaper proprietor in his office beneath the dental office, heard a scuffle but found the door locked. He looked through the transom and saw the murderer deal Gebhard blows on the head with a hammer, felling him. He then stabbed the unconscious man. As Brooks called for help the murderer jumped through the window and escaped. There is no clue to the motive of the murderer or his identity.

the council for the past several meetings, in which Turner Oliver asked the city to vacate a part of the street near his residence, was disposed of by the council declining to grant the request.

The usual grist of bills were allowed.

Platt is Confident

New York, Nov. 3.—Senator Platt tonight expressed it as his confident opinion that the Republican state ticket would surely be elected.

Proves Too Slow

Rockport, Mass., Nov. 3.—The armored cruiser West Virginia is making her trial trip today over the Cape Ann course. The government requirement is twenty-two knots, and her average speed for the first two stages of the course was less than the requirement.

Council Meeting

Last night was the regular meeting night of the city council and about the city matters of importance which came before the meeting was the resignation of Fire Chief Peare and Assistant Chief B L Lincoln which was accepted. The matter which has been before

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