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## APPALLING LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE

SOUTHERN STORMS WERE WORSE THAN REPORTED

Waves Carry Scores of Corpses and Shores are Strwn With Dead Bodies—Wealthy Planters are Penniless—Starvation is Threatened in Many Quarters—Storm Was Most Severe in Southern Mississippi and Alabama.

NEW ORLEANS, via Hattiesburg, Sept. 23.—Appalling information today show the loss of life of tidal wave and storm along the gulf to be between 300 and 400. Property damage is so great that many wealthy planters are ruined. Two hundred were lost in Terrebonne Parish, and 40 of them identified.

One hundred are dead along the coast and 21 are dead in the interior. A famine and pestilence is threatened.

The entire cotton crop of lower Mississippi and Alabama is ruined. A third of the sugar cane and rice is lost.

Messages give added details of heavy damage there. Street car lines are crippled and scores of residences, wharves and public buildings are demolished. The havoc by water and lightning is still unestimated. A few wires are re-established, but these are burdened with messages of inquiry and business, so that it is impossible to secure details.

One Train Not Heard From.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 23.—The number of dead and homeless is still unknown here today as the relief parties are handicapped by washouts, and broken telegraph and telephone lines. There is no news of the limited train which left New Orleans Monday night. It was in marshy land, when the storm broke. It is probable that it is marooned, and passengers are starving if no worse fate has overtaken them.

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Sept. 23.—Boats which reached New Orleans yesterday, after making their way slowly along the storm-swept coast, report great loss of life in Peribone parish, where more than 100 dead corpses were in the waves, and also in rows on the beach. Hundreds are homeless and exposed to the weather without food.

TAFT UNDERSTANDS SOUTH.

Secretary of War Praises President's Attitude Toward Negro.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 23.—Secretary of War Dickinson praised the policies of Taft as uplifting the south. He declared Taft recognized the seriousness of the Negro question. In an address here today Dickinson said in part: "It is fortunate that the leader of the party in control is sympathetic with us, and understands our convictions and our reasons for them. He appreciates the extent of irritation coming from the appointment of Negroes in the south. He understands we've deep seated race question which can't be argued out of existence."

Notables to Lecture.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—With a lecture by Morgan J. O'Brien, former justice of the Supreme Court, the Fordham University School of Law began its fifth academic year today. The list of lecturers includes Congressman Littlefield of Maine and Frederic R. Coudert.

By Left \$50,000.  
NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—A messenger boy entrusted with \$50,000 in cur-

## TAFT VISITS BIG TUNNEL

GUNNISON TUNNEL WONDERS

ARE UNDER PERUSAL.

Taft Formerly Dedicated The Wonder Irrigation Project Today.

MONTRORSE, Colo., Sept. 12.—President Taft is spending most of the day inspecting the Gunnison tunnel, the great irrigation project in connection therewith. The cost of construction of canals and the tunnel is estimated at nearly four millions. The president is accompanied by Ballinger, who is acting as lecturer and guide for Taft.

In the four years it took to blast out the Gunnison tunnel many thrilling experiences came to the men engaged in the work. It was a long and tireless task, boring through the eternal fastnesses of that huge mountain. For the most part the rock is volcanic in character of the Archaic period, tough and obdurate. Yet there were adventures along the route. A few times there were lucky finds in the way of nuggets of gold. Several times they encountered streams of hot water, but more often streams of cold water, some of them highly mineral in character. Sometimes following the heavy blasts millions of gallons of water rushed in upon the workmen, who had to battle for their lives. Near the valley end of the tunnel an old ocean bed was found, and in the rock countless numbers of sea shells of different sizes. Through this work the work was very dangerous and required constant timbering. In the spring of 1905 the drills ran into an underground stream which caused a cave-in, and for forty-eight hours a number of workmen were buried alive. A shaft was sunk from the outside and the men were saved. The number of men that were caught in the cave-in were pinned down by rocks, but those who were free to work had shoveled up dikes to keep the water away from their injured comrades, and thus saving their lives.

## COURT CASES ARE SET TODAY

NEW COURT ROOM CHRISTENED BY COURT AND ATTORNEYS.

No Cases of Apparent Greatness Scheduled For Coming Term.

The new arrangement in the circuit court room was tested this forenoon, when a dozen attorneys assembled to hear the docket read and to have their cases set for trial. Judge Knowles' desk in the new alcove proved highly satisfactory. On the whole the room presented a much better appearance than ever before.

There seem to be no large cases to be tried at the coming term. The first case set for Monday afternoon, is the civil suit of Overton vs. Spencer. Others of more public interest will be the State vs. King Rowe, the State vs. C. H. Jones of Union, a liquor case, and several cases in which the O. R. & N. company is a party.

Arguments on a motion to dismiss the case of the City vs. Ralph Atkinson, were started this morning by Judge Ramsey attorney for the defense. The arguments will consume the larger portion of the afternoon.

Agency and negotiable securities, left the package in a restaurant. It was found by Proprietor E. Bohrer, who returned it to its owners and received the reward.

## SPANIARDS LOST TO TRIBESMEN

TRIBESMEN SURPRISE AND OVERPOWER SPANISH FORCES

Pitched Battles Have Been Frequent of Late—Hundreds Slain in These Affairs—by Springing a Surprise on The Victorious Spaniards The Tribesmen Are Unable to Recover Lost Ground and Inflict Severe Punishment.

PARIS, Sept. 23.—The Spanish forces under General Marina suffered a severe defeat at the hands of the Riff Tribesmen, and are in full retreat toward Melilla, according to reports reaching the French war office here today. The past few days, Spaniards have been victorious, three times defeating the Rifians in pitched battles in which hundreds were slain.

The tide turned before sunrise today, when the Tribesmen charged, surprised, and overwhelmed the Spaniards. A concerted attack along the six miles of Spanish bayonets took place. Two hours of desperate fighting, and then the Spaniards began slowly to retreat. Tribesmen will probably recapture the mountains overlooking Melilla, and will be able to inflict horrors of a siege upon the garrison again.

Christian Convention.  
MURFREESBORO, Tenn., Sept. 23.—With Secretary A. I. Myhr, who has served twenty years, as the presiding officer, the annual convention of the Christian churches of Tennessee was opened here today.

BACK FROM LONG DRIVE.

Local People Travel Eight Hundred Miles Over Mountainous Roads.

An auto party consisting of S. N. Bolton and Will French, driven by Chase Bohnenkamp in his Cadillac Thirty, returned yesterday from an extended trip of 800 miles through Harney and Malheur counties and western Idaho. They report the Malheur and Harney lakes a veritable Hunters' paradise.

The found the mountain roads over five different ranges very good. In Idaho the dust and sand was often hub-deep. No rain has fallen in the Burns country for months.

Chase Bohnenkamp leaves tonight for Louisville, Kentucky, to enter the Kentucky Military Institute for the year. During his absence Hal will take his place and drive the auto's. Mrs. Will French is suffering with an attack of rheumatism.

SPECIALIST FOR EXPOSITION.

Entertainment Committee of Fair Secures Prof. Littlejohn.

The entertainment committee of the exposition has secured Prof. F. P. Littlejohn of Fresno, California, to furnish entertainment in the line of tight rope walking, juggling, high trapeze, and slack wire. These stunts will be arranged with other special features as will best fit the program of the week. It is the desire of the committee to secure two or three other strong numbers of a special nature to make the evenings lively all week.

Sheepmen Offer Reward.

PENDLETON, Sept. 23.—A reward of \$800 was offered today for the conviction of the man or men who shot and killed Alphonse Mayons, a sheep herder. It is believed the shooting was deliberate. The wool growers offered \$500, and J. E. Smith company, \$300.

## OFFICERS WITH THE DELEGATES

FIRST SESSION HELD EARLY THIS MORNING

Baker City Receives Fraternal Guests With Open Arms—Chamberlain and King are With the Visitors—Midnight Banquet This Evening—Baby Show With Officials as Judges Tomorrow—Election of Officers This Evening.

BAKER CITY, Sept. 23.—(Special)—Three hundred Knight Templars and Shriners including United States Senator George E. Chamberlain and William R. King, the chief justice of the Oregon Supreme Court, arrived here by special train this morning. They were met at the depot by tally-hos, automobiles, citizens and fraternal committees and the local band, and escorted to the Knight Templars' hall, where the Knights went immediately into business session lasting until noon. At the noon hour all visitors were given luncheon at the Elks' auditorium.

This afternoon the Knights held another business meeting at which election of officers will take place later in the day. Tonight the session meets again and at midnight, Knights and Shriners will be given an exclusive banquet.

Tomorrow morning the Knights will hold a public installation of officers, and in the afternoon the guests will be entertained at the county fair.

At 4 o'clock the baby show with Chamberlain and King as the probable judges, will be another item for the visitors' entertainment.

SHRINERS CARAVAN HERE.

Several Shriners From La Grande go to Baker City This Morning.

Palatially equipped, five standard

## PEARY ENTERS UNITED STATES

SECOND DISCOVERER OF ICY POLE AT HOME.

Cook in New York and Peary in New England—Reporters Getting Busy.

PORTLAND, Maine, Sept. 23.—Commander Peary entered the United States for the first time since he left on his quest for the pole. When he entered Maine at 9:30 this morning, arriving at Vanceboro at 1:15 this afternoon, he was greeted enthusiastically. He was a guest at luncheon by the mayor and prominent citizens. Later he was given a loving cup in the presence of ten thousand. He is due here at 7:40 this evening. He will be tendered a banquet.

Cook in New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Dr. Cook spent the day in his apartments in the Waldorf, Astoria, busy with the secretary. He received reporters, and reiterated the so-called Peary-Cook controversy was closed at present. The Arctic club will banquet Cook at the Waldorf tonight. A distinguished body of men will pay respects to the explorer.

Three cantaloupes raised near The Dalles weighed 21 1/2 pounds; one of them 8 1/2.

## CHICAGO HAS GUILTY "COP"

POLICE INSPECTOR McCANN IS GUILTY, SAYS JURY TODAY.

Sensational Trial Ends in Defeat For The Police Hoodlers.

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—Police Inspector McCann, who has been on trial charged with accepting protection money from the south levee resort keepers, has been found guilty today. The verdict was agreed upon at 10 o'clock this morning, and reported to the court at 9:30. A new trial will be asked.

McCann's case is the first of a series of graft cases which the state prosecutor, Wayman, has undertaken in an effort to wipe out the alleged police ring, which it is said, is formed for the purpose of exacting money from saloon keepers and other resorters in exchange for police protection.

ENACTING DEATH SLEEP.

Subject of Hypnotism Can be Seen at The N. K. West Store Today.

The death sleep is being enacted at the N. K. West store today. The subject of the hypnotist, who will give three performances at the Stewart, commencing tonight, was placed under hypnotic influences early in the forenoon, and her sleeping features are turned to the pedestrians for wonderment and study. The process of placing her under the state where hunger has no power and where there is no sign of life, was a long one and the hypnotist devoted considerable time to the effort.

Johnson Buried.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 23.—While the body of Governor John A. Johnson is being lowered in the grave this afternoon all industrial activity throughout the state ceased in a five minutes' tribute.

The body has been lying in state for two days at the rotunda of the capitol. It was transferred to a special car and taken to St. Peter's, Minn., where it was buried.

pullmans and an observation car under the direction of Conductor Smith, himself a Shriner, passed through the city early this morning carrying the bulk of the Portland and Pendleton Shriners, who are to attend the meeting in Baker City this week of that order. A few local Shriners joined them here, but the main crowd waited for No. 10. Those who went to the conclave of the mystic nobles on the train mentioned were Nobles George Parker, A. Alson, J. H. Watson, Prof. J. D. Stout, C. E. Cochran and Frank Jackson. Mesdames Parker and Watson were also passengers.

An novice who at present is a Knight Templar, but is to be returned from a journey over the burning desert at Baker City a fullfledged Shriner, is C. C. Pennington, who is attending both meetings at Baker City.

Autolists Cross Hills.

Among those to go by automobile today were Mayor M. K. Hall with Mrs. Hall, Mrs. C. T. Bacon and Mrs. C. A. Vurpillat as his party, Will Church with F. L. Meyers, and Robert Newlin, and Doctor N. Molltor with Mrs. Molltor. These three machines left for Baker this afternoon. The Reynolds and Russell machines left yesterday afternoon.

Dedicate Y. M. C. A.

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 23.—Dedication exercises were held today at the new Railroad Young Men's Christian association building, which cost \$100,000. It is the finest edifice of its kind in the south and has but three superiors in the world.

## A-Y-P JOYRIDE KILLS 3 WOMEN

FIRE DEPARTMENT TOO LATE PUTTING OUT FLAME

Women Spectators Forced to Stand by While Women Burn to Death Under Wrecked Automobile—Heard Screams and Rushed to Assistance But Were Driven Back by The Flames—Incident Spectacular Because it Occurred in Night.

SEATTLE, Sept. 23.—Three women are dead, another is dying, and three men are slightly hurt and another is seriously injured as the result of an auto "joy ride" which ended shortly after day light this morning, when a big Pope Toledo plunged over the bridge in the southern part of this city onto the tide flats.

The car caught fire when the gasoline tank exploded, and all occupants except the chauffeur were pinned under the car and burned. The women in the car were: Winnie Frazier, Miss Johnson and Miss Porter.

Driver Hank Hizer, who escaped uninjured, has been arrested. He says the steering gear broke. When the machine overturned and fired, several persons were aroused by the shrieks of injured, left homes, and hurriedly snatched their night-clothing, and attempted to rescue unfortunates. The machine blazed fiercely, however, and the intense heat drove back the rescuers, who were compelled to stand by and watch the imprisoned victims roast to death. The fire department quenched the flames and rescued the living.

The dead are: Miss Mabel Johnson, Miss Goldie Porter; fatally injured Azel Anderson, all of Seattle. The seriously injured are: Miss Winnie Frazier, Mt. Vernon, Wash., slightly injured; F. E. Lindsay, Christine Anderson and Tom Finch.

## THREE WEEKS, FROM THIS DATE

HARVEST BAZAAR TIME IS NEARING—LADIES ACTIVE.

Harvest Bazaar to be Given by Park Ladies is Nearing Opening Day.

Just three weeks from today the Harvest Bazaar to be given by the Riverside Park association, will open in the auditorium of the Elks' hall. All the committees are working constantly to get everything in readiness.

The art, utility and apron booth, each have ten energetic ladies working for their special feature of the fair, who have at least ten articles apiece. The doll donated by M. Seller and company is now dressed and will be sold by Miss Pauline Lederle and Mrs. G. M. Richey.

A list of many girls names made up and from this list Mr. M. B. Donohue, Secretary of the Palmer Lumber company, named the beautiful doll. This name he wrote on a card and sealed up to be brought out when all the names are sold and who ever has guessed the correct name will become the happy owner.

The stores donated very generously toward the fair and later a list will be given of the articles given.

Birth Record.

In this city Thursday, September 23, 1909, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Colon R. Eberhardt.