

FIFTY LIVES ARE SWALLOWED BY THE FLOOD WATERS FROM SWOLLEN MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Refugees Hang to Housetops and Trees to Avoid Drowning--Motor Boats Sent to Rescue--Trains Marooned

New Orleans, May 6.—Thirty persons were drowned in Coupee parish today when flood water from a break in the levee rushed suddenly into the district. Survivors reported that 12 bodies had been recovered but declared the death list will probably total 50.

Heavy rains in Louisiana and Mississippi today lent additional danger to scores of cities threatened with inundation by the flood waters of the Mississippi. Thousands of women and children have left Bayou, Des Glaces, Melville and other flooded sections. The property loss will already exceed \$2,000,000.

The flood situation at Point Coupee is desperate. Motorboats have been

sent to the scene to take off refugees. The survivors assert that whole families were swept to their deaths when the levee broke today and government officials here have been notified that 1,000 persons are imperiled by being marooned on treetops, house tops and rafts.

Refugees in Waist Deep Water.
Passengers on a train which passed through Morganza today stated that many people stood on the depot in water waist deep signalling the train to take them aboard. The train crew refused to stop because of the rapid rise of the water. The next train passing was derailed and passengers thrown into the flood.

WEST REMOVES SUPT. JAMES

TROUBLE COMES TO A FOCUS AT SALEM TODAY.

James' Proposition of Working for Nothing Is Overturned.

Salem, Ore., May 6.—Governor West took the bit in his teeth today. Superintendent James of the penitentiary, put up to West a proposition to work for nothing as superintendent if other employes would do the same; the governor's answer was to remove James absolutely, appointing Warden Curtis acting superintendent and directing James to turn over the institution at once to Curtis. He says the institution need have no superintendent and he will appoint none. West says he intends to prepare a list of all expenditures showing appropriations, etc., and asserts the state is burdened with useless office holder.

General Lea Broken Down.

San Francisco, May 6.—A physical and mental wreck, broken by the orient, General Homer Lea of California, a military genius and author, a confidante of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, and advisor to the Chinese revolutionary leader, arrived here on the liner Chiyo Maru today. He was accompanied by Mrs. Lea and will go to their home in Los Angeles to regain his health. General Lea devoted himself so assiduously to the problem of liberating the Chinese from the dominancy of the Manchus, that his constitution was undermined and he is suffering from a severe stroke of paralysis.

To Try Alleged Lynchers.

West Chester, Pa., May 4.—Preparations have been completed for the trial next week of the remainder of alleged Coatesville lynchings of Zach Walker, the negro murderer who was taken from the Coatesville hospital and burned in a pile of fence rails last August. The defendants are the chief of police Charles Umsted and Officer Stanley Howe, who were on guard at the hospital; Walter Markward, Lewis Keyser, Richard Tucker, Lewis Denthorpe and John Conard, the five last named being charged with active participation in the lynching and the officers with failure to perform their duty in preventing the crime.

Knox in California.

Santa Barbara, Cal., May 6.—Secretary of State P. C. Knox will leave here tonight for San Francisco. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Knox.

OLD VETERANS MEET DEATH

SPECIAL TRAIN CARRYING CONFEDERATES WRECKED

Eight Die When Train Is Ditched Carrying Many Veterans.

New Orleans, May 6.—The first section of the confederate veterans' special train, crowded with old soldiers, was wrecked near East Abuchie after leaving New Orleans today. Eight were killed.

WILL TALK CHERRY SHOW.

Mass Meeting at Cove Wednesday Evening to Discuss Coming Event, Chris Stackland, the Cove cherry king, who is in the city today, announces a mass meeting of citizens in and about Cove Wednesday evening to lay plans for the coming cherry show. The date will be set when the weather moderates.

Firemen to Elect Tuesday.

Company officers for fire departments Nos. 1 and 2, will be held tomorrow night. President G. T. Weisenberger has called the meeting for 8 o'clock when all members are urged to be present.

DR. R. A. PEARSON.
Recently Elected President of Iowa College of Agriculture.



"LAKE" LOOMS A FAVORITE

SUNDAY SIGHTSEERS CAN FIND AMUSEMENT

FIRST DAY RUSHING

First Day Rushing—New Train Service Makes Hot Lake Popular

Hot Lake, May 6.—(Special)—This institution will become the mecca of recreation lovers this summer, a fact amply demonstrated yesterday afternoon when the first La Grande-Baker local brought about 25 sojourners to the "Lake." The splendid accommodations allows La Grande people the opportunity of coming to the sanatorium on Sunday afternoon, enjoy a bath, partake of dinner at the grill, lounge in the billiard and reading rooms and return to La Grande leaving here at 10:10. Special arrangements for taking care of the La be made from now on. The same accommodations Sunday evenings will comendations of course prevail week days, but it is on Sundays that Manager Pierce and his lieutenant, Fred B. Currey, hope to greet their many La Grande friends and open the institution to them. Bath houses did a land office business yesterday evening and the grill was the scene of an animated gathering of excursionists at the dinner hour.

Three Round Bout Attracts

Ellis Kirtley and Joe Carr provided the bulk of the amusement for the men folks when they went three rounds in the institution's "gym." A sizzling uppercut on the proboscis sent the undertaker to the hospital in the third canto. To add to the humiliation Mr. Kirtley later walloped his adversary at pool and billiards.

Sojourners are Many

Among the visitors at the Lake yesterday afternoon were: T. J. Scroggin, R. W. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Carr, A. V. Andrews and wife, E. E. Kirtley, George O'Conner, George H. Currey, J. H. Richardson, John Thieson, A. W. Nelson, A. C. Moffet of Portland, and Mrs. Gene Moore of La Grande.

Trust Fight Opens.

New York, May 6.—With trust attorneys fighting back desperately, the government's suit for dissolution of the United States Steel corporation was begun in the custom house here today by Special Examiner Henry T. Brown.

As more testimony will be taken in this suit than in the Standard Oil case, it is expected the hearings will last two months at the least. In addition to Special Examiner Brown, the government is represented by Former Secretary of War Dickinson and Henry Colton. Attorney Richard Lindabury, and Raynal Bolling appeared for the trusts.

Shriners Congregate.

Los Angeles, May 6.—Thousands of Shriners today went to Pasadena, which was the center of entertainment for the imperial council. The streets here are gay with marching patrols, and Shriners are nearly all here.

Several hundred Shriners and their friends went to Catalina island on a special steamer and the evening will be given over to receptions by various temples at their headquarters. Tomorrow the opening ceremonies of the 38th annual conclave of the imperial council will be held and it is estimated that 40,000 Shriners and their friends are now in Los Angeles.

SAWMILL COMPANY FORMED.

South La Grande Citizens Will Operate Mill South of City.

Jan Hosbrook, Cleveland Montgomery and J. E. Orvis have formed a sawmill company to operate a mill south of the city. All the machinery with the exception of the engine has been moved to the site of the mill.

BETTING FAVORS TAFT AT POLLS

MARYLAND SHOWING A BIG VOTE IN FIRST PRIMARY

CANDIDATES WORKING WEST WARD THIS WEEK JOINTLY

Harmon, Clark, Wilson, Taft All to Invade Middlewestern Sections of the Country This Week—Texas Goes for Wilson by Overwhelming Majority in Precinct Conventions, Today.

Baltimore, May 6.—With ideal weather conditions prevailing, Maryland is today holding her first presidential primaries. Early voting is heavy. The Roosevelt men issued a statement claiming the victory. While Taft backers are reticent Taft is a favorite in the betting. It is not believed the result will be definitely known till tomorrow.

Campaign Working Westward.

Columbus, May 6.—Prepared for an earnest campaign in the advocacy of Wilson's candidacy for the democratic presidential nomination, W. J. Bryan is in Ohio today. Taft is also in his home state, and Harmon, Roosevelt and Wilson will all tour Ohio before the primaries, May 21.

Bryan's campaign begins tonight under the direction of Wilson's supporters and will end Thursday. Meanwhile Harmon will be active and expects to offset the effect of Bryan's tour. Taft today delivered several

25 MILLIONS CHURCHLESS

HOME MISSIONS MAKE REPORT TO CONFERENCE.

TAFT ATTITUDE RIGHT

Methodist at Conference in Minneapolis Hear Mission News.

Minneapolis, May 6.—That there are 25,000,000 persons in the United States with no church affiliations, was declared today in the report of the board of home missions to the quadrennial conference of the Methodist Episcopal church.

It is believed that at least five bishops will be created. The conference today unanimously adopted a resolution commending President Taft's attitude in refusing to intervene in Mexico.

Machinist Suffers Injury.

Machinist Miller is suffering in the hospital today with a crushed foot, the outcome of an accident in the machine shops this morning. Dr. Hall is attending. The foot is badly lacerated but it is not thought amputation will be necessary. He was hurried to the hospital immediately after the accident this morning.

addresses from the rear platform of his train en route to Cincinnati.

Wilson Strong in Texas.

Austin, Tex., May 6.—Practically complete returns today show that Wilson defeated Champ Clark and Harmon by an overwhelming vote in the precinct conventions. He received three times as many votes as Harmon and Clark combined.

CHICAGO STRIKE LOOKS LARGER

PREPRESSURE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON TYPO UNION MAY DECIDE

ONE MAN SLUGGED IN DOWNTOWN RIOTS

Non Union Pressmen Help Get Out Morning Editions of Chicago Papers—Head of Pressmen's Union at Chicago Supervising the Strike thus Far—Printers Hold the Controlling Hand.

Chicago, May 6.—One man slugged into unconsciousness, regular morning editions issued with imported non union pressmen and the Typographical union seriously considering joining the pressmen's strike summarizes the strike situation here today.

Regular morning editions of the Chicago papers were issued today through the employment of imported pressmen and stereotypers. Afternoon papers promise three editions. There was no rioting during the early editions and it is believed the fate of the strike depends on the action of the printers.

The strike is being conducted by President Perry, of the International Pressmen's union, who is trying to bring out the printers in sympathy. The Chicago federation of labor yesterday urged the unionists to support the strikers and advertised for a strike of the printers. Fifty automobile truck drivers, employed by paper concerns, struck today, refusing to deliver paper to the newspaper offices.

Max Annenberg, circulation department of the Chicago Tribune, was slugged into unconsciousness in a riot downtown in aiding in the distribution of the papers.

WILSON CROWD NEAREST POWER

WALLA WALLA CONVENTION MAY BRING SURPRISE.

Bryan-Wilson Men Control Situation Jointly but Not Singly.

Convention Hall, Walla Walla, Wn., May 6.—Pierce county, with 53 delegates, controls the democratic state convention which opened this afternoon. A close contest is on between Clark and Wilson. The convention was opened by Charles G. Helfner of Seattle as chairman.

Wilson controls more counties than Clark, but with the King county delegation, which was contested, seated for Wilson together with the Bryan men, Wilson has only 348 men, lacking 12 to control the convention which is made up of 719 delegates.

There is a strong undercurrent of Bryan sentiment. It is possible, if the Wilson men fail to control the convention, they will stampede for Bryan.

Main Armies in Battle.

Monterey, Mex., May 6.—In a battle between the main armies of the federals and the rebels under Generals Hurta and Orozco, respectively, was begun this morning at Bormejillo near Torreón, according to reports here. It is reported that about 8,000 men are on each side.

Insists on Bay Deal.

El Paso, May 6.—Peter Alken, jailed here on a charge of having violated the neutrality laws, declared today that General Pascual Orozco, commander in chief of the rebel forces has agreed to give the Japanese a coaling station on Magdalena bay if the present revolution is successful. He refused to give public the details.

Mrs. David Beach Starting on Her New York to Chicago Walk



Photo by American Press Association

To test her theory of the nutritive value of raw food Mrs. David Beach, a musician, is making her way on foot from New York to Chicago, attended by an automobile bearing her maid and the newspaper men and photographers who are to keep the records of her trip of approximately 1,000 miles. Her daily bill of fare will consist, for the most part, of wheat, raisins and nuts. She will eat no meat, and none of her food will be cooked. She will follow the railroad routes as closely as possible, taking the highway, however. She expects to be examined by physicians in the different cities—among which are Albany, Buffalo, Cleveland and Toledo—through which she passes, who will take note of her physical fitness. The examinations will have to do with weight, pulse, blood pressure and temperature. With good fortune Mrs. Beach hopes to reach Chicago by June 1. Edward Payson Weston, the veteran pedestrian, has coached her for her task and expresses confidence in her ability to perform it.