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### CLOUDBURST IN ILLINOIS.

Rain and Wind Do \$150,000 Damage at Pana.

PANA, Ill., Aug. 21.—A cloudburst and tornado at Pana did \$150,000 damage. The Catholic Church steeple was blown down, and with it the four-ton bell. Hotels and business blocks were unroofed, windows were broken and shade trees are almost a total wreck. The \$2,000 Y. M. C. A. building was almost demolished.

STERLING, Ill., Aug. 21.—A cloudburst near Sterling, 20 miles southwest of here, deluged several thousand acres of land, destroying the corn crop. Two miles of track on the Mendota branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad was washed out. A freight train ran into the wash-out and was derailed. George Wells, Bremer, and Frank Murray, engineer, were killed. The loss to the farmers is \$100,000.

Judge Albert H. Horton Dying.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 20.—Judge Albert H. Horton, ex-Chief Justice of Kansas, who is being brought forward from Wisconsin to his home at Topeka, Kan., is dying, according to a telegram received today from Washington. Judge Horton had gone to Wisconsin for his health.

Cronje Sells From St. Helena.

JAMESTOWN, Island of St. Helena, Aug. 20.—A thousand Dutch, including General Cronje, his wife and his staff, sailed from here today for South Africa.

### SCHWAB NEEDS REST.

Steel Trust President Confers With Morgan at New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel Corporation, who arrived here last night, took breakfast today at the Lorraine. He said he was feeling very well.

Mr. Schwab went to the office of the United States Steel Corporation, where he remained for a short time, and then went to the banking-house of J. P. Morgan & Co., where he had a conference with Mr. Morgan. The conference lasted about an hour. Nothing concerning it was made public.

F. H. Gary, chairman of the executive committee of the Steel Corporation, made the following statement today:

"President Schwab is looking well and hearty. There seems to be no doubt that he will soon be completely restored to health. We are all insisting that he take a much-needed rest. During the last 15 months he has had charge of more responsibility than one person should assume. However, he has so systematized the business of the company that it will not suffer during his absence. He will probably sail within a day or two. He will take with him the best wishes of all his associates."

Mr. Schwab made the statement tonight that all arrangements had been made for him to sail tomorrow on the French liner La Lorraine.

### SPRING WHEAT BEST

#### Walla Walla's Re-Seeded Patches Show Up Well.

### YIELD OF COUNTY WILL BE SHORT

#### In Spite of Damage by Wind, Columbia and Garfield Counties Have Record-Breaking Crops of Barley.

The crop of Walla Walla, the oldest of Washington's wheat counties, is materially smaller than that of a year ago, but will approximate 3,500,000 bushels. The Spring wheat is showing better yields than Winter wheat, and the average of bluestem is much smaller than usual on account of unsatisfactory prices last year. In Columbia and Garfield Counties more barley than wheat was grown this year, the yield of this cereal in the two counties being in excess of 2,000,000 bushels.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Staff correspondence.)—Wheat has made Walla Walla famous. It has carried her name to the uttermost ends of the earth, and wherever the cereal is bought and sold the name of the "two Wallas" is well known. The swarthy wheat-buyer of the Argentine, his phlegmatic cousin on the borders of the Azoff, the Australian, the Parsees of the Punjab and other growers of the globe may be unaware of the existence of Portland, Seattle or Tacoma. They have heard of Walla Walla, however, and they all know that at certain seasons of the year their wheat, be it Argentine, Indian, Russian, Turk or French or Prussian, is in competition with about 20 shinkloads of Walla Walla wheat. Newspapers in the State of Washington, even here in Walla Walla, make strenuous efforts to have this wheat quoted as "club," but their efforts find no reward beyond the state line. The cables which go out from Liverpool, which is the world's market, make no mention of club wheat, but they carry the news to Odessa, Rangoon, Buenos Ayres, to the Australian ports, and to other wheat centers that "Walla Walla cargoes are offering today," etc., and wherever wheat is grown or used, some one is aware that there is such a place as Walla Walla.

This county in the early days of the industry supplied the greater part of the wheat grown in the State of Washington, but she is now a third, and possibly a fourth-rater in that respect. At the same time as a good, reliable producer, unacquainted with the word failure, Walla Walla is all right, and this year will not fall short of her average production. In keeping with her neighboring county in Oregon, Walla Walla suffered by frost last Winter and wind this Summer, the combined damage cutting off at least 600,000 bushels, and possible twice that amount from the crop which would otherwise have been secured. This was a great year for Spring wheat in the county, and the farmers would undoubtedly have been better off financially today had the entire Winter wheat crop frozen out. The portion which did not freeze out is showing only a fair yield, and it ripened just early enough to catch the full force of the wind a few weeks ago, with the result that it shattered to such an extent that some farmers are claiming a loss of five to ten bushels per acre from this cause.

#### Good Yield of Spring Wheat.

The Spring wheat which was sown to replace the Winter-killed wheat is coming along under very favorable circumstances, and did not ripen in time to suffer from the wind, and is now turning off as high as 20 and 25 bushels to the acre, with the average throughout a good portion of the county being much above that of the Winter wheat. Over near the foothills an exceptionally good crop of Spring wheat is being harvested, but Eureka Flat, heretofore with a reputation above reproach, is "trailing," and will fall much below the yield of last year. The yield of the county last year was in the vicinity of 3,700,000 bushels and 4,000,000 bushels, and this year most of the men in close touch with the situation do not expect much if any over 3,000,000 bushels. At some stations in the county more wheat will be received this year than was received last year. This will be due to a larger acreage, not of new ground, but in localities where there was an unusually large percentage of the land in Summer fallow last year. Over on Eureka Flat, where wheat-growing settled down to a steady business years ago, there is not much variation in the acreage, the land in Summer fallow and in crop being pretty evenly divided; but in some of the newer sections it has not been evened up, with the result that each year will witness quite a difference in the relative size of the crops. Taking the county as a whole, the variation from year to year is but slight.

The loss in acreage in certain localities, as mentioned, was insufficient to offset the loss in acreage to barley. Several thousand acres of wheat land were sowed to barley last Fall, and the farmers in most cases suffered by the change, for many of the fields of barley were so badly cut by the wind that they were not cut at all, while nearly all of the others lost heavily by excessive shattering. In a few of these fields a fair stand of volunteer wheat came up with the barley, and some of the headers working in these fields brought in more wheat than barley, the Spring wheat falling to shatter as the barley did.

#### Decrease in Bluestem Yield.

The shrinkage in the differential between bluestem and Walla Walla wheat from 3 cents to 1 cent per bushel has resulted in the abandonment of the former to a large extent. Bluestem does not turn off as good yields as are secured from Walla Walla wheat, the latter averaging about

five bushels per acre better than the bluestem. So long as a premium of 3 cents per bushel was paid, the difference in yield was overlooked, especially as there were other points in favor of it. Bluestem ripened a week or 10 days earlier than Walla Walla, and there have been seasons when half a week of hot winds cut down the crop one-half. In spite of this strong argument in favor of its retention, growers are abandoning bluestem, and it will require more of a spread than 1 cent per bushel to re-establish it in favor.

#### In the Barley Belt.

Barley production has overtaken wheat in both Columbia and Garfield Counties, and Dayton and Pomeroy, as the respective grain headquarters for the two counties, will this year handle more of the new cereal than ever before. The barley crop was cut down materially by the high wind, which caused much shattering, but, in spite of the loss in that direction, it is still a record-breaker, estimates placing the production at considerably over 1,000,000 bushels in each county. Practically all of this barley was grown on land which in former years was used almost exclusively for wheat, and as a result the wheat yield of the counties has been shortened so that the best estimates do not credit either of them with over 1,000,000 bushels, while some operators will be satisfied with 800,000 to 900,000 bushels.

Taking precedence in quantity, it is but natural that barley should attract more attention at this time, and at both Dayton and Pomeroy there has been a very animated market since last Saturday, with heavy buying at both places. There are seven warehouses at Pomeroy, and they are now receiving 10,000 sacks per day. The Northern Pacific gets into Columbia County by way of the Washington & Columbia Road, the O. R. & N. has a clean sweep in Garfield County, and nearly all of the wheat grown in this county finds its way to tidewater at Portland. The extension of the warehouse systems of the big Coast exporters has by no means put the interior warehousemen and buyers out of business, and there are still some pretty heavy independent operators in this territory. M. H. Houser, a young man who has grown up in the business, last year handled nearly 1,500,000 bushels of grain with his warehouses at and near Pomeroy and along the Snake River, and this year, with a shorter crop to work on, expects to handle nearly as much more. Enough bags have been sold at Pomeroy to handle 1,200,000 bushels of grain, but some of the purchasers have overestimated their needs, and are now returning a few of them.

#### Barley May Go East.

Large quantities of barley were shipped East by rail last year from both Garfield and Columbia Counties, and while Pacific Coast prices are too high to admit of shipping East as yet, the Eastern buyers are already asking for samples, prices and other information regarding "the crop." A very fine grade of barley was sent East last year, and as the present crop is equally as good, or better, it may before the end of the season command sufficient premium over Eastern barley to start some of it across the continent. Over 300,000 bushels was sold in Pomeroy yesterday for shipment to Portland, and a similar amount was sold in Dayton Saturday for shipment to Portland and Tacoma.

#### Many Combined Harvesters.

There are some very interesting sights on the big wheat farms of this country now that harvest is on at full blast. The working of a single combined harvester, if it were near a city, would draw a crowd like a circus parade, and it is a sight worth seeing. Out a few miles from Walla Walla today three of these combines, one following the other in the same field, are working on one of the Drummer farms. Over one hundred horses are at work on the three machines, and they are cutting nearly 100 acres per day. A combine drawn by a 60-horsepower traction engine is one of the star features of Eureka Flat this season, and it is said to be as perfect a machine as the combine ever built by man. The stream combine is larger than anything ever before turned into a Northwest wheat field, and will cut a swath 42 feet wide, and when worked to the limit will handle 100 acres of wheat per day.

If steam machines should come into general use it would have quite an effect on the horse market, for in this county alone there are nearly 20 combines, requiring the services of over 1500 horses. Practically all of the combines in use in Oregon and Washington are made by one firm, the Holt Manufacturing Company, which has a large plant here at Walla Walla. They have sold in the two states this season 110 machines. To operate these machines will require the services of about 2500 horses and 500 men, exclusive of the teams and men engaged in hauling the wheat from the field where it is dropped by the combines. E. W. W.

### THE DEATH ROLL.

#### Joseph Shirk, Inventor.

LANCASTER, Pa., Aug. 20.—Joseph Shirk, inventor of the grain cradle, died today at his home near here, aged 83 years.

In the early '30s Shirk made a revolver, which he believed to have been the first streamer ever made with a revolving chamber. He claims to have shown this weapon to Colt, and shortly thereafter the Colt Company was organized and commenced to manufacture them.

#### Max Starks.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Max Starks, for a quarter of a century connected with the New York office of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, is dead at Montgomery, near Newburgh, N. Y., where he had gone for his health.

#### Two Killed by Lightning.

EMPORIA, Kan., Aug. 20.—During a severe thunder storm this afternoon lightning struck the farmhouse of Henry Mercer, killing the west of here, killing Mercer and her little granddaughter. Four other members of the family were in the house at the time. Neighbors came to the house shortly after and found the whole family stunned, and Mrs. Mercer and the little girl, who was locked in her grandmother's arms, dead. All the other members of the family recovered. Very little damage was done to the house, and the place where the lightning struck was scarcely discernible.

### IN BOLTERS' CAMP

#### All Is Not Clear Sailing With Enemies of Cuba.

### UNDERRATED PUBLIC OPINION

#### Some Who Have Been Renominated for Congress Will Have the Fight of Their Lives—Several Turned Down.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 20.—It is almost impossible to get a line upon the insurgent forces of the House of Representatives. The test

### CANDIDATE FOR VACANT MICHIGAN SENATORSHIP



GENERAL RUSSELL A. ALGER.

DETROIT, Aug. 20.—General R. A. Alger announced himself today as a candidate for United States Senator to succeed the late Senator James McMillan. General Alger's statement is as follows:

"Detroit, Mich., Aug. 20.—I will not seek the appointment or election to the office of United States Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator McMillan. The office and honor are too great to be thus gained. Should, however, the people of Michigan, through their Legislature, see fit to elect me to that high office, I will accept it and fill it to the best of my ability. To the friends who have so kindly expressed a desire to have me thus chosen as their representative, I wish to tender my grateful thanks. R. A. ALGER."

General Alger declined to be seen by newspaper men after the statement had been issued, sending word that he had nothing further to say. A note asking him "Will you make an effort to secure the election of members of the Legislature favorable to your Senatorial candidacy?" was sent in to him in his private office. In reply the General sent word that he could answer no questions at present.

vote came up on a point of order made in the committee of the whole, when the Morris amendment was offered, and Chairman Sherman was overruled by a solid Democratic vote, aided by some 49 or more Republicans. This vote might have been more or less. It was taken by Teller, there being no response by roll call, and such a vote is always mere guesswork, except as to actual result. The only test possible was upon the passage of the bill, after it was amended, with the Morris amendment striking out the differential on refined sugar. Upon that vote 49 Republicans voted no, and nine were recorded as paired against the bill. No fight has been made either by the regular Republican organization, the administration or the Republican committee against the nomination of any of the men who did not vote with their party on the Cuban bill. At the same time some have failed to be renominated, and their defeat is generally regarded as a victory for Cuban reciprocity.

The insurgents who have been renominated are Metcalf, California; Prince, Smith and Warner, Illinois; Hepburn, Iowa; Reeder, Kansas; Littlefield, Maine; Gardner, Hamilton, William Allen Smith, Samuel W. Smith, Fordney and Darragh, Michigan; Hildebrandt and Dick, Ohio; Burke, South Dakota; Dayton, Dovenor, Hughes and Gaines, West Virginia; Minor and Jenkins, Wisconsin. Barney, of Wisconsin, and Taylor and Tompkins, of Ohio, were defeated for renomination, in addition to DeLoe, Shelton, H. C. Smith and Woods, of Michigan.

In quite a number of cases conventions have not yet been held in the districts represented by the insurgents. Three of the insurgents came from Minnesota, and all have declined a renomination. The probabilities are that another from Michigan who will be renominated (Corliss) will be defeated at the polls. The Michigan men state that their position on the Cuban reciprocity question had nothing to do with their defeat, and the three men from Minnesota, Hennole, Eddy and Morris, also assert that it was not because they feared defeat, but for personal reasons, that they declined to run. At the same time, other Minnesota men are having a very serious time, and only two members of the present delegation are now sure of return.

#### Indian School May Be Closed.

Puyallup Must Suffer This Fate, Unless Congress Comes to Aid Soon.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 20.—Unless an early appropriation can be secured from Congress for rebuilding the Indian school at Puyallup, Wash., that plant will, in all probability, have to be abandoned. Indian Commissioner Jones, who recently visited the

school, found all the buildings in an advanced stage of decay, save one recently erected. Many are unsanitary, and the whole plant is unfit for occupancy. In his judgment, these buildings should be demolished and new ones erected in their stead.

Commissioner Jones disapproves the idea of making Puyallup a large non-reservation school similar to Salem, but thinks it should be maintained at a capacity not to exceed 100 pupils. New buildings to meet this demand can be erected for \$5,000 or \$10,000, but a special appropriation bill will be necessary for this purpose, no funds being available.

#### More Rural Delivery Routes.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 20.—Rural free delivery service was today ordered established to begin October 1 at Harrisburg, Linn County, Or. There will be two routes, which will serve a population of 930.

#### DISAPPROVES OF FACTIONS

President Expresses Himself Emphatically to a Texas Man.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Aug. 20.—Pres-

### PULP MILLS BLOW UP

#### Nine Workmen Killed in a Wilmington Explosion.

#### FOUR ARE HURT, FIVE MISSING

#### Steel Digesters Explode, Wrecking the Building and Burying the Employes in the Ruins.

WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 20.—Nine workmen known to have been killed, five are missing and four others were badly injured by the explosion of the steel digesters in the Delaware Pulp Mills of the Jessup & Moore Paper Company, on the Christiana River, today. The known dead are:

- FRANK HARRIS.
- WILLIAM BURKE.
- JAMES NADEL.
- JOHN M'ORMICK.
- ZACH COLLIS (colored).
- JAMES STOKES.
- JAMES LITWILER.
- GEORGE DURHAM.
- GRANVILLE WATER.
- JOHN HENRY, fireman.

The missing are: William Scott, fireman; Joel Hutton, fireman; William Ruth, fireman; E. H. Mosley, James Sweney.

The injured are: James Jewer, badly burned, recovery doubtful; John Collins, burned and injured; Thomas Reeves, skull fractured in two places; George Durham, burned and scalded, recovery doubtful.

The digesters were located in a two-story building. There were 19 of them in the building, each one resembling a vat and about six feet in diameter. They were used for reducing wood pulp. Eighteen men were at work in the building. There were two terrific reports, and the next instant the building and mills about the structure were completely wrecked. One digester was blown into the air and fell to the ground 50 feet away. A dense volume of smoke for a time prevented the outside workmen from going to the rescue of those who were caught in the ruins of the falling building. Several men made their escape without injury. An alarm of fire was sounded, and the entire fire department of the city and a large force of police were soon on the ground, and the work of rescue was immediately begun. Several of the workmen were taken out unconscious, only to die after being removed to hospitals. The wreckage was piled up for more than 30 feet, and the escaping steam made the work of rescue difficult.

Those who were not killed outright were mangled and burned by escaping acid that flowed over their bodies from the broken digesters. The monetary loss is only \$5,000.

#### Killed in Trolley Accident.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—One of the victims of last night's trolley accident in The Bronx died this morning in Fordham Hospital. Tonight he was identified by Charles Ruppe, of Yonkers, as William Keyes, of San Jose, Cal. Mr. Ruppe said that Mr. Keyes was a member of a wealthy family, had been in New York and had been in New York only a short time. Mr. Keyes was returning from a visit to Mr. Ruppe's home, in Yonkers, when the accident occurred.

#### CHAFFEE GETS ORDERS.

#### No Word Received From the Lake Lanao District.

MANILA, Aug. 20.—General Chaffee reached the island of Cebu yesterday on the Ingalis and received from Washington instructions regarding the course to be pursued in Mindanao Island. Subsequently he left Cebu for Manila. It is not known here whether there has been any action in the matter of the Mindanao Motoc.

No word was received today from Lake Lanao, where Captain Pershing, of the Philippine Cavalry, is in command of a number of American troops.

#### Kilpatrick Sails from Manila.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The War Department is advised of the sailing of the transport Kilpatrick from Manila, August 21, for San Francisco, with 518 casualties.

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