

TWENTY-FIVE USE LIVES IN FLOODS

Many Thousands Are Rendered Homeless in Texas and Oklahoma.

PROPERTY LOSS IS HEAVY

Fort Worth, Guthrie and Dallas Suffer Worst—Later City Practically Under Martial Law—Trinity River Is Still Rising.

DALLAS, Tex., May 25.—Fourteen persons dead, others missing and believed to have suffered a like fate, property valued at millions of dollars swept away, thousands homeless and being cared for by charitable associations, train and wire service demoralized, such are the conditions prevailing in the northern and central sections of this state tonight as the result of a record-breaking rise in the Trinity River and other streams, following a rainfall unprecedented in severity.

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City in Darkness.

There is not a street light burning in Dallas tonight. One hundred special policemen were drafted and sworn into service.

A noteworthy feature of thrilling interest happened this morning when, pressed on the north by weight of debris, the floating west end of the bridge between Texas and Pacific Railroad over Trinity River gave way and 10 men were thrown into the water in full view of 30,000 spectators.

Rescues Many People.

Sheriff Ledbetter, of Dallas County, accompanied by a squadron of deputies, pressed into service the steamer Nellie Maurine and rescued over 300 people who were clinging to the tops of their houses and in trees at points in West Dallas and along the Eagle Ford road.

SIX ARE DEAD IN OKLAHOMA

Five Hundred Made Homeless and Much Property Destroyed.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., May 25.—Six persons are dead, from four to five hundred are homeless, thousands of acres of low land are inundated, hundreds of houses are washed away or damaged, railroad and wagon bridges are gone over a large area of the southern part of the state, several railroad bridges are damaged and the tracks of nearly every railroad company operating in the state are either away entirely or damaged in those sections inundated by the heaviest rains and most disastrous floods. The dead are:

- William Lindley, Andarko.
Thomkins Cheek, Shawnee.
W. B. Hallers, wife and child, Fredrick.
Unknown man, body found floating in Cimarron river, near Guthrie.
Near Davenport both the Frisco and Katy tracks are washed out. Near El Reno 800 feet of the Choctaw track is gone. On the Santa Fe, near Guthrie, the tracks were damaged, but have been replaced. The Rock Island lines, near Apache and near Fort Cobb have been damaged in the dislocating of bridge bents. The tracks of the Wichita Falls & Northwestern in the Big Pasture are unsafe and trains are delayed. The Oklahoma Central has practically abandoned its service.

RECEDING AT FORT WORTH

Flood in Trinity River Reaches Crest—Much Damage Done.

FORT WORTH, Texas, May 25.—The flood in Fort Worth reached its crest this morning, and Trinity River and its tributaries have receded two feet. The police department today estimates that ten persons met death in Fort Worth and vicinity and that \$1,000,000 damage has been done. Several thousand people are homeless and Texas cities are subscribing to a relief fund.

WEST GUTHRIE UNDER WATER

Five Hundred Houses Flooded and One Death Reported.

GUTHRIE, Okla., May 25.—Over 500 houses in West Guthrie are submerged by the flood which has been raging through the Cottonwood Valley since Saturday night. One negro was drowned. The flood has fallen but the bottoms are still submerged and water four feet deep is running through the streets and hundreds are homeless. Transportation from one part of the town to another is by means of boats.

Brazos River on Rampage.

WACO, Tex., May 25.—The Brazos River is higher here by two feet than ever known. Thousands of acres of land

have been overflowed and the damage to crops is heavy. People living in the low lands have been driven from their homes. Five inches of rain fell in ten hours. Railroads have been washed out badly. Tributaries of the Brazos River are extremely high and crops along these streams have been damaged.

Searches for Missing Brother.

CHICAGO, May 25.—Edward Lanning, of Crystal Lake, Ill., is arranging to hunt his brother, Harry, through the police and newspapers of Oregon, Washington and Northern California. He left home seven years ago for the Northwest, and now is 24 years old. He was last heard from at Klamath Falls, Or. Later it is believed he went to Modoc County, California.

CORONER DELAYS BURIAL

Insists on Autopsy Before Allowing Remains to Be Removed.

As a result of having died Sunday, an adherent to the faith of Christian Science, Coroner Finley yesterday refused to permit the body of Mrs. Margaret Odell to be removed to her home in Eugene, Or., until an autopsy had been performed and the real cause of death, which could not otherwise be explained, made clear. An autopsy was held at 8 o'clock last night by Dr. Alan Welch Smith, whose services had been originally called in by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hales, the son-in-law and daughter of the deceased woman, but whose treatment had been refused by Mrs. Odell. The result of the autopsy was the finding of gall stones.

Coroner Finley, after ascertaining that death had resulted from natural causes, as prescribed by law, and Dr. Smith had signed the death certificate, gave permission for the removal of the remains.

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Brig.-Gen. Alexander Mackenzie, Chief of Engineers, Who Retired Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Brigadier-General Alexander Mackenzie, Chief of Engineers, was retired today on account of age. General Mackenzie had the distinction of being the oldest officer in the active service and one of the longest in the service.

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British Empire Day at the Armory

By J. M. QUENTIN. BRITISH households, from baby to granddad, were depicted last night to furnish their quota of merry-makers to help celebrate British Empire day at the national song, greeted the friends of their race whom they meet once a year, joined in the choruses and had a general good time.

Of course the Stars-and-Stripes flags were abundantly in evidence, but the big building was gay with red flags emblematic of the British empire and her colonies. England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Canada and New Zealand were represented by refreshment booths, and were prettily decorated. Over the Welsh booth was displayed a motto reading: "Oes Y byd i'r Iath Gymraeg," which, I am told, is a general intimation that the Welsh language is over all the world. The motto over the Irish booth read: "Coed Mille Fialthea." An Irishman of my acquaintance says this means "One hundred thousand welcomes." I'll take his word for it.

Patriotic addresses were given by R. M. Brerton, president of the British Benevolent Society, and James Laidlaw, British Consul at this port, the kernel of these talks being the meaning of British Empire day, and the recognition of the birthday of Queen Victoria the Good.

Was there a babbler there? Rather his bagpipes gave a squeal the Scotch in the audience began to own the building and sign the approval by "hoops." The music programme was under the direction of Carl Denton, and the singers were Mrs. Walter Reed, Miss Kate Lawler, Miss Sarah Glance, Frank D. Hennessy, F. T. Crowley and the Welsh Glee Club. All sang well and were encored again and again. The stranger among the singers is Miss Francis, a mezzo-soprano from Australia, who has lived here for about two years. She has a fine stage presence, is a remarkably good singer, and is quite an acquisition to musical Portland. Dances in costume were given by Misses Jennie Beat, Jessie Postage and Agnes Postage, and Masters Frank Darcy and James King.

Especially like the law empire song composed by Sir Edward Elgar, entitled "Land of Hope and Glory." It has the right ring and reminds me of a recruiting sergeant gathering in recruits for war.

ONCE LIVED IN NEWBERG

Ed Blum, Murderer and Suicide, Was Married There.

NEWBERG, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—Ed Blum, who committed the double crime of murder and suicide in Portland Sunday, was formerly a resident of Newberg, following teaming for a livelihood. While living here he married a daughter of J. D. Carter, one of the pioneer merchants of Newberg, who is now living at Baker City.

After two children were born, the couple had domestic trouble and they finally separated, the mother and children later going to Baker City, while Blum drifted to Portland. After the separation, Blum manifested a bad disposition regarding the care of the children and Mrs. Blum seemed to fear that he would do her bodily harm.

GREAT DEBATE ON RACE QUESTION

Intense Excitement in Conference When Number Was Decided.

RACE QUESTION COMES UP

Negroes Have Sympathy of Church, but Are Denied Elevation to Episcopate—Demonstration on Retirement of Bishop Thoburn.

Arguments for More Bishops.

On the one hand it was urged that the bishops knew better than anyone else the field and the real situation and that their judgment should be accepted. On the other hand it was contended that the bishops meet with only the well-to-do of our people and know nothing of the sentiment of the poor and obscure, that they really become unknown, to the mass of the church, and get out of touch with the people as soon as they are elected. The very fact of a man's having the exalted position of a bishop in the church causes him to have such deference paid him and such compliments showered on him and all of his performances that he really does not know the sentiment of the mass of the membership. In addition to this, there is a growing sentiment in the church for more careful and greatly extended supervision, one great layman saying that the church must choose between a more accurate and complete supervision and the destruction of the "itinerant general superintendency" and the substitution thereof of a diocesan episcopacy. These arguments seemed to impress the members of the general conference.

Race Prejudice Arises.

In the midst of the discussion a great orator from California claimed the floor and pleaded for the election of ten bishops on the ground that this number would be sufficient to guarantee the election of two negro men to the episcopate. His declaration seemed to send a chill over the whole conference; it is a little singular how the sympathies of the church seem to go out to the negro, but prejudices cause them to shrink back at the thought of exalting the black man to the general superintendency of the church. He will have authority over white and black men indiscriminately. The sentiment on account of color seems to lie deeper than social prejudices; to one who studies this subject carefully, it seems to be an innate sentiment, magnified by social conditions.

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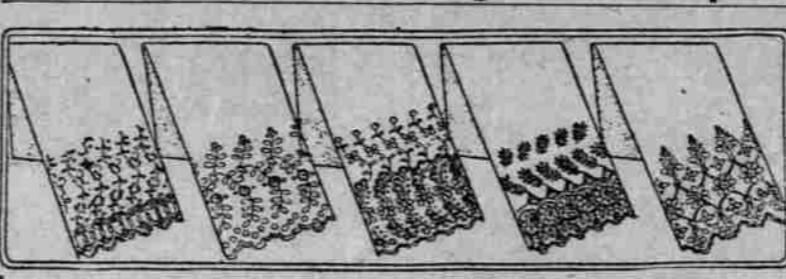
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WAS BLINDED WITH ACID

M'COMAS TELLS HOW HE SHOT MRS. NOYES DEAD.

Know Not He Had Killed Her Till He Saw Body—Liquid Flung in Face.

LOS ANGELES, May 25.—W. P. McComas, who shot and killed Mrs. Charlotte L. Noyes in her apartments last February, took the stand in his own defense before a curious crowd in the Superior Court today. Guided by his attorney's questions, McComas recited the history of the day that preceded the shooting, concluding with the declaration that he fired his revolver blindly after a quantity of acid had been dashed into his face, and that his first knowledge of the tragedy was gained when he saw Mrs. Noyes lying on the floor.

McComas testified that he had attended the races with Mrs. Noyes and had left her to dine at a friend's house. Mrs. Noyes, he said, joined him on a car and he accompanied her to her flat.

"What happened after you had been in the house some time and went to the kitchen door?" asked McComas' counsel.

FILIBUSTERS TAKE REST

After Wearing Out Clerks' Voices, Allow House to Do Business.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Working under heavy pressure with a single eye to adjournment at the earliest possible moment, the House today disposed of a great amount of business. Early in the session it became manifest that a better feeling obtained between the majority and minority, in consequence of which several bills were permitted to be passed by unanimous consent. It developed when the House recessed tonight that the roll had been called 23 times since Congress convened. Prior to March 20, when the Democratic filibuster began, it had been called but 15 times.

The innumerable calls since then brought about today a temporary breakdown on the part of two reading clerks, and Representative Chaney, of Indiana, who has a voice of good carrying quality, volunteered his services in that work, which proved satisfactory.

The sum total of the day's business was as follows: The conference reports on the sundry civil bill and the pension appropriation bills were agreed to, thus sending those measures to the President for signature and leaving only the general deficiency and military academy appropriation bills to be considered in order to complete the disposition of the 14 supply measures. The conference report on the District of Columbia child labor bill also was agreed to and the following bills were passed:

Amending the navigation laws; removing the discriminations against native officers of the Porto Rican regiment of infantry; authorizing the sale of unallotted land of the Spokane Indian Reservation; encouraging the development of coal deposits in Alaska; and providing penalties against the sale of clothing and Government property by soldiers. The omnibus bill relating to disposition of the public land was also back to conference.

After an active debate of an hour and a half the project for a reduced hall of Representatives was defeated by a large majority.

Sell Spokane Indian Lands.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—A bill was passed by the House today authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to sell and dispose of the surplus unallotted lands of the Spokane Indian reservation. Washington, and to place the timber lands of the reservation in a National forest.

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