



## LEVEES ARE GONE

SITUATION IS SERIOUS

### Kansas Fears Repetition of Disastrous Floods of 1903.

RAILROAD TRAFFIC STOPPED

### Wagon Bridge Goes Out Carrying Eight Boys—One Still Missing—Kaw River Still Rising—Soldier Creek Valley Is Inundated.

Topeka, Sept. 16.—The flood situation tonight is more serious. The levees protecting the farming lands along Soldier creek have broken and thousands of acres of corn fields are under water. The wagon bridge across Soldier creek went out this afternoon carrying eight boys and a horse and buggy down with it. Seven of the boys were rescued, but one is still reported missing.

The Kaw river is rising rapidly and a repetition of disastrous flood of 1903 is feared. The railroad communication between Topeka and Kansas City on the north side of the river has been completely cut off. Communication with St. Joseph over the Rick Island is still cut off. Union Pacific has two bridges out west of Topeka and are using the tracks of the Rock Island.

At midnight the Kaw river is still rising steadily. The alarm in North Topeka is increasing as the streets in the outskirts of the city are flooded by three feet of water. At Menoken, a village ten miles west of North Topeka, about 100 persons were driven from their homes by water which is rushing through the streets. It is known that Guy Place the ten-year-old boy, who was on the Soldier creek bridge which was washed out today, was drowned. His body has not been found.

### BARON KOMURA IMPROVING.

New York, Sept. 16.—The following bulletin was issued tonight: "Baron Komura's condition is much improved, the record for the day having been the best since his illness began."

## ARMISTICE IS EFFECTIVE

Gunshu Pass, Sept. 16.—As a result of the armistice, which is effective today, the outposts of the main positions on both sides of the contending armies will move back about two-thirds of a mile and thereafter display white flags.

## MANY CHICAGO CITIZENS TO BE DISFRANCHISED

Chicago, Sept. 16.—The initial steps for the wholesale disfranchisement of the citizens of Chicago were taken today by United States District Attorney Morison and the federal prosecutor has instructed Assistant District Attorney Marston to act in the cases of one hundred and sixty-six persons who have been admitted to citizenship without any inquiry as to their sentiment on the sub-

## SUICIDE IS NOT MOTORMAN KELLY

### Resemblance to Man Who Wrecked the Elevated Train.

New York, Sept. 16.—Police agents were called late last night to Mamaroneck, where it was reported that a man resembling the missing motorman, Kelly, whose train was wrecked at 53rd street last Monday had committed suicide. A message telephoned to the Mamaroneck police described Kelly very closely with the exception of a moustache.

It was evident that the suicide had taken care to make death certain. His body was found in a field on the White Plains road. The man had removed his collar, and climbing on a fence, beneath a tree, had so placed a clothes line over a limb that three nooses were formed. After placing them about his neck he jumped from the fence.

### DEATH LIST INCREASED

### Deaths From Fuse Factory Explosion Now Number Eleven.

Avon, Conn., Sept. 16.—With the death of Miss Dorothea Legeyt this afternoon the number of fatalities following the explosion and fire in the factory of the Climax Fuse company reached eleven. Today the ruins of the main building have cooled sufficiently to allow workmen to get into the basement where were found the parts of several charred bodies.

## RANKS ARE DESERTED

### Members of Chicago Typothetae Sign Union Demands.

### The Agreement Calls for an Eight Hour Work Day Commencing January 1, 1906—One Hundred and Twelve Firms Have Signed Agreement.

Chicago, Sept. 16.—Desertion from the ranks of the Chicago typothetae in its fight against the establishment of an 8-hour day is reported today by the union officials, who declared that several members of the master printers organization had signed the union agreement providing for a shorter work day beginning January 1, 1906. A report compiled by the strike leaders tonight show that 112 printing houses have agreed to the union demands.

### HOSTILITIES CEASE

### General Linevitch Gives Orders to Army to Withdraw From Neutral Zone.

Godzyandani, Sept. 16.—An order by General Linevitch putting into effect the stipulations of the armistice arranged by General Ovanovsky and Fukushima has been published and distributed to the army.

The order directs an immediate cessation of hostilities, and the retirement of all pickets from the neutral zone. It forbids all other communication between the armies.

## NORTH BANK LINE

NEW ROAD ASSURED

### Northern Pacific Will Build From Portland to Pasco.

WORK BEGINS IMMEDIATELY

### Tracks Will Be Used Jointly by Northern Pacific and Great Northern Systems—Will Require Two Years to Complete Work—Cost \$12,500,000.

Portland, Sept. 16.—Confirmatory of the reports sent out in the Associated Press dispatches for almost a week, that feverish activity existed in the railroad work between Vancouver, Washington and the Cascades on the Columbia, President Howard Elliott, of the Northern Pacific railway today, through Assistant General Passenger Agent Charlton, of Portland made public the fact that a road, to be built and operated jointly by the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern is to be constructed down the north bank of the Columbia river from Pasco, Washington to a point where the Northern Pacific crosses the Columbia river in eastern Washington, to Vancouver, Washington, and from the latter place, spanning the Columbia and Willamette rivers to Portland. This announcement is most significant since the news of the completion of the Northern Pacific, the first transcontinental road to enter Portland almost a quarter of a century ago.

Supplementing President Elliott's announcement Mr. Charlton said it was estimated that about two years would be required to put the road in operation. The distance from Pasco to Portland is little more than two hundred miles, and unofficial estimates place the cost of construction at approximately \$12,500,000.

### BOODLING SENATOR RELEASED

### Was Surrendered by His Bondsmen But Is Released on Cash Bail.

Sacramento, Sept. 16.—Eli Wright, one of four senators accused of boodling, and who was surrendered by his bondsmen yesterday, secured his release today on the payment of \$2500 in cash to the court by Grove L. Johnson, the principal counsel for ex-Senator Emmons.

### NAN PATTERSON RE-MARRIED.

Washington, Sept. 16.—Nan Patterson, who was tried twice in New York for the murder of Caesar Young, was re-marrried here at noon today to her former husband, Leon G. Martin. Miss Patterson and Martin were divorced three years ago.

## WORK OF TRAIN WRECKERS

San Antonio, Sept. 16.—Large pieces of iron piled on the track supposedly by wreckers, derailed the San Antonio and Arkansas Pass railway's "Davey Crockett" special, tonight as the train was leaving the city limits. The engine, baggage car and two coaches were turned completely over. The fireman was killed and the engineer seriously injured and may die. Two passengers were seriously hurt.

### LICENSE FARM HOUSES

### Physicians Say Unsanitary Conditions Cause Fever.

New York, Sept. 16.—Vacations spent in small farm houses with poorly ventilated, bad drainage and contaminated water supplies, are declared by several leading physicians of this city to threaten an epidemic of typhoid fever during the Autumn. The doctors declare that stringent measures will be necessary to prevent a great amount of sickness from these causes, among persons who spent their vacations in the country, supposedly enjoying a change of air and food.

"In the matter of typhoid," said one of the city's best known practitioners last night, "it is agreed that sanitary administration has not kept pace with scientific progress. One reason for this is that the laws are defective. The health officers have no power to enforce regulations, and the people as a rule are not educated up to the point of obeying salutary statutes."

"Any physician will tell you contaminated water is the chief cause of the disease and in the country districts the sunken well and the old fashioned cess pool, generally in close proximity with the living quarters produce that cause."

"All farm places that take boarders proved by the health authorities should be required to have license aping that the place is sanitary and as free from fever as it is possible for any place to be."

## AGREEMENT IN SIGHT

### Norway-Sweden Negotiations Progressing Favorably.

### Official Announcement Says "The Possibilities Are That in the Near Future the Negotiations Can Be Brought to a Definite Result."

Karlstadt, Sept. 16.—The first official announcement indicating that the delegates of Norway and Sweden were approaching an understanding in their effort to establish a modus vivendi for their countries as separate governments was given out tonight at the close of a joint session of the delegates. The announcement reads:

"The probabilities are that in the near future the negotiations can be brought to a definite result." This somewhat cryptic announcement is accepted as indicating the negotiations as having reached a stage where an agreement is in sight and the resort to arms, which might have involved either power, may safely be considered to be out of the question.

Christiania, Sept. 16.—A pregnant expression of the feeling in Norway at the reception of the communication given out by the Karlstadt conference it had in the leading article of a prominent newspaper in Verdensgang this morning. It said "The message that was awaited with the highest tension has at last arrived."

The negotiations at Karlstadt will result in peace. This will be accepted by the two peoples with intense satisfaction and greeted by the civilized world with entire sympathy. The result of the negotiations are yet unknown.

It may not correspond with the wishes of the Norwegians, but surely we have secured all it is possible to attain without diminishing our dignity or national independence."

### TODAY'S WEATHER.

Portland, Sept. 16.—Western Oregon and western Washington: Sunday, partly cloudy, with showers, warmer except near the coast.

Eastern Oregon and eastern Washington: Showers followed by fair, warmer.

## APPALLING CRIME

MOST FOUL IN YEARS

### Young Woman Assaulted and Choked to Death in New York.

NO CLEW TO HER IDENTITY

### Evidences Show That Murdered Woman Made Desperate Fight for Life and Honor—Two Men Were Evidently Implicated in Crime.

New York, Sept. 16.—The finding today of the body of a handsome young woman of about 25 years of age, lying bruised and battered in a clump of briar bushes near the Pelham road in the Bronx revealed one of the worst crimes with which the police have had to deal in many years. An autopsy tonight showed that the woman had been criminally assaulted and choked to death. There is every indication that she fought her assailants desperately.

Her garments were torn almost to shreds. Tonight the body rests in the Fordham morgue while half a hundred detectives are endeavoring to establish the victim's identity and find some clue to her murder. At the autopsy the physicians were of the opinion the woman had been dead about 12 hours. The evidence points to the fact that at least two men are implicated in the crime. That the woman was robbed there is not a doubt for nothing of value was left on her person, while the fingers show that the rings which she must have worn were torn from them.

### SHEEPMEN PAY DAMAGES

### Animals Nibble Bark From 150 Fruit Trees, Killing Many.

Vale, Ore., Sept. 16.—A damage suit somewhat unusual in its nature for this section, has just been concluded here in the circuit court. It was the case of Robert Van Gilse, of Arcadia, against B. Gale, a sheepman of Baker county, in which the plaintiff asked judgment for \$500 damages caused by defendant's sheep entering an orchard during the early spring of 1904 and nibbling the bark off the fruit trees and killing and injuring about 150 of them. The jury found for the plaintiff in the sum of \$420. It is the first case of the kind brought in Malheur county. Mr. Van Gilse is proprietor of the famous Van Gilse fruit farm of Arcadia.

The case of B. Lance against Mrs. Emison and M. Ennis, of Nyssa, in which judgment was asked for \$800 for wrongful attachments of property, was nonsuited on motion of defendant's attorney.

### WOMEN ORGANIZE LEAGUE.

New York, Sept. 16.—At a meeting here yesterday the Women's National Democratic League was organized.

## STATE LAND FRAUD TRIALS ARE POSTPONED

Minneapolis, Sept. 16.—The hearing of the case of John DeLaitre of Minneapolis who claims to own 100,000 acres of Oregon state lands on certificates which are alleged to be fraudulent will come up at Salem, Oregon in October, the proposed September hearing having

### ZEMSTVOS PERMITTED TO HOLD CONGRESS

### Programme Must Be Confined to Three Points and No More.

Moscow, Sept. 16.—M. Culvin, president of the Moscow Zemstvos today visited Governor General Durnovo with reference to the forthcoming Zemstvo congress. The governor general said the congress would be permitted, but its program must be confined to three points, first, the participation of the Zemstvo in the town elections for the duma; second, the organization of the electoral campaign and third, the participation by the Zemstvos in the towns in the work of assisting the famine stricken districts.

After the visit, notices were sent out summoning the congress to meet September 25.

### OFFERED BETTER POSITION

### O. S. L. Traffic Manager Resigns to Accept Another Position.

Salt Lake City, Sept. 16.—The announcement was made today of the resignation of Traffic Manager T. M. Schumacher, of the Oregon Short Line railroad company to take effect September 25. Mr. Schumacher will become traffic manager of the United Fruit company, with a salary of \$15,000 a year.

## NO CHANGE AT NEW ORLEANS

### People Forget Their Sorrow and Take a Holiday.

### Combine Efforts to Make Diamond Jubilee a Success in Order to Raise Campaign Funds—President Telegraphs Congratulations.

New Orleans, Sept. 16.—Official report up to 6 p. m. New cases, 42; total, 2547; deaths, 2; total, 333; new foci, 7; under treatment, 341; cases discharged, 1873.

The situation today showed practically no change from the conditions which have existed for several days, but in the midst of their campaign against the fever the people of New Orleans took a holiday and joined hands in making a brilliant success of the diamond festival arranged to help swell the campaign funds. The festival was formally opened with a telegram of encouragement from President Roosevelt.

### PROSECUTION CLOSES ITS CASE

Portland, Sept. 16.—The prosecution in the case of the government against Congressman Williamson, Dr. Gesner and Marion Biggs brought its case to a close today. The government attorneys believe they have made out a stronger case than in either of the two previous trials.

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Minneapolis, Sept. 16.—The hearing of the case of John DeLaitre of Minneapolis who claims to own 100,000 acres of Oregon state lands on certificates which are alleged to be fraudulent will come up at Salem, Oregon in October, the proposed September hearing having just been postponed for another month. Mr. DeLaitre holds in the aggregate 81 certificates of sale, all of which are held up by the Oregon state land board on the ground of alleged fraud in the manner of application and procuring by the school land operatives.