

HUNDREDS DROWN IN LUZON FLOODS

Typhoon Swells Rivers to Torrents in Few Hours.

Sweeps Away Whole Towns—Dead Number 300 in Cagayan Province Alone—Americans Drag Natives From Roofs of Houses Floating Down Swollen Streams.

Manila, Oct. 22.—Belated reports indicate that the storm of October 12 in the Cagayan valley was the worst and most destructive within the memory of living inhabitants of the valley. The official figures are not yet available, as many places have not yet been heard from, but it seems certain that the number of dead will reach 300.

There was a heavy typhoon and torrential rains throughout the valley and in the mountains. The rivers were flooded and in many places rose to a height of 30 feet, sweeping everything before them in their rush to the sea. Hundreds of animals and houses were swept away by the waters.

At Aparri, which was almost completely under water, the American residents, headed by Lieutenants Treadway and Clark, Postmaster Foss and Engineer Clark, formed a rescue brigade, which rescued scores of natives, taking many off their houses while floating down the river.

The government has dispatched a coast guard cutter to investigate conditions and organize relief.

It is reported that cholera has broken out among the refugees.

WAR CLOUDS THREATEN.

Situation in Balkans Far From Being Peaceably Settled.

Paris, Oct. 22.—The feeling in French government circles is distinctly nervous, both with regard to the situation in the Balkans and the proposed international congress. Advances are that the Turkish government is impatient because Bulgaria has failed to present an official communication since Turkey received the French assurance in the name of Emperor Ferdinand, while from Sofia comes information that the Malinoff cabinet still refuses to accept the advice of Ferdinand, who advocates a peaceful settlement and insists that it would be preferable to go to war than to pay an indemnity.

Until the Bulgarian ministry yields definitely it is considered by the officials of the French government that the danger of war has not been dispelled.

Reports current in Paris that Baron von Bieberstein, the German ambassador at Constantinople, has been counseling war, while not confirmed, caused disquietude, especially as Germany's attitude grows more and more enigmatical.

CONTEST LAND PATENTS.

Nevada Miners Will Attack Southern Pacific Land Grant.

Reno, Nev., Oct. 22.—Colonel Winfield Scott Prosky, a mining man owning property in a number of districts, yesterday announced that on January 3 next the statute of limitations will have applied to the patents granted six years ago to the Southern Pacific to a large area of mineral land extending from Winnemucca to the Nevada-California line and affecting rights of hundreds of prospectors and miners.

The men have been patiently waiting for a number of years, thinking a decision in the one case decided would similarly affect them all. Now it is discovered that each disjunct must file a separate protest to establish his right. The railroad company hoped this would be overlooked. However, every effort will be made by the department at Washington to give all claimants an opportunity to present their cases and have a hearing.

Andersonville Monument Project.

White Hall, Ill., Oct. 22.—The annual convention of the Illinois Association of Union ex-Prisoners of War met here yesterday and will remain in session over today. The principal matter to receive attention is the project for the erection of a monument at Andersonville, for which the last Illinois legislature appropriated \$15,000. The association will have a leading part in carrying out the project, as many of its members were among the prisoners confined at Andersonville during the war.

Diplomat With Record.

Copenhagen, Oct. 22.—The new Danish minister to Washington will be Count Carl Moltke. He is only 40 years of age, but is considered to be one of the cleverest of Danish diplomats. He has had a somewhat unusual career, starting as a navy officer and Arctic explorer, being once the leader of a large Greenland expedition. His family ranks among the oldest nobility in Denmark, yet he is related on his mother's side to ex-Empress Eugenie.

New Route for Smugglers.

San Diego, Cal., Oct. 22.—Although the smuggling of Chinese coolies across the Mexican border has been practically ended, it is acknowledged by the immigration authorities that many Asiatics are being illegally brought into this country by water. Commissioner Wedd says his office is badly handicapped by not having a fast boat in which to pursue craft bringing coolies up the coast.

SOLDIERS ARE ATTACKED.

Revolutionists Start Guerilla Warfare on Austrian Troops.

London, Oct. 23.—Open warfare has been in progress in Bosnia and Herzegovina for 10 days, and scores have been killed, according to information brought here yesterday by the Montenegro agent. More than 120,000 Austrian troops have been attacked by insurrectionists in the annexed territories and the fighting has been continuous. So far as is known no pitched battle has taken place, as the insurrectionists are greatly outnumbered by the Austrians, but their guerrilla tactics have been very effective.

The situation is so serious that the Austrian government has rushed reinforcements to the aid of the border troops. Through strict censorship, the agent said, the Austrian government has suppressed all reports of the situation as it really is. Anarchy exists in the eastern and southern sections of the annexed territory.

The Montenegrin agent came here yesterday to investigate closely the exact situation with a view to learning what course England will pursue in the event that Serbia and Montenegro declare war on Austria. The agent declares that the action of Austria amounts to an attempt to terrorize Bosnia and Herzegovina into submission by force of arms. The temper of the people, he asserts, is such that they will never submit to annexation.

The detention of Envoy Vuketic by the Austrian authorities at Agram Tuesday was merely a pretext to allow them to search his baggage, the agent declared. For this reason, he said, the apology offered by Austria was not accepted, and Montenegro will insist upon the payment of an indemnity.

OKLAHOMA UNDER WATER.

Torrents of Rain Swell Rivers and Flood Country.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Oct. 23.—Serious floods threaten portions of central and northern Oklahoma, the result of a steady downpour of rain that has prevailed for the past three days, and is still continuing. In some portions the rainfall has amounted almost to the proportions of a cloudburst. Numerous reports of loss of life, made yesterday, are unconfirmed, and they are believed to be without foundation. No single report of loss of life has been verified.

At Tulsa and vicinity the Arkansas has risen ten feet in the 24 hours ended yesterday morning, and was then still coming up. This brought the stream to within three feet of the highest stage reached in the flood of last spring. Many farms around Tulsa were flooded, and farmers and their families were compelled to move out. The town of West Tulsa is threatened with inundation.

In the vicinity of Perry last night all streams rose suddenly, and hundreds of acres of crops were flooded. A third of the town of Pawnee, with 1500 inhabitants, was covered last night with six feet of water.

In the valley of the Canadian river the valleys for several miles between Shawnee and McLoud are inundated.

SEND WATER FROM ALTON.

One Illinois Town Supplies Drought-Stricken Sections.

Alton, Ill., Oct. 23.—The continuous drought of more than 50 days in the inland towns of Illinois tributary to Alton, has forced the residents of that section to send away for water for cooking and drinking purposes.

Each day a train of five cars is being sent out from Alton, loaded with water for the various towns in the drought-stricken district. Large steel coal cars have been pressed into service, and are loaded with 15,000 gallons each. Most of the water is sent to Gillespie and Champaign, but others towns receive their quota.

There is danger, according to Alton Water company officials, of the supply being cut off if the Mississippi river falls much more. The stage of the stream is lower than it has been before in 20 years, and the intake pipe of the company is now only 30 inches under water. Unless the river rises, Alton will soon be short of water.

Czarina May Lose Reason.

St. Petersburg, via Eydtkuhnen, Oct. 23.—Unless the czarina leaves soon for a sea voyage to the Mediterranean she will lose her mind, according to information conveyed yesterday to the emperor by her physicians. Reduced to a nervous wreck by terror of revolutionary violence, the empress is suffering almost constantly from hallucinations. For days she refuses to utter a word, believing that she is a victim of a vocal defect making speech impossible. Again, she thinks herself crippled and demands to be wheeled in an invalid chair.

Huge Ranch Changes Hands.

Ogden, Utah, Oct. 23.—A deal was closed here yesterday by which a million dollars in gold cash will be paid for the biggest ranch in the intermountain region. The purchasers are David Eccles, M. S. Browning, Joseph Snowcroft and Adam Patterson, Ogden capitalists. They obtained title to the famous Sparks-Harrell ranch in Nevada, which covers hundreds of square miles. The new owners will put 100,000 sheep and 50,000 cattle on the mammoth range immediately.

Electric Power Over Sierras.

San Francisco, Oct. 23.—W. A. Worthington, assistant to the director of maintenance and operation of the Harriman lines, is conferring with officials of the Southern Pacific system regarding the proposed changes of the motive power to electricity in the Sierras, both to facilitate shipments and reduce the cost of hauling.

HAPPENINGS GATHERED IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON, D. C.

ENLARGE MINIDOKA TRACT.

Government Withdraws More Snake River Land.

Washington, Oct. 22.—The Minidoka irrigation project looks so good to government officials that they are making preliminary surveys with a view to materially enlarging the irrigation area on the north side of Snake river. As far as they have progressed these preliminary surveys have been entirely satisfactory, so satisfactory that the secretary of interior recently withdrew from all forms of entry 165,000 acres of land on the north bank of Snake river just east of Shoshone falls. The withdrawn land lies in townships 7, 8 and 9 south, ranges 18, 19 and 20 east. If it shall be later determined to irrigate this land, its withdrawal will prevent speculative entries.

The examinations now under way are not only with regard to the possibility of carrying water onto this land, but also as to the possibilities of increasing the amount of water in Snake river for irrigation purposes through construction of storage works on the headwaters of Snake river and its tributaries.

\$47,000 Will Cover Shortage.

Washington, Oct. 23.—Although the controller of currency yesterday received the report of Bank Examiner Gatch on the Farmers & Traders bank at La Grande, Or., he refuses to make any statements other than have already been published, holding the report as confidential, as are all reports of bank examiners. It is not believed that the shortage will exceed that already published—\$47,000. The face value of the bank's assets was \$166,231, and its liabilities, as far as ascertained, \$213,515.

Rains Will Put Out Fires.

Washington, Oct. 22.—The cheering news that the end of the forest fires now raging in the east is in sight was announced by the weather bureau tonight. Out along the southern edge of the Rocky mountain states a storm is scheduled to appear tomorrow night, and it will move northward, attended by rains in the valleys of the Central and Atlantic states. The rains promise to be sufficiently heavy to extinguish the fires in the Allegheny and Adirondack mountains.

Mann Declines Honor.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Giving as a controlling reason that his work in Boston is still unfinished, Rev. Dr. Alexander Mann, rector of Trinity Episcopal church of that city, has declined the position of bishop of Washington to succeed the late Bishop Henry Y. Satterlee. Dr. Mann's declination is the third since the death of Bishop Satterlee about six months ago.

Fleet Goes to Panama.

Washington, Oct. 22.—When the Pacific fleet under command of Admiral Swinburn leaves Magdalena bay about December 1 on its trip south, it will go first to Panama and then sail directly for Talcahuano, a distance of 3,200 miles. The other stops in South America, including Coquimbo and Callao, will be made on the return to the United States.

Court Wants No Politics.

Washington, Oct. 23.—The supreme court of the United States yesterday indicated disapproval of the efforts to bring that court into politics at this time by denying the motion to advance the hearing in the case of the National state bank of Oklahoma against Governor Haskell and others, involving the constitutionality of the Oklahoma bank deposit guaranty law.

Fleet Leaves Honolulu.

Honolulu, Oct. 24.—The Pacific cruiser fleet, commanded by Rear Admiral Swinburne, sailed at 9:15 o'clock Thursday morning, with the accompanying torpedo-boat destroyers in tow, for the Pacific coast. The cruisers will proceed to Magdalena bay for target practice, after which they will visit the west coast of South America.

Discontinue Fumigation.

Washington, Oct. 24.—In view of the improved conditions in San Francisco, Surgeon-General Wyman, of the public health and marine hospital service, has instructed his officers to discontinue the disinfection of outgoing vessels.

New Carriers for Oregon.

Washington, Oct. 21.—Rural carriers appointed to Oregon routes: Lorane, route 1, William Seals carrier, Charles Seals substitute; Medford, route 1, John E. Dent carrier, George E. Lindley substitute.

Fires in Adirondack Forests.

Utica, N. Y., Oct. 21.—Heavy winds in the central Adirondacks have picked up the fires which raged during the long drought and are driving them on as furiously as before.

Disease is Slaying Moors.

Washington, Oct. 23.—A virulent disease, highly contagious and fatal in every case, has broken out at Rabat, Morocco, and the Moorish authorities have been asked to take quarantine precautions.

Slocum Sent to Puget Sound.

Washington, Oct. 23.—Commander G. R. Slocum, United States navy, has been ordered to Puget Sound navy yard for duty as ordnance officer.

BEGINS WORK ON MESSAGE.

President Consults Secretary Straus on Immigration Problems.

Washington, Oct. 20.—The president is busy holding conferences and working on his annual message to congress. He conferred on immigration matters with Secretary Straus and Robert Watchhorn, commissioner of immigration at New York. Mr. Watchhorn's visit revived speculation regarding the successor to the commissioner-general of immigration, the vacancy which it was recently announced at the white house would not be filled until after election.

The general political situation was reviewed at a conference between the president and Representative Loudenslager, secretary of the Republican congressional committee. Mr. Loudenslager said he told the president that the committee was getting plenty of activity, though not plenty of money, and that the Republican prospects were good.

PUNISH OFFICEHOLDERS.

Civil Service Men Suffer for Their Political Activity.

Washington, Oct. 24.—More punishment has been meted out as the result of charges of pernicious activity in the political campaign. The civil service commission today announced that J. H. Fotherham, a deputy collector of internal revenue at Orangeburg, S. C., had been reprimanded and suspended without pay for 15 days for active participation in the Republican state convention at Columbia. Robert A. Stewart, temporary deputy collector, who was county chairman of the executive committee of Clarendon county, S. C., has been reprimanded. R. O. Pierce, an employee of the Mare Island navy yard, who announced his candidacy as supervisor in the first district, has been discharged. Clyde Knox, a letter carrier at Independence, Kan., who became the independent candidate for the district court clerkship, has resigned to avoid dismissal.

Played Ryan's Son.

Washington, Oct. 20.—The record of a young man—Alexandria, Va., who masqueraded here for several days as the son of Thomas Fortune Ryan, the New York multi-millionaire, is being investigated by the police. The authorities have already discovered that he has a wife and children in the Virginia city, and that he was associated with a woman who is believed to be the wife of a New York stock broker. Detectives have discovered an alleged attempt by the young man to defraud a guest of the New Willard hotel by representing that valuable pictures could be bought by the payment of a deposit. The deposit, however, was not paid.

Mortgage on Western Pacific.

Oakland, Cal., Oct. 21.—The Western Pacific Railroad company today filed a \$25,000,000 second mortgage with the county recorder. The loan is secured from the Central Trust Company of New York City. The main line road from Salt Lake City to Oakland is given as security for the loan, which is to be used as a sinking fund. The mortgage runs for 44 years, bearing 5 per cent. The first mortgage was filed September 1, 1903, and was for a loan of \$60,000,000. This amount was secured from the Bowling Green Trust Company, of New York.

Wright Soon All Right.

Washington, Oct. 22.—Orville Wright, the aeronaut, who has been confined in the hospital at Fort Myer ever since the accident to his aeroplane on September 17, when Lieutenant Selfridge met his death, is rapidly recovering. He is expected to be able to move with the aid of crutches in a few days, and his sister, Miss Catherine Wright, plans to take him to their Dayton home by the end of next week. Wilbur Wright, now in France, will complete the tests of their aeroplane before the army board at Fort Myer, next spring.

Pacific Fleet's Program.

Washington, Oct. 21.—The navy department announced the plans for the cruise of the Pacific fleet today. After the fleet leaves Magdalena bay at the completion of the autumn battle practice, it will cruise down the west coast of South America, visiting Panama, Callao, Coquimbo, Talcahuano and other South American ports. The fleet will return for the spring maneuvers in the north Pacific, and then proceed to California ports.

Oil Company Blocked.

Washington, Oct. 21.—The supreme court of the United States denied the motion for a rehearing in the case of H. Pierce Clay, of the Waters-Pierce Oil company, of St. Louis. Pierce resisted an application for his removal to Texas in connection with the prosecution of his company on the charge of violating the Texas anti-trust laws.

Plan Welcome to Fleet.

Amoy, China, Oct. 24.—Admiral Sah, of the Chinese navy, and Mr. Sun, the provincial treasurer of the reception committee to welcome the battleship fleet to this port, have arrived here on the Chinese cruiser Fei Eng.

SERVIA IS AROUSED.

People Enraged by Austrian Outrage on Vukotics.

Belgrade, Oct. 21.—General Vukotics, an official of the Montenegrin government, arrived here yesterday afternoon after an extraordinary experience at Agram, where he was arrested by Austro-Hungarian officials and detained for several hours. In an interview, the general said:

"On my arrival at Agram gendarmes entered my car, dragged me out and took me to the prefecture of police. I was then searched, and my purse, papers, in fact, everything I had, were taken from me. My baggage was also completely ransacked. I gave the gendarmes my name and explained my status as a special envoy to King Peter. I showed also the passport and safe conduct given me at the Austro-Hungarian legation at Cetinje, but all to no avail.

"Ultimately I was permitted to send a telegram to Baron von Aehrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, complaining of the treatment accorded me, which was in violation of international usage. After considerable delay an order arrived from Vienna instructing the police to release me, and this was done.

"I was detained at the police station for seven hours, and, as I lost my train connection, my journey was delayed altogether fourteen hours."

This occurrence has aroused again a bitter feeling toward Austria-Hungary on the part of the Servians, and the people are greatly excited.

The general is the hero of the moment in Belgrade. A great crowd of students and others gathered in front of his hotel yesterday afternoon, and when the general entered his carriage to drive to the palace the students unharmed the horses and dragged the vehicle through the streets themselves. Meanwhile the mob shouted its approval of King Peter and Prince Nicholas and cursed Austria.

PREDICTS BIG WAR

Balkan Trouble Means Downfall of Turkey, Says Escaped Prince.

Chicago, Oct. 21.—Prince Shaban Bey Gotscha, leader of the Turkish revolutionists, upon whose head the sultan has placed a price of \$35,000, is living quietly in Chicago. Prince Shaban would become sovereign of Albania should that country be freed from Turkish rule. He believes the present Balkan situation is a crisis in European affairs that will result in the disintegration of the Ottoman empire.

"I predict a general European war as a result of the Balkan difficulties," said Prince Shaban.

Prince Shaban, who lives at 2132 Michigan avenue, was a leader in the organization of the revolutionist party in his province. He gathered an army of 12,000 men, which was defeated at the battle of Jackova in 1904. He evaded capture and fled to London.

RAISE FUND FOR CHINESE.

Countrymen in Victoria Get News of Loss of Crops by Floods.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 21.—Local Chinese have received cablegrams telling of heavy loss of life and great desolation of Yunnan and Heiping, China, as a result of the breaking of the dykes and overflow of the West river, inundating the district for a hundred miles. The number of killed is not given, but the message states that the loss has been immense, and starvation is feared, and it appeals to the Chinese abroad to send aid.

Subscriptions from local Chinese were made within a short time after the receipt of the cablegrams, which totaled \$7000, this amount being cabled to Chinese officials at Canton for distribution among the sufferers. Starvation is expected to follow, as the disaster comes at the time of harvest, when the crops are ready to be taken from the fields. Half the district is stated to be flooded.

Michigan Fire is Spreading.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Oct. 21.—Hundreds of residents in this district who have been fighting forest fires today are depending upon showers predicted for tonight to give much needed relief. A 40-mile gale spread the fires in all directions today. It is reported that Suzar island, which has a population of 1000 persons, is ablaze almost from end to end. Near Tehour sixteen square miles have been burned over. Gladys, Eckerman, Sheldrake and Whitefish Point are surrounded. Brimley had a narrow escape today, but the fires were driven back.

Thousands Die by Storm.

Amoy, Oct. 21.—The damage done in Thursday's typhoon was much greater than at first reported. In Chang Chow 2000 houses were destroyed, and 1100 persons killed. In Lamcheng, 15 miles west of Chang Chow, 300 houses were destroyed and 1200 persons killed. Five years ago Lamcheng was flooded, and 3000 were drowned. Fifteen miles north of Chang Chow, three villages were entirely destroyed in the storm and 200 persons were killed.

Great Storm in Montana.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 21.—A heavy storm has cut Butte off from the north and west. Eastern Montana reports blizzards, delaying trains from five to ten hours. The unusual snow is believed to have caused loss to sheep.

TOTAL DEATHS IN FORESTS NOW 41

Many Families and School Children in Michigan Still Missing.

At Least 1,700 Homeless—Many Bodies Yet to Be Found—Fate of 60 Families Camped on Lake Shore Remains in Doubt—Fires Burning but Worst is Over.

Alpena, Mich., Oct. 20.—The certified known death list resulting from the forest fires in Presque Isle county, Alpena counties stands at 41, with several persons still reported missing and a probability of severe loss of life in northern Pulaski and Krakow townships in Presque Isle county. At least 60 families were living near the shore of Lake Huron in the northern half of Pulaski and Krakow townships and nothing has been heard of them since the fire.

At Grand Lake a farmer and wife and four children are known to have taken refuge in a boat and nothing has since been heard from them.

A dozen school children sent home by the teachers have not been heard from. While big fires are still burning throughout the northern tier of counties, not a single village or town is now known to be in danger, and only the Hurst branch of the Detroit & Mackinac railroad is out of commission.

Some apprehension is felt for Grace Harbor, which is located on the shore of Lake Huron, northeast of here. No word has been received from there since the fire.

At the lowest estimate there are 1700 people homeless, and there is not even an adequate supply of water.

The Detroit & Mackinac Railroad company ordered 150 pumps sent into the fire district. The relief fund at Alpena has reached \$3000, and is growing rapidly.

MYSTERY ABOUT MAINE.

Warship Arrives Unannounced and Authorities Keep Quiet.

Portsmouth, N. H., Oct. 20.—The battleship Maine, one of the special service squadron that has preceded the Atlantic battleship fleet on its voyage around the world, arrived in the lower bay yesterday.

The Maine has been in wireless communication with the commandant of the yard here since Monday morning. The messages have caused considerable stir among the officials of the yard, who refuse to reveal their significance. For the first time this year, wireless operators have been forbidden to disclose the contents of the messages.

It is understood that the Maine will stay in port here for three weeks, and after a cruise will later return for a general refitting. During the present stay the vessel will go to the Kittery drydock to have her hull scraped.

The Maine and the Alabama sailed from Hampton Roads as units of the battleship fleet. They were detached from the fleet at San Francisco and sent ahead to prepare the way.

The Maine's last port was the Azores. The Alabama is expected to reach New York tomorrow. She left the Maine last Wednesday.

THOUSANDS ARE STARVING.

Floods Devastate Vast Area in China at Harvest Time.

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Guilty of Disrespect.

Yokohama, Oct. 20.—The court-martial that tried Lieutenant Frank T. Evans, of the battleship Louisiana, son of Rear-Admiral Evans, found he was not guilty of intoxication, but was guilty of disrespect to his superior officers and of leaving deck while he was on duty. The court's sentence was that he shall lose 150 numbers and receive a public reprimand. Rear-Admiral Sperry criticizes the sentence as inadequate and too lenient and says he approves it only in order that Lieutenant Evans shall not entirely escape punishment.

Tolerance Must Be Advocated.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 20.—In his sermon Sunday on "The Sacred Use of Sunday," Rev. Joseph L. Garvin, at the First Christian church, declared for the opening of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition on Sunday. In explaining his position he said that since the exposition is elevating and instructive and the majority of men and women do not go to church on Sunday, the spirit of tolerance should impel helpfulness from church people in the selection of other places.

Three Shocks in Manila.

Manila, Oct. 20.—Two sharp earthquake shocks were felt here today, followed by a third, which was less severe. No damage was done in or about Manila, and as yet no report has been received from other points on the island. The first shock came at 10:50 A. M., the second at 1:40, and the third at 3:10 P. M.