

## PRAIRIE STATES SWEEP BY FLOOD

### Seven People Known to Be Dead, but Eight Are Missing.

#### Heavy Rains and Melting Snows in Mountains Turn Missouri Valley Into Vast Sea of Sluggishly Flow- ing Water—Property Damage is Very Great.

Kansas City, July 8.—Swollen by unprecedented rain and by melting snows from the Rocky mountains, the rivers of the Lower Missouri valley are out of their banks, causing damage in many parts of Missouri and Kansas. The results of the flood up to a late hour tonight were as follows:

Train No. 5, of the Atchison, Topoka & Santa Fe railway, which left Kansas City at 9:25 a. m. for Denver, left the track at Pomona, Kan. Of the 10 coaches which made up the train, a baggage and three day coaches left the track and slid into 18 feet of water.

A telephone message from Pomona, Kan., at midnight said the four-year old daughter of Mrs. Carrie Rose, of Chicago, had been drowned in the wreck. Three hundred other persons who had taken refuge on top of the unaffected coaches were rescued by boats and quartered at nearby farmhouses.

Pomona is almost completely inundated, the Marias des Cygnes river at that point being three miles wide. A relief train was sent from Ottawa tonight with food and other supplies for the passengers, who were said to have climbed on top of the coaches for refuge from the rising waters.

In Kansas City the situation is threatening. In the bottoms in the western section where are located the stockyards, wholesale warehouses and manufacturing plants, the waters from the confluence of the Missouri and Kansas rivers are lapping the danger line.

Pattensburg, a town in Missouri 50 miles north of Kansas City, is ten feet under water, and its 1,500 inhabitants are in dire straits. Fifty rowboats were put on a special train at Kansas City this morning and hurried to the scene. Later reports say that the marooned citizens were all removed to higher ground without loss of life, but that the property damage will be tremendous.

At Chillicothe, Mo., on the Grand river, six men were swept from a bridge this afternoon and were seen floating down the stream. Whether they reached shore or not was not learned.

The bridge was carried out when a great wall of water six feet high swept down both forks of the Grand river and joined at Utica, continuing after that as one great flood. The water spread out all over the bottom lands and did great damage to farms and crops in its path.

The water overwhelmed the railroad tracks, blocking traffic absolutely, and causing the death of several people. Joe Willard and his wife were drowned two miles west of Chillicothe as they were fleeing along the tracks. William Christian was also drowned and six section hands are reported missing. The agent at Gault, Arthur Fisk, was rescued from the roof of the station after a close escape from the flood.

The Burlington bridge to the west of Chillicothe has been abandoned.

#### Body On Way Home.

Washington, July 8.—The body of Representative Cushman, accompanied by two representatives of the sergeant-at-arms of the house, left New York at 4:45 yesterday afternoon, and was met at Harrisburg by Robert Joyce, with whom Cushman lived here, and by A. G. Hendricks, representing Senator Piles. They will accompany the remains to Tacoma. The body is expected to arrive there Sunday night.

In accordance with Mrs. Cushman's wish no congressional party was designated to act as escort. Congress will appropriate \$7,500 for Mrs. Cushman in accordance with the custom of bestowing upon the family of deceased members an equivalent to one year's salary. The house will also bear all funeral expenses.

#### Waterways Men Meet at Yankton.

Yankton, S. D., July 8.—One of the most notable gatherings ever assembled in this part of the country in the interest of waterway development was called to order today when the Missouri River Navigation congress met in second annual convention. Representatives are present from Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, South Dakota and other states in the section tributary to the Missouri river. Senators, representatives, governors, captains of finance and others high in official and commercial life are scheduled as speakers.

#### Mysterious Survey in Mexico.

San Francisco, July 8.—News of a mysterious surveying party, near Salina Cruz, Mexico, was brought here today by the steamer Columbia. The crew reported that two days before their departure a large party of American surveyors went into camp near the city. The mission of the party was not learned, but it was rumored in Salina Cruz that plans were being laid for a new railroad enterprise in which American capital was interested.

#### Calvin is Doing Nicely.

San Francisco, July 8.—The condition of E. E. Calvin, vice president and general manager of the Southern Pacific company, who underwent an operation for appendicitis Sunday, is reported to be entirely satisfactory.

## YIELD NEAR RECORD.

Northwest Wheat Crop Now Placed at 55,000,000 Bushels.

Portland, July 9.—Estimates compiled from data received from more than 350 of the principal wheat stations of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, indicate the 1909 wheat yield for the three states to be approximately 55,000,000 bushels, compared with 40,000,000 bushels last year, 60,000,000 bushels in 1907, and a five-year average of 48,500,000.

Of the three states, Idaho has the best crop, with Washington showing up exceedingly well, while Oregon, especially in the river counties, suffered from dry weather to such an extent that the damage could not all be repaired by the late rains.

Some of the poor yields in Oregon have been offset in the totals by an increased acreage in new territory. The most noticeable increase of this nature is along the Wallowa extension of the O. R. & N.

Another locality in which new acreage will aid in swelling the totals is the Haystack and Bakeoven country, where there is an increase of about 20 per cent in the acreage, with the yield about 10 per cent better than last year.

Sherman county is somewhat spotted, and early in the season the outlook was poor. Rains in the latter part of June helped, however, and there will be a material increase over last year's output. Conditions in Wasco are similar to those in Sherman county.

Umatilla, the banner wheat county of the state, is not coming up to its usual standard. The light lands suffered by the dry weather early in the season, and the showers that came later were not general throughout the county.

Along the Arlington branch of the O. R. & N. the crop is light until Condon is reached. Around Condon, however, the outlook is far from gloomy. With the exception of about 20,000 acres, which have been taken by weeds, there will be a pretty fair yield.

Morrow county is not quite so good as Gilliam, but there, as elsewhere in the river counties, some very short stalks of wheat are turning out well filled heads.

Union county has an excellent crop and 40-bushel yields will not be uncommon around Elgin and Summerville. The Willamette valley has ceased to be a figure in the export wheat market, but the yield is an important factor in the milling business.

Washington reports are uniformly good. Walla Walla, with its never-failing foothill land, promises an output of 4,500,000 bushels. Barley is also turning out well in this county, and has made some records on the wheat acreage.

Columbia and Garfield counties are both expected to turn out record yields of wheat and barley. This region was favored with rain at a time when the river counties in Oregon were missed.

Whitman, the banner wheat county of all the Northwest, gives excellent promise of breaking records. The acreage is large and the crop conditions are far above the average. Estimates run from 9,000,000 to 12,000,000 bushels, the latter being generally regarded as too high, while 9,000,000 bushels is regarded as conservative.

Lincoln county, which in "light land" years has come very close to Whitman's yield, has suffered this year by wet weather.

Adams county is still in the uncertain class, as the crop is late in that region and even the winter wheat is not out of the woods. At the best the crop will be only fair, except down in the southeastern part of the county.

Douglas county lost the greater part of its wheat territory when the new county of Grant was carved out this year, and Grant, which has an increased acreage as well as a fair yield, gives promise of about 3,000,000 bushels. Some new wheat land in the northern part of Douglas county will make the yield for the old county in excess of 500,000 bushels.

Spokane county was in the moisture belt with Whitman, and as a result has a fine crop in prospect.

Franklin county is somewhat behind its neighbors in yield, and in the vicinity of Connell the crop will be smaller than that of last year. Farther east the outlook is more favorable.

Klickitat county, which has always been in Portland territory, gives promise of a very good yield, with some increase in acreage.

The Horse Heaven country, lying just across the Columbia from the river counties in Oregon, suffered from the dry weather that cut down the Oregon yield. Spring wheat in this district is almost a total failure, but some of the winter wheat will make a fair crop.

Asotin county was also in the rain belt and promises to turn off a crop that may break records.

The crop for the entire state of Washington will approximate 35,000,000 bushels.

Idaho has the best crop on record. There is not very much increase in acreage, and there is a big crop of barley and oats, so that the wheat yield may not quite reach that of 1907. Latah county will probably harvest nearly 1,000,000 bushels of wheat, and Nez Perce and Idaho counties will have from 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 bushels.

#### Save Trees From Flames.

San Diego, Cal., July 9.—The La Jolla grove of Torrey pines, said to be the only grove of those trees in Southern California, had a narrow escape from destruction by fire today. Occupants of a passing automobile noticed that the underbrush in the grove was burning and hastened to La Jolla for help. A party of fire fighters was summoned quickly to the scene. After several hours of hard work the flames were extinguished.

## A BRIEF DAILY REPORT ON THE WORK OF CONGRESS

Friday, July 9.

Washington, July 9.—During a session lasting nearly four hours, the senate today passed the Philippine tariff bill, and the bill automatically continuing the Porto Rican budget. Only a nominal resistance was offered by the minority to the measure. An amendment to the Philippine bill by Johnston, of Alabama, declaring the intention of the United States eventually to grant independence to the Philippines, was rejected.

Washington, July 9.—The tariff bill is now in the hands of the conference committee. After an hour and a half of debate the house today, by a vote of 178 to 151, disagreed to the senate amendments. Eighteen Republicans voted against sending the bill to conference, and one Democrat voted with the Republican majority.

Washington, July 9.—The house and senate conferees on the tariff bill this afternoon mapped out the program for the many sessions they must hold to make the final draft of the measure. An agreement may be reached in 10 days, though the house conferees are expected bitterly to contest many of the senate amendments.

Senator Aldrich and Representative Payne are fearful lest the final action on the conference report in the two houses be delayed, and an effort is being made to have President Taft take part in the threatened controversy.

Thursday, July 8.

Washington, July 8.—The tariff bill passed the senate just after 11 o'clock tonight by a vote of 45 to 34. Ten Republicans voted with the Democrats against the bill and one Democrat voted for the bill.

As it passed the senate, the bill contains almost 400 paragraphs. The senate made 840 amendments to the house bill, many of which were added today. Consequently the enrolling clerks are finding the preparation of the bill for the house an arduous task.

They have been following as closely upon the heels of the senate as was possible, and have the work well in hand, but say they probably will not be able to complete their labors before late tomorrow.

There will be no delay in sending the tariff bill to conference after it reaches the house. It is expected that the bill will be sent to that body by the senate late tomorrow. The house will meet daily from now until the end of the session.

As soon as the bill is received, Dalmatz is expected to offer a resolution by which the house will disagree to the senate amendments en bloc and agree to a conference.

Wednesday, July 7.

Washington, July 7.—With a general understanding that the final vote on the tariff bill should be taken by 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, the senate adjourned at 7 o'clock this evening. The arrangement for a vote tomorrow was arrived at as an alternative for a session tonight. The income tax question, including the corporation tax provision and inheritance tax, received much attention in the senate today and the straight income advocates were afforded the opportunity to get a vote in favor of the income tax as opposed to the corporation tax. The income tax was defeated by 48 to 7 and with the corporation tax provision securely established as a part of the bill, there was considerable effort to amend it.

Tuesday, July 6.

Washington, July 6.—The Republican majority of the senate finance committee today stirred up a hornet's nest by reporting the new schedule of tobacco taxes as having been recommended when it had not even been submitted to the minority members, much less laid before a meeting of the whole committee. Aldrich was forced to back water and recognize the rights of the minority.

Aldrich said that he would call a meeting of the finance committee for tomorrow morning, giving the minority members a chance to express their opinion.

All sections of the bill that senators do not desire to reserve for further amendment will now be agreed to en bloc. The senate then will consider the tobacco amendment, the only amendment not adopted in committee of the whole.

Monday, July 5.

Washington, July 5.—By unanimous vote the senate today adopted the resolution submitting to the state legislatures the income tax amendment to the Federal constitution. Then it devoted its attention to the administrative features of the tariff bill and adopted them. The tobacco schedule will be considered tomorrow with a few other uncompleted details and then the bill will be reported from committee of the whole to the senate. The only subject likely to provoke debate is the tobacco schedule. The proceedings after the bill is reported will be brief and the bill will then go to conference.

#### Wrights Displease Army Officers.

Washington, July 8.—The signal corps officers concerned in the aeroplane trials exhibit signs of irritation at the apparent unconcern of the Wright brothers regarding matters which to the army officers seem exceedingly important. Brigadier General James Allen, chief signal officer, and every member of the corps want members of the house to witness the flights that congress may treat more kindly requests for appropriations.

#### FALL EXAMINATION DATES.

#### Civil Service Tests Will Be Held in Northwest Cities Generally.

Washington, July 9.—Civil service examinations to fill vacancies in the government departmental service in Washington are to be held generally throughout the country this coming fall, and will cover appointments as clerks, stenographers, typewriters, etc. The examinations will be held at Portland September 8 and 20 and October 13; at Astoria, Baker City and Eugene, September 8 and October 13; Grants Pass, September 18, and Pendleton, September 30.

In Washington the examinations will be held at Seattle September 8, 23 and October 13; Spokane, September 8 and 23; Pullman, Bellingham, North Yakima and Port Townsend, September 8 and October 13, and additional examinations at Bellingham September 15 and North Yakima September 28.

The Idaho examinations will be held at Boise September 8 and October 1 and 13; Pocatello, October 4, and Moscow, September 8 and October 13.

#### Nothing Doing in Oleo.

Washington, July 6.—President Taft has expressed himself as opposed to the plan of Secretary of the Treasury McVeagh to raise \$2,000,000 by an internal revenue tax of 2 cents a pound, flat rate, on oleomargarine. The dairy men, according to Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, chairman of the committee on appropriations, are opposed to the scheme. Secretary McVeagh has stated that he has no desire to introduce a bill to carry out his ideas unless "all interests" agreed on the terms. The objection of President Taft and the dairy interests will obviously be sufficient to make the introduction of such a bill futile.

#### Census Officers Named.

Washington, July 6.—Robert M. Pindell will be appointed in a few days as appointment clerk of the census bureau, one of the most important positions in the government service. The appointment of A. H. Baldwin, to be chief clerk, vice William S. Rossiter, resigned, also was agreed upon at a conference today between Secretary Nagel and Director Durand. Charles S. Sloane, now serving as geographer of the census, was appointed permanent geographer.

#### Manufacturers Are Aroused

Washington, July 7.—Proposed increases in the internal revenue taxes on all forms of manufactured tobacco have brought a veritable hornet's nest about the heads of the senate committee on finance. An estimate of the increased revenues that would be produced was received by the senate committee today. If no decrease in consumption is occasioned by the proposed increase, it would raise about \$20,000,000 more than now collected.

#### Will Cruise Asia's Coast.

Washington, July 12.—Tentative arrangements have been made by the Navy department to have the first and second divisions of the Pacific fleet cruise in Asiatic and Philippine waters during next autumn and winter. Rear Admiral Sebree, commander-in-chief of the fleet, will arrange the details. The vessels probably will leave the Pacific coast late in August and return to the United States late in March.

#### McCleary for Mint Head.

Washington, July 10.—There are strong indications that James T. McCleary, of Minnesota, former representative in congress and later assistant postmaster general, will be appointed superintendent of the mint, succeeding Frank Leach, who resigned to accept a business proposition in California. His nomination is expected before the expiration of the present session of congress.

#### Cannon Will Leave Vacancy.

Washington, July 9.—It has been decided by Speaker Cannon not to fill the vacancy on the ways and means committee resulting from the death of Representative Cushman. That committee will not meet again to consider tariff legislation and until another tariff bill is framed, will be less important than it has been this session. The Republicans still have a majority of four.

#### Twenty-One Lose Places.

Washington, July 10.—Seventeen inspectors and four revenue agents on the denatured alcohol rolls of the internal revenue bureau have been dismissed because their services are no longer needed. The expectation that denatured alcohol would make rapid strides in supplanting gasoline as a motive power for small farm engines, automobiles, etc., has not held good.

#### Fear Dark Enumerators.

Washington, July 6.—Concerned about what they suppose to be the possibility that negroes may be sent into the homes of white residents of the South as census enumerators, Democratic members of congress will urge President Taft to give instructions that only white enumerators be employed in districts south of the Mason and Dixon line.

#### Corporations Plan Fight.

Washington, July 10.—Confirmation of the expectation in many quarters that the large corporations of the country will seek to hold up the collection of taxes under the corporation tax bill by an appeal to the courts to test the constitutionality of the law, was given here today by a prominent official of the Treasury department.

## MOURNED BY ALL.

News of Cushman's Death Shock to  
Friends in Congress.

Washington, July 7.—News that Francis W. Cushman, representative from Washington, had passed away in New York yesterday morning, came as a great shock to his host of friends in both branches of congress. Morning papers contained dispatches announcing he had successfully passed his crisis and was on the road to recovery. It was not until the members of congress reached the capitol that they heard of his death, and even then word spread slowly among the members, for the house was not in session.

In conformity with Mrs. Cushman's wish, there will be no congressional escort appointed to accompany the remains across the continent by a representative of the sergeant-at-arms of the house, who went to New York this morning. The house will not meet until Thursday. At that time Cushman's death will be announced, and adjournment probably be taken out of respect to his memory.

Senator Piles, who was with Mr. Cushman when the end came, returned to Washington last evening. He said Mr. Cushman passed away peacefully, being unconscious during his last hours. Heroic treatment was resorted to as soon as Mr. Cushman's condition took a turn for the worse, but he was so weakened that he did not respond to treatment. He sank steadily through the night and breathed his last at two minutes past 5 yesterday morning.

#### HOLDS UP BANK.

#### Heavily Armed Bandit Works in Broad Daylight.

Everett, Wash., July 7.—A lone robber held up Assistant Cashier E. C. Olson, of the Bank of Commerce, shortly before the bank closed yesterday afternoon, wounded Cashier J. L. Lyen and escaped with a few hundred dollars.

He fled on a bicycle to the north end of the city, then turned toward the waterfront. Here his pursuers found the satchel in which he carried his money. It contained only \$15. Deputies and citizens are searching for the man. Bloodhounds have been secured.

When the robber entered the bank he thrust two revolvers into Olson's face and commanding him to throw up his hands, laid down one gun and seized all the money he could reach and placed it in his satchel. He paid no attention to the few customers in the bank.

Cashier Lyen was in the rear end of the building. He ran down an alleyway and entered by the front door to take the robber by surprise and grappled with him. The robber shot three times, one bullet passing through Lyen's jaw and neck, making a serious wound. The robber then fled, with both Lyen and Olson shooting at him.

His hat was shot off and it is believed he was slightly wounded. He is supposed to have had a bicycle hidden in the vicinity, for he was next seen riding furiously north on one. He was seen by hundreds of people, but before armed citizens and officers took up the chase in automobiles he disappeared.

#### New York Tax Roll Out.

New York, July 7.—Andrew Carnegie and Mrs. Russell Sage are each assessed as possessing \$5,000,000 worth of personal property in New York City, on the rolls presented to the board of assessors today. John D. Rockefeller's personal assessment is \$2,500,000, and that of seven members of the Vanderbilt family aggregates \$1,340,000. J. Pierpont Morgan is down for \$440,000, while the late H. H. Rogers and William Rockefeller are each assessed \$300,000.

#### Gunnison Bore Finished.

Montrose, Colo., July 7.—The last round of shots in the East heading for the Gunnison irrigation tunnel was fired at 5:30 o'clock this evening. A few minutes later workmen from the two headings shook hands through the opening. The tunnel is six miles long and has been under construction four years and a half. This project has been carried out by the Federal Reclamation bureau at a cost of \$3,500,000. It will furnish water for the irrigation of 150,000 acres of land.

#### New Machine for Flying.

Victoria, B. C., July 7.—An airship which, the inventor asserts, will right itself within a few feet when started upside down and will fly from Victoria to San Francisco in less than five hours, has been built by A. W. Gibson, a Scotch engineer. The inventor purposes to make his first flight from Victoria to the Seattle exposition and has offered to wager \$1,000 that he can go the distance in half an hour. The airship embodies entirely new principles and is propelled by an engine weighing 222 pounds.

#### Hill to Invade Canada.

Helena, Mont., July 7.—There was filed by the secretary of state today an official resolution adopted by the board of directors of the Great Northern railway, showing its purpose to construct a branch line from Poplar, Valley county to the Canadian border, a distance of 80 miles. The inference is that the line will be extended further north, tapping the grain fields of Saskatchewan, thus invading the Canadian Pacific territory.

#### Use Cannon at Oil Fire.

Martinsville, Ill., July 7.—Fire, started by lightning in one of the 35,000 barrel tanks of the Ohio Oil company, was brought under control tonight. The tank was punctured by a cannon shot and most of the oil drained out. This prevented an explosion.

## OUTLAW MOROS TRAPPED IN CAVE

### Every Man in Jikiri's Band Is Killed by U. S. Troops.

#### Attacked in Mountains, They Flee to Last Retreat—Only One American Killed, but Many Wounded—Jikiri Had Made Many Raids but Always Eluded Pursuit.

Manila, July 6.—In a desperate fight near Patian, on Jolo island, yesterday, Jikiri, the famous Moro outlaw chief, was killed and his entire band exterminated by detachments of regulars and constabulary under Captain George L. Biram, of the Sixth United States cavalry, operating in conjunction with a naval flotilla of the mosquito fleet under Lieutenant Commander Signor.

The American loss was one private killed and three officers and 20 enlisted men and one sailor wounded.

Captain Biram's cavalry, with a few scouts and constabulary and a detachment of sailors under Lieutenant Commander Signor, located and attacked the outlaws in the mountains far from the coast. The Moros fled and took refuge in a large cave. The column of troops and sailors surrounded the place, but Jikiri refused to surrender.

A concerted attack was made, the Moros fighting desperately in the mouth of the cave until the last member of the band was dead. As yet but few details of the fight have been received here.

Jikiri was one of the most famous outlaws remaining in the islands. Ever since the American occupation he has fought the whites and has led raid after raid.

#### DEATH LIST OUT.

#### Annual Patriotic Carnage is Greatly Reduced.

Chicago, July 6.—With three days' celebration of the nation's birthday this year, the remarkable fact stands out boldly that the annual carnage has been decreased to a great degree. Advances from all points up to midnight show that in all large cities new rules and their strict enforcement have checked the customary slaughter of children.

In New York there were but four deaths for the three days. In Chicago, usually drenched with blood under the guise of patriotism, there was not a single death for the three days. In Washington there were no deaths and no injuries, and only the smallest fire-crackers were permitted.

Five deaths are reported from the state of Massachusetts, one each in Boston and other large cities. One death is reported from Philadelphia.

The entire state of Oklahoma reports but two deaths and nine serious injuries. Small cities in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and Far Western localities seemed most patriotic in casualties this year. In every case this can be traced to lax police regulations.

#### CUSHMAN IS DEAD.

#### Congressman from Washington Passes Away at New York.

New York, July 6.—Francis W. Cushman, representative in congress from Washington, died at 5 o'clock this morning at the Roosevelt hospital from pneumonia. At the bedside at the time were, besides the doctors and nurses, United States Senator Samuel H. Piles, of Washington, and Andrew S. Burleigh, of this city, a life long friend.

Congressman Cushman underwent an operation a short time ago and pneumonia resulted.

Senator Piles and Mr. Burleigh, who had been with the patient almost constantly since his condition became serious, said they would make arrangements for the sending of the body to Washington.

#### Powers Block Russians.

Pekin, July 6.—Great Britain, Austria-Hungary and the United States have notified China that they do not recognize the preliminary agreement between Russia and China devised for administration of the Russian railroad area in Manchuria. These powers declare also that the laws affecting the right to reside in the international settlement in China must originate with the treaty powers. The negotiations on this subject, which were opened last month, are now blocked for an indefinite time.

#### Mud Blocks Royal Gorge.

Canon City, Colo., July 8.—It is reported that 600 feet of Rio Grande track just beyond the Royal Gorge, at Parkdale, is completely covered up with mud and debris from rains last night and today. No. 1 Rio Grande passenger train was tonight backed to Pueblo, and will be run out over the Colorado Midland. The traffic through the gorge on the Rio Grande probably will be tied up for 24 hours before the road can be cleared.

#### Revolution in Colombia.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, July 6.—A private cablegram from Nuena states that a revolution has broken out at Barranquilla, the most important commercial city of Colombia, against General Jorge Holguin, who is acting president in the absence of President Reyes, and in favor of Gonzalez Valencia.