

FLOODS IN COLORADO

Railway Tracks Washed Out and Train Service Suspended.

MANY TOURISTS ARE STRANDED

Water in Its Wild Fury Almost Up to Famous Bridge in Royal Gorge—Pueblo Under Water.

Denver, Aug. 21.—Another cloudburst at Four-mile creek, near Canon City, last night made more disastrous the flood in the Arkansas river, which since dawn yesterday threatened the adjoining towns, washed out railroad tracks and tied up many tourist trains. The cloudburst was one of the heaviest in that section and soon the river, swollen by mountain torrents near Canon City, had risen eight feet six inches.

The trains of the Denver & Rio Grande and Colorado Midland railroads were blocked at many places and scores of tourists were delayed at Pueblo, Salida, Grand Junction and other points.

The magnificent Royal Gorge, where the Arkansas river rushes through a canyon nearly 3,000 feet deep, was a scene of wild fury. The water had reached a level of the famous hanging bridge. Many of the nearby canyons were washed clear of tracks.

At Pueblo last night the water was splashing over the levee at the state asylum grounds, and with a six-inch rise the grounds of the asylum as well as a large portion of the residence portion nearby will be under water.

Officials of the Rio Grande state that 45 miles of their track between here and Salida, a distance of 100 miles, is washed out and that it will be at least a week before main line traffic can be resumed.

NEW GEYSER RISES.

Muris Immense Volume of Water in Yellowstone Park.

Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone Park, Wyo., Aug. 21.—For two or three days past there have been indications of an eruption of some kind near Fountain hotel, Yellowstone park. Yesterday a new geyser broke out in full force about 100 feet north of the regular Fountain geyser, near the hotel. Today this new geyser, which does not appear to affect any of the others in the vicinity, played to a height of 150 to 200 feet, throwing immense quantities of hot water and steam.

The new geyser does not play regularly, as does "Old Faithful," but at short intervals, eruptions occurring five or six hours apart and lasting about one hour. The crater of the new geyser is large and the quantity of water thrown similar to that of the great Fountain geyser, located some two miles south of the Fountain hotel, though the water from the new one is carried to a much greater height.

JAP STRIKERS ARE GUILTY.

Jury Finds Four Took Part in Conspiracy in Hawaii.

Honolulu, Aug. 21.—After being out six hours the jury in the case of the four Japanese strike leaders charged with criminal conspiracy brought in a verdict of guilty at 10:45 p. m. yesterday. The defendants, President Makino, of the Higher Wage association, the organization in charge of the Japanese laborers on the sugar plantations of the islands; Editor Soga, of the Japanese newspaper Jiji, and Assistant Editors Negoro and Tashaka, of the same paper, were arrested and charged with criminal conspiracy June 14, when officers with search warrants entered the offices of the Jiji and the Higher Wage association and found there evidence of what the authorities claimed to be a widespread move on the part of the Japanese strikers to take possession of the government of the territory.

Thirty Fall With Bridge.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—Ten persons were injured seriously and 20 others had narrow escapes last night, when 250 feet of the 12th-street bridge over the river and viaduct collapsed. It was thought at first that several had been killed, but workmen digging in the ruins until late tonight had not found any bodies. The accident occurred just after a streetcar had run part way across the bridge and 30 passengers had alighted to walk over the dangerous portion to get another car. Construction work weakened the bridge.

City Sliding Into River.

Bombay, Aug. 21.—The fate of the prosperous Punjab city of Dera Ghazi Khan, with a population of 25,000, which for many years has been gradually slipping into the River Indus, is now regarded as definitely sealed. Nothing can be done to prevent the encroachment of the waters. From 50 to 100 feet of the river front is being swept away every day, and one by one, mosques, mansions and hovels are disappearing in the stream.

Ex-Shah Tries Murder.

Rome, Aug. 21.—According to a dispatch received here today from Teheran, the recent attempt of the young shah to commit suicide was really an attempt to assassinate the child by his father, the deposed ruler, who struck the boy with a poniard.

AIRSHIP EXPLODES.

Wellman Made Good Start, but Accidents Bring Failure.

Camp Wellman, Spitzbergen, Aug. 15 (via Hammerfest, Aug. 23).—Walter Wellman's second attempt to sail over the North Pole in a balloon has resulted in a failure. The giant dirigible balloon "America," in which Mr. Wellman and his party of three set out, proceeded about 32 miles from the starting point, when disaster overtook it.

After a long preparation and waiting for favorable weather, the opportunity came today, and Mr. Wellman decided to make the start. It was 10 o'clock in the morning when the great airship was brought out of its shed and the daring explorers took their places in the car.

When the anchors were cast loose, the airship ascended beautifully, the engines were set in motion and everything seemed to work to perfection. The big air craft was maneuvered for some time and answered the helm perfectly.

Then its head was turned northward, and it set out at a speed of 25 miles an hour. Suddenly, after having covered 32 miles, and when everything seemed to be going splendidly, the leather guide rope, to which was attached 1900 pounds of provisions and stores, broke away. The accident occurred just as the airship was nearing the pack ice of North Spitzbergen.

Released from this great weight, the airship shot upwards at a terrific pace, until it was a great height above the clouds. The pilots succeeded, however, in bringing her down near the earth, turning her about and set out to fight their way southward against a strong wind.

The airship proceeded slowly southward to the edge of the pack ice, where the steamer Fram was anchored. After much difficulty, a tow rope was gotten aboard the Fram, which started immediately to tow the airship to Spitzbergen.

The strain was so great, however, that it threatened to tear the car to which the rope was attached to pieces, and Mr. Wellman finally decided to bring the airship down to the surface of the water. This was effected without mishap and the car rested on the surface of the water until all the members of the crew, the dogs and the scientific instruments could be transferred aboard the Fram.

The America was then towed back to the landing stage, and within a short distance of where the start was made. But the ill-luck of the expedition was not yet at an end. Just as the airship had reached the landing stage and everything looked favorable for its rescue without serious damage, a sudden gust of wind caught the big bag broadside on, and snatched it away from its tow lines.

It was carried careening over rough ice hummocks for some distance and then it exploded. All the scattered parts of the airship were subsequently recovered, but the damage was so great as to preclude any further attempt to fly over the pole this year.

HENEY WILL ACCEPT.

Must Make Campaign, However, on Independent Ticket.

Newport, Or., Aug. 23.—Francis J. Heney furnished the Oregonian a written statement today, in which he figures out that, according to the recent Supreme Court decision in California, he cannot accept the nomination for prosecuting attorney on either the Democratic or Independence League tickets. "The only way in which I can become a candidate is by petition signed by a certain number of voters who did not vote at the primary election, requesting that my name be placed on the ballot as an independent candidate," says Mr. Heney.

Mr. Heney has been nominated both by the Democrats and the Independence League, but California's new primary law forbids that a candidate accept nomination by two parties. Furthermore, a candidate must be named by the party with whom he announced his affiliation at the primaries. Mr. Heney is registered as a Republican.

Mr. Heney says he does not want the office of prosecuting attorney, but will, if nominated and elected, sacrifice his business interests for the public weal in order to continue the war against the grafters.

Racing Autos Get Three More.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 23.—Three more lives were sacrificed today in the speed carnival that marked the opening of the new Indianapolis motor speedway. One mechanic and two spectators were today's death toll. Charles Merz in a National in the 300-mile race lost a tire and crashed through a fence into a group of spectators. The dead: Claud Kellum, Indianapolis, mechanic in the National car; Homer Joleffe, Trafalgar, Ind.; James West, 29 years of age, Indianapolis. West was a meat cutter.

Carmen Reject Scale.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—Following the lead of the North and West Side Streetcar Men's union, the members of the South Side organizations tonight voted to reject the wage scale agreement reached recently by their officers with the street railway officials. This throws the whole question open again and the 10,000 union men are in a more defiant mood than ever. President Mahon, of the national union, arrived today and is trying to prevent a strike.

General Booth May Go Blind.

London, Aug. 23.—General William Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, was operated upon today for septic poisoning of the eye. The doctors are not yet able to say whether the General's sight will be saved.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

NEW LEPROSY CURE.

Philippine Quarantine Officer Uses X-Ray Successfully.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The X-ray as a cure for some cases of leprosy has been demonstrated by the American health authorities in the Philippines, according to Dr. Victor D. Heizer, quarantine officer in the islands.

Dr. Heizer, in a report to Surgeon General Wyman, of the public health and marine hospital service, says the X-ray is suitable only for specially selected cases, and is valuable apparently only in the earlier stages. San Lazro hospital, at Manila, is the first institution in the world to use the X-ray for leprosy treatment.

Official figures show that on March 31, 1909, there were 2,446 lepers in the Philippines, segregation having reduced by more than 1,000 the number of cases during the last two years. At the beginning of the American occupation, 11 years ago, there were nearly 4,000 lepers.

Americans perfected the establishment for lepers on the island of Culien in 1906. It is estimated that under the Spanish regime 700 new cases developed every year. At present the number of new cases averages 300 annually.

Try to Leave Out Farm Land.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Statements and interviews quite constantly are printed from friends of the policy of conservation, based on the assumption that amendment of the law will be necessary to enable the elimination of agricultural lands from national forests.

Associate forester, in the absence of Forester Pinchot, when asked about this matter, and requested to make a statement setting forth in substance the facts, prepared the following: "In establishing the boundaries of national forests, it is the aim of the service to exclude, so far as possible, lands more valuable for agricultural purposes than for forest purposes. Anyone acquainted with the mountainous regions of the west in which are located national forests will realize, however, that small areas of agricultural land in pockets and in valleys of minor streams exist, which in establishing boundaries to include forest land could not be excluded."

No Information Obtainable.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The acute news manifested itself here today more strikingly by the dead silence at the Interior department and the suppressed but all pervading atmosphere of enthusiasm at the forestry bureau. Assistant Secretary Pierce, who is back again and is acting secretary of the Interior department, does not care to discuss the charges of misadministration made against Secretary Ballinger by Chief Forester Pinchot. Acting Commissioner Swartz, of the general land office, has just the same aversion.

Open Bids for Battleships.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Bids for the construction of the two battleships, Arkansas and Wyoming, authorized by the last congress, were opened at the Navy department today. These two battleships are to be among the most formidable fighting machines afloat. They will carry as heavy armor and as powerful armament as any known vessel of their class, will have a speed of 21 knots, which is believed to be the highest practicable for vessels of their type and class, and will have the highest practicable radius of action.

Seven Get Honor Medals.

Washington, Aug. 20.—For gallant conduct while under fire of the enemy in the Philippines or in Cuba, five officers and two enlisted men yesterday were awarded medals of honor by the War department. Those thus honored were Major James Church and Major Paul Straub, of the Medical corps; Lieutenants George Shaw and Charles Beckman, Twenty-seventh infantry; Lieutenant Charles E. Kilbourne, Signal corps, and H. T. R. Quinn and Seth Ewald, privates.

U. S. Has Improved Wireless.

Boston, Aug. 25.—News of an improvement upon the Marconi wireless system, making it possible for the officials of the navy department to keep in communication with the nation's warships in every sea, created much interested discussion here today. The new system, according to the reports that have leaked out, is now being installed on several vessels at the Charleston navy yard, the operations and trials being surrounded with the utmost secrecy.

Coal Output Less.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The effect of the national depression beginning in 1907 and continuing in 1908 was the most powerful factor in the marked decline in the production of coal in the United States in 1908, according to statistics compiled by the geological survey. The total production in 1908 was 415,842,698 short tons, having a spot value of \$532,314,117.

General Townsend Dead.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Brigadier General Edwin F. Townsend, U. S. A., retired, is dead here as the result of apoplexy. He was born in New York in 1835 and graduated from West Point in 1852 in the same class with Generals Hood, McPherson and Howard. During the Civil war he was promoted to be major for gallantry.

Slight Quake Recorded.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The seismograph at the weather bureau in this city recorded a slight tremor of the earth at 2:22 o'clock this afternoon.

WANT MORE BATTLESHIPS.

United States to Lead World With Battleships of Great Power.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Congress may be asked next winter to provide for two 30,000-ton battleships, each with 12 14-inch guns, and each costing \$12,000,000. It is stated that such a program has been pretty carefully studied out.

After considerable preliminary work, the first 14-inch gun has been constructed at the Midvale works, and is shortly to be tested at the naval proving grounds at Indian Head. If it is deemed desirable to have guns of 14-inch caliber, it will immediately become a question whether there shall be 10 or 12 of such guns on each battleship. The proposition of two years ago, during the Newport conference, was to have 10 14-inch guns instead of 12 12-inch guns, the former caliber to have a relatively diminished velocity.

It was finally decided, however, that when the 14-inch gun was developed it should be of a hitting power commensurate with the increase of caliber compared with the 12-inch gun. There is an inclination also to adhere to 12-inch guns in the battleship battery, and it is possible that with the adoption of the 14-inch gun there will be 12 instead of 10 of those rifles, in which event the next battleships to be authorized will be of at least 30,000 tons displacement, and estimated to cost approximately \$12,000,000 each.

It is likely such a battleship will have the same speed and endurance as the 26,000-ton battleships now building. Much may depend in the determination of this question upon the plans adopted by European navies.

Million Cigars From Philippines.

Washington, Aug. 24.—One thrifty Philippine commercial concern managed to get into the United States 1,000,000 cigars and, it is thought, other tobacco products, in advance of certain rules and regulations which the war department and the treasury department were preparing.

The cigars and other stuff arrived on the day the tariff went into effect. As the tariff allows importation free of duty of only 150,000,000 Philippine cigars, the proportion which has already come in is regarded as large.

The cigars are understood to be of inferior grade, and it is said that the long sea voyage from Manila has a deteriorating effect upon them, but it is claimed now that some concerns have invented a method to offset this.

Pure Food Scrap Renewed.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 24.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, will be in Denver Tuesday to attend the annual convention of food commissioners. As a result, it is expected that another controversy between Federal officials will be brought to Denver, this time not over forestry and irrigation, but over the use of benzoate of soda in food.

Supporting Secretary Wilson are several members of the Scientific Reference Board, while Dr. Wiley's chief supporter is Commissioner J. Q. Emerson, of Wisconsin, president of the association. Another feature will be reports Tuesday afternoon on results of food, dairy and drug control in various states.

New Tariff Works Well.

Washington, Aug. 4.—The new tariff law has gone into operation with surprising smoothness, according to Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Reynolds. "We expected to be overrun with questions, many of them silly," said Mr. Reynolds yesterday, "but the number of inquiries each day has been little more than we have had under the Dingley law."

This is ascribed by the Assistant Secretary to the bills having been passed by a republican congress. The phraseology is much the same as under the old, only the rates have been changed. The operation is rendered easy for the collectors.

Wool Importations Increase.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Wool importations into the United States in the fiscal year just ended exceeded those of any earlier year except 1897, when abnormal importations were made in view of the prospective transfer of wool from the free to the dutiable list. The total quantity of wool imported in the fiscal year just closed was 265,600,000 pounds, against 126,000,000 in 1908, 203,000,000 in 1907, 249,000,000 in 1905, and 351,000,000 in 1897, when, as already suggested, the importations were abnormally large by reason of the prospective transfer of wool from the free to the dutiable list.

Tieton Land to Be Opened.

Washington, Aug. 19.—The acting secretary of the interior vacated the former order of withdrawal under the reclamation act in connection with the Yakima (Tieton) project, Washington, today and restored to the public domain where not otherwise withdrawn, reserved or appropriated, about 33,000 acres of land in the North Yakima district, the same to become subject to settlement on and after November 9, and to entry December 9.

Philippine Bonds Sold.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Bids were opened at the bureau of insular affairs today for \$1,500,000 4 per cent, 10 to 30-year Philippine public works and improvement bonds. This issue is the balance unsold of the \$5,000,000 authorized by the acts of congress, last amended February 6, 1905.

State Department Pleaded.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The news from Pekin that Americans would participate in the Hankow railway loan was received here with intense satisfaction, it being a victory for the State department.

THIRTY BUSHEL WHEAT.

Montana Farmer Makes Success of Working Dry Land.

Caldwell, Mont., Aug. 20.—F. F. Irvine, member of the Montana board of control of the Fourth Dry Farming congress, and one of the successful dry land farmers of this vicinity, is now harvesting 40 acres of wheat, which he estimates will yield about 30 bushels an acre. This grain was planted in September on sod ground that had been plowed in May and June. Being the first crop from this ground Mr. Irvine regards his crop as unusually good. He says the field has been attracting attention and people have been coming in from miles around to see for themselves what can be accomplished by conscientious application of dry farming principles.

Mr. Irvine has informed Secretary John T. Burns, of the Dry Farming congress, that he will send a sample of this crop to Billings, Montana, for exhibition at the Fourth Dry Farming congress, which will meet at Billings, October 25-27-28 next.

WIND AGAINST WELLMAN.

Twice Prepares to Fly to North Pole, but Puts Back.

Hammerfest, Norway, Aug. 20.—A dispatch from Walter Wellman's Arctic expedition camp at Spitzbergen dated August 14 says:

"A north gale which had been blowing on the 5th dropped on the 12th, and Mr. Wellman made ready to start in search of the North Pole. The balloon was inflated and provisioned, and the motors were working smoothly. On the 13th the wind was still variable, but Mr. Wellman decided to get the airship out of the house.

"The officers and crew of the T-13 assisted in swinging the airship, which was of fine appearance, out of the shed. The wind, however, again freshened and at 6 o'clock in the morning Mr. Wellman ordered the airship back into the shed to wait for more propitious weather."

C. P. R. Discovers Fraud.

Montreal, Que., Aug. 20.—The legal department of the Canadian Pacific railway believes it has unearthed a huge conspiracy to mulct that and other corporations by means of false claims for damages for personal injury received in alleged accidents. The claimants are alleged to have a regular organization, with branches in Chicago, Toronto, Vancouver and other places, and to carry on a systematic scheme of fraud by means of false claims, false witnesses, etc. Three arrests have been made and others are promised.

Yokum is Optimistic.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 20.—B. F. Yokum, chairman of the executive committee of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway, who is making a tour of the West to observe the crop and general business conditions, said today: "I find business conditions are good and improvement general all along the line. Cotton is in good shape. In some sections it needs rain. The corn crop has been hurt in this state in some sections, but there will be more corn than last year by reason of the increased acreage."

Black Handshake Costly.

Cincinnati, O., Aug. 20.—The executive board of the Freeman's Aid society of the Methodist Episcopal church here has elected Rev. J. F. Deeking to be president of Rust university, at Holly Springs, Miss. The election was made necessary by the abrupt resignation of Dr. F. C. English, of Cincinnati, who said he had been threatened by a mob at Ethel, Miss., because he had shaken hands with a colored presiding elder.

Ocean Falls After Quake.

Mexico City, Aug. 20.—A delayed dispatch from Acapulco says three severe earthquake shocks were felt there Monday. The ocean dropped far below the normal and along the entire shore line of the port the beach was exposed for a distance of 30 feet. The shocks are believed to have been those registered at the Washington observatory. The people of Acapulco are still living in the open, not having ventured to return to their homes.

Quake Tale Exaggerated.

San Francisco, Aug. 20.—Passengers arriving from Mexican ports today on the Panama steamer Acapulco, the first vessel to bring news of the earthquake of July 29, 30 and 31, declare that the reports reaching this country by wire greatly overestimated the loss of life resulting from the disturbances. They declare that only two persons were killed outright at Acapulco, although hundreds had narrow escapes.

Moors Cut Wires Again.

Madrid, Aug. 20.—Advices received here from Penon de la Gomeria, on the coast of Morocco, says the Moors again have cut telegraph wires and isolated the Spanish garrison there. The bombardment at Penon de la Gomeria is constant and there have been many casualties among the Moors. The Kabyls are mobilizing near Alhucemas preparatory to marching on Melilla.

Wreck on Laper Island.

Honolulu, Aug. 20.—The steamer Nilhau went ashore early today on the coast of the Island of Molokai, and has been abandoned by her officers and crew. The vessel, which is of 600 tons burden, will probably prove a total loss. The steamer Claudine has gone to the scene of the wreck to attempt to float the Nilhau.

HOT WAVE IS BROKEN

Southwest Is Much Relieved by Cooling Breezes and Rain.

CORN ESCAPED SERIOUS INJURY

Many Prostrations and Some Deaths Reported From All Sections East of Rockies.

Kansas City, Aug. 19.—Severe warm weather throughout the Southwest gave way to a limited extent last night before cooling breezes.

The day was the most trying Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma have experienced for years. Despite the excessively high temperature, however, there were comparatively few prostrations. Eight deaths were recorded at Kansas City.

Oklahoma reported excessive heat. Government thermometers at McAlester registered 113; at Ardmore, 111; at Vinita, 101; at Oklahoma City, Guthrie and Tulsa, 106.

In Kansas City and Western Missouri the temperature was near the 100 mark all the afternoon.

New York Has Big Downpour.

New York, Aug. 19.—The steady downpour which during the last two days has broken all August rainfall records, is over. The city's rain gauges show a total precipitation of 5½ inches as the official record of the storm.

Fierce Wind in Charleston.

Charleston, S. C., Aug. 19.—As a result of a fierce wind and rain storm which passed over this city yesterday, all the telegraph wires leading into the city are down and communication with the outside world is by long-distance telephone. No loss of life is reported.

Heat Record at Fort Worth.

Fort Worth, Tex., Aug. 19.—With the weather bureau thermometer registering 111 degrees and street thermometers recording 120 degrees, yesterday was the hottest in the history of Fort Worth.

Five Killed in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Aug. 19.—Despite a decided drop in the temperature, five more deaths were recorded here yesterday as a result of the heat. Three of these were persons previously prostrated. The maximum temperature today was 89 degrees.

Three Deaths at Norfolk.

Norfolk, Neb., Aug. 19.—The heat claimed three victims in Norfolk and vicinity last night.

ROBBERS BIND WATCHMAN.

Desperate Attempt to Blow Safe at Portland Factory.

Portland, Aug. 19.—Safecrackers made a desperate effort to get into the safe of the Dornbecher Manufacturing company yesterday morning and succeeded in badly damaging the safe with three charges of nitro-glycerine, but did not get at the contents.

E. R. Mickley was in the fireproof of the factory when he was suddenly seized by one of four men, all of them masked and armed. He was thrown down and his arms tied behind him.

They then went back to the factory, gathering up a sledge hammer and other tools, and went at the safe. They knocked off the knob with a hammer and drilling holes, set off in all three charges of nitro-glycerine. In the midst of their work a switch engine pulled into the siding to pick up cars from the factory, the brakeman entered the rear door to get his orders and was met by a volley of shots from the robbers, one of the bullets going through his hat. He promptly ran off and the engine backed down town, going back in half an hour with police aid. As the engine returned, Mickley was found but the robbers had gone, leaving a pint bottle of nitro-glycerine and all their tools in the factory office.

Miss Elkins May Marry.

Rome, Aug. 19.—Rumors are current here today that all the objections of the royal family to the marriage of the Duke of Abruzzi to Miss Katherine Elkins, of West Virginia, have been removed. The couple, according to the latest reports, will be married as soon as the duke returns his exploration trip in the Himalayas. United States Senator Elkins has repeatedly denied that his daughter was to marry the duke, declaring that if Miss Elkins is ever married it will be to an American.

Powers Caution Cretans.

Canea, Crete, Aug. 19.—The foreign consuls here, on behalf of the international squadron now anchored in Canea bay, today notified the Cretan government that the Greek flag would be hauled down today. They warned the government that irreparable consequences will follow any attack made on a landing party. On account of this warning the Cretan authorities issued an appeal to the people not to obstruct the action of the powers.

Troops to Quit Fort William.

Winnipeg, Aug. 19.—The regular soldiers who have been on duty at Fort William returned to their barracks here today, leaving 30 special Canadian Pacific railway constables armed with rifles to maintain order. Five hundred men are now working on the docks.