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MANY LIVES ARE LOST IN FLOOD

MONTEREY, MEXICO, SWIFT BY
A RAGING TORRENT.

PROPERTY LOSS MILLIONS

Poorer Classes Huddled Together
Awaiting Succor. Pestilence
Is Feared.

Monterey, Mex., Sept. 1.—Twelve hundred persons drowned, 15,000 homeless and property damage to the extent of \$12,300,000 is the result of a flood that struck the city between 11 and 12 o'clock Saturday morning. 1000 bodies have been recovered. Floods turned the small and peaceful Santa Catalina River into a dozen Niagaras.

A veritable deluge of rain caused the river to rise to a width of a mile and a half, and it completely overflowed portions of the city. Telegraphic communication is crippled. The electric plant is half under water, the city's streetcar service is paralyzed and the water supply is crippled.

The inhabitants in the vicinity had barely time to flee for their lives. The onrush of the waters carried away their homes and chattels and in many cases drowned occupants of small huts used by natives. Conditions are chaotic and the plazas are crowded with homeless natives.

The scene in the flood-swept section is one of utter desolation. Four city blocks on the South Side have completely disappeared. For 72 hours the rain fell in unprecedented volume throughout this section and the Santa Catalina rose gradually all day Friday, the crest of the flood reaching Monterey early Saturday. Flood conditions extend as far south as Saltillo, although no great damage beyond inconvenience to the citizens and minor damage to the roadbeds of the railroads is reported south of Monterey. It is feared a pestilence will follow the flood. The poorer classes are huddled by the thousands in churches, and hospitals.

Monterey is a city of approximately 70,000 population, located 180 miles south of Laredo, Tex. It is set in a valley between huge mountains.

YANKEE AVIATOR WINS CUP

Curtiss Covers 12.42 Miles in 11 Minutes, 50 3-4 Seconds in Test.
Rhemes, France, Aug. 30.—Glenn H. Curtiss, the American aviator, won the Gordon Bennett Trophy in the great aeroplane racing meet held here. Curtiss covered 20 kilometers, which is equivalent to 12.42 miles, in 11 minutes 50 3-4 seconds. He made his first round above the enclosure of the tribunes in 7 minutes 57 2-5 seconds. That was his best time. Bleriot of France, Curtiss' most feared rival, made a trial trip of the course in 7 minutes 58 seconds.

Alleged Swindler Caught.

Seattle, Sept. 1.—W. W. Smith, whose real name is believed to be A. L. Groves, with a family living in Oakland, Cal., who was arrested last week charged with defrauding Oregon, Idaho and Eastern Washington farmers out of more than \$10,000, by agreeing to make loans on their property and then collecting a fee of 1 per cent of the promised loan, which was never made, escaped from custody yesterday by inducing a court clerk to accept a cash bond of \$1250 on the representation that he was accused of getting away with only \$30.

QUAKE SHAKES ISTHMUS

Whole of Panama Feels Shock;
Canal Not Damaged.

Panama, Aug. 31.—A strong earthquake shock was experienced here Monday morning. The people were greatly alarmed, but no serious damage has been reported and no one was injured. The administration buildings of both the Government and Canal Commission here and at Ancon were so severely shaken that the clerks left their desks hurriedly for the street. They soon returned, however, when it was seen that no damage had been done and that the first shock was not followed by a second.

Steamer Bandon Grounds On Bar.

Marshfield, Or., Sept. 1.—The steam schooner Bandon, owned by A. F. Estabrook & Co., of San Francisco, was wrecked yesterday afternoon off the mouth of the Coquille River bar at Bandon. She will probably be a total loss. The vessel was valued at \$80,000, exclusive of cargo.

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McHARG SAYS METHODS EMPLOYED ARE DREAMLIKE.

TAFT ACCEPTS RESIGNATION

President Compelled, It Is Believed,
to Take Hand in Conservation
Policy.

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 29.—President Taft has accepted the resignation of Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor McHarg, who made a bitter attack upon ex-President Roosevelt and his policies.

In a recent interview McHarg is reported to have said: "Common sense has been displaced by visionary theories, already proved unsuccessful in the problems of the development of the West and too much 'dreaming' has been indulged in in dealing with the Government irrigation projects and forest conservation policies."

Secretary Nagel, Secretary Knox and Secretary Meyer dropped in upon the President Sunday, the former bearing a letter from Assistant Secretary McHarg, in which McHarg stated that he had taken his present position with the understanding that he was only to hold it six months anyhow, and that as he understands it, his term is about to expire. After a brief conference between the President and his Cabinet members it was agreed that Mr. McHarg had the right view of his position and that his term should expire quickly.

Mr. Taft has been reluctant to take official cognizance of the controversy which started at the Irrigation Congress in Spokane, continued through the Trans-Mississippi Conference at Denver, and since then has been waged at the National Capitol. It seems now, however, that he would have to take a hand in the tangle.

Pinchot Declares McHarg Wrong.

Portland, Aug. 30.—Gifford Pinchot, Chief Forester, who is in Portland to deliver an address under the auspices of the Oregon Conservation Association, when informed of the resignation of Assistant Secretary of Commerce, McHarg, declined to discuss the resignation, but said:

"As to the published interview of Mr. McHarg in which he said the facts do not warrant the prediction by the conservation workers that there is grave danger that the forest wealth of the country will be exhausted within a few generations, I have only to say that the official records of his own department will disprove that assertion."

BALLINGER HURRIES EAST

Cancels Seattle Date and Starts for
Washington.

Seattle, Aug. 29.—Secretary of the Interior Richard A. Ballinger hurriedly left the city for Washington tonight. Before leaving he said:

"Department affairs have made it necessary for me to change my plans and go at once to Washington."

Interviewed at the railroad station, he said that he had not been called East by the President.

"Emergency matters have arisen in the department which make it necessary to lay aside my plans and return to Washington," said the Secretary.

Keep Water Power For People.

Seattle, Aug. 28.—At the concluding session of the National Conservation Congress today a permanent organization was effected, and, after a vigorous debate a radical water-right resolution was adopted, recommending that municipalities, states and the national government hereafter refuse water-rights for power purposes in perpetuity, and only grant them for a term of years subject to reasonable taxation. The delegates listened to addresses by Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot and Francis J. Heney.

B. W. Baker, of Baltimore, was elected president and L. F. Brown, of Seattle, secretary.

Rich Harvest for Roads.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 31.—Local railroad officials are authority for the statement that the railroads reaped a harvest of some \$8,000,000 in cold cash as a result of the opening of the three Indian reservations, the Spokane, Coeur d'Alene and Flathead.

Of the amount the Northern Pacific Railroad is credited with receiving the lion's share or about \$5,000,000. It is now expected that the lucky winners in the drawings will spend about \$1,000,000 which will find its way into the coffers of the railroad, in taking up their land.

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