

RIVER BREAKS BOUNDS; 3000 ARE HOMELESS

Thousands of Cattle Drown in Waters Which Cover Ground to a Depth of Ten Feet in France, in Vicinity of Nantes.

DIVATTE, France, Dec. 3.—Three thousand farms were inundated by the waters of the river Loire, in the vicinity of Nantes, today by the breaking of a levee above the city.

The inhabitants of the flooded district barely escaped with their lives, abandoning their homes and livestock.

Thousands of head of cattle were drowned in the waters, which covered the ground to a depth of from six to ten feet.

Flood conditions in many parts of France are serious and appeals to the authorities for aid are being made.

SERIOUS RIOTS FOLLOW PLAGUE

Anti-Dynastic Rebels Responsible for Recent Outbreak Against Foreigners at Shanghai, Say Late Reports.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 3.—Anti-dynastic rebels are responsible for the recent outbreak against foreigners in Kwang Tung, while the serious riots at Shanghai followed an epidemic of the bubonic plague, according to dispatches received here today from China.

Though some church property was destroyed at Sanchang and at Lein Chow, when the natives rebelled in Kwang Tung, no foreigners were killed. The natives from Hunan aided in the incipient revolt, which was finally suppressed by 8000 troops.

The riots in Shanghai were caused by stories that the health officials took the plague-stricken natives to hospitals for the purpose of securing their hearts and eyes for foreign medicine. These fantastic tales were generally credited among the ignorant coolies and as a result a number of physicians were assaulted.

HOPE TO END STRIKE IN CHICAGO SOON

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 3.—A settlement of the garment workers' strike which has been in progress for nearly a month, was promised today by a civic committee headed by Mayor Busse. The committee announced that tentative terms had been agreed upon and that final action would be had as soon as the terms were submitted to a referendum vote of the strikers. The committee will not divulge the terms of the agreement until after the vote has been taken, it was announced.

Later Mayor Busse said: "We have agreed upon a plan whereby we hope to end the strike. Hart, Schaffner & Marx have made a definite proposition which will be submitted to the strikers."

The committee estimated that 40,000 garment workers are still out.

Sprackling Is Best.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 3.—William E. Sprackling, whose brilliant playing at quarter for Brown university during the season won for him unanimous selection as next year's captain of the Brown team, is conceded today to be one of the best players in the difficult position ever turned out by an eastern university. Sprackling has been quarterback on the varsity team since his freshman year, and his great record is a matter of wonder to all critics. It was stated today that his selection by Walter Camp for skipper of the All-America team is certain.

REBELLION IS AT END; REBELS WANT FREEDOM

Conference Between Diaz and Revolutionists Planned—Peace Committee Will Be Comprised of Governors of Various States.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 3.—Amnesty for all revolutionists, including Francisco Madero, and a new election with free suffrage guaranteed, were the terms laid down by the Mexican revolutionary leaders as the price of their surrender and the calling off of the Mexican rebellion at the peace conference held today at San Isidro.

The Mexican government was represented by Judge Jose Guadara, Lio Gardenas, Amador Gonzales and Jose Gonzales. Captain Herrera, rebel chieftain in charge of the revolutionary movement around San Isidro, presented the demands of his followers.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 3.—Preparations for a conference between the government and representatives of the insurrectionists began today with the authoritative announcement that the Diaz officials would treat with the revolutionists.

A peace committee, comprising the governors of the several states in the Mexican republic, will be selected. It is reported that Rosendo Pineda, leader of the government party; Demetrio Sodi, Demetrio de la Garza and Guillermo de Landa Yescañon will be the delegates for the government.

Rafael Martinez, a supporter of General Reyes, petitioned the president today to extend clemency to the insurrectionists who surrender. It is believed the Maderistas are favorable to the peace proposals and will withhold active operations pending the overtures.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—A recent visit of Gustave Madero, brother of the Mexican revolutionary leader, Francisco Madero, resulted today in an intimation by an official of the state department that Francisco Madero would not be given a haven in the United States in the event that his personally conducted revolution against the Diaz government is unsuccessful. Madero practically stands charged with violation of the neutrality laws of the United States, because he left this country to lead a revolution against a government with which the United States was at peace.

Madero must win or be successful enough to at least force Diaz to grant him amnesty, otherwise, if his insurrection fails, death and the confiscation of his property will be his portion.

The store that pays a lot of money for space in which to say something to you must believe that what it says is important to you.

JOHNSON IS TO PROMOTE BOXING

Pugilist Says He Does Not Believe That Boxing Is Against the Law If It Is Carried Out on a Clean Basis.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 3.—Jack Johnson shortly will become a promoter of "real, Simon-pure" boxing contests, unless plans which the dusky champion now is fostering go awry. Johnson has the object of reviving the boxing game in Chicago at heart and it is his scheme to form a bona fide boxing and wrestling club with a nominal membership and to give contests at which members only will be admitted.

"I don't believe the law is against such a scheme," said Johnson today. "At any rate, I am going to try it out. I want the people of Chicago to be able to see a real fight at a fair price, and I think that before long the boxing game on a clean basis will be re-established here."

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THE MAIL TRIBUNE has already undertaken its customary year-end duty, and is now at work compiling its New Year's edition, which gives promise this year of being greater and more complete than ever before.

The theme is one of epoch-making possibilities and inspiration. The flowering of the Pacific coast into maturity is as yet the most colossal chapter in the history of the world's most colossal nation. Compared with that, as the sun at noon to the evening star, will be the flowering into maturity of Southern Oregon, when its speeding destiny shall have been fulfilled.

Volume and variety of resources, a monopoly of civilization's most enjoyed product, resources unrealized as yet are pledges to that prophecy.

With precision never approached, with completeness never approximated in Southern Oregon journalism the Mail Tribune will, in that edition, record the achievement and the beckoning destiny of this favored spot.

Ten thousand copies will comprise the issue. It will tell the coldest facts regarding this section. Take it—let it circulate to the four quarters of the country. Let it reach more homes, more capital, more people than any previous issue of any Southern Oregon newspaper.

Among the subjects treated will be the superior inducements offered the home-seeker by Oregon, by the Rogue River Valley, by Medford. Each will be the subject of a special article. Classified, they are:

OREGON, BECAUSE—

- Of finer climate. Of sparser population. Of greater agricultural resources. Of greater horticultural resources. Of greater timber resources. Of greater mining resources. Of greater variety of undeveloped resources. Of greater water power resources.

THE ROGUE RIVER VALLEY, BECAUSE—

- Of most profitable alfalfa farms. Of finer climate. Of greatest planted area of orchards. Of character of population. Of greatest producing placer gold mines. Of greatest horticultural resources. Of greatest timber resources. Of greatest copper mines. Of undeveloped quartz mines. Of greater water power than Niagara Falls. Of greatest coal mines.

THE CITY OF MEDFORD, BECAUSE—

- Of most progressive citizenship. Of metropolitan characteristics. Of fine school system. Of paved streets. Of water system. Of sewer system. Of business openings. Of branch railroads. Of superior facilities and attractions. Of superior location.

FORMOSANS FALL BEFORE JAP GUNS

Troops Continue Work of Annihilating Natives in Formosa—Villages Occupied by Tribesmen Have Been Destroyed.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 3.—The work of annihilating native Formosans in the Singa district by Japanese troops continues, according to advices just received from the Orient.

The Formosans refused to surrender to the Japanese force and as a result extreme measures against the poorly armed natives are being taken.

According to last advices received, the villages occupied by three tribes have been destroyed by gun fire and a large number of natives slain.

MINORITY MEMBERS ARE FRAMING REPORT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—The minority members of the Ballinger-Pinchot congressional investigating committee met in conference today. It was learned that the minority report is practically complete. Those attending the meeting today were Senators Paynter and Fletcher and Representative Madison. Representative Graham has not yet arrived in Washington.

"A Pot of Message."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—Referring to President Taft's forthcoming message to congress, Assistant Secretary of State A. A. Adeo said to Secretary of State Knox today, when Knox was summoned from dinner with Adeo to go to the white house and help revise the message: "Mr. Secretary, instead of me getting a mess of pottage, it looks like you were going to get a pot of message."

It was asserted that if Secretary Philander C. Knox had had time, Adeo would have received his mess of pottage anyhow—right in the neck.

If you had never been inside any store in this city you would be able to decide where to go by reading the store ads in this paper.

HYDE ATTORNEYS SAY COURT ERRED

Appeal to Supreme Court Is Taken—255 Exceptions Taken—Charge That Indictment Was Faulty in First Place.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 3.—Based on a claim that the court had erred 255 times, an appeal to the supreme court was taken today by attorneys for Dr. B. Clarke Hyde, convicted of the murder of Millionaire Thomas Swope at Kansas City.

Dr. Hyde's counsel declared, first, that the indictment against the physician was illegal; that the evidence was insufficient; that incompetent testimony was admitted; that competent testimony was barred; that the court failed to instruct the jurors on all the law in the case and that prejudice was shown throughout the trial. The appellant also took exception to the action of the court in revoking Dr. Hyde's bail while the trial was in progress.

The appeal probably will be heard in January, at which time it was set to come up.

LOS ANGELES NOW HAS UNDISPUTED HARBOR

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 3.—That the San Pedro harbor case, which involves the title of the Wilmington water-front, now held almost exclusively by the Southern Pacific, will end favorably for the state and give Los Angeles an undisputed harbor, is the belief of Attorney General Webb, who filed his biennial report with the governor today. He also deals with the Vallejo water-front case, wherein similar suits are pending.

The criminal appeal work of the office of the attorney-general has been increased until it is almost doubled on account of the new procedure. In two years there have been 299 criminal cases, of which 137 have been decided for the prosecution and 31 for the defendants.

The reports of district attorneys show that of 3555 felony cases the prosecutors gained convictions in 3266, leaving only 329 for the defendants.

When a housewife becomes an adreading bargain hunter it is a stroke of "good fortune" for her husband—equal to a substantial raise of salary.

TAFT INVITES MR. CUMMINS

Move Is Said to Indicate That President Would Conciliate the Progressives—Cummins Is Leader in Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—President Taft has invited Senator A. B. Cummins of Iowa to the white house to attend an executive session regarding the annual message to congress. The invitation is believed by politicians here to indicate that Taft intends to conciliate the progressives. Cummins is regarded a leader of the insurgents in the senate.

He bitterly attacked the railroad regulation bill at the last session. This measure was one of the bills which Taft was very desirous of having adopted in the form in which it was sent to congress.

It has been a year since Cummins has visited the president.

RACE SUICIDE HINTED AT IN CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 3.—The school census gain has not kept pace with the remarkable growth in the population of California, according to the figures compiled by Statistician Wood of the public instruction office today. While the population of the state is 2,377,549, a gain of 892,496, or about 60 per cent, over ten years ago, the school census of the state increased only 99,805, instead of 216,691, which should have been the proportion for children between 5 and 17 years. All children under 17 years should have increased 286,334 instead of only 157,739.

Say Moore Was Unbalanced.

VINCENNES, Ind., Dec. 3.—The defense in the trial of Mento Moore, charged with having murdered E. C. Gibson, capitalist, because of jealousy over Gibson's alleged attentions to Mrs. Moore, attempted to show today that Moore's mind was unbalanced when he shot Gibson. The case probably will go to the jury Tuesday.

A non-reader's dollar is a frequently a 50-cent dollar in its buying usefulness.

ROOSEVELT IS ELIMINATED -- MARSHALL

Is No Longer Serious Factor in National Politics, Says Hoosier Executive—Recalls Statement Made Two Years Ago Regarding Colonel

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—"The recent election eliminated Theodore Roosevelt as a serious factor in national politics," said Governor Thos. R. Marshall of Indiana today. The Hoosier executive is here to attend the annual dinner of the Indiana society tonight.

"Two years ago eastern newspapers denounced me because I said Roosevelt put Taft in the presidential chair, hoping he would make a poor executive and thus prepare the way for the colonel's return to the presidency," Marshall continued. "When I said then that Roosevelt would return from Africa and start a big hurrah I was called a two-by-four western politician. Well, Roosevelt did it. I think it was a mighty lucky thing that the election went against him. Had the republicans been successful the second chapter of the Roosevelt program would have been attempted."

The governor modestly declared that he was governor of Indiana and not a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination in 1912.

"There are a lot of favorite sons being groomed for the presidential race," he said. "Whenever a man is elected governor of his state immediately he becomes presidential timber to a few of his friends. They are wise who do not take the effort of their friends too seriously. For myself, I am governor of Indiana and nothing else. I am going to stay on the job until my term is over and not seek anything else. I am not a candidate for anything."

"The democratic presidential aspirants ought to remember that in 1912 the nominee must have the support of the united party. All factions must harmonize and we had better begin immediately the welding policy."

Marshall said there was no doubt but that John W. Kern would be elected to succeed Beveridge in the senate.

Pioneer Loses Trousers.

SANTA ANA, Cal., Dec. 3.—A. L. Whittaker, who possessed a desire to be an Imperial county pioneer, abandoned his pioneering aspirations until he can become the possessor of another pair of trousers.

With his family, Whittaker is journeying toward Imperial in an up-to-date prairie schooner. While camping in Santiago canyon last night another rover purloined his trousers, in a pocket of which reposed \$70, the entire cash balance of the family.

Sympathetic ranchers provided Whittaker with more trousers and the police promised to search for the man who took the money.

PROVIDING FOR MORE DEATHS

Football Conference Held in Chicago by Representatives of the "Big Eight"—Schedules and Rules Prepared.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 3.—Representatives of the "Big Eight" met here today to arrange new conference football rules and the schedules for next year.

Principal interest in the conference was centered on the attitude of the conference toward the University of Minnesota and the University of Michigan. A movement was started to compel Minnesota to sever relations with Michigan. In reply to this, representatives of the University of Minnesota declared their team had as much right to meet Michigan as Michigan has to meet Corney.

CONDUCTORS DEMAND GREAT WAGE INCREASE

Confer With Representatives of Roads—55,000 Employees Are Represented—Engineers 'Now Taking Referendum on Strike Question.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 3.—Demanding a wage increase that will amount to \$5,000,000 annually, representatives of 55,000 conductors and trainmen on 61 railroads west of Chicago conferred today with representatives of the general managers of the roads. The increase demanded averages 15 per cent. It is expected that the negotiations will continue for several weeks.

These negotiations form part of the general movement of the employees of western railroads for an increase in pay. The engineers of the same lines presented their claims to the general managers in May and their demands were denied. Since then the engineers have been taking a referendum on the question of a strike to enforce their demand. It is believed the result of the balloting will be announced in this city December 9.

KILLING FROSTS FLORIDA GROVES

Mercury Drops to Zero in Augusta and Mobile—Orange Crops Said to Have Suffered Heavily—Negro Is Frozen to Death.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 3.—Killing frosts as far south as the Florida peninsula were reported today. The Florida orange crop is believed to have suffered severely, although growers kept smudge fires burning in their groves throughout the night. Jacksonville, Mobile and Augusta report the most damaging frosts of years. The mercury dropped to zero at Augusta, where Sandy Stewart, an aged negro, was frozen to death.

Not to "know" when buying is little better than not to care. Either failing in a housewife grows, sooner or later, into financial "trouble" in the home.

FRANK GOTCH WILL TRY AND 'COME BACK'

HUMBOLDT, Ia., Dec. 3.—Frank Gotch is about to join the "come-back" club, according to several of his friends. Should the big German win in his tussle with farm work on his place here he will step into the arena to once again wrestle with George Hackenschmidt, the "Russian lion."

Gotch, while preserving the fiction of retirement, practically admits that he would like another wrestling match before retiring for good. He believes that Mahmout, the Turk, has the class of all the wrestlers here, and if the Turk should defeat Hackenschmidt, it is believed Gotch would hesitate to grapple with the Musselman. If the "Russian Lion" should win, it is thought certain that Gotch would attempt to pin Hackenschmidt's shoulders to the mat.

Cyclone Thompson Goes Some.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 3.—Cyclone Johnny Thompson, weighing considerably over the lightweight limit, won his second battle in Australia today when he decisively defeated Hughie McEgagn of Melbourne in the fifth round of what was scheduled as a 20-round battle. Thompson had his man so completely outclassed from the start that McEgagn's seconds threw a towel into the ring in the middle of the fifth round to save their man from further punishment. The men fought at catchweights in the arena at Rushcutters Bay before a crowd of 15,000.