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\$85,000,000 LOSS CAUSED BY FLOOD

THOUSANDS SUFFERING FROM LACK OF FOOD; 5000 SQUARE MILES UNDER FLOOD WATER

Millionaire, Laborer, Convict and Negro, Forgetting Social Barriers, Labor Side by Side in Game Fight to Save Baton Rouge—Doubtful if Levee Will Hold Until Night—Several Towns Are Submerged—Thousands Are Homeless.

Many Rescued in Boats—Couriers Ride Throughout the Country Spreading the Alarm—All Wire Communication is Practically Paralyzed—Panic Follows Breaking of Levee.

NEW ORLEANS, May 4.—Reports reaching here today from various sections show that in all 5,000 square miles of territory in Louisiana are under water. It is estimated that the loss has already reached \$60,000,000 and that the latest breaks will cause a loss of \$25,000,000 more. The loss to rice growers is \$2,000,000; to wheat, cotton and other crops \$7,000,000.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana's capital, is making a game fight today to save itself from destruction by the flood waters of the Mississippi river. Millionaire, laborer, convict and negro, forgetting all social barriers, are working desperately side by side in a united effort to prevent the levees surrounding the city from breaking away. Despite heroic efforts, reports today say the enormous pressure of the flood waters has left the levee wobbly and small crevasses are reported in several places. It is doubtful if the levee will hold until night.

Bayou Saron, 20 miles north of New Orleans, is practically destroyed today. The town is under five feet of water, the force of the flood having swept scores of buildings from their foundations.

A panic followed the breaking of the levee yesterday. Women seized their children, and, abandoning everything else, fled to the hills. Today thousands are suffering from lack of food. Those who remained in their homes are being rescued in boats. The water at Bayou Saron is a foot above all previous records and the crest of the flood is yet to come.

Couriers today are riding through the country districts, spreading the alarm. All wire communication in the flood district is virtually paralyzed.

Five hundred students of the Louisiana state university are helping in Baton Rouge in efforts to save the levees.

Fordoche and Ravenwood, two prosperous towns of this vicinity are submerged today with great property loss, but no fatalities. All the inhabitants were rescued from the rush of water.

BEN SELLING SPENT \$784; HIS FRIEND SPENT OVER \$9000

SALEM, Or., May 4.—Campaign expenses statements which today have been filed with the secretary of state here show that Ben Selling expended in his campaign for the republican nomination for the United States senate \$784.16. On behalf of Selling Max Michel expended \$9,941.70.

MRS. FRANK FRAZIER FREE; TO WED AGAIN

SANTA BARBARA, May 3.—Mrs. Rachel Peabody Frazier, daughter of F. F. Peabody, linen manufacturer of New York, was given a final decree of divorce yesterday from Frank Duff Frazier, son of Frank S. Frazier, millionaire broker of Chicago.

Desertion was charged by Mrs. Frazier and the action was not contested. The Fraziers spent most of their married life in Santa Barbara, where everything did not run smoothly and soon after he left for Oregon to take up ranching. Mrs. Frazier filed her suit. It is reported here that Mrs. Frazier soon will be married at the home of her parents in Albany, N. Y.

CANNON GIVES HIS VIEWS ON OUTLOOK

WASHINGTON, May 4.—"Maybe the White House next March will be occupied by either a republican, democrat or a what-not," said former Speaker Joseph G. Cannon today, in discussing the bill to reduce the salary of the secretary to the president from \$7500 to \$6500. Then "Uncle Joe" broke into a dry grin. "Some of the democrats 'caught on' instantly, and laughingly shouted 'Tiddy.'" "Well," responded Cannon, "I most certainly did not intend to call Bryan by that name."

JOHN GRIEVE, HEAD OF HONOR CAMP, TENDERS RESIGNATION

John Grieve has tendered his resignation as foreman of the honor camp to the county court. While it has not yet been accepted, it is probable that it will be in the reorganization of the camp planned.

There are but 15 honor men at the camp at the present time, and as the governor states that there is a shortage in honor men, no men can be had for the present. It is the county court's intention to try out this number of men in good weather with a view to ascertaining the outcome, had weather and unfavorable conditions having greatly hampered the work and increased the cost.

With the smaller number of men, it will be practical to move them to various parts of the county and use them for repair work as well as new construction.

Many of those who signed the petition did so under a misunderstanding, the cost of the camp having been represented to them as much greater than that it really is.

CROWDS WATCH RACE BULLETINS

Medford being an automobile city of first rank took great interest in the great auto races at Santa Monica today. A large crowd gathered before a bulletin board displayed by the Pacific Motor Supply company and read the bulletins as they appeared throughout the day, supplied by the Mail Tribune. In addition to this scores called the office to ask for returns.

TILLAMOOK, Or., May 4.—Efforts this afternoon to float the stranded steamer George R. Vosburg failed. Launches are standing by her and further attempts at her release will be made at high tide.

MAY SUCCEED GEN. GRANT.



MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM H. CARTER.

General Frederick Dent Grant's death vacates the post which, next to that of Chief of Staff, is regarded as the most important in the army. It is probable that soon after the funeral it will be necessary to detail an officer of high rank for the position, probably Major General William H. Carter, now assistant chief of staff.

GREAT INTEREST IS TAKEN IN ELECTION IN CALIFORNIA MAY 14

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 4.—With the presidential preference primary election just ten days off, unprecedented interest is being taken throughout California in the three cornered fight of the republican candidates for the presidential nomination, according to reports received at the office of Secretary of State Jordan today. Speakers for Colonel Roosevelt, President Taft and Senator La Follette and for Champ Clark and Woodrow Wilson are in the midst of strenuous speaking campaigns throughout the state, lining up the million ballots which may be cast May 14.

Applications for biographical sketches of republican and democratic candidates which are published by the state show that the people in the rural sections are showing a keener interest than those in the cities. There are in California about 1,200,000 citizens qualified to vote. Of those about 1,000,000 are qualified to vote at the primaries.

OREGON LABOR MEN URGE A MINIMUM WAGE BY INITIATIVE

PORTLAND, May 4.—Oregon labor men today are working hard in furtherance of a plan to present by means of the initiative before the people of the state at the next general election next November, a minimum wage scale law. By the terms of the proposed law, it will be provided that no man more than 20 years of age shall be permitted to work for less than \$2.50 a day and no woman more than 20 years old shall be permitted to work for less than \$1.65 a day.

It will also be provided in the new law that no person shall work for hire for more than ten hours a day or more than six days in any one week except in emergencies in which cases they shall be paid double for extra time.

TWO FALL 400 FEET FROM PLANE

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 4.—Careening at a dangerous angle 400 feet downward through the air crashing through two fences and finally landing in a creek bottom beneath their overturned biplane, Marshal Earl Field, an amateur aviator, and his instructor, G. W. Beatty, escaped with minor injuries while on a flight from New York to Philadelphia. The mishap occurred near Elizabeth, N. J.

TAFT KICKST. R'S DOG ALL AROUND IN MARYLAND

"I Tremble for the Country Were Roosevelt to Die, With So Much Depending on His Life," Sarcastically Remarks the President.

"I Don't Want to Fight" He Declares, "But When I Do Fight I Hit Hard."

BAYVIEW, Md., May 4.—"I am a peaceful man and I don't want to fight, but when I do fight I hit hard," said President Taft in his speech at Hyattsville today. Then he launched into a bitter denunciation of Colonel Roosevelt.

"The inventor is absurd," continued the president, "and I must fight. The cause I represent is being injured by misrepresentations of me and by administration by Colonel Roosevelt. He is spreading the impression that if you nominate him he will abolish bosses. Roosevelt was president for seven years and I would like someone to tell me how many bosses he abolished."

Referring to Charles J. Bonaparte, attorney general under the Roosevelt administration, President Taft said: "My friend Bonaparte—if I may call him that—says I am a substitute president. I cannot reply, to that. Such an attack is like criticizing one's personal appearance—a matter of taste only."

At Laurel, President Taft again referred to Roosevelt in a sarcastic manner, saying: "I tremble for the country were Roosevelt to die, with so much depending on his life."

FOUR CANDIDATES ARE BUSY SEEKING MARYLAND VOTES

BALTIMORE, Md., May 4.—Four candidates for the presidential nomination, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, President Taft, Judson Harmon, governor of Ohio, and Speaker Champ Clark, are today busily engaged in telling the Maryland voters just why the state's delegates should be instructed to support their candidacy. The most interest, however, centers in the fight being waged between Colonel Roosevelt and President Taft.

President Taft left Washington at 8:30 o'clock and started to woo the voters right after breakfast, speaking first at Hyattsville. At the same time Colonel Roosevelt was addressing an enthusiastic crowd at Westminster.

Both Roosevelt and Taft claim victory, but politicians here believe the contest for Maryland's delegates will be close.

In addition to speaking at Westminster, Colonel Roosevelt addressed big crowds at Haysar, Frederick and Hagerstown. He will wind up his campaign tonight at Cumberland in the heart of the coal mining region. The former president will start for Oyster Bay immediately after he finishes his address, and will arrive home Sunday.

President Taft's itinerary included Laurel, Aberdeen, Elkton, Belair and Havre de Grace.

Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey will make his appeal to the voters next Monday.

War May End Soon
EL PASO, Texas, May 4.—Peace negotiations to end the revolutionary war in Mexico may be opened here soon, according to Emilio Vasquez Gomez, who arrived in El Paso today from San Antonio. Gomez, who is leader of the Vassistas said that he is here to confer with a delegation of rebels, appointed by General Orozco, to arrange terms of peace. He declared he was not now allied with any faction opposing the constitutional government of Mexico.

Drivers in Great Auto Races



DE PALMA

150,000 PEOPLE SEE DEPALMA WIN GREAT AUTO RACE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., May 4.—Ralph De Palma and George Joermann carried away the honors in the light and medium weight car events respectively in the annual Santa Monica motor meet here today before 150,000 spectators.

De Palma piloted a Mercer car, which he sent over the 151.506 mile course in 2 hours, 19 minutes and 43.25 seconds, maintaining an average speed of 69.54 miles per hour.

Joermann, who drove a Maxwell car, negotiated 101,004 miles in 1 hour, 37 minutes and 57.90 seconds, his average being 61.86 miles per hour.

Neither time was considered phenomenal under the perfect track and weather conditions.

No accident marred either race. The annual Santa Monica road race of 300 miles, the feature event of the day, was scheduled to start at 1:30 o'clock.

Medium Weight Race.

Ralph De Palma, driving a Mercer car, won the event of medium weight cars. His time for the 151.506 miles was 2:10:43.25, an average of 69.54 miles an hour.

Case car, Joe Nikrent, driver, second. Time 2:14:35.08.

The remaining six cars were flagged off the course, there being but two prizes offered.

Light Car Race.

The Maxwell car, driven by Geo. Joermann won the light car race on the Santa Monica course today. The time was 1 hour, 37 minutes and 57.97-100 second, an average of 61.8 miles per hour for the 101 mile course.

The other cars finished as follows: Flanders, driven by Evans, second, time 1:40:38.60-100. Average 59.102 miles per hour.

Flanders, driven by Tower, third. Time 1:42:00.

Regal, driven by Roscoe, fourth. Time 1:44:53.90-100.

Reo, Krouse driving, fifth. Time 1:54:53.

Buick, L. Nikrent, sixth. Time 2:00:08.60

Weather Perfect.
Clear skies and perfect atmospheric conditions provided ideal auspices for the motor classic of the west. Santa Monica and neighboring beach cities were crowded to the curbs throughout the night with spectators intent upon securing points of vantage from which to view the speeding cars. Thousands camped on the beach under police guard, and by 8 o'clock today thousands of automobiles (Continued From Page Two.)

HOME RULE GOOD ROADS BILL NEEDED

Attorney A. E. Reames Asserts That Proposed Initiation Road Bills Only Complicate Situation and Prevent Program of Highway Construction.

Validity of Measures Attacked and County Home Rule Bill Advocated as Necessary to Defeat Measures.

Declaring that the proposed good roads initiation bills will only further complicate the present road muddle and if enacted, block highway construction in Jackson county, and that the only salvation for this section is the initiation of a home rule bill that will enable counties to vote bonds for permanent highways as contemplated in the recent constitutional amendment, A. E. Reames, attorney for Jackson county in the road bond case has outlined the situation for Mail Tribune readers in the following opinion.

Complying with your request for a statement as to pending roading measures, and action to be taken, I submit the following:

Of the measures prepared to be submitted to the people in November, the first is one for the issue of state bonds in amounts not to exceed one million dollars annually. As the constitution now stands, this act would be unconstitutional. They attempt to make it constitutional by submitting at the same time a proposed amendment to section 7, article 11 of the constitution, raising the limit of state indebtedness for permanent roads to 2 per cent of the assessed valuation; but this constitutional amendment will not be operative until the polls close on election day. Therefore, it would seem to me that the first bill for state bonds would be unconstitutional at the time when the petitions are circulated, and even while the votes are being cast, up to the very time that the polls close.

I am frank to say that I have not looked into this question, but off-hand it would seem that an act non-constitutional could not be passed simultaneously with the constitutional amendment which is needed to make such an act constitutional. Otherwise the bill for state roads and highway commission seems to be carefully drawn.

The next measure to be submitted to the people at that time is one for the issue of county bonds. This is very well drawn, but it is subject to two objections:

Section 13 of the act provides that the funds from the sale of bonds shall go into the general road fund provided by section 6320 of the code. This section provides that such a road fund shall be used for the repair and construction of roads and bridges. However, the constitutional amendment which justifies the act provides that the county can only issue bonds for permanent roads.

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WAPPENSTEIN IS TAKEN TO PRISON

SEATTLE, May 4.—Charles W. Wappenstein, chief of police in Seattle for five terms, is today in the custody of penitentiary officials. His vigorous fight to the last for a stay in his sentence of three to ten years, for bribe-taking, failed. He left for Walla Walla at 7:30 last night in the custody of Deputy Sheriff Liner, and was received there this morning. There was no one at the depot to bid him good-bye. The man who one year ago, was the storm center of Seattle's politics, passed practically unnoticed. Wappenstein was neatly dressed, bought his own ticket to Walla Walla with a berth reservation, and smiled to the newspaper men as he boarded the train. "Politics got me," he said.



JOERMANN



DE PALMA

SAYS MEXICANS WILL UNITE TO PREVENT INTERVENTION BY U. S.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—"If the United States attempts to intervene in Mexico, every Mexican, be he rebel or federal, will forget all internal differences, unite in a mighty army and fight to the last ditch."

This was the warning note sounded here today by L. Gutierrez De Lara, the Mexican socialist, who travelled Mexico with John Kenneth Turner, pointing out atrocities which led Turner to write his famous "Barbarous Mexico." De Lara's activities angered former President Diaz to such an extent that he caused De Lara's arrest in Los Angeles on trumped up charges, and the latter lay in jail for months before his release was ordered by the department of commerce and labor at Washington.

ALLEN, OUTLAW, IS ON VERGE OF COLLAPSE

WYTHEVILLE, Va., May 4.—The state's evidence against Floyd Allen, member of the Allen clan of outlaws on trial here for the part he played in the shooting bee enacted in the Hillsville courtroom, was practically finished today. Allen, dazed at the strength of the murder case the state has presented against him, is on the verge of collapse.