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CLOUDBURSTS RUIN MEXICAN CITIES; AND SUBMERGE DENVER AND ST. LOUIS

1000 LIVES LOST IN OLD MEXICO DELUGE SWEEPS OVER ST. LOUIS MILLIONS LOST DENVER DELUGE

Property Damage Caused by Cloudbursts That Destroyed Two Cities and Many Towns Laid Waste 1000 Square Miles of Territory.

Famine Adds to Horror of Situation—City of Guanajuato Among the Ruined Places.

MEXICO CITY, July 15.—A special meeting of the cabinet with President Madero was called today and it is probable that federal troops will immediately be rushed to the state of Guanajuato, where cloudbursts have wrecked two cities and many smaller towns. Incomplete reports declare that probably 1,000 persons lost their lives while the property damage will reach \$20,000,000.

The greatest danger now is of famine, and the government plans to rush relief trains to the scene. All crops within an area of 1,000 square miles have been swept away, foodstuffs in the larger cities and villages were ruined by the waters, and the greatest suffering has already been sent from here to aid in clearing the debris from the larger cities, but with their arrival today word was immediately sent back to Mexico City to send no more men until food was furnished, as there was no way of feeding the imported laborers.

Probably the worst conditions exist at Guanajuato, the capital of the state, which has been struck by a cloudburst within the past few days. The entire country surrounding the city is submerged. Half of the city was washed away. The electric light plant was put out of commission and since then the city has been in total darkness.

Thousands of peons are wandering through the streets, in search of food, and in their search are robbing and looting. Women and children are without clothing and food. Telegraph facilities have been badly crippled by the flood, and only meager reports have been received. It is feared that when communication is reestablished, it will be found that additional hundreds have died from hunger and exposure.

WAGE DISPUTE IS ARBITRATED

MANHATTAN BEACH, N. Y., July 15.—The arbitration committee which will decide the wage dispute between the fifty-two railroads in the territory east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio rivers and their engineers went into session today.

Oscar S. Strauss, former cabinet officer and diplomat, was chairman and the others were:

Charles R. Van Hise, Frederick N. Judson, Otto M. Eidlitz, Albert Shaw, Daniel Willard and P. H. Morrissey. Grand Chief Warren S. Stone, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, presented the case for the engineers, while B. A. Worthington, president of the Chicago and Alton and recent receiver of the Wheeling and Lake Erie, represented the companies assisted by William M. Duncan of Cleveland and Attorney Thomas M. Kirby.

HOT WEATHER IS ON NOW IN EARNEST

The mercury touched 84 Sunday, the hottest day experienced during the present warm spell and will probably pass that mark this afternoon. The heat is normal for this season of this year. Humidity ranges around 22 per cent which is normal.

Four Lives Lost at Alton and Damage From Cloudburst Runs Into Millions—3.6 Inches of Rain in Half Hour Flooding All Streets

Man Swims Through Alton Streets Notifying People to Flee for Their Lives From Deluge.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 15.—Estimates today place the damage in St. Louis and vicinity at \$1,000,000 as the result of the rain and windstorm yesterday. Four persons were drowned near Alton, Ill., when the waters swept through two homes.

Mrs. Francis McGuire, her three-year old son; Archie Boise, 30, and Esther Moss, 35, were swept through the windows of the houses and drowned. In St. Louis 3.6 inches of rain fell in half an hour. Streets in many parts of the city were flooded.

At Alton the gas plant was put out of commission and the city was in darkness last night. All streets were flooded, and William Nacey swam from house to house, smashing in windows and warning the inmates to flee for their lives. Women and children were carried from houses by men and placed in boats, while a wave of water three feet high was racing through the town.

Granite City, Edwardsville and other points near St. Louis were also affected. It is estimated that more than ten inches of rain fell at these points.

CARS WILL BE ABLE TO REACH RIM OF LAKE END OF WEEK

It is now possible to drive an automobile within a mile and a half of Crater Lake according to Prof. P. J. O'Gara who has just returned from a visit to the lake. The snow is rapidly disappearing and within a week automobiles will be able to make their way to the lodge on the rim. The Crater Lake company has everything in readiness for handling tourists at the lake and the season will soon be on in full blast.

"Despite stories to the effect that there is 10 feet of snow in the road between Arant's Camp and the rim of the lake," states Prof. O'Gara, "I found the road in fairly good shape. I walked from the lake to the camp in 55 minutes which would not have been possible had there been much snow on the ground."

"By the end of this week I believe that it will be possible to drive a car clear to the rim. Tourists will find every comfort at the rim."

TRUST FIGHTS CHEAP ICE FOR POOR

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., July 15.—"Cheap ice for the poor" became the war cry of the socialist administration of Schenectady today and the whole city is stirred by the attempt of the organized ice dealers to prevent Mayor Lunn and his officers from carrying out their plans. The administration stored a lot of ice last winter as part of its promise to help the people, and started to sell ice at 25 cents this summer while the dealers put the price at 40 cents.

Mayor Lunn told his side of the story today in a manner which showed he had not given up his plan. "They got a local dealer to enjoin us from selling ice to the people" he said. "And that injunction cannot be argued until July 23. They went at it as you might expect them to. They don't cite any law as being violated by our efforts to help out

Cloudburst Deluges Colorado Capital—Several Lose Life—Four Miles of City Submerged and Wall of Water Sweeps Down Destroying Buildings

Collapse of Dam at Castlewood Lakes Threatened—Hundreds of People Made Homeless.

DENVER, Colo., July 15.—Two known dead and three missing is the toll taken by the cloudburst and flood which swept Denver Sunday, according to figures late this afternoon. The known dead are:

FRED HILL, 79.
MRS. LYDIA RICKFORD, 85.
Missing: Zoe Wallace, Albert Clary, Ernest Klaus.

Hill was found dead along the railroad tracks in the lower section of the city. Mrs. Rickford locked herself in her home when the flood came. She was found dead today in her house, which had been washed off its foundations.

DENVER, Colo., July 15.—At noon today Mayor Arnold was notified that the waters of Castlewood Lakes, impounded by Castlewood Dam, eight miles north of here, are rising rapidly and that the dam threatens to go out at any moment.

If the dam should collapse it would sweep a torrent of water down upon Denver, far greater than that which struck the city Sunday. This would create enormous damage. The dam is one of the largest in the world.

DENVER, Colo., July 15.—Although the police early today expressed the fear that a dozen or more persons were drowned in the cloudburst and flood which swept Denver yesterday, there was confirmation of the death of only one man. Two men are missing and a woman and a boy were seen to fall into the flood.

The flooded district has not yet been thoroughly examined, however, and other fatalities may be revealed before night. The property loss will run between \$1,000,000 and \$4,000,000 according to today's estimates.

The flood was the most terrific in Denver's history as a large city, the only scourge comparing with its being a flood in 1864, which killed many persons. The storm, which came in the wake of a sultry morning, did not extend beyond a radius of twenty miles.

From the state capitol, west and north the city was flooded over the curbstones and water stood a foot deep on the floor of the union depot, which is in the lower part of town. A four mile area in the business and poorer residence districts was inundated, five hundred families being rendered homeless.

Immediately after flood, Mayor Arnold (Continued on Page Three)

SCENES DURING THE SEVERE HOT SPELL IN NEW YORK CITY.



New York city is now in the throes of a sweltering hot spell. Man and beast are real sufferers, and everything is being done to alleviate the suffering of the poor people. The ragged street urchin is happy when he takes a daily plunge in one of the fountains surrounding the fashionable localities.

M'COMBS CHOSEN TO LEAD DEMOCRATS AT WILSON'S WISH

CHICAGO, July 15.—With Norman E. Mack in the chair the democratic national committee went into executive session this afternoon in the Congress hotel. It was said that the committee would hear what message Committee Chairman Hudspeeth of New Jersey brought from Governor Wilson and proceed at once to the election of officers.

It leaked out of the executive session that William E. McCombs had been elected chairman and Joseph F. Davies, of Wisconsin, secretary. John I. Martin, of St. Louis, was chosen sergeant-at-arms.

It was understood that the conservative members of the committee gracefully acquiesced to Governor Wilson's choice of McCombs for chairman, but that they attempted unsuccessfully to block the election of Davies and re-elect Urey Woodson, of Kentucky, secretary.

The committee Wilson desired to direct the campaign is composed of: William McAdoo, New Jersey; Joseph E. Davies, Wisconsin; Senators O'Gorman, New York and Thomas P. Gore, Oklahoma; Congressmen Burlington and Henry of Texas; Committee-men Robert Hudspeeth, New Jersey, Joseph Daniels, North Carolina, A. Mitchell Palmer, Pennsylvania, and William Sausbury, Delaware.

IMPROVEMENT SHOWN IN STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, July 15.—With the exception of a weakness in St. Paul stocks developed a steady tone at the opening of today's stock market. Union Pacific, Great Northern preferred and Rock Island preferred were up nearly a point. Later St. Paul recovered and the entire list made further gains. United States Steel, General Electric, Westinghouse and Amalgamated Copper all shared in the improvement.

The market closed strong. Bonds were firm.

DARROW CLEARED BRIBERY CHARGE BY TOM JOHNSON

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 15.—Bert H. Franklin, following his arrest for jury bribing, believed that Clarence Darrow had connection with the deal, and that Franklin offered to produce within a few days the man who passed him money for bribery purposes, was the testimony in the Darrow trial today of Colonel Tom Johnson. Johnson was Franklin's attorney and held several conferences with him prior to his confession.

Up to the time of Darrow's indictment by the grand jury, Johnson testified, Franklin was looking for the "dark complexioned mysterious stranger," who has figured before during the Darrow trial. It was this man, and not Darrow, who passed the bribe money, Johnson declared. Franklin confided to him.

The testimony of the attorney further set forth that Franklin sent him to the district attorney's office with an offer to unearthen, if given a few days time, the man in question. The proposal was rejected by Assistant District Attorney Ford, Johnson said.

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EXPRESS RATES ARE CUT IN TWO BY COMMISSION

Rates Cut From San Francisco to Medford

5 lbs. from.....	76 to \$ 31.5
10 lbs. from.....	90 to .43
25 lbs. from.....	1.30 to .77
100 lbs. from.....	3.25 to 2.50

WASHINGTON, July 15.—"The interstate commerce commission's ruling in the express cases, reducing rates materially, if it goes into effect will reduce the cost of living, providing the middlemen do not absorb 'so much of the difference,'" said Chairman Clements of the commission today. He pointed out that the commission's ruling was an order to show cause why the new rates should not become effective.

"Necessarily," the chairman said, "the tendency of important reductions such as are proposed, would be in greater or less degree toward a reduction in the cost of living, just as would be the tendency in a reduction of the cost of transporting produce from the producer to the consumer in all lines of business."

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AMERICANS WIN FIRST HONORS

STOCKHOLM, July 15.—With the Americans in first place, the Olympic games will officially end tonight, when the prizes won will be distributed in the stadium in the presence of the king of Sweden and members of the royal family. The games have been successful from everything but a financial standpoint, and there is nothing but congratulations for the management.

First honors go to the United States, although the total points will not be complete until tonight. But the American margin, especially in the track and field contests—are concerned, is so great that everyone connected with the team is being showered with congratulations.

America scored in only one of the big running events today, the 1000 meter team race, where the American

runners made a show of their field. The visitors from over seas failed to show at all in the 8,000 meter country race, where they had hoped to have a man "inside the money." As was expected, H. Kolehmainen, the great Finnish runner, who plans to turn professional and come to the United States this fall, was first. Anderson of Sweden was second and Eke of Sweden third. H. Helawell proved the best of the Americans in the race, but the best he could do was to land twelfth in the race.

The pace was terrific and many of the contestants were overcome while all that finished were completely exhausted.

In the 8800 meter team swimming event, America finished second to Australia, with England third. In the high diving event Sweden was first and third, with Germany second.

PROBE CAUSE FATAL WRECK NEAR CHICAGO

Nineteen Killed and Fifty Injured When Mail Train on Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Clashes Into Overland Limited.

Heroism of Bride Who Sent Doctors to Husband and Died Herself—Engineer of Train Dead.

CHICAGO, July 15.—Coroner Peter Hoffman today continued his efforts to place the blame for the wreck of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy yesterday, in which thirteen persons were killed, and nearly fifty injured. It was determined definitely to that efforts were made to halt the mail train before it crashed into the Pullman sleeper of the Overland Limited.

Mrs. F. A. Wilcox, tower operator at Western Springs, southwest of Chicago, received the message that the mail train known as No. 8, was coming on at full speed. An automatic block signal had caused the Overland to stop 550 feet west of the Western Springs. The woman operator rushed from her key, to flag the engineer of No. 8. She saw him pass the semaphore signal, which should have had halted him, and as the train thundered past the station, the woman saw that a horrible wreck was certain, rushed to the telephone to call doctors, and then swooned.

Dead Engineer Blamed According to P. S. Eustis, passenger traffic manager of the Burlington, the blame for the wreck lies between George Bronso, engineer of No. 8, who died with his hand on the brake-lever and John Woodruff, flagman of train No. 2, who placed the torpedoes on the track. Woodruff said he not only went back and placed torpedoes on the rails, but that he also walked up the track and made an effort to flag number eight.

One incident of the wreck that stood out clearly in the stories told today was that of the heroic sacrifice of Mrs. E. G. Pohlmann, bride of a San Francisco, Cal., traveling salesman. A doctor helped lift her clear of the wreckage and started to examine her for possible serious injuries. The young woman drew her skirts over her limbs and nodding toward her husband, said:

"There's my husband. He's hurt worse than I am. Please look after him first."

Jewelry Missing Pohlmann was found seriously but not fatally hurt, and the doctor returned to the bride, finding both her legs broken and her spine fractured. She died on the way to St. Anthony's Hospital.

Company officials today stated a considerable amount of jewelry of the dead was missing, but whether this was the work of vandals or a freak of the wreck is not known. The police assert that the small sums of money found on many bodies indicated their pockets had been picked. Herbert Hease, assistant general solicitor of the Burlington, today declared he believed the catastrophe was due to the dense fog.

YOUTH CAUGHT WHO STOLE HALF BILLION

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 15.—Seventeen year old Joseph McCarthy, of Jersey City, undersized who really looks about 14, is locked up in the local station, awaiting the arrival of New York officers. The child—he is that only in years and intelligence—is alleged to have stolen half a million dollars worth of checks and \$200 in money from the United Cigar Stores company, the retail cigar trust.

The police say that Joe admitted his guilt. They say he told them when he was sent to the bank in New York Saturday to deposit the checks and money the sight of the large amount of cash and checks dazzled him.