

RECORD STORM FOR SEPTEMBER

Rainfall Heaviest in Siskiyou Range—Damage to Fruit, Hop and Grain Crops—Jackson County Suffers Little—Early Plowing Possible

An inch of rain had fallen at noon at Medford, a new record for this time of year. Already the average rain fall for September, .95 of an inch, has been exceeded, with predictions of another inch before the storm ends. While a few cars of pears were blown off by the wind which preceded the storm, this will be more than offset by the benefit derived, increased size of apples and early plowing for grain.

Heavier rainfall is reported in the mountain sections, several inches being reported from the Upper Rogue River country.

The storm is general today through out Northern California, Oregon and Washington. The weather bureau reports a fall of three inches at Red Bluff for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 o'clock this morning. At San Francisco .79 of an inch had fallen at noon. It is the earliest real rain since September 1887. The fall was heaviest in the Siskiyou range. The storm is an offshoot of a heavy one in Alaska.

Much damage has been to fruit in California but this may be equalized by addition of water to reservoirs. In Oregon, great destruction has been wrought in the grain fields and hop yards of the Willamette valley. Prunes and other fruit crops are severely injured.

Hop fields about Grants Pass are reported to have fallen, causing heavy loss to Josephine county growers. Practically no hops are produced in Jackson county and this section seems to have suffered less damage from the recent storm than any other part of the northwest. If the weather clears off bright and sunny afterwards, the rain will have been a great benefit.

COURT OF APPEALS RENDERS DECISION IN NUNAN'S FAVOR

By the decision of the United States Court of Appeals handed down to San Francisco Thursday, Jerry Nunan of Jacksonville is given full title to property near Jacksonville which has been in litigation for the past three years, since suit was filed by Laura Fitch et al, as heirs of James Cardwell, against Mr. Nunan. The final decision terminates the suit and leaves Mr. Nunan in full possession of it.

Many years ago James Cardwell died leaving a will in which he gave all of his land to his wife with power to dispose of it as she saw fit. The estate being heavily in debt she executed a mortgage on a tract near Jacksonville in favor of Mr. Nunan. Fifteen years ago he became the owner of the land through the mortgage. The land has since become very valuable.

About three years ago the heirs of James Cardwell brought suit to oust Mr. Nunan claiming that Mrs. Cardwell did not have power under the terms of the will to execute a mortgage. The case was tried before Wolverton of the federal court who found for Mr. Nunan. The case has just been decided on appeal and Wolverton's decision affirmed.

FARRAR ILL OVER SCOTT'S ENGAGEMENT

LONDON, Sept. 6.—Suffering from a nervous breakdown brought on by grief over the announcement that Signor Scotti, the grand opera singer, is engaged to Miss Charlotte Ives, an American actress, Geraldine Farrar, of grand opera fame, is ill in a hospital at Munich, according to reports current here today. Scotti was said formerly to have been very attentive to Miss Farrar.

LASH 'EM TILL BLOOD SPURTS

Barbarous Tortures Being Administered in Mississippi Penitentiary—Strapped and Gagged, the Helpless Prisoners are Unmercifully Beaten

JACKSON, Mich., Sept. 6.—"Lash them until the blood spurts," is the order being carried out here today by prison guards against the convicts who figured in the recent state penitentiary revolt here. The rebellion of the prisoners is over, but the punishment of the ringleaders is still in progress.

Fifteen convicts were flogged today. Nine were whipped yesterday, three fainting from pain and loss of blood. The punishment will go on until all the men who participated in the rising are punished. The entrance of the victims were said to fall on deaf ears. The warden, the prisoners say, stands by but does not wield the whip. His duty is to say when the prisoners have had enough.

The trouble started when the convicts protested against the prison fare. "It is rotten and not fit for even dogs," they wrote in their complaint. The prison steward said: "The victuals are good enough for convicts. We will continue the fare." Then the convicts mutinied in the dining room, and it was necessary to call out state militia to restore order.

The punishment is similar to that inflicted on convicts in the jails of "barbarous Mexico." The prisoners are tied over a barrel and then gagged so they can make no outcry. A three inch lash, soaked in brine, is then applied to their bodies. From ten to thirty blows are struck, depending on how many it takes to draw blood.

Police reports this afternoon say that former convicts are gathering in groups on the streets here discussing the whipping of the prisoners who participated in the demonstration at the state prison against the food served. Hundreds of ex-convicts are in Jackson and it is feared that some of those recently released are planning to attack the jail.

Militiamen stationed at the jail say the punishment inflicted on the ringleaders in the insurrection was extremely severe. Blood, they said, gushed in streams, the brine soaked lashes cutting deep gashes in their bodies.

NO GENERAL STRIKE AT HAYWOOD'S CALL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—The American Federation of Labor will not join with the movement for a general strike urged by officials of the Industrial Workers of the World in protest against the imprisonment of Joseph Ettor and Arturo Giovannitti, leaders in the Lawrence textile strike. The attitude of the big labor body was expressed here this afternoon in unmistakable terms by Secretary Frank Morrison.

"Organized labor," said Morrison, "will not quit work in response to any call from William D. Haywood. I am quite sure that no member of the American Federation of Labor or any of its affiliated organizations would seriously consider Haywood's suggestion."

"Labor as typified by the federation is not following the leadership of Haywood or any others of his ilk."

CHINESE PIRATES SEIZE RIVER TUG AND CREW

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 6.—A special to the Vancouver World from Hong Kong says a powerful band of Chinese pirates yesterday carried off the master and chief engineer of a river tug and are holding them for ransom. They demand \$20,000.

The pirates first fired a volley on a lighter loaded with oil proceeding up the West River near the town of Kong Moon. Then they boarded the tug towing her and seized the entire crew, but afterward released all except the two officers.

WOMAN LEADS CRIME CRUSADE

Miss Virginia Brooks Swears Out Warrants for Murder Caused by Knockout Drops—Claims Twenty People Killed in West Hammond

CHICAGO, Sept. 6.—The campaign started by Miss Virginia Brooks against disorderly resorts in West Hammond, a Chicago suburb, received official recognition for the first time today when Coroner Hoffman, State's Attorney Wayman and Assistant Police Chief Schuetter conferred with Miss Brooks to lay plans for unraveling the mysterious death of John Messmaker. Miss Brooks claims that Messmaker is one of the many victims of knockout drops administered in West Hammond resorts.

Efforts of the investigators were focused today on Frankie Ford, a woman said to have been with Messmaker at the time of his death. Officers also searched a saloon for the "death flask" the Ford woman is said to have mentioned in an alleged confession. Miss Brooks maintains the poison contained in this bottle killed Messmaker as well as several others.

Miss Brooks Guarded
Four detectives were assigned today to guard Miss Brooks, she having been threatened with death unless the probe were abandoned at once.

A warrant charging Mrs. Ethel Parker, alias Frankie Ford, with murder of Messmaker, was sworn to by Miss Brooks this afternoon. Wayman will have charge of the murder prosecutions.

United States District Attorney James Wilkerson today announced his intention to investigate the report that the Ford woman was brought to West Hammond in open violation of the White Slave act. All Chicago is aroused over the West Hammond situation and additional warrants charging murder are expected to be issued before night.

Denounces Chicago Police
Scathing denunciation of Chicago police was voiced here this afternoon by Miss Brooks. She claims that more than 20 girls and men have died from knockout drops administered in West Hammond resorts but that the police scoffed at her charges when she produced what she called "material evidence." Some of Chicago's most prominent women are backing Miss Brooks in her crusade against social evils.

Following a conference here this afternoon with Miss Brooks, Coroner Hoffman decided to exhume several bodies buried in Indiana, alleged victims of knockout drops administered in West Hammond resorts. It is expected that the opening of the graves will reveal a story which will rival that furnished by the crimes committed by Mrs. Belle Gunness at Laporte, Ind.

WESTERN SPEAKING DATES FOR WILSON

SEA GIRT, N. J., Sept. 6.—Concerning his middle western speaking dates Governor Woodrow Wilson, democratic nominee for president, today gave out the following schedule: Sioux City, Iowa, September 17; Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, Sept. 18; Milwaukee, Sept. 19; Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 20, and Pittsburg, Sept. 21.

The Ohio campaign will be opened at Columbus with Governor Judson Harmon presiding at the meeting. Wilson will travel in a special car, with a secretary and stenographers. He does not plan to get out many of his speeches in advance.

HEAT KILLS FOUR PROSTRATES SCORES

CHICAGO, Sept. 6.—Four persons are dead and a score prostrated by the heat wave which for days has made Chicago sizzle. The temperature at noon today was 91 degrees, one degree higher than yesterday and the humidity has increased. Showers are forecasted for tomorrow.

WELL KNOWN REFORMER MAY SOLVE RIDDLE OF THE "HOUSE OF MYSTERY"



Miss Virginia Brooks, well known reformer, by investigation and observation has a startling story which it is expected will solve the riddle of the "House of Mystery" in Chicago, where scores of victims were slain. Miss Brooks is known for her work throughout the length and breadth of the country.

GENERAL M'ARTHUR DIES WHILE TELLING STORY OF BATTLE

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 6.—Preparation for the funeral of Lieutenant General Arthur McArthur, U. S. A., retired, who dropped dead from an apoplectic stroke while addressing a reunion of the "chamber of commerce" regiment in the University Hall here, have not been completed today.

The reports that Mrs. McArthur, widow of the general, was in critical condition are denied. Mrs. McArthur suffered a severe shock but her condition is not critical.

The death of General McArthur was most dramatic. Apparently in the best of health McArthur was recalling to his old comrades an incident of the Peach Tree Creek campaign. He had told how just fifty years ago he and his comrades marched from Milwaukee on their journey to the front.

"Your indomitable courage—here the general paused—"comrades, I am too weak to go on," and without a word of warning he toppled over—dead.

As the old soldiers realized that their famous comrade was dead they one by one turned silently away, then as if by common impulse, knelt reverently beside the body.

FIRST ARREST IN WEST'S CRUSADE

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 6.—The first arrest in Governor West's crusade against vice was made today, Carl Rosenheim, a bartender, being held here on a charge of selling liquor to Charles Meyers, an alleged intoxicated man. Rosenheim was released on \$100 bail. Several other bartenders suspected of selling liquor to intoxicated men are under surveillance. Special prosecutor Hurst stated other arrests would be made within a few hours.

PRESIDENT ADDRESSES PATRIOTIC GATHERING

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 6.—President Taft addressed a patriotic celebration at Griswold today. At the close of the exercises he planned upon rejoining his trip to Beverly, Mass., on the Mayflower.

PROBE MORGAN'S CAMPAIGN GIFTS

King of Wall Street to Be Summoned Before the Senate Committee to Explain Alleged \$10,000 Contribution Made at Roosevelt's Request

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—I. Pierpont Morgan, money king, in all probability will be forced to appear before the senate committee which is investigating contributions to tell in person whether he contributed to the Roosevelt campaign in 1904. This was admitted here today by Senator Moses E. Clapp of Minnesota, chairman of the senate committee.

Clapp was asked if the committee would try to learn the facts regarding a charge by Charles E. Russell, socialist candidate for governor, that Roosevelt personally had phoned Morgan asking for a contribution of \$10,000 and that Wayne McVeagh heard part of the conversation at Morgan's end of the telephone.

Clapp said that Morgan would be summoned if his presence was thought necessary. He said it was his personal duty only to line up the witnesses and sources of information and that the committee as a whole would decide who are to be called. Clapp declared that the fact that Morgan has successfully dodged previous committees would have no effect on him and he was certain that Morgan would be produced if wanted. MacVeagh has denied Russell's story of the Roosevelt-Morgan talk but Russell still insists it is true.

NEW UNIT SYSTEM SOUTHERN PACIFIC

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 6.—Judge Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the executive committee of the Harmon lines, is on his way to New York today, after organizing a new unit system by which the Southern Pacific regained its Sparks-Ogden and Ashland-Portland territory, and the Union Pacific its Green River-Ogden territory, thus depriving the Oregon Short Line of considerable operating mileage, but restoring to each company its individual trackage.

This step was taken primarily to prove to the government that the agreement between the four lines was purely one of convenience, and in no manner constituted a merger, as claimed in the federal action.

Judge Lovett has been here for a week receiving reports from the heads of the different lines and inspecting the new unit system.

CANADIAN COWGIRL IS CHAMPION ROPER

CALGARY, Alta., Sept. 6.—Miss Florence Ladue of Calgary yesterday won the woman's world championship for fancy roping at the Calgary Stampede, defeating Miss Lucille Mulhall of Oklahoma, former world's champion. The inclement weather forced the events to be held in the Horse Show building.

The work that won Miss Ladue the championship consisted of rope twirling and roping running horses. Miss Mulhall was awarded second and Miss Bertha Blanchett third prize.

REPUBLICANS NAME TICKET IN MONTANA

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Sept. 6.—Henry Smith of Helena is today nominated for senator by the republican state convention here. Charles N. Pray of Fort Benton and W. F. Meyer of Red Lodge, were named as candidates for representatives.

J. C. Kenny of Wilbaux was nominated for governor. A complete state ticket was placed in the field. The convention endorsed an employe's compensation law, primary laws and advocated woman suffrage and reform in court procedure.

OSCAR STRAUS FOR GOVERNOR

Bull Moosers of New York Name Candidate—Roosevelt's Choice was Prendergast and His Selection was Expected—Johnson Given Ovation

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 6.—Oscar Straus the millionaire, merchant, philanthropist and diplomat, was this afternoon nominated for governor of New York by the progressive delegation here today. The delegates stamped to Straus as a compromise candidate just as the vote was about to be taken.

Timothy Woodruff withdrew the name of William R. Prendergast, and Straus' nomination was made unanimous. State Chairman William K. Hotchkiss had also been placed in nomination, despite his personal objection.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 6.—A wild demonstration marked the appearance of Governor Hiram Johnson of California at the state progressive convention here today. For nine minutes the delegates stood on their chairs and cheered the progressive vice presidential candidate.

Johnson's speech was enthusiastically received. A wild yell greeted his declaration that the progressive campaign might be appropriately termed a "revolution" and that the spirit of the movement was as strong in the east as in the west. The progressive campaign, he said, would give the country sixty days of education and would put the United States twenty-five years ahead of the present time.

Prediction that William R. Prendergast, comptroller of the city of New York, would be the unanimous choice for governor of the convention was made here this afternoon by Timothy Woodruff. All opposition to Prendergast's candidacy, he said, had been routed now that advocates of Brainbridge Colby had withdrawn their candidate, and he predicted the New Yorkers nomination by acclamation.

Prendergast announced last night that he would withdraw from the race if his candidacy met with opposition, and the progressive leaders worked desperately to clear the field of all other aspirants. Prendergast is the admitted choice of governor of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt.

RECORD BROKEN BY SUBMARINES

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 6.—To Lieutenant James B. Howell of the United States submarine F 1 belongs the credit today of breaking the world's record for submarine depth, the little craft sinking to 283 feet in San Francisco bay off Point Diablo and then cruising at that depth for ten minutes. The feat was accomplished with the greatest ease, little vessel carrying a crew of 26 men besides its commander.

While at the bottom the boat maintained a speed of six knots, and after rising to the customary depth of 19 feet, increased this to eight knots. The terrific pressure of the water apparently had no effect upon the movements of the craft.

The former world's record was held by United States submarine Seal with a depth of 256 feet. The Seal is a Lake type submarine.

M'COMBS AGAIN IN CHARGE OF CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—Leaders of Governor Woodrow Wilson's campaign for the presidency were jubilant today over the appearance at democratic headquarters of William F. McCombs, chairman of the democratic national committee. McCombs, who was stricken with illness within a few weeks after the New Jersey governor's nomination by the Baltimore convention, announced that his health was considerably improved and that he expected to be back at his desk within a couple of days.