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6000 REPORTED MISSING INFLOOD AT BRYAN, TEXAS

Commercial Club Wires Half of Population Unaccounted for—Estimates of Drowned Short of Truth by Hundreds—News Delayed.

Estimate of a Thousand Dead Believed Too Small—Great Property Damage Throughout District.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 8.—After counting the survivors of the flood-swept Brazos river valley, the Commercial club at Bryan, Texas, telegraphed here this afternoon that, out of a population of 12,000, there were missing six thousand.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 8.—Estimates of the number drowned in the floods which swept Central and Southern Texas last week were believed here today to have fallen short of the truth perhaps by hundreds.

The most alarming message was from Bryan, whence the local commercial club, which had been investigating the Brazos river valley situation, telegraphed that half the valley's population of 12,000 was missing.

That 6000 had perished in the Brazos valley alone was not believed, but that the number of victims ran high into the hundreds was gravely feared.

At Least 1000 Dead
Much of the submerged country included rural districts from which accurate information was not quickly obtainable, explaining why today's alarming information was so slow in reaching the outside world.

It was beginning to be believed, too, that the number of deaths in the valleys of the Colorado and Trinity rivers, and of their smaller tributaries was vastly larger than was supposed earlier.

The guess, made in some quarters early today, that a total of 1000 had perished, was generally thought at the time it was made, to be an enormous exaggeration. This afternoon the common view was that it would be found far too small.

197 PASSENGERS RESCUED AT SEA FROM BURNING SHIP

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 8.—Wireless dispatches received here today stated the steamer Quernmore had rescued 197 passengers from another steamer which was burning at sea.

The Quernmore sailed for Liverpool Friday. With other vessels it caught wireless calls for assistance at 2 o'clock Sunday morning, and reached the burning vessel two hours later. At first it was reported that the burning steamer was the Mallory liner Rio Grande, but officials of the company denied the report. They said the Rio Grande did not carry any passengers.

According to the wireless, the passengers were lowered in the lifeboats and were transferred to the Quernmore without excitement or panic. The rescue was made 500 miles east of Diamond shoals, and while a southwest gale was blowing.

The wireless gave the name of the burning vessel as the Ringrand. No such ship is listed, however, so it was presumed a mistake had been made in the name.

SCHMIDT TRIED; INSANITY ONLY QUESTION RAISED

Unfrosted Priest and Confessed Murderer and Counterfeiter Before Bar of Justice—Insists He Is Sane and Admits All Accusations.

Former Immaculate Clergyman Piti-able Sight, With Pasty Face, Sunken Eyes and Stubble Beard.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Hans Schmidt, unfrosted priest and confessed murderer and counterfeiter, went to trial today for the killing of his sweetheart, Anna Ammiller, a pretty German girl, who had once worked in a rectory where Schmidt lived as curate.

Only one question was at issue—was Schmidt sane or a lunatic? He admitted having killed the girl, dismembering her body and having sunk her mangled corpse in the river.

He himself insisted he was sane and refused to consult with the attorney appointed for him by the court. With his pasty face, sunken eyes, thick stubble of beard, slouching figure and dirty, unkempt dress, the formerly immaculate young clergyman was a half terrific looking and half pitiable sight.

Two hundred candidates for jury duty were in the courtroom. It was expected the empanelling of a jury would take a week.

Tracing the Crime
A woman's torso was found tied in a pillow slip on the Jersey side of the Hudson on September 5. A faint leaf-shaped mark on one shoulder afforded scant ideas that the victim's identity ever would be unearthed.

A few days later the lower part of the torso from the waist to the thighs was found in a similar pillow slip which bore the trade mark of Robinson-Rogers Co., and the number 89. The company had made but twelve of these pillow slips. They had been sold to a retailer named Sachs, who furnished the police with the names of those to whom he had sold them.

One of the purchasers was found to have bought also two pillows, a chair, bedsprings and a white enameled bed which had been moved to a four room apartment at 68 Bradhurst avenue, which had been leased in the name of Hans Schmidt. In the meantime an autopsy had showed the woman had been subjected to a criminal operation and the motive of the crime was thereby known. For five days and nights the Bradhurst avenue apartment was watched and then the pillow broke into it.

Unravelling Mystery
There was no doubt the crime had been committed there, for the place was smeared with blood. Besides the furniture, were a packet of letters addressed to Anna Ammiller and two trunks. A coat hung in the closet with a letter to Anna Ammiller, and a photograph of Hans Schmidt in the pocket. In the bathroom were a butcher knife and a large carpenter's saw. In the letters were contained the addresses of three places where the girl had worked. One of these was St. Joseph's Rectory. The police went to the other places first. Father Schmidt met them at the door of

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YOUNG WOMAN MISSING; DOPED NEEDLE FEARED

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Miss Beate McCann, aged 23, who disappeared from her home here last Friday, was sought today by the New York police. She is the daughter of Robert G. McCann, a wholesale grocer.

A young man acquaintance last saw the girl in Wall Street. She scarcely replied to his greeting. Miss McCann is a Sunday school teacher in St. Mark's Episcopal church, Flatbush, and is much interested in settlement work.

Apprehension was felt concerning her safety as a result of recent reports that many white slave cadets here are wielding needles dipped in hyoscine, a powerful drug.

WAR REIGNS IN CALUMET MINE STRIKE DISTRICT

From Mohawk to Baltic Strikers and Sympathizers Battling With Deputies and Strikebreakers—At Some Points Firing Almost Incessant.

Six Killed in Battle Sunday—Long Roll of Fatalities Feared—Governor Refuses to Act.

CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 8.—Real war reigned today in the Michigan copper mine strike district. From Mohawk to Baltic, at opposite ends of the affected region, strikers and their sympathizers, were battling with deputies, strikebreakers and posses of citizens. At some point firing was almost incessant.

No more deaths were reported, but the area in which the fighting was in progress was so extensive and news traveled so slowly that it was feared definite news would show a long roll of fatalities.

The clash followed yesterday's killing of strikebreakers in the Copper Range consolidated mine. Military and civil authorities blamed members of the Western Federation of Miners. Union officials repudiated it and telegraphed to Governor Ferris asking for protection, which the governor refused, leaving the situation in the hands of the local authorities.

Business was generally suspended and among non-combatants throughout the strike zone panic prevailed.

HINDU INVASION THREATENS NATION STATES CAMINETTI

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8.—A warning that the United States is in danger of a Hindu invasion comparable to the western movement of the Japanese and Chinese unless the Hindus are made an excluded class, was sounded by Anthony Caminetti, commissioner general of immigration of the department of labor, who reached Portland today. The commissioner general is on an official tour of the west inspecting stations of the department.

In addition to the Hindu question, Caminetti is making a personal investigation of the immigration phase of the dread disease commonly called hookworm.

"The Hindu question is more serious," said Mr. Caminetti today, "and for economic reasons which are well known to all the people of this section of the country, they should be kept out. The Hindu coolie class is making a movement from India to other favorable climes. The Pacific coast is one of the places to which they desire to come. The department recently denied the application for admittance of seventy-three Hindus in Seattle; their appeals to the courts of that district were lost and now through their attorneys the case is being appealed to the supreme court of the United States.

CONGRESS VOTES TO STOP BUILDING WARSHIPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—By an overwhelming majority the house of representatives today adopted the Hensley resolution approving the suggestion made by First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill of England, that the world powers suspend naval construction for one year.

The resolution authorized President Wilson to co-operate in the effort to persuade other nations to join the agreement.

A TYPICAL SOLDIER OF CARRANZA FORCES; AGED FOURTEEN



GENERAL VILLA SHOWS HOW TO CUT LIVING COST

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 8.—General Villa today showed how to reduce the high cost of living. He issued a schedule of food prices which dealers were ordered not to exceed. If they did so, he said he would confiscate their stocks and himself distribute them to the needy.

The price schedule varied somewhat with localities. At Juarez and most other places throughout rebel-controlled Northern Mexico, Villa tried to put them on the basis "usual in times of peace." At Chihuahua City, however, he said provisions must be sold at cost until the reestablishment of railroad communication relieves the present desperate situation.

WEBB-KENYON ACT IS UPHELD

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8.—In a decision here today Federal District Judge Bean upheld the constitutionality of the Webb-Kenyon act, which prohibits the shipment of liquor in a wet state to another which is dry.

The suit in which the decision was handed down was filed by F. Zimmerman and company against the O. W. R. & N. company in which a mandate was asked requiring the road to accept shipments of liquor consigned from Portland to Heyburn, Idaho. The mandate was refused.

ALASKA RAILROADS CONSIDERED IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Republican senators prevented the democratic leaders today from postponing consideration of the Alaska government-owned railroad bill.

When consideration of the measure was taken up, Senator Poindexter of Washington introduced a substitute bill. It provided for the establishment of government-owned steamship lines connecting a government-owned railroad with the big transportation systems. It also provided for the development of coal mines by the government and private capital.

REPORT HUERTA TALKING PEACE WITH CARRANZA

Villa Said to Have Had Bitter Quarrel With Carranza and to Have Succeeded From Cause—Dictator Orders Protection of Foreigners.

Zapatistas Filtering Fast Into Capital in Readiness for Outbreak—Fugitives Fail to Reach Border.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Widely believed reports that President Huerta and General Carranza were talking peace circulated today in Mexico City.

Carranza and General Villa were said to have had a bitter quarrel and Villa was thought likely to succeed from Carranza's cause.

In case of fighting in Mexico City, Huerta ordered that foreigners must not be molested—an order meaning he expected fighting, many thought. Zapatistas, the dreaded southern rebels, were reported filtering fast into Mexico City, presumably in readiness for an outbreak there.

General Villa ordered northern Mexican merchants to reduce prices of provisions to a peace basis or less, or he would seize and distribute their stocks.

Except a few bringing treasure with them, Chihuahua City's fugitives had failed to reach the border, and there was much curiosity as to their fate.

It was reported that the rebels had captured Ycuillas; that the federalists had won at Trincheira and Huiztilas; that federalists were expecting an attack at Ameca, and the rebels at Ojimsa, and that fighting was in progress at Ozumba.

ESHLEMAN AFTER JOHNSON'S JOB

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 8.—Strong indication that John E. Eshleman, president of the state railroad commission, will be the progressive candidate for governor of California was seen here today in a carefully guarded statement issued by him. It also was generally accepted as meaning that Governor Johnson soon will announce his candidacy to succeed United States Senator Geo. E. Perkins, whose term expires next year.

Asked flatly whether he would be a candidate for governor, Eshleman said: "I have always been and always will be behind Hiram Johnson for anything he wants. If he wants to run for senator I will be back of him for senator. But Governor Johnson has not said what he intends to do. Until he says that, I certainly could not say whether I intend to run for the governorship. It all depends upon the stand Johnson takes."

SAN FRANCISCO CALL BUYS EVENING POST

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 8.—Publisher F. W. Kellogg of the Call confirmed today the purchase by the Call Publishing company of the Evening Post. Both papers are being issued today, but beginning tomorrow will be published as one under the name of the Call and Post.

CONSIDER SACRAMENTO RIVER IMPROVEMENTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The house rivers and harbors committee began consideration this afternoon of proposed expenditures of \$33,000,000 for the improvement of the Sacramento river, in California. Members McClatchie and Shinn of the California reclamation board asked the committee to appropriate \$5,566,000 and promised the state would provide a similar amount.

WILSON REFUSES AID CAUSE OF WOMAN'S RIGHTS

President Declines to Send Special Votes for Women Message to Congress or to Incorporate Such Recommendation in Regular Message.

Unless Congress Requests It, He Could Not Recommend Creation of a Special House Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Facing a big suffragist delegation, President Wilson refused today to send a special message to congress arguing that women be enfranchised.

He declined also to incorporate such a recommendation in one of his regular messages.

Until congress requests it, he added, he could not recommend the creation of a special house committee to investigate the suffrage question.

The suffragette conference was picturesque. The committee marched to the white house in the face of an icy wind, determined to force the president to speak.

President Wilson stood in front of his big desk and received the committee. He appeared drawn and haggard as a result of his recent illness, but he shook hands cordially with Dr. Anna Howard Shaw and Mrs. Medill McCormick and smiled at the other women in the delegation.

"We have made pilgrimages to the capital every year," said Dr. Shaw, "and we always have been received courteously. Yet all suffrage legislation has been buried in committee."

SAN FRANCISCO TO CELEBRATE PASSING HETCH HETCHY BILL

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 8.—All San Francisco awaited today the actual signing by President Wilson of the Hetch Hetchy bill, which passed the senate late Saturday by a vote of 43 to 25. Plans already have started for a demonstration here when the flash from Washington tells that the president's signature has made the bill a law.

"We will have the system built and Hetch Hetchy water flowing into San Francisco within five years," was the promise today of City Engineer O'Shaughnessy.

The bill gives the city the right to build a dam across the mouth of the Hetch Hetchy valley, which will provide a reservoir to hold 224,000,000 gallons of water; gives the city the right to flood the floor of the valley, two-thirds of which the city owns, and also gives San Francisco rights of way and power rights valued at \$45,000,000.

DEFENSE CONCLUDES IN DR. CRAIG'S TRIAL

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 8.—Counsel for Dr. Craig, charged with the murder of Dr. Helen Knabe asked the court to instruct the jury to acquit. The prosecution, it was argued had failed to make out a case. Arguments on the motion began at once.

The prosecution rested at 1:45 following the conclusion of the testimony of Mrs. Augusta Knabe, Dr. Knabe's cousin, who was recalled for cross examination. Miss Knabe was so stricken with grief that she could hardly make herself understood. Asked to identify the bloody pillow found across her cousin's breast, she hugged it in her arms, rocked herself to and fro and sobbed hysterically.

Detective Maxwell, who did most of the work of gathering evidence against Craig, gave his reasons for believing the prisoner guilty.