

KANSAS TOWN IS FLOODED

Hundred Families Homeless and Destruction Is Great

FOUR INCHES OF WATER

Have Fallen in Twenty-Four Hours and Crops Are Ruined

PIERCE TORNADES SWEEP OVER KANSAS AND IOWA TOWNS, DEALING DEATH AND DESTRUCTION UPON EVERY HAND—SIX PERSONS WERE KILLED.

SALINA, Kan., May 26.—This city is tonight the scene of the worst flood in its history, fully 100 families having been driven from their homes and the extent of the damage is estimated to be hundreds of thousands of dollars. Another heavy rain fell tonight, making four inches of rain that has fallen here during the past twenty-four hours. As far as the eye can reach the wheat fields have been transformed into great lakes of raging water. The crops are ruined.

Carried Women Away.

Wellington, Kan., May 26.—A tornado struck the farm of S. P. Borum, seven miles from here, tonight, demolishing the house. Mrs. Borum and two grown daughters were carried several rods by the wind and left unconscious on the ground. One of the young women is fatally injured.

Fierce Iowa Storm.

Blanchard, Ia., May 26.—A tornado struck the town of Elmo, eight miles west of Blanchard, and just across the Missouri line, at 4:30 this afternoon destroying the town. Six persons are known to have been killed and a number of others injured. The storm struck a three-story brick hotel, which was entirely destroyed. Six bodies have been removed from the ruins of the building and others are believed to be buried in the debris.

State Is Storm Swept.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 26.—Iowa has been storm swept for the past twenty-four hours. Three tornadoes, two last night and one tonight, caused the loss of six lives, fatal injuries of three persons and the serious injury of a score more, besides a great property loss.

MURDERER WAS CAUGHT AT LAST

Martin Leasia Captured in Old Barn—Claims Killing Was Done in Self Defense—He Wanted to Kill the Babies Also

PORTLAND, Or., May 26.—Wounded, half famished, footsore and weary, Martin Y. Leasia was brought to bay early this morning and captured. With him at the time of his capture was his former wife, and she, too, was taken into custody. Both are now confined at the city jail. The Leasias were found in a barn, just across the road from the home of O. Paulson, near Glenwood, two miles from the Vancouver ferry landing. They called at Paulson's house and obtained food at 10 o'clock last night. After they had gone Paulson notified the police. Captain of Detectives Simmons and a posse at once set out on the trail, and their efforts were crowned with success, as told in the foregoing.

Since the capture of the murderer and his unwilling companion, it developed that Mrs. Leasia shot Leasia just after the latter had killed her father. The ball took effect in the region of the heart, but as the weapon used was a small and ineffective revolver, the wound is not dangerous.

Leasia sets up self-defense. He told freely his version of the Sunday morning tragedy to District Attorney Manning, Deputies Spencer and Adams, Captain of Detectives Simmons and others in the office of the Chief of Police.

He says that when he arrived at the Drews home the old man commenced an altercation with him which terminated in a shot being fired at him by Drews. A flesh wound was inflicted. Leasia says that he then deliberately "finished the old man."

One of the most cold-blooded phases of the story of the murderer is that he carried a basin of water from the house and put out the fire on the murdered man's clothing, where it had ignited from the second discharge of the revolver held by Leasia at the victim's back.

Asked if he was willing to make a statement of the occurrence, Leasia said he was. When first brought into the office of the chief he was nervous and looked very harassed. As he continued, however, he became calm.

Mrs. Leasia's Story.

Portland, May 26.—Following is the story of Mrs. Pauline Leasia, as told at police headquarters today, of the murder, by her former husband, of her enforced flight with the murderer, and of his final capture.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

St. Louis, Mo., May 27.—Miss LaFontaine knocked Kid Carter out in the first round of what was to have been a 20-round go.

Greenock, May 27.—Sir Thomas Lipton's squadron left Greenock Gourock today, preparatory to sailing for America tomorrow. Large crowds of people gathered to bid the crews farewell and good wishes were signalled from the ships in the harbor.

SLAVERY DAYS ARE NOT OVER

Negroes Still Being Held in Bondage in the South

THE CHARGE OF PEONAGE

Has Been Preferred Against Robert Franklin in Montgomery Alabama

REGULAR SYSTEM BEING PRACTICED BETWEEN MAGISTRATES AND OTHERS—BREMERTON COUNCIL COMES TO TIME AND WILL CLOSE ALL SALOONS.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—At the request of the Department of Justice, the United States service has undertaken the investigation of the charge of peonage, or holding another in servitude to work out a debt which has been made against persons living in the vicinity of Montgomery, Ala.

One man, named Robert N. Franklin, has already been indicted for keeping a negro in servitude, and the information in the hands of Chief Wilkie tends to show that a regular system has been practiced between certain magistrates and persons who want negro laborers.

Will Close Them Up.

Seattle, Wash., May 26.—The officials of Bremerton have taken steps to comply fully with all the requirements of the Government regarding the closing of the saloons.

NEWSPAPER FOR SEASIDE.

ASTORIA, Ore., May 26.—Seaside is to have a weekly paper, to be called the Seaside Sentinel, to be published by C. J. Curtis of this city. It will make its appearance on Saturday, June 6th, and will be Republican in politics.

HANNA THREW UP HIS HANDS

He Finds It Useless to Oppose Roosevelt's Endorsement

HE MAKES A STATEMENT

Says President Wired Him and Desired Endorsement of Convention

ALTHOUGH HE HAS WITHDRAWN ALL OBJECTIONS HE STILL DOUBTS THE ADVISABILITY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION BY CONVENTION.

CLEVELAND, O., May 26.—Senator Hanna has decided to offer no further opposition to the proposed resolution in the coming state Republican convention endorsing the candidacy of President Roosevelt for another term.

This action was decided upon late this afternoon. When asked if he had heard from President Roosevelt with reference to the discussion concerning his attitude in connection with the resolution, Senator Hanna made the following statement to an Associated Press representative: "I am in receipt of a telegram from President Roosevelt which indicates to me his desire to have the endorsement of the Ohio Republican state convention of his administration and candidacy. In view of this I shall not oppose such action by the convention and I have telegraphed the President to that effect."

Senator Hanna positively declined to further discuss the subject, insisting that the brief statement above quoted fully covered the situation. It is the general belief, however, among those close to the Senator that he still doubts the advisability of the adoption of a resolution endorsing President Roosevelt's candidacy by this year's convention. But, it is pointed out, in deferring to the President's judgment and expressed wishes, Mr. Hanna demonstrates that his original position in the matter was at no time prompted by a personal antagonism to President Roosevelt.

Senator Foraker Pleased.

Washington, May 26.—When the dispatch announcing that Senator Hanna will not oppose the endorsement of President Roosevelt at the coming Ohio state convention was shown Senator Foraker tonight, he said: "I am very much gratified to learn that Senator Hanna has withdrawn his opposition to the endorsement of President Roosevelt's candidacy in 1904. I think the endorsement good for Senator Hanna and the party as well as for President Roosevelt, who has well earned a second term. The result will be a harmonious convention and an enthusiastic endorsement for Senator Hanna for another term in the Senate."

The Senator added that the votes of Ohio, added to the states that have declared heretofore for President Roosevelt gave the President a majority of votes in the next Republican National Convention.

PRISONER SHOT DEAD

CHARLES HURD ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE FROM GUARD AT FORT MASON.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 26.—Charles A. Hurd, a military prisoner serving a sentence for desertion from the Coast Artillery, was fatally shot by Private Charles M. Chew while attempting to escape from the guard at Fort Mason. Hurd died a few hours later. During the Spanish War he enlisted with the Twentieth Kansas Volunteers, serving a year and a half. He later re-enlisted in the Coast Artillery. Hurd's birthplace is given in the Army records as Hot Springs, Ark.

GOT AWAY WITH \$20

BUNCO MAN SUCCEEDS IN BEATING HIS WAY BY IMPERSONATION.

ALBANY, Ore., May 26.—Conrad Meyer, proprietor of the Star bakery and grocery, of this city, realized yesterday that he was the victim of a bunco game and was a loser to the extent of \$20. Last Thursday a well-dressed young man walked into Mr. Meyer's store and announced that he was traveling for J. A. Folger & Co., of San Francisco. He stated that Walter McFarland, who usually covers Oregon for this firm, had been taken ill suddenly at Eugene and he had been hurriedly sent from Oakland, Cal., to complete McFarland's trip. The man gave no name, but had the appearance of a traveling man, and to make his story more credible he carried two sample cases containing different kinds of teas.

The supposed drummer said he had not received his expense check, and he asked Mr. Meyer, who is an old patron of the firm he was supposed to be representing, if he could let him have \$20 as a special favor, until his check arrived. Mr. Meyer let him have the money which he promised to repay soon. He said he had to make trips to Lebanon and Brownsville, and would be back in Albany either Saturday or yesterday. Upon his failing to return yesterday, Mr. Meyer realized his mistake and consequent loss.

Investigation shows that the same man attempted to play a somewhat similar game upon William Pfeiffer, the

proprietor of the Revere House cigar store, the same afternoon. This time he represented himself to be in the employ of Lang & Co., of Portland, and said he was out of money and would like to pawn a small revolver for \$4. Conversation with the stranger convinced Mr. Pfeiffer that he was dealing with a fake, and he refused to let the man have any money. The "drummer" also attempted to sell the revolver at a local second-hand store, but failed because the weapon was practically worthless.

IS SPEEDING FOR THE EAST

President's Train Now on Its Tour of Montana

HIS VISIT TO SPOKANE

Not of Great Length and Very Few Speeches Were Made

BROKE EARTH FOR NEW MASONIC TEMPLE, BUT WAS DRIVEN FAST THE SITE WHERE HE WAS TO BREAK EARTH FOR A CLUB BUILDING.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 26.—President Roosevelt doubled back into this state today from the Cour d'Alene mining camps of Northern Idaho. The party encountered inclement weather in the mining towns. The greatest crowds ever gathered in Spokane greeted the President in this city. After a long drive over the city, the President spoke to the people of Spokane and the surrounding country. The Presidential train left a little after 6 o'clock for Montana cities. Secretary Moody made a somewhat extended speech at Wallace, Idaho.

The President's ride through the city concluded with a triumphal procession down the river side. One special interesting feature of Theodore Roosevelt's visit to Spokane took place at the site of the new Masonic Temple. Here the procession halted for a moment. The President left the carriage, and, seizing a shovel, threw the first spadeful of earth for the new building. No speech was made at this place, the ceremonies being of the simplest character.

Were Slightly Mixed.

Spokane, Wash., May 26.—Ex-Senator Turner was to ride in the President's carriage, but gave his seat, at the request of Secretary Loeb, to Governor McBride. Mayor Boyd was the representative of the city. By some mischance the procession drove by the site where the President was to break ground for the Spokane Athletic Club building, and left the club members aghast with consternation. It was wholly the fault of others than Roosevelt, for when the President heard of it, he sent for the officers of the club, and, at the train, expressed his regret.

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REVENGE IS SWEET

DECEIVED LOVER PLAYS EVEN WITH FALSE WOMAN IN ASTORIA.

ASTORIA, Ore., May 26.—An exciting incident took place here yesterday in a Commercial street lodging house, in which a woman was held up at the point of a revolver and all her clothing, consisting of a trunkful, as well as those on her back, cut to pieces or torn into shreds. The man was subsequently arrested and told the following story: He said that he was from Nevada and that his name was Leland, and that he had been following the woman around for several weeks to do exactly what he did do. He was engaged to be married to her, and she had gone to San Francisco to purchase her trousseau, and he had given her several hundred dollars for that purpose. After reaching that city and purchasing the clothes, she picked up with a traveling man by the name of Whitcomb, and had been going around the country with him, but he did not know it, and continued sending her money. When he did discover the condition of affairs, he determined to destroy the clothes that his money had purchased, and he had succeeded in doing so. Neither the woman nor her companion, Whitcomb, desired to prosecute Leland, so he was released, and the entire crowd was ordered out of town, and they left last evening.

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POOR MAN HIS FRIEND.

WOODBURN, Ore., May 26.—Hon. Binger Hermann addressed a full house in Armory Hall last night. The meeting was presided over by Precinct Committeeman O. D. Henderson, and the speaker was introduced by Walter L. Toose. On the stage were seated several G. A. R. men. The fore part of the speech of two hours was devoted to refuting the attacks of the enemy. He said that Resnais was acting like a gentleman, so far as he knew, but his managers had entered upon a mud-slinging campaign. He dwelt particularly upon his friendship to the President, who had recently proved that he was the speaker's friend, and by his action gave the speaker's opponents an opportunity to get some sleep. His difference with Secretary Hitchcock was on details only and he defied anyone to prove that he was not possessed of the fullest integrity. He had always been on the side of the poor man. Mr. Hermann closed with an advocacy of high protection, advancing the belief that the trusts should be restrained, not crushed, and reference to reigning prosperity. There was little applause.

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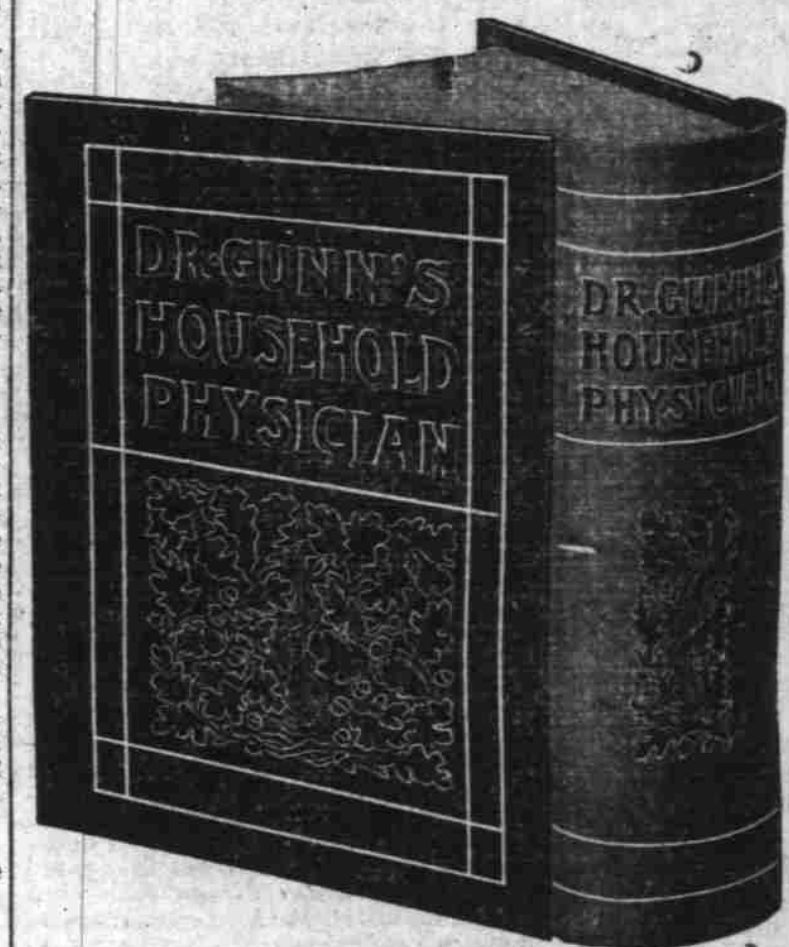
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