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## LOODS LEAVE THOUSANDS HOMELESS

## FORMER POSTMASTER-GENERAL WILLIAM F. VILAS DEAD

### UGUSTA REFUGEES SUFFER FROM LACK OF FOOD AND SHELTER

### NY MAROONED IN SECOND STORIES TEN FEET OF WATER IN STREETS

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
 Augusta, Ga., Aug. 27.—This city is in a state of great suffering today as a result of yesterday's flood. The dam broke above the city, and the water in the main streets is ten feet deep having subsided very little.  
 Thousands of people are hungry because there is no means of getting supplies. Most of the food in the city was destroyed by the water.  
 Many who are marooned in the second stories of houses have no way of getting food if they could get it. The situation is worse today than yesterday, as the people are weak after the night during which the town was held in the grip of the waters.  
 The bridge across the Savannah river collapsed today under the terrific force of the rushing waters, but so far as is known, no one was on it at the time.  
 Seven bodies have been recovered by parties of rescuers who are going about the city in small boats. The number of dead now is estimated at 30, but there is no definite way of knowing how many lives were lost. Under the direction of the police

### MILITIA TO CLOSE SALOONS

### THREAT OF N. J. GOVERNOR

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
 Seagirt, N. J., Aug. 27.—Governor Fort today issued a proclamation in which he declares that if the executive law requiring the closing of saloons on Sunday is not obeyed, he will call an extra session of the legislature and possibly order out the militia to stop what he terms a "saturnalia of vice."  
 The governor says that the law has been disregarded flagrantly at all the coast resorts, from Sandy Hook to Atlantic City, as well as in the inland cities.  
 The state law is strong but is not being enforced. The Sunday closing issue was the most prominent feature.

### TO PRESENT TAFT WITH SILVER CUP

### LEAVES HOT SPRINGS TONIGHT

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
 Hot Springs, Va., Aug. 27.—A brilliant farewell celebration will be given tonight by the guests of the Hot Springs hotel in honor of William H. Taft who is preparing to depart tomorrow night after his extensive visit here. The plans include the presentation of a handsome silver loving cup to the candidate. It will be handed to Taft by a bevy of beautiful young girls, daughters of guests of the hotel.  
 Cups also will be presented to Mrs. Taft and her son, Charles. It has not yet been decided who will preside at the ceremonies, but the names of Judge Horace H. Lurton of Nashville and Judge Woodmansee, who are old friends of Taft, having known him at Cincinnati, have been mentioned for the honor.

### SENSATION SPRUNG BY DEMOCRATS

### SHOW LETTER SENT CORPORATIONS

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
 Chicago, Aug. 27.—The Democrats sprung a sensation today by giving out a letter appealing to corporations for contributions, which they allege was sent out by the Republicans under the signature of Fred W. Upham.  
 The letter, it is said, was sent out last Saturday to nearly all the great corporations in this city. The text of the letter as given out by the Democrats, points out the need of funds for the campaign and then proceeds to inform that corporation that inasmuch as it is against the law for a corporation to contribute "you are requested to bring the matter to the attention of your business associates and ask each to send a check."  
 Upham, who is a prominent Republican, has been taking a leading part in the campaign work this year.

### MEMBER CLEVELAND CABINET

### WAS SECRETARY OF INTERIOR

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
 Madison, Wis., Aug. 27.—William Freeman Vilas, postmaster general and secretary of the interior under President Cleveland, and former United States senator, died at his home here today after an illness of five weeks, which started from a hemorrhage of the brain. His family and relatives were at the bedside. He was 70 years old and had retired from active life several years ago.  
 William F. Vilas was born at Chelsea, Vermont, and in 1851 his parents brought him to this city where he afterward made his home. He was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and the Albany law school and began his practice here in 1860. In 1862 he recruited company A. of the 23rd Wisconsin volunteers and took part in the Vicksburg campaign. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel during the siege of Vicksburg and two months afterward resigned his commission and resumed the practice of law. He became one of the leaders of the bar in the state and became a member of the Democratic national committee in 1876. He was permanent chairman of the Democratic national committee in 1884. From 1885 to 1888 he was postmaster general and was secretary of interior from January, 1888, until March, 1889. He served as United States senator from 1891 to 1897. In 1896 he joined the gold Democrats and was chairman of the committee on resolutions at the Palmer and Buckner conventions in Indianapolis. His health was poor during the last few years.

## CHICAGO STORE

PEOPLES BARGAIN HOUSE

### NEW FALL MERCHANDISE ARRIVING DAILY

WOMEN'S SUITS, LADIES' COATS, SILK PETTICOATS, FURS, SILK DRESSES, DRESS GOODS, FINE SILKS, LEATHER GOODS, UMBRELLAS, VEILINGS, KID GLOVES, FLANNELS, BLANKETS, CLOTHING, HATS, SHOES, ETC.

WE GUARANTEE OUR PRICES TO BE THE LOWEST.

Yards of Calicoes, Chalmers Lawns, now on sale at 4¢ and 5¢ per yard.

Yards of Dark and Light Outing Flannels. A good quality at 4½¢ a yard.

Shirts and Huck Towels all sizes, 8 1-3¢, 10¢, 12½¢.

Heavy Percale shirts now on sale for 98¢.

Woolen Hop Gloves, a pair, 5¢.

New Suits now on sale. Are handsome garments, at Quick Selling Prices.

Don't be wasting time looking around if you want a pretty Suit come here and get the best for \$20.50, \$10.50, \$12.50 and

Now on exhibition. If you want Swell Hats at Small Prices come to the CHICAGO STORE.

SALEM, OREGON



NEW FALL MILLINERY

department all the available boats have been confiscated by the rescue volunteers, who are engaged this afternoon in removing women and children from the upper floors of flooded buildings and carrying them to the high places where refugee camps are being established.  
 The heavy floods in all sections and the delay on all railroads makes relief slow, but it is expected that supplies sent from Atlanta will reach here by tonight.  
 It will be weeks before the business of the city can be resumed in its normal fashion and the loss, not only to property but through delay and disorganization, will reach into the millions.  
 Reports from the surrounding country indicate that the damage is much greater than was at first believed to be the case. The crops are ruined and many farm houses have been washed away.  
 In the excitement several houses have been set afire accidentally and have burned down to the water's edge, there being no means of fighting the flames.  
 The loss of cotton in the warehouse district will run into an enormous sum, as the water has practically ruined all that was in storage.  
 Desperate means of escape have been resorted to by some of the families who were caught in their homes. In a number of cases they have made their way to the houses on floating timbers or by climbing over roofs. Several families have built rafts out of parts of bed and doors and may be seen steering their way through the ruins to higher ground.  
 The situation is most serious and unless relief arrives tonight the suffering will be terrible.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
 Columbia, S. C., Aug. 27.—Reports from the flooded districts throughout the state today show that the losses will be grater than estimated yesterday. In the western section the known losses will exceed a million dollars and the reports are incomplete. The upper part of the state is now cut off entirely from Columbia. The railroads have suspended and there is no telephone or telegraph connection.  
 Reports are coming in constantly from the surrounding country telling of destruction, and plans are being made to assist the sufferers.

**MAGNATES RESPONSIBLE FOR BROWN FAILURE**  
 (United Press Leased Wire.)  
 New York, Aug. 27.—The Standard Oil and Morgan interests marked the firm of A. O. Brown & Co. for slaughter" said a prominent stock exchange operator today.  
 "Because those interests feared an anti-gambling measure would be passed by the legislature and practically kill their big plunging operations in the street, they want to pose as being against gambling and to take a high and mighty attitude.  
 "You will see the Brown firm made a go at in an effort to convince public men that Wall street frowns on gambling. Through the control of the banks by Morgan and the Standard, the Brown company was driven to the wall, not because it was unsound, but because it was denied credit for the political purposes of the 'interests.'"

**HILL ALSO LOOKING TOWARD CENTRAL OREGON**  
 Medford, Or., Aug. 27.—John D. Porter who has built many miles of railroad for James J. Hill arrived in this city last evening after a trip through central Oregon by automobile.  
 Mr. Porter claims that he made the trip for pleasure only but the route he followed does not indicate this. He made the trip from The Dalles to Prineville direct, then commenced a cross-country journey until Fort Klamath was reached.  
 It is further known that he made copious notes while enroute.  
 "There will be a road into central Oregon in two years," said Mr. Porter, "whether Harriman acts or not."  
 Porter declined to make any further statement aside from saying that the resources of central Oregon were such as to demand "more than one road."

**FATHER AN SON DROWN WHILE FISHING**  
 Twin Falls, Idaho, Aug. 27.—I. P. Tupper, and his 6-year-old son are dead today as the result of an attempt by the father to save the boy from drowning. They were fishing together in the Snake river when the young boy fell in. His father jumped in in an attempt to save his life and both were drowned.

**Bryan in Missouri**  
 Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 27.—William J. Bryan arrived here today on his way to Topeka, Kan., and declared that the action of the Republican state convention of Kansas in demanding a bank guarantee law is a direct rebuke to Taft, who has been asserting that such a plan is dangerous. Bryan seemed greatly pleased at the situation in Kansas growing out of the bank guarantee issue. The Republicans in Kansas were forced into endorsing the bank guarantee plan because its operation in Oklahoma has drawn much banking business out of Kansas into that state.  
 It is expected that Bryan's address on the subject tonight at Topeka will be one of the most important of his campaign. He expects to cover the entire subject and a large crowd is expected to be on hand.

**Labor Conference**  
 Washington, Aug. 27.—Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic national committee today refused to give out the result of a three-hour conference he is reported to have had late last night with Samuel Gompers in this city. Mack came to Washington yesterday saying that he wanted to talk with the labor leader.  
 "Gompers has the finest political organization in the country," he said. "Neither Hitchcock nor myself can come anywhere near it. I'm here to fix things up with Gompers."  
 Gompers has not been heard from regarding the conference but it is not regarded by politicians here that any definite agreement was reached.

**SUICIDE RATHER THAN ARREST FOR MURDER**  
 (United Press Leased Wire.)  
 Springfield, Ill., Aug. 27.—Mrs. Cecelia Overton, a close companion of Kate Howard, who killed herself last night rather than be arrested on a charge of murder in connection with the recent race riots, today declared that every druggist in town had been warned not to sell poison to the Howard woman.  
 "Kate told me that she would never submit to another arrest in her life," said Mrs. Overton today.

**JAPANESE FIGHTING OVER FAIR**

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
 Tokio, Aug. 27.—The clash over the question of postponing the Tokio exposition has become so bitter that there are some intimations of abandonment today. All the commercial bodies of the country have allied themselves against the cabinet and the controversy is involving practically all interests, official and industrial.  
 A majority of the members of the cabinet favor a postponement from 1912 until 1917, urging that more time is needed and that the present financial situation does not warrant the immediate appropriations necessary for the rapid completion of the work. The chambers of commerce favor holding it in 1912, as first planned.  
 The working people and poorer classes are in favor of the postponement as they are supporting vigorously the policy of retrenchment being carried out by the cabinet.  
 The unpopularity of President Kanakan with the masses led to the first complaints at the lavish expenditures of funds on the exposition, which now threaten to involve the whole government.