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MILLIONS DYING OF STARVATION DISEASE AND DEATH EVERYWHERE

THE CATTLE ARE ALL GONE AND NOT EVEN A DOG IS LEFT RAIN ADDS TO THE MISERIES

Famine stalks bareboned and shriveled through the desolate land and the people despairing sit in sullen silence accepting with oriental stoicism their hard fate--One woman found lying in the rain with crying babe beside her said: "It will eat no more weeds, and must die of hunger."

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Shanghai, April 9.—With millions dying of starvation, with war, pillage and fire rampant; with trade conditions dead and disease stalking through every province, the situation in China is declared to be the worst in the history of relief work in this country. Instead of being confined to a few provinces, as usual, the famine extends throughout the entire land, and the relief committees, toiling desperately in a losing battle with death, find that the field is too extensive for effective work.

"Just now rain is adding to the wretched people's misery in the districts where I have been working," said Publicity Secretary Marshall Broomhall, of the China Inland Mission, who returned recently from the stricken territory in Anhui and Kiangsu provinces. "The people have not congregated, as in former times. They are lying in soaked little huts or huddled in the rain in the open air. You find groups of them lying in front of the Confucian temple at Antung, stretched out in the rain on the flooded flagstones. The little ones cling to your coat and their mothers tell you that they are starving to death. It is horrible to think you can do nothing."

"The very houses are disappearing in Anhui province," supplemented National Secretary F. S. Brockman, of the Y. M. C. A. for China and Korea. "The people have taken to pieces bit by bit to sell the wood. The few coppers received they hope will keep them alive until harvest time."

"The cattle are gone. Not even a dog barks. The women and children crouch all day in the dark, damp houses or in the rain by the roadside. I saw one woman lying in a house almost too weak to move, with a little child prostrate beside her, crying its heart out. He will eat no more

weeds," she told me, "and must die of hunger."

"There is very little complaint. The people seem resigned to their fate. They are meeting their doom silently. Depopulation of the entire province is imminent."

SUPREME COURT IS EVENLY DIVIDED

Washington, April 9.—It is reported here today that the United States supreme court is evenly divided in the intermountain rate case, four members favoring the Interstate Commerce Commission's reduction of rates on westbound freight to intermountain cities, and four opposing. When the case is re-argued in October it is said that Associate Justice Mahlon Pitney will have the deciding vote.

ESCAPE FROM ASYLUM CAUGHT AT DALLAS

Word was received today that Frank Griffith, an insane man, committed to the asylum from Philomath, and who escaped from the asylum yesterday, had been caught at Dallas. Griffith was working at the asylum, and made use of the opportunity presented when the attendant did not happen to watch him to effect an escape. Fleeing to the river bank he took off his shoes, and, it is presumed, swam across. The sheriff at Dallas was notified, and succeeded in apprehending him, and he will be returned today. Griffith was considered a dangerous man.

Socialists Control Town.

San Francisco, April 9.—Daily City, a few miles south of San Francisco, is to have a socialist administration as is shown by the returns of the municipal election today. Three socialist city trustees and a socialist city clerk were elected.

The Jury Disagreed

Hoquiam, Wash., April 9.—With a strike breaker hanging the jury that tried Dr. H. F. Titus, veteran free speech fighter, a disagreement was reached last night.

Titus was charged with intimidating strike breakers. He made a speech Saturday advising the strikers and their wives to be at the gates of the mills when they opened and see who went in.

The strikers claim that public sympathy is turning in their favor, and expect to win. The mill owners claim that all their plants are operating.

SAYS WALL STREET IS IN CONTROL

Congressman Lindbergh, of Minnesota Charges That Bankers Control the Committee Investigating the Money Trust.

CALLS FOR A SHOW DOWN

Claims That Most of the Members of the Committee Are Interested in Banks, and Would Have Each Member of Congress File a Statement Showing How Much Bank Stock, or What Interest in Banks He Has.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Washington, April 9.—Declaring that the "money trust" investigation in the house of representatives is being conducted by the powers of Wall street, Congressman Charles A. Lindbergh, of Minnesota, introduced today a resolution demanding that every member of the house be required to disclose, within the next ten days, how much stock he owns, and in what business he is interested, and that the names of members failing to list their holdings within 15 days be published daily in a "black list" of the Congressional Record.

Chairman Pugh, of the money trust investigating committee announced that the oral hearings in the investigation, scheduled for tomorrow have been indefinitely postponed. No subpoena has been issued.

"Most of the members of the money trust committee are interested in banks," declared Lindbergh, in support of his resolution. "Wall street is able to intimidate bankers. I predict that the committee will not make a careful or diligent inquiry. Their investigation will be perfunctory."

Roosevelt's Relative.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
San Francisco, April 9.—Reports reached here today that Colonel Charles Miffin Hammond, step brother-in-law of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, and manager of the Taft campaign in Lakeport, Cal., on a charge of selling wine illegally in Upper Lake county, where he owns extensive property, including a vineyard. Two men arrested with him on a similar charge have pleaded guilty.

Colonel Hammond asked that the hearing of the charge against him be continued until after the California primaries, May 4.

He Weighed 870 Pounds.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Boston, April 9.—Abraham Sodekson, 26 years old, died here today, having attained the remarkable weight of 870 pounds. Physicians declared that Sodekson gained 26 pounds a day during the last week of his life. He died of fatty degeneration of the heart.

Lemons for All.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Oxnard, Cal., April 9.—The largest lemon orchard in the world will be set within a month by easterners who have purchased 1,080 acres of lemon land and taken an option on an adjoining 700 acres. Purchase price, \$1,000,000,000.

A HUNDRED MAROONED BY FLOOD ARE IN IMMINENT DANGER OF DEATH

Gasoline Wrecked Schooner.

Vancouver, B. C., April 9.—Gasoline fumes ignited by a lantern aboard the fishing schooner Butte, owned by Captain A. R. Moser, of Razor Island, resulted in an explosion which practically wrecked the vessel and the captain had a narrow escape from being burned to death, jumping overboard with his hair on fire, according to Engineer McCauley, who arrived in Vancouver today with news of the accident. The engineer also had a miraculous escape during the explosion.

A NUMBER OF FAMILIES ARE GATHERED ON SHAKY WHARF WHICH IS GOING TO PIECES

St. Francis Levee Said to Have Broken and Town of Wilson is in Danger Practically of Destruction--Late Reports Tell of Floods in the St. Francis Basin, a District Heretofore Unaffected--First Reports That Flood Danger Was Over Prove False--Marooned Party Must Be Rescued Soon, if at All.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Little Rock, Ark., April 9.—One hundred persons marooned for two days on the platform of an old cotton gin at Edmonson, in Crittenden county, are in imminent danger of being swept away by flood waters, according to a report received here this afternoon from Chairman Whipple of the Memphis relief committee. The party, which includes a number of families, has been without food for several days, and their plight is reported pitiable.

Part of the platform already has been swept away, and Chairman Whipple reports that victims will be carried to death unless rescued soon. Whipple's message was set from Round Point.

Levee Goes Out.

Memphis, Tenn., April 9.—With a roar heard for miles, the levee at Wilson, Ark., broke this afternoon,

according to reports received here. As all wires are down, it could not be learned whether any lives had been lost or the extent of the property damage.

Reports late this afternoon tell of flood conditions in a new section of the St. Francis basin, including part of Mississippi, a district heretofore unaffected.

Wires All Down.

Memphis, Tenn., April 9.—Grave fears for the safety of the residents of Wilson, Ark., are felt here this afternoon the result of reports that the St. Francis levee there had given way. All wires are down and it has been impossible to learn the extent of the damage.

Floods in a new section of the St. Francis basin, a district heretofore unaffected, including Mississippi county, Arkansas are reported this afternoon.

COUNCIL GOT HOT OVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

COUNCILMAN LAFKY IN "WATCH DOG OF THE TREASURY" STUNT KICKED AT THE COST AND A WARM DEBATE FOLLOWED--CURFEW ORDINANCE PASSED.

Despite that an ordinance creating three paid firemen for the fire department and appropriating \$1000 for their salaries was but up for a second reading, the council engaged in an acrimonious debate on the subject last night, the result of which was that when it was proposed to place the ordinance on a third reading that an objection was interposed, and it was referred to a committee.

After it had been read the second time Councilman Lafky arose to oppose the ordinance. He declared that about \$25,000 was appropriated in the budget for the fire department, and that the present ordinance, if passed, would create a deficit. The Lachmund administration, he asserted, inherited a big deficit from the Rodgers administration, and was slowly paying it off. By the end of the administration, he stated, he hoped to see practically all of it paid off, and he would oppose any and all deficits.

"Councilman Lafky has done more hollering over this \$1000 than over any other bill that ever went through the hands of the city recorder," declared Councilman Waring, in making a reply.

"The fire department has been lambasted and criticized for its inefficiency, and now that the fire committee is asking for three more men to improve the department and \$1000 to pay their salaries, Councilman Lafky is fighting it. This money can all be paid from moneys taken in from the increased saloon license, and no deficit need be created. I have noticed that Councilman Lafky never hesitates to saddle a debt on the city whenever any improvement comes up which his committee is in favor of."

Councilman Skalte declared that the fire department was as efficient as it ever was, and that all complaints made against it were groundless, and should not be listened to. He expressed himself of the opinion that three additional men just now were not necessary.

Upon Councilman Townsend stating that he would also vote against the ordinance, Councilman Waring objected to having it read the third time, and it was referred to a committee, and will come up for final disposition at the next meeting of the council.

Curfew Ordinance Passed.

An ordinance providing for the reinstallation of the old curfew bell, and which was introduced at the request of the Municipal Improvement League an organization which is the result of the Bulgia revival meetings held in the city during the early spring, came up for a third reading, and was passed after being amended. The original ordinance provided that all persons under 18 years of age must seek their homes at 8 o'clock in the winter time and 9 o'clock in the summer time. By the amendments the first was changed to 9 o'clock and the last to 10 o'clock.

MR. HOUSER TELLS WHAT HE BELIEVES

HE HAS SOME MORE THINGS COMING FOR HIS STATEMENT SHOWS HE IS AN UTTER ASS, OR THINKS ALL OTHERS ARE OF THAT STOCK.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Medford, Ore., April 9.—The prospects in California for Mr. LaFollette could not be better. He will carry the state easily. Governor Johnson's switch from LaFollette to Roosevelt will be repudiated by a people who love fair play.

Such was Walter Houser's summary of the political situation in the Bear state, expressed while in Medford Tuesday morning.

"I believe that the love of fair play on the part of the American people will lead to Mr. LaFollette's nomination," continued Mr. Houser. "The fact that many who had pledged him support deserted him for Roosevelt has caused the mass of the voters to be with him. We are confident of going to the convention in second place, and the sentiment of the voters expressed at the primaries assure us the ultimate victory."

THIS WILL HELP THE PRESIDENT SOME

Washington, April 9.—Discussing reports that he is to quit President Taft's cabinet soon, Attorney General Wickersham said today:

"It is merely another annual retirement rumor. Of course, I will resign March 4 next, as it is customary for all cabinet members to resign when an administration ends."

It is understood, however, that Wickersham has informed the president that he intends to retire to private practice next March, no matter how the election results.

Cargo Still Barolng.

Montauk Point, L. I., April 9.—With three revenue cutters, a wrecking tug and the crew of two life saving stations alongside to render aid, the fire among the cotton bales in the hold of the steamer Ontario is still blazing today. All the whisky, turpentine and rosin in the ship's cargo, has been safely removed.

ARRESTED BECAUSE OF HIS LANGUAGE

REDDING, CAL., APRIL 9.—The Rev. Glenn Mac Williams, of Los Angeles, arrested here on a charge of misdemeanor, for using vulgar language Sunday, when he opened a series of evangelistic services, was too sick today to appear in the justice court.

MacWilliams desires to leave town, but the prosecuting attorney will not consent to dismiss the charge until after consulting the women, at whose instigation the evangelist was arrested last night, after the first hymn was sung. The prosecution may be dropped, provided Mac Williams goes.

Redding is greatly incensed at the language used by the evangelist, and Mayor Gronwold is certain the arrest saved Mac Williams from rough treatment by an angry mob.

SIX DELEGATES INSTRUCTED FOR TAFT

Alexandria, La., April 9.—With instructions to vote as a unit for President Taft as long as his name is before the national convention, six delegates from the state at large were elected by the Republican state convention today, called by the Herbert-Loiselle faction. Several negroes, who declared they were delegates were not seated.

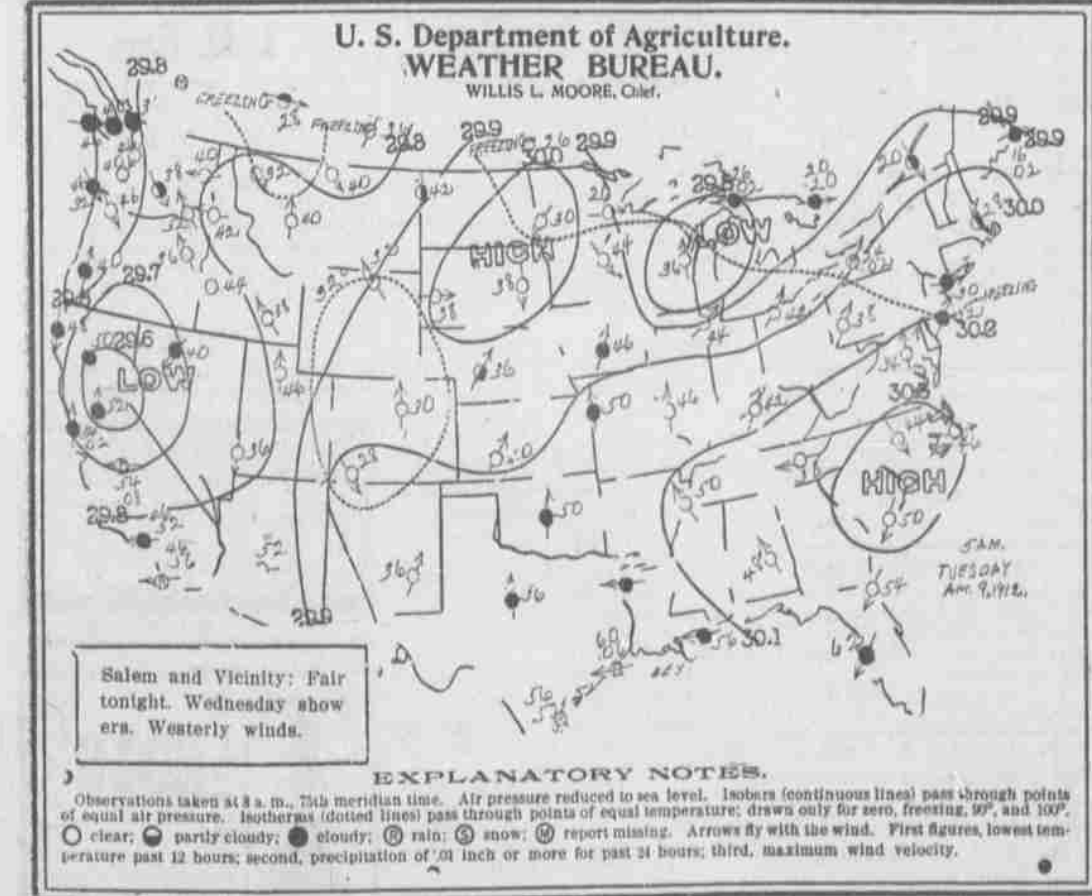
After the convention John L. Rogers, who headed the negro delegation, declared his constituents would send a contesting delegation to Chicago from the fourth district instructed for Theodore Roosevelt.

Just a Digression.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Shreveport, La., April 9.—Although just acquitted of charges of having written letters to a white girl, Thomas Miles, a negro 29 years old, was lynched near here today. Miles' body, which had been riddled with bullets, was found hanging from a tree.

Sat Down on Gift.

McKeesport, Pa., April 9.—Gifford Pinchot spoke here at noon today, in an attempt to satisfy a crowd that had gathered to hear Colonel Roosevelt. The mill workers, however, hearing that Roosevelt would be absent, refused to attend the meeting.



U. S. Department of Agriculture. WEATHER BUREAU. WILLIS L. MOORE, Chief.

Salem and vicinity: Fair tonight. Wednesday show era. Westerly winds.

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

Observations taken at 3 a. m., 7 1/2 h. meridian time. Air pressure reduced to sea level. Isobars (continuous lines) pass through points of equal air pressure. Isotherms (dotted lines) pass through points of equal temperature; drawn only for zero, freezing, 50°, and 100°.

☉ clear; ☁ partly cloudy; ☂ cloudy; ☉ rain; ☉ snow; ☉ report missing. Arrows fly with the wind. First figures, lowest temperature past 12 hours; second, precipitation of .01 inch or more for past 24 hours; third, maximum wind velocity.

Forecast Till 5 p. m. Wednesday.

Oregon: Fair tonight, except showers in southwest portion. Wednesday fair east, showers west portion. Winds mostly westerly.

Suppers' Forecast.

Protect shipments as far north as Seattle against minimum temperatures of about 40 degrees; northeast to Spokane, 35 degree; southeast to Boise, 35 degrees; south to Siskiyou, 36 degrees. Minimum temperature at Portland tonight, about 44 degrees.

River Forecast.

The Willamette river at Portland will remain nearly stationary for the next few days.

EDWARD A. BEALS, District Forecaster.