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FLOOD CONDITIONS GROW WORSE MILES OF LEVEES ARE WASHED AWAY

CREVASSE HALF MILE WIDE AT TORRAS--TWO POPULOUS PARISHES ARE INUNDATED

Crevasse at New Roads Will Soon Be a Mile Wide and That Town is Threatened With Destruction--Motor Boats Being Used to Rescue Refugees From Upper Stories and From Trees--Vandals in Skiffs Loot Abandoned Houses--Two More Breaks Reported This Morning, Which Flood Rich Parishes.

New Roads, La., May 9.—With 100 feet of the levee above here swept away, and the crevasse expected soon to be a mile wide, New Roads today, already partly inundated, is threatened with destruction by the flood waters of the Mississippi river. Vandals, in skiffs, are reaping a harvest by looting inundated houses.

Motor boats are being used to rescue refugees from upper stories and from trees. A Half-Mile Crevasse.

New Orleans, May 9.—New breaks in

the levees along the Mississippi river are increasing the gravity of the flood situation today.

At Torras, 1400 feet of embankment crumbled today, making the crevasse there 3000 feet wide. The two breaks at Moreauville and one at Longbridge flooded two populous parishes.

Loss of life feared in these sections, as the residents ignored warnings to move out, or take proper measures for protection.

PRISONERS ARE GIVEN BIG FEAST

NINETEEN HUNDRED OF THEM
SAT DOWN TO A FEED OF FISH
AND GAME SUCH AS OUTSIDERS
CANNOT GET.

San Quentin, Cal., May 9.—Nineteen hundred prisoners in San Quentin penitentiary sat down today to a feast, the bill of fare including nearly every delicacy in season and many out of season. The menu comprised brook trout, striped bass, salmon, sole, catfish, hare, cotton tail, quail, doves and robins, venison and elk meat.

The "eats" were furnished to the prisoners by willful and unconscious lawbreakers, the California fish and game commissioners having confiscated illegal shipments of game and fish from and to cafes, private parties and hotels. The goods went into cold storage, where they have remained safe and fresh, awaiting this San Quentin feast.

Application Denied.

New York, May 9.—United States Judge Hand today denied the application of John McNamara, of San Francisco, to prevent his extradition to New Westminster, B. C., in connection with the \$258,000 robbery there of the Branch Bank of Montreal. McNamara's counsel appealed from the decision and announced that he will carry the case to the United States supreme court.

TRAKEY MAY RECOVER FROM HIS WOUNDS

Bremerton, Wash., May 9.—The condition of George W. Trahey, navy yard dockmaster, of the Bremerton navy yard, who was shot yesterday by John Haley, supposedly insane, is much improved today, and doctors are hopeful for his recovery.

The body of Charles Ditton, who was killed in the office by Haley after he had shot Trahey, lies in the morgue pending an inquest to be held at 1 o'clock today.

Commander A. H. Robertson, U. S. N., captain of the navy yard, has taken charge of the case and has summoned witnesses to appear at the inquest.

TOM MANN JAILED FOR SIX MONTHS

Manchester, Eng., May 9.—Tom Mann, a union labor leader, was convicted today of inciting troops to mutiny and sentenced to six months in jail. Mann urged the regular soldiers, called to duty during the coal strike, to refuse to interfere in any way with the strikers or their sympathizers.

Mann's appeal to the troops during the strike created much unrest at the garrison. He was arrested but was later released on bail after greeting not to again urge the soldiers to mutiny.

When the trial opened this morning, Mann objected to the introduction of his speeches as evidence. He conducted his own defense.

Mann's sentence did not include hard labor. He admitted the offense and attempted to justify his action by citing conditions which existed during the strike. He said: "Commands to soldiers must be lawful, and the orders given them to shoot and kill brother Englishmen would violate the rights guaranteed citizens."

"I ask no mercy of the court, but claim the same right that any citizen has who may be working for reforms. All I have tried to do has been for the benefit of the working people and for the reform of crying evils."

Scheme is a Failure.

Winnipeg, May 9.—Premier Roblin announced last night that government elevators were a failure, and that they would be sold to private concerns at the end of the present season in August. He declared the farmers demanded government elevators, and then did not patronize them.

The Whitaker oil well near Dallas is down 1000 feet and has a strong flow of gas, which is decidedly encouraging.

SEATTLE MAN IS MURDERED OVER WOMAN

Chicago, May 9.—Charged with the murder of a man whose name is believed to be either George Thompson or Bernard Nesbitt, of Seattle, Edward Langston was arrested here today. The body was found this morning with four stab wounds upon it. The police declare the men quarreled over a woman.

Has Some Money.

Toronto, Ont., May 9.—According to a story in the Toronto Globe, the merger of the Bank of Montreal and the Royal Bank will follow the absorption of the Traders bank by the latter. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., is mentioned as probable president of the combined banks, which will have a total capital of \$32,000,000 and assets of \$400,000,000.

ACCIDENT CAUSE OF TWO SUITS

PARTIES INJURED WHEN SCAFFOLDING ON PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING FELL SUE CONTRACTORS FOR DAMAGES AMOUNTING TO \$8465.

Two suits were started today against J. S. Winters and David Weiss, doing business under the firm name of J. S. Winters & Co. J. N. Beck is plaintiff in one of the suits, in which he alleges, among other things, that he engaged to work for the defendant company some time in January, 1912. That owing to the faulty manner in which the scaffolding was constructed, as well as the incompetency of the superintendent and foreman of the job, that he was required to work in an exceptionally dangerous and hazardous place. The falsework collapsed with him standing at a point about 20 feet above the floor, and that when the fall came he was thrown to the floor below, dislocating his left shoulder, and breaking the bone of the right upper arm near the shoulder. He also suffered several contusions of different parts of his body, and a general shaking up of the whole system. He also alleges that, on account of the accident, that he was confined in the Willamette sanatorium for considerable time and lost much time, as well as suffering great pain from the bruised condition of his body and the broken bones sustained in the accident. The accident of which he complains happened March 2, in which four men were precipitated about 20 feet, all being more or less seriously hurt. O. A. Tang is the plaintiff in the other case. He alleges that he sustained a severe sprain of the left hip, and that the bones of his nose were broken. Beck sues for \$5315 damages, while Tang asks for \$3150.

HIS DEATH MAY RESULT IN A MURDER TRIAL

San Diego, Cal., May 9.—That a serious charge may develop in the shooting of Joseph Mikolash, said to be an Industrial Worker, here on Tuesday, was the assertion today of attorneys defending the I. W. W. prisoners now in the local jails. Mikolash died late yesterday from the effects of several bullet wounds. It was announced today that he made a deathbed statement in the hospital, declaring that he was shot without provocation and without reason.

This statement, which was sworn to, is said to be in the possession of Attorney Fred Moore, who left the city yesterday for the north, but who is expected back late today. One of Moore's associates says Mikolash said he was standing in the doorway of the house raided by the police when a policeman came up, called Mikolash a vile name and ordered him to step out. He did not obey promptly, he said, and the policeman shot him in the leg. Then Mikolash, according to his testimony, seized an axe and attacked the officer. He was mortally wounded later. The inquest was set for late this afternoon.

To Prison for Life.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 9.—Walter Dibley must spend his life in the penitentiary for the murder of Stanley Ketchel, former middleweight champion pugilist, while his companion, Goldie Smith, will go free, according to the decision of the Missouri supreme court today in affirming the sentence of life imprisonment imposed on Dibley and reversing the conviction of the woman, with an order for her release.

Dibley shot Ketchel, following a quarrel, on a farm near Springfield.

ELECTRIC MANAGERS ON A TOUR

Make 11,000-Mile Trip Over the United States--Make it for the Purpose of Creating Better Feeling in Communities.

IN SAN FRANCISCO TODAY Will Confer With Electric Railway Officials, City Officers and Civic Bodies in the Larger Cities, the Object Being to Harmonize the Situation and Do Away With Quarrels Between People and Companies.

San Francisco, May 9.—Five executive officials of the American Electric Railway association and the Electric Railway Manufacturers' association arrived here today on a 11,000-mile tour of the United States, on which they will confer with railway officials, public officials and civic bodies in more than 30 cities. Their object, they state, is to bring about a better understanding between electric railway companies and the communities. These officers will be joined in San Francisco and other cities by other officials of the two associations. Those appointed to make the tour are: Thomas N. Carter, of Newark, N. J., president of the American Electric Railway association and the public service corporation of New Jersey; General George H. Harries, of Louisville, Ky., vice-president of the American association, president of the Louisville Gas company, and an official of several big traction and power companies; Charles N. Black, of San Francisco, general manager of the United Railroads; C. L. Allen, of Syracuse, N. Y.; Arthur W. Brady, of Anderson, Ind.; Oscar T. Crosby, of Wilmington, Del.; Charles C. Pierce, Boston; H. C. Donecker, New York.

PLANTATION LABORERS ATTACK THE TROOPS

Monterey, Mex., May 9.—It is reported here today that laborers on the plantation of Charles Hamilton, an American in the state of Oaxaca, revolted, and attacked the federal troops quartered there. Twenty-four of the attackers, two rurales and one state soldier were killed, and many wounded in the battle, which lasted for two days.

Heinze Loses \$600,000. Boston, May 9.—By a ruling today of F. Rockwood Hall, as master, F. Augustus Heinze loses \$600,000 in copper stocks which he, M. M. Joyce of New York, and other plaintiffs pledged with D. F. Adams and other Boston note brokers in 1908 as collateral for a loan of \$300,000 obtained by Heinze and his associates.

Strike is Broken. Vancouver, B. C., May 9.—The backbone of the I. W. W. construction strike was broken today when the police cleared out the I. W. W. headquarters camp, and ordered the men to resume work immediately or clear out of the Yale district.

When you need help, be your own first aid to the injured.

A GREAT EARTH QUAKE IN MEXICO REPORTED BUT NEWS IS MEAGER

A Peeler's Job.

Walla Walla, Wash., May 9.—Former Chief of Police Wappenstein of Seattle, serving a three-year sentence for sentence for bribery, is learning to peel potatoes. He has been temporarily assigned today to the steward's department. Warden Reed is afraid to trust Wappenstein with the convicts working at manual labor, because many of them had been sent to the penitentiary by the ex-chief.

HE ADMITS THE TRUTH OF CHARGES

WITNESS TESTIFIES THAT BOOKS OF COMPANY, FILLED WITH DAMAGING EVIDENCE AGAINST IT WERE BURNED BY ORDER OF PRESIDENT BAACKES.

New York, May 9.—Full admission of the truth of charges that President Frank Baackes of the American Steel and Wire company had caused much damaging evidence against the trust to be burned as soon as the government began the steel trust probe, was made here today by George Cragin of Worcester, Mass., assistant sales manager for the wire trust. Cragin, re-examined, contradicted his previous testimony pleading ignorance and admitted that the story told by Special Examiner Brown yesterday by Harry Whitney of Worcester was true. Cragin declared he received all evidence against the participants in the wire pool which was returned to the steel trust after Judge Archbold fined these participants at Worcester. Subsequent to this he said President Baackes came to Worcester and asked if the evidence had been destroyed. Soon afterward, Cragin said, the documents were burned.

DESCHUTES LAND COMPANY CLOSES DOWN

Declaring that until the time arrives when the federal government will give them a lease on lands needed for storing the waters of Crescent lake for the reclamation of its lands, J. E. Morson, president of the Deschutes Land company, one of the largest irrigation projects in the state, notified the State Desert Land Board that all work will be suspended.

Because the company failed to comply with demands made upon it by the governor to furnish information with relation to its financial condition, and also other information for the protection of settlers, and the cessation of the selling of options, contrary to its contract, the governor took the matter up with the government, recommending that it be denied the use of the mails.

The result was an investigation by the federal government as to the use of the mails by the company, and the withholding of an application by the interior department for a right of way for the storage of water for the reclamation of the lands. Because of this action the company has closed down, and as the governor will probably not deviate from his position, and the company seems inclined to ignore his demands, it may be that it will mean its permanent closing.

The attorney-general has just prepared a complaint to restrain the company from selling options, and it is to be filed in a few days.

NEW YORK PAPERS PRINT IT STORY NOT CORROBORATED BY AFTERNOON DISPATCHES

New York News Bureau Responsible for Story--It Says 34 Were Killed in City of Zapotlan, Which is Partially Destroyed, and 16 Killed at Another Town--Colima, the Great Volcano, Said to Be Pouring Out Floods of Lava and That Mexico City is in Terror--Twelve Shocks Reported.

WILL TEST IN COURTS INDIANA BOXING LAW

Chicago, May 9.—The first court test of Indiana's boxing law is expected when Joseph Simpson, manager of the East Chicago Athletic club, today asks for an injunction in the Lake county court to restrain Chief of Police McCormick from interfering with tonight's boxing program, on which six bouts are scheduled.

NONE OF THE DELEGATES ON RECORD

Sacramento, Cal., May 9.—Examination of the original affidavits of candidates for delegates to the Republican national convention from California in the office of the secretary of state today revealed the astounding fact that not one of the Taft delegates has declared a preference for Taft as the party nominee, nor has any one of them agreed to accept the decision of the voters in the preference primary next Tuesday as to the presidential nominee, in case of his election as a delegate.

Such preference and acceptance of the popular verdict has been formally made in the affidavits filed by the LaFollette and Roosevelt delegates, as well as those supporting Woodrow Wilson and Champ Clark, on the Democratic ballot.

The state primary law prescribes the form of the affidavit to be filed by all candidates for delegate to national conventions. It requires that the candidate state his intention to affiliate with the party at the next ensuing general election, and to vote for a majority of its candidates at such election, and that he will qualify as such delegate if elected at the primary.

Should any of the Taft delegates be elected they would be in no way bound to vote for either Taft, LaFollette or Roosevelt, no matter which way the people had decided their preference at the primary.

Who is responsible for this trick—if trick it be—and what was the plan behind it is not revealed as yet. Evidently the Taft committee has taken action which gives it, in case of the election of any part of its ticket, a purely trading delegation.

New York, May 9.—The New York News Bureau today prints a dispatch from Mexico City saying that 34 persons were killed and half the city of Zapotlan was destroyed in an earthquake last night. Sixteen are reported killed at Ciudad Guzman, and 13 injured. The dispatch says that 12 shocks were felt, following an eruption of the Colima volcano, which threw out floods of lava and sand. Mexico City is in terror, fearing another quake.

TO CREATE A DOZEN BISHOPS

Minneapolis, May 9.—From reliable but unofficial sources, it was learned today that the quadrennial general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church here has decided to retire Bishops Cranston, Warren, Moore, Smith and Neely and to create either 10 or 12 bishops.

Methodist Episcopal residences probably will be established at Helena, Los Angeles, Pittsburg, Kansas City and Cleveland. The office of general secretary of the Epworth League and the editorship of the Epworth Herald will be combined. Dr. E. M. Randall, of the Puget Sound conference, is general secretary of the Epworth League.

CATCHER HURT IN CINCINNATI GAME

Cincinnati, May 9.—More hard luck for the Philadelphia National league baseball team came here this afternoon, when Catcher Killifer, who had just returned to the game, was struck on the head by a foul ball during the contest with Cincinnati this afternoon, and had his scalp laid open. He was taken from the field, and put under the care of a physician.

From 2000 to 3000 men will be put at work at once by the Oregon Eastern railroad in the Malheur canyon.

ARE MAKING A CLEAN SWEEP OF PIRATES

Hong Kank, May 9.—Hundreds of bodies are reported seen floating in the West river today, as a result, it is said, of a campaign recently inaugurated for the extermination of river pirates. Thousands of Chinese soldiers, stationed to the north of Swatow, in the province of Kwang Tung, are returning to Canton, killing the pirates as the cause. Men caught stealing even the most trifling sums are summarily shot.

Foreigners in South China expect a renewal of anarchy on account of the depleted condition of the treasury. Dr. Sun Yat Sen is retiring to Macao, a Portuguese dependency on the Canton river, to reside.