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TWENTY ARE DEAD AND MANY MISSING IN TEXAS

FLOOD LEAVES 18,000 PEOPLE WITHOUT HOMES

Many Threatened With Starvation and Fifty, at Least, Are in Treetops--Large Part of Waco Is Under Water--Railroads in Flooded District Are Nearly Paralyzed--Property Loss Totals \$6,000,000--Many Missing and Communication With Scores of Small Towns Cut Off--Rivers Miles Out of Banks.

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.) Austin, Tex., Dec. 4.—The flood situation in central Texas grew worse today. That 20 had been drowned was the best information obtainable here, and this did not include many missing, or take into account a score of small towns with which communication was totally cut off.

their banks. The Leon river, normally a little stream, was a mile wide. It was estimated that in the three big valleys 18,000 people were homeless and threatened by starvation. Fifty were said to be in tree tops between the towns of Hillsboro and Malone. A large part of Waco was under ten feet of water.

MEXICAN CONGRESS WILL PROBABLY ANNUL LAST ELECTION

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.) Washington, Dec. 4.—Having approved General Huerta's acts as president and dictator, Mexico's congress was expected to annul the last election this afternoon and perhaps ratify a big railroad concession to a Belgian company. Mexico City diplomats smiled at Huerta's boast that he would stick to his present post for a year, believing he knows as well as any one that his regime's end is near.

TEAMSTERS ORDERED BY LEADERS TO RETURN TO THEIR WORK

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.) Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 4.—One-half of the striking teamsters here were ordered by their leaders this afternoon to go back to work. Organizer Farrell, of the teamsters, said that 1500 men's employers had signed union agreements. Representatives of the Employers' association said they had not—that the strike was broken, that was all.

Find No Opposition.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 4.—General Villa telegraphed to Juarez today that he and his rebel followers were meeting with no opposition to their march on Chihuahua City. He left Montezuma, 115 miles south of Juarez, this morning, and said he expected to reach his destination either tonight or tomorrow.

Big Fight Is About Due.

Mexico City, Dec. 4.—Fighting between 1500 federals and 3000 rebels at Tampico was imminent today. The German warship Bremen left Vera Cruz for the scene of the threatened trouble under full steam.

MRS. PANKHURST IS ARRESTED AND RESCUE PLAN IS FRUSTRATED

Police Have Second Tug to Take Militant Leader From Steamship.

DETECTIVE MAKES ARREST

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.) Plymouth, Eng., Dec. 4.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, back from her lecturing tour in America, was arrested today on the steamship Majestic off Devonport. A big bodyguard of militant suffragettes was waiting for her here, prepared to resist the arrest, but the police outwitted the women and their leader was on her way to London in the authorities' custody before her followers knew she had been made a prisoner.

It had been the bodyguard's plan to meet the Majestic as it entered Plymouth harbor and a tug was in readiness to take the party on board. Alongside it lay a police tug, with a force of constables lounging conspicuously on deck.

Tugs Race to Ship.

The moment the Majestic was sighted the two tugs started to race one another in its direction. In the meantime, however, another tug, starting before the militants arrived in Plymouth, had been lying off Devonport with a detective on board and when the steamship passed, some time before it could be seen from Plymouth, he climbed the ladder and made the arrest.

Jailed at Exeter.

Exeter, Eng., Dec. 4.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, reported locked up in London, was in jail here this afternoon instead.

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Late News Bulletins

Denver, Colo., Dec. 4.—Federal Secretary of Labor Wilson, who has been trying here for several days to arrange a settlement between the Southern Colorado coal mine owners and their striking employes, gave it up today as a bad job. All negotiations were called off. It was the impression here that the secretary would ask the president to use his influence in favor of a congressional investigation.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—British Vice-Consul Douglas Young today compared photographs of Lieutenant Charles Slingsby, late of the British navy, with those of the baby boy Slingsby and his wife say in their own, but who, according to relatives, who will get his estate when Slingsby dies, if the baby proves a "changeling," was substituted by Mrs. Slingsby for a real son, who died. It was a fact that Slingsby's features and the baby's were much alike.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Secretary of State Bryan announced this afternoon that Governor Rivers, of Texas territory, Mexico, had ordered the immediate release of W. S. Windham, of Pasadena, Cal., and James Dunn, also an American, held for ransom by rebels near Mazatlan.

Philadelphia, Dec. 4.—A petition to have the firm of William Bear & Co. adjudged involuntarily bankrupt was filed here today. The concern is one of the largest dealers in grain in the East.

The Weather

The Dickey Bird says: Oregon, fair tonight, except rain or snow north east portion; Friday, rain west, fair east portion, southerly winds.

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GERMAN PARLIAMENT RAPS GOVERNMENT FOR MILITARY POLICY

Army's Overbearing Conduct Results in Series of Riots in Province.

CHANCELLOR IS CENSORED

Haughty Speech Declaring Military Would Continue to Be Supreme Authority in Germany Scored.

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.) Berlin, Dec. 4.—By a vote of 293 to 54, the reichstag, or German parliament, expressed today its "lack of confidence" in Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, of the German empire. The vote of "lack of confidence" or "censure" was the result of the recent disorders in Alsace, where the largely French population, goaded to desperation, as the government's critics declared, by the military's overbearing conduct, broke into a series of riots, which it was not certain are over even yet.

Many sincere friends of the imperial government were much angered by a military policy they believed had undone the result of yesterday's effort to reconcile the province to the Kaiser's rule.

Say Military Will Rule.

The matter coming up in the reichstag, however, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and War Minister Falkenhayn made haughty speeches, declaring that "the military would continue to be the supreme authority in Germany."

A four-hours debate ensued, at the end of which the administration policy was overwhelmingly condemned. The censure of Bethmann-Hollweg and his cabinet does not mean, as it would in England or France, that there will be a change in administration, but it will make the chancellor's position

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OTHER WOMAN IN CRAIG CASE IS WITNESS BUT DENIES ENGAGEMENT

Admits Matrimony Had Been Discussed by Them--Declares She Had Known Dr. Craig 17 Years and He Had Been Attentive to Her for Last Three Years--Stylishly Dressed and Young Looking, Although She Admits She Is 42--Prosecution's Theory Is Craig Killed Dr. Knabe to Wed Miss Fleming--Craig Not Same Size as "Peeper."

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.) Shelbyville, Ind., Dec. 4.—Alleged to be "the other woman in the case," Miss Katherine Fleming, an Avon, Ind., housewife, was a witness today at the trial of Dr. William B. Craig, charged with murdering Dr. Helen Knabe.

wedding having been temporarily upset by Craig's arrest on a murder charge. Miss Fleming was stylishly dressed and young looking, though she admitted she was 42.

The defense scored another point today. Mrs. J. W. Smith, who occupied an apartment opposite Dr. Knabe's, who testified to having seen a man peering through the window into the Knabe apartments some time before the killing, had been relied on by the prosecution to identify the "peeper" as Craig.

Instead, she said, on cross-examination that the man was no more than medium sized. Craig is six feet tall.

An Old Friend, She Says.

The witness, however, punctured the story that she was a more recent acquaintance of Craig than was Dr. Knabe. She had known him, she said, for 17 years and he had been attentive to her for the last three of them.

Will Not Attack Character. The inference having been drawn in some quarters that the defense intended to attack Dr. Knabe's character, Attorney Spain, Craig's lawyer, took pains today to repudiate any such plan.

Nor was she engaged to marry him, she added. She admitted that she had discussed matrimony with him, but it did not get as far as an engagement. No, she continued, she did not buy a trousseau—any tentative plans for a

"We shall not attack Dr. Knabe's character under any circumstances," he said. "The defendant believes no sweeter or purer woman ever lived."

Strikers on Trial for Dynamiting and Rioting in Canada

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.) New Westminster, B. C., Dec. 4.—Fourteen striking coal miners from Vancouver Island are being tried here today on charges arising out of the recent strike riots there. The charges include such serious allegations as an attempt to blow up the Temperance Hotel, at Ladysmith, and the blowing up of the home of Alexander McKinnon, when the latter suffered the loss of a hand. Over a hundred witnesses on both sides are scheduled to give evi-

dence, and the trial will last several days. This is the third case arising out of the strike troubles to be tried here. In all 137 men were brought here for trial. Of these two were acquitted of charges of intimidation and assault and seven were acquitted of assaulting Provincial Constable Taylor, who was badly beaten up. The latter case was considered the strongest the crown had, and the jury's verdict came as a surprise to the prosecution.

The City Council to Blame for Miscarriage of the Election

Judge Galloway's decision of the charter election case yesterday brings the muddle that much nearer a final determination. There is considerable criticism of his decision, but this was to be expected, for we all are so constituted that we want things the way we want them and are disposed to find fault with whoever or whatever does not agree with us. While we may differ as to the correctness of the judge's decision, we must all agree that he showed the one great quality without which no man can be a good judge, and that is backbone, and the strict performance of his duty as it showed itself to him. As a matter of fact, Judge Galloway's decision has little to do with the case, it being only a necessary step towards getting the matter before the supreme court for final decision, and there it would have gone no matter what Judge Galloway decided. That he took the unpopular side and decided against the wishes of a thousand majority, shows that he is doing his duty as he sees it, regardless of who is helped or hurt.

The morning paper, always unfair, says Judge Galloway in passing upon the matter, said "3500 voters were guilty of a misdemeanor." He said nothing of the kind, but quoted the law on the subject, and said that voters were misled by the council and voted innocently, and that the council was to blame for undertaking to set aside a decision of the supreme court, and to legalize what the supreme court had declared illegal.

and this included all the women voters because they were not voters in 1912, and hence none of them registered, under the law would have to swear in their votes with the aid of six freeholders. The city council, in its wisdom, decided that it would simplify things and clear up the muddle by adopting the registration which the supreme court had declared illegal, and by its act make it legal. It overruled the supreme court. There was a vote in which all the voters could have voted legally at the election, that is by swearing in their votes. Owing to the large number that would have had to adopt this means, and in order to give every voter a chance to vote, the council took the action it did, assuming that all could not have been sworn in by the judges, which might or might not have been the case.

Another argument raised is that "the majority should rule." This is carried to the extent that whatever the major-

ity does is right. While true that our government is based on majority rule, that rule is also described and hedged in with safeguards. If it were not we would not have law but anarchy. For instance, the burning of a negro at the stake as is sometimes done in the South is almost universally the expression of the wishes of the majority of the community where the act is performed, but no one would hold that it is the law, or that it should be. To come nearer home: At Florence recently the community deported certain I. W. W. agitators. The act was practically that of an unannounced community, but it was done in violation of law, and no special pleading can make anything else of it.

This was an unfortunate condition for which the council was not to blame, and it undertook to cure it. Judge Galloway simply holds that all those who voted who were not registered, voted illegally, and that the election was void. The matter will go up to the supreme court at once, we understand, and until that body passes on it, it is useless to indulge in criticism and recriminations. Whatever the supreme court says will have to go and that is all there is to it. This, of course, if the Salem city council does not overrule it.

PRESIDENT ESCAPES BIG SCOLDING BECAUSE HE HAS GOLD

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.) Washington, Dec. 4.—The cold which kept President Wilson in the White House all of yesterday was reported better today. He will remain indoors, however, again today. President Wilson's decision to remain at the White House has caused more trouble for Joseph Tumulty, his private secretary. A committee named by the suffragist convention here to upbraid President Wilson for his failure to mention suffrage in his recent message was compelled to vent its displeasure upon Tumulty.

AMENDMENT AIMED AT LAND HOGS IS NOW PROPOSED

H. D. Wagon, George M. Orten and others, of Portland, today filed an initiative petition for an amendment to the constitution providing for a graduated sur-tax on every person or company owning land, the value of which exceeds \$25,000. On each \$100 above \$25,000 and up to \$50,000 the tax will be 50 cents; on each \$100 between \$50,000 and \$75,000 the tax proposed is \$1 on each \$100 from this sum up to \$100,000 a tax of \$2 and on all sums above \$100,000 a tax of \$3 on each \$100. This tax is aimed at the large land holders and is an attempt to assist in getting lands cut up, and in the hands of small holders. Of course, if it becomes a law, there will be a bitter fight made to stand the test of the courts. However, that is a future consideration, and the getting the bill passed is the first step, and that, we fancy, will take some hard work. If you buy more than you need or can afford, charge it up to the high cost of living.

WANT PANAMA EXHIBIT

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.) Berlin, Dec. 4.—Two hundred and fifty member of the reichstag today signed a petition urging the German government to appropriate \$500,000 for an exhibit at the Panama-Pacific exposition in San Francisco in 1915. It was believed here that a bill to this effect soon would be passed.