

FLOOD CAUSES FLAME

Threatening Conditions Prevail at Richmond, Va.

TWO HUNDRED FAMILIES HOMELESS

The James River Has Risen to Within Seven Feet of Great Freshet of 1877—City's Gas Supply Cut Off.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 1.—Flood, fire and general excitement prevail in Richmond. The water in the James river has risen to twenty-three and a half feet, within four feet of the level of the great freshet of 1877. Lower Main street and greater part of Fulton, the extreme eastern section of the city, are flooded. When the freshet was near its height, fire caused by the water coming in contact with the lime broke out in the plant of Warner, Moore & Co., millers and feed supply men.

The property is situated on the creeks of the flooded district, and at one time it seemed inevitable that it would be destroyed, but change of wind and the splendid work of the fire department averted that. The hose was carried over a line of partially submerged coal cars and buoyed on rafts made of small boats. The firemen fought the flames standing up to their waists in water. The fire was confined to the building in which it started.

It is estimated that the occupants of some 200 small houses on this and the Manchester sides of the river have been vacated temporarily. The gas works are partially under water and the gas supply cut off. This condition seriously cripples the newspapers, as the metal for their linotype machines is heated by gas. All are working lamps. The incoming southern trains had to run through several feet of water. Bridges are reported gone in various sections of the state, and traffic is greatly interfered with.

Live Stock Lost In Floods.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 1.—Talladega, where the great dam of the Montgomery Water company is located, is still cut off from all communication. The Tallapoosa river, which separates it from Montgomery, is a raging torrent, and all efforts to cross the stream have failed. Reports from the territory below the dam indicate that much live stock was drowned. There was no loss to crops, as they had been gathered. One of the state farms was in the path of the flood, and the superintendent reports that many hogs and cattle were drowned. The branch line of railroad connecting Talladega with the main line of the Western Railroad of Alabama is washed out, and trains are not running.

TENNESSEE RIVER VERY HIGH.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Jan. 1.—The Tennessee river reached a stage of forty feet here last night and is still rising. According to prediction, it will continue to rise slowly and may reach forty-two feet here. Several factories in low ground here were compelled to shut down yesterday, and working people in the more exposed lowlands were compelled to move out of their houses. Some damage was done by the flooding of basements. The river is falling at and above Kingston, Tenn., and is rising at all points below Chattanooga.

DAMAGE AT PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—The rain which fell almost incessantly for nearly two days resulted in a dangerous freshet in the Schuylkill river, and the water of that stream is 15½ feet above normal. All of the big industrial plants along the Schuylkill at Manayunk and Norristown, near here, are flooded, and work has been suspended.

MILLER NAMED FOR COMPTROLLER.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Governor Odell has appointed Nathan L. Miller of Cortland county as state comptroller to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Erastus C. Knight of Buffalo. He also appointed G. D. B. Haskroun of Ulster county as a judge of the court of claims to succeed Joffre F. Parkhurst of Bath, resigned. Nathan L. Miller is a prominent attorney of Cortland, Cortland county. He is chairman of the Republican general committee of that county and was a candidate for a court of claims judgeship.

COULD NOT CHANGE HIS COLOR.

BUFFALO, Dec. 31.—John Jackson, a negro bellboy, formerly employed at the Geneva hotel, drank carbolic acid and died in great agony. Jackson was in love with a white woman and has been taking an electrical treatment in an endeavor to change the color of his skin. Disappointed in the results of the treatment, Jackson killed himself.

NEW YORK POSTOFFICE MAKES RECORD.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Postmaster Van Cott announces that for the first time in the history of the postoffice the receipts for the year exceeded \$10,000,000. The amount for the year was \$11,20,864.01, showing an increase of \$1,151,174.32 over the receipts of 1900. This is the greatest increase on record.

OBERLIN WINS ROCKEFELLER PRIZE.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 1.—By the narrow margin of a few hours the trustees of Oberlin college have raised the sum of \$300,000 necessary to secure the conditional offer of \$200,000 from John D. Rockefeller, made a year ago. The offer was to expire on Jan. 1, 1902.

GIFTS FOR EMPLOYEES.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Edward Kemp, the millionaire druggist, by his will, just filed for probate, bequeathed \$50,000 to employees who have been in his firm for five years or longer.

DEATH OF SENATOR SEWELL.

New Jersey Loses One of Her Foremost Citizens.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 28.—United States Senator William J. Sewell, who died at his home here yesterday, had suffered from diabetes, complicated with stomach and heart trouble, for over two years, but his condition was not considered serious until about a year ago. His constant attention to the duties devolving upon him in his official capacity resulted in 1899 in a collapse.

General William J. Sewell was born in Ireland in 1835 and came to this country in early boyhood. When fourteen years old he entered a commission house, but soon shipped in the merchant marine service, making two voyages to China. He became second mate of a clipper ship before giving up the sea and re-engaging in business.

Mr. Sewell went to Chicago, where he engaged in the banking business, with but partial success, remaining there until the outbreak of the war, when he again came east. He became a captain in the Fifth New Jersey regiment, which was being mustered in, and left for the front. He participated with conspicuous courage in all the engagements in which his regiment took part, including the battle of Spottsylvania in May, 1864.

General Sewell was elected to the United States senate in 1881, succeeding Theodore F. Rando. He gave way to a Democrat six years later. In 1895, however, he re-entered the senate, taking the place of John R. McPherson. At the beginning of the present year he was re-elected for a full term of six years.

CAPTAIN LEARY DEAD.

First Governor of Guam and Famous For Samoa—Captain.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Captain Richard P. Leary, U. S. N., formerly governor of Guam, died at the United States Marine hospital at Chelsea, where his brother-in-law, Dr. J. Fairfax Irwin, is the surgeon in charge.

Death was due to heart disease, from which the captain had suffered since his return from Guam.

The body will be taken to Annapolis, where it will be given a naval burial.

Captain Leary was held in high regard by his fellow sailors because of the nerve he showed in the presence of two German warships in the harbor of Apia, Samoa, during the stirring times which wound up in the tremendous hurricane that wiped out the German and American navies in those waters in 1889.

THE MISSOURI LAUNCHED.

NEXTPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 28.—Members of the president's cabinet, with their families, and several bureau chiefs of the navy department were here as guests of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company to attend the launching of the battleship Missouri, which took place at 11 o'clock today. A large number of senators, members of the house and others were present, including Senator Francis M. Cockrell of Missouri and his daughter, Miss Marion Cockrell, who acted as sponsor at the launching. The Missouri is a sister ship of the Ohio and the Maine. Her contract price was \$2,855,000. Her keel was laid Feb. 7, 1900, and on the latest construction report she is set down as 51 per cent completed.

PARDONED BY GOVERNOR SAVAGE.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 1.—Governor Savage has granted an unconditional pardon to Joseph S. Bartley, former state treasurer, who five years ago was sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary on conviction of having embezzled \$210,000 of state funds. The pardon went into effect from the moment it was delivered to Mrs. Bartley by the governor's private secretary. It was presented to Warden Davis at the penitentiary a half hour later, and later, with his family and lawyer, Bartley was brought in carriage to his home in the city.

TO RELEASE CAPTIVE INDIANS.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Dec. 31.—General Frank Armstrong, as agent of the war department, is at Fort Sill, Okla., making arrangements for the release of Chief Geromimo and the 298 Arizona Apache Indians who are held by the government as prisoners of war. They were captured by General Lawton twelve years ago after a 3,000 mile campaign. They will be allotted land by the government.

LIVED 107 YEARS.

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Almon Streeter of Rensselaer Falls, the oldest man in St. Lawrence county, is dead, aged 107 years. He was a lifelong Democrat and is survived by a large family.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

FLOUR—State and western inactive, but firmly held; Minnesota patents, \$3.80-\$4.15; winter straight, \$3.30-\$3.60; winter extra, \$2.50-\$2.75; spring, \$3.75-\$4.00.

WHEAT—opened easy with cables, rallied on strength in the northwest and toward noon weakened again through heavy realizing sales; March, 70-74½c.; May, 65-68c.

RYE—Steady; state, 70-71c.; c. i. f., New York, car lots; No. 2 western, 75c.; f. o. b., about.

CORN—Advanced for awhile on local supplies and then weakened toward mid-day with wheat; May, 70-74½c.

OATS—Quiet and barely steady; track, white, state, \$4.60-\$4.7c.; track, white, western, \$4.50-\$4.6c.

POLICE Firm; mess, \$16.50-\$17.50; family, \$17.50-\$18.

LARD—Easy; prime western, steam, 10-12c.

SUGAR—Steady; state dairy, 15-22c.; creamery, 16-22c.

CHEESE—Quiet; state, full cream, large, fall made, fancy, 100-105c.; state, full cream, soft made, fancy, 115c.; late made, best, large, 95c.; late made, best, small, 100-105c.

Eggs—Steady; state and Pennsylvania, 20c. western, at mark, 22c.-23c.

SUGAR—Advanced for awhile, refining, 24c.; centrifugal, 26c.; refined steady; crushed, 15c.; powdered, 15c.

TURPENTINE—Steady at 39c.-39½c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans, 37c.-38c.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, 42c.-42½c.; Japan, 45-45½c.

TALLOW—Firm; city, 4c.; country, 6c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 60c.-65c.; good to choice, 62c.-65c.

RESCUED BY A BASS.

How Mr. Bingwater Was Towed Ashore by a Fish.

Angler Fortunately Gets Hold of a Lively Black Bass Just When He Had Concluded That All Was Up With Him.

"You may call black bass wormy and say they are not fit for white men to eat," Mr. Bingwater was saying, earnestly, to a Bangor (Me.) Times man, "but just the same I want you to understand that they are about the gamiest fish that swims, and if it hadn't been for one of them I should not be here smoking cigarettes to-day. Hereafter I'll stand by the black bass and all their shortcomings. It happened this way:

"One afternoon early in the week I got the craze and drove out to Pushaw on a little fishing trip all by myself. I had my fish basket and my tomato can full of worms and an old rod which I picked up somewhere about the house, and I made up my mind if there was any fun to be gotten out of bass fishing I would get it. I chartered an old flat-bottomed punt, the cleanest one which I could discover in the vicinity, and then I started out. I rowed like one of the Pennsylvania oarsmen at Henley until I came over near the point of Dollar island, and then I let down the anchor and began to fish.

"It was but the work of two or three minutes to put my rod together, bait the hook with a worm and throw it overboard. After that I waited. I happened to have brought a little pocket edition of Kipling with me, and for the next ten minutes I was deep in the story of the Gadsbys. As I was in the midst of the most exciting part I got a bite.

"I don't suppose that there is need to say anything further in this connection. I played that bass with the hand of a master, and some five minutes later he was flopping and gasping for breath in the stern sheets. As I took



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the bass off the hook and flung him in the bottom of the boat I made a disagreeable discovery. My punt was leaking badly and there was already quite three inches of water in the bottom. Moreover, it was pouring in with greater rapidity every minute. It was only a question of time before the craft would be swamped. As I can't swim a stroke it didn't strike me that the situation was a particularly pleasant one.

"I decided to toss my line in once more for luck, anyway, and the hook had no more than disappeared beneath the surface when it was seized by a huge bass, who started out toward shore, pulling like a mogul locomotive. The water was rising rapidly and I was getting desperate, when I happened to realize that here was my chance. I quickly made one end of the line fast to a thwart, and, seizing the oars, I helped my friend, the bass, with the strength that was in me. At last we reached the beach and safety.

"The bass who so fortunately took my bait is still swimming about in the clear, cool depths of Pushaw. I decided that one good turn deserved another, and I carefully removed the hook and tossed him back."

When Mr. Bingwater finished an awful hush fell upon the party and for several minutes no one spoke.

"Why didn't you ball the boat out?" asked little Freddie finally.

SPECTATORS HAVE SOME RIGHTS.

Among the feats of a wild man on exhibition in Wichita, Kan., the programme stated that he would eat chunks of raw liver. He failed to do this, and the spectators wreaked the tent. A learned police Justice upheld the act, stating that when people pay good money to see a man eat raw liver they have the right to see him eat raw liver or know the reason why.

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That's printed up in Pelham,
A drowsy county seat.
You see, 'twas up in Pelham
That first I saw the light,
And—well, my heart grows softer
And I feel my eyes shine bright;
Right reverent my touch is,
It spreads the columns wide,
The patented inside.

The sturdy name of boyhood
Come tumbling through our thought,
Of Tom and Brick and Fatsy—
How we loved and how we fought!
The friends when years grew graver,
Called now beyond our ken,
In the type-lines of the paper
They live and speak again.

Oh, tollers in life's workshops,
Are not those dream-mists sweet,
Which memory casts about us
When past and present meet?
And so, I love that paper
From the village in the hills
For the old life that it wakens,
For the weariness it stills.

—Nathanial S. Olas, in Rochester Post.

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