

AN APPALLING LOSS OF LIFE

A Mighty Wave Sweeps Down the Cottonwood Valley.

MANY RESIDENTS ASLEEP Number of Dead from One to Two Hundred.

The rushing floods surprise many victims who are thrown into the merciless waves clad only in their night clothes--Men, women and children cling to houses and tree tops--Loss of property estimated at \$200,000 to half a million. List of the dead--Three-fourths of the drowned are negroes.

Guthrie, Okla., April 28.--At 6 o'clock this morning a mighty wave of water six feet high and a mile wide swept down Cottonwood Valley and struck the city.

A deafening roar went up as the water crushed houses and drove the people from their homes. At the first rush every boat and bridge was swept away.

Rumors of an appalling loss of life as a result of flood are in constant circulation, some placing the number of dead at from one to two hundred. There is no way of getting at the real extent of the catastrophe now, however.

John Metz, aged 55, was capsized while trying to save a woman who sank before he reached her. Metz himself barely escaped.

George Owens, Attorney Teague Ray and Dick Pearson were thrown into the water while trying to save some people. Owens was drowned.

The wife and five children of Wesley McGill, colored, were drowned in their home.

Tonight forty or fifty people could be seen clinging to trees and roofs of buildings, but could not be reached. The strength of many may fall them about the middle of the night.

It is impossible to get any definite news from the hundreds of rescued people on the bluffs west of the city. Those who escaped are rushing frantically about in search of missing ones.

The river is thirty feet above its ordinary level. A heavy rain began falling this afternoon.

The flood is supposed to have been caused by a cloudburst, supplemented by heavy rains.

MAY POSSIBLY ANNEX HAWAII

McKinley Administration Doubtless Considering the Subject.

GRAND DUKE PALMER TALKS He States That Queen Lil has Not Endorsed to Interest President McKinley in Her Case--She is Simply Awaiting the Outcome of Pending Issues.

New York, April 28.--Among the guests at the Albatross hotel is ex-Queen Liliuokalani, of the Hawaiian Islands, and her suite, Captain Julius A. Palmer, of Boston, her lawyer, is also stopping here.

The ex-queen came to New York yesterday to witness the Grant parade, which she did not see, however, on account of the cold.

She is also here to attend to some private business matters. Captain Palmer talks freely about the situation in the islands. It was unquestionably serious at the present time, he said.

The McKinley administration was doubtless seriously considering the question of annexation. In this connection he said: "It is expected that the reciprocity treaty between this country and Hawaii will be repealed."

There has been a large immigration of the Japanese in Hawaii. It is true, but Japan does not want the islands, especially since she knows that it would be too risky to try to get them.

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DEBOE KENTUCKY'S NEW U. S. SENATOR

Outcome of the Legislature's Long and Bitter Contest.

JOE BLACKBURN LOSES THE FIGHT Republicans and Gold Democrats Rejoice at Its Demonstration at Frankfort--Senator-Elect Goes at Once to Washington to Take Part in Organization.

Frankfort, Ky., April 28.--The joint meeting of both houses of the legislature to-day elected William J. Deboe, the candidate of the Republican caucus, United States senator.

The vote stood: Deboe, 71; Martin, 12; Stone, 1; Blackburn, 50.

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The cheering, that never ceased till the assembly adjourned sine die in the wildest confusion, began when the sixty-ninth vote for senator was taken.

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ATHENS NOW QU ET AGAIN

But the Foreign Residents of the City Are Still Much Excited.

RAISE NATIONAL FLAGS Which Will Protect Them in Case of an Outbreak.

Athens, April 28.--Public excitement is increasing every hour. The foreigners are hoisting their national flags over the buildings inhabited by them.

The opposition deputies have issued the following address to the people: "Fellow Citizens--In the critical period through which the country is passing the summoning of the chamber is considered necessary."

The opposition believes it to be its duty to address to all citizens a recommendation and a request to do all in their power to contribute to the maintenance of order, which is indispensable, not only for the safety of all, but because it constitutes an indispensable element for safeguarding the honor and rights of the nation.

The city is now quiet. The British minister here, E. H. Egerton, paid a long visit to the king yesterday, and the newspapers connect the incident with the possible intervention of Great Britain in the war between Turkey and Greece.

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WOMEN WHIP THE PREACHER

He Causes Their Husbands to Be Arrested in a Whiskey Warfare.

TOPKA, KAN., APRIL 28.--The people of Douglas, Butler county, are indignantly protesting today against the action of the National Brewery Workers' union, an affiliated body of the American Federation of Labor, and adopted an address to the members of the Knights of Labor throughout the United States.

The trouble grew out of a whiskey war organized by several young men, who intended to conduct saloons in the town, and when Mr. Meredith met them in a street that day the sporting fraternity decided to break up Mr. Meredith's meetings.

They went to the church, as alleged, in an intoxicated condition, and the following day he caused warrants to be issued for their arrest for disturbing public worship. The wives of the accused men took the matter up and three of them, armed with horsewhips, caught Mr. Meredith in the street and scourged him. The affair has stirred up a big row, in which all the people of the town have taken sides.

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MURDEROUS TRAIN WRECKERS.

They Kill One Passenger and Injure a Dozen in Texas.

K. OF L. DECLARES WAR.

Houston, Tex., April 28.--Train wreckers last night threw the switch at Fairbanks, on the Houston and Texas central railroad, twenty miles north of here, and the south bound passenger train ran into it, causing a smashup of the forward coaches and derailment of the others.

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MISSIONARY MEETING.

Afternoon Sessions of the Convention Held at Altoona.

TORNADO IN KANSAS.

Kansas City, Mo., April 28.--A very heavy rain storm prevailed throughout central Kansas to-day, doing more or less damage. It was reported early this morning that a tornado had occurred between Salina and Abilene, but up to 1:30 p. m. it had been impossible to fully verify the reports.

For a half mile out of Salina the Western Union wires on the Union Pacific railroad were torn down, and whether of any more serious damage resulted in the country back of that point will not be known till communication is restored.

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UPPER SANDUSKY HALL OF JUSTICE SOLD FOR A SURPRISINGLY LOW SUM.

UPPER SANDUSKY, O., APRIL 28.--When Sheriff Pontius sold the court house to John Laveley for \$10, nothing was said as to the reservation of the safe.

PREACHER TO BECOME GROCER.

Rev. Sabin Halsey, Once a Famous "Gritna Green" Pastor. Milwaukee, April 28.--A wave of interest has been aroused by the announcement that Rev. Sabin Halsey, D. D., will start a grocery store here in Milwaukee.

Dr. Halsey recently resigned his pastorate in Janesville on account of ill health. Now it is said that he has decided to return to this city and open a grocery store at Twenty-third and Wells street.

Dr. Halsey is one of the best known clergymen in the state. It was he who started the matrimonial bureau at the Grand Avenue Methodist Episcopal church parsonage, which, under his and Rev. Mr. Hunsberger's administration, became famed all over the country.

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WAGON OVERTURNED AND DRIVER SAVED ONLY HIMSELF.

JACKSON, MO., APRIL 28.--An accident occurred here last evening resulting in the drowning of four persons. Joe Johnson was coming to town in a covered wagon, accompanied by Mrs. Bug, her son, five years old, and Miss Minnie Fraser.

FOUR PERSONS DROWNED.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: Fair; Warmer; Southerly Winds.

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