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DROWNED IN TORRENT

Mountain Flood Sweeps Away Mill Towns.

Collision of French Steamers—Crops Damaged—Mrs. Youngs Acquitted Decrease in Public Debt—Ohio Republican Convention—Postoffice Arrests—Will of Thomas B. Reed.

Out of the Blue Ridge Mountains in South Carolina a torrent descended at daylight Saturday morning on the mill town of Clifton in which there are 4,000 persons. It is estimated that 80 lives were lost. The people had no warning of danger. It has been raining through the state for several days, but no fear was apprehended, and the working people of Clifton, who run more than 10,000 spindles in the three great cotton mills retired without intimation that anything unusual was in store for them.

The biggest mill in the county converse with 51,000 spindles, was gone, and two others, Clifton and Dexter, were half washed away. The steel bridge over which the Southern rail way from Washington to Atlanta crossed this river, was destroyed. It was supported by granite piers and was considered proof against flood.

The greatest disaster occurred in the mill town. The water rushed up on the town, overthrew houses and carried away men, women and children. The most conservative estimate of the dead is 80. At Clifton alone 100 operatives are missing from the village. During Sunday dead bodies were washed ashore here and there, and occasionally a dismembered limb would float to the banks.

At Converse 13 dead are reported and 41 at Clifton No. 2. At Clifton No. 2 26 houses were destroyed; 13 at Clifton No. 1 and 20 at Clifton No. 3.

Fram Produce Higher. Weather and crop conditions necessitate further reductions in early exuberant estimates of yield, and in labor matters the number of men on strike shows the futility of the efforts of conciliators and arbitrators. Whole sale trade is still seasonably dull.

The situation as a whole, however, is still far from unfavorable. With all due allowances, the heaviest wheat yield on record is still possible, and average crops of corn, oats and cotton may be realized.

Higher prices for farm produce of all kinds favor some compensation to producers from this source. It looks as if the top of the strike wave had at last been reached, and a subsidence is now to be hoped for.

Drought in New York has hurt cereal crops, hay and the dairy interests, and forest fires have added to the damage from this source.

In the United States about 250,000 men are still idle. The outlook is that this number may be reduced one-half if expected agreements are reached. Talk of a strike of anthracite coal men is not regarded seriously. Since January 1 nearly 600,000 men have struck or been locked out. In the majority of instances where shorter hours and advanced wages were asked the men have won. Where unionism was the bone of contention they have almost steadily lost.

Collision of French Steamers. Over 100 persons were drowned near Marseilles, France, Sunday, as the result of a terrible shipping disaster. The Insulaire and the Liban, passenger steamers of the Fraissinet Steamship company of Marseilles, were in collision near this port.

The Liban sank, carrying down with her more than 100 of her passengers as well as her crew. The Liban left Marseilles in the morning on her regular trip to Bastia, Corsica, and was run down and sunk by the Insulaire of the Matre Islands. The collision was witnessed from the pilot boat Bleichamp, which was about two miles distant. The Bleichamp immediately went to the spot to give assistance.

The force of the collision cut a wide rent in the Liban's side and she was already taking in water rapidly. Her captain saw their only chance was to run the steamer aground before she sank in deep water, and the Liban was headed full speed for the shore; but within 15 minutes of the collision and while still some distance from shallow water the forepart of the steamer plunged beneath the waves and a few minutes later she had entirely disappeared.

Decrease in Public Debt. The monthly statement of the public debt issued June 1 shows that at the close of business May 29, 1903, the total debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$1,310,856,930, a decrease for the month of \$3,247,355. The cash in the treasury is classified as follows: Gold reserve fund, \$150,000,000; trust funds, \$893,752,369; general fund, \$213,587,070, which includes \$150,557,146 in national bank deposits and \$3,576,460 in the treasury of the Philippine Islands to the credit of United States disbursing officers. Total \$1,357,349,939, against which there are demand liabilities outstanding amounting to \$982,181,041, which leaves a cash balance on hand of \$375,168,897.

Confessed to Killing His Father. Samuel Betts died at Meyersville, Md., from a pistol shot wound, inflicted by himself, and just before dying he confessed that he and his brother, Josiah Betts, murdered their father, Samuel Betts, 17 years ago, presumably to inherit \$6,000 which he had accumulated. The father was found dead and it has always been the theory that he killed himself. Betts also confessed that he participated in the murder of Walter Long and secretly buried the body seven years ago. Long mysteriously disappeared at that time and his disappearance has been a neighborhood mystery ever since.

President Returns to Washington. President Roosevelt arrived in Washington from his long Western tour on Friday evening at 7 o'clock. Three comparatively short trips are scheduled between June 5, the date of his return, and June 16. On the evening of June 9 he will leave for Cleveland, Ohio, with Mrs. Roosevelt, to attend the wedding of Senator Hanna's daughter, which is to take place on the 10th. On the 15th he will attend the National Sangerfest at Baltimore and on the 16th he will go to Charlottesville, Va., for the commencement of the University of Virginia. He will start for Oyster Bay about the 20th.

Ohio Republican State Ticket. The Ohio Republican state convention nominated the following ticket: Governor—Myron T. Herrick, Cuyahoga. Lieutenant governor—Warren G. Harding, Marion. Auditor—W. D. Gullbert, Noble. Treasurer—W. S. McKinnon, Ashtabula. Attorney general—Wade H. Ellis, Hamilton. Judge of supreme court—A. N. Summers, Clarke. School commissioner—E. A. Jones, Stark. Member of board of public works—George H. Watkins, Pike.

Postoffice Clerks Arrested. As a result of the investigation at the postoffice department, Thomas W. McGregor, a clerk in charge of the supplies for the rural free delivery service, and C. Ellsworth Upton of Baltimore, one of McGregor's assistants, were arrested on the charge of conspiracy with Charles E. Smith of Baltimore to defraud the government in the purchase of the leather pouches furnished the rural carriers throughout the country. Their cases make seven arrests in all since the investigation began. Other arrests are expected later.

August W. Machen Indicted. The grand jury in Washington has reported an indictment against August W. Machen, former superintendent of the free delivery service of the postoffice department, who was arrested several days ago charged with sharing profits on government contracts for letter box fasteners. The amount which the indictment states he received illegally is \$18,927.79. Mr. Machen was in court with his attorneys when the grand jury reported and immediately gave bond in the sum of \$20,000 for his appearance in court. The trial will occur in October.

Will of Thomas B. Reed. The late Thomas B. Reed, former speaker of the house of representatives, according to the official report filed in New York City, left personal estate valued at \$431,099, after providing for the payments of debts and the expenses of administration. The gross personally amounted to \$620,533, consisting chiefly of stocks and securities. By his will executed many years before his death, Mr. Reed's property goes to his wife.

Convention of Miners June 15. At the first session of the three anthracite boards of the United Mine Workers it was decided to hold a joint convention of miners at Puttville June 15, for the purpose of determining whether or not a general suspension of work shall be declared. No statement was made by them outside of the announcement of the decision to hold a joint convention.

Handsome New Washington Church. At Washington the handsome new home of the Grace Memorial Reformed church, which President Roosevelt visited, was dedicated Sunday with appropriate exercises. President Roosevelt, with his family, attended the services and made a brief address.

LABOR CHIEF ACCUSED.

Business Agent of Housemiths Union Arrested.

In Accepting a Check for \$2,000 to Settle a Strike—Held in \$5,000 Bail—Accused Admitted He Took the Money, but Used it for the Benefit of the Union.

New York, June 9.—President Poulson of the Hecla Iron works and R. A. McCord, son of the president of the American Bridge company, both swore to affidavits before Justice Mayer in which they accused Samuel K. Parks, business agent of the housemiths and bridgemen's union of extortion in accepting a check for \$2,000 to settle a strike. Justice Mayer issued a warrant for Parks' arrest.

Parks was arrested shortly after the warrant was placed in the hands of the police. Parks was arraigned before Justice Mayer in the court of special sessions and held in \$5,000 bail for a hearing. District Attorney Jerome appeared personally and asked for a heavy bail. He said: "I have notice that this defendant has collected large sums of money. I learn that he received \$800 from a certain club here where \$4,800 has been collected previously. In the recent subway strike I am given to understand that he got \$5,000 and I am informed that he is a man of large means, having deposits in the Garfield National bank, although he poses as a workman."

After his arraignment Parks said that he took the check in question but said it was to be used for the "waiting time" of the men on strike. He refused to talk further. Frank Buchanan, president of the International Structural Iron Workers said that Parks had shown the check at one of the meetings saying it had been given him by the Hecla people "for waiting time," meaning that it was to go toward paying the men for the money they had lost while they were on strike.

A large number of men received money from the check and the union felt so good about it that they made Parks a present of a handsome diamond ring.

ZIONIST CONVENTION. Call to Jews to Heed the Lesson of Kishineff Massacre. Pittsburg, June 8.—The Federated of American Zionists which is holding a convention here, had a big meeting in the Bijou theater, and resolutions were adopted declaring that the massacres at Kishineff had demonstrated that the continued settlement of Jews in Russia was attended with personal danger and futile martyrdom and closing: "Therefore, this convention, reaffirming the Zionist principles, call upon every Jewish congregation and community throughout the United States and upon every individual Jew to give heed to the piteous appeals of our people, and in the common interests of humanity and the particular necessity of the Jewish people to help their present plight by affording the Zionist movement that cordial and financial support which will enable it to achieve the purpose for which it is organized, the settlement of the Jewish people in Palestine."

Regulation of Hot Springs Water. Washington, June 9.—The secretary of the interior has promulgated a new series of rules for the conduct of the Arkansas Hot Springs. They include a provision requiring physicians prescribing the use of the Hot Springs waters to be registered and a board of physicians was appointed to pass upon the qualifications of persons making application for license to practice. A large number of "quacks" have made their way to the Springs in recent years, causing many complaints to the secretary. The board consists of Lieutenant Colonel Blair D. Taylor in charge of the Army and Navy hospital at Hot Springs; Dr. G. C. Greenway and Dr. C. Travis Brennan.

Shipyard Machinists Strike. New York, June 9.—The machinists in the yards of the Townsend-Downey Shipbuilding Company went on strike and in doing so completed a general strike of the machinists in all of the shipyards of the firms belonging to the New York Metal Trades' Association in Greater New York, New Jersey and Staten Island. Practically all of the local shipbuilding companies are members of the Metal Trades' Association and the strike involves some 2,600 machinists or more.

Shaves Cost More in Peoria. Peoria, Ill., June 9.—At a meeting of the Peoria barbers' association a Peoria it was decided to advance the price of shaves from 15 to 20 cents; and hair cuts from 30 to 50 cents in view of the recent rise in wages granted the journeyman barbers of Peoria.

Three Postal Clerks Hurt. Charlotte, N. C., June 9.—The fast mail train on the Southern railroad ran into a freight 15 miles south of here. Three postal clerks were hurt and one of them is still unconscious. The engineer of the express train jumped and saved himself, but his ankle was broken.

WOMAN ACCUSES HUSBAND.

Alleges Philip Crook Confessed Killing and Robbing Patrick Waldon.

Johnstown, June 9.—Philip Crook, a resident of the Eleventh ward, is locked up in Central Police station charged by his wife, Mrs. Rose Crook, with murder.

The night of February 28 a man was struck on the Pennsylvania railroad by Fast Line West and dragged nearly a quarter of a mile before the train could be stopped. The body was identified as that of Patrick Waldon, who lived near Barnesboro. The trainmen suspected the man had been lying prone on the track when run over, as both engineer and fireman were looking ahead at the time and neither of them had seen a figure in front of the engine.

Rumors of foul play were afloat at the time and an inquest was held, but no material evidence was introduced and the verdict rendered allowed the affair to remain in a state of extreme uncertainty. A few days ago Crook gave his wife a severe beating and left the city. The woman, after exhibiting her wounds to Alderman Jones and Constable Harris, made a charge of murder against her husband. She alleges in her information that her husband confessed to her that on the night in question he killed Waldon, who was his companion, took valuables and money from his clothing and threw his body in front of the Fast Line.

It was claimed the man's pockets were turned out when the mangled body was taken out from under the engine, but this was not established by the coroner's investigation. Crook denies the truth of his wife's allegations and says she took this measure of revenge because he refused to live with her.

COAL ROAD CONTRACTS. Inter-State Commerce Commission Decides to Receive Them as Evidence. New York, June 9.—After a long argument between counsel the commission ruled in favor of Mr. Shearn's contention that the coal purchase contracts are admissible as evidence. The commission decided that the point before the United States Circuit Court is whether witnesses can be compelled to submit their contracts to the commission.

As soon as the decision was announced Mr. Shearn read from the record the contract between J. and J. Jermyn and the Susquehanna and Western Coal Company, made on Nov. 1, 1900. By that contract the Jermyns agreed to sell the entire products of their mines to the Susquehanna & Western Coal Company at certain prices ranging from 50 per cent. of the tide water price realized for pea coal to 65 per cent. realized for stove and chestnut. A ton of coal under the contract means 2,240 pounds and an allowance of 1 per cent. is made by the seller for waste.

A clause in the contract says that if the price at tide water shall be less than \$3.50 per ton for sizes greater than pea coal, the mine operators have a right to close their mines.

Bulgaria and Turkey. Sofia, June 9.—At an immense open air meeting, Michailovski, the president of the Macedonian committee, declared that the only hope for Macedonia was a direct rapprochement between Bulgaria and Turkey. The Macedonian committee, he said, had too long been regarded by the world as the tool of Russia, who could stop the Turkish atrocities in a single day if she wished. He advised his hearers to support Bulgaria in exhausting every means for a pacific solution of the Macedonian question. The meeting adopted resolutions in favor of an appeal to the Bulgarian government for a diplomatic solution, and a recourse to arms as a last resort.

Moving Mansion 2,000 Miles. Boston, June 9.—Piece by piece the half-million-dollar mansion of John M. Longyear has begun to come to Brookline from Marquette, Mich. It will take about two years to transport the entire structure, mostly of stone, East, and rebuild it on the magnificent site which Mr. Longyear has purchased in the fashionable suburb. Monday 16 carloads of the house arrived. As each piece of stone or woodwork in the house is taken down it is carefully marked so the builders can easily find it when wanted. While awaiting the rebuilding of their house Mr. Longyear and his family are living at a hotel here.

Canadian Crop Prospects. Montreal, Que., June 9.—The Star publishes a crop report from special correspondents throughout the Dominion which indicates record crops in half the area, average crops in about one-third the area and poor crops in one-tenth of the whole. The Montreal district suffers most. Rain is now falling in many districts. The early season is the redeeming feature in places where the crops are backward. Favorable weather would now undoubtedly do the damage even in the worst districts.

Rivers Falling at St. Louis. Washington, June 9.—The Missouri river is falling steadily. The Mississippi at St. Louis, after reaching a stage of 37.5 feet, began to fall slowly and at 7 p. m. stood at 37.3 feet on the gauge. The upper Mississippi is also falling slowly. Below St. Louis the rise continued and about 43 feet of water may be expected at Cairo Wednesday or Thursday. The rise in the lower river will be slower but not less.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

Short Items From Various Parts of the World.

Record of Many Happenings Condensed and Put in Small Space and Arranged With Special Regard For the Convenience of the Reader Who Has Little Time to Spare.

The resignations of all but 10 members of the police force of Erie, Pa., were accepted. The patrolmen resigned because they were refused increase in salary. The flood situation in Topeka, Kas., is improving. The Kansas river is falling and all persons marooned in flooded buildings and tree tops have been removed to places of safety.

About 1,500 pounds of Jovite, a powerful high explosive, caused the death of three men and serious injury of several others by exploding in the screening room of the Explosives Manufacturing company's plant at Elmira, N. Y. There are now six persons in Clinton prison condemned to death, the latest arrival being Mrs. Taylor of Monticello. The others are the three Van Wormer boys, William O'Connor, better known as "Goat" Hinch, and Allen Mooney.

Thursday. Toronto financial circles were alarmed by the suspension of the A. E. Ames Company, bankers and brokers, with liabilities of \$3,000,000. Sixty-seven persons were rescued by a steamer from the Randolph end of the Milwaukee railroad bridge, five miles below Kansas City. President Roosevelt and party took part in ceremony of unveiling monument to mark site of the Lincoln-Douglas debate of 1858 near Freeport, Ill. Mr. Joseph H. Choate, ambassador to Great Britain, and Mr. Robert S. McCormick, ambassador to Russia, arrived on the Kronprinz Wilhelm. Seventeen persons were saved out of the 80 on board the steamer Araguipa when she foundered during the gale which swept the Chilean coast Monday.

Friday. Myron T. Herrick was nominated for governor by the Ohio Republican convention at Columbus, and W. G. Harding for lieutenant governor. A dispatch from London announces that the Eastern and Western railway lines of England are about to renew their rival long distance speed tests. The atmosphere in Utica from forest fires is so heavy with smoke that the sun does not cast a shadow, but hangs like a red ball in the heavens. The odor of burning wood is very strong. Representatives of the anthracite operators in the conciliation board answered the mine workers' union by declaring that, unless the district presidents are selected as representing the miners, and not the union, they will continue to refuse to meet them.

Saturday. Pope Leo is said to spend most of his time in a half sleeping condition, which at times approaches coma. Five men are killed and five wounded in a pitched battle between farmers and cowboys in Cheyenne county, Kansas. New York and much of the east has a "yellow day," smoke from great forest fires veiling the sun. The damage done by the fires is immense. French gendarmes and engineers dispossess monks from monastery of La Blachere by scaling the walls and arrest father superior and monks. The grand jury in Washington, D. C., took up the case of August W. Machen, accused of taking bribes while superintendent of the free delivery division in the postoffice department, and a true bill was found.

Monday. Drought of 48 days in New England estimated to have caused a loss to farmers of \$70,000,000. President Roosevelt returned to Washington after the longest trip ever taken by a president of the United States. The Western Union Telegraph company has instituted a new proceeding for testing its rights along the road of the Pennsylvania.

August W. Machen was indicted in Washington for receiving bribes while in the postoffice department, and two more postal employees were arrested on bribery charges. Paollet, S. C., and several large cotton mills in that vicinity were swept away by a cloudburst. Many lives are reported lost and the damage done is in the millions of dollars.

Tuesday. German authorities, alarmed at the death of Dr. Sachs from plague, have forbidden any more experiments with plague germs. By a collision between two French steamers near the port of Marseilles one was sunk and more than a hundred persons were drowned. President Roosevelt aided in the dedication of the new Grace Memorial Reformed church, of Washington, by delivering an address on brotherly love. The factory of Standard Food company at Binghamton was burned Sunday. Damage about \$50,000, with \$23,000 insurance. It is believed the fire was of incendiary origin. Edward Kingston, a telegrapher, 24 years old, formerly of Mount Morris, was cut in two at Rochester while trying to board a slowly moving train. His foot was caught in a frog.

BRIDE OF A DAY.

Body of Mrs. George C. Rowe, Married Last Week, Taken to Philadelphia in a Coffin.

Atlantic City, June 8.—One day a happy bride, the next a corpse. This was the fate of Mrs. George C. Rowe, formerly Miss Sarah Hazel Williams of Philadelphia, whose body was taken to that city Saturday. Accompanying the remains was the husband of a day, George C. Rowe, a wealthy young Philadelphian.

Mrs. Rowe, who was 28 years of age, a daughter of Thomas Williams, and more than ordinarily beautiful, had been suffering for some time past with heart trouble. Her physician had warned his patient that death might occur suddenly at any time. Miss Williams came to Atlantic City three weeks ago, and was later followed by Mr. Rowe, to whom she had been affianced for some time. They determined to marry before death could alter their plans. The ceremony was quietly performed Wednesday. That same night, after retiring, the bride was stricken, and although Dr. Herman Marcos was hurriedly summoned, he could not save her life.

TEXTILE WORKERS' STRIKE. Committee of Men Waited on Mayor Weaver and Proposed Arbitration. Philadelphia, Pa., June 8.—A committee of the textile workers' union Saturday waited on Mayor Weaver in reference to the existing strike. They assured him they were willing to meet a committee of manufacturers at any time to discuss the question at issue, and to effect, if possible, an amicable settlement of the strike. The mayor said he hoped a satisfactory solution of the present difficulty would be reached. John and James Dobson, who operate a cloth and a carpet mill, notified their men that the plants would be indefinitely closed. They employ more than 3,000 operatives. Five more mills, granting the demands of the strikers, made a total of 76 which have thus far made concessions. About 50 per cent of the upholstery firms have conceded.

Will Indorse District Presidents. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., June 8.—The mine workers are forming a new plan. Instead of electing District President Nichols, Fahy and Dettry as conciliation-board members at the Potsville convention it is planned merely to endorse their selection by the executive boards. Officials of the mine workers take it that this, while not giving in absolutely to the operators' desires, will satisfy by convincing them that the district presidents are the choice of the majority. The operators say they must be certain that the three men chosen represent the majority, and are responsible, so that there will be no danger of the mine workers repudiating any action they may take as members of the conciliation board.

Church Struck by Lightning. Cleveland, O., June 8.—Lightning struck the spire of St. Paul's Episcopal church during a heavy storm Saturday. The spire was practically demolished, while two immense blocks of stone crashed through the roof of the church, causing damage to the extent of several thousand dollars. The Hanna-McCormick wedding is scheduled to take place at the church next Wednesday and for a time it was thought other arrangements would have to be made. Investigation by a representative of the Hanna family later showed that temporary repairs could be made and no change in the wedding arrangements would be necessary.

Farmer Dragged to Death. Erie, Pa., June 8.—Patrick Lynch was working with a cultivator on his farm in Summit township Saturday. Something broke on the machine and he got down on his knees between the horses. The horses, frightened by something, ran away. The sharp hooks of the cultivator caught the man's body and he was dragged across the rough ground under the machine. Men working in the next field stopped the horses and lifted the cultivator off Lynch. He died in a few minutes.

Killed in Paolo Wreck. New Castle, June 8.—Edward H. Ward, who was killed in the Missouri Pacific wreck near Paolo, Kan., was a prominent resident of this city and widely known among iron and steel manufacturers. He spent the winter in California and was returning home with his wife and child.

Epidemic of Lockjaw. Pittsburg, Pa., June 8.—An epidemic of lockjaw prevails here. Five deaths have occurred within three days and another is in a critical condition. All the victims were boys, who were injured by use of toy pistols on Decoration day.

ITEMS IN BRIEF. Clearfield—A large mass meeting of the Federation of Labor is to be held here in Witmer park. It will be addressed by Mother Jones and by Charles Hank. Greensburg—Arrests in the silk robbery that have been going on for three months in West Moreland, Fayette and Somerset counties are expected to be made soon. New Castle—George Merkel, under indictment for trial this week for murder, has applied for a change of venue. Judge Wallace will hear arguments on the application.