

HAVOC WROUGHT BY FLOODS IN TEXAS

Damage to Property Reaches Millions of Dollars-- Fourteen Persons Dead and Others Missing--Thousands Homeless.

Dallas, Texas, May 28.—Fourteen persons dead, others missing and believed to have suffered a like fate, property valued at millions swept away, thousands homeless and being cared for by charitable organizations, train and wire service demoralized, such are the conditions prevailing in the northern and central sections of the state, the result of a record breaking rise in the Trinity river and other streams following a rainfall, unprecedented in severity.

The crest of the flood passed Dallas last night, but in the north rain is again falling and another rise in Trinity river is not improbable. Dallas suffered most yesterday. Four persons are known to have lost their lives and many others are missing. The military and special patrols are guarding property. Former President Bly and Secretary Dorsey, of the Board of Trade, estimate the damage to grain crops as a result of the floods at \$7,000,000 and a damage to crops of Oklahoma at \$2,000,000. In the vicinity of Waco the Brazos river has reached an unprecedented stage. It is known that much loss has resulted near Denison, where the river is rapidly rising.

Great Volume of Water.
Fort Worth, Texas, May 28.—The water of Trinity river are still near the summit of the banks and another great volume of water began pouring in from the west fork of that stream toward this city late last night. Early today the river is rising at the rate of six inches an hour and with such conditions as already prevail, the outlook when the crest of this second rush of waters reaches this city cannot be fore-

told. Considerable additional property loss and suffering will result. From Sunday night until noon yesterday the river was receding but slowly. During the afternoon the water was at a standstill. Last night the second rise, the crest of which should reach Fort Worth late today, began.

The Fort Worth and Denver railway hopes to put a train through today but its success is uncertain. Communication with Dallas over the H. & T. Central Railway by the way of Ennis, but the train could not proceed further than the last point named. Only the international mail train, N. and H. & T. Central had their tracks open yesterday. A conservative estimate places the loss of the railroad at \$1,000,000.

A serious situation has developed here in regard to the city water supply. The mains are filled with black muddy water unfit for drinking even after being boiled and settled. The city authorities declare it may be a week before they can restore the normal water supply. In the meantime those who can afford it are borrowing water from private artesian wells and those who cannot are drinking the water that comes from the mains.

Thrilling rescues are reported from Carruthers and Grapevine. Thirteen men, women and children were caught in an overflow of the Denton river. Their condition became so precarious that they were forced to hold the children upon their shoulders in order to keep them from drowning. These people stood in the water almost up to their necks for ten hours until they were rescued.

WAITING ROOM TRAGEDY.
Belleville, Ont., May 28.—Fred Cope, an Englishman, 40 years old who died in the waiting room at the Grand Trunk Railway station here yesterday was a passenger on the train from the city on a ticket from Montreal to Omemee. He was taken ill on the train and was soon unconscious and died in that condition. A bottle partially filled with wood alcohol was found on his body and it is thought deceased drank some of it.

COMMERCE OBTRUDES ON RELIGIOUS MATTERS

Lack of Preachers is Problem Confronting Presbyterian Church.

Kansas City, Mo., May 28.—An unsolved problem before the general assembly of the Presbyterian church is the scarcity of men for the ministry. In the discussion of the matter in the assembly here the speakers blamed state universities and other undenominational institutions of learning for turning the thoughts of students from religious matters to commercial currents.

"With 4,000,000 Presbyterian communicants," said Rev. S. W. Sneed, of Pittsburg, chairman of the board of education, "we have only 117 in training for the ministry."

TRIGGER FATALITY.

North Bay, Ont., May 28.—Larry Loughlin, formerly the well known chief fire ranger of Temagami, was accidentally killed at a lumber camp near Cartier. The trigger of his rifle caught and a bullet was the cause of almost instant death.

MERCHANT MARINE MUST LAG BEHIND

Washington Finally Rejects Mail Subsidy Provision for Ocean Steamships.

Washington, May 28.—For the second time within twenty-four hours the House on Saturday night, following a discussion of two hours, rejected the mail subsidy provision for ocean steamships.

Previously similar action was taken with respect to the senate amendment to the post office appropriation bill reducing the number of days upon which the mailings of mail are to be conducted, with the result that the post office bill for the third time was sent back to the conference, all the features of the bill being agreed to by unanimous consent.

As soon as the decision of the House was arrived at, it was announced in the senate, Senator Penrose moving to rescind the remaining senate amendments and discharge the conferees. The motion was carried and the congressional work on the post office bill was thus completed.

The effect is to leave the mail subsidy provision out of the bill, and thus effectively dispose of it for the present session.

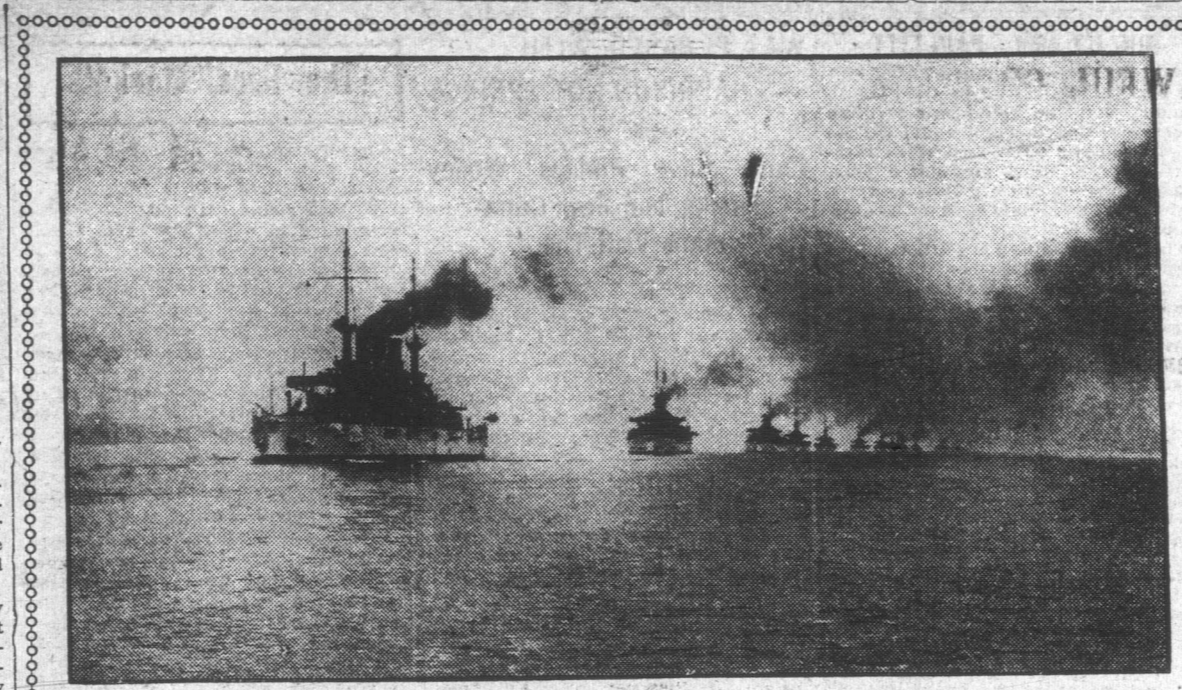
FATHER'S AWFUL MISTAKE.

Mistaking Twelve-Year-Old Son for Crane He Sends Bullet Crashing Through His Head.

St. Helens, Ore., May 28.—George W. Barger, a rafter, yesterday saw a big crane alight in a pond near here and crept through the brush to shoot it. Through the bushes he saw something move where he thought the crane ought to be. His bullet went true, striking his only son, Gordon Roy Barger, in the back of the head, coming out at the forehead, and killing him instantly. The boy was 12 years old.

HORSE KICK CAUSES DEATH.

Reston, Man., May 28.—J. B. Walker, aged 28, a recent arrival from Aberdeen, Scotland, was kicked by a horse on Saturday and died yesterday.



The U. S. Atlantic Fleet is shown in the above steaming into Puget Sound on Saturday last. The battleship Connecticut is seen in the van.

CASTRO'S LATEST DECREE.

Closing of Venezuelan Ports to Dutch Vessels May Lead to Action.

Wilhelmstadt, Curacao, May 28.—The steamer Christiansen hurriedly left here for Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, on May 25th with a Dutch government dispatch for its minister at Caracas. It is supposed the dispatch is connected with the latest events regarding the closing of Venezuela ports to Dutch vessels and President Castro's decree prohibiting the transshipment of cargo in the island of Curacao.

FORT WILLIAM MEN MISSING.

Fort William, Ont., May 28.—Thomas Johnston and Bert Jenkins, both employees in local hotels, have been missing since Sunday noon, and fears are entertained that they have been drowned. They went out on the bay sailing, and have not been heard of since.

DROWNING ACCIDENT.

Rainy River, Ont., May 28.—Robert Garrick, of this town, while returning from the Besudette mines across the international boundary, stumbled and fell off the bridge into the water and was drowned. Mr. Garrick leaves a wife and several children.

MICHEL STRIKE CASE.

Nelson, B. C., May 28.—At Fernie on Saturday the court dismissed the application made against the officers of the international boundary, stumble and fell off the bridge into the water and was drowned. Mr. Garrick leaves a wife and several children.

SAYS STATEMENT IS MONSTROUS FALSEHOOD

Sir C. Tupper Did Not Advocate Supporting All-Canadian Route to Yukon.

Vancouver, May 28.—Sir Charles Tupper, Bart, denies the alleged statement of Friday of Colonel Sam Hughes in the Commons. Col. Hughes' statement quoted was: "The last time Sir Charles Tupper addressed the Conservative caucus in Ottawa he told them they had made a mistake in not loyally supporting the Liberal party in pushing the all-Canadian route to the Yukon."

Sir C. Tupper says: "I cannot believe that Colonel Hughes made that statement, as a more monstrous falsehood could not be uttered by anyone."

OLDEST ORANGEMAN IN CANADA.

Kingston, Ont., May 28.—Samuel Mortimer has died near Tamworth, aged 98. He was probably the oldest Orangeman in the Dominion, having joined the order in Ireland 77 years ago.

I. C. R. FREIGHT SHEDS GUTTED.

Bathurst, N. B., May 28.—The I. C. R. freight and coal sheds were burned to the ground, and the fire then spread to the hotel owned by John F. Leger. The hotel and the local coal sheds were destroyed. All the contents of the freight sheds were burned and the snow plough standing near the shed was also destroyed.

INDIANS DISENFRANCHISED.

Regina, May 28.—The new Election Act in Saskatchewan provides for the abolition of colored ballots and personal registration in towns and cities. It disenfranchises Indians and Chinese, although the Haitian advocated giving the Chinese votes.

MAIL DAMAGED IN C. P. R. WRECK

Express Train Thrown From Track Near Kenora—Two Men Injured.

Winnipeg, May 28.—Owing to a sinking track west of Kenora a C. P. R. express train for this city was thrown off the track last night, and fifteen thousand dollars' worth of registered mail was being covered with water. The mail clerks, Smythe and James, were injured.

Mrs. Humphrey, wife of the author, was one of the passengers. She arrived today on her way to the Coast.

SHIPBUILDING DEADLOCK.

Old County Strikers Accept Terms of Employers and Will Resume Work.

London, May 28.—A general ballot of the men involved in the shipbuilding strike was held yesterday and resulted in favor of accepting the terms of the employers.

Consequently work will be resumed on May 28th. Fully a quarter of a million workmen were involved in this movement. The trouble began in January.

WELCOME TO ATLANTIC FLEET

MANNER IN WHICH SEATTLE CELEBRATED

Incidents of American Warships' Visit to Puget Sound.

For the last four or five days Victoria has been on the outer rim of a patriotic glow in which the city of Seattle has been the seething centre. The early discoverers and treaty makers by thrusting the nose of Vancouver Island fifty miles southward into waters which carry all vessels to and from Puget Sound established for that portion of the island a community of interest with the people and affairs of the Sound which occasions little or no present, serve to emphasize. It does not lessen the patriotism of Victorians, nor their loyalty to their own land and flag, but it makes their view the more cosmopolitan.

This was the case with the coming of "The Fleet." Victorians perched on house tops and at Beacon Hill, and in some cases in small craft, flying the Stars and Stripes, caught the first glimpse of Uncle Sam's fighting craft, as they plunged up the Straits through the smother which hung over the water, and two ago. They watched them divide and proceed to their assigned stations—some to Port Angeles, some to Bellingham, others to Bremerton and Port Townsend, and hundreds of them crowded the decks of pleasure craft on Saturday morning and watched them rendezvous at the latter point to proceed up Puget Sound to Seattle.

This, the first occasion of the visit of a fleet of such proportions to Puget Sound was marked by the city of Seattle in a manner worthy of the event and worthy of the visit of the American young city which has already established a reputation for doing things "right." First and Second avenues on Saturday afternoon presented a spectacular display, purchased as a result of popular subscription instigated by the ladies of Hamilton, was unveiled yesterday in the presence of 15,000 people.

QUEEN VICTORIA STATUETTE.

Hamilton, Ont., May 28.—The Queen Victoria statuette, purchased as a result of popular subscription instigated by the ladies of Hamilton, was unveiled yesterday in the presence of 15,000 people.

SWEPT TO DEATH OVER KOOTENAY FALLS

Three Well-known Nelson Men Victims of Boating Accident.

Spokane, Wn., May 28.—Swept over the first falls in the Kootenay river, three well-known citizens of Nelson, B. C., perished, and their bodies are still missing. The accident occurred at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning, their boat being picked up below the falls.

The victims are John Sharpless, veteran of the Boer war and ex-sergeant instructor of the famous Coldstream guards; John Miles, an old pioneer of the Kootenay district, and a young Englishman named Richmond.

The falls are situated 12 miles below Nelson, B. C. The only explanation of the accident is that the boatmen either miscalculated the force of the current or by an oak breaking they lost control of the boat. None of the victims were married.

SEEKS INFORMATION OF CANADA'S METHODS

Japanese Government to Study Work of Dominion Trade Commissioners.

Ottawa, Ont., May 28.—The Japanese government has asked Canadian Trade Commissioner Maclean, at Yokohama, for full information from the authorities here as to how Canadian trade commissioners and commercial agents are appointed and for instructions, regulations, etc., pertaining to their work service. Full information has been sent.

Mr. Maclean, who has been in Japan, recently was transferred to Shanghai and is succeeded by W. T. R. Preston, who will also look after Canadian affairs in Korea and Manchuria.

TORY CAMPAIGN TO OPEN AT HALIFAX

R. L. Borden and His Henchmen Will Address Meeting on Election Issues.

Halifax, N. S., May 28.—Preliminary arrangements have been completed for a great meeting in Halifax about June 23rd to be addressed by R. L. Borden, Four Conservative provincial premiers will also be on the platform, viz., Messrs. McBride, Roblin, Whitney and Hazen, who have signified their intention of being present.

The meeting will open Mr. Borden's election campaign and be the only one in Nova Scotia. It will be followed by a similar gathering in St. John, for New Brunswick, and the series will also include meetings in Ontario and Quebec.

REV. DR. CHOWN ON TEMPERANCE

SENTIMENT, HE SAYS, IS FAST GROWING

Eastern Provinces Are Becoming Prohibitory for the Most Part.

Rev. Dr. Chown, general secretary for temperance and moral reform in the Methodist church in Canada, occupied the pulpit of the Metropolitan church on Sunday evening. Although he is not an eloquent speaker he has a most convincing manner and aroused the large audience on Sunday evening in connection with the temperance movement throughout Canada at the present time. He attributed to Intemperance a large share in the misery to which the human family is heir at the present time.

The temperance sentiment, he said, was fast gaining ground. It was so in Great Britain where thousands of licenses were hanging in the balance. In France last year he had seen placards giving warning against the use of alcoholic liquors.

In the United States the movement was making remarkably strong headway. At present there were 36,000,000 in the United States living under prohibition. The great parties, he said, vied with each other in preparing a platform favorable to the temperance sentiment of the country.

In Cuba he had recently addressed meetings. To-day Cuba was living under very advanced temperance legislation.

Newfoundland was well to the front in this respect and the licenses were becoming few.

Prince Edward Island was now entirely under prohibition. The liquor traffic, he thought, would be soon wiped out. No candidate there could favor the liquor trade and hope to be elected. The result of this state of affairs was that the liquor traffic was being practically wiped out. The falls were empty.

In Nova Scotia there were only a few licenses outside of Halifax and Sydney.

In New Brunswick the Scott Act was gaining and governments sought to win the temperance vote.

Quebec owing to the influence of the Roman Catholic church was cutting out many licenses.

Ontario had 312 dry municipalities compared with 392 wet ones. Next June there would be a large number more counties for local option with excellent promise.

In Manitoba the Liberal party had recently adopted a large part of the plank proposed by himself along the lines of temperance. The government there had stolen practically every plank of the Liberal party in this respect and was enforcing the law. In the future the temperance cause would probably be about 80 contests in temperance. Saskatchewan was voting along the same lines, and Alberta was also doing similarly good work.

The speaker admonished British Columbia to take a similar course. The provinces of the Dominion were bound by bonds of steel in the C. P. R., but they were bound also by stronger ties than these, by the same ideal.

All sections of opinion, he said, were coming to the temperance cause. Sir Thos. Shaughnessy, after seeing what was the result of a bar in Moosejaw, had ordered the bar closed. Local option was a decided success in Ontario.

"The public men needed to-day," said Dr. Chown, "were those who were so moulded by the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ that they did not care for money."

FIFTY WARSHIPS GREET FALLIERES

VISITOR WELCOMED BY BRITISH HOME FLEET

French President Arrives in London to See King Edward.

Paris, May 28.—The series of important visits of the chiefs of states this summer, which include the visit of President Fallieres to Britain, Scandinavia and St. Petersburg, and King Edward's visit to Emperor Nicholas, were inaugurated yesterday with the departure of President Fallieres to London. The president, accompanied by Foreign Minister Bichon, travelled on a special train to Boulogne, where the party embarked on the French cruiser Leon Gambetta for Dover.

Naval Display.
Dover, May 28.—The cruiser Leon Gambetta, with President Fallieres and the members of his party on board, arrived here from Boulogne shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The party was given an enthusiastic naval welcome by British ships of war under the command of Admiral Lord Charles Beresford.

The naval display was remarkable. A fleet of fifty warships was formed in a long double line to greet the president of France, and the crews of the British vessels cheered lustily as the Leon Gambetta steamed up the line.

Immediately the Leon Gambetta had come to anchor, Lord Charles Beresford and the other British officers boarded the French cruiser and were presented to President Fallieres, who expressed to Sir Charles his admiration for the splendid naval spectacle. After this exchange of greetings President Fallieres was escorted to the shore, and on landing he was welcomed by Prince Arthur of Connaught on behalf of King Edward. The mayor and the corporation of Dover presented him with an address of welcome, after which the presidential party drove to the railroad station and took a train for London.

Welcomed by King.
London, May 28.—King Edward, the Prince of Wales and other members of the royal family, the foreign secretary, Sir Edward Grey, Premier Asquith and Home Secretary Gladstone welcomed M. Fallieres, the president of France, when he arrived at Victoria station yesterday afternoon. The visits which King Edward and other members of the British royal family have paid to the head of the French republic in Paris.

A procession of state carriages with postillions was formed and proceeded to York house, that portion of St. James' palace where M. Fallieres will reside during his stay in London. The large crowd that assembled gave the president of France as hearty a welcome as he could have wished for.

HARRY IS STILL INSANE.

Stanford White's Slayer Must Remain in Limbo a Little Longer.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 28.—Harry K. Thaw has accepted, apparently with resignation, the decree of Supreme Court Justice Morschauser that he is still insane, and that the interests of the public will be best served by denying him liberty.

Pending the signing of the papers of recalculation, which probably will not be done before a week from next Tuesday, Thaw will occupy Sheriff Chandler's suite in the county building here.

TARIFF REFORM WILL SOON BE SLOGAN

Prominent Politicians Among Peers Swinging to Chamberlain Idea.

Montreal, May 28.—A London cable says: The most significant outcome of the two-days' full dress debate in the House of Lords on preference is the fact that the prospective four-ministry, which each bye-election brings nearer to power, will place imperial reciprocity in the forefront of its programme.

Lords Curzon, Milner and Lansdowne, who formerly hesitated or were opposed, are now agreed that preference is an essential part of the empire policy. The greatest importance is attached to the Franco-Canadian treaty and the probability of its securing in colonial treaties with Germany and other foreign states, whereby the British preference in the colonies will be whitewashed almost to nothing in the absence of British reciprocity. Even a staunch free trader like Lord St. Alwyn, formerly Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, warned the ministry that they imperil their existence if they longer neglect the overwhelming demand of the British people for closer relations with the colonies.

Another important outcome of the debate is Lord Lansdowne's demand that the British parliament be fully informed of exactly what changes were made during the Franco-Canadian negotiations in Canada's treating-making powers. No correspondence has been laid before parliament and even the Canadian bluebook omits essential dispatches.

—Ada Ethel von Rhein, the nine-year-old daughter of A. W. von Rhein, formerly president of the Asiatic Exclusion League, of Vancouver, and at one time the resident of this city, dropped dead of heart failure on Hornby street, Vancouver, on Saturday. She had been a sufferer from heart weakness for a long time.

TRAWLERS DAMAGE ATLANTIC CABLES

British Foreign Office Likely to Interfere With Irish Fishermen.

London, May 28.—The damage done to transatlantic cables by trawlers on the Irish coast, which has been so aggravated during the past few days as to interfere seriously with the transmission of dispatches, was brought to the attention of Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey by United States Ambassador Reid at the foreign office this morning. Mr. Reid was not acting on instructions from the state department, but took up the matter on the urgent representations of the managers of the cable companies. Sir Edward promised his immediate attention, and said he would do all in his power for the connection of the cables.

INJURED WHILE HE SLEPT.

Kenora, Ont., May 28.—A workman at Pearson's camp, on the transcontinental, was brought to the hospital here yesterday with his head crushed in. He was asleep in the camp when a rock crashed through the roof. His recovery is doubtful.