

NORTH POLE DISCOVERED BY DR. COOK OF BROOKLYN

MEXICO SCENE OF ANOTHER FLOOD

SEVERAL VILLAGES HAVE BEEN SWEEPED AWAY

Number of Towns Inundated and Serious Loss of Life is Feared.

Matamoros, Mexico, Sept. 1.—The flood waters of a score of smaller streams to-day is pouring into the Rio Grande, causing the river to overflow its banks and to reach the highest stage ever known in its history. Although the flood has not yet reached its crest, already several towns and hamlets have been washed away and the property loss will run into the thousands. Thousands of acres of cultivated land are inundated and this will further swell the damage. The San Juan valley is entirely under water.

Harlingen and San Benito are submerged, and it is feared that a number of persons have lost their lives. Montecedes, in the same state, also has suffered heavily.

The villages of Camarague, Zacate and Cosca have been completely swept away. The loss of lives in these towns will not be heavy as the people received warning in time to flee to points of safety.

The Rio Grande valley is completely inundated for miles and scores have undoubtedly lost their lives in the setting waters. So great is the overflow that in some places the Rio Grande is 30 miles wide. Hundreds of head of cattle have been carried away down the stream and the river is filled with the debris of hundreds of wrecked homes.

The American levees that protected the irrigation systems have been swept away, and it will require the expenditure of thousands of dollars to repair the loss. No relief is in sight.

BUSY PATCHING UP DIFFERENCES

NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND CHINA

Agreement Covering Manchuria Questions Will Be Signed Soon.

Peking, Sept. 1.—China and Japan have concluded their negotiations on the general Manchurian questions that have been in dispute for some time.

The two countries soon will sign an agreement under which China agrees not to construct the Siumintun-Fakum railroad without consulting Japan; agrees that should the Kirin railroad be extended to the Korean border, half the capital required shall be borrowed from Japan; that Japan shall have the right to work the mines in the Fushun and Yantai districts; that Japan shall construct the extension of the Yinkow railroad; that there shall be joint exploitation of the mines in the zone reached by the Manchurian and Antung-Mukden railroads; that China shall open four trade marts in the Chien Tao district between Korea and Manchuria, the Koreans living therein to be under the jurisdiction of Japan and those residing outside to be under the jurisdiction of China, except that Japan shall have the right to hold court in capital cases, and that Japan may move the station of the South Manchurian railroad to Mukden.

Japan agrees first to recognize Chinese sovereignty in the Chien Tao district; second, that the terminus of the Siumintun railroad be moved to the city of Mukden, and third, the amount of the indemnities to be determined later.

DEATH LIST MAY REACH TEN THOUSAND

Over Twelve Hundred Bodies of Victims of Flood Recovered.

Laredo, Tex., Sept. 1.—A private dispatch from a prominent Monterey business man received here to-day stated that the total death list of the Mexican flood when the Santa Catalina river swept through Monterey on Friday, will reach 10,000 persons.

The telegram said that over 1,200 bodies have already been recovered, and that the dead are strewn along the river banks for miles in either direction from Monterey.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Winnipeg, Sept. 1.—Louis R. St. Jacques, manager of the Federal Life Assurance Company for Manitoba and Saskatchewan, died suddenly at Prince Albert, according to word received here.

FATAL FALL.

Comber, Ont., Sept. 1.—David Jacques, an elderly man of Tibbury North township, fell into a well while repairing the cover, receiving injuries which caused death.

QUEEN'S BLOCK IS IN FLAMES

ONTARIO'S PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS BURNING

Fire Breaks Out in West Wing—Efforts to Save Important Documents.

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 1.—At 12.45 to-day the greatest excitement reigns at parliament buildings in Queen's Park, where fire was discovered in the west wing of the building.

Within two minutes messengers were at hose duty, several streams were played on the burning section when the firemen arrived, and they are making efforts to confine the fire to the section in which it started. The roof of the west wing has burned sufficiently to cave in at places, and glass broken from skylights litters the corridors.

The messengers and porters whose duty it is to make periodical tests of the fire-fighting appliances, performed that task this morning from the observatory in front of the buildings. This took the greater part of the morning, and within an hour after the tests were made and the hose found all right the same men were at work fighting flames.

The origin of the fire is charged up to defective wiring, which is said by insurance and electrical experts to be decidedly antiquated in character.

As soon as the fire broke out word was at once sent to several departments and full staffs set to work immediately collecting provincial documents and carrying them to vaults for safety.

The flames are still burning, Toronto, Sept. 1.—(Later.)—At 2.30 the fire at the parliament buildings was burning fiercely. The library has been completely gutted. It contained 100,000 volumes of valuable works, and among others the law library of the late Sir Oliver Mowat, a collection of historical pamphlets, which had been gathered for years, and many works that cannot be replaced. The buildings were opened in 1889 when Sir Oliver Mowat was premier and cost approximately \$1,250,000.

At 3 o'clock the fire was under control, with the west wing badly damaged. The insurance is small compared with the loss.

LORD DE CLIFFORD KILLED.

Victim of Auto Accident Near Brighton, England.

London, Sept. 1.—Lord de Clifford (Jack Southwell Russell) was killed to-day in an automobile collision at Brighton, near Brighton. He was 25 years of age. His title is one of the oldest in England. He leaves a widow who, before her marriage, was Eva Carrington (Evelyn Victoria Chandler), one of the original Gibson girls, who was appearing in Dublin in 1906 when she was met by Lord de Clifford and shortly afterward became his wife.

KILLED BY FALL FROM CHAIR.

New York, Sept. 1.—Belden Woodring, the steeple jack who rigged the flag pole on the Singer building and who had spent most of his life working at dizzy heights, fractured his skull when he fell the two feet from a chair to the floor and died soon afterward. Woodring was leaning back in his chair when it toppled over with him.

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LIEUT.-GOVERNORSHIP OF THE PROVINCE

No Appointment of Successor to Hon. J. Dunsuir Yet Made.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 1.—Pending the return to the capital of Hon. Wm. Templeman from British Columbia, no government decision will be reached as to the appointment of a new lieutenant-governor of the province in succession to Lieutenant-Governor Dunsuir, who is retiring from the position. In the meantime the names prominently mentioned as being under consideration include those of Mr. W. C. Wells, a member of the Dunsuir government in British Columbia; Mr. John Sterling, a well known fruit man of Kelowna, and Mr. McLennan, a prominent Rosland mining operator.

MATCH DRAWN.

Ottawa, Sept. 1.—The cricket match between Ottawa and Philadelphia was ended yesterday in a draw. Rain stopped the game at the lunch hour. Monday the Pilgrims were all out for 82 and Ottawa scored 118 for three wickets. Ottawa resumed innings, which resulted in 160 runs, all out. In Pilgrims' second innings the score was 32 for two wickets.

AVIATOR KILLED.

New Orleans, Sept. 1.—Louis Raymond, inventor of an airplane which was to have been given its initial flight next Sunday, was killed last night. He was returning in a wagon from a day's work on the aeroplane when he was struck by a train.

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WORSHIPPERS KILLED IN CHURCH IN SPAIN

Gallery Collapses During Service and Several Persons Buried in Ruins.

Madrid, Sept. 1.—Several persons were instantly killed to-day and forty others buried beneath the ruins when the choir gallery of the church of the Caicedo collapsed. The church was filled with early morning worshippers and when the gallery gave way scores of people were directly beneath it. A shriek of warning from other worshippers gave notice to a number of people in time for them to reach places of safety, but before others could get away the gallery had fallen.

It is believed that a score of people have been killed but the exact number will not be known until the wreckage is cleared away. A number of rescuers are working frantically endeavoring to release those pinned beneath the gallery.

FAIRBANKS MAY BE NEW AMBASSADOR

Former Vice-President of the United States Likely to Go to London.

Chicago, Sept. 1.—A Washington special to the Record-Herald says: Information of President Taft's apparent intention to appoint Whitelaw Reid as American ambassador at the Court of St. James, with a man of his own choice, has revived among the other-diplomats left in Washington the report of the president's desire to send former Vice President Fairbanks to Great Britain.

FIVE THOUSAND LEFT HOMELESS BY FIRE

Forty-six Buildings in Russian Town Destroyed—Loss \$500,000.

Alexandrovsk, Russia, Sept. 1.—Five thousand persons are homeless and destitute at Krivoy-Reg, as the result of a fire which yesterday destroyed forty-six buildings and caused a property loss of half a million dollars.

HAMILTON THEATRE BURNED.

Hamilton, Sept. 1.—Fire this morning destroyed the Savoy theatre, causing a loss of \$200,000, covered by insurance. The fire started on the stage and only the box office was saved.



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Message Received in Copenhagen Reports Success of Danish Long Sought Locality—Discoverer Now Returning to Denmark.

Copenhagen, Sept. 1.—The North Pole has been reached. Dr. Frederick A. Cook, an American, is the man who accomplished the feat and has won the glory of being the first human being to stand at the point where every direction is south.

Cook reached the North Pole April 21, 1908, according to a telegram received by the Danish government from the Inspector of Greenland. The dispatch was sent from Loerwick, Shetland Islands.

Dr. Cook is now on board the Danish government steamer Hans Egad, now en route for Denmark. "Successful and well. Cable address to Copenhagen. (Signed) 'FRED.' Mrs. Cook, the wife of the explorer, and her children, are now at South Haven Island, Maine. Mrs. Davidson immediately forwarded to Mrs. Cook the contents of the cablegram.

The American has been exploring for a number of years, but until his reported successful attempt to reach the Pole, he has confined his efforts to exploring the Antarctic regions. He has written a number of books on the frozen regions of the earth, among his noteworthy contributions to science being "Through the First Antarctic Night" and "To the Top of the Continent." The latter is a recital of his expedition to Mount McKinley, Alaska.

When Peary made his unsuccessful try for the North Pole in 1897-2, Cook was the surgeon of the exploring party, and there he gained an extensive knowledge of the northland.

He was born in Sullivan county, N. Y., on June 10th, 1855, and, like his father, studied medicine. He received his degree of M.D. from the University of New York in 1880, and two years later was married.

For his exploration of the frozen regions and his writings he has received numerous decorations from different governments, among which is the "Order of Leopold," a Belgian decoration. The Royal Geographical Society awarded him a silver medal and the Royal Society of Belgium presented him with a gold medal in honor of his scientific contributions following the Belgian Antarctic expedition of 1897, when a dash was made to reach the South Pole. He is the president of the Explorers' Club of New York.

Dr. Cook's expedition left Halifax, N. S., in May, 1907, to make the dash to the goal that has spelled an untimely death for so many brave men, and the last word received from him was dated March 17th, 1908, forty miles above Cape Thomas Hubbard, the highest point of land in the North Polar sea. Twilight was just beginning and he expected to reach the Pole and return to Etah, the base of supplies, in the following September.