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City is Without Drinking Water. Water Mains Having Been Destroyed—Lighting Plant Out of Commission.

Ten Thousand People Are Fed on Bread, Coffee and Soup by Municipal Relief Authorities. Thousands Take Refuge in Cathedral and Churches—Railroads Paralyzed by Succession of Washouts—Bridges Carried Out—Loss to Railways Will Exceed Half a Million Dollars.

Mexico City, Aug. 30.—Conservative estimates of the damage done by the flood at Monterey place the dead at 1,400 and the property loss at \$12,000,000. The river has receded and the danger is over. Six hundred and fifty bodies have been recovered. One quarter of the city was destroyed and 15,000 persons are homeless. The water mains are useless and the place is consequently without a drinking water supply. Neither is there light nor street car service as the power plant has been damaged.

It will be impossible to resume train service for a week and as a result the city is threatened with famine. The slaughter houses have been destroyed. Ten thousand people are fed on bread, coffee and soup by the municipal authorities and the American consul is giving food to all who apply.

Take Refuge in Cathedral. Thousands have taken refuge in the cathedral and other churches. Many adobe structures, soaked by the rain, are falling and there has been additional loss of life from this cause.

The railroad situation is deplorable. The branch of the International road between Monterey and Tampico reports a score of washouts. The bridge at San Juan has gone out and 75 miles of the tracks of the Matamoros branch has been washed away. There are a dozen washouts between Matamoros and Guevas, and the large iron bridge over the Rinconaga between Saltillo and Monterrey is gone. The loss to the railways is not known definitely, but probably it will exceed \$500,000.

Whole Blocks Washed Away. Eighteen blocks of residences and business houses in Monterey were washed away. The wealthier people of that city and the American residents are crowded into the mayor's fund, which is being expended for food.

The largest loss of life is said to have been caused by the breaking of the reservoir dam. Monterey is in a cup-like valley and is bounded on three sides by mountains. The water rushed into this valley. One of the Santa-Catarina river is a stream 150 yards wide, but with the coming of the flood its banks were fully three-quarters of a mile apart. It is estimated that 18 inches of rain fell.

The federal authorities here are busy with the organization of relief measures. Benefit theatrical performances, ball fights and fairs are planned. Subscription lists are being opened and other cities are responding to the call for assistance.

Justifies Help From U. S. Washington, D. C., Aug. 30.—Mr. Thompson, United States ambassador to Mexico, telegraphing the department about the flood in and near Monterey, states that millions of dollars worth of property was destroyed, about 1,400 people drowned and many thousands rendered homeless. He adds that the ruin and destruction justifies help from our people.

Now Estimated at \$50,000,000. Mexico City, Mexico, August 31.—All resources of the government are centered on the relief work. Over eight hundred bodies have been recovered. One American woman, found dead, is unidentified. The property loss is estimated at fifty millions. Cathedrals, theatres and school buildings have been thrown open to the refugees. Fully one quarter of Monterey is destroyed. General Reyes, the foe of President Diaz, left his mountain retreat to join the rescuers. He may lead the reconstruction.

MOON TO ECLIPSE MARS

Prof. Brooks Announces Phenomenon For Wednesday, September 12. Geneva, N.Y., Aug. 31.—Warlike Mars will be eclipsed by fair, romantic Luna on Wednesday evening, September 12. Professor William R. Brooks, of the Smith observatory, announces in a bulletin. To be sure, the moon's bright and peaceful light will hide the red and angry rays of Mars for scarcely one hour. The phenomenon will begin in the longitudes of Washington at 8:42 p.m. and continue till 9:20. Wednesday morning the occultation will take place earlier. The eclipse will be visible to the naked eye.

MILLION INCREASE IN AUGUST.

Canadian Treasury Shows Effects of Prevailing Prosperity. Ottawa, August 31.—The Canadian treasury is considerably benefited by prevailing prosperity. During five months of the fiscal year ending today the customs collections totalled \$23,343,610, about four and a half millions more than the same period last year. During August collections totalled \$5,240,456, being an increase of nearly one million.



EDMONTON'S NEW Y. W. C. A. BUILDING.

This handsome structure on Third street, formerly the Alberta sanatorium, will be ready for occupancy this week, and will be unofficially opened on Friday evening by a shower in aid of the building fund. The building and property was purchased for \$26,000. The cost of remodeling and renovating has been \$1,000. There are fourteen bedrooms in the building, the majority of which are double rooms. There will be accommodation for 24 beds. Meals will be served to 50 people. There are 300 young women in this city who are in boarding houses. The object of the Y. W. C. A. is to provide a home for these. Miss Dunlop is the matron-in-charge, and Miss Kearney is the secretary. The Y. W. C. A. was organized on September 18, 1907.

EARL GREY'S NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Canada's Governor-General Lost in Woods for Five and a Half Hours Nearly Fell Over Precipice—Rescued in an Exhausted Condition, His Clothes Torn to Rags.

Victoria, B.C., Aug. 20.—Earl Grey, governor general of Canada, who returned here from Dawson and Sheslay, in the government steamer Quadra today, had a narrow escape from death when lost in the woods on Jarvis Inlet for five and a half hours last Saturday, when on a shooting expedition without any companion, other than his dog. He told of narrowly falling over a precipice in the darkness, when rescued by a search party headed by Major Clark, his orderly and second officer Johnson, of the Quadra, one of the many search parties sent into the woods after the governor. He had been hunting for a narrow escape from death he had, his clothes torn to rags. He was utterly exhausted when found and his clothing was torn to rags.

On one occasion he came to the edge of a precipice, feeling his way with the Alpine stick, which he carried as well as his rifle. The Alpine stick slipped from his hand and clattered down a considerable distance below. Then he realized that a narrow escape from death he had. His dog was missing; he feared it had fallen over, but he turned up afterwards. He turned back and found the dog in the darkness to find his way, finally after many struggles sank down exhausted.

WAS GALICIAN MURDERED.

Inquest Into Death of John Boyko at Emerson, Man.

Emerson, Aug. 30.—The inquest into the death of John Boyko, aged 25, a Galician who was found dead on Sunday as a result of violence, was continued today in the court of the coroner. Dr. Noy stated he was called on an hour before midnight on Saturday to find the deceased. He found the body of a man lying on the ground, his head against a couch and that the deceased had wanted to fight him in the morning, but had turned very sick. Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock he called and found Boyko dead on the ground outside of the house. He performed a postmortem and found the cause of death was the result of external violence to the abdomen.

Mrs. Craik, who keeps a stopping place, said the deceased came Friday, Saturday being a Galician festival the men chipped in and bought whiskey. Several got drunk and noisy and started in a fight. They let him up and he lay quiet the rest of the day. She did not see him kicked, but he turned sick at the stomach and was carried out of the house until night, when the doctor was called. The men all went away the next day.

Did Not All Escape.

New York, August 31.—The charred bodies of seven children were found huddled together in the ruins of St. Malachi's Home, a Brooklyn Roman Catholic institution, burned last night. It had been thought that all escaped.

Protest Against Mutilation.

London, Aug. 30.—An official statement made in the House of Commons that the government has instructed the British consul at Fez to join the French representative in protesting against the mutilation and torture of prisoners captured by the Sultan of Morocco. Further protests are being considered by the United States foreign representative at Fez.

ALL MADE READY FOR HARRIMAN OPERATION

Great Railroad Financier Guarded in His Retreat in Mountain Fastness—No One Can Approach Within Three Miles of Him.

Turner, N. Y., August 30.—Dr. Walter Crile, an eminent specialist on laparotomy, arrived early this morning and went to the Harriman house. Several other eminent physicians were already there. It is believed to be their intention to operate on Mr. Harriman today.

It is doubtful if the result will be made public officially for some time. Harriman is guarded at his farm in the mountain fastnesses of Tarrytown, even more closely than a Russian Czar. No man sees him save when Harriman wills, and no man will see him until Harriman so orders. No one is allowed to approach within three miles of the mountain castle, save the men Harriman summons.

Ideal Place For Retreat.

A more ideal place for a retreat from observing eyes could not be found. Harriman's estate covers the entire mountain, about fourteen square miles. The home is on a crag on Tower hill, 400 feet high. There are two, and only two ways of getting there. One is by automobile road, winding about the mountain from its base. The other is by a steep incline railroad, built to carry materials up the mountain for the new house. Owing to the steepness of the mountain and the uncut underbrush, it would take a hardy mountaineer hours to penetrate to the summit of the crag. Few of the hardy Orange County men have ever attempted the trip, even in the days before Harriman bought the mountain and none of them would attempt it now, fearful of the armed guards who infest the mountain side.

The automobile road is even more closely guarded, for all along its length armed guards sit and turn back pedestrians. Newspaper men who tried the road yesterday met armed guards at a dozen places. Superintendent Fox of the Harriman estate, admits that he has organized a hostile force, whose duty it is to keep intruders away. To make assurance doubly sure, the Erie railroad operator at Arden, the only operator for miles around, has received positive orders to refuse for transmission to newspaper items which mention directly or indirectly Mr. Harriman. The telephone operator has received positive instructions to connect no one with the Harriman home, though answering all calls that come from there.

The score or more of newspaper men who are here are compelled to sleep at the Silver Fox Inn, at Tarrytown, six miles from the Harriman estate; and send all news from the same point. They are received with open arms everywhere they turn. In the country, it seems, are retainers of the estate.

No Operation as Yet.

Arden, N.Y., Aug. 30.—Edward H. Harriman will not undergo an operation, and his condition is much improved. These are the principal facts which were given out from the Harriman mansion on Tower Hill today.

Whiskey Stills in Penn

Convicts at Riverside Penitentiary Made Whiskey From Prune Juice. Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 30.—Eight whiskey stills capable of making enough liquor to supply all of the several hundred prisoners were discovered today in the Riverside Penitentiary. They had been in operation at least two months and probably much longer.

Warden Francis when he came here eight or ten weeks ago noticed that some of the prisoners seemed to stagger about the yards. He asked why, and was told that all long term prisoners did that, affected by their confinement. He believed this until he smelled whiskey on the breaths of the convicts.

Today he found the eight stills, secreted in cellars, and discharged eight guards who were supposed to overlook these quarters. One of the guards confessed that the prisoners made their whiskey out of prune juice kept over from their meals, mixed with yeast and sugar. They distilled in a home made apparatus, some times, it is said, the convicts were drunk at once and several murderous fights were blamed upon the prison made whiskey.

TWO KILLED IN EXPLOSION.

In Minneapolis Acetylene Gas Plant—Building Wrecked. Minneapolis, August 31.—Two men were killed, one being blown through a brick wall and a two-story building wrecked by a series of explosions in the plant of the Minneapolis Acetylene Gas Company on ten o'clock today. The blasts came in rapid succession, each adding to the destruction. The firemen are fighting the flames that followed the blowups. Nothing is known as to the cause of the explosions. The names of the men who met death have not been learned. One was instantly killed and the other died shortly after in the city hospital.

NOT AN ANTI-DYNASTIC REVOLT.

Rising in Greece Was For Military Reorganization. Athens, Greece, Aug. 30.—When the officers and troops outside the city broke their camp on being assured that the cabinet had accepted the reform program and had granted amnesty to all engaged in the mutiny, the political crisis here came to an end yesterday. Today all is quiet and the danger of further revolt seems to have disappeared.

The movement in the army was not anti-dynastic. Its object was solely to cause reorganization of the military and naval departments and this was heartily supported by public opinion and the press, which deeply resented Turkish insults due to Greece's unpreparedness for war. The demand for the removal of the royal princes from responsible military command is declared to have been for the best interests of the princes themselves.

WEED INSPECTORS ARE RAKING IN THE FINES

In Two Districts Alone Sixteen Prosecutions Were Made in Two Weeks and \$541 Paid in Fines—Farming Community Sees That Act is to Be Enforced.

Sixteen prosecutions in a period of two weeks and a sum total of \$541 in fines for disregarding the Noxious Weeds Act is what has been accomplished in Southern Alberta by the weed inspection branch of the Department of Agriculture.

T. B. Henderson, chief weed inspector, returned to the city yesterday from a two weeks' round-up of the Medicine Hat and Lethbridge districts. To the Bulletin he stated that hundreds of acres infested with weeds have been cleaned up in the district south of Calgary, and on his reappearance before the magistrate had to be taken.

At Taber, three real estate men and costs for persistently neglecting to destroy the weeds on their land, and another was fined \$20 and costs. These holders of land have been particularly obnoxious, as the prevalence of weeds in the district is laid to their neglect of the weeds on their farms last year.

At Medicine Hat on Thursday, W. B. Babbington was fined \$50 and costs, which is the maximum for a single offence against the Act. Mr. Babbington was fined \$10 in July for neglect of his farm, and on his reappearance before the magistrate he was dealt with the severest sentence which could be imposed.

NO STRIKE YET IN CHICAGO.

Railway and Union Officials Are Still Conferring.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 30.—The traction proprietors and union officials rejected each other's proposition for a new wage scale today. The following ultimatum was given by the union to President Roach, of the Chicago Railway company, and Thomas E. Mitten, of the Chicago City Railway company: "We offer to arbitrate the entire question. When you are ready to arbitrate this we will meet you."

The joint conference then broke up. President W. D. Mahon and the union officials met. After a two hours' conference an adjournment was taken until Tuesday, when some answers will be given by the union officials. There was some difference of opinion by the car men over the ultimatum by the traction president.

"Shall we leave the question to the rank and file or decide it for ourselves?" was the question discussed. The outcome of today's conference marked a grave crisis that has been impending since President Buckley and Quinlan failed to have their compromise accepted by the unions. The traction president was determined to stand for their original proposition or for arbitration. The union officials appeared to want further discussion on the wage scale.

Sold Alberta Mine for \$250,000.

Port Arthur, Ont., Aug. 30.—J. J. Carlick returned yesterday from Toronto, where acting as president of the Great West Coal Company, which is composed of local men, he sold their property in Southern Alberta to Henry Timmons of the Larose Mine, Cobalt, and other associates for \$250,000. The deal netted \$150,000 profit for Carlick and ten other Port Arthur citizens.

Switchman Killed at Warrman.

Saskatoon, Aug. 30.—F. A. McDermott, C.N.R. switchman, was instantly killed at the Warrman yards this morning while trying to couple moving cars. He was formerly an employee of the Dominion Express Co.

SHOT TO DEATH IN ST. LOUIS.

Louis Denny Mortally Wounded From Ambush by Geo. Snider.

New York, August 30.—A St. Louis dispatch to the Times says that Louis Denny, a well-to-do manufacturer, president of a bottling works, and a lifelong resident of St. Louis, was shot from ambush yesterday and mortally wounded by George Snider. Denny was shot twice just over the heart after he had been lured from his office by a telephone call from a woman. Physicians say Denny cannot live.

Snider used a single barrel shotgun, which he loaded and fired the second time at Denny before the latter fell, or could see his assailant. As he fell Snider reloaded his weapon and standing off a crowd of 25 or 30 men which had been attracted by the shooting, escaped. He was arrested last night at his home and admitted he did the shooting.

"Denny knows why I shot him, and he can tell if he will," was his answer to the deputy sheriff's question as to motive.

The county authorities discovered last night that Snider got his gun and went to Denny's office and tried to kill him after a statement had been made to him by his young wife, who had been taken from an orphanage home and had lived in the Denny family several years before he married her.

Three weeks ago a child was born to the Sniders and only Thursday Mrs. Snider returned to her home from a hospital. All efforts on the part of county authorities to obtain from Snider a statement as to his wife's confidence have failed. Mrs. Snider has been on the verge of a collapse since the shooting and is unable to make a statement.

Denny, who is an unmarried man, lives with his parents. He was at work in his office when Mabel Reichenleiter summoned him to a telephone across the street. Unconscious that she was luring him toward his assailant, the girl walked ahead of him, but a few feet in advance of him when the first shot was fired.

Snider lay underneath a building which is elevated a few feet from the ground by wooden pillars.

600 CHILDREN WERE SAVED

Courage of Nuns and Priests Averts Disaster in New York Fire.

New York, Aug. 30.—Fire started in St. Malachi's home, a Roman Catholic institution for the summer care of orphans at Rochaway Park, tonight while 600 children were asleep in their dormitories. The 100 nuns were kneeling at prayer in the chapel. They were mere babies, most of them, few were more than 10 years of age. A fourth of the total number were less than 3 years old. Yet by the splendid coolness and courage on the part of the nuns and priests, firemen and police, every child was saved.

Not one was so much as scratched, or scorched, though the fire swept through the whole institution in less than half an hour after its outbreak and, before it was quenched, totally destroyed the place.

Then later, by the splendid kindness and sympathy on the part of the Protestants and Hebrews as well as Catholics, every one of the little ones were housed for the night. There were all sorts of thrills and dangers and a big three-alarm fire but the most conspicuous things were the bravery, kindness and orderly discipline, which averted a panic in an old fire trap.

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