

HUNDREDS SWEEP TO WATERY DEATH

BREAKING DAM FREES MILLIONS OF GALLONS

Flood Which Recalls That at
Johnstown Sweeps Down
Valley in Same State

Coudersport, Pa., Oct. 2.—With a roar heard for miles, the great dam of the Bayless Pulp and Paper Company, at Austin, Pa., 14 miles from here, went out at 2.30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Forty bodies had been recovered from the ruins when darkness came, and it is estimated that fully 400 more persons are unaccounted for and are believed to be dead.

The dam, which was 530 feet long and 49 feet high, was 32 feet thick at the base, and held back more than 500,000,000 gallons of water. For the first time since its construction, two years ago, the water was running over the top Saturday, and many persons went out from Austin, a mile and a half away, to see it. They were horrified when a section about 20 feet wide gave way on the west side. A great volume of water poured through the hole, and the alarm was quickly sounded. People ran for their lives to the nearby hills, but some were caught in the flood and whirled down the valley. A moment later another break occurred, this time on the east side. It was greater, and permitted the bulk of the mass of water behind to rush in a volume toward the lowlands.

Harry Davis, a locomotive engineer of this place, reached the telephone and notified the operator at the exchange. She called as many persons as possible, but the time was short. The raging flood tore down the little valley, carrying death on its crest.

Hundreds of women and children—the men were at work—were caught in their homes and drowned or crushed before they knew what had happened. Houses went down before the mighty rush of water, and many persons bent and broken, released their dangerous contents. Before the water had passed on its terrible course through the town a dozen fires were burning in as many places, and the cries of the injured and imperiled persons joined in the terrific thunder of the flood.

Much of the debris lodged against the shops of the Buffalo and Susquehanna railroad, and there the fire raged fiercest. Many men were caught here, and it is believed few, if any, escaped with their lives.

The course of the flood was through the business centre of a little village. A majority of the buildings were of wood, and these which were not immediately wrecked by the torrent were soon in flames.

So sudden was the onslaught of the water that many persons had no time to flee to the hills, but others received the warning, and believing there was a fire, hastened to the centre of the town, only to be caught in the flood and swept away.

The flood passed quickly, leaving desolation in its wake. Houses had been crushed and tossed about like toys, while hundreds of bodies had been carried down on the crest of the surging torrent.

With the passage of the water, those who had fled to the hills hastened to return to their ruined homes in search of relatives and friends. Here and there bodies had been cast along the path of the torrent, and about 40 bodies were recovered in a short time. Some of them had been so badly battered by the tossing debris that they were beyond recognition, while others had been carried along with no apparent injury.

Many were caught in burning buildings, and it will be days before the extent of the calamity will be known. It is believed that no fewer than 400 persons perished, and some estimates are higher.

The catastrophe paralleled in many respects the destruction by flood of Johnstown, Pa., in 1889, in which more than 2,800 lives were lost. The extent of the loss of life and property cannot be known for several days.

The property loss surely will be several million dollars. Within an hour of the first general knowledge of the calamity, special trains bearing physicians, nurses and food supplies were on the way to the scene. Hundreds of automobiles bearing rescuers all tolled over the mountain roads to lend aid. The food supply of the town and immediate aid to the survivors was urgent.

Hundreds of those who escaped were seriously injured in the collapse of their homes and the panic of the rush for safety. Temporary hospitals were fitted up in nearby farmhouses and improvised structures fashioned from the wreckage. The Red Cross also made preparations for immediate aid to survivors. The intense heat of the fire sweeping from the natural gas mains made it impossible for survivors to visit the scene of destruction for many hours. Looters were among the first on the ground, and Governor Tener dispatched a large force of state police to the town to protect the victims.

KOOTENAY GROWERS' UNION.

Nelson, Sept. 30.—R. T. Hicks, manager of James Johnston's ranch, has been appointed permanent manager of the Kootenay Growers' Union. During the summer the union marketed about \$5,000 worth of small fruits. The prices received for strawberries were considered good, the average net return to the union being \$2.25 per crate. Higher prices were realized for shipments from some growers for exceptionally high grade consignments. The union now has a membership of 150. There were sixty-eight ships of small fruit during the past season.

At sea level an object 100 feet high is visible a level on 13 miles. If 500 feet high is visible nearly 30 miles.

THINKING THEMES

BY DR. FRANK CRANE.

There is a woman I know who is an expert in one of the most important arts within the range of human accomplishment—the art of getting along with folks. It is well to be wise and pretty, it is well to be free and strong, it is well to live your own life, it is well to strive and to conquer, but the small but blessed group of them that can just get along with everybody deserves some praise.

We abuse them, we call them blarneyers, shifty and gifted in side-stepping. From the downright heights of our opinions and principles and ideals we pool-pool them. But they are none the less the most comfortable people in the world to live with.

When we are irritable, they know the trick of stroking our fur the right way. When we are glum they know the sweet secret of silence. When we state a passionate opinion and bristle up to prove it, and are spolling for a fight, they find some remarkable originality in our crazy notion, that flatters us into calm. They don't do as we advise them, but they are most deft in explanations why they could not. They have a keen nose for avoiding sore subjects of conversation. They know when to laugh and when to look sympathetically. Many a family bazaar has been prevented by their acute sense of social smoke. They can see trouble coming a mile away, and guide us all down a by-lane. They are human lubricants. They are the gifted ones who can manage human bees and never get stung. They may lie a little—but still, "blessed are the Peace Makers."

ESTIMATES VARY OF NUMBER OUT ON STRIKE

Harriman System Men Obey
the Call More in East Than
on Pacific

Chicago, Oct. 2.—The threatened strike of the shopmen on the Harriman lines to enforce recognition of the newly organized federation of shop workers became a reality Saturday. The number of men who quit in the fifteen states affected was estimated at between twenty thousand and thirty thousand by the union men, although Julius Kruttschnitt, vice-president of the Harriman lines, said the number was much smaller. Reports from most of the points indicate that the men walked out without demonstrations, and no rioting was reported. Traffic was continued with interruption, and the railroad heads say that the shopmen's strike, even if it extends, will not interfere with trains.

The response to the strike order was general throughout the Middle West and in the South. The men had received notices from the international presidents of the five crafts directly involved, and with the same name they laid down their tools and left.

At New Orleans, where the strike already had extended from a strike of the Illinois Central clerks, the men have been out several days, two men received jail sentences for violation of a federal injunction restraining them from interfering with the company's property. In the Far West, it is said by railroad officials, only a small percentage of the workmen responded to the strike call.

Vice-President Kruttschnitt issued this statement: "At many of the intermediate points on the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific shop forces were laid off to reduce working time and effect a reduction of expenses. At other points no men at all went out, and at some points only one or two. At the general shops, so far as heard from, the situation was as follows:

"Omaha general shops, 29 per cent. At Sacramento, 25 per cent. At Oakland, 11 per cent. Train schedules on all lines are normal and the maintenance of regular schedules will in no manner be interfered with."

The men involved are divided into the following groups, according to union leaders: Machinists, 1,000; boiler-makers, 4,000; blacksmiths, 3,000; carmen, 11,000; clerks, 1,000; miscellaneous workmen, 1,000.

W. L. Parks, vice-president and general manager of the Illinois Central, issued a circular to employees of the road to-night, characterizing the demands of the men as radical, relating the story of the negotiations and charging that the contracts between the men and the unions have not been abrogated by the necessary thirty days' notice.

From Pacific Coast End.
San Francisco, Oct. 2.—Comparison of reports from the shops of the Harriman system indicate that the strike order affecting the federated shop employees was generally obeyed in the east than on the Pacific coast. In the district in the jurisdiction of E. E. Calvin, vice-president and general manager of the Southern Pacific company, approximately 10,000 men are employed in the shops, and a statement issued from the office of the general manager said that a fraction less than 50 per cent of these men obeyed the strike order. Mr. Calvin's jurisdiction extends to Ashland, Ore., to the north, to Sparks, Nev., on the east, and to El Paso on the south. The statement applies to all shopmen embraced in this territory.

In San Francisco the strike order was more generally obeyed than in any other of the large shops on the coast, practically every man walking out. At Oakland about 1,200 men are employed,

New Suits New Coats New Dresses New Gowns New Waists New Everything

To-day commences the most eventful Fashion Week of the year to those who would study style. Every one of our departments is full to overflowing with fashion's most favored novelties. During our purchasing trip, European markets were ransacked, and New York's famous houses were thoroughly combed, in order that we might make our Fall showing the greatest on record. We believe we have succeeded in procuring the very best for our townswomen at the smallest possible cost, consistent with quality, reliability and authoritative styles.

Beautiful Gowns

Of our exhibit of Gowns much was said in our favor when we gave up our French Rooms to their exclusive display last Friday afternoon. Those who were not fortunate to view the exposition have yet time to see this department in its prime. Foreign designers are represented, and the influence of Paris crops out on dozens of models. Such materials and colors, such exquisite ideas, both plain and decorative. In every instance these gowns are EXCLUSIVE, nobody can have one like yours.



Smart Coat Models

More than usual importance is being bestowed upon the woman's fashionable coat this season. Late arrivals have so augmented our assortment that we are now showing the largest and most complete lines ever displayed in Victoria.

Come expecting to find our models reflecting the latest style thoughts, from the best designers, shown in the ultra-fashionable double-face materials, enabling the coat to be reversed, and worn with the other side out—two coats in one, and hosts of other coats in lighter materials and semi-dress coats for calling.

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The Loveliest Things You Ever Saw and So Reasonably Priced

MARABUTS in black, white, grey, sky, pink, mauve, brown and natural shades; full length and have from five strands. Priced up from\$3.75

THE NEW SHORT OSTRICH FEATHER BOAS, willow feathers, finished with long velvet ribbon ends and tassels, in shades of blue, grey, black and white. Up from \$7.50

Extraordinary display of BOAS and WRAPS in ostrich feathers and crepe de chene, with feather trimmings—the very newest ideas for street and evening wear. Muffs to match every shade and every gown. Priced up from\$15.00

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Models from Europe by the dozen, "chic" styles from the most famous tailors, materials, colors and designs that cannot be duplicated.



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Our Fall stock is now complete.

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DISMEMBERMENT OF TURKEY PREDICTED

Turkish Businessmen Take
Gloomy Views of the
Outlook

New York, Oct. 2.—The view which Turkish business men take of the trouble between their country and Italy is indicated in a pessimistic statement given out here by Dr. Vahan Cardashian, counsellor of the Ottoman chamber of commerce in America, of which the Turkish ambassador is president.

"The gradual dismemberment of Turkey may be expected now," said Mr. Cardashian. "Everything in the European political situation seems to indicate a coalition of the powers against Turkey. Now that Italy has sheared off our last outlying possession, I expect that Turkish territory will be steadily invaded until the country ceases to appear on the map. Gradually encroaching European spheres of influence hem Turkey in on every side. Austria is eagerly awaiting for the opportunity to seize Salonika, on the Adriatic. Germany has an outpost on the Aegean sea. Russia is prepared to assimilate Armenia, while France's interest in Syria and Britain's possession of Cyprus complete the circle."

"No traditional or historic European precedent can excuse or justify Italy's claim to a protectorate over Tripoli."

"Tripoli is decrepit and emaciated in industry and commerce, but a vast area, about eight times the size of New York state, and immense commercial possibilities. As a Mediterranean naval port Italy needs a base on the north shore of Africa."

The reported boycott of Italian goods in Asia Minor and the deprivation of Italian subjects of their rights are the clumsiest pretexts."

**LONDON COMMENT
ON RECENT ELECTION**

London, Sept. 30.—The Spectator in an editorial sympathizes with Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his unexpected and crushing defeat after he was for nearly twenty years the "Greatest Canadian of His Time." It asserts that the people of the Dominion were called by "new gods and followed them."

The Spectator predicts that some day free trade will be asked for and accepted by Canada from the United States.

Hon. H. Chaplin's Views.
Right Hon. Henry Chaplin, Unionist M. P. for Wimbledon, has issued a manifesto pointing out that the victory of Imperialism in Canada was essentially a triumph for Imperial preference.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF TELEPHONES

New Westminster Board of
Trade Will Confer With
Other Bodies in District

New Westminster, Sept. 30.—That government ownership of a telephone system throughout the province would be a desirable state of affairs was the firm opinion of the New Westminster board of trade, and at the regular meeting two delegates were appointed to act with delegates from other boards of trade throughout the district.

The matter was brought up by two delegates from the South Vancouver board of trade, Messrs. Harrison and Elliott. In South Vancouver, it was pointed out, the district was divided into sections, and subscribers were compelled to pay an extra toll to converse with the other sections of South Vancouver and with Vancouver city. Numerous complaints have been received from other municipalities, and it was considered advisable to appoint a committee to gather information and see if any improvement could be obtained. Vice-president Goulet and Mr. A. W. McLeod, chairman of the committee, were appointed to act as a special committee.

Messrs. Small, Richardson and Lushby were appointed a special committee to attend the session of the Provincial

Tax Commission, which sits in this city. In order to hasten the work of dredging the Fraser river, the navigation committee have been requested to compile a comprehensive report of the condition of affairs in the river. They will be empowered to incur reasonable expense, and will seek the assistance of the government. They will also secure the assistance of an engineer. The information will be placed in the hands of J. D. Taylor, the member-elect for the Federal House, before he leaves for the re-assembling of parliament.

VANCOUVER ASSIZES.

Vancouver, Sept. 30.—Unless there is an epidemic of crime between the date of writing and October 9, this fall's criminal assize will be a comparatively light one. Last spring there were six indictments for murder. At the coming assize there are about two cases, although there are two other capital charges. One of the two men who will face the murder charge is John T. Cannell, an old man, who is alleged to have figured in the tragedy in Hastings townsite on June 30. He is charged with shooting a logger, a Japanese by the name of Ishii, who is also charged with murder. He is said to have killed another Japanese in the neighborhood of Port Essington.

The list of cases which will be heard at the assize is as follows: Robert Allan, forgery and false pretences; Z. P. Lew, procuring; Eliza Plante, shooting with intent; Ed Rogers, attempt to steal; R. Hoolie, alias Oly, rape; Henry McLean, wounding; Homer Woods, attempt at suicide; John F. Channel, murder; Nanagaki, attempted rape; Ishii, murder; Mu Hung, procuring; Faithful et al., rape; Sticking assault.

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