

A. FLOOD HORROR

The Elkhorn District in West Virginia
Swept By Maddened Waters.

TERrible WORK OF CLOUD BURST

A. Narrow Valley Turned Into a Raging Torrent in a Few Moments Time Creates Widespread Devastation and Death—Loss of Life Uncertain, But Very Heavy.

Roanoke, Va., June 25.—The following short statement by one of the general officers of the Norfolk and Western railroad summarizing the flood situation in the light of the latest dispatches, has been given out: "Restoration of the telegraph lines develops that the damage by flood through the coal fields as exaggerated. The loss of life will not exceed 60 or 75, and the damage to property, including repairs to railroad and coal operations, will not exceed \$500,000. It is expected the railway will get a line opened through today or tomorrow. The town of Keystone, while much damaged, is not wiped out as reported."

People making inquiries concerning relatives and property constantly besiege the railroad and commercial telegraph offices. The wires all being down west of Bluefield, save one wire which goes through to Ennis, but is being used as a train wire, prevent the public from gaining any additional particulars. How many are dead is not definitely known, and it necessarily will be several days yet before the exact number can be given out as official. The various reports in circulation here are that from 50 to 200 persons have been drowned. It is probably safe to assume that the former figures are more correct than the latter.

The damage to property will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Miles of railroad track are washed out and great gulches have been created. The devastated section covers an area of about 20 miles west of Bluefield. It is a narrow valley, not much wider than a broad street in some places.

Coal mines are scattered all along the road. Keystone, the town reported to have been so greatly damaged, and which was at first believed to be wiped out of existence, is a village of between 2,000 and 3,000 people and is built along the narrow valley and on the sides of the bluffs. There is a creek which runs through the town, over which most of the houses are built on piles and rocks. This creek runs in a zigzag way through the narrow village and has a gradual fall. The mountains on either side look up for hundreds of feet and the town is so narrow in places that one is obliged to go into the middle of it to see the sky. Persons familiar with the situation of the town say that it would be a death trap if the flood was as heavy as reported. Yet they reason that the flood occurring in the day time, there was no reason why many people should have been caught in the onrush of the maddened waters. All reports agree that between 200 and 300 houses were swept away in the Elkhorn valley.

CHAFFEE TO COMMAND

Order Issued Making Him the Military Chief in Philippines.

Washington, June 24.—Following the order issued making Judge Taft civil governor of the Philippines, an order has been issued naming General Chaffee as military governor of the archipelago. The military has been ordered to vacate the Ayuntamiento, the large public building which was erected out of the municipal funds of Manila for government purposes. This will be occupied by the civil officers in the Philippines. The palace of Malacayan, heretofore occupied as headquarters for Generals Otis and McArthur, also has been ordered vacated by the military authorities, and will be occupied by Governor Taft. Malacayan was the headquarters of the Spanish captains general when in command in the Philippines, and the natives of the island have come to regard it as the headquarters or seat of government.

The Estada Mayo, to be the military headquarters, and will be occupied by General Chaffee when he assumes command.

On Track of Counterfeitors.

Mexico City, June 21.—The police are said to have discovered the house where so many American dollars have been counterfeited lately, and to be on the track of the counterfeiters. The criminals have hidden their dies and tools.

Appealed to Foreigners.

Tien Tsin, June 25.—News has been received from Tai-Uen Fu, province of Shan Si, that General Tung Fu Hsiang is marching thither, and the governor of the province has appealed for foreign help in opposing his progress.

Four Burned to Death.

Rogers, Tex., June 22.—Mrs. Miley Calhoun and her three children were burned to death yesterday by the explosion of a kerosene can with which Mrs. Calhoun was filling a lamp. Mr. Calhoun was also badly burned.

Storm Damage at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Ills., June 24.—This city was visited Saturday night by a tornado which did \$100,000 damage.

VANITY OF SAVAGES.

Red Men Love to Pose in Grotesque Attire Before the Camera.

As evidence of the extent to which the ornamental precedes the useful Explorer Humboldt noted the fact that the Orinoco Indians in fair weather strutted about attired in all the finery they were able to procure, their faces painted gaudily, their heads decked with feathers, their whole aim being to strike astonishment to the beholder and no regard whatever had for comfort.

When the weather was bad, Humboldt found that the same men would doff their clothing and carry it about to save it for display on future sunny days.

The same traits are seen today in the North American Indians, little modified by many years of intermingling with civilization.

That part of Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, running from Second to Sixth street is the favorite promenade of visiting Indians. Portions of Second and Third streets, running off the avenue, are filled with boarding houses especially patronized by the redskins and especially avoided by the whites in consequence.

A number of photographers in the vicinity are the chief attractions of this neighborhood for the aborigines. Nothing so delights them as to strut gravely from their boarding houses to these art galleries to sit for solemn pictures at Uncle Sam's expense, the bill being charged in with necessities incidental to a visit to the great father.

To deprive the visiting Indian of the privilege to sit for his photograph in full paint and feathers and a grotesque mixture of cheap ready made garments with blankets and bear claws would be the greatest hardship possible to the chieftains.

Showing the same disposition Humboldt noted, the visitors get themselves up more barbarously the closer they get to civilization.—St. Louis Republic.

A RARE VOLUME BY PENN.

Only Known Copy is Owned by Quakers in Philadelphia.

The only known copy of Penn's issue of "Magna Charta," published in 1687 by the Bradford Press, is the property of the Meeting For Sufferings, a representative body of the Friends' yearly meeting in Philadelphia. Its title is "The Excellent Privilege of Liberty and Propriety; Being the Birthright of the Freeborn Subjects of England." The copy is not generally open to the public.

The peculiar significance of this book is that a half dozen years after Penn founded his colony he wished to have the colonists keenly realize that they would have to stand for their rights in the new country as well as the old, where they had been so cruelly persecuted. He wrote this book in order that they might be informed on the constitution of their local government and know what were the legal bases of their rights as citizens.

Curiously enough the only proof there is that this work was William Penn's is the statement made by Chief Justice David Lloyd in 1728, a great Quaker leader who was Penn's attorney general at the time the book was issued. Chief Justice Lloyd was also at that time an intimate friend of William Penn and consequently knew whereof he spoke.

The volume was reproduced in facsimile by the Philobiblon club in 1897 for a limited number of subscribers. The original volume, however, must always remain the rare thing that it is, under law that the mind of the great founder could conceive.—Philadelphia Press.

After a Struggle.

"Georgie," said a fond mother to a little 4-year-old, "you must take the umbrella to school with you, or you will get wet. It rains hard."

"I want the little one," he said, meaning the parasol.

"No, my dear. That is for dry weather. You must take this and go like a good boy."

Georgie did as he was bid and got to school comfortably.

After school hours it had stopped raining, and Georgie trudged home with the remnants of the umbrella under his arm.

"Oh, Georgie, what have you been doing with my umbrella?" said his mother when she saw the state it was in.

"You should have let me have the little one," said he. "This was such a great one it took four of us to pull it through the door!"—Leslie's Weekly.

Muzzling the Ox.

One morning our washwoman, a lady of color—very dark color—came hastily in and, without any preliminaries, exclaimed: "Sparatualism! What is sparatalism, Miss Cora?"

My sister explained as well as she could and asked why she wished to know.

"Well, you see," she went on excitedly. "Sarah—she's my daughter, you know, and she went last week to live with a lady what says she is a sparatalist, and she says if Sarah takes anything she'll know it. Sarah's going to leave!"—Harper's Magazine.

A Choice of Vowels.

He—You women have such a ridiculous habit of screaming "Oh!" on every occasion.

She—And you men have such a ridiculous habit of saying "I" on every occasion.—Indianapolis Press.

Lost Opportunity.

"And you didn't hear of it?" inquired Mrs. Gabble.

"Not one word."

"Why, I've known it for a week, so I supposed everybody heard of it!"—Philadelphia Press.

Wawasee, Indiana—June 1 to Sept. 30, G. R. & I. will sell round trip tickets at rate of \$3.20 good until Oct. 31. J. Bryson, Agent.

Rome City—May 15 to Oct. 31, the G. R. & I. will sell excursion tickets at rate of \$1.90 for 15 day limit and \$2.30 good for season or Oct. 31. Telephone No. 10 for advertising matter and it will be sent to your home. J. Bryson, Agent.

Sunday excursion to Toledo and Detroit June 30th, 1901, at the very low rate of \$1.25 to Toledo and \$1.75 to Detroit; children half fare. For full particulars and information consult agents Clover Leaf Route. C. W. Mordoff, A. G. P. A.

Pan-American Exposition, Niagara Falls, Chautauqua Lake via Erie railroad. The only line reaching all these points direct. \$1.60 Decatur to Buffalo and return on and after June 1; ten days limit. \$7.45 every Tuesday, good returning following Friday. M. A. Hamm, Agent.

Chautauqua excursions—July 5th and 26th the Chicago & Erie R. R. will sell tickets to Chautauqua Lake and return at one fare for the round trip on July 5 and 26. Tickets good returning until Aug. 6 and 27. For information see agent or write W. S. Morrison, T. P. A., Huntington, Ind.

Very low rates for Fourth of July via Clover Leaf Route. Tickets on sale July 3rd and 4th good to return to and including the 5th to all stations within 200 miles of starting point at one fare for the round trip. For tickets and information apply to agents Clover Leaf Route. C. W. Mordoff, A. G. P. A.

Pacific coast excursions—July 5th to 13th the Erie railroad will sell low rate round trip tickets to all principal points on the Pacific coast in California, Washington and Oregon, on account of Eworth League convention at San Francisco. Stop-overs allowed at St. Paul, Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo and points west. For information see Erie agent or write W. S. Morrison, T. P. A., Huntington, Ind.

Summer excursions to Colorado and Utah—From June 18 to September 10 the Chicago & Erie R. R. will sell cheap excursion tickets to Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, and Glenwood Springs, Colo., Ogden, and Salt Lake City, Utah; Hot Springs, and Deadwood, S. D.; St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Duluth, Minn. Tickets will be good returning until October 31. For information see agent or write W. S. Morrison, T. P. A., Huntington, Ind.

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Witness, my name, and the seal of said court hereto affixed, this 14th day of June, 1901.

ELMER JOHNSON, Clerk.

By James P. Haeffing, Deputy.

Erwin & Erwin, Attorneys for plaintiff.

It appearing from affidavit filed in the above entitled cause, that Samuel Risen is the above named defendant is a non-resident of the state of Indiana.

Notice is therefore hereby given that the said Samuel Risen that he be and appear before the court house in the city of Decatur, on the 14th day of September, 1901, the same being the first judicial day of the next regular term, to be held at the court house in the city of Decatur, commencing on Monday, the 2nd day of September, A. D. 1901, and plead by answer or demur to said complaint or the same will be heard and determined in his absence.

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Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed with the auditor of Adams county, State of Indiana, and viewers have been appointed who have viewed reported said view, which is on file in my office. The hearing of said petition upon its merits will be on

Wednesday, July 3, 1901.

the same being the third day of the July term 1901, of the board of commissioners of Adams county, Indiana.

The prayer of said petition is that a ditch be constructed on the following route, to-wit:

Beginning at a point fifteen (15) rods south and fifteen (15) rods west of the north-east corner of the south-west quarter of section eleven (11), township twenty-seven (27) north range fourteen (14) east, in Adams county, Indiana, running thence north twenty-two rods; thence north one degree, west twenty rods; thence north 65 degrees, west twelve rods; thence north 63 degrees, west thirty rods; thence south 28 degrees, east thirty-eight rods; thence south 28 degrees, east thirty-eight rods; thence north 79 degrees, west eight rods, terminating in Borum Run at a point which is ten rods east and 100 rods north of the north-east corner of the north-west quarter of section eleven (11), township twenty-seven (27) north range fourteen (14) east, in Adams county, Indiana.

Passing through and affecting the lands of Caster & Smith, Conrad Gillig, Henry Trim, John Trim Jr., John H. Meyers, Margaret E. McDonalds, Joseph E. Ellsworth, Toledo, St. Louis & Western railroad right-of-way and Washington township for the public highway.

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Beginning at the junction of the D. B. Teeters ditch with the Sam Smith ditch or at a point that is sixteen (16) rods west of a point that is seventy-six (76) north of the north-west corner of the south-west quarter of section eleven (11), township twenty-seven (27) north range fourteen (14) east, in Adams county, Indiana; running thence north forty-two rods, west six rods; thence north 81 degrees, west twelve rods; thence north 63 degrees, west thirty rods; thence south 28 degrees, east thirty-eight rods; thence south 28 degrees, east thirty-eight rods; thence north 79 degrees, west eight rods, terminating in Borum Run at a point which is ten rods east and 100 rods north of the north-east corner of the north-west quarter of section eleven (11), township twenty-seven (27) north range fourteen (14) east, in Adams county, Indiana.

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Beginning at a point twenty-five (25) rods south and twenty (20) feet west of the south-west corner of the north-east quarter of section thirteen (13), township twenty-seven (27) north range fourteen (14) east, in Adams county, Indiana. Running thence south twenty-four degrees, east sixty-two rods, thence south ten degrees, east thirty-six rods, thence north 81 degrees, east twelve rods; thence north 63 degrees, west thirty rods; thence south 28 degrees, east thirty-eight rods; thence north 79 degrees, west eight rods, terminating in Borum Run at a point which is ten rods east and 100 rods north of the north-east corner of the north-west quarter of section thirteen (13), township twenty-seven (27) north range fourteen (14) east, in Adams county, Indiana.

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