

OVER 2 THOUSAND LIVES WERE LOST IN GREAT FLOODS

Mexico Today Is Prostrated As Result of Terrible Tragedy Which Befell Monterey District.

OVER 20 THOUSAND REPORTED HOMELESS

Crops Have Been Destroyed And Railroads Washed Out—Telegraphic Communication Is Very Poor.

(American News Service) Mexico City, Aug. 30.—Two thousand lives lost, fifteen million dollars worth of property destroyed, is the latest estimate of the floods, caused by a sudden rise of the Santa Catarina river at Monterey. All Americans are reported safe. Over four hundred bodies have already been recovered. The river today is within its banks and conditions are improving. The search for bodies is progressing. Telegraph communication is greatly impeded.

While the work of rescue is going forward today in the vast area ravaged by the West Indian tornado, and its accompanying cloudburst, reports of greater loss of life keep coming in from every section of the devastated zone.

20,000 Homeless.

Upwards of 20,000 are homeless. Families are living on roofs of submerged houses, slowly starving to death.

An area of thousands of square miles extending from Matamoras to Torreon, a distance of three hundred miles and south 500 miles, is practically under water.

Men and women and children are floating about on improvised rafts, masses of debris or houseboats without food.

Famine is staring the people of Monterey in the face. Crops are destroyed. Railroads are washed out. Bridges have been swept away. Telegraph and telephone wires are down. The river beds are rushing torrents and everywhere is the sickening sight of death in its most terrible form. Dead bodies are piled in trenches by the relief workers as soon as they are picked from the whirling eddies. There is no time for identification for pestilence may break out as well as famine.

Hard to Make Estimate.

It is impossible to estimate the property loss at this time for the country is still inundated, but estimates range from \$3,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

The damage done in the district stretching from the mouth of the Rio Grande to Vera Cruz is unprecedented.

In the Monterey district alone the loss of life is believed to have been more than 1,200. Many smaller towns are completely wiped off the map. In Monterey today there is nothing to mark the spot where manufacturing plants formerly stood. Sixty miles of railroad track of the National Railway of Mexico were wiped out in the Matamoras—Monterey district. The National line between Saltillo and Nuova Laredo has disappeared.

PAPER ASKS PROBE

(American News Service)

Pittsburg, Aug. 30.—A leading afternoon daily paper has wired an appeal to Governor Stuart to investigate the Pressed Steel Car strike situation personally and use his influence to arrange a compromise. The paper claims that features have developed which make it a grave national problem. Only three pupils showed up at opening day of school in the strike district. The signs on the schools read: "We are on a strike." Secret investigation by the government of strike conditions is progressing today.

APPRAISERS NAMED

John Davenport, Theodore Martin and John Fender have been appointed by Judge Fox to appraise the property of Robert E. L. Hartman and others. The Pennsylvania railroad company brought suit against Hartman and others for the appropriation of real estate, in order to carry out its policy of double tracking between here and Indianapolis. The first set of appraisers gave unsatisfactory service, and on motion of defendants the above three men were named.

ITALIAN MURDERED

(American News Service) Monessen, Pa., Aug. 29.—Gustino Topino, an Italian aged 35, was murdered in front of his boarding house in Morgan avenue and Rocco do Matto is in the lockup charged with crime.

Di Matteo and his wife were returning from a walk when the man was called to a space between two houses by Topino. Angry words and two revolver shots rapidly followed both bullets striking Topino near the heart, killing him instantly. The cause of the murder could not be learned.

Pitcher Maddox is Pirate Mainstay



FUTURITY IS TODAY

Classic Running Event Held Today at Sheepshead Bay Track.

WINNER'S SHARE \$27,000.

(American News Service) New York, Aug. 30.—The Sheepshead Bay Fall race meet opened today with the running of the classic Futurity, worth more than \$30,000, the richest 2-year-old stake run on the American turf. Seldom has public interest been worked up to such pitch with a lack of public betting.

The futurity is a turf prize which breeders and owners are all anxious to win. The sum going to the winner is \$27,000.

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THE BUSHMASTER.

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It has a curved claw on its tail, which the natives say it uses to dig into the ground as a fulcrum for its leap on its victim. The natives have a great dread of it, as well they may, the size of the poison sac being so great, as well as its own size, agility and proved savagery. —London Standard.

VALUE OF LAUGHTER.

Many a Political Coup Has Been Won by Means of Hilarity.

It is just because laughter is so thoroughly human that it always touches a responsive chord in the heart. People who are impelled to laugh together find it difficult to harbor any sentiments of resentment toward one another. Laughter drives away irritation. To laugh at a thing and at the same time to be seriously angry is almost an impossibility, and many a political coup has been won by means of hilarity, says the Pittsburg Dispatch.

The third Napoleon's advent to the throne was signalized by much bloodshed, but in spite even of this the people became reconciled to the new regime by the amusing and ingenious fashion in which on the morning of the fateful Dec. 2 the placards and posters bearing the watchwords of republicanism were found to have been metamorphosed into imperial manifestations.

The way in which it had been done excited such hearty laughter that the people's anger was to a great extent appeased. A people that are prone to laughter are much more easy to rule than a nation which takes a too serious view of life, and in the same way a government that has a sense of humor is certain to prove more popular than one that is only stern.

VERY MUCH MARRIED

(American News Service)

Chicago, Aug. 30.—Mrs. Simon Shippert of Newburgh, Indiana's champion matrimonial advocate, is planning another wedding while seeking separation from her present spouse, who is her tenth.

The career of Mrs. Shippert has been a turbulent one. Obstacles of every description have beset her path to make her marital experiences anything but happy. Even the judicial machinery of the state has taken a hand at arresting her headlong rush through the matrimonial calendar. Her present husband with whom she eloped two years ago on her sixty-first birthday anniversary, has grown feeble and lacks his former dash and chivalry. She is fighting for a decree of absolute divorce and is said to have promised her hand and heart to a former sweetheart whom she jilted before the civil war.

AWAIT CONFERENCE

(American News Service)

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 30.—Six thousand coal miners are idle in the Pittsburg district awaiting the result of a conference today between State officials, mine operators and miners to adjust the dispute regarding the use of a new explosive in mining coal.

Recently the Penna mining department instructed the operators to use a new flameless explosive in the operation of their mines. The change was welcomed by employers, but most of the miners protested. The miners pay a percentage of the outlay for powder they use and they claim that the new powder is too expensive and that it crushes the coal, reducing the amount of their compensation.

INVESTIGATE IRON

(American News Service)

Port Arthur, Tex., Aug. 30.—It is reported that Chas. M. Schwab, who last week made an investigation of the iron ore resources of East Texas, has secured options on extensive tracts of ore land in Rush and Cherokee counties and that he will erect a large iron and steel mill at Port Arthur.

John W. Gates has been working for some time on a proposition to establish a steel plant here.

BALLOON ACCIDENT

(American News Service)

Wittenberg, Germany, Aug. 30.—Zepelin's dirigible balloon number three met with an accident five hours after leaving Friedrichshafen. The propler flew off and badly ripped three gas compartments of the balloon. The remaining fourteen compartments prevented more serious, if not fatal results. It will require two days to repair it.

WILL ENCOURAGE TEMPERANCE MOVE

Decision Reached at Christian Conclave at Eaton, Ohio.

MAYOR D. MILLER SPEAKS

GIVES ADDRESS OF WELCOME TO THE HUNDREDS OF CHURCH WORKERS NOW GATHERED IN PREBLE CAPITAL.

Eaton, O., Aug. 30.—The third session of the annual conference of the Miami Ohio Christian churches was opened Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock by a rousing temperance rally, the procedure of which in the main was made with a view of enlivening and stimulating the efforts to be made in the future in the great wave of temperance and sobriety. The result of this meeting will no doubt be destined to bear fruit and have telling effect in the end to which this great power of concentrated activity is aimed.

A ten minute praise service followed the rally meeting, and was conducted by the Rev. Bert Weston of Dayton, a young minister of attainments.

Address of Welcome.

The address of welcome by Mayor D. J. Miller, following the service of praise, preceded the religious work of the conference. In his address Mr. Miller tendered a gracious, cordial welcome to conference attendants and gave assurance of their hospitable entertainment at the hands of the town's populace in general. Next in importance to the welcome extended was the subject, "The Influence of Religion," upon which he spoke in a creditable and clear manner.

The welcome address was received by Secretary B. F. Vaughan, of Centerville, who in an appropriate manner, responded upon behalf of the conference.

Hon. Wayne B. Wheeler, of Columbus, superintendent of the State Ohio Anti-Saloon league, who had been programmed for an address at 8 o'clock, because of an interrupting call, was unable to be present. His place on the program was substituted by Attorney G. W. Crabb, of Dayton, force in the temperance wave. Mr. Crabb's address was well received, receiving the commendation of all for its squareness and clearcut thoughts.

Sunday, the second day of the session, proved a great day, and it is probable that it will not be exceeded in manifest interest and enthusiasm by any following sessions of the remaining days.

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Cat Medicine.

The ancient physicians had a firm belief in the healing powers of different portions of the cat, probably from some confusion existing in their minds with regard to its own nine lives. One of them gives as a valuable recipe to cure fevers two pints of water mixed with three drops of blood taken from the ear of an ass and certain parts of a cat's digestive organs.

Kept a Secret.

Wife—Think I can't keep a secret, do you? Husband—Yes, I do. Wife—Well, I've worn an old hat trimmed over for the past two months, and I haven't told a soul yet. So there!

IS THE MOON SICK?

Many People Think the Planet Suffers With a Liver Complaint.

EXTREMELY YELLOW NOW

For several nights the moon has been shining with a peculiar brilliancy and has cast an electric radiance that is unusual. So unusual in fact that it has caused considerable comment and many citizens are much inclined to regard the peculiar light emanations as phenomenal. The moon's rays are usually mellow and of a yellowish hue.

So brilliant has been the light of the moon that only the brightest stars are visible and it is easy to distinguish objects for a distance of several blocks. The headlights on automobiles have been useless in the country for the past few nights and many have turned their pre-oil lights off, preferring to ride beneath the silvery rays of the big old lazy moon.

TIPS BY TELEGRAPH

Car Strikers in Chicago Reject The Compromise Offered.

NEW YORK CHOLERA SCARE

(American News Service) Chicago, Aug. 30.—The union street car employees this afternoon rejected the compromise of the traction companies and fell back on their original demands. More conferences in order to arbitrate will ensue.

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