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MANY NEAR DEATH IN AUSTIN RUINS

Narrow Escapes When Workman Uncovers Dynamite.

DEATH LIST PLACED AT 77

The Bodies Recovered Number Forty-seven, While Thirty Persons Are Missing — Engineers Inspect the Dam.

Scores of workmen engaged in cleaning away and despoiling the flood wreckage at what was the business section of Austin, Pa., had a narrow escape from a terrible death.

The workmen were digging with pickaxes in the wreckage, when one of them noticed that the point of his pick had just cleaved what looked like a broken stick, but which had a dark gray interior. Stooping over, he found a dozen more. Curious as to their nature, he took them to the foreman, who started back in alarm. The sticks were dynamite, and the escape of the workmen seemed indeed almost miraculous.

Seven construction engineers have arrived to look over the Bayless dam, the bursting of which caused the flood. They denied that they had come by prearrangement and said their visits had nothing to do with the official investigation, but it was said on high authority that at least some of them would be called in the inquest to testify regarding the condition and construction of the dam.

The engineers are: W. J. Douglas, of New York; Thaddeus Merriman, assistant chief engineer of the board of water supply, of New York; Merritt Smith, a department engineer of the same board; A. P. Davis, chief engineer of the United States reclamation service, who said he had been sent by the department of the interior especially to learn what the effect of the water had been on the concrete and to obtain information regarding weak points in the structure; Edward Wagman, designer of the Croton dam in New York, who was sent by the Bayless, Pulp and Paper company, presumably to protect it in the investigation; J. H. Cook, engineer of the Jersey City Water company, and J. F. Witmer, a civil engineer of Buffalo, who was engineer at the construction of the municipal water works of Austin, and was sent by the Bayless concern.

While 1000 men labored right manfully at the task of digging what is left of Austin from the wreck and ruin which engulfed it, the sad-eyed citizens who survived the flood set themselves in earnest to the work of burying their dead.

As the remnants of the town began to arise, seemingly from the cloak of wreckage which has enveloped them for days, six of the former residents whose lives went out in the flood were consigned to their final resting places on a bleak and windswept hillside almost within sight of the hive of feverish energy which formerly was the town of Austin.

Futile though the efforts seemed to the watchers, they bore their fruit, for seven more bodies were recovered on Wednesday and identified and great gaps were torn through the great barriers which had been bulwarked in the main part of the town by the lumber laden torrent.

The bodies recovered were those of Evelyn Kennick, whose mother's body had already been found and identified; a boy six years old, unidentified; a twelve-year-old boy, unidentified; two adults who are so badly mutilated that the sex cannot be determined, and Joseph McNamara and Mrs. Jacob Hess.

The bodies recovered now number forty-seven, while thirty persons still are reported as missing, making the total list of victims not greater than seventy-seven.

One body and part of another were recovered on Thursday. The condition of them is such that they must be disposed of almost immediately. Seven bodies or parts of bodies unclaimed will also be disposed of.

Bees Sting Cur's Rheumatism. Hopelessly crippled for two years by rheumatism, William P. Fitzgerald, a wealthy brewer of Ansonia, Conn., has been cured by exposing himself to the attack of the bees.

Leaving a hospital a month ago, when all remedies failed, Mr. Fitzgerald tried the bee experiment as a final resort. A friend who had benefited by like treatment suggested it to him.

A hive of bees quartered in the garret of Mr. Fitzgerald's home daily divided their time between gathering honey and burying their weapons in their owner. At times the bees would not sting until angered by poking. Their stabs caused severe pain in the patient's arms and legs, but he suffered heroically. After three weeks of the treatment he is able to walk without crutches. Medical journals recently have been



News Snapshots Of the Week

that United States Senator Isaac Stephenson of Wisconsin obtained his seat in that body by the improper use of money. The Italian torpedo flotilla, under Jr., was elected president of Mexico, and there were rumors that General Reyes would start an insurrection.

discussing bees as a cure and stated that their sting neutralized the acid, an excess of which causes rheumatism and gouty affections. The value of the cure was, however, doubted. Mr. Fitzgerald will soon leave Ansonia for Hot Springs, Va.

Cave-In Kills Five Men.

Five men were sucked into an abandoned car shaft at Freeland, Pa., and buried beneath tons of slate and coal dirt, when the ground on which they were working gave way beneath their feet.

All of the men, who were foreigners, were instantly killed. They fell seventy feet to the bottom of the shaft.

The accident occurred at the Drifton colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal company. The first aid corps of the colliery entered the mine in an effort to rescue the men. Doctors, priests and undertakers had been sent for and were lined up on the surface around the mouth of the opening. After several hours of work the message came: "All are dead; prepare to receive the bodies."

Mayor Traps Briber in His Office.

Mayor Lewis A. Knifen, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has caused the arrest, as the result of a trap, of William B. McGuire, a former deputy city treasurer, whom he charges with attempting to bribe him with \$4000 in cash and \$25,000 in the bonds of the Wilkes-Barre Light company to sign an ordinance granting the company a seventy-five-year franchise.

The trap was set in the private office of the mayor by having City Detective D. C. Schneider and George W. Williams, a newspaper man, being hidden in a closet in the office. There they heard the conversation of the mayor and McGuire, and upon the given signal, when the money and the bonds were placed on the mayor's desk, they sprang out and seized McGuire.

A short time ago the Wilkes-Barre Light company secured from city councils an ordinance granting it a franchise for seventy-five years. This ordinance was sent to the mayor for his signature.

A few days ago it became known that the city's chief executive would return it to the common council with a veto. Since then the mayor said he has been approached in many ways to influence him, and he soon saw that an effort would be made to bribe him. He then resolved to lay the trap, and when he had an appointment with McGuire he hid Detective Schneider and Williams.

A warrant was sworn out, charging McGuire with attempted bribery. He waived a hearing and gave \$1500 bail.

Prepare to Bury Beattie.

It has just become known that the cemeteries committee of the Richmond, Va., city council, in a secret session a week ago, took a special action to permit the family of Henry C. Beattie, Jr., to bury his body in the Maury cemetery in Richmond if he is electrocuted on Nov. 24 for the murder of his wife.

The Beattie family lives in South Richmond, but their burial plot is in the Richmond cemetery, and there is a city ordinance which prohibits the burial of a non-resident there.

Fourth Attempt to Burn Scottsdale. A fire of incendiary origin swept through the business section of Scottsdale, Pa., and caused a loss of about \$125,000. Fifty guests were routed out of the Central hotel before that structure went down, but all escaped unhurt. Two fires were discovered within a short distance of each other at the same time and the flames quickly spread to adjoining buildings. This is the fourth attempt to burn the town within the past three months.

Coffee Cakes Advance Price. Coffee at two cents a cup is now a thing of the past in New York city.



Every coffee house and restaurant on the East Side and in other quarters of the city where the drink is sold to the poor put the price up to three cents. The high price of sugar and coffee is the reason for the advance.

Snake Chokes Girl. Choked into insensibility by a five-foot blacksnake, Lillian Porcher, eight years old, is in a serious condition at her home at Port Washington, near New Philadelphia, O. The child was playing in the schoolhouse when the snake dropped from the rafters upon her head.

Hillary Beachey Falls 200 Feet.

Hillary Beachey, the aviator, fell 200 feet in an aeroplane at St. Louis, Mo., and landed on a brick pavement. He was unconscious when taken to a hospital. The machine was wrecked.

Aviator Falls to Death. Cromwell Dixon, who flew across the Rocky mountains last Saturday, fell 100 feet at the Interstate Fair grounds at Spokane, Wash., and received injuries which caused his death.

African Bishop Dead. Bishop James A. Handy, of the African Methodist Episcopal church, is dead in Baltimore, aged eighty-five years.

GENERAL MARKETS

PHILADELPHIA — FLOUR quiet; winter clear, \$3.40@3.80; city mills, \$5.85@6.25.
RYE FLOUR steady; per barrel, \$5@5.25.
WHEAT steady; No. 2 red, 93 1/2@94 1/2.
CORN firm; No. 2 yellow, 77 1/2@78c.
OATS steady; No. 2 white, 52@52 1/2c; lower grades, 51c.
POULTRY: Live steady; hens, 13@14c; old roosters, 10 1/2@11c. Dressed firm; choice fowls, 17c; old roosters, 10 1/2c.
BUTTER steady; extra creamery, 22c per lb.
EGGS steady; selected, 30 @ 32c; nearby, 26c; western, 26c.
POTATOES firm, at 80@90c bushel.

Live Stock Markets.

PITTSBURG (Union Stock Yards): CATTLE steady; choice, \$7@7.65; SHEEP steady; prime wethers, \$4 @4.15; culls and common, \$1.50@2; lambs, \$3@3.50; veal calves, \$9.50@10.
HOGS lower; prime heavies, \$6.95 @7; mediums, \$6.95@7; heavy Yorkers, \$6.95@7; light Yorkers, \$6.50@6.75; pigs, \$6@6.75; roughs, \$4.75@5.25.

Sulphur Ball Crushes Miners.

Two foreigners were crushed to death and James Gallagher, a school director, was fatally injured, when a large sulphur ball weighing many thousand pounds dropped from the roof in No. 11 slope of the Beaver Brook Coal company, at Beaver Brook, near Hazleton, Pa.

Peculiarly Poisoned.

Having first handled a mesh bag and then squeezed a fever blister with the same hand, Miss Beatrice McCannolly, of Tranton, N. J., has sustained septic poisoning. She has been in a serious condition the past week, but is now improved.

Pointed Paragraphs.

No woman is as truthful as her mirror.

The football hero will soon climb back on his pedestal.

It's a surprise party if everybody there has a good time.

Occasionally a man proves his wisdom by acting foolishly.

An ounce of flattery is better than a ton of tombstone obituary.

He is a wise man who never argues with people he is fond of.

Life is but a fleeting show—yet it is the best show a man has on earth.

It is sometimes better to have loved and lost than to be the other fellow.



MAIN STREET OF AUSTIN, PA.

BREAK IN THE DAM



Showing Houses Piled Together In Center of Devastated Town.

FLOOD SCENE IN AUSTIN.

closure rail, and grasped the acquitted lad by the hand.

Then, as court adjourned, the motion began. While they were in the court room the friends of Stoll remained completely quiet, but Sheriff Golder guided the youth to the corridor and the crowd went wild.

As they reached the entrance of the court house the sheriff patted the lad on the back and ushered him forth into the open.

Chester Bostick, Clyde Woodward, Charles Whitley and Raymond Day, four of Stoll's closest friends, and all witnesses called against him by the Commonwealth, lifted him to their shoulders as he reached Market street. For over a block they bore him aloft, while from store doors and dwellings people rushed forth and cheered.

Three Subpoena Servers Killed.

Trying to subpoena witnesses wanted in a murder trial at Gibson Station, Va., two sons of James Collins were killed and the father fatally wounded. The subpoenas were to have been served on women whose names have not been learned. The officers met resistance, and when they attempted to force their way into the homes of the women they were shot.

Bear Season Opens.

The bear season in Pennsylvania has opened officially, and the shooting of Bruin will be legal until Jan. 1. Under the new state law no traps may be used. The season for woodcock is also open and will run until Dec. 1. Not more than ten may be shot in a day.

Rodgers' Aeroplane Falls in Indiana.

Caught in a sudden gust of wind, C. P. Rodgers' aeroplane dived to earth just after he had started from Huntington, Ind., toward Chicago. The machine was wrecked and Rodgers painfully bruised.

An East Indian Amulet.

In India a variety of gems and stones are used as amulets. The most common is the salagrama, a stone about as large as a billiard ball and which is perforated with black. This is supposed to be found only in Gandaki, a river in Nepal. The person who possesses one of these stones is esteemed highly fortunate. He preserves it in a clean cloth, from whence it is sometimes taken to be bathed and perfumed. He believes that the water in which it is washed, if drunk, has the power to preserve from sin. Holding it in his hand, the dying Hindu expires in peace.

The Recipe.

"Your novel is pretty good," said the publisher to Scribley, "but, after all, it needs just a little more thrill. Can't you put something stirring in it?" "Why, I might," said Scribley, "though just how to stir things up I don't know."

He Didn't Tell.

"Gee! Now tell me as man to man what you would do if you were married to that woman?" "You tell me what you would do. I am married to her."—Houston Post.

Considerate.

She—Why did you ask Belle to go with us? He—I saw she was going anyhow, and I didn't wish her to feel mean over it.—Smart Set.

A Fault Finder.

"You were always a fault finder," growled the wife. "Yes, dear," responded the husband meekly; "I found you."

It's just the luck of a man for a girl

to go on kissing him from babyhood right up to the time when it would be interesting.

READY FOR WAR ON BIG TRUSTS

Government to Start its Greatest Campaign of Suits.

STEEL TRUST COMES FIRST

Not Only Dissolution Suits Are to Be Brought, But Also Criminal Prosecutions — Harvester Combine and Others to Follow.

Attorney General Wickersham is now ready to file a suit in equity against the United States Steel corporation. This is to be the opening gun in the greatest war on trusts since the Sherman law was enacted.

Not only are dissolution suits to be brought, but criminal prosecutions to land trust creators in prison, and, according to a high official of the department of justice, the next twelve months promise to be the busiest in the history of the department. The attorney general has not only carte blanche, but instructions from the president to "go ahead and prosecute."

Along with the completed bill of complaint against the steel trust Attorney General Wickersham will be given all the material gathered by investigators of the department of justice against the International Harvester company, the harvester trust. This evidence is so complete that it can in a short time be arranged into a bill of complaint against that corporation.

The offer of George W. Perkins, the financier and maker of the harvester trust, to dissolve that corporation, will also be placed in the hands of the attorney general.

In the bill of complaint against the steel trust are two specific charges. First, the violation of that section of the Sherman anti-trust law prohibiting unreasonable combinations in restraint of trade; second, a violation of the Elkins interstate commerce law.

It was stated at the department of justice that there would be criminal prosecution of officials of the steel trust. Who these officials are the department would not say.

The federal government charges the steel trust with "unreasonable combination in restraint of trade." Under this caption it is alleged that the steel trust has a monopoly on the steel industry of the United States by holding more than 50 per cent of the steel ore in the country.

It is alleged that the Elkins interstate commerce act has been violated by the trust receiving rebates from railroads owned or controlled in part by them. These railroads are situated near the ore deposits and have a working agreement with trunk line railroads, according to the government's allegations.

It was said by Solicitor General Lehman and by the attorney general some time ago, that whether the steel trust was prosecuted or if it voluntarily dissolved, no bar to criminal prosecution would stand.

According to some sources in the department of justice, the suit against the steel trust will be filed within the next few weeks, and the one against the harvester trust within the next two months, unless those corporations make an offer to dissolve in the only way the department will permit; that is, according to the Standard Oil and American Tobacco company decisions.

The department's bill of complaint against the sugar trust is also complete, but the department is moving slowly in this case. The officers having the case in charge want to file the criminal suits against the officers and the trust itself before filing a suit in equity.

At first it was intended that the suit in equity for dissolution should be filed, but the supreme court's decision in the case of Knight, in which the statute of limitation was defined clearly, in the opinion of the attorney general caused a halt. This is one of the knotty problems the attorney general will take up.

The investigations against the rubber trust, in which Senator Aldrich's family is heavily interested, will be pushed this fall and winter. Already the department has much evidence in hand.

The decrees of dissolution in the electrical trust, the powder trust and the wholesale grocers' trust will be gone over by General Wickersham. As soon as they are in shape the attorney general will submit them to the court for approval and filing. That action will give the government a permanent injunction against these combinations combining in the future.

Matinee performances seem so much better to girls than those in the evening because of the candy.

The train bound for the fulfillment of ideals has to stop at too many way stations ever to get there.