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One Entire Quarter of Monterey Destroyed—15,000 People Homeless—City Without Drinking Water.

Mexico City, Aug. 29.—A conservative estimate of the damage wrought at Monterey by the flood places the dead at 1400 and property loss at \$12,000,000. The danger is over. Up to the present time 650 bodies have been recovered. One entire quarter of the city of Monterey was destroyed and 15,000 persons today are homeless. Water mains are useless and the city is consequently without drinking water; neither is their light nor street car service. It will be impossible to resume the train service for a week and as a result the city is threatened with a food famine. All slaughter houses have been destroyed. Ten thousand persons are being fed on coffee and soup by municipal authorities and the American consulate is giving food to all who apply. The railroad situation is deplorable. Eighteen blocks of residences and business houses were entirely washed away. The more wealthy people of Monterey, together with American residents are contributing to the mayor's fund which is being expended for the purpose of food. The greatest loss of life is said to have been caused by the giving away of the reservoir dam. Washington, Aug. 29.—Consul General Hanna at Monterey, Mex., on behalf of the officers of the American colony there has made appeal to the American people to assist the destitute sufferers at Monterey. Telegram received at the state department from Mexico says the dead number 700 and that thousands are homeless.

Flood Horror. Monterey, Mex., Aug. 29.—At noon yesterday it stopped raining for the first time since last Thursday afternoon and some idea of the horrors of the flood of Friday night and Saturday could be obtained. It was at first reported that 800 lives were lost in the disaster but today it seems that the number of the dead will reach 1200 and may be as many as 2000 when the other towns are heard from. Continued on Page Six.

PANAMA HAS EARTHQUAKE

Shock Came at 8 O'clock This Morning—People Badly Frightened.

Panama, Aug. 30.—A strong earthquake was experienced here shortly after 8 o'clock this morning. People were greatly alarmed, but no serious damage has been reported and no one was injured. The administration buildings of both government and canal commission here and at Ancon were so severely shaken that clerks left their desks hurriedly for the street. They soon returned, however, when it was seen that no damage had been done and that the first shock was not followed by a second. The quake was felt also at Aguadulce in Coclé province, and at Pacora in the province of Panama, points more than 100 miles apart. Canal Not Damaged. There is nothing as yet to indicate that the Panama canal was damaged by the quake. Special inquiries are being made in this direction. At Both Ends of Canal. Colon, Aug. 30.—An earthquake was felt at both ends of the Isthmus of Panama this morning. No report of damage to canal work has been received.

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FIRST GUN IN TOBACCO WAR WAS FIRED TODAY

Cincinnati, Aug. 30.—The first gun of the new "tobacco war" in Kentucky was fired today when Clark and Scott, independent tobacco manufacturers of Canton, Penn., filed suit in Federal court in Covington, Ky., against the Burley Tobacco society, Clarence Lebus, president, and ten other men as defendants. The plaintiffs demand \$135,529 damages.

They Will Have An Air Line.

Nashville, Aug. 30.—The Burlington system is shortly to establish an air line through Nashville, connecting the northwest with the Atlantic coast; Tennessee Central will be the connecting link between the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy at Paducah and the Seaboard Air Line at Rutherfordton, N. C.; thence to Wilmington. Report is here that the Burlington system will require the Tennessee Central as the connecting link between Burlington and the Seaboard Air Line.



SCENE OF FATAL AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT ON THE INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

GRAIN CO. FAILS; BANK JEOPARDIZED

Other Banks and Citizens of Union City to the Rescue and Bank Is Saved.

Union City, Tenn., Aug. 30.—Because of the failure today of the Hardy Grain company of this city, a run was started on the Union City Bank and Trust company when that institution opened its doors. The first and Third National banks of this city went to the rescue of the Trust company along with private citizens, and all depositors were paid on presenting their claims. George Hardy, president of the Grain company, accidentally killed himself a few days ago.

MONTREAT DAM TO BE REBUILT

The Work in Charge of W. C. Whitner of New York—Affairs at Montreat.

Many improvements are contemplated at Montreat by the Presbyterian assembly grounds near Black Mountain during the coming year. During the season this summer, the hotel and cottages have been fixed to their capacity and large numbers of people have been present. The Montreat association, which controls the property, is now having the dam, which broke several years ago, rebuilt. Already a large force of men are at work, and it is expected that the work will be completed within the next two weeks. The work is in charge of W. C. Whitner of New York, one of the chief engineers of the Gould system of railways. It is the intention of the company to build the dam but of the strongest possible timber so that there will be no danger in future from a break. The dam is being built in the place where the old one was located and will form a beautiful loop of water between Hotel Montreat and Hotel Alta. This lake will provide bathing for the people and will be a great attraction for Montreat. The water from the dam will be conducted in a race down to the lower border of the Montreat association grounds, where it will be used in a hydro-electric plant to develop electricity for power and light. It is hoped to have the new power plant in operation by the beginning of next summer. It is the intention of the association also to greatly enlarge Hotel Alta, the hotel across the lake from Hotel Montreat. A number of new rooms will be added to Hotel Montreat, and a number of rooms will be equipped with private baths and light. Many people from all parts of the south have purchased lots at Montreat and are building or have built summer homes at the religious assembly grounds. The large auditorium at Montreat has afforded abundant facilities for holding conventions, and during the past summer several have been held there including the Y. M. C. A. and the Young People's Missionary movement. The popularity of the place for religious conventions will doubtless increase from year to year.

CHIEF OF POLICE MAY NOT RESIGN

Friends of Mr. Chambers Are Urging That He Remain With Force.

The police commission will meet in special session this afternoon at 5 o'clock at City hall for the election of two members of the police force. The two vacancies are caused by the resignation of Patrolman H. E. Miller and J. E. Haines, the latter handing in his resignation today. Patrolman Miller handed in his resignation last Friday, at the time stating that he preferred work in other lines to that of the police force. When it became known that charges were being preferred against Patrolman Haines today by B. A. Lynch, manager of the Asheville baseball team, with who Mr. Haines had an altercation at Riverside park some time ago, and also that Mr. Haines, and one or two others were preferring charges against him, Patrolman Haines decided to resign, stating to friends that he did not wish to draw others into an investigation. Mr. Haines stated that he thought as he had been recently fined \$10 and costs, and suspended 10 days for the assault upon Mr. Lynch that he had been punished enough. It is said that some of the other charges which have been preferred, arose out of matters pertaining to the Riverside park incident. Chief of Police Chambers stated today to the Asheville News man that he would not hand in his resignation today, nor had he decided when he would hand it in. In fact, he stated that he was not sure that he would hand it in at all, that since rumors of his intended resignation had been noised abroad, that many of his friends have come to him and begged him to remain as chief of police. Mr. Chambers said that when he got ready to resign he would let the public know about it. It is a fact that the great many friends of the present chief of police are anxious that Mr. Chambers remain at the head of the department. Mr. Chambers has made one of the best chiefs of police that Asheville has ever had. He has sought to enforce the law and have it enforced fairly and impartially and a great many citizens of the town realizing Mr. Chambers' unswerving for the place are doing all they can to induce him to remain at the head of the city police.

HARRIMAN IS IN NO IMMEDIATE DANGER

Family Breaks Silence and Gives Out Statement—Must Be Careful However.

Turner, N. Y., Aug. 29.—The trend of opinion regarding Edward H. Harriman's condition was demonstrated today by a relaxation of the intense interest the community has recently displayed in that subject. Another indication, quite as significant, was the rapidly thinning ranks of newspaper men who were rushed here last Friday when Wall street was first startled by the report that the railroad man was about to undergo a critical operation. Lacking any satisfactory denial from members of Mr. Harriman's household, this rumor and others of similar nature persisted even in the face of reassuring statements by men of such weight in the financial world as Jacob M. Schiff and Judge Robert S. Lovett. Yesterday, however, the family broke a silence and through their chaplain, Rev. J. Holmes McGinness, sent a message to the press that "effectually halted wild conjectures. Mr. Harriman is in no immediate danger but his life must be regulated with extreme care."

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GASES FROM COLLIER CAUSE FIVE DEATHS

Bulkhead Stove-in by Typhoon; Officers Investigate and Are Overcome—The Dead.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 29.—Mysterious gases released from the hold of the United States collier Nanshan when steel bulkheads that vessel were stove in by a typhoon were responsible for the death of five members of her crew, according to the story of the third assistant engineer, Elmer Hutchins, who arrived here yesterday on board the Cruiser Buffalo. The vessel was en route from Cavite to Hong Kong. Shortly after the ship ran into the terrific typhoon a noise like an explosion of gases was heard, Captain Carver took five members of the Filipino crew forward with him to investigate; the failure of the men to return led Hutchins to make investigation, and he was also overcome but was revived. When the men were finally dragged back from the hold it was found that by some inexplicable freak the bodies had been stripped naked by fumes. Captain Carver revived, but Chief Officer Larkin, Second Officer Bagg and three sailors died from inhaling gases.

Nomination Ballot form with fields for Name, Address, District, My Name is, Profession, Date, Hour. Includes instructions: 'This nomination ballot, when properly filled out, will count for 1,000 votes. Only one nomination ballot will be credited to a candidate. Under no circumstances will the name of anyone making a nomination be divulged.'

Win a \$65 Prize \$65 COLUMBIA GRAPHOPHONE NOMINATION PRIZE. This splendid prize will be given to the person who nominates the winner of the Bulck Touring Car. The Gazette-News determined to overlook no one in this big proposition, has decided to give a valuable prize to the person who nominates the successful candidate. Clip out the blank published in this issue, fill in properly and send to the Contest Department. You may nominate yourself. If you win the first grand prize, you will also be awarded the \$65 Columbia. But you need not necessarily be a contestant to win this prize. If you are fortunate enough to have your name in the name of the winner of the Bulck Touring Car, the talking machine will be given you at the close of the contest. Make as many nominations as you like. It costs you nothing to fill out the nomination blank and send it to the Contest Department of the Gazette-News. If you do not send in your own name you may win a prize anyhow. This paper feels that this is a magnificent offer and should result in the selection of none but the most active and aggressive candidates. Try to name a winner. The Columbia was purchased from and guaranteed by FALK'S MUSIC HOUSE.

ROBBERY OF MAIL CAR RESULTS IN SUICIDES

Mail Clerk Though Not Implicated and Baggage Master a Suspect, Suicide.

Augusta, Ga., Aug. 29.—L. A. Bickle, white, aged 42, an ex-mail clerk on the Southern railway, almost severed his head from his body with a razor at his home here yesterday morning. Bickle had been in ill health and it is said that his mind was unbalanced because of this and recent bereavements in his family. He happened to be mail clerk on a Southern train from Charleston on the night of May 15, last, when the express car was rifled, and when the train reached Augusta the messenger was found in a chest. The messenger claimed that he was knocked down by masked men and placed in the chest. G. P. Humphries, baggage master on the night of the robbery, cut his throat two months ago, dying almost instantly, because he was suspected of the robbery. However, the express company officials do not connect Bickle with the robbery, but it is a fact that the detective, a few days ago, questioned him regarding the case.

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BIG BONUS OFFER IS AGAIN MADE THIS WEEK FOR CONTESTANTS

HOMICIDE TERM FOR BUNCOMBE

In All Probability Governor Will Be Asked to Call Special Term of Court.

It is more than probable that Governor Kitchin will shortly be asked to call a special term of Superior court for Buncombe county. In the event this request is made and the special term called it is likely that it will hold some time before the regular November term for the trial of criminal cases. The special term of court will be primarily for the trial of homicide cases. There are now five homicide cases on the docket, two of which, however, were sent to Buncombe from Madison county, and in the event that young Ben Morris, Jr., who was re-arrested Saturday night in connection with the killing of Joe Capps, is held under bond to await the action of the grand jury, there will be a total of six cases to be tried where murder is charged. The cases in addition to the Morris case are those of Robert and Major Tweed from Madison county, charged with the killing of the two Franklins at White Rock some months ago; Constable F. C. Watkins of Black Mountain, charged with the killing of John Hill Hunting of Wilmington; Tom Simons, a negro charged with the killing of another negro, Albert Murphy, several months ago; and Grant Briggman, charged with the killing of his own son, John Briggman, on the Ivy during the early summer.

The Bonus on New Subscriptions Holds Good Until September 8; Old Subscription Bonus Ends Sept. 4.

LAST LIBERAL OFFER YET MADE BY THE CONTEST MAN

This Bonus Offer is the Last That Will Be Made on New Business During the Entire Contest.

BONUS OFFER ON NEW SUBSCRIPTION

Every candidate bringing or sending to The Gazette-News office five new yearly subscriptions to the Gazette-News, \$25.00, to be delivered by carrier, or six new yearly subscriptions to the Gazette-News, \$24.00, to be delivered by mail, between Wednesday, September 1st, and midnight Wednesday, September 8th, will be awarded a voting certificate for 35,000 votes additional to the regular scale. One two year subscription will be counted as two yearly subscriptions, and each candidate may secure as many of these clubs as possible. Two six months subscriptions will be counted as one year and all six months subscriptions heretofore sent in will be counted in this magnificent offer.

ARGUMENT IN BITTER SUIT BEGINS TUESDAY

Two Big Lumber Companies Fighting for Title to 5000 Acres of Timber Lands.

The argument in the suit of the W. M. Ritter Lumber company and the Hazel Creek Lumber company, against the Montvale Lumber company, et al., will be begun at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the county court house before the referee, Judge J. D. Murphy. This is the suit in which volumes and volumes of evidence have been taken, and it is expected that it will take about 10 days to argue the case. Involved in the suit is the title to about 5000 acres of timber lands, upon the waters of the Little Tennessee river and its tributaries in Swain county. The point over which the dispute arose is in which owned the property in litigation, as it is alleged that the boundaries of the grants overlap, and both sides are claiming the property. A number of the ablest lawyers in western North Carolina and several from elsewhere are engaged in the case. Both the Ritter Lumber company and the Montvale Lumber company own large tracts of land in western North Carolina, besides the boundary in dispute, and the outcome of the suit in no way affects the completion of the Smoky Mountain railroad, which the Ritter Lumber company has begun to construct.

THE WEATHER

Forecast until 8 p. m. Tuesday, for Asheville and vicinity. Partly cloudy weather, with probably showers to night or Tuesday.

Two Asheville Young Men Receive Medals of Merit

W. A. Nitzer and J. J. Nichols, Asheville young men, have received medals from the Washington offices of the Isthmian Canal commission for two years of faithful service in the canal zone. The medals were sent at the suggestion of former President Roosevelt, who conceived the idea of having the medals presented while visiting the isthmus on a tour of inspection. When Mr. Roosevelt saw the manifold difficulties under which the employes of the government were laboring, he said at once that the men should be given some recognition for such patriotism and vitality, and returning to Washington, he appointed a committee to see to it that every man who had seen two years of continuous service was put down for a medal. The medals are made of French bronze, found on the isthmus, bear a likeness of Mr. Roosevelt, and the name of the recipient. The medals also show a picture of the canal as it will appear when completed, and over this is the inscription: "The Land Divided; the World United."

Dynamite Powdered By a Rock; Fails to Explode

A remarkable incident occurred one day last week at the rock quarry on the west side of the French Broad river near Smith's bridge, when a rock of great size and weight was hurled into the air from a blast and falling struck the roof of a dynamite house nearby, breaking through the roof, striking an iron pipe, and powder came out of the pipe. There was enough dynamite in the house, had an explosion occurred, to have blown a portion of that section at least into the French Broad river, without causing an explosion. Just why the contact of the stone with the dynamite and the caps failed to produce an explosion is hard to explain. The rock that went through the dynamite house, it is said, was as large as the capstone to the Vance monument and weighed, perhaps, several tons. There was enough dynamite in the house, had an explosion occurred, to have blown a portion of that section at least into the French Broad river.