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2,000 HOMELESS, **TOWN WRECKED**

Inhabitants of Black Falls, Driven by Flood to Hills, Are Without Food.

WIDE COUNTRY SWEPT BY RISING WATERS

No Loss of Life Is Rejorted-Communication with Outer World Almost Shut off.

Black River Falls, Wis., Oct. 7 .- This town of 2000 inhabitants has been almost blotted from the map, by the flood of the Black river. Only a few of 61 business blocks escaped the raging water's fury. There was no loss of life.

LaCrosse, Wis., Oct., 7 .- Two thou sand inhabitants of Black River Falls are without food or shelter after spending the night on the hills watch- curing signatures of persons to worthing the waters from the flood of Black River overrun the town. The continues cut off from the world,

The mayor today sent out an appeal for assistance, saying the people he struck out for the broader and need food and tents in which to live until their homes can be rebuilt,

The flood situation at Black River Falls is desperate. Half of the business section was

totally wiped out and water has flooded the entire town.

made to determine how many, if any, The buildings were not merely

flooded but destroyed. The water, flowing in tremendous volume, undermined one big building after another and as each collapsed the debris for the most part was carried away. No precaution could be taken to stop the wrecking of the town. The

people although they knew of the overflowing of the dam, showed little Mr. Barnes' instinct for capturing fear of its effect until the waters

River Rises Suddenly. The disaster was caused by the his relatives at Jupiter and last night sudden rise of the Black river behind decided on his plan of action. He the two dams of the river power company following rains which iasted al-most a week. The dams withstood the Roberts' relatives. About five miles pressure but in each case the river above Marshall Barnes passed two washed around the sides taking out men whom he could not see distinctly a big section of the river bank and for the darkness, driving in the direcin almost as great a volume as though

the dams had been swept away.

The five million dollar property not greatly damaged and it is said soon be due to arrive at Marshall for that man dam, which is a concrete structure a hundred feet thick at the base and fifty feet at the top, would stand the pressure which might be directed against it.

Surrounding Country Flooded. Besides the damage at Black River Falls a great tract of surrounding country was overrun. Effort was made to send warnings to farmers but telephone wires soon went down and the fate of many settlers who knew nothing of the flood until it struck their immediate locality is the cause tective force, who have unsuccessfully for some apprehension.

WEIRD POWER ASCRIBED

John A. Chaloner Describes His "X-Faculty" in Hearing to Test Sanity.

Charlottesville, Va., Oct. 7.-A mysteriens equipment worn on his head which he called "X-faculty" stock market tips, was described yesterday by John Armstrong Chaloner, when he resumed his deposition before United States Commissioner Booth in the suit for control of his New York estate and the right to freedom as a sane man in New York. This psychological power, Chaloner explained, was due to "animal magnetism" he described Tuesday and could only be used when he observed a strictly vegetarian diet. As an example of the working of his "X-Faculty," Chaloner told of carrying on a dialogus with the "power" a few nights before Christmas in 1896. To test the accuracy of a tip given by the stock market and doubled his money. He left the mency up for further sain, he said, and the late Stanford White drew it out after he (Chaloner) had been committed to Biomingdale asylots.

Chaloner took pains to explain that he did not believe in spiritualism, and that this power was a part of his own unstall equipment, under the dount health of his own will and reason.

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So It Is Said, in Arrest of H. F. Roberts by Detective Ben Barnes.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Marshall, Oct. 7.—Last night Detec-

tive H. B. Barnes, manager of the Barnes Detective agency, having offi-ces in the principal towns of North and South Carolina, effected the arrest ere of a man said to be a notorious swindler, H. F. Roberts, who is wanted on charges of insurance swindling n Asheville, on charges of forgery and false pretence in many cities ilong the Pacific slope, and in Fort Scott, Kan. He is also wanted in charge of stealing a horse and buggy. t is alleged that Roberts was caught with the horse and buggy, but subsequently escaped from the officers. He was re-arrested and escaped again. In Asheville he plied his trade of swindling successfully, it is said, se-

less drafts on which he obtained sums of money. He Goes West. Not content with operating in such

small field as Asheville and vicinity more lucrative one of the west. There are warrants for him charging him with forgery in the Seattle and Spokane, and other points on the Pacific slope where he obtained many hundreds of dollars. From these points he made for the interior of the country, landing in Fort Scott. Here, it is said, he devised the scheme of trading Whethe rlives have been lost is not at the large mercantile establishment yet certain. The people have been of J. B. White, and getting the firm scattered and canvasses are being to cash cheks for him on a letter of ecommendation which he claimed he held from Mr. White's brother, a well known and prominent citizen, residing at Marshall, and president of the Citizens Bank of this place, This last venture, however, proved Roberts' un-doing. Mr. White in Fort Scott comwith his brother in Marshall.

> J. H. White of Marshall, knowing crooks, put him at work on the case and soon la ded his man. Barnes discovered that Roberts was took two trusty men with him, and Marshall. Being susp profession he sent his two assistants back to Marshall to see that no one answering the description of Roberts departed on train No. 35, which would the west. He was not personally acquainted with Roberts and had to go by a description which he procured.

> His suspicion proved well founded and shortly before the arrival of the train for the west his assistants recognized their man, from description, and the arrest was effected. Detective Barnes is much to be con-

gratulated upon his excellent management of the arrest of this man, who for the past three or four months, has buffled and eluded a famous deendeavored to effect the arrest of Rob-Mr. Barnes, it will be recalled. made an enviable record as chief deputy sheriff of Madison county, deputy United States marshal, deputy United States collector of Internal rev-TO QUEER HEAD-GEAR ment of justice, which last position in ment of justice, which last position in the Barnes Detective agency. He started out a poor, uneducated, mountain the last pose to the top of his profession as a detective. For the past 17 years he has led a most active-life as a detective and has numerous thrilling and interesting experiences. Roberts is a handsome, well dressed fellow of very neat appearance, and, from reports, of a very persuasive and convincing nature. This is borne out from the humber alleged to have been

and to which he credited wonderful \$20,000 EMBEZZLEMENT

STATE OF SIEGE MAINE MYSTERY IS PROCLAIMED IS NOT CLEARED

talian Marines Land at Tripoli, Instructed to Preserve Order and Protect the Consulates.

WARSHIPS REMOVING THE TURKISH MINES

Sent from Constantinople to Parliaments and

Peace Societies.

Rome, Oct. 7 .-- Advices from Tripoli state that the Italian governor, Rear astern part of North Carolina on the Admiral Borea D'Olmo, has issued a proclamation declaring the town in : Captain Cagni, comstate of siege. manding the Italian force landed and addressed the sailors, ins cucting them in the duties of maintaining order and protecting the consulates from possible attack.

Smaller Italian warships are engaged in searching for and removing mines laid by the Turks in Tripolitan harbors. Nearly the entire body of Tripolitan police has offered to enter the Italian service.

It is reported that vice-admiral the Duke of the Abruzzi, considering that the acute stage of the war has passed, has submitted to the king a plan to organize a scientific expedition into he interior of Tripoli.

Turks Frame Protest.
Constantinople, Oct. 7.—At a meet ng in the mosque of St. Sophia a telegram of protest against Italy's declaration of war on Turkey was formulated and sent to all the parliaments of the world, peace and arbithra-The telegram says the occupation of Tripoli is unjustified and that Italy is unworthy of a place among the great powers. It asks whether western civilization has considered the

brigandage. The meeting also sent the following nessage to King George of England 'How can a power like England, uling between eighty and ninety milions of Moslems, regard with complaisant silence the declaration of war igainst the Ottoman nation and the blockade of Tripoli? Is such policy in harmony with the present and future nterests of England?"

effect upon the eastern mind of Italy's

Such Is Indication from the Great Rush for Seats in Championship Series.

after the announcement of the sched-ule of games for 1911 for the world's were literally flooded with check-laden missives. The demand was so verwhelming that extra clerks were engaged to attack the mountain of mails. The applications were numerous to count, but they ran up

addition, hundreds of local fans believing they could thus get in on the ground floor, went to the officer only to find that no tickets would be issued until the advance sale begins Thursday. The clerks handled the letters in packages of a hundred. stamped according to the time of receipt, to be sure that the early applicants are taken care of first. At the Polo grounds here where the first game will be called a week from today, preparations are nearly com-plete to take care of a crowd of about

CHARGE FALSIFICATION OF FEDERAL RECORD

Washington, Oct. 7 .-- Accusations that counsel for the government had made "studied, delbierate, inexhus-ble." misrepresentation of important able. misrepresentation of important partiens of the record in the socalied "hard coal case" were made in a brief fited in the United States Supreme court today by counsel for the Central Railroad company of New Jersey and the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal company.

May Arbitrate Differences.

Augusta, Ga., Oct. 7.—Pollowing the granting of a restraining order by Judge Shepard in the Georgia & Flow ida rallway case conferences were held at Pouglas between citizens, of licials of the road and representative of the strikers. What is the form of arbitration is not known here except that the president of the road has wired freneral Manager Tarmer in agree to understood index the first arbitration in the road has a street to understood index the first arbitration in the contract of t

"Brain Storm" Defense

Whether Detonation Outside the Vessel Exploded the Ship's Magazine Left Forever in Doubt.

CONSTRUCTOR CAPPS IS READY TO REPORT

Protest Against Italy's Course It Is Not Known Whether He Has Accepted the Army Engineer's Findings.

> Washington, Oct. 7 .- Chief Naval onstructor Capps, who has been making a personal inspection of the wreck of the Maine in Havana harbor, has returned here prepared to report to the sheretary of the navy

The report deals with the present condition of the wreck, and plans of army engineers for further work and onclusions to be drawn from facts developed about the original cause of the ship's destruction

Engineers expressed absolute satis faction that the Maine was torn to pieces by an explosion of her maga zine and that the destruction wrought by the magazine explosion was so great as to completely obliterate evidence of any outside explosion, there was one, thus making that poin forever in doubt,

It cannot be learned whether the chief constructor has accepted or rejected the army engineer's contention

Gain of More Than 100 in Membership Since July-Officers Are Elected.

ecial to The Gazeete-News. Brevard, Oct. 7.—The district con-ention of Independent Order Odd ellows, nineteeth district, which began here Thursday, adjourned yesterfor the next year, as follows: President, J. W. McCoy of Black Moun-

tion was public, following a parade, led by the Brevard Brass band. The county court room was filled to its capacity. There was fine music by a quartet from Blue Ridge and Conestie lodges. R. L. Gash of Brevard and Guy Weaver of Asheville, district supervisor, made excellent addresses. The convention was one of the best in the history of the order in the dis-

New York, Oct. 7.-Within 24 hours trict. Reports show a net gain in membership of more than 100 since July 1. The district is composed of championship, applications for seats the counties of Buncombe, Madison, came in in such numbers that the polk, Henderson and Transylvania offices of the New York Baseball club counties, with a membership of over counties, with a membership of over 1600. This is more than a tenth of the membership of the entire state.

DYNAMITING WAS DONE BY UNKNOWN ANARCHIS

Havana Cigar Maker Says the Anarchist Told Him, That Is to Say.

Havans, Oct. 7.—El Mundo pub-lishes a sensational statement regard-ing the dynamiting of the Los Angeles

Time building. The paper says it was told the story by Angel Carbello, a Cuban cigar maker, who formerly worked at Tam-ps. According to Carbello, the bomb used at Los Angeles was made by an anarchist for the purpose of blowing up the citizens committee during the last cigar makers' strike at Tampa. This plan was abandoned and the an-

This plan was abandoned and the an-archist disappeared.

He returned later to Tampa and in-formed Carbello that the bomb de-stroyed the Times building. The bomb maker left town. Carbello says his object in making the statement is to free innocent men.

DEMAND A CHANGE

erman-Americans Are Threat ing to Turn Against Pres-ident Tafs.

Washington, Oct. 1.—That the Ger-tan-American votes of the United tates will be turned egainst Taft un-ses he makes changes at the port of few York and removes Immigration Commissioner Williams, was the de-taration made today before the Na-

Is Wife Slayer's Plan



Oregon, Ills., Oct. 7 .- Hoping only to escape the gallows, Harry E. Weber, the Chicago physician, who confessed he killed his third wife, Bessie Kent Webster, whom he married one week after he took his second bride, will plead not guilty Monday when he is brought before Judge Heard on a charge of murder.

On Sunday Webster declared he had killed his wife with a knife. Tues day he repudiated his confession. To-day he repudiated the repudiation. It is declared by the prosecution that this vacillation is part of a studied plan to convince the jury that he is not of sound mind. Attorneys for the de-fence announced the defence would be emotional insanity,

Than Younger Men of Party.

Wallawalla, Oct. 7.-Coming Into Washington today, President Taft finished the first half of his tour. Since leaving Beverly, Sept. 15, the gan here Thursday, adjourned yester-president has traveled 6,456 miles, day afternoon, after electing officers traversed 15 states, made over 100 Two thousand railroad of Braganca is surrounded by repubspeeches. men have been concerned in bandtain; vice president, H. C. Clark of ling his train. So far the president Asheville; secretary and treasurer, F. has stood the trip remarkably well,

usual inspection of the town by au- all near Braganca. tomobile and an address.

From Wallawalla President kane tonight for Tacoma and Seattle. From Tacoma, tomorrow, the president will be taken by automobile tle Monday the president will be former Secretary Ballinger's guest.

TO PUT PARCELS POST ISSUE UP TO CONGRESS

Hitchcock Also Includes Item for Aerial Mail Transportation in Postal Estimates.

Washington, Oct. 7 .- With the establishment of the parcel post system and the transportation of mail aeroplane, Postmaster General Hitch-cok yesterday completed his estimates for the coming year. According to Mr. Hitchcock's estimates the appropriations necessary to meet the penses of the postal service at large during the coming fiscal year will \$260,938,463, an increase of \$2,585,-740 over the appropriations for the current fiscal year.

The most important of the new items in the estimates are those providing for a parcels post. They include \$50,000 to cover the preliminary expenses on rural mail routes and an equal appropriation to start the ser-vice in the cities. An addition item of \$50,000 is included to cover an investigation having for its object the transportation routes. Thus Mr. the American merchant marine by Hitchcock will submit the parcels post giving preferential contracts for carislation authorizing a parcels post in some form will be secored at the com-

and a session of congress.

Another item included for the first time in the \$50,000 to cover experi-ments in the transportation or mail

\$250,000 Fire at Richmond.

Richmond. Oct. 7.—Pire today gut-ed a four-story building. We Rich-cond branch of the Literational farvester company.

The estimated lies is \$150,800, The right of the five is unlinews.

Has Stood the Trip Better Republican Soldiers Skirmish

with the Invading Troops

-Few Casualties. Lisbon, Oct. 7 .- A band of royalists has been defeated in a fight with republican troops near Braganca Tras-os-Montes, the northeastermost province of Portugal. It is rumored

A column of 700 monarchists com-WILL BREAK RECORD

A. Walton of Asheville. The next semi-annual convention of this district will be held at Biltmore the first week in next April.

Last night's session of the convention of the convention of the party.

The program here included the Carregosa, Espiraozello and Parimo. manded by Senator Camaoho Cana-

that a royalist column four miles west

Two thousand royalists gathered from various places also have joined goes to Lewiston and Moscow, Idaho, the column which is now at Vinhas and Spokane, Wash. He leaves Spo-Several fights in additiont to that near Braganca have taken place, but according to official reports, there are few casualties. The monarchists are the slopes of Mount Ranier. In Seat- awaiting another column which is expected to enter Portugal by way of score, but any owner of an automo Vein.

The government has 8,000 troops near the Spanish frontier which is cup onsidered an ample number to cope with the situation. In addition, however, it has dispatched regiments from Ayeiro and Oporto and a machine gun company from Lisbon while a warship is on its way to Oporto prepared to land troops should it be nec-

VESSELS ABANDONED IN A TERRIFIC GALE

port, schooners Xencehen and Adventure were abandoned. The vessels ficial emblem of the A. A. A. were heavily laden. The crews were brought here.

AVERSE TO BIDDING ON NAVAL CONTRACTS

Development of Merchant Marine May Advance the Cost of Warships.

Washington, Oct. 7.-The price future warships of the American navy, it is said, may be seriously affected by final establishment of a general par-cels post on all railway and steamboat partment to stimulate development of question squarely to congress for the postal committees of the house and senate will have to pass directly on at least one of the principal Atlantic each item. He is confident that legshipbuilding concerns, it is said, has assumed contracts for the construction of so much tonnage for the New York-Panama-San Francisco steam-ship lines, that it is indisposed to bid upon naval contracts.

Scattle, Oct. 7.—Major Thomas C. J. Ralley, U. S. A., retired, died foday at his home, aged 75.

Long Journey Through Nine States Begins Next Saturday, with Entrants from All Sections.

TO FOLLOW THE PATH OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY

Stretch of Road Considered One of the Country's Finest -Handsome Trophies Offered.

New York, Oct. 7 .- Seventy-eight cars of many makes and patterrns, assembled from almost every state along the Atlantic seaboard and as far west as Indiana, will point their noses outh next Saturday, and stream out of New York City in a winding file for Jacksonville, 1,454 miles away, in the Glidden tour of 1911. October 26, 12 days later, is the day set for the finish. During the trip the motop the Blue Ridge and follow close to the trail of the storm center during the days of the civil war.

The National highway, whose path they will keep to the land of flowers, winds through New Jersey, cuts an arc in southeastern Pennsylvania to Gettysburg and runs in a broad line through Maryland to the Shenandoah of Virginia. Through the broad, rich valley it leads past sandstone and marble monuments telling of the days of Stonewall Jackson and Sheridan. In the rolling country, the trail skirts the scenes of a score of battles, to the broad acres of North Carolina tobacco plantations, South Carolina, and the cotton fields of The tourists will Empire state of the south from north to south, chugging through Atlanta on their way. Forty miles, or thereabouts, across the Florida line, the journey will end at Jacksonville, Probably no long stratch of road in America, say the officials, can offer greater diversity of scenery and cli-

P. J. Walker of San Francisco president of the California State Automobile association, who has been selected referee; S. M. Butler, chair-man of the contest board of the American Automobile association, other officials in charge of the tour will give entrants their final word of instruction on the night before the start. Mr. Walker, an ardent advocate for good roads, will be accom-panied on the tour by Mrs. Walker. H. Whiting of this city in a 1912 Cunningham will be the pacemaker.

Anderson Offers Prize. In adition to the massive trophy for which the contestants will strive, the chamber of commerce and citizens of Anderson, S. C., have donated handsome silver punch bowl to be awarded to the individual owner whose car ends the tour with the least number of penalties. The Glidden trophy goes to the team of three cars finishing with the best team bile had an oportunity to enter his car in the contest for the Anderson

Thirty-nine inches long and fifteen inches high, the Anderson punch powi-is chased and engraved in patterns emblematic of South. The foot is round and the body oval, two modelled figures of victory holding it aloft, at each end. Cotton blossoms and palmetto leaves wind in a silver wreath about the sides, while winged automobile wheels stand upright beneath the figures at the bottom and between them at the top. The great seal of the State of South Carolina is stamped in the met-al beside an engraving of the Anderson county court house on one side,

while upon the reverse is engraved:
"Perpetual Automobile Touring
Trophy, presented to the American
Automobile asociastion by the citizens
weather a terrific gale raging off this the inscription there appears the of-

Six or more non-contesting cars will take the road with the contestants. Three of these represent three-wheel-ed vehicles. There will be two official cars and a class car with the baggage and supplies of the tourists will be carried by motor trucks.

STRIKING FIREMEN **ENJOINED BY COURT**

Former Georgia & Florida Employes Are Restrained from Interfering with Court.

Pensacola, Fla, Oct. 7.—A temporary injunction, restraining strik! fromen and engineenen of the Georgand Florida rallroad from interfact with the road's affairs, was been here yesterday afternoon by July William II. Shepard of the Unit