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WIDE COUNTRY SWEEP BY RISING WATERS No Loss of Life Is Rejoiced—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 the 61 business blocks escaped the raging water's fury. There was no loss of life.

LaCrosse, Wis., Oct. 7.—Two thousand inhabitants of Black River Falls are without food or shelter after spending the night on the hills watching the waters from the flood of Black River overrun the town.

Half of the business section was totally wiped out and water has flooded the entire town.

Whether the lives have been lost is not yet certain. The people have been scattered and canvasses are being made to determine how many, if any, are missing.

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 fear of its effect until the waters burst upon them.

River Rises Suddenly. The disaster was caused by the sudden rise of the Black River behind the two dams of the river power company following rains which lasted almost a week.

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Charlotteville, Va., Oct. 7.—A mysterious equipment worn on his head which he called "X-faculty" and to which he credited wonderful performances, including straight 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 dialogue with the "power" a few nights before Christmas in 1898. To test the accuracy of a tip given by the "power" he said he caught a train for New York, invested \$500 on the stock market and doubled his money.

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CLEVER SWINDLING CAREER CHECKED

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

Special to The Gazette-News. Marshall, Oct. 7.—Last night Detective H. F. Barnes, manager of the Barnes Detective agency, having offices in the principal towns of North and South Carolina, effected the arrest here of a man said to be a notorious swindler, H. F. Roberts, who is wanted on charges of insurance swindling in Asheville, on charges of forgery and false pretense in many cities along the Pacific slope, and in Fort Scott, Kan. He is also wanted in eastern part of North Carolina on the charge of stealing a horse and buggy.

He Goes West. Not content with operating in such a small field as Asheville and vicinity he struck out for the broader and 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.

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STATE OF SIEGE IS PROCLAIMED

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

WARSHIPS REMOVING THE TURKISH MINES Protest Against Italy's Course Sent from Constantinople to Parliaments and Peace Societies.

Rome, Oct. 7.—Advices from Tripoli state that the Italian governor, Rear Admiral Borea D'Olmo, has issued a proclamation declaring the town in a state of siege.

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.

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MAINE MYSTERY IS NOT CLEARED

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

CONSTRUCTOR CAPPS IS READY TO REPORT It Is Not Known Whether He Has Accepted the Army Engineer's Findings.

Washington, Oct. 7.—Chief Naval Constructor 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 secretary of the navy.

Engineers expressed absolute satisfaction that the Maine was torn to pieces by an explosion of her magazine and that the destruction wrought by the magazine explosion was so great as to completely obliterate evidence of any outside explosion, if there was one, thus making that point forever in doubt.

DISTRICT CONVENTION, ODD FELLOWS, BREWARD Gain of More Than 100 in Membership Since July—Officers Are Elected.

Special to The Gazette-News. Brevard, Oct. 7.—The district convention of Independent Order Odd Fellows, ninetieth district, which began here Thursday afternoon, after electing officers for the next year, as follows: President, J. W. McCoy of Black Mountain; vice president, H. C. Clark of Asheville; secretary and treasurer, F. A. Walton of Asheville.

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"Brain Storm" Defense Is Wife Slayer's Plan



Oregon, Ill., Oct. 7.—Hoping only to escape the gallows, Harry E. Webster, 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.

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