

LOSS OF LIFE ATTENDS FLOOD

Rescue Boats Speeding Search of the Marooned Near Torras Arrive Too Late.

1000 MORE IN PERIL WEST OF LETTSWORTH Number of Drowned Cannot Be Estimated - Batchelor, La., Is Cut Off by Water.

New Roads, La., May 6.—Flood refugees reaching here today declared there had been loss of life in that part of the state inundated by the swift waters of the Mississippi running through a breach in the levee at Torras. It is known that motor boats sent to take numerous persons from floating houseboats arrived too late and that persons were drowned. The number who perished has not yet been determined. At least 100 people remain to be rescued from the inundated country west of Lettsworth.

Batchelor, La., May 6.—The last link binding this town with the outside world by rail was severed last night, when water from the Torras crevasse swept away a long stretch of the Texas & Pacific railroad tracks east of here. Reports reach here from adjacent territory that hundreds are marooned on houseboats.

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Thousands of anxious people in the flood-menaced districts were disheartened by heavy rains today. Levees are strained almost to the bursting point by the swollen Mississippi. Throughout the night armies of workmen fought to strengthen the dikes. As the struggle to strengthen the embankments against the torrent went on, hundreds were rescued from dangerous places.

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ROOSEVELT TERMS TAFT A FALSIFIER

Declares His Charges Are False and His Conduct Is Dishonorable.

Oyster Bay, May 6.—In a statement issued here last night by Col. Roosevelt in reply to President Taft's speech in Baltimore, the colonel asserts that Mr. Taft knew he was making an untrue statement when he said that the former president expressed the opinion that the anti-trust law ought to be repealed. He also again contradicts the president in regard to the "harvester trust" case, saying that at a cabinet meeting and in private conversation with him Mr. Taft "repeatedly and emphatically indorsed the course actually taken."

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TRAIN WRECKED; VETERANS DIE

Three Instantly Killed and Others Are Injured When Cars Go Through Trestle.

ACCIDENT OCCURS NEAR HATTIESBURG Special Was Being Operated From Texas to the Reunion at Macon, Georgia.

DISTRICT COURT NOW IN SESSION FOR TERM Court Was Organized This Morning and Grand Jury Was Charged.

CABLE STEAMER MINIA PUTS IN AT HALIFAX Body of Charles M. Hays of Canadian Pacific Among Those Found.

Halifax, May 6.—The cable steamer Minia, which relieved the Mackay-Bennett in the work of searching for the Titanic's dead, returned to port this morning with flags at half mast.

Reports Americans Safe. Washington, May 6.—The state department today received a dispatch from Claude E. Guynn, aboard the Buford, stating that Americans are safe at Maxatlan and the conditions there are tranquil.

SHOT TO DEATH; OLD FEUD CAUSE

Story of Killing of Baxter Shelton by Champ Briggs Comes From Madison.

THE KEY POUNDER SLEPT AT SWITCH Southern Sent a Doctor to Craggy, Thinking Meyers Must Need Him.

FEAR A MASSACRE Hundreds of Chinese in Mexico Implore Permission to Enter United States During Revolution.

Washington, May 6.—Several hundred Chinese fleeing from the disturbed zone in the state of Coahuila, Mexico, are appealing to the United States government for a temporary asylum in this country.

Walla Walla, Wash., May 6.—The democratic state convention assembled here today. Supporters of Champ Clark and Woodrow Wilson both claim control.

Wytheville, Va., May 6.—With nearly 100 witnesses to be heard, Floyd Allen's trial for murder entered upon its fourth day. The commonwealth probably will not rest its case until near the end of the week.

THE GRAY HOST INVADES MAGON

Veterans, Their Sons and Grandsons, and Daughters of the Confederacy Gather by Thousands.

GEN. C. IRVINE WALKER HAS TWO OPPONENTS Gens. Young and Van Sandt Will Be Nominated for Commanders - Walker's Friends Working.

THE SPRINGTIME LYRICS ARE COMING IN ALREADY For Each Stanza Accepted and Published The Gazette - News Will Pay 50 Cts.

Saw Girl Shot as Floyd Allen Aimed Gun at Her Witness Believes Defendant's Bullet Killed Miss Ayres - Juror Testifies That When Firing Began He Crawled Into Fireproof Safe - Conspiracy Charges.

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CLAIM CONTROL OF COMMITTEE

COURTS MAY BAR INSURANCE MERGER Policy Holders Are Dissatisfied With Plan for Proposed Consolidation.

ARCHBALD INQUIRY House of Representatives Wants to Know Whether Judge Accepted Favors From Railroads.

PRIMARYS ARE HELD IN SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia, S. C., May 6.—Conventions to select delegates to the democratic state convention on May 15 were held today in every county in the state.

TEXAS IN DOUBT Neither a Republican Nor a Democratic Candidate Yet Sure of Victory in Conventions.

Dallas, Tex., May 6.—Texas precinct conventions Saturday, both republican and democratic, did not give a sure victory to any candidate of either party.

Mississippi Primary Tuesday. Jackson, Miss., May 6.—Democrats of Mississippi Tuesday will express their choice for presidential candidate, elect delegates to the national convention at Baltimore and select a national committeeman at a state wide primary election ordered by the state legislature.

ROOSEVELT LEADERS BELIEVE THEY WILL BE ABLE TO UNSEAT MANY TAFT DELEGATES.

SAY TAFT FIGURES ARE NOT IMPARTIAL National Committee Has Power to Shape Convention and May Use It for Roosevelt.

New York, May 6.—Col. Roosevelt's managers say they expect to control the republican national committee. This has an important bearing on the question of Roosevelt's nomination. It has been generally overlooked, however, in counting delegates, as is seen in the tables issued by the various headquarters. One table, emanating from the Taft headquarters in Washington and showing a great preponderance of instructed delegates for Taft, has been described as consisting of "impartial figures." Taft's foes say the figures are not impartial.

ARE TAKING EVIDENCE IN STEEL TRUST CASE New York, May 6.—The taking of testimony in the suit to dissolve the United States Steel corporation commenced today and will continue probably two months. Hearing also will be held in other cities.

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