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FLOOD LAYS WASTE RICH DISTRICT IN SOUTHERN MEXICO

Scores of Lives Lost In Wa-
ters That Swept Over
Miles of Country

CLOUDBURST CAUSED RIVER TO OVERFLOW

Many Americans Reported In
Precarious Situation In
The District

(By Associated Press.)

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 10.—Another terrible flood has visited the Jamiltepec district in the state of Oaxaca. Sugar plantations and mills have been destroyed, hundreds of head of cattle have been killed and scores of farm laborers have lost their lives in the waters. The scene of the latest inundation is in the southern part of the republic, many miles from Monterrey and Tamaulipas. The Atotonilco river overflowed its banks and swept miles of a rich country with devastating force.

The Jamiltepec district is one of the richest on the Pacific coast, and it is said that 100,000 persons will suffer from this most recent flood owing to the great area of land laid to waste. The initial overflow of the Atotonilco river was caused by a cloudburst. The situation in the northern part of the republic is still serious in spite of the fact that the floor suff-spite of the fact that the flood suff-ceeded their first relief.

Americans in Danger.

News of a number of unharmed Americans reached here today. It seems that the Presbyterian mission school at San Juan has been cut off since the flood. A party under the leadership of W. A. Ross is to go to the rescue. The pupils and teachers are reported to be safe, although suffering from want of food.

A party of Americans consisting of J. E. Goddard and his mother, Stuart Ryan of Oklahoma and Hugh Cockrell reached Loreto yesterday evening after a six days' trip in an ox-cart from the Santa Ana ranch where they had been staying. The ranch was completely inundated.

The Americans took refuge on a nearby hill, making their escape with little more than the clothes they had on their backs.

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NEWSPAPERS LITIGATE OVER RIGHT TO REPRINT PEARY'S POLAR STORY

ALLEGED DISPENSARY GRAFTERS INDICTED BY COLUMBIA GRAND JURY

Six True Bills Returned
Against Those Handling
Palmetto State's Booze

SEMINOLE CASE UP.

(By Associated Press.)

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 10.—The Richland county grand jury this afternoon returned six true bills in the so-called graft case in connection with purchases of supplies for the state dispensary. The men indicted in the case are Joseph H. Wyche, Le. Whiff Boykin, John Bell Towill, Justice Rawlinson, former dispensary director; W. O. Tatman, ex-dispensary committee man; James E. Farnum, Marion A. Woodman, John T. Early, H. Leo Solomons, liquor salesman, and Daniel J. Welsh, opt., representative of a local printing concern.

Wyche, Solomons and Early joined state's evidence and appeared before witnesses before the grand jury.

The six bills are as follows: Against Goodman and Farnum, bribery and using a bribe, against Farnum bribery and giving a bribe, against Tatman, Rawlinson, Wyche, Black, conspiracy to defraud the state, against Goodman, Boykin, Whiff, Tatman and Towill, conspiracy to defraud the state, against Black accepting bribes and rebates. Against Rawlinson, Early, Black, Wyche, Solomons and Farnum, conspiracy to defraud the state and taking rebates, the amount involved being \$15,000 more or less.

More indictments will be filed before the grand jury tomorrow.

Six of the promoters and officials of the Seminole Society, Columbia, were also indicted by the grand jury. One bill charges all six men, John V. Washington, president of the company; James Strode Young, secretary; G. J. Cooper, general manager of the distinct Southern Life Insurance company of Raleigh, N. C.; B. W. Lewis, vice-president and attorney of the Southern Life; C. J. Hart, who is said to have engineered the deal for the Southern Life stock and Cyril H. Hall, who passed on the value of the stock with conspiracy, breach of trust and grand larceny.

MISTOOK BROTHER FOR CHICKEN THIEF

BUTLIER, S. C., Sept. 10.—Following a dispute in the door of a political office, Judge Bettie, of the probate and equity court, and James P. Jenkins, a long time politician, got engaged in a pistol duel here this afternoon, each receiving minor wounds. Judge Bettie was shot in the abdomen, but it was announced that he would not be affected.

The two men passed heated words during the fight, and reportedly, the judge's brother, who is a police chief, came to his aid later and when they met on the street found both drew revolvers, and began firing, employing their revolver at each other at close range.

DR. COOK READY TO MEET HIS CRITICS SAYS W. T. STEAD

Bridgeman Declares Only Dis-
coverer of Pole Won't Play
If Cook's There

COMMITTEE WANTS ROOSEVELT IN LINE

The John R. Bradley Has
Been Sold But Could be
Entered by Owners

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Commander Peary's ship, the Roosevelt, will be one of the features of the Hudson-Fulton naval parade on the opening day of the celebration. The following telegram was received here tonight:

Sydney, U. S., Sept. 10.—Hudson-Fulton Celebration. Plain matter.

"Peary Arctic club applies for position to its leader Roosevelt with the North pole in tenacious paces." H. C. Bridgeman.

A brief reply was promptly sent, and the Roosevelt will be assigned to a place of honor close to the Half Moon and Clermont, which will lead the parade. In all probability Peary himself will be on board, together with the members of the Peary Arctic club and possibly other distinguished explorers.

Dr. Cook, it is expected, will be in New York city at the time, but the celebration committee regards it as unlikely that he will be invited to join the Peary party.

NOT ROOM FOR BOTH IN HUDSON-FULTON PARADE SAYS PEARY

He Declares That Brooklyn
Explorer Has Been Treat-
ed Like a Pickpocket

OTHERS HAVE FIRM FAITH IN DOCTOR

Explorer Will Face a Compe-
tent Tribunal And Tell
Story to World

(Special to The Citizen.)

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—The details of the tragic love story of the late Baron Oscar Rothschild and beautiful Olga Menin—the old story of the struggle of the son of a noble family to overcome the barriers of caste to marry an American girl—were revealed today.

But day after day, despite the admitted voucher of his Arctic sojourn and his readiness to face all for the cause of Arctic exploration, Cook is assailed with the cruel imputation by anonymous writers who never have given any proof of their having suffered in the cause of the Arctic or indeed in any other cause. Every word he says is twisted or misrepresented. Every hour brings telegrams and telegrams and importunate callers demanding that he shall there and then answer this challenge with incontrovertible proof producible on the spot.

Are you an infamous liar or not?

COOK READY TO MEET ALL CHARGES.

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