PRICE FIVE CENTS

ONE THOUSAND LIVES ARE SWEPT AWAY BY THE BURSTING OF PAPER MILL DAM

HELPLESS HUMANITY CARRIED TO DEATH ON THE CREST OF TERRIFIC FLOOD AT AUSTIN, PENNSYLVANIA, YESTERDAY

Five Hundred Million Gallons of Water Thrown on the Town Carrying Death and Destruction Before. Heavy Rains of Past Few Weeks Caused Dam to Burst.

000 BUILDINGS DESTROYED

Most Disastrous Fload Since Johnstown

Was Wiped Out.

Details of Catastrophe

burst one mile and a half north of town,

way by the great torrent:

Food supply has been swept away.

Austin has a population of 3,200,

Over 1,000 buildings wrecked.

ed, crushed or burned to death.

slowly cremated.

also swept away.

Dam of the Bayliss Pulp & Paper company

Five hudred million gallons of water thrown

Between 850 and 1,000 persons were drawn-

Hundreds of others believed to have been

Scores of persons caught beneath debris and

Costello, town of 450 people, below Austin,

Two-thirds of citizens believed to have per-

COUDERSPORT, Pa., Sept. 30,-With a roar that

could be heard for miles the great dam of the Bayliss

Pulp & Paper company, at Austin, Pa., four miles from

ere went out at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. One hun-

red bodies had been recovered from ruins when dark-

come this evening and it is estimated that fully 900

unrecounted for and are believed to be dead. At 8

the dam which was 130 feet long and 49 feet high,

gallons of water. For the few times since its

on, two years ago, the water was running over

it to

rving

gas 22 feet thick at the base, and held back more than

op of the draw today and many persons went out

They were panic stricken when a section about 20 feet wide gave way on the west side. A great volume of water poured through the hole and the alors was quick-

ly sounded. People ran for their lives to the hills near-by, but many were caught in the flood and whirled down the valley. A moment later another by a courred, this time on the east side. It was much greater than the

first and permitted the bulk of the

screaming dumanity with it.

rash in a mighty volume toward the

Austin, a mile and a half away, to see the nnusual

tonight the death list had reached 850 and may

ve rains of past two weeks caused reser-

for first time since erected two years

Fire follows bursting of natural gas mains.

MAY BE OTHER TOWNS.

AUSTIN, Pa., Out. 1,-The ble to reach points below here tonight. Refugees from Costollo state only few bouse left there.

AUSTIN, Pa., Sept. 30.—A dangerous situation de-BY ONRUSH OF THE WATERS veloped immediately after the great wall of water had passed. Austin is piped for natural gas and the great force of the flood tore the mains from the streets. One of them, the largest pipe in the town, burst in the busistimated That Nearly 1,000 Souls Perished in ness section. A moment afterward the gas gushed out and in a twinkling it had taken fire. There was no explosion but the flames leaped to a height of seventy feet or more and blown by a strong wind, was communicated to the nearest house. In ten minutes a dozen other gas piges had burst and were pouring their deadly inflammable fluid into the air. Men who had rushed forward in the hope of doing some good were overcome and fell, while others were caught in the flames and incherated. The street became a glowing hell and there was no salvation for those who chanced to be near. How many perished at this point is not known, but one estimate places it at a score.

Death by Fire and Water

Austin has little fire protection at best and with this swept away by the flood and no one left to man the little apparatus the town possessed, the progress of the flame, was uninterrupted. Rapidly they swept from house to house, leaping streets and alleys and fed by the centinual supply of gas from bursting mains there was no staying their progress. They licked up what the water had left.

Many persons, crushed and helpless in the wrecks of buildings only partly destroyed by the water, were consumed in the flames. Their shricks could be heard by the helpless ones who, awaken 1 from their sleep and paralyzed by the scenes about them, endeavored to save a life here and there where it so ded possible. But they were driven back by the deadly fumes of the gas or the heat of the flames and half an hour after the flood had passed they stood from the hillside, pitiful in their inability to do anything but bemoan the fate of their friends.

Women and Children

Women and children there were among the wounded and dying, but among the scores of men who might at other times have braved death to save the lives of the unfortunate there was none to dare.

Down at the shops of the Buffalo & Susquehanna railroad history was in the making. The buildings were located below the business section on the banks of Freeman run and were more substantial than most of the houses which had been swept away by the flood. When the great mass of crushed and broken timbers. representing the homes of a few minutes before, came crashing down they lodged against the shops. The impact was so great that the buildings shivered and the walls were crushed in. But the framework stood and formed a barrier against which flotsam and jetsam of the flood found lodgement.

Caught at Machines

Here, as elsewhere, the natural gas pipes burst and s the shops were in operation fire was quickly communicated to the heterogeneous mass. Men were caught before they could leave their machines. Some of them were crushed to death without a warning, but others less favored of fortune, were pinned down and met horrible deaths in the rapidly kindling flames.

Nearly was the plant of the Standard Lumber com-It had on hand a large stock of stove wood shipment. When the pipes burst there the as broke through the building and it was soon royed. Here, too, debris had piled high and the less ones who had been swept down stream met hat this point.

For boars the machine shops and the lumber plant ed. And the odor of burning flesh was so strong as to drive many persons from the scene. How many died here will never be known, but counting the employes of the plants and the persons in the flood it will not fall short of two hundred.

Futile Efforts Here is where the first organized effort at relief was made. Maddened by the sights about him, one man. with tears streaming down his checks, cried for volun-

BAILWAY SHOPMEN 60 ON STRIKE ON

Unions Claim That Number Who Have Quit is Between 20,000 and 30,000

MUCH SMALLER" SAYS JULIUS KRUTTSCHNITT

Rallway Officials Claim That Strike Will Not Interfere with Services

threatened strike of the shopmen on nition of their newly organized federation became a reality today, The states affected was entimated at between 20,000 and 80,000 by the unon men, although Julius Kruttschnitt. vice precident of the Harriman lines. in a statement tonight raid the number was much smaller.

Reports from most of the points indicate that the men walked out without demonstrations and no rioting was reported.

Traffic was continued without interruption and the raliroad officials say the Mopmen's strike even if extended would not interfere with transpor-

The response to the strike order was general throughout the middle ceived notices from the international they laid down their tools. At New

Orienns where the strike already had extended from a strike of the Illinois Central clerks and the men had been out several days, two men received fail sentences for violation of federal injunction restraining them from interfering with the company's

In the far west it was said by the d kroads a small percentage of workers responded to the strike call.

Vice President Kruttschnitt is-

sued the following statement: the Union and Southern Pacific lines shop forces were laid off to reduce working time and effect reduction of all went out and at some points only

"Train schedules on all lines are not affected and the maintenance of regular schedules will in no manner action paves the way for the forthinterrupted.

The men involved are divided into this revernment. he following groups, according to he union men:

Machinists 10,000; bottermakers .000; biacksmiths \$,600; car men 1.000; clerks 1,000; miscellaneous workers 1,000.

Markham's Circular W. L. Markham, vice president and eneral manager of the Illinois Cenral issued a circular to employes TWO ESCAPED CONVICTS tral issued a circular to employes demands of the man as radical, re-lating the history of negotiations and the mixty of reconstrains and charking that the contracts between the men and the unions ha find been abrogated by the necessary thirty days notice. Concluding, he said:

ations! officers of at least some of the crafts supported our position and opposed violating their contracts by onsenting to call a strike on the Illinois Central. The conservatives seemed to be in the minority, howver, and the result is one of the most ancalled for walkouts of labor in the history of this country.

"The Illinois Central has juarrel with organized labor as such, which is primarily responsible for this

POSSUMS LIKE PAPAWS

COLUMBUS, Ind., Sept. 26 —Ed-ward Jones, proprietor of a barber shop here, has two opessions and he declares they were entired to this city by the scent of papaws. Mr. and Mrs. David Robertson, of this city, spent the day with James Finkel, cast of this city. Finhel owns two pet opcomme and they are both very fond of papawa, Fingel gave the Robfond of papawa, Fintel gave the Robertsons a suck of papawa, and when
they returned home they tell all erin supply at the fouse home. Jones
American countries, the assembly has
thinks the scent of the papawa led
the operatures to follow the bury to
the operatures to follow the bury to
barking he got out of hed to find the
opposition acting the papawa, in spite
of the frantic efforts of the dor to

Grive them away.

Dorers by designing contractors who plodes and causes a thick cloud of
can find ready market for their serwapor, which envelopes the victim,
makes it impossible for him to see,
american countries, the assembly has
renders his breathing difficult, and
he finally falls into a swoon that last
from ten minutes to a half hour. It
is balleved that the new platel will be
must pay a fine of recover than \$1.500. drive them away.

ITALIAN WARSHIPS REPORTED TO HAVE BOMBARDED TRIPOLI

Now Feared There Will be Uprising Among Arabs And Wholesale Slaughter is One of Probabilities. Fleet Awaits Orders.

MALTA, Sept. 30.—It is reported here that the Italian warships began the bombardment of Tripoli at 2 marine o'clock this afternoon. The single ca-ble connection between Malta and "The destroyers Artigliere as Tripoli is blocked with official mes- seniere this morning sunk a Turkish sages. A reliable private message destroyer and torpeddes near Prosva from Tripoli, however, says that the The Coramiere is now on its vitalian blockade began yesterday at Taranto eccorting a captured

tomorrow and will coal immediately. The flect will await orders, and no shore leave will be given. The pronumber of men to quit in the fifteen locted crulars, Barham, after her departure from here was recalled by

Direct news from Tripolf is lack-ing. That the Italian forces have

the quo in the Balleira, explaining that its havel operations along the coast of European Turkey are morely a measure of safety for Italy's

of Italy's military expedition, The position of the Turkish squadron, which is supposed to be on its way from Bernit to Contacntinople, is unknown, though reports say that it should reach the Dardanelles Sunday. An Athens dispatch says that an Italian squadron shelled several Turkish warships off Gominitza.

U. S. NOTHFIED WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 .- Formal notification to the United States that expenses. At other points no men at a state of war exists between Italy department late today by the Italy ian charge 'Affairs, Nobile Lazzaro dei Marchesi Newsett Constant of the city of Janina quarreled bitter one faction advoctes restoring the regime. An affice of the city of Janina quarreled bitter one of the city of dei Marchesi Negrotto Cambiaso. This coming proclamation of neutrality by

> President Taft will proclaim noutrality of the United States probably Monday. The official actification of that the entire Ottomen feet except Italy carries out the Hague conven- one druiser has been destroyed. Of-Italy carries out the Hague convenpowers must be notified of the declaration of war.

DESTROYER SUNK

ROME, Sept. 30,-The minister received the following "The destroyers Artigliere and Cor-CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 20.—The hrestened strike of the shopmen on Tar British flest is expected here in the figure of enforce recost. and 162 soldiers appard besides.

MINISTER'S SPATEM' VT. NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Why did

quantity of ammo

Italy go to war? Di San Giuliano, Italian minister o ing. That the last unquestioned but landed there is doubt as to whether Turkey today in an 1,500 worst cause there is doubt as to whether Turkey today in an 1,500 worst cause there is doubt as to whether Turkey today in an 1,500 worst cause there is unquestion.

Fata Forni, his consul general near the statement recipies in dotail numerous alleged instances of injustice, contingents of soldiers aboard, at Tripoll.

Many Reports

Many Reports According, to advices received by the porte, Italy has effected a landing near Pervesa in European Turkey. As a result the reserves of the vilayet of Janina are being mobilized. An official announcement also comes from Communication in the reserves in the standard of the porter of the vilayet of Janina are being mobilized. An official announcement also comes from Communication in that Greece is ministration as "a government either without authority properties."

"The conflict which appears to have unexpectedly broken out before Italy and Turkey is only the epilor of a long series of vexations is abuses, even more real than a authorities of the Ottoman em says the statement

TURKISH SHIP SHELLED.
ATHENS, Sept. 20.—An Italian
squadron today shelled the Turkish
warships Himidieh Hiar-Ed-Din-Bareross and Alpagut, anchored at Gominitan, to the north of Oreat excitement was caused through out Inina Janina and at Prevasa by

The young Turks at a meeting in resime. An officer was killed during the discussion.

ANOTHER RUMOR.

PARIS. Espt. 20.—The Matin's Constantinople correspondent wires that a jumor is in circulation at the porte ficials at the office of the minister of the marine are unable to confirm of

It is well known that the inter- Overpowered Guards of Rowan County Chaingang, Taking His Arms

SALISHURY, N. C., Sept. 30 .- Ed Hanes and Claud Hanes, the two statements that the foreign demand young white men who overpowered for cotton was a more "hand to ought this controversy and has no the guard and snade their escape mouth" character, were effectually rebut if will use all the resources at from Rowan county chaingang Thurs- futed by the enormous foreign exits command to retain such control of day alkat carrying on the Winchester ports from Savannah today. The rethe management as will enable it to rife and pistol of the guard, were continue the exercise of public func- captured at midnight last night near amounted to 95,756 bales, of which tions for which it was created and chars, Carbruss county, by Sherin 14,204 went to Great Britain, 19,500 which subsequent events have shown J. H. McCiuzie, os Salisbury, assisted 34,204 went to Great Britain, 19,500 it could not centines to exercise had by Deputes Krider, Tolbery, Atta- to France, 46,880 to the continent the management consented to enter way and others. The escaped con- and 4,872 coastwise. The other ports nevertations with the organization victs were seen passing China Grove showed 9,384 tales representing a swifter their stripes and carrying value of over \$5,000,000. their stolen arms. The sheriff and to ee were soon on their trail in an the largest amounts ever experted automobile and ran on them in the from any port in one day. carkness, ordered them to throw up their hands, took the guns from them and brought them to Salisbury jail to await trial for assaulting an offi-

prevent the exportation of canal in- powder to prope! it. The builet exborers by designing contractors who plodes and causes a thick gloud of

ENORMOUS EXPORTS OF COTTON FROM SAVANNAH

'Hand to Mouth' Statements of Foreign Exports Very Strongly Refuted

SAVANNAH, Ga., Sept. 30 .- Recent

It is believed that this is one of

INGENIOUS INVENTION

BERLIN, #spt. 20,-An inventive German has recently taken out a put-PREVENT LABOR EXPORTATION ent destà for a brief time. It is load PANAMA, Sept. 30 .- In order to competition, to which is added enough

Harry Davis, a locomotive engir telephone and notified the operator of the She

Operator Spreads Alaru

The raging flood tore down the death on its debris-covered crester f women and children, the men were aways in their homes and drowned or crudical to knew what had happened. Houses were do in their homes and drowned or crowned ore they n before the mighty crush of water, and gas pipes broken, released their dangerous flood. Beto bent and had passed on its terrible course through the town, dozen fires were burning in as many places and the cries of injured and imprisoned persons joined in the terrific thunder of the flood.