

DEATH LIST OF AUSTIN FLOOD GREATLY DIMINISHED BY LATER REPORTS FROM STRICKEN TOWN

Estimates Vary Even Now, Though Nearly all of the 300 or More Missing May Have Perished. However the More Hopeful Believe That There Will Not be More Than 150 Unaccounted For.

PROPERTY LOSS THOUGHT TO HAVE EXCEEDED \$6,000,000

Towns Below Austin, Where Many Were Thought to Have Been Swept Away by Rushing Water Show Very Small Loss of Life.

Death List Greatly Reduced

AUSTIN, Pa., Oct. 1.—As the work of recovering the bodies of the victims of yesterday's flood progresses, it is apparent that the figures sent out last night were greatly exaggerated in the excitement following the bursting of the dam. It is now estimated that the death list will not exceed 350 and may go as low as 150.

The inaccuracies of the first reports were largely due to the damage done to telephone and telegraph wires by the onrush of waters. It was impossible to establish satisfactory connection with Costello, and reports of fugitives were to the effect that 300 or 400 lives had been lost there.

today, revealing a ghastly scene of death and devastation. Austin itself, yesterday a busy mill town of 3,000 people many of whom were enjoying the fine autumn afternoon as a Saturday half holiday, is only a ghost of a town today. Torn to pieces by water and eaten by fire, the wet and charred remnants of its buildings, believed to hold the remains of 300 or more persons, were strewn along the valley edge, piled in rows where the main street business section was, or swept in scattered masses far down the ravine.

\$6,000,000 Loss Spectators, many of whom barely escaped being victims of the disaster and hundreds of persons from surrounding towns, looked down from the steep hillsides on Austin and country through a veil of fog this morning to see the wreckage here of some 400 houses, a score of business blocks, three churches and several large lumber mills, and three miles further down the river at Costello the ruins of more than fifty buildings. The flood did not spend its force until it raced for more than ten miles from the reservoir. Wharton, still further on, suffered somewhat, but is practically intact. The loss of life at Costello, where the residents had more warning, is believed to be but three. The property loss in the valley is estimated at upwards of \$6,000,000.

In Austin, out of the hundreds enveloped in the deluge, hardly a dozen survive. The furious flood, let loose when the Haystack Paper & Pulp company's dam crumbled yesterday afternoon, picked up a huge battery of heavy timbers in the mill yards at the foot of the dam, and with these thousands of planks and logs rammed its path with terrible havoc.

At the hospital today there were but six injured, for the care of the small army of physicians and nurses who poured into the devastated town all night and day. The medical supplies furnished unused in the cars rushed here by the railroads.

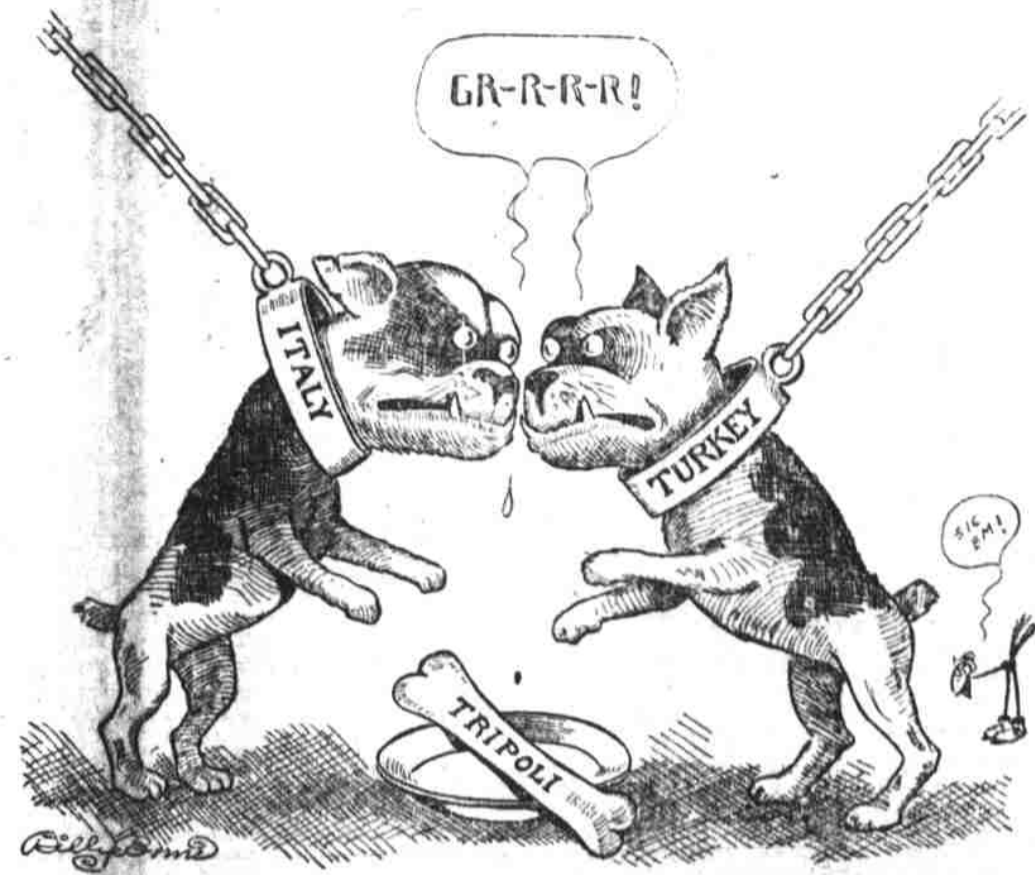
Constabulary in Charge The state constabulary arrived this afternoon and took charge of the situation, which seemed too appalling for the local committee which had worked all night. Immediately orders were issued to the railroads to bring no more sightseers to Austin and sentinels were placed on the chief roadways with instructions to pass none but workmen. Hundreds of automobiles and carriages were turned back.

During the night searching parties with engine headlights, automobile lamps, pine torches and improvised lanterns of every sort, poked their way into every pile of wreckage that was accessible, seeking any who might be alive, but so rarely a body was found in which life was not extinct. The horror which severely tested the mettle of the men whose circumstances had impressed into their aid rescuers of the flood devastated village.

Men who shudder at the touch of a dead body at the outset indifferently searched mangled bodies for papers of identification ere they had been

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The War Dogs.



TURKEY'S IDEA SEEMS TO BE TO LURE ITALIANS TO INTERIOR OF TRIPOLI

Believe That Their Chances on Land Are Much Better Than on Water—Conflicting Reports of Situation Make it Impossible to Get at Actual State of Affairs in the Hostile Countries.

It seems also certain that the reported destruction of the Turkish fleet is untrue. In fact the only report of the first three days' hostilities which can be vouched for, is the destruction of the Turkish destroyers by the Duke of Abruzzi's ships off Prevesa. The Tripoli cable is closely sealed, so that it is impossible for the outside world to know what is going on there.

Turkey in No Hurry.

The Ottoman government clearly is not in a hurry and the most significant news of the day is the determination of the Turkish council again to appeal to the powers, and in the meantime suspend offensive measures. Late tonight the new appeal had not reached the British government, and there is nothing to indicate that the attitude of the powers has undergone any change. According to The Daily Telegraph's Rome correspondent, however, Germany and Austria have already made unofficial representations to Italy of their displeasure at her procedure, and that if these representations are ignored they will be followed in another shape by "humiliation to Italy."

Denial of Bombardment.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 1.—It is officially confirmed that the Italian navy has not bombarded Prevesa, but the landing of Italian forces there is denied. It is announced from Janina that two Italian warships yesterday bombarded the port of Reschada and the torpedo boats lying in that harbor, one of which was damaged and landed its crew. The Italian ships entered the port and shelled the town, several houses being struck. After taking soundings they left and entered Port Mesta, taking the command of the port.

CONFLICTING REPORTS.

LONDON, Oct. 1.—Out of a perfect mass of conflicting reports and rumors it is utterly impossible at the present state to sift the grains of truth concerning the opening days of the Turkish-Italian war. It appears even doubtful whether there has been any actual occupation of Tripoli, and it is practically certain that there has been no bombardment by the Italian warships.

Action Resisted.

According to information from diplomatic sources the landing of Italians at Prevesa is greatly resented by Austria and Germany, and had much to do with their reported change of attitude towards Italy.

"Conciliatory Answer."

"We answered the Italian ultimatum in a conciliatory tone, implying a peaceful solution. You know under what conditions Italy declared war, and how hostilities began contrary to the rules of international law. By this fact we are at liberty to take all measures necessitated by a state of war quite apart from military operations strictly speaking. But, while reserving for herself the right, Turkey holds the conviction that a state of war can be avoided. Thus, she addresses herself to the powers and postpones recourse to arms."

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STRIKE BREAKERS ON I. C. MAIL TRAIN ATTACKED BY MOB

None of Men Seriously Injured But Many Windows of Rear Car Are Smashed USED CAR SEATS TO BARRICADE WINDOWS Strikers Are Appealed to Respect Injunction Against Intimidation

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 1.—A Sunday mob of between 400 and 500 strikers and union sympathizers attacked a mail train on the Illinois Central at McComb City, Miss., this morning in their frenzied efforts to lay hands upon a car load of strikebreakers being brought to this city from Chicago. Many of the windows in the rear car were smashed by the strikebreakers, were smashed and members of the mob tried to detach the coach from the train. None of the men were seriously injured. The men will be put to work by the Illinois Central.

ANOTHER REPORT.

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 1.—A carload of strikebreakers on their way to N. W. Orleans over the Illinois Central were stoned by a mob as they passed through McComb, Miss., this morning. Windows were broken and several of the men were injured by broken glass or by being hit with stones. The men finally used the car seats to barricade the windows.

STRIKE DEVELOPMENTS.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 1.—The only development locally in the strike situation was the organization of the car men employed at the Algiers shops of the Southern Pacific. A total of 42 signed the union charter and tomorrow are expected to join the strike. W. E. Bowen, general secretary of the Federation of Railroad Employees of the Illinois Central system, appealed today to all union men and sympathizers to respect the injunction issued by the federal court against intimidation and acts of violence.

BOTH SIDES SATISFIED.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 1.—Except for the stoning of a train at McComb City bearing men destined for New Orleans.

TAXICAB RUN DOWN BY TRAIN, TWO ARE KILLED THREE SERIOUSLY HURT

Two Memphis Women Meet Horrible Death on Their Way to Station AT FREEPORT, N. Y.

FREEPORT, N. Y., Oct. 1.—Mrs. R. J. Darnell, of Memphis, Tenn., and her daughter, Beatrice, twenty years old, were instantly killed, another daughter, Pauline, seventeen, was probably fatally injured, and Wm. C. Collier, formerly of Memphis, and John Mott, a chauffeur, were seriously hurt when a taxicab which was taking them to the Freeport station was run down by a Long Island train tonight.

The taxicab was struck with terrific force and hurled forty feet with its occupants. The bodies of the dead women were found in a ditch, half submerged, a heavy rain which was falling having flooded the country for miles around. The bodies were terribly crushed.

When Pauline Darnell was picked up and removed to the home of the Collier family, who are now residents of Freeport, she was found to have sustained a fracture of the right knee, a fractured jaw bone, possibly internal injuries and severe lacerations. It is not believed she can survive. Mr. Collier's injuries consist of several contusions and possible internal hurts. Mott, the chauffeur, is similarly injured.

ESTIMATES AS LOW AS 150.

AUSTIN, Pa., Oct. 1.—Estimates of the loss of life in the flood that overwhelmed the town of Austin yesterday diminished today when an army of volunteer rescuers worked its way into the masses of wreckage. In the opinion of many on the ground the number of deaths will not reach 150, while the less hopeful place the list of fatalities at 300.

The property loss will exceed \$6,000,000, and it is the general opinion that the town never will be rebuilt. Two at least of the large plants will not be reconstructed, and a majority of the business men of the place have been financially ruined.

State officials in charge of the situation, after a hasty canvass of the population today, expressed the belief that not more than 150 are dead in the wreckage. Only sixteen bodies have been recovered at a late hour tonight. Chief of Police D. E. Baker, however, believes that fully 300 are dead or missing.

Few Bodies Recovered.

The 500 men who had toiled all day in a heavy rainstorm abandoned their task when darkness approached with less than a score of the bodies of the dead found. Reports from Costello and points farther down Sinnemahoning grew more encouraging as the day advanced. At Costello,

while there was a heavy financial loss, it was stated that not more than three persons were dead. Beyond that point no fatalities had been reported.

The survivors will not suffer from hunger or lack of care, as the supplies and medical assistance rushed to the scene seem ample to care for them. T. F. Bicknell, national director of the National Red Cross, brought with him \$15,000 in cash for immediate aid to the flood victims. Of the eight injured in the hospitals none are fatally hurt. The homeless have all been provided with shelter. On the outskirts of Austin are a number of houses which were vacated by the workers in the Goodyear mill when the plant was dismantled. These houses have been filled with homeless people. The residents of Keating Summit have taken in the others, several hundred in number. Provisions continue to arrive in large quantities, and there will be no suffering for lack of food.

AUSTIN, Pa., Oct. 1.—The curtain of night which was rung down on the Austin flood scarcely before its victims had all been claimed and its surviving spectators fully realized how great a tragedy the elements of water and fire had enacted in its natural amphitheater of the Allegheny mountains here, was lifted by dawn

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MADERO UNANIMOUSLY NAMED AS PRESIDENT OF MEXICAN REPUBLIC

He Declares That There is no Doubt of Suarez' Election as V. P. LATTER NOT CERTAIN

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 1.—Basing his belief upon information received from various parts of the republic, Francisco I. Madero, whom the people of Mexico today officially elected president, declared that there was no doubt that his chosen candidate for the vice presidency, Jose E. Pino Suarez, of Yucatan, had also been elected. At the headquarters of the Catholic party, Gabriel Fernandez Somellera, chairman of the central committee, said that he believed Francisco de la Parra had been elected vice president. "We have won a big majority in the capital," said Madero. "We have carried almost every district for De la Barra," said Somellera. The only thing that appeared reasonably certain tonight was that Dr. Francisco Vasquez Gomez, independent candidate for the vice presidency was snuffed under in the federal district.

TAFT'S TRAIN IS CAUGHT IN STORM AND DELAYED FOR OVER ELEVEN HOURS

Sunday's Program at Omaha Had to be Abandoned; Only Inconvenience ON WAY TO DENVER

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 1.—President Taft arrived here tonight from Sedalia, Mo., eleven hours late, after a perilous trip over flood damaged railroads. The train was caught in a storm in northeastern Kansas and eastern Nebraska. Creeks were turned into torrents, rivers overflowed their banks and railroad travel was impeded. Several small bridges were swept away and a portion of the tracks over which the president traveled were covered with more than a foot of water. The Taft special was held out at Rushville, Mo., for seven hours and there was a two-hour delay at Falls City waiting for the flood to subside. Missouri Pacific section hands were ordered out by the hundreds. In several places the tracks were lifted on jacks from the muddy waters and propped up on piles of cross ties. To hold these in place many tons of rock were dumped onto the roadbed. Every possible care was taken to insure the president's safety and before his train was sent over the more dangerous stretches a pilot train had preceded

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SHOPMEN AND OFFICIALS ON HARRIMAN LINES ARE READY FOR A STRUGGLE

President of Illinois Central Says He Expects no Inconvenience DIFFERENT VERSIONS

CHICAGO, Oct. 1.—Railroad officials and shopmen on the Harriman lines who struck yesterday to enforce their demands for recognition of the newly organized federation spent today in preparation for the struggle which will begin in earnest tomorrow. The walkout occurring before the Saturday half holiday gave the railroads a full day and a half in which to make preparations to run the shops and it was said that in many of the shops practically a full force of men would be at work. The men at the big Burnside shops here spent the day quietly discussing the outcome of the struggle. Watchers near the shops say that more than one hundred strikebreakers were brought into the stockade on a special train. President Markham, of the Illinois Central, said nothing had been done by a railroad during the day. "We expect the shops to open on time tomorrow," he said. FIFTY INJURED. ABBEVILLE, La., Oct. 1.—Fifty persons were injured, a number seriously today when a grandstand at a wrestling bout collapsed.

KILLS HIS FIRST COUSIN WITHOUT PROVOCATION

Tragedy Took Place Yesterday on Streets of Lilesville, This State

LILESVILLE, N. C., Oct. 1.—Samuel T. Smith was shot and instantly killed on the streets of Lilesville at 5 o'clock this afternoon by T. J. Blake, his first cousin, who was somewhat under the influence of intoxicants. The shooting was without provocation. Smith had just returned from a drive to Bixlett's Falls. He was driving a balky horse, which stopped near the public square. Blake snatched up and informed Smith that he could make the animal move on, and proceeded to get into the buggy. Smith told him that if he, Blake, was going to drive the horse, he would get out of the buggy. Blake took exception to his cousin's actions, and followed him from the buggy. He drew a 22-caliber revolver and fired one shot. As Smith ran around the postoffice building Blake emptied his pistol, shooting four times more, two of which took effect. The last ball passed through Smith's neck immediately above the shoulders and death ensued in a few moments.



WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—Forecast for North Carolina: Local rains Monday and probably Tuesday; light to moderate south winds.

PRIMARY PRELIMINARY TO VERY BITTER FIGHT

Saturday's Primary at Philadelphia Shows Unusually Large Vote

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 1.—Analysis of the vote cast in yesterday's primary election to select candidates for mayor and other city officials shows that 265,000 ballots were cast out of a registration of 295,000. Geo. H. Earl, Jr., supported by Senator Penrose and State Senator McNichol, leader of a faction of the local republican organization defeated Wm. S. Vane after a bitter fight for the mayoralty nomination by 27,000 plurality, receiving 109,541 votes to 82,128 for Vane. Rudolph Blankenburg, the "war horse of reform," won both the democratic and Keystone nominations by a vote of 44,975 from Dr. Clarence Giboney, the reform candidate, who received over 1,930 votes. The primary contest was only preliminary to the war that will now be waged between the republican organization on the one side and the Keystone and democratic parties on the other, the campaign slogan of the latter being "reform." November 7 is election day. Of the ballots cast yesterday 194,338 were by the republicans and 50,895 by the combined reformers and democrats.

KILLED WIFE NO. TWO.

CHICAGO, Oct. 1.—Dr. Harry Webster, a Rush medical college graduate student and interne at the Polyclinic hospital, in a remarkable confession to the police today admitted that he murdered one of his two young wives. Heine Kent Webster, of Chicago, in the woods ten miles from Dixon, Ill., Sept. 16. The police say the motive for the crime was Webster's desire to hide from his first wife, Zoe Varney Webster, of Cedar Rapids, Ia., the fact that he was a rapist.

CITY OFFICIALS FROM ALL PARTS OF UNITED STATES

League of American Municipalities Meets in Atlanta on Wednesday

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 1.—City officials from all parts of the United States are expected here this week to attend the 15th convention of the League of American Municipalities, which opens on October 4. The convention will be in session for three days. A feature of the opening session will be the annual address of Mayor Darius A. Brown, of Kansas City, president of the league. Mayor Samuel Carson of Jamestown, N. Y., will deliver an address on the subject, "The Future City." Other scheduled speakers include "City Government Commission," by Professor Ford H. McGregor of the University of Wisconsin; "What a Live City Can Do Under an Antiquated Charter," by Mayor J. C. Payson, of Minneapolis; "The Standardization of Municipal Business," by Fred H. Cogswold, comptroller of Omaha, Neb.; "Long Time Bonds," by Mayor H. Thomson, of Chattanooga; "Law Enforcement," by Mayor Marcus B. Cullum of Duluth, and "Municipally Owned Public Belt Railroads," by Mayor Martin Behrman of New Orleans. The election of officers and the selection of the next meeting place will occupy the closing session Friday.

STEAMSHIP ASHORE.

BOULGONY, Oct. 1.—The steamship Knegic Friedrich Augustus of the Hamburg American line, plying between European and South American ports, was driven from her moorings today by the heavy gale. She stranded on a sandy bottom inside the breakwater. The steamer carried 1,000 passengers, who are still aboard. An unsuccessful attempt was made to refloat the liner, and will be renewed tomorrow morning.