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## Great Damage From Floods In Colorado

**Fearful Scenes of Devastation Met by Citizens at Daybreak, Arkansas River Rampage**

**Railroad Traffic is Badly Demoralized - Many Families Driven From Their Homes to Higher Ground.**

By Associated Press. Denver, Colo., Aug. 19.—Trains blocked in lonely mountain passes, tracks washed away, in some instances plucked into canyons hundreds of feet deep, families driven from their homes to shelter in higher places, these were the scenes revealed at daybreak along the overflooded Arkansas river. Alarmed by another cloudburst at Four Mile Creek near Canon City, last night scores of residents in the lower sections of Pueblo and other points passed the night in removing household effects.

The famous Royal Gorge, with walls one thousand feet high, has been washed by the torrent for almost 48 hours and railroad tracks have been destroyed.

Trains on the Colorado Midland, Denver and Rio Grande and other railroads, most of them carrying eastern tourists, have been derailed over numerous routes, and it is said the detouring of trains will be necessary for two or three days.

**Tobacco Societies Hold Conference**

By Associated Press. Bowling Green, Ky., Aug. 19.—A gathering of men who grew the leaf's tobacco met here today in an endeavor to settle the differences between the American Society of Equity and Burley Society. The Equity people threatened to organize a boycott for the 1909 crop unless the Burley society, which organized the 1908 pool, agreed to terms of the Equity, which is the parent organization.

## NEW YORK WOMAN NAMED IN GA. DIVORCE SUIT

By Associated Press. New York, Aug. 19.—Mrs. James H. McVickar, of this city, who under her former name of Mrs. T. Mitchell Horner, of Atlanta, Ga., was named in a suit for divorce brought by Mrs. Cora L. Hanson against her husband, Major J. Fisher Hanson, president of the Central of Georgia railroad, said today that she was bitterly at a loss to understand Mrs. Hanson's action in naming her in the suit. "Outrageously ridiculous and absurd" was the way Mrs. McVickar characterized the charges. "I was an intimate friend of Major and Mrs. Hanson," she said, and continued, "I have frequently been entertained at their home and our relations were of the most friendly nature. Just about the time it is said, Mrs. Hanson contemplated the action I was with her at her home. Since coming to New York I had heard Mrs. Hanson was not in a friendly mood toward me, but I have never understood why such should be the case."

## Eleven Drowned In Fishing Boat

By Associated Press. Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, August 18.—The Gloucester fishing schooner, Ontario, consisted of 11 men were drowned.

## James McCurdy Killed by Deadly Burglar Trap

By Associated Press. Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 19.—Ignoring the warning in the window of a store in the Kentucky Highlands across the river from Cincinnati, to beware of a burglar trap, James McCurdy entered a store last night and today his dead body was found on the floor. He had been caught in the trap, a load of buckshot from a shot gun having entered his life. The trigger was attached to a cash register pull and the muzzle was aimed on a level with the counter, just where a man would naturally stand to open the register. When McCurdy opened the drawer a full charge of shot entered his body.

## Evangelist Takes Shot At Duke's Mixture

Special to The News. Durham, Aug. 19.—The Mulkey meetings grow interesting nightly. At the service last evening, he made some of the funniest observations yet heard here. Mr. Mulkey hasn't been attacking anybody but he is different from most evangelists who let up on tobacco when the come here. He has made some bright sideswipes at it. He was speaking last night of the dogmatic theologian and said when he and the Baptist began to dispute on immersion, then the devil was loosed awhile. "He goes back to hell, sits down on a block of 500 pounds of ice and smoke Duke's Mixture six months," he said while the congregation roared. Rev. Abe called for all members of the church to stand up. They arose en masse. Then he separated the sheep from the goats and asked that all Christians rise. The audience looked like the remnants of a Kansas cyclone. The preacher thundered, "Now you can see the trouble with the church." He took some neat raps at the lawyers too.

## Veterans Adjourn

By Associated Press. Crislie, Ky., Aug. 19.—Men who rode under General John Morgan, the dashing Kentucky Confederate cavalryman of the civil war, ended their annual reunion of two days last night, General Basyle W. Duke of Louisville, second in command to General Morgan, presided.

## BARGE AND CREW OF FIVE MAY BE LOST

By Associated Press. Saunderstown, R. I., Aug. 19.—The barge Shawmont with a crew of five men, bound from Philadelphia for Portsmouth, N. H., broke away from the tug off Shinnecock, L. I., Tuesday morning, and it is feared that she went to the bottom with all hands. Five other barges broke away and floated helplessly for ten hours before they were picked up.

## Several Prostrated From Heat in La

By Associated Press. Baton Rouge, La., Aug. 9.—Several prostrations have been reported in Baton Rouge during the last 24 hours. Today the mercury is hovering around the 110 mark.

## First Class Postmasters Meet

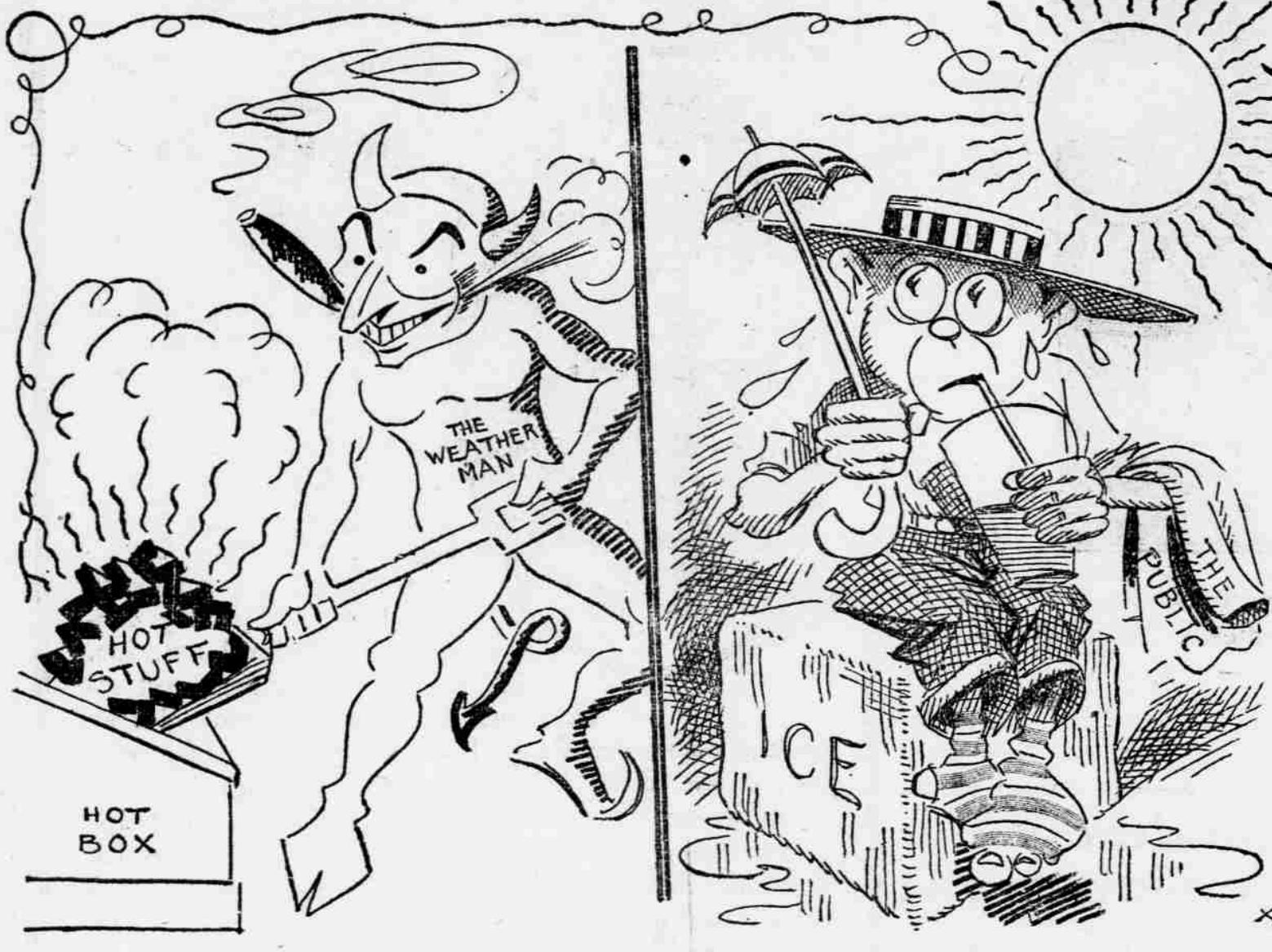
Toledo, O., Aug. 19.—Nearly 400 postmasters, representing all of the important cities of the United States, are attending the annual convention of the National Association of Postmasters, which met in Toledo today for a three days' session. President Henry Blum, jr., of Savannah, Ga., presided at the opening of the convention. The program provides for papers, addresses and discussions covering a wide range of topics relating to the postal service and its improvement. Several representatives of the postoffice department are here from Washington to address the postmasters.

## BUICK BREAKS TRACK RECORD

By Associated Press. Indianapolis, Aug. 19.—One American track record was broken in the first two races of the Inaugural Day Indianapolis Motor Speedway when Louis Chevrolet at a wheel of a Buick won a ten mile race, second event on the program in the phenomenal time 8:55 2-5.

## LEPER SUIT DECIDED

Aiken, S. C., Aug. 19.—Sending Miss Kirk to Post House. Special to The News. Columbia, Aug. 19.—The supreme court today affirmed the decision of the lower court in the famous Kirk leper suit from the city of Aiken. The decision is that the Aiken board of health is restrained from placing Miss Kirk in the pest house.



## Postmaster Briggs Spoke

By Associated Press. Toledo, Ohio, Aug. 19.—Postmasters to the number of 150, representing as many cities throughout the country, are attending the annual meeting of the national association of postmasters of the first class which opened today.

The morning program opened with addresses of welcome to which response was made by Postmaster Robert Briggs of Raleigh, N. C.

The annual address of President Henry Blum, of Savannah, Ga., and general discussion of topics were the other features of the morning session.

The postmasters this afternoon will attend the laying of the cornerstone of the new postoffice building and tonight will be entertained with a dinner by the local postoffice employees at Toledo Beach.

## Tobacco Sales for the Year.

Special to The News. Raleigh, Aug. 19.—The state department of agriculture announces that the sales of leaf tobacco on the forty-five markets in this state during the year ending August 1, aggregated 142,155,665 pounds first hand for growers and 156,986,289 pounds including resales for dealers and warehouses. Winston-Salem led with 20,939,200 pounds, first hand, Wilson being second with 16,436,712. Durham sold 6,645,670 and Greensboro 1,140,811 pounds.

## Advance in Sugar.

By Associated Press. New York, Aug. 19.—All grades of refined sugar were advanced ten cents per 100 pounds making standard granulated 5.05.

## BREESE ON STAND IN HIS DEFENSE

By Associated Press. Asheville, Aug. 19.—Major Breese, one of the defendants in the trial of Breese, Penland and Dickerson, charged with conspiracy to defraud the First National Bank of Asheville, today continued on the witness stand. In his defense of himself, he at times broke forth in short addresses to the jury. He charged that the books of the bank had been denied to him unjustly since the institution's failure, despite his labors of 12 years to inspect them with a view of demonstrating his innocence in connection with the failure. At times during the examination by the district attorney Major Breese was forced to answer "I can't remember."

There was placed in evidence a letter which it is claimed Major Breese wrote eleven days before the bank failed. The letter read: "Am sending \$500 in small silver; have surplus over and above our needs; we can't use it here."

## M. J. FINN MAY HEAD BALL LEAGUES

By Associated Press. Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 19.—M. J. Finn, former Toledo manager in the American Association and at present manager of Little Rock, Southern League Club, has been tendered the presidency of the Southern Atlantic League by the action of franchise holders who have planned to obtain the co-operation of the Virginia and Carolina Leagues to elect Finn to head all three organizations.

## CONVICTS TO WORK ON STATESVILLE AIR LINE R. R.

Special to The News.

Raleigh, Aug. 19.—Governor Kitchin and the council of state gave assurances to the delegation of citizens here in the interest of the Statesville Air Line Railroad—Statesville to Mount Airy—that if there is any possible chance to provide the convicts for grading this road it will be done. They were impressed with the representations of the delegation that the construction of the Statesville Air Line would bring about wonderful development in all that section, and that there was the strongest sort of a probability of its becoming an important and valuable link in a great trunk line from the Great Lakes to the South Atlantic with principal port at Charleston.

Ex-Lieutenant Governor W. D. Turner and J. A. Hartness were the principal speakers along with State Senator J. A. Leno and others. They made a splendid showing of the resources of the territory proposed to be opened up and brought to the attention of the governor and council water power development that they declared to be the most extensive to be found anywhere in the state. This development, they said, is by the Southern Power company and is sure to put this section of the state in the forefront in manufacturing, giving the proposed Statesville Air Line an incalculably large volume of business both in raw and in the manufactured products.

The Statesville Air Line is proposed to be built on a charter which has come down with occasional amendments and re-enactments from 1874. Ex-Governor Turner is president of the present corporation. The road is now surveyed and ready for the grading to begin and the company pledges to provide all needed funds to keep the state convicts going whenever they can be assigned by the governor.

Governor Kitchin told the delegation that the conditions right now preclude the possibility of allowing convicts to this road. They are obliged to keep enough on contract work at \$1.50 per day to make along with the farm and prison earnings, the running expenses of the penitentiary department, this being an established policy. There are two or three roads that have claims prior to the Statesville Air Line, but a couple of these, notably the Wilkesboro-Jefferson Turnpike and the Transcontinental line from Rutherfordton to Southport, would scarcely be in shape to take convicts for some time to come. In which event the Statesville Air Line would come in for an assignment. The delegation went away very hopeful, but realizing that it would probably be well into the next year before convicts are available.

## MAN BEING TRIED ON HIGH SEAS

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Aug. 1.—A wireless message was received at the navy department from the Atlantic fleet, saying David Williams, a mess attendant on the battleship Vermont, is now being tried by a court martial at sea on a charge of manslaughter. This is a sequel to the boxing match which occurred on the battleship Vermont off Provincetown, Mass., between Williams and another mess attendant. The authorities of the state of Georgia had applied for his surrender to them but it is said that in a case of conviction he will not be surrendered until he has suffered his punishment.

## Doomed Men Get Respite

By Associated Press. Alexandria, Va., Aug. 19.—Calvin Johnson, Richard Pines, and Eugene Dorsey, negroes sentenced to be electrocuted at Richmond September 3, 10 and 17, respectively for the murder of Walter F. Schultz, a Chicago artist, have been respited by Governor Swanson until October 8, 15 and 22, respectively.

## Booker Washington Re-elected President

By Associated Press. Louisville, Ky., Aug. 19.—R. W. Thompson of Washington, D. C. heads the organization termed the National Negro Press Association, formed at the convention of the National Negro Business League today. The league suspended all rules last night and re-elected Booker T. Washington as president.

## RARE OLD PAINTINGS FOUND

One Tintoretto in Parcel Concealed Under Church Roof. Venice, Aug. 19.—Under the roof of the church of San Giuliano, which was completed in the sixteenth century, has been accidentally discovered a large parcel, begrimed with dirt, containing the following pictures: "Christ on Calvary," by Tintoretto; "Resurrection" and "Ecce Homo," by Palma; "The Young Saint Jerome," "Saint Theodore," two organ portals by Andrea Vicentino; two pictures by Paul Flamengo, four by Corona, and two ancient cartoons. It is believed that the pictures were formerly hung in front of some of the church windows, and were removed to the spot where they were found at the beginning of last century so as to give more light. Experts are now considering the best means of restoring them.

## Armed With Clubs Troops Hold Guard

### Governor Kitchin To Visit Mattamuskeet

Special to The News. Raleigh, Aug. 19.—Governor Kitchin and council of state have decided to leave Raleigh next Tuesday for Washington, thence by automobiles to Belhaven where they will spend Wednesday night. Thursday they go in automobiles to Swan Quarter, circling the Mattamuskeet lake on the graded right of way of the Mattamuskeet railroad. At Swan Quarter they attend a big conference of citizens of Hyde county and experts on drainage to consider the Mattamuskeet drainage problem that is giving the governor and council as state board of education, so much concern along with the question of issuing bonds at this time for equipping the Mattamuskeet road from Fairfield to Belhaven and extending it over the protest of the Norfolk and Southern Co., to Washington.

### Important Hearing Postponed.

Special to The News. Durham, Aug. 19.—The corporation commission sends the city notice that it cannot hear the exceptions of Durham to the findings of the court several weeks ago and that it will have a hearing September 13. August 24th was to have been the date and it is a most interesting matter that is up. The city is disappointed all the way around but is putting on its fighting clothes and expects to win.

## STATE HOSPITAL COMMISSION IN SESSION

Special to The News. Raleigh, Aug. 19.—The State Hospital Commission was in session here yesterday inspecting a number of the new buildings out at the Central Hospital for the insane. They include six buildings in connection with the colony chain of buildings and the big annex to the main building for female patients. The colonists are in groups of three buildings each. The aggregate cost of the buildings inspected is \$65,000. When they went out for the inspection it was found that there are still a good many things to be done before a turnkey job is possible. So the acceptance of the buildings was called off until some time next week, probably Wednesday, when the formal acceptance will take place. Only last week they went to Morganton on a similar mission as to three important buildings of the church windows, and were still incomplete. The architect is to inform the commissioners when these odds and ends of work are up. Chairman C. A. Webb, of the commission says impatience is being manifested in all parts of the state through parties seeking to have patients taken in. The members of the commission realize that these complaints are well founded but insist that the commission has done all in its power and that the work is being pushed just as rapidly as possible. Some of the complaining ones have, Mr. Webb says, taken their complaints to the governor and appealed to him to get behind the commission and hasten the day when the enlarged institutions will be in position to relieve the situation and give treatment to the hundreds of patients now unable to get into the hospitals.

When all the building now in progress at the Central hospital here is completed eight hundred will be added to the capacity and, including the attendants and others connected with the institution, the population of Dix Hill, as the hospital is known, will be about fifteen hundred. The commission at the meeting just held here, received bids for furnishing electric lights and gas and for water. Also bids for installing electric plant and for water plant. There is only the Carolina Power Co. to bid for supplying electric current, that corporation having a complete monopoly of electric current in this section. In the water situation, the commission has something of a check on the Wake Water Co. since the hospital actually owns the intake from which the Wake Water Co. gets its supply of water for Raleigh waterworks. It will be some weeks before these contracts are settled.

## Ground Broken For New \$10,000 School in Durham

Special to The News. Durham, Aug. 19.—The ground for the East Durham grade school was broken ten days ago and the foundation is going rapidly up. The building is to cost about \$10,000 and will be quite handsome. It will make four beautiful buildings for schools, whose aggregate cost has been about \$25,000 the past year. Durham county is doing great school stunts.

## Over Five Hundred Shots Fired by Strikers and by Their Sympathizers During Night at M'Kees Rocks.

## State Constabulary Keeping Strikers on Move—Troopers Remained in Mill During the Hiring—Developments of Day.

By Associated Press. Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 19.—Mounted and using their hickory riot clubs, members of the Pennsylvania State Constabulary are to-day keeping the strikers on the move in the Pressed Steel Company strike zone at McKees Rocks. It is estimated that over 500 shots were fired last night and early to-day by strikers and sympathizers who had gathered on O'Donovan bridge near the works. During the firing troopers and other police remained inside the mill, orders having been issued to take no action unless the strikers attempted entrance to the plants.

## Fined For Selling Cocaine

Special to The News. Greensboro, Aug. 19.—W. F. Hancock, secretary of the state pharmaceutical association arrived here last night from Lexington, where he had been as representative of the association in the prosecution of Charles Thomas a druggist of Thomasville indicted in four cases in the superior court for violating the state law forbidding the sale of cocaine to habitues. Express agents, and purchasers of cocaine from Thomas from several points in the state were present as witnesses. Thomas pleaded guilty in all four cases. Judge Long fined defendant eighty five dollars and costs, amounting to two hundred dollars, and required a thousand dollar bond conditioned that defendant make his appearance at future terms of court and show that he had not further violated the law.

The state association worked up this case, and it was not generally known until this prosecution that there was such a statute. Thomas pleaded ignorance of the law. Mr. Hancock says this was considered very lenient in face of the fact that men are being sent to the roads all over the state every day for selling the less damaging articles of whiskey and beer. Representing the state druggists association, Secretary Hancock says he has been authorized to ferret out and prosecute all such cocaine sales, and has under investigation several other suspected shippers and sellers of cocaine to habitual users, who when sufficient evidence is obtained will be relentlessly prosecuted.

## Weather Bureau Reports Serious Disturbance.

By Associated Press. New York, Aug. 19.—The local weather bureau received the following special from Washington: "Disturbance south and near Porto Rico moving westward. Considered unsafe for vessels in the vicinity of Greater Antilles during next two days and probably later of our southeast coast."

## WEST POINT CADETS DISMISSED FOR HAZING

By Associated Press. West Point, N. Y., Aug. 19.—By direction of President Taft, seven cadets have been dismissed from the United States Military Academy for being involved in the hazing of Rolando Sutton. Sutton is a brother of James N. Sutton, jr., of the Naval Academy, whose death was investigated at Annapolis recently. The cadets ordered dismissed are: John H. Booker, jr., West Point, Ga., first class; Richard W. Hocker, Kansas City, Mo., third class; Earle W. Dunmore, Utica, N. Y., third class; Chaucey C. Devore, Wheeling, W. Va., third class; Gordon Lefebvre, Richmond, Va., third class; Albert E. Crane, Hawarden, Iowa, third class; Jacob S. Fortner, Dothan, Ala., third class. Mr. J. H. Sheppard, who has been night clerk at the Central, has gone to Richmond, Va., where he has accepted a position as clerk in the new Richmond Hotel.