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Car Load of Coffins Tells Sad Tale Of Austin Tragedy

Up to Early Hour This Morning 20 Victims Had Been Placed in Morgue— Death List May Not Go Over 200 Careful Wreckage.

Property Loss at Least Eight Million Dollars — Heavy Rains Keep Away Crowds of The Curious — Problems Faced To-day.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Pa., Oct. 2.—With the arrival of a carload of coffins here this morning the grimness of the tragedy that practically obliterated this town was impressed upon survivors and workers who today began anew their efforts to mine deeply into the hard hills of debris.

Twenty Victims in Morgue.

Twenty victims, including two at Costello, had been placed in a temporary morgue at Odd Fellows hall, one of the few buildings standing in the ruined district. The identified dead are 12.

Plans for the funerals were being made today. The most essential matter in hand here aside from the persistent work of clearing away the more accessible ruins is the completion of a census of the living Austinians.

If the death list aggregates anything like the enormous number some have estimated, the health officials realize that conditions demanding prompt attention will arise within a few days in the ruins.

Probably 200 Dead.

The most careful and well informed investigators, however, are unprepared to learn that more than 200 have perished. There is indeed a possibility that 150 will be the total.

The policing conditions today are practically perfect. A twelve hours down pour of rain served to materially reduce the number of incoming sightseers and to this extent the police were relieved.

The state constabulary, state sanitary engineers and chief officials of the state health department, are co-operating in the measures for protection and relief.

Scenes of Desolation.

Ruined Austin, Costello and the valley beyond today present pictures of desolation. No reliable estimate of the property loss can be made soon, but it is safe to say it will not be less than $8,000,000.

The paper and lumber industries are utterly destroyed. The timber supply indeed was rapidly nearing exhaustion and at the best it was thought five years from now the industry would be practically at an end. In fact, about 200 families had moved from Austin this fall. Five hundred more would have gone within the next year or two unless some industrial development came in to hold them.

What Was Cause of Break?

Questioned as to the cause of the sudden failure of the Bayliss Pulp & Paper Co.'s dam, citizens shake their heads ominously. They recall the scare a year ago last January when a considerable leak was discovered in the immense cement structure. Although two feet of the rim of the dam was removed to relieve the pressure and a 14-foot patch was placed where needed, the alignment of the upper edge of the dam gradually became a slight arc instead of a straight line. This bulge caused worry on the part of the citizens and led to a somewhat recent inspection. Certain protective measures were determined upon but the delay was fatal.

"I never went to sleep in the hotel on Main street here," said a visiting railroad official today, "without a mighty fervent prayer that the apparently inevitable might be delayed. I always felt that we might be swept away during the night."

Below the torn dam today the valley for a mile or more is swept practically clean to the bed rock and Freeman's Run, the reservoir feeder, swollen by last night's rains is sweeping through new channels where the main business portion of the town once stood.

Situation at Costello.

Costello, three miles away, is proportionately as shattered as Austin. Only the loss of the floods momentum and the timely warning given by telephone operators who risked their lives to do so, held the death list to two.

TWENTY PERSONS DROWNED.

By Associated Press.

London, Oct. 2.—Twenty persons—the crew of the steamer Hatfield—were drowned today when the Hatfield collided with the British steamer Glasgow. The collision occurred not far from Rotterdam. The Hatfield was in-bound from Huelva, Spain. The Glosgow was en route from Rotterdam for Dundee. The Hatfield was sunk.

Gov. Blease Threatens To Fire Col. Bond

By Asosciated Press.

Charleston, S. C., Oct. 2.——Because Governor Blease was not invited to the Gate City Guards Peace celebration in Atlanta and because the corps of Citadel Cadets belonging to the state's military college had accepted an invitation to attend, the governor has threatened to remove Col. O. J. Bond, superintendent, unless the acceptance is withdrawn. It happens that owing to a question of finanes, the board of visitors had already decided not to send the corps. Colonel Bond admitted receipt of a letter from Governor Blease but declined to divulge its contents or to discuss the matter at all. No official statement is to be had here.

When asked about the disposition of the case against Dennis Weiskopf, who is under indictment with L. W. Boykin, J. B. Towill and W. O. Tatum on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the state, Attorney General Lyon said he he had nothing to say but called attention to the fact that during the trial just concluded it had been brought out in the testimony that the case would be nol prossed against Weiskopf when the present trial is concluded, upon the condition that he testify for the state. As the trial resulted in a mistrial and it must be gone over again, there being no statement to the contrary, the indictment is still held against Weiskopf.

Dennis Weiskopf is of the Nivisson-Weiskopf Company of Cincinnati, from whom the labels in the case were purchased by the former dispensary board.

As to when the case will be brought up again in the courts, there is no statement whatever. The defendants are being held under their same bonds for their appearance and there seems to be no change in the status of affairs in this particular indictment, although some formal nol prosses were entered by Attorney General Lyon Monday morning in cases which have already been tried in connection with the dispensary "graft."

Dance Ended Fatally.

Alexandria, La., Oct. 2.—The second death resulting from the free for all fight at a negro dance hall at Oakdale yesterday morning occurred at a local sanitarium today when Denwood Woodward, white, succumbed to his wounds.

John Whittington, white, and Martha Washington, a negrees, are expected to die.

DISAGREEMENT IN DISPENSARY LABELS CASE

By Associated Press.

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 2.—After nearly 35 hours deliberation upon the testimony and the law, a jury of 12 citizens of Richland county declared itself this morning unable to reach an agreement as to whether L. W. Boykin, J. B. Howill and W. O. Tatum, former state dispensary officers, are guilty or not guilty of the charge of conspiracy to defraud the state in the purchase of 21 million labels for the old state dispensary from Nivisson-Weiskopf Co. of Cincinnati, in the early part of 1905.

The trial of these former officials of the dispensary was commenced last Tuesday morning, both the state and the defense being represented by a distinguished array of legal talent.

The state closed its case Saturday afternoon about 1 o'clock and the defense announcing that they would put up no tectimony, the arguments were immediately gone into and after a charge by Judge Wilson the indictment was given to the jury and they retired to make up their verdict at 11:15 Saturday night. Court waited for their verdict without adjourning until 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, when Judge Wilson left an envelope and requested that if a verdict should be arrived at, it should be sealed and left to be opened when court convened Monday morning at 10 o'cloc.

At 10 o'clock this morning the jury had not yet come out of their room. When court was called to order Judge Wilson ordered the sheriff to bring the jury out. The roll was called with due formality and the question was asked: "Gentlemen of the jury have you reached a verdict?"

"We have no," responded Mr. N. O. Pyles, the foreman.

Judge Wilson expressed himself as regretting very much that the jury had not been able to reach a verdict but he stated that he would refrain from offering any censure or criticism of their course. After thanking the mfor their patience in the case he ordered a mistrial and the panel

It is understood that the majority of the jury were for acquittal. Upon Monday morning, it is believed, there were nine for acquittal and three for conviction, but, it is said, one, however, weralleged,i one of the three agreed to a verdict of not guilty. The other two, however, were not able to see their way to acquitting the defendants and hence the mistrial is the result of the week's work in the circuit court.

RULERS OF WARRING COUNTRIES

On th left is King Victor Emmanuel and the right the Sultan of Turkey, rulers of the two countries who are now at war. The king through his ministers delivered an ultimatum to the Sultan of Turkey and demanded a reply within twenty-four hours. The refusal of the Sultan to accede to the demands of the Italian government precipitated the war, Italy at once sending warships to capture Tripoli, a Turkish stronghold.

HIGH HEELS AND HOBBLES RECEIVE JOLT

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Oct. 2.—High heeled shoes and hobble skirts have received another blow in Chicago. Following the Pennsylvania Railroad's discovery that the modern dictates of fashion were the cause of nearly a hundred accidents to women while boarding or leaving trains or using station stairways during the last year, orders have been given to bar women meeting at the Chicago terminal from passing the gates.

When a union station caller announces the arrival of a train he adds:

"Ladies not allowed to pass the gate."

"These are orders," explained a gateman. "You see, in this station trains and baggage trucks are passing all the time and passengers have to be careful. Women with these high heeled contraptions and bandages around their ankles get in the way and there's always danger of running over them. They get in the way of the passengers, too."

REAR ADMIRAL SCHLEY DROPPED DEAD TODAY

By Associated Press.

New York, Oct. 2.—Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley dropped dead today near the corner of Forty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, while on his way down town.

He had been out of town over Sunday and on his return here had gone to the New York Yacht Club on West Forty-fourth street.

After a short stay at the club Admiral Schley started to walk along Forty-fourth street toward Fifth avenue when he was taken suddenly ill. A hurry call was sent for physicians, but before aid could reach him, the admiral was dead.

Kings Mountain's 131st Anniversary

Elaborate preparations are under way for the celebration of the 131st anniversary of the battle of King's King's Mountain, which will be observed at King's Mountain Saturday, Oct. 7. Senator F. M. Simmons will make the principal address of the day. He will be introduced by Congressman E. Y. Webb, who will also make an address. Rev. J. D. Mauney, of Hickory, will open the exercises with prayer.

The Shelby Cornet Band and the Bessemer City Cornet Band, assisted by a carefully trained chorus will render an elaborate and appropriate musical program.

In the afternoon the Shelby and Gastonia military companies will participate in a sham battle.

The exercises of the forenoon will be held in the Academy at King's Mountain.

A special reduced rate for the occasion has been made on all railroads within 50 miles of King's Mountain; the rate being 1 1-2 cents per mile.

SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL SEE "RIP VAN WINKLE" AS GUESTS OF THE NEWS.

The Charlotte News has made arrangements with the management of the Academy of Music whereby sixteen box seats to the matinee performance of "Rip Van Winkle," by Joseph Jefferson and his capable company of players next Monday afternoon will be given to pupils, under sixteen years of age, in the white schools of the city, who submit the best composition on "Rip Van Winkle."

All compositions must be submitted by next Friday evening at 6.30 o'clock, and they will be looked over by competent judges, who will determine the winners.

Compositions must be limited to 100 words each and any over that length will not be considered.

Neatness and general appearance of composition, spelling grammatical correctness will be considered as well as the facts in the story.

Mr. Jefferson's reputation is too well known in this community to need any comments, and large numbers of pupils in the city schools will doubtless try for the prizes.

The pupils submitting the compositions judged to be the best will be given one entire box, consisting of four seats; the second best, two box seats; the third best two box seats; and the eight next best, one box seat each.

Special boxes have been engaged for the occasion.

Get busy, boys and girls, and see who can write the best story about "Rip."

Address all communications to "Rip Van Winkle," care of The Charlotte News.

RODGERS' MACHINE WAS BROKEN.

By Associated Press.

Huntington, Ind., Oct. 2.—Caught in a sudden gust of wind, C. P. Rodgers' aeroplane dived to earth just after had started from this city toward Chicago today. The machine was wrecked and Rodgers painfully bruised.

A SWEPING INJUNCTION.

By Associated Press.

Jackson, Miss., Oct. 2.—A temporary injunction, sweeping in its provisions and applicable to the entire state of Mississippi, was issued here today by Federal Judge Niles against all the members of all the unions on strike on the Illinois Central Railroad system.

THE WEATHER

Washington, Oct. 2.—Forecast:

North Carolina, local rains tonight; moderate variable winds.

STEPHENSON COMMITTEE IS NOW AT WORK

For Third Time Since His Election to U. S. Senate In 1909, Senator Stephenson is Called Upon to Defend His Position.

Senate Committee of Wisconsin Legislature Preferred the Charges Which are Being Investigated at Meeting Begun Today.

By Associated Press.

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 2.—United States Senator Isaac Stephenson, of Wisconsin, tok the witness stand early today to answer charges that bribery and other corrupt use of money contributed to his election on March 4, 1909. He appeared as a witness at the opening of the investigation begun by a sub-committee of the committee on privileges and elections of the United States senate.

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 2.—With chages before it that United States Senator Isaac Stephenson, of Wisconsin, secured his election on March 4, 1909, by means of bribery and other corrupt use of money, the sub-committee of the committee on privileges and elections of the United States senate formally began its sessions here today.

Senator Stephenson was summoned as the first witness.

It was the third time since the campaign which resulted in his election to the United States senate on March 4, 1909, that Senator Stephenson was called upon to defend himself against charges of bribery.

Under a resolution adopted last Aug. 15, when the investigation of Senator William Lorimer, of Illinois, was still under way in Washington, the subcommittee was authorized to inquire into these charges preferred by a senate committee of the Wisconsin legislature.

That Senator Stephenson kept secret many of his disbursements in the primary campaign for nomination in 1908; that whereas he admitted having expended $111,385 his campaign managers accounted for only $107,793 and that a large part of his fund was improperly used.

That fraud connected with his primary campaign contributed directly to his election.

That he distributed money to state officials to further his campaign.

That he spent money in legislative districts to strengthen his support in the legislature.

That he was elected only after a two months' deadlock and then only after three democratic assemblymen—Thomas F. Ramsey, now dead, John now dead, John T. Farrell and Silas A. Towne—absented themselves and so insured his election.

Two legislative inquiries preceded the present investigation.

Charles E. Littlefield, of Maine, who with W. E. Black of Milwaukee, will act as counsel for the "defense" announced Senator Stephenson was ready to testify. Members of the committee here are Senators Heyburn (republican) Idaho; George Sutherland (republican) Utah, and Atlee Pomerene (democrat) Ohio. About five witnesses are to be examined daily. Seventy-five witnesses have been subpoenaed.

That a political faction is back of the investigation is one of the contentions made by Senator Stephenson's supporters. It is alleged that when Senator Stephenson first was elected to the senate in 1907 to fill out the unexpired term of John S. Spooner, the LaFollette faction exacted a promise from him that he would not seek re-election. His answer was that he was not bound by any promise and he was re-elected.

Senator Stephenson is a republican 82 years old, a banker, lumberman and capitalist.

CRUCIAL TEST OF SHOPMEN'S STRIKE TO-DAY

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Oct. 2.—Violence broke out today among striking employes of the Illinois Central Railroad shops at Burnside.

John Chomas, a carpenter who declined to walk out with the other men, was assaulted by four union pickets as he was going to work today. He was struck on the head with a brick and immediately was surrounded by a crowd of nearly a hundred strikers.

Chomas was rescued by the police. No arrests were made.

Two hundred strike breakers were smuggled into the big carshops at Burnside under cover of darkness, according to the report of Illinois Central officials. They also declare that 100 strikers have quietly returned to work.

The statement was made that 800 of the 3,000 shopment employed at Burnside are at work today and that this number is being augmented hourly. This statement was made by an agent of the railroad.

Chicago, Oct. 2.—The crucial test of the strike of shopmen which was inaugurated on the Harriman lines Saturday is expected to come today.

Saturday was a half holiday in the shops at nearly all poines on the system and in some cities the men were only employed during the first four days of the week, consequently it was not possible to determine to what extent the strike order was obeyed.

Julius Kruttschnitt, vice-president and director of maintenance and operation of the Union and Southern Pacific lines, expressed the opinion that less than 25 per cent of the shopmen had gone out.

W. L. Park, vice-president and general manager of the Illincis Central, claimed today that less than one-half of the seven thousand men on his line had obeyed the order.

J. A. Franklin, international president of the boilermakers' union, asserted that 20,000 men quit work on Saturday and that their numbers would be increased during the day.

In some instances the unions have given special permission to the older men, long in the employ of the system and who would find difficulty in obtaining employment elsewhere, to remain at work.

A strong police guard is held in readiness in this city to quell any trouble that may develop at Burnside where the main shops of the Illinois Central are located.

The only trouble so far reported occurred yesterday at McComb, Miss., where a train of strike breakers was stoned.

ENTERED HOTEL SHOT HIMSELF IN THE BREAST

Special to The News.

Winston Salem, Oct. 2.—Just before midnight last night Clarence Prevette, of this city, walked into the Central Hotel in North Wilkesboro, placed a revolver to his left breast and fired.

The ball went clear through the man's body, and while he is alive this afternoon, there is no hope of his recovery. Prevette was 24 years old, unmarried and was a clothing salesman. Despondency is given as the cause of the young man making the attempt to end his life.

The clerk of the hotel immediately summoned medical assistance for the unfortunate salesman and everything possible was done for him but from present indications the efforts of the physicians will not save his life.

MANY LIVES LOST IN STORM.

By Associated Press.

Antwerp, Belgium, Oct. 2.—Twenty-four coasting vessels went ashore and forty small craft were sung in a storm that swept the North sea today. Many lives were lost.

Reports Conflict On Turko-Italian War In Mediterranean

It is Not Definite Whether Tripoli Has Been Invaded by Italians--No Sure News Since Sunday at Midnight—No Firing Heard.

Messages From Other Foreign Cities Throw Some Light on Condition--Foreign Powers Keeping Out of the Embroglio.

By Associated Press.

London, Oct. 2.—A maze of contradictory reports continued to shroud whatever history has been enacted in the first two days of the Turko-Italian war in the East Mediterranean.

Whether the city of Tripoli has been invested by Italian troops cannot be definitely determined.

There is just one thing certain. The Italians had not attacked the North African city up to midnight Sunday. If there had been an attack and subsequent occupation, reports of the bombardment would have been heard on the steamer Castle Garth, which left Tripoli late Saturday night and arrived at Malta this morning.

Italian censorship of the wires out of Tripoli is held responsible for lack of definite news. Reports from outlying sources are hopelessly conflicting.

Refugees Brought In.

Malta, Oct. 2.—A scene of confusion occurred at the quarantine station here early today when the British steamer Castle Garth entered the harbor in the height of a severe gale, crowded with 1300 Maltese refugees from Tripoli. The passengers were huddled on the deck clamoring to get to land after three days' voyage with an insufficient supply of food and water. Although there had been no casualties, practically all of the refugees were faint from hunger and thirst.

Get Relief.

The port authorities promptly ordered emergency measures directing the vessel to dock immediately. Once ashore the passengers soon found relief.

Provisions Exhausted.

The members of the Maltese colony in Tripoli went aboard the Castle Garth Friday morning at the suggestion of the British consul, who feared for their safety in the threatened bombardment. Their provisions were soon exhausted and the severe weather added to tehir discomfort.

Tripoli Indifferent.

Rome, Oct. 2.—Dispatches from Tripoli picturesquely describe the appearance of the African city "on the eve of Italian occupation."

The native population, it appears, is taking the course of events with stolid indifference although the foreign population has largely fled.

Most of the business section of the city is closed in view of the danger of a serious damage from bombardment. The dispatch says:

Landscape Serene.

"The landscape is serene. One sees a party of big Turks lolling on the ramparts, half hidden by the shade of thick palms. They have hoisted a flag of red, which flaunts with a half heartened air of defiance over the red fortifications.

Soldiers Not Nervous.

"Close by the flag is a sentry, while behind the parapets one sees a group of soldiers watching from the summit of the castle. They are not worried or nervous. Their air is one of profound indifference. For them this day is no different from any other day.

Officers Idle.

"Over in the barracks officers and gendarmes idle in the doorways, observing with characteristic Oriental carelessness the passing of huddled groups of frightened foreign traders, their arms filled with parcels.

"Women carrying infants are at the heels of the men. Patrols of soldiers pass gravely along the nearly deserted streets.

Shops Closed.

"The shops are closed and the windows barred. Hundreds of houses have been vacated.

"Terror has seized the inhabitants. All the terraces are empty except that at the Italian consulate which is occupied by correspondents.

Hoist German Flag.

"Above the hospital conducted by Italians Nuns waves a Red Cross flag. A bold Monk distinguished by his long flowing beard has climbed to the top of the bell tower on the Italian Catholic monastery and hoisted the German flag.

Italians Await Fight.

"The few remaining Italians await impatiently the first firing. The local batteries are deserted. At sea a flock of freighting sailing boats is scurrying out of the harbor.

Coffee Houses Opened.

"This evening the coffee houses in the Arab quarter re-opened and priests appearing on the balconies of the minarets invited the people to prayer. Crowds of Arabs gathered at the different points and read the posted notice in Turkish which says:

Turkey's Stand.

"'The Italian government made an unjust demand on Turkey, asking her

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