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GREAT FLOODS ARE SWIMMING HOUSES

Three Sections of Country Suffering From Heavy Rainfalls

MANY LIVES MAY BE LOST-DAMAGE HEAVY

Springfield, Ohio, Struck by Worst Flood in Years, Eighty Houses Being Under Water—No Street Cars Running and Trains Held Up—At Pittsburg Water is 22 Feet High and Maximum Cannot be Estimated—Much Damage Being Done—Southern Indiana in Grasp of the Torrent—Flood Warnings.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Springfield, O., Feb. 15.—Eighty houses in the lowland district are under water this morning as a result of Buck Creek overflowing its banks during the night. The flood is the worst in many years. The police and citizens are at work taking out people from the second stories of their homes and delivering food to them. No street cars are running and no trains are being operated on the Sandusky division of the Big Four or on the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton, because of washouts.

The Flood at Pittsburg. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 15.—A flood stage is expected in the rivers here before night. Forecaster Henry Pennington, in receipt of reports from the Allegheny and Monongahela valleys says that a stage of 22 feet will be reached early today.

The maximum height cannot be as yet estimated owing to continued rain.

It is possible, however, that last year's flood will be equalled.

At this time some of the city's best hotels and theatres, large wholesale and retail establishments were surrounded by water several feet deep. Dwelling houses in the low-lying district, both of Allegheny and Pittsburg at that time showed only their roofs above the deluge. Many thousands of dollars worth of damage was done.

Already the high water is causing damage. Last night the towboat Robert Taylor, which was lying off Corapolis in the Ohio River, was caught by a heavy ice-floe. The boat filled and sank almost immediately, the crew taking to the small boats. Five barges, a sand digger and a pump-boat were swept away from their moorings in Aspinwall on the Allegheny River last night and sank before they had gone far.

Several hundred employes of Spang & Chalfonte Company's mills at Aetna were thrown out of work when the water reached the fly-wheel pit and caused a shut-down of the plant.

Great Flood in Indiana. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 15.—Southern Indiana is facing the greatest flood situation in many years as a result of continued rise of the Ohio, Wabash, White, and other rivers. Many people have removed to the hills and others are being removed from their homes in boats. Bridges are gone and railroad tracks in many places are washed away. Many persons are unaccounted for and it is feared they have been drowned in the torrents that swept away their homes.

Numerous cloudbursts have occurred in the past twenty-four hours and the loss in lives and property will aggregate thousands of dollars.

Nashville, the county seat of Brown county, is completely surrounded by water.

Evanville reports that two house-boats containing men, women and children, were torn loose last night by the flood and carried away in the darkness. There is little hope that the inmates will escape with their lives.

Flood warnings are being sent throughout the Ohio valley.

Ohio Valley Threatened. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Gallopis, Ohio, Feb. 15.—The Ohio valley is threatened with disastrous flood unless a cold wave checks the heavy rainfall of the last 24 hours. All streams are pouring into the Ohio, Great Kanawha and

Muskingum rivers, which have risen rapidly. Heavy snow in the West Virginia mountains is melting with the rain and this is causing alarm among the residents in the lowlands. A heavy rain was falling late last night.

FIVE STREETS UNDER AND WATER STILL RISING.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Greenville, Pa., Feb. 15.—Five streets in the lower part of the town are under water and many persons are leaving their homes in boats while others are moving to the second story; 1,500 men are thrown out of work, and thousands of dollars damage is being done as a result of the rise in the Shenango river. The Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad shops are under two feet of water, work has been suspended at the Hodge manufacturing plant. In some places railroad tracks are under six feet and a half of water and passenger trains are being detained. The water is still rising, and one of the worst floods in years is feared. Railroad and telegraph wires are down, causing great inconvenience.

JIM SMITH CAUGHT AT MADISON, N. C.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Madison, N. C., Feb. 15.—Jim Smith, the noted Smithtown blockader, for whose capture a reward of \$1,000 was offered by the United States government, was captured here last night by Deputy Sheriff H. T. Pratt.

A rumor has it that it was pre-arranged for Smith to come here and surrender.

BATTLESHIPS PUT OUT TO SEA

American Fleet Left Valparaiso Today

HAD MAGNIFICENT TIME

After Reception in Chile Town the Great Fleet Steams Out in Sea on Journey to East—Will Stop at Callao Until February 29—A Splendid Spectacle—President Montt Aboard.

(By Cable to The Times.) Valparaiso, Chile, Feb. 15.—After a magnificent reception at this port, which afforded delight to thousands of Chileans, as well as the men aboard the American fleet, Admiral Evans' battleships put out to sea today and are steaming north for Callao, Peru. This port will be reached February 20 and the fleet will remain in harbor until February 29. There will be great festivities such as marked the stay of the fleet at Rio de Janeiro.

When the ships steamed around Carauilla Point and stretched in a great circle around the bay, the spectacle was magnificent. Thousands were on the hills to enjoy the pleasure of a birds-eye view. People from every city in Chile had assembled in Valparaiso and their enthusiasm knew no bounds. President Montt and other Chilean officials were on board the training ship Baquedano, which took up position well out in the harbor. As each of the battleships swung by the training ship, a president's salute was fired. Altogether 1,200 rounds were used in the salute and the echoing roar among the hills was terrific. The frigate and ships of the Chilean navy saluted in answer, completely drowning the cheers of the people.

The buildings in the city and shipping in the harbor were decorated with flags, the day being observed as a holiday in honor of the fleet.

The Flotilla Safe. (By Cable to The Times.) Puerto Montt, Feb. 15.—The American destroyer flotilla is safe at this port after a pleasant trip through the channels of the Strait of Magellan, along the coast of Chile. Lieutenant Rozas of the Chilean navy, piloted the vessels. The people of the town greeted the little warriors with great enthusiasm.

'NOTHER HEIRESS WEDS NOBLEMAN

Miss Theodora Shonts and Duc De Chaulness

WEDDING WAS AT NOON

Young Man Whom Theodora Shonts Characterized, in Spite of His Foreign Birth, as "Pretty Good Sort of a Cuss"—Many Guests Present and Police Checks Curious Crowd. Will Become American.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Feb. 15.—Another American heiress today became a member of the nobility of the republic of France. At high noon Theodora Shonts, daughter of Theodore Shonts, became the bride of Duc De Chaulness.

The ceremony was particularly brilliant, notwithstanding the fact that the Shonts residence was not spacious enough to permit of the display that characterized the recent wedding of Miss Gladys Vanderbilt to the Count Szechenyi of Hungary.

About 500 guests witnessed the ceremony, among them being members of the diplomatic corps from Washington, as well as the titled relatives and friends of the groom. The ceremony was performed by Mgr. Michael J. Lavelle, of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Miss Shonts was radiantly beautiful and there was a murmur of appreciation as she slowly walked to the awaiting prelate.

Her beautiful gown, from the establishment of Cadworth in Paris, which was made with court train, accentuated her youthfulness. Her self-possessed air convinced all the guests that, notwithstanding her acceptance of a foreign suitor, here was a real American girl.

The usual crowd surrounded the Shonts residence. The police were forced to considerable activity in checking the curious and the women were particularly eager to get a glimpse of the splendid gowns worn by the guests.

Will Go to France. The guests remained for the wedding breakfast and later in the day the Duc and his bride left for their wedding trip. They go first to Florida and later to France.

The Prince Gallitzine was the Duke's best man. Miss Marguerite, the sister of the bride, was maid-of-honor. The ceremony is the crowning triumph of a persistent wooing, a courageous overcoming of scruples on the part of Miss Shonts' father, who, at first refused absolutely to have a duke in his family. As was related recently he was finally won over by the frankness, the easy, polished nature of the young Frenchman and his American-like persistence.

A Good Sort of Cuss. Finally, after receiving the Duke at his home and talking with him for one whole evening he relented enough to tell his daughter that the duke "was a pretty good sort of a cuss, anyhow."

That the Duke would have Theodora and Theodora would have the Duke was then assured, and accordingly the engagement was announced.

Mr. Shonts' characterization of his son-in-law was not based on any recollection that the duke descends in unbroken line from the time of long and courtly reign of Louis XIV. De Chaulness is going to become an American and Mr. Shonts is said to have some thought of setting him up in business after awhile.

Wedding Gifts Not Displayed. Contrary to custom the wedding presents were not on display at the ceremony. The announcement that this would be the case created much surprise. During the morning package after package was delivered at the house. They arrived so quickly that the two butlers on duty were unable to handle them, and they were piled up on the floor of the room. None of the packages were unpacked and it was said they would not be until after the honeymoon.

It is said that about fifteen hundred presents have been received from all parts of the world. The duke and Miss Shonts met in France two years ago. She was only 17 years old at the time and he was ten years older. It was a case of love at first sight and before she and her

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A \$25,000 FIRE AT HIGH POINT

Furniture Factory Burned Down Today

IT CAUGHT IN DRY KILN

Wind Blew at Terrific Gait and the Fire Was Confined to One Building After Much Difficulty—Was the Old Lindsay Plant and Was to Be Sold in a Few Days.

(Special to Raleigh Times.) High Point, N. C., Feb. 15.—The main plant of the old original Lindsay Chair Company was destroyed by fire early today, together with all machinery, lumber and a lot of chairs and stock, entailing a loss of about \$25,000.

The fire was discovered in the dry kiln a few minutes to 1 o'clock and it quickly spread over the entire building.

The wind blew at a terrific gait and it was with much difficulty that the fire was confined to this one building.

Recently an inventory had been taken for the purpose of selling the plant to Messrs. A. S. Caldwell and Arthur Lyon within a few days. The old Lindsay plant was a year or more ago sold to the Ford and Johnson Company, which afterwards went into the hands of a receiver. At the receiver's sale Messrs. J. F. Kirkman and S. L. Davis, of this city, bought the plant and were operating it under the name of The Davis-Kirkman Company, chair manufacturers.

HAULDED ASHORE BY A LIFE LINE

Captain and Ten Men Rescued Today

SHIP A TOTAL WRECK

Three Masted Schooner Howard B. Peck Driven Ashore at Eastport, L. I., and Attempts to Escape in Boats Unsuccessful—Crew in Hospital—Fog Responsible for Wreck

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Eastport, L. I., Feb. 15.—The breeches buoy saved eleven men from death in the sea when the three masted schooner Howard B. Peck was driven ashore about a mile west of the Quogue life saving station early today.

After several unsuccessful efforts to reach the schooner in life boats a line was shot aboard the wrecked vessel.

Captain Dodd and the ten men of his crew were hauled ashore through a terrific surf which almost battered out their lives.

All the men are now at the Quogue life saving station under the care of physicians. It is believed all will recover, however, from the exposure.

The Peck is fast going to pieces and there is no hope of saving her. The heavy fog prevailing all night was directly responsible for the wreck. Captain Dodd lost his course and had no idea his vessel, bound from Wilmington, Del., to New Bedford was near ashore. A heavy storm was raging and with the high sea it was impossible to come about when the dangerous situation of the steamer was discovered.

Rockets from the doomed vessel warned the life saving crew of her danger. Half a dozen attempts were made to launch the life boats but the life savers were driven back.

Cornell Wins Wrestling Meet. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Ithica, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Cornell won the wrestling meet against Columbia here last night by the score of 5 to 2.

ECHOES OF THE FIERCE TORNADO

Further Reports of Yesterday's Gale

SEVERAL LIVES ARE LOST

Traffic Injured by a Tornado in Mississippi and Death and Destruction Left in Trail—Account of the Damage in Alabama—Other Storm News.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Hattiesburg, Miss., Feb. 15.—The tornado which swept over Mississippi yesterday, leaving a trail of death and destruction to property, has seriously injured traffic in many portions of the state.

Passenger trains on the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City Railroad have been annulled until the wreckage can be cleared from the track and several washouts are reported.

Leaf River is over its banks and a rise of three feet is promised by the weather bureau, which means that before the day is over all the low lying sections of this city will be inundated.

Fifteen freight cars of the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad were derailed as the result of a washout at Lux, twelve miles from here.

The greatest damage is reported from Laurel, which reports the town of Mossville, ten miles from there, was visited by the storm and the entire village ravaged.

Service, Minden, La., and Laurel, Miss., suffered severely but a full account of the loss of life is impossible. Passengers on northbound trains say they saw many negro bodies lying on the ground, and it is known that several white people were killed.

Storm Blows Down Depot. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Mobile, Ala., Feb. 15.—According to report received from the general offices of the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City Railroad of the storm at Mossville, the railroad depot was blown down and one store levelled, together with several dwellings.

The names of the dead negroes and injured white women were not obtainable. From the same source it was stated that the wind reached a high velocity at Richtown and razed several buildings but no one was killed. Mrs. McInnis was seriously injured in the wreckage of her home. Only points reported badly damaged were Soso, and Service. The latter place is remotely situated.

Considerable fear has been expressed that the settlement of Mico, also in the interior, may have been visited by the storm. Later reports received from Mossville confirm the deaths of two negroes. It is said a number of people in the town have been injured, several seriously.

Blizzard Hits Oklahoma. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 15.—One of the worst blizzards in years struck Oklahoma yesterday following a general rain of two days. The snow has piled in drifts from ten to fifteen feet deep in Custer county. The terrific wind blew from the north. The business men of Thomas formed a rescue committee and carried children from the public schools to their parents yesterday afternoon.

NEW YORK MERCHANTS AGAINST ALDRICH BILL.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Feb. 15.—The merchants' association of New York, through its commission on bankruptcy and commercial law, has condemned the relief measures of the Aldrich emergency bill, now before the senate. The objections and reasons therefor have been compiled in pamphlet form, and sent to over 20,000 representative merchants, bankers and manufacturers' associations throughout the country.

In the course of a week the committee will have a substitute measure formulated, to which it will give similar publicity.

FOWLER BILL TO BE TAKEN UP MONDAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Feb. 15.—The house committee on banking and currency tabled all propositions to appoint a commission to consider currency questions.

Among the propositions were the bills of Representative Burgess, of Texas, Levering of Massachusetts, and Hill, of Connecticut. It was agreed that the Fowler bill should be taken up Monday and considered, with a view to reporting it.

100 CALIFORNIA GIRLS ORGANIZE

Led By Pretty Widow Form Proposal Club.

ARE OUT FOR BUSINESS

Angelic Belles of Los Angeles Will Not Allow Leap Year to Pass by Without Having Tried to Accomplish Something—Members Must Propose Once a Month—Society Folks a-Talking.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 15.—Mrs. N. O'erson, a young Chicago widow, has set society talking by organizing a woman's proposal club, the members of which are bound to propose at least once a month to a different man until accepted. Some of the foremost society girls are said to have already joined and it is expected that more than a hundred members ultimately will be enrolled.

No names are given out, as Mrs. O'erson has counselled secrecy, saying it would spoil the fun if the men knew when they received proposals that their fair wooers were members of an organization pledged to take advantage of the opportunities afforded by Leap Year.

Mrs. O'erson is distinguished by her exquisite dress and powers of entertainment. Nearly a hundred marriageable girls gathered with her last night for luncheon, where the organization was launched and rules agreed to.

SOUTHERN MEN IN WASHINGTON

Officers and Men in Congress Today

10 PERCENT REDUCTION

Machinists and President Finley Together on Wages Matter—Means That Salaries Will Be Put at What They Were Year Ago, or Ten Per Cent Reduction—Some of Those Present.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—With a view to reaching an amicable agreement between the machinists and the Southern Railway as to the proposed reduction of wages by that company, representative machinists from all the principal shops held a preliminary conference today with President Finley, General Manager Askert and other Southern figures.

At the close of the conference it was announced that the subject had been discussed in a general way, but no details were made public.

The conference, it was stated, was called by the Southern Railway and not by the machinists themselves. Among the representatives of the larger shops in conference today were: Howard C. Bueck, secretary of the committee of Salisbury, N. C.; Vice-President A. C. Hollingsworth, Macon; Edward Gardner, Richmond; George Ehlers, Atlanta; R. Smith, Selma; W. J. Smith, Columbia, S. C.; J. Allie, Charleston; and Delegate Dunkel, of Salisbury, Archie McGillrey, of the International Association, acted as chairman of the committee.

It is understood that the plan the company will propose will be the reduction of wages to the same sum each machinist was receiving a year ago, excepting in instances where men have been promoted to a higher line of work. This is taken to mean an average reduction of 10 per cent in wages.

ONE VOTE DEFEATS IT IN W. VIRGINIA

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 15.—The prohibition forces were defeated by one vote yesterday when the amendment to the state constitution prohibiting the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors, came up in the senate on its final passage. The result was a hard blow to the prohibitionists and what steps will now be taken is undecided.

KITCHIN AS TO FAMOUS LETTER

Says It Was Distorted By His Enemies

WHAT HIS REASONS ARE

Fifth District Congressman Gives Out Interview at Washington Regarding Letter—Manifest Reason Was That He Wanted to Avoid Possible Complications That May Arise in Congressional Convention.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 14.—The Observer today prints an interview at Washington relative to the famous letter. The interview follows: "As I was leaving the state yesterday to return to the city, I first learned of the criticism of the letter I had written to certain congressional committees. That letter has been distorted to indicate that I have some possible idea of being a candidate for congress this year. Since I announced my candidacy for governor I have never for a moment had the slightest idea of being a candidate for re-nomination for congress under any circumstances. The unjust and hostile inferences would damage me if the people were not intelligent and fair-minded.

"But let none of my friends be alarmed and let them bear in mind my former caution not to take my positions or estimate my campaign by what they see in hostile columns. Every day brings new evidence of the people's confidence in me, and my nomination for governor on the first ballot is more probable now than at any prior time.

"The reason that I had in desiring that the congressional convention be held after the state convention was that I wanted to avoid the possible complications that would arise in the congressional convention, and the possibility of danger to me from the dis-appointment of some of the friends of the various candidates for congress in the fifth district over the failure of their favorites to succeed in the congressional convention, as more than one cannot be nominated. I have bid and shall hold hands absolutely off of the fifth district congressional contest. But experience, I very much regret to know, tells me that such a policy, so generally approved in one holding a position to which he was elected by the friends of every candidate in his district, has not heretofore prevented injury to me from such impartiality. These reasons, I thought, would be manifest to everybody at all acquainted with the situation. I did not see how a late convention could hurt congressional candidates, and I thought it would be a precaution against harm to me in the gubernatorial contest.

"My opinion as to the convention date may be erroneous, and, if so, the good judgment of the congressional committee will so find. I am not so constituted as to regard myself inflexible. If the committee should think a late convention would injure the congressional aspirants, or hurt the democracy, it will have an early one would hurt me while a late one would not hurt the democracy or the congressional aspirants, then the suggestion of a late convention is worthy of its consideration. I expect the committee, which is composed largely, if not wholly, of my friends, to act upon its own judgment and its action shall not in any event be criticised by me. "Fair play would have withheld such an attack as was made on me until some investigation, and fair play demands that papers publishing the attack also publish this."

MISSOURI PACIFIC TO CANCEL PASSES

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 15.—Attorney B. P. Wagner, of Atchison, Kan., representing the Missouri Pacific Railway Company, has notified Attorney General Thompson that all transportation issued to physicians and lawyers in Nebraska would be withdrawn. A list including the names of twenty physicians and seventeen lawyers was filed a few days ago.

The railway commission ordered the pass-holders prosecuted under the provisions of the anti-pass act.

Atlanta's Postoffice Building. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Feb. 15.—The contract for the superstructure of the postoffice and court-house buildings at Atlanta, Ga., was today awarded by the treasury department to Chas. McCaul Company, of Philadelphia, for \$799,130. Stone and mountain marble was selected.