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## BRIDGE COLLAPSED

### Seven Men Killed and Twelve Injured Near Bloomsburg, Pa.

## FLOOD CAUSED ACCIDENT

### Debris Carried Down River Struck False Work of the Bridge and Caused it to Fall—Forty Men Were at Work.

Bloomsburg, Pa., Dec. 11.—By the collapse of a traveller on a new bridge being erected by the state over the Susquehanna river at Mifflinville, eight miles north of here, seven men were killed and 12 were injured, three of them probably fatally. Forty men were at work on the traveller and span when the structure collapsed and they were thrown into a river swollen by the heavy rains and the melting snow.

The dead are: A. W. Fahs, Charles Creitzer and Adam Nuss, of Selinsgrove; Adam Tritt, of Beaver Valley; Irvin Updegraff, of Georgetown; Millard Bowman, of Mifflinville, and George E. Faux, address unknown.

The injured: William Boyer, New York, back probably broken; Ray Sherwood, Meshoppen, spine injured and skull punctured; Percival Reighterbach, McKees Falls, leg broken; Howard Reighterbach, McKees Falls, leg fractured; William Moyer, Selinsgrove, leg broken; Luther Eckerd, Liverpool, shoulder dislocated; Cecil Sharer, Newport, shoulder dislocated; Newton Dalton, Bellefonte, general contusion; Harry C. Goodling, Hopper, right elbow broken; John Seesholtz, Selinsgrove, general contusions; John Fisher, Selinsgrove, arm broken; William Welking, Snyder county, general cuts, and Jacob Johnson, Bloomsburg, fractured leg.

The collapse of the bridge is generally supposed to have been caused by the rapid rise in the river. The water rose at the rate of almost one foot an hour, and debris carried down the stream by the flood struck the false work of the bridge and caused its collapse.

The accident occurred just when the men were preparing to abandon their work, and as a result the work of rescuing those who were thrown into the water and caught in the mass of iron of the falling structure was greatly retarded. The second span of the bridge was being erected, and it was this section that fell with the big traveller. The bodies of four of those killed were found floating on the surface of the water entangled in the bent and twisted girders and iron work, but the others have not been found. Many of the men were caught in the rapidly flowing water and carried a mile or more down the river before they were rescued. One of the most miraculous escapes was that of William Nesbit, who was caught in the iron work and held a prisoner, with only his mouth and chin above water. He was held fast for an hour before he was rescued.

The bridge is locally known as a hoodoo. It was being built by the state to replace one carried away in a freshet in 1903. The county authorities refused to rebuild it, and it was only by the passage of the Rose bill in the legislature of 1904 that the state was authorized to put up the structure. Then work was delayed by litigation with the Pennsylvania Railroad company. Work was started on it this year.

## FLOOD IN WYOMING VALLEY

### Manufacturing Plants Forced to Suspend and Mines Threatened.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 11.—A continued fall of rain throughout the Wyoming valley has caused the water in the Susquehanna river to rise nearly a foot an hour. The situation is somewhat alarming on the west banks of the river should the water continue to rise. The street car traffic here and Nanticoke was practically cut off, due to the overflow of creeks outside of this city. The silk mills and other plants in the southern part of the town were forced to suspend operations until the water recedes. Southwest of this city on the low lands many cellars are flooded, and in several instances the water almost reaches the first floors of many of the homes.

At Hudson, a mining town a few miles from here, the surface over an abandoned mine of the Delaware & Pinebrook colliery began to cave in, caused by an overflow of water that came from a nearby creek, which rushed into the workings in torrents. Operations in another portion of the mine were at once suspended, and the men were hurried from the mine.

Nearly 200 men are at work changing the course of the stream to pre-

vent the water from flooding the workings. The creek continues to rise, and more trouble is expected. The railroad and mine officials are on hand with a force of track walkers who are patrolling the railroads, and all trains are run slowly over the affected territory.

The water is reported high in the mines at Hazleton and at Jeansville the town was partly flooded by the breaking of a small reservoir and the tracks of the Lehigh Valley Traction company were washed away in several places.

The Lackawanna river is overflowed at Scranton and much damage has been wrought in the valley from Carbondale to Old Forge. At Mayfield the river has broken its banks and is cutting a new channel through the lowlands. So great was the danger of flooding that the Glenwood mine ceased operations.

In the city of Scranton two new bridges were badly damaged. The false work was washed away, permitting the structures to sag. A bridge was washed away at Blakely with a locomotive on it and a small dam at Chinchilla gave way.

The Fishing Creek in Columbia county overflowed its banks and 15 bridges belonging to the Pennsylvania Lumber company at Jamison City were washed away, together with several hundred thousand feet of lumber. The works of the Union Tanning company are flooded and the town of Banton is in danger of being washed away.

## Ground Sinks Fifty Feet.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 11.—About an acre of ground sank 50 feet on the main street of Peckville, seven miles north of here. The hole was quickly filled by the rushing water, and persons living in houses bordering the miniature lake have gone to the homes of friends in higher parts of the town, fearing that the caving may extend, carrying down their houses.

## GOING TO GOLDFIELD

### General Funston Will Look Over the Situation.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 11.—General Funston will come to Goldfield, arriving here on Thursday, to personally take charge of the situation. It is probable more troops will be brought here. Martial law has not been declared.

## Won't Command Troops.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—General Funston said that he would leave with two or three staff officers for Goldfield for the purpose of looking over the situation. He wished it made plain that he was not going there to take command of the troops there and in any way to supersede Colonel Reynolds. Neither is it his intention to order additional troops to the mining regions.

## Boston Goes Republican.

Boston, Dec. 11.—In the closest and hardest fought election contest which Boston has known for many years, the city went Republican by about 2000 votes, Postmaster George A. Hubbard, Republican, defeating Mayor John E. Fitzgerald, Democrat, who was a candidate for re-election. The swinging of Worcester into the pro-license column for the first time in 15 years; a similar change of attitude by the voters in Lynn after 11 years of liquor selling, and in Woburn; substantial gains to the temperance sentiment in many other places, but a complete turn in the other direction on the part of Chelsea voters, were the most surprising of the general features in the municipal elections held in 18 cities of the state.

## Policemen Rob Postoffice.

Muscogee, Okla., Dec. 11.—Chief of Police John A. Suggs and Night Policeman Lewis Woods, of Fort Gibson, are under arrest, charged with robbing the postoffice at Fort Gibson, obtaining \$400 in cash. The arrest was made by Mayor Rand Lee after an investigation of the crime. The prisoners were bound over to the grand jury, each under a bond of \$1000.

## Receivers For Ornamental Iron Co.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 11.—In court here Thomas K. Dalecki and Alfred J. Genner, on petition of creditors, were appointed receivers of the Temple Ornamental & Structural Iron Works company, of Temple, this county, a New Jersey corporation, capitalized at \$100,000.

## Bill to Raise Pay of Rural Carriers.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Senator Hansbrough, of North Dakota, proposes an increase in the maximum salary allowed rural free delivery carriers from \$900 to \$1200. He gave notice of an amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill to that effect.

## Justice Fuller's Grandson Dead.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Thomas B. Wallace, 2d, aged 14, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Wallace, of Tacoma, Wash., died at the residence of his grandfather, Chief Justice Fuller, in this city.

## GRANGERS IN SESSION

### Big Convention Opens at West Chester, Pa.

## 1500 DELEGATES PRESENT

### 100 Granges Represented at 35th Annual Meeting of Pennsylvania Farmers—Will Discuss Grange Bank and Hear Secretary Wilson.

West Chester, Pa., Dec. 11.—Representing 500 granges, 1500 farmers were present at the opening session of the 35th annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Grange. From every section of the commonwealth came the tillers of the soil. The convention will continue four days.

Elaborate arrangements have been perfected for the proper reception and entertainment of the grangers. Every one of the subordinate granges in the state has its one or more delegates. The 45 Pomona



JAMES WILSON, Secretary of Agriculture, who is down for an address at the Grangers' Convention in West Chester.

Granges of the state are also represented by delegates. Many of the delegates are accompanied by their wives and daughters.

The address of welcome was made by Burgess Alfred P. Reid. The response was made by B. B. McWilliams, of Mifflin county.

Worthy Master W. F. Hill, of Chambersburg, next followed with his annual address. He gave a short history of the grange movement and then dwelt on the work it has accomplished in Pennsylvania. He counselled the members of the state grange to be careful and prudent in all their deliberations.

He commended the work of the state board of agriculture, dairy and food department, State College and state highway department, and urged all grangers to co-operate with them. He put particular emphasis on the work being done by the state board of health for the sufferers from the great white plague. He said that he hoped that the state grange would adopt some measure to aid those cured at the state sanitariums to find healthful employment.

He advocated the elimination of the middle men by the grangers getting closer to the manufacturers. The address was lengthy and it was well received.

The grange leaders say that an attempt will be made to commit the organization to local option. Grange banks will also receive a share of the attention of the convention.

Thursday there will be reports of committees, discussions and addresses, one by James Wilson, federal secretary of agriculture; to be followed by a banquet in the evening, to be tendered to the visitors by P. M. Sharpless, the millionaire manufacturer of cream separators.

Friday the closing ceremonies will take place.

Among the important questions to be discussed in the convention will be the exclusive grange national banks, the defective oleomargarine laws, state appropriations for good roads, the parcels post and postal savings banks, the betterment of the public school system and other topics of more than local or special interest.

## Returns All But the Cash.

Paulsboro, N. J., Dec. 11.—While Edward G. Miller was shopping in Philadelphia his pocket was picked of his wallet, containing several hundred dollars and valuable papers. He was surprised on arriving home to find a package awaiting him containing the wallet and papers, but no money. The sender wished him a merry Christmas.

## Was a Cousin of John D. Rockefeller.

Phillipsburg, N. J., Dec. 11.—Jonathan La Rue, first cousin to John D. Rockefeller, the Standard Oil king, died here. He was 82 years old and worked at his trade, that of a carpenter, until a short time ago.

## COLLEGE FOR BAKERS

### Purdue University to Have Scientific Biscuits and Buns.

Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 11.—A college course in scientific baking, the first in America, will probably be given at Purdue University.

A conference is being held between President Winthrop E. Stone, of the university, and the master bakers from six states—Indiana, Ohio, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois.

The project has been under consideration for several years and has received the indorsement of the National Association of Bakers. About 200 students will be enrolled in the course at the beginning. Expert master bakers will be in charge.

## MAN AND WIFE DEAD

### Pair Found Suffocated in Their Home at Newark, N. J.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 11.—Max Brody, 70 years old, and his wife, Marie, 10 years his junior, were found dead from gas asphyxiation in their home here. After an investigation the police say they believe Mrs. Brody turned on the gas with the intention of killing her husband and herself. They found that she had suffered from hallucinations, one of them being that her children were arranging to put her in an asylum. She had declared that she never would be separated from her husband.

## Senate to Probe Bond Issue.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Senator Alrich informed the senate that the committee on finance would within a very short time bring in a resolution providing for an inquiry into the recent bond issues of the government, and that it would provide for an investigation into all matters contained in resolutions offered by senators concerning the financial stringency and the efforts of the government to relieve the situation. Senator Tillman allowed his resolutions on the same subject to lie on the table until he secures data he desires to present to the senate.

## Broke Up Court With Furniture.

Egg Harbor, N. J., Dec. 11.—Judge Hettmansperger's court was the scene of a celebration when it became known that the local constables had failed to file their bonds and were powerless to make arrests. Squire Goller was pleading his own case before Hettmansperger when he told of the powerlessness of the constables. Then the fun began. Chairs and tables were upset and flung about the room and Hettmansperger crawled under his desk. At length Mayor Muller came in and deputized every one of the rioters as policemen. This stopped the racket.

## Indicted For Peonage.

Danville, Va., Dec. 11.—Indictments for peonage were returned by the federal grand jury against B. M. Goldberger, a representative of the Boston Shipping company, an employment agency of New York, and against Jerry Bunting, a police justice at Bristol, Va., where it is alleged the offense was committed. The men are indicted on three counts and are charged with unlawfully confining and imprisoning in the jail at Bristol 12 Italian laborers brought there from Baltimore to work on the South & West railway.

## Prodigal Son Back After Five Years.

Whiting, N. J., Dec. 11.—Given up as dead by all except his mother, George Harrington returned home after 10 years and occupied the place at the table where she had always kept a plate for him. Throughout the years of his absence his mother would not permit any one to sit at her son's place at the table.

## Carnegie Gives \$2,000,000 More.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Andrew Carnegie has added the sum of \$2,000,000 to the \$10,000,000 endowment fund of the Carnegie Institute. Announcement of the fact was made at a dinner at the New Willard of the board of trustees of the institute, to which had been invited a number of scientists and men prominent in public affairs.

## Endorse Gray For Presidency.

Dover, Del., Dec. 11.—The Democratic state committee passed a resolution endorsing George Gray, of Delaware, for the presidency.

## NUGGETS OF NEWS

The 11th annual convention of the American National Live Stock Association will be held in Denver, Colo., January 21 and 22.

John Philip Sousa has fully recovered from an attack of ptomaine poisoning from which he has been suffering and he is expected to rejoin his band.

Ernest C. Schultz and F. W. Ryle were fatally scalded and 12 others severely burned in an engine room at the American Steel & Wire company's plant at Cleveland, O., by the bursting of a steam pipe.

## Was Descendant of Thomas Jefferson.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 11.—Jefferson Randolph Ruffin, an inmate of the Confederate Soldiers' Home here, and well known throughout Virginia, died at the home from a stroke of apoplexy. Mr. Ruffin was 65 years of age. He was a direct descendant of Thomas Jefferson and closely connected with many prominent Virginia families.

## Fox Steals a Boot.

Greenfield, Mass., Dec. 11.—A fox snatched a boot in front of a shoe store and scampered down the street. Pursuing dogs caused the fox to drop the boot, which was returned to the

## CRASH IN EAST RIVER

### Crowded Ferryboat Narrowly Escaped Sinking.

## IN COLLISION WITH STEAMER

### Panic Followed the Crash and Many Women Fainted in Rush For Life Preservers—Men Passengers Charged With Cowardize and Brutality.

New York, Dec. 11.—The Fall River Line steamer Providence was in collision with and but narrowly escaped sinking a crowded East River ferryboat. The latter craft lost a portion of her superstructure and her passengers were thrown into a panic, during which, it is reported, a man and woman jumped overboard and were drowned. This report could not be confirmed, and so far as definitely known no one was killed or seriously injured.

The Providence's prow struck the ferryboat; a glancing blow on the starboard and the boats hung together long enough to permit many of its passengers to pass from the ferry's upper deck to the steamer. Others were taken off by tugs, while some remained on board. Both boats drifted down the river until aided by tugs, the ferryboat crippled by the accident and the steamer temporarily unable to get her head. The latter finally returned to her dock and the ferryboat was helped to a slip. The Providence was not greatly damaged.

Following the accident charges of cowardize and brutality were made against the men passengers of the ferryboat. When the latter craft reached a slip she still had 75 women and children on board, while with few exceptions the men passengers had escaped to other boats. The ferryboat had been practically stripped of life preservers. The accident was due to fog through which the boats fortunately had moved slowly.

The Providence left her pier in the North River for Fall River. A drizzling rain was followed by a fog that settled down thick as the Providence rounded the Battery and moved slowly up the East River and directly into the path of the Brooklyn Union Ferry company's ferryboat Baltic, which had left her South street, Manhattan, slip and was feeling her way cautiously to the wharf at the foot of Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn. Only when within easy hailing distance was the danger realized and both vessels made desperate efforts to sheer away. To their partial success may be credited the avoidance of a frightful loss of life, for another moment's delay would have permitted the Providence cutting the Baltic squarely in two. As it was the steamer scraped the Baltic's starboard, tearing away the latter's hood and throwing her over until her port deck was nearly awash.

The Baltic was crowded to the rails by persons returning to their homes in Brooklyn and when the crash came there was a panic. Many women fainted and in the scramble for life preservers, it is charged, that the men got most of them.

## Would Make Men Wear Wrappers.

New York, Dec. 11.—"If men would wear wrappers instead of heavy suits in summer just think how nice they would feel," said Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake to the Mothers' Club at the Hotel Martin Washington. "If I had the making of the laws I would certainly see that men wore lighter garments in hot weather," she went on, as she discussed the criticism men are wont to fling at what women wear. "Women do wear monstrous garments sometimes, but are they worse than men's clothes?"

## Burglar to Get Life Sentence.

White Plains, N. Y., Dec. 11.—James Murray, a burglar, who has recently been convicted for the fifth time, and who was last week sentenced to Sing Sing for 18 months, will be brought back to White Plains within a few days and resented to prison for life, under the provisions of a new law which makes the fourth conviction for burglary a life sentence.

## Check on Third Term Talk

### President's Letter to Federal Officers—Holders Made Public.

Washington, Dec. 11.—After the cabinet session the letter addressed by President Roosevelt to the members of his cabinet on November 19, instructing them to inform federal officeholders not to participate in a third term movement for President Roosevelt, was made public at the White House. It is understood that cabinet officers will at once take action in accordance with the terms of this letter, which is as follows:

"I have been informed that certain officeholders in your department are proposing to go to the national convention as delegates in favor of re-nominating me for the presidency or are proposing to procure my endorsement for such renomination by state conventions. This must not be. I wish you to inform such officers as you may find it advisable or necessary to inform in order to carry out the spirit of this instruction that such advocacy of my re-election, or acceptance of an election as delegate for that purpose will be regarded as a serious violation of official propriety and will be dealt with accordingly. Sincerely yours,

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

## Yellow Fever Test Kills Pugilist.

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 11.—Austin Gibbons, at one time lightweight pugilist, is dead, and his brother, James Gibbons declares that death was indirectly due to yellow fever, with which the victim had allowed himself to be inoculated by army physicians while in Cuba after the Spanish-American war. This was done to learn if a healthy man could contract the disease by the bite of a mosquito. Gibbons was one of five volunteers for this scientific experiment.

## Grandson of Alexander Hamilton Dead

Tarrytown, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Major General Alexander Hamilton, grandson of Alexander Hamilton, secretary of the treasury under George Washington, died at his home here at the age of 92 years. He had been ill from grip since Thanksgiving. General Hamilton was born in New York in 1815, and early in life was aide to Governor Morris and later to Governor Seymour.

## Coinage of \$20 Pieces Goes On.

Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—"The report that the coinage of the new \$20 gold piece has been stopped is entirely erroneous," said Dr. Alfred Norris, chief clerk of the mint. "We are still working on the 8000 lot of double eagles ordered by the department. A little more than half of these have been struck off. We shall finish the lot this week."

## Orders Japanese to Sit on Chairs.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—The Japanese must hereafter sit on chairs. Their mikado has issued an imperial edict warning against squatting on the floor, says a report here. He is understood to believe that squatting is a cause of beri-beri and thinks if his subjects will use chairs they will suffer less from the disease.

## Hiccoughs Rack Man Four Days.

Asbury Park, N. J., Dec. 11.—Howard Hulick, of this place, has been the victim of an attack of hiccoughs for four days and his condition is alarming. Doctors have been unable to give him relief. Hulick was formerly assistant postmaster.

## Locked In With Dead Parents.

Minneapolis, Dec. 11.—While his wife and two little children, the oldest only 6 years old, slept, George Stimson shot his wife through the head and then killed himself. Both died instantly. The tragedy took place some time Monday, but the bodies were not discovered until Tuesday night. During all that time the children, oblivious to what had taken place, were locked up with the dead bodies of their parents, unable to understand why they slept so long. Jealousy is named as the cause of the tragedy.

## Five Up Out of Cold.

New Milford, Conn., Dec. 11.—Three thousand dollars in \$20 gold pieces have been found by T. J. Jones on his farm in the Norwalk district while he was digging a trench. Mr. Jones was formerly a New York business man, and about a year ago bought the farm from Edgar Peet. The gold was in a tea kettle, which from its appearance had been in the ground for many years.

## Grief Killed Her.

Meriden, Conn., Dec. 11.—Grief over the broken heart of a man she fitted killed Miss Cora Clarkin, of this place, according to a friend. She was engaged to a young man, but some of her friends did not like him and she sent him away. His sorrow was intense and Miss Clarkin began to feel she was wronged him. Her woe increased until she was taken suddenly ill and lived but a little time.