

PLEASURE SEEKERS MEET SWIFT DEATH

Great Loss of Life Reported In Pennsylvania.

WATER SPOUT THE CAUSE.

Dam Near Greensburg Breaks From Overflowing Waters and Sweeps Down Valley with Direful Results. Story of Disaster.

Greensburg, Pa., July 7.—A water spout of immense proportions struck in the vicinity of Oakford park at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon and created a flood that caused great loss of life and property. It is known that at least twenty persons lost their lives and rumors place the number of dead at more than one hundred.

Breaking of the Dam.
At 3 o'clock rain began to fall in torrents in the vicinity of the park, and spread over territory covering probably 10 miles.

A half hour later the cloudburst occurred, the waters in the lake north of Oakford park began to rise, and Manager James McGrath, believing there was danger of a final break in the great walls of the dam, hurried among the crowds of pleasure seekers who had gathered under the roofs of the eating stands, the dancing pavilion and other buildings in line of the water, should the banks break, and warned them to run to the hills.

A half hour after the buildings had been cleared of the people the waters mounted the wall of the dam, and within five minutes water 7 feet deep was flowing over the entire length of 400 feet of the wall. The rain continued in torrents, and at about 4 o'clock 40 feet of the wall of the dam, to the east, gave way. The flood rushed down the ravine with a roar that was heard for 2 miles. A half mile down, at the junction of the Greensburg and Jeanette, the park car barns are located.

Car Washed into Creek.

The entrance gates to the park were lifted and, with the force of a pile driver, the mammoth posts were hurled by the waters against the basin. Beyond were located the small waiting room and on the track was standing a car laden with people on their way from Greensburg and Jeanette. The electric storm had rendered the power south of here useless and the motorman was unable to move the car. The flood struck the waiting room containing probably 12 people. A number of them struggled to a point of safety, but in the excitement that followed it is impossible to say how many were lost.

At least 800 persons were at the park seeking relief from the heat. When the storm burst the greater number sought the hillsides, preferring the shelter of the forest trees to the park buildings because they did not care to be below the level of the dam and but little above the level of Brush creek. When the dam broke a solid wall of water 20 feet high rushed down and completely filled the narrow ravine with its car tracks, car barn and restaurant. In front of the car barn stood a car containing from 50 to 70 passengers, many of them seeking to return to Jeanette, others using it as a temporary shelter.

Many Persons Electrocuted.

With the immense body of water behind it the crest of the flood bore down with irresistible force. It swept down the narrow ravine. It carried with it in its embrace the loaded car and the crowded restaurant. The flood was filled with men, women and children struggling for their lives. The poles carrying the heavily charged trolley wires were uprooted and strewn along the grounds. In a number of instances—how many it is not yet known—the victims of the flood, grasping for everything that might save them from the fury of the water, seized the trolley wires and met death by being electrocuted instead of being drowned. Several bodies have already been recovered, showing that death was the result from this cause.

Dr. Freshwater, of a rescuing party, stated this morning that they had rescued fully 150 persons who had been thrown into the streams by their houses being overturned. Almost together with the wreck of Oakford park, the Fort Pitt dam about half a mile north of this place, gave way carrying wide destruction along the valley of Bull creek which empties into Brush creek in the lower part of Jeanette. The Pitt dam served to supply the Fort Pitt Glass works at that point.

To add to the alarm caused by the disaster in Oakford park, it was reported this morning that the big reservoir of the Westmoreland Water company at Radabaugh, about a mile from this town, were likely to give way and that the people in the vicinity had taken fright and fled to the uplands. The reservoir at Radabaugh covers about 13 acres and supplies Greensburg, Jeanette, Oesen Manor and other points further down the valley.

The Pennsylvania station culvert is strewn with debris, under which it is expected the bodies of six unfortunate of the flood will be found. Yesterday afternoon most of the people were attracted to the park by the children's orchestra, a juvenile musical organization which gave its opening concert. The band was playing when the storm came up. Many of the musicians who were girls hurried and grabbed

their instruments and ran into the building used as a roller coaster, to the laughing gallery and the tent covering the merry-go-round. All these buildings with the exception of the roller coaster building and a portion of the merry-go-round were swept away. A great number of the persons who were seeking shelter in the buildings from the storm is not known. Witnesses of the disaster claim that at least 200 people were housed in the different places of shelter, while the officials of the Greensburg Street Railway company claim that most of the persons in the building escaped.

SCENE OF DESOLATION.

Estimated Loss of Like 100—Property Lost \$700,000.

Jeanette, Pa., July 7.—Dawn broke on a scene of devastation and ruin along the Brush Creek valley. From the site of the break of the dam at Oakford park to Wilmersburg, taking in the towns of Jeanette, Pa., Laimer, Greensburg, Irwin, Burrell and Manor, the awful power of the rushing waters following the breaking of the dam is apparent on all sides.

The damage to property will not be less than \$700,000, while the number of lives suddenly blotted out is still uncertain, the estimates running all the way from 50 to 150.

Almost with the first break of daylight a bureau was opened here where the names of the identified dead recovered and the missing were registered, together with a description of the bodies recovered but not identified. It may be days before the extent of the disasters can be determined.

Several persons are reported as missing from their homes along the stream and many anxious parents almost frantic with fear traversed the streets all night searching for their lost children. Up until an early hour this morning children have been found, but a few are still missing who may have been drowned.

W. K. VANDERBILT, JR., INJURED.

Accident to His Automobile While Touring Near Paris.
New York, July 7.—W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., is confined to his bed at the Hotel Ritz as the result of a serious automobile accident which occurred on Friday while he was touring near Paris, says a Herald dispatch from that city.

It appears that something went wrong with his machine, and Mr. Vanderbilt got down to investigate the matter. While he was lying in the road, partly under the machine, there was a sudden flash and an explosion.

The chauffeur assisted Mr. Vanderbilt from his position and it was seen that he was badly scorched.

Another vehicle was secured and Mr. Vanderbilt was brought immediately to Paris.

At the hotel the greatest secrecy is being maintained. Other guests at the hotel who are aware of the accident have been enjoined to let the news get no further.

Although the physicians have made no statement concerning Mr. Vanderbilt's injuries, it is generally understood that no permanent ill will result from the mishap.

Military Encampment.

Birmingham, Ala., July 7.—There seems now to be no doubt but that the Third regiment of the Alabama national guard, which includes the Birmingham companies, will go into annual encampment at Montgomery. The capital city has offered \$1,000 as a bonus to secure the encampment, and there seems to be no substantial objection to having it held there. It is estimated that the soldier boys will spend about \$14,000 in Montgomery if the encampment is held there. The First Alabama regiment will camp at Mobile this year, some time during the month of August, it is thought.

Abscap Near Opelika.

Opelika, Ala., July 7.—A terrible fight among the negroes in the settlement near Bodker's store occurred on Thursday night. The trouble originated over some trifling circumstance, and a dozen or more negroes became involved in the melee. It looked for a while as though a number of fatalities must result, but the total damage has been ascertained to be an unknown negro was struck in the mouth with a rock, with the result that his upper lip was knocked off and all of his front teeth knocked out. Several negroes are in jail as a result of the difficulty.

Many Teachers Heard Rev. Dr. Moll. Athens, Ga., July 7.—Several hundred school teachers from all sections of Georgia here in attendance upon the session of the University of Georgia Summer School, heard the able sermon delivered by Rev. John Dagg Moll in the University chapel yesterday morning.

EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

Thousands of Teachers Assembled in Boston, Mass.

Boston, July 7.—When the first of the sessions to be held in this city this week by the National Educational Association opened today more than 15,000 teachers had registered for the forty-second convention of the association. The total number ultimately will reach 25,000. The program for the convention provides for sessions in sixteen departments besides general meetings every evening and business meetings on Wednesday and Thursday. The convention will close on Friday as far as its sittings are concerned, but an extensive program of tours and excursions have been arranged for subsequent dates.

The general gatherings will be held in Mechanics Hall. The opening session was that of the national council, which is described as being the senate of the Teachers' association, of which William R. Harper, of Chicago, is president. The program included an address on "The Voluntary Element of Education," Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

"Savings of Elementary and Secondary Education" was the subject of the address by Thomas M. Baillet, superintendent of schools, Springfield, who followed Professor DeGarmo and Mrs. Miss Flagg Young, professor of education, Chicago university. A session of the department of Indian education was also held at which greetings were offered by the Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, Lieutenant Governor Guild and Dr. A. E. Winship, of Boston, and Mrs. Gertrude Ammons of Lowell. Responses and a resume of the work of officials and co-workers were made.

W. A. Jones, commissioner of education, and John D. Benedict, superintendent of schools, Muskogee, I. T., were among the speakers.

LOUBET ARRIVES AT DOVER.

Great Naval Demonstration Given the French Ruler.

Dover, Eng., July 7.—The French cruiser Guichen, having President Loubet on board, was sighted at 12:40 o'clock this evening.

Immense crowds of people lined the front, which presented a gala appearance, the decorations being on a scale far in excess of any previously attempted. As soon as the Guichen was sighted the Sheerness flotilla of torpedo boat destroyers steamed out into the river and escorted the French cruiser through a double line of British battleships and cruisers, extending 2 1/2 miles and forming the most imposing naval display ever seen off the coast of Dover.

All the vessels were dressed from stem to stern, and their crews manned ship and mingled their cheers with the roar of gulls firing salutes and the strains of the "Marseillaise," from the spinnaker bands. Each ship gave the president a salute of 21 guns, as the Guichen passed, and the band of each vessel in turn took up the "Marseillaise."

The Guichen anchored off Dover shortly after 1 o'clock and exchanged salutes with Dover castle. The admirals and captains of the British fleet immediately repaired on board the French cruiser and paid official visits to President Loubet.

FEAR UPRISING OF BLACKS.

Father of Lynched Mulatto Heads Negro Mob in South Carolina.

Columbia, S. C., July 7.—Against the protest of the people of Norway the troops sent from Columbia by the governor were withdrawn on a special train.

The town was then quiet and the assistant adjutant general did not believe danger was imminent.

Norway people, however, say that John Evans, the white man who is the father of Charles Evans, the young mulatto lynched last Tuesday, is leading the negroes.

Five men who are supposed to have led the mob have received word that they are marked for slaughter. These are the chief business men in town and the community is nervous. Many farmers have left their isolated homes and come to Norway.

The negroes have congregated at Freedman's Hill, a negro village 3 miles from Norway. The people wished the militia to disperse them and arrest the ring leaders, but the assistant adjutant general would not permit the move.

The women and children are concentrated in their houses in the center of town, and these are guarded by men with magazine rifles.

The negroes are still congregated at their camp, but the feeling here is that they will not attack. There are about 50 armed whites in Norway.

Georgia Editors at Home Again.

Atlanta, July 7.—After an absence of 21 days, the Georgia Press association returned last evening over the Western and Atlantic from Chattanooga, Ga., having visited Denver, Col., Yellowstone Park, Portland, Ore., and many other places of interest in the west. The trip was made on the special Pullman coach "Warsaw," under the direction of Mr. H. H. Cabanis, the president of the association, and who is an owner of the Augusta Chronicle. They all report a good time and were well entertained throughout the trip.

Transport Strikes Reef.

Manila, July 7.—The United States transport Banner, having on board the Fourth infantry, struck an uncharted reef and her forward hold filled rapidly, necessitating the vessel being beached.

Father Killed by Young Son.

Dallas, Tex., July 7.—L. A. Moore, secretary of the city of Dallas, was shot and almost instantly killed at 7 o'clock Sunday evening by his son, Ernest, aged 22 years. Moore, it is alleged, had been drinking and had attacked his younger son. The other son, Ernest, was remonstrating with the father, who turned upon him, when the son fired the fatal shot.

Gadsden's Steel Plant.

Gadsden, Ala., July 7.—Everything is being done at the plant of the Alabama Steel and Wire company to get the furnaces and steel mills into operation at the earliest possible moment. The tremendous blow engines are now being installed and will soon be ready for use. They have a blow cylinder of 84 inches in diameter, with a 5 foot stroke. The stove and boiler have also been put in, and the great plant will soon be ready for operation.

Drummer Drowned in Surf.

Jacksonville, Fla., July 7.—Fred Frey, a traveling salesman for Muntz Bros., jewelers, at New York, was drowned in the surf at Pablo Beach Saturday afternoon. The body was found and brought out in 25 minutes but, though two physicians, who were on hand at the time, used every effort at resuscitation, their efforts failed. A telegram was sent to the parents of the unfortunate man in New York.

Reason for a "Dry Smoke."

The aged Senator Bate, of Tennessee does not smoke but carries an unlighted cigar in his mouth nearly all the time. Governor Bob Taylor, while here last Tuesday, told privately why the senior Senator from his state does not light a cigar and why he never smokes. At the battle of Shiloh General Bate, who was an inveterate smoker, wanted to smoke, and finding that he did not have a match, called to his younger brother, who was on his staff for a light. His brother struck a match and reached over the neck of his horse to touch it to the end of the cigar, but just at that moment a bullet struck him and he fell dead with the lighted match in his hand. From that day to this General Bate has carried and unlighted cigar.

REPUDIATION KILLED.

So Lawyer Writes Hon. Chas. H. Price.

Salisbury, N. C., July 4.—A distinguished lawyer writes Hon. Chas. H. Price, of Salisbury, that the latter's winning the Wilkes county bond case is the greatest legal victory ever won in North Carolina. Price's fee of \$25,000 is by far the largest ever received by a lawyer in this State. The decision in this Wilkes county bond case carries with it the Buncombe, Stanly and Henderson and other cases, and besides this there was a large brood of other suits of like character ready to be hatched. As the lawyer who wrote to Mr. Price, said, the decision has completely killed the repudiation business.

SOUTHERN EDUCATORS ADJOURN.

At the Closing Session the Teaching of Agriculture in the Public Schools was Discussed and a Committee for the States Appointed.

Asheville, N. C., July 3.—The closing session of the Southern Educational Association was held today. Dr. W. H. Lawson read a paper on the "Teaching of Agriculture in the Schools," and advocated the establishment of agricultural schools between the grade of common schools and colleges.

G. Victor Campbell also discussed the teaching of agriculture in the schools. Dr. Thos. Hume of the University of North Carolina, discussed "Child Study and Sunday School Work."

The committee appointed for the various States is as follows: G. R. Glenn, chairman, Atlanta, Ga.; Prof. T. M. Landrum, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Frederick W. Moore, Nashville, Tenn.; John W. Widean, Gainesville, Fla.; J. U. Calhoun, Eaton Rouge, La.; J. D. Lentz, Concord, N. C.; Dr. George B. Cromer, Newberry, S. C.

Attendance in the public schools was discussed by Commissioner J. M. Cullem of Shelby county, Ga., and by various other members of the association in five-minute speeches. The educators were driven through the Biltmore estate this afternoon and left for their homes tonight.

It is to be hoped that Russia will send a petition to the President against the burning of criminals at the stake with legal trial.

Whenever things get dull in New York, Devry makes a speech which contributes to the gaiety of nations and the flood of slang.

New York has adopted a "muzzling ordinance" for all dogs. Now if New York wants to do the thing up brown it will adopt a "muzzling ordinance" for the toy pistol which is another dangerous "barker."

Ex-Postmaster General Smith rises to remark that an appeal was made to him on behalf of a woman friend and that he would have been "a brute" if he had not listened to the appeal and furnished her with a salary from the Federal Treasury. Of course it never occurs to Mr. Smith that a case which calls for charity should not be relieved from the public till.

Turner in the Race

The Lieutenant Governor Will be a Candidate.

Professors of Support From Many Friends Who Would Like to See Him in Governor's Chair.

Statesville, N. C., June 30.—A representative of the News and Observer, who was in Statesville yesterday, called on Lieutenant Governor Turner and asked him whether he would be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor next year or not, Governor Turner said:

"Yes, while it may seem premature to announce myself thus far in advance of the Democratic convention, I don't feel justified in withholding my intention, while the public mind is being formed."

"The liberal proffer to support from numerous friends throughout the State, the generous and favorable comments of the press and its correspondents, give me courage in thus declaring my purpose."

"These assurances give me faith in my ultimate success and inspire me with the hope that I may be advanced as a servant of the people to do that which will further their material progress and promote the general welfare of the State."

Governor Turner's friends have assurances of strong support from all sections of the State. He will doubtless be supported solidly in his own section, and will have probably a larger support than any other section. His friends are very hopeful of his nomination.

One Way to Get Old.

"One of the sorrows of getting old," remarked a physician, "consists in seeing the sorrow of your friends who get fat when they don't want to get fat. Some people are born to be fat and wouldn't look right any other way; some acquire fatness gracefully and without any fight; but the people I am speaking about are those who, while yet young, have fatness thrust upon them to cover beauty lines and to destroy the grace of prettily curved figures. The plight of a young woman who suddenly gets fat and then grieves over her misfortune is nothing more or less than a tragedy. Fatness or the fear of fatness causes more misery to women under 30 than any other one cause. How can it be avoided? Well, it is hard to avoid. It may be said to be hereditary; it comes or it doesn't come. By laziness—pure and unadulterated laziness—is usually to be accepted as the cause for overmuch flesh. Weight can be reduced only in two sensible ways: dieting and regular exercise. There are young women in Charlotte to day who are permanently impairing their health by taking quack medicines to reduce flesh. A fat young woman who would be slender must handle herself as carefully as a thoroughbred race horse—but no artificial remedy if she values the peace of her nerves."—Observer.

Services of Capt. Bell Appreciated.

Mr. R. P. Bell, Hendersonville, N. C.

Dear Sir:—I received your letter of June 28th, 1903 and learned with great regret that you contemplate giving up the voluntary work you have served faithfully for a long time, and the Chief of Bureau as well as I myself have highly appreciated your work, which was always reliable and excellent in every way. I would be glad if you could consider this matter, but if it is impossible, I would appreciate your kind assistance in the effort to have the work continued at Hendersonville, as it is not only valuable to the government, but important for the place itself, on account of the good beginning made with your record of 9 years. If you can suggest the names of any persons likely to be interested in this matter, kindly do so, and I will communicate with them myself.

In case of your sudden and unexpected departure, please deliver all government property to the Postmaster for safe keeping, and notify me.

Recognizing the considerable work involved in continuing the observation, and the long period during which you have taken them, I will say that in case you can't reconsider the matter as acting as voluntary observer, we can only permit you to go with the highest expressions of esteem from both myself and the Chief of Bureau.

Very respectfully,
C. F. VON HEERMANN,
Section Director.

Praise for Capt. Ryder.

The Spartanburg, S. C., Herald of Sunday says:

"Capt. W. B. Ryder, of Charlotte, accompanied by his family, spent several hours in the city yesterday on his way to Hendersonville, where they will spend the summer. He expressed his regret at the recent misfortune which visited the mills of the county; but stated that he knew Spartanburg county could come out ahead after all. Capt. Ryder was for years the superintendent of the Charlotte and Atlanta division of the Southern Railway and is pleasantly known in Spartanburg. He was one of the men in his line of railroad work in the entire country. At present he is at the head of a large wagon manufacturing plant in Charlotte."

Reed Farm Sold to Bostic for \$15,000

Agreement in the Citizen was Worth \$3,000 to the W. C. Bank.

The Western Carolina Bank's fine farm in Henderson county was sold yesterday noon at the front door of the court house here by Receiver W. W. Jones. A considerable number of interested persons were present and the bidding was spirited. The bid price went quickly to \$13,000 and from there it was carried up by J. B. Bostic and Mr. S. H. Phelan of Atlanta. It was knocked off to the J. B. Bostic company at \$15,000.

The purchaser was asked if he bought the property for himself. "Well," said Mr. Bostic, with a smile, "farming is pretty hard and I shouldn't fancy ploughing a day like Saturday."

The price bid is attributable to Th. Citizen. Mr. Phelan, who is the South Carolina representative of Baxter & Co., had never heard of the farm until he went to Hendersonville to visit his brother-in-law, Jesse D. Beale, and there he saw the advertisement in The Citizen. He concluded that a property which was liberally advertised in a paper like The Citizen must be a good one so he came here and bid as high as \$14,995 for it simply on this advertisement. Mr. Phelan said he was satisfied he caused the property to bring \$3,000 more than it would otherwise have brought, and says that The Citizen's advertisement was worth that much to Receiver Jones.

The sale vindicates Receiver Jones' action in refusing to accept the first bid of \$9,500 which was made at the sale held in Hendersonville February 2nd, by R. R. Deaver, or the second bid of \$10,000 by Harkins and Morgan on May 22nd here. Col. Jones insisted that he would get \$15,000 and by liberal advertising did so, and has added by his interest and persistent endeavors \$5,500 to the bank's assets.

The farm contains 620 acres of land, 590 of which are bottom land. It is said to be one of the finest farms in the state. Dr. S. J. Woodcock who saw it a few days ago says it is the prettiest land he ever saw. Part of it is mountain land, with timber. The property was auctioned by W. H. Mead—Citizen.

Very Low Rates

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Very low rates are announced via Southern Railway from points on its lines for the following special occasions:

- Asheville, N. C.—Southern Educational Association, June 30-July 3, 1903.
 - Asheville, N. C.—National Dental and Adjunct Societies, July 24-31, 1903.
 - Athens, Ga.—Summer School, July 1-August 9, 1903.
 - Atlanta, Ga.—National Convention B. Y. P. Y. of America, July 9-12, 1903.
 - Boston, Mass.—National Educational Association, July 6-10, 1903.
 - Denver, Colo.—Annual Convention, Y. P. S. C. E., July 9-13, 1903.
 - Detroit, Mich.—International Convention, Epworth League, July 16-19, 1903.
 - Knoxville, Tenn.—Summer School, June 23-July 31, 1903.
 - Monticello, Tenn.—Bible School, July 1-August 30, 1903.
 - San Francisco, Cal.—National Encampment G. A. R., August 17-23, 1903.
 - Tuskegee, Ala.—Summer School, June 30-August 7, 1903.
- Rate for the above occasion open to the public. Tickets will be sold to these points from all stations on Southern Railway. Detailed information can be had upon application to any ticket agent of the Southern Railway, or agents of connecting lines, or by addressing the undersigned.
- J. H. Woods,
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Asheville, N. C.

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