

3,000 LIVES ARE AT RISK IN COLO. FLOOD

Great Havoc Wrought in Colorado by Cloud Bursts—All Pueblo Under Several Feet of Water.

TEN MILLION DAMAGE DONE TO PROPERTY

Mountain Streams Swell to Rivers Following Cloudburst. Pueblo Under Twelve Feet of Water Today.

THOUSANDS OF CATTLE DROWN

Crops Inundated, Railways Washed Out, Wires Down. Fear Many Tourists Trapped in Mountain Gullies.

MARTIAL LAW DECLARED

Looting of Deserted Homes Adds to Citizens' Terror. Mines of Stricken Area Are Being Flooded.

(By the Associated Press.) Pueblo, Colo., June 4.—The loss of life from the great flood which came rushing upon the city of Pueblo from the overflowing of the Arkansas and mountain rivers last night at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon was variously estimated between 1,500 and 3,000 persons.

The property loss will exceed \$10,000,000, according to estimates made at this hour.

Denver, Colo., June 4.—With the latest report from Pueblo unconfirmed, but to the effect that the death toll of the flood which swept that city last night might possibly reach several hundreds, details of the havoc wrought by cloudbursts thru the eastern half of Colorado, were coming into Denver slowly at noon today.

From all over the stricken area reports were sent of homes washed away, people by thousands fleeing to high lands, thousands of cattle drowned and millions in damage done to crops and property.

The damage caused by the flood in Pueblo is variously estimated, but the most authentic figures place it at over \$2,000,000 in the railroad yards alone and at more than \$4,000,000 to other property in the city. The railroad yards are a sea of mud and slime, strewn with wrecked boxes and railroad equipment.

State Rangers on Duty

The Colorado state rangers, under command of Col. Pat Hamrock, have taken charge of the stricken area, looting and to establish as possible temporary shelters for the hundreds of homeless people. The greatest suffering is reported from a section of Pueblo mostly inhabited by foreigners and steel mill workers.

Martial Law Declared

Wire communication with Pueblo is being re-established slowly. Thus far the telegraph and wire press service has been broken and most of the traffic over the big commercial and company lines has consisted of official state business.

Many Towns in Danger

Late reports seeping thru from Pueblo said that fire had added to the danger of flooding. The lumber yard of the Newton investment company was reported in flames, lighting the flood area for miles.

Riverlets Turn to Rivers

Little mountain streamlets, swollen to surging rivers by heavy rains, took four lives, made hundreds homeless and caused several millions in property loss in northern Colorado today.

The Weather

SHOWERS DUE SUNDAY

Rains General Over Kansas During Last Twenty-Four Hours.

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Normal temperatures, considerable cloudiness, and local showers. Rains continued over the state during the past twenty-four hours. Coolness and showers will be in evidence during the next twenty-four. It is predicted that the west, northwest and southwest of the state this morning. Heavy rains and floods are reported from Denver, but rains from there are on their way.

NO PAY NO WATER

Officials of Olathe Refuse to Furnish Water Supply.

Inmates at Deaf and Dumb School Must Do Without.

Olathe city officials won't turn on the water at the state deaf and dumb school until the state pays its bills. In an opinion today the attorney general has held that the state has no rights in the matter greater than those of an individual patron.

Even though the town loses the state school, Olathe officials have declared they will stand pat. They assert that the state owes the city a total of \$2,100 water rental. The state sought to settle for \$710. Olathe officials returned the warrant. They also shut off the water supply.

Trouble Started in 1918.
The water trouble started in 1918 when Olathe's water supply failed and water was hauled to the town. Rates were increased but the state refused to pay the advance. It was finally agreed to submit the claim to the legislature. The law makers took a tight hold on the state pocket book and allowed \$710. The water rental, with allowance and shut off the water supply.

Threats have been made that the next legislature may vote to remove the school. Governor Allen has asked an amendment of the dispute. Olathe officials have responded that the best method of arbitration was payment of the claim. City officials may continue to report to receive their water. And they may not. In the meantime there is no water for the school and under the attorney general's opinion the state has no special rights in the matter.

Four Swept to Death.

A wall of water swept Mrs. Carl Davis and her baby to death near Sterling, following a cloudburst. The children were torn to pieces by the force of the water which inundated Pueblo. Some of Pueblo's streets were under six feet of water. National Guardsmen patrolled the area in several places. Fires broke out at many places in the city, but were checked by rainfall.

Stricken Areas are Cut Off

The stricken areas are cut off from the outside world. Fifteen miles of the Lincoln highway have been swept away. The road through the stricken area in many places. Hundreds of acres of crops are under water and large numbers of livestock drowned, according to reports received here.

Rescue Party, which left Broomfield late last night to search for a group of survivors, believed to have perished when a bridge over a small creek went out, today reported no trace of the missing group. A body was found. An interurban car was mangled two miles from town. The conductor was killed. Two feet of water in Broomfield broke out at the passengers. The track on both sides of the car washed away.

Graves were held today for the safety of residents of Marshall, Colo.

When telephone wires from the city failed at an early hour, it was reported that a flash of lightning caused to break and inundate the town. The dam impounds an immense lake of water covering 800 acres of land and is sixty-three feet high. The several hundred residents of the town were fleeing, fearing that the town would be inundated by the northern section of the state. It was reported that three to four inches of rain had fallen by midnight and the torrents were expected to continue.

The entire population of Loveland was fighting for life early today, striving to check a leak in the irrigation dam. The irrigation ditch has overflowed and water is raging down the valley over a foot deep.

CLUB WOMEN HERE

Third Annual Convention Will Close Tonight. Business and Professional Women of Kansas Meet.

150 DELEGATES IN TOPEKA. Miss Linna Bresette is Chief Speaker Today.

She Tells of Industrial Laws for Kansas Women.

The third annual convention of the Kansas Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs will close this evening with the 11 o'clock dinner at the Chamber of Commerce, followed by a reception and dance. The convention was opened Friday evening with a good fellowship and get acquainted meeting which began with a dinner and reception at Peltzer's ball room and ended with stunts by delegates from the various clubs, short entertainments and dancing.

Miss Bresette talked for two hours on the industrial laws for women in the state. She said that about 150 women from over the state are here for the convention.

Miss Bresette opened the program this afternoon in representative hall. Miss Bresette is director of women's work in the Kansas court of industrial relations.

"Industrial legislation for women is no longer a new thing in Kansas," Miss Bresette declared. "It is proven by the fact that the opponents of such legislation have fought desperately in the last three legislative sessions. This year, however, their fight was unsuccessful."

It was conceded by all advanced employers and workers that such legislation is needed. The pioneer stage was difficult but once the public mind was brought to the advantage of the necessity for such legislation the work was done.

General Discussion.
Miss Fern Bauerfield of Coffeyville led the discussion which followed. Other speakers were: Mrs. C. J. Woodruff of Hutchinson, who spoke of "The Federation and Citizenship"; Miss Nell Crouch of Kansas City, Kan., who had as her subject, "Health and Efficiency"; Mrs. J. E. Selover of Wichita spoke on "The Younger Business Girl"; Miss Faye Fitzpatrick of Salina. Mrs. Adie J. Soter of Leavenworth, and Miss Nell Baird of Emporia. Miss Bresette presided which followed these talks.

Richard J. Hopkins, attorney general of the state, presided over the convention, welcoming the delegates to Topeka, and telling them that the keys of the city were theirs. Miss Lincoln, secretary of the state, presided over the public relations committee.

Committees are Nominated. The members of various committees were nominated and announced by the convention. Committees include: Credentials committee, Mrs. Edna Crow of Topeka, chairman; Mrs. Belle Sutton, Hays, and Miss Nell Murphy, Wichita. Constitution committee, Miss Fern Bauerfield, Coffeyville. Nominating committee, Mrs. Maud Smith, Hutchinson, chairman; Miss Nell Baird, Emporia. Resolutions committee, Mrs. Hazel Myers, Salina, chairman; Mrs. C. A. Moore, Emporia, and Miss Della R. Pruesner, Topeka.

Many Towns Represented. Representatives from clubs over the state including, Wichita, Hutchinson, Hays, Salina, Emporia, Independence, Emporia, Kansas City, Manhattan, Augusta, Junction City, Coffeyville, Arkansas City, Lawrence and the Topeka club gave reports on their activities in their own communities. The clubs are taking an active interest in Y. W. C. A. work, in studying industrial conditions in our state, in civic matters and in charitable work.

REFUSE TO GRANT CUT RATES

Railroads Will Not Haul Harvest Hands at Reduced Rates.

Railroads will not back down in their decision not to grant special passenger fares to harvest hands. At a conference with members of the state board of agriculture, representatives of the railroads stated that the wheat belt would justify similar concessions to cotton pickers, sugar cane cutters and other agricultural workers. Representatives of several railroads attended the conference called by Senator E. E. Fritch of Lawrence. He stated that harvest hands will this year be paid \$3 a day for a ten-hour day.

MAY OUST COMMISSIONER

Proceedings to Be Filed Soon, According to Attorney General. Ouster proceedings are to be filed by the state against T. A. Ray, county commissioner of Reno county, according to a statement today from the attorney general's office. The proceedings are a result of a recent road investigation by a Reno county grand jury.

Recently ouster proceedings were threatened against all of the members of the Reno county board. Two of the commissioners have resigned. Ray, the refused to quit. The state today indicated determination to bring suit in the Reno county district court.

Boy Scout Finds Body of School Teacher Hunted Days by Sheriff's Forces

Man's Footprints Near Scene of Murder Only Clue to Identity of Woman's Slayer—Negro Who Told Conflicting Stories, Held.

Des Moines, Ia., June 4.—Sara Barbara Thorndale, pretty young country school teacher, was found murdered near Valley Junction today. She had been missing for two days. Investigators are holding a negro in the county jail who told conflicting stories of seeing the girl Thursday in the woods near the school house. The sheriff learned today that a man who lived all last winter in a cabin on the river bank not far from the school house, showed yesterday and has not been seen since.

Find Man's Footprints.

Footprints of a woman and a man leading from the edge of the bridge to the abandoned coal mine were discovered by the search last night.

Mrs. E. S. Maxwell said Miss Thorndale's husband had about \$85 on her person Thursday. She believes robbers may have learned that her sister had the money and accosted her in the woods.

CHESTER IS FREED

Jury in Sensational Murder Case Makes Quick Decision. Took Only Twenty Minutes to Arrive at Verdict.

Kansas City, Mo., June 4.—The jury acquitted Denzel Chester of the murder of Miss Florence Barton this afternoon, after being out 20 minutes.

The case was given to the jury at 1:20 this afternoon. At 1:40 the jury sent word to the judge that it had arrived at a verdict. Judge Latahaw led them out to lunch and it took a few minutes to locate him.

Chester was brought into the court room and entered leaning on a cane, walking in a shuffling manner. Aylward and Martz came in, as did the attorneys for the state. Then the jury arrived and sat for the jury and the verdict was read.

When the verdict which frees him had been read, Chester, smiling broadly, walked to the front of the court, and shook hands with the jurors and smiled his thanks.

Emory Trapp, foreman of the jury, said that the reason the eleven men had voted to free Chester was that the state had not shown a motive for the murder.

Mrs. Moore referred to in the dispatch is the wife of Lloyd G. Moore, owner of the Commercial Caf6 at 605 West 12th street. Moore received a telephone message this morning from Ottawa telling him to come there at once.

MAY CUT R. R. RATES.

Railway Managers Consider Cut Affecting 80 Per Cent of All Tonnage. Washington, June 4.—Railroad managers today were considering reductions rates on lumber and road materials.

Lumbermen from all sections of the country have just concluded a conference with railroad managers here in which they agreed to a 30 per cent rate reduction declaring that this would be commensurate with their reduction in prices.

JAPS WILL LEAVE YAP ISLE

All Garrison in South Pacific Acre Ordered Withdrawn.

Tokio, June 4.—The naval ministry, it is announced, has ordered withdrawal of the garrisons in the islands of the south Pacific, including the island of Yap, leaving the protection of the islands, including the wireless installation in Yap, to the police force attached to the civil administration. Several destroyers, it is added, will remain in the waters as guardships.

City Will Save \$100,000 On New Filtration Plant

Saving on One-Fifth Due to Decrease in Prices of Materials Used in Construction of Plant, Says Commissioner Stanfield.

When the city water filtration plant now under construction is complete, it will cost probably \$1,000,000 less than the estimated cost allowed in the bond issue of \$535,000 last November, according to Wilbur A. Stanfield, commissioner of water and lights. The savings of nearly one-fifth of the estimated cost is due to the drop in prices of nearly all materials used in the construction of the plant since the time the estimate was made for the amount of the bond issue. The cost of much of the material necessary has returned to pre-war figures, and even lower, in some cases, Stanfield said.

Copper Wire Declines in Price.

The lowest price the department has ever been known to pay for copper wire was paid for several thousand dollars worth of the filtration plant, Stanfield said, at sixteen cents a pound. Competition and necessity of unloading the market on that commodity made the time opportune for the purchase. The turbine, estimated to cost probably \$25,000, was purchased for \$19,000. The sum of \$6,000 was allowed for the purchase of a boiler and the contract was let at a cost of only \$5,400.

INSTALL DE MOLAY

Round Table Chapter of Order Instituted at Topeka Today. Members and Visitors Stage Monster Parade at Noon.

SPECIAL TRAIN BRINGS 500 ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO TOPEKA BOYS ARE ENROLLED.

Kansas City Chapter Confers Degrees on Local Body.

At the city auditorium this afternoon, 192 boys of Topeka and nearby towns are being initiated into the order of the Mother Chapter of Masonry of Topeka. The Scottish Rite bodies of Masonry of Topeka.

At 11 o'clock this morning a special train brought the patrol of the Mother Chapter of De Molay, of Kansas City, Mo., the Mother Chapter band, the Caswell Scottish Rite band, of Kansas City, Kan., and the Huron Chapter No. 8, of Kansas City, Kan., officials of which will confer the degrees this afternoon and tonight.

Paraded After Luncheon.

Following the luncheon at noon, the members of the chapter, the visitors, and friends, paraded in the streets of the boys industrial school, from the Masonic Temple to Fifth street and back to the Masonic temple. The parade, counter-marching to Eighth avenue, and east to Quincy street, then to the city auditorium, where the initiation ceremony was held.

Husband Chased Wife Into Saloon—Killed Self After Deed.

Chicago, June 4.—Al Beardsley, an angry husband, pursued his young wife, Alice, for a mile here early today and shot and killed her as she ran into a saloon for protection. Beardsley then killed himself. Police said the couple had been separated for two months. Beardsley had called on her today, after which she fled the home.

TOPEKA'S RUBE COPS

Way back somewhere, sometime, some place, the wide brimmed gray felt hat was adopted by the western. Then came prosperity and civilization and pride and fashion and the familiar type was tucked away beneath natty headgear of the seasons.

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The wide brim now is the picture designation of the movie or the positive proof of the village constable.

Several years ago the Topeka police adopted the felt hat as a summer cover. Then came the city's rubes, the little fellow named Hannan became chief of police—the much criticized George Hannan. He demanded at least, in the actions of some of his police officers, but he did keep his men in clean cut uniform and in proper cap headgear.

Now Topeka rushes her visitors by her patrolmen in shame and embarrassment. She looks back to the black Senett comedy cop style, and in the middle of Kansas avenue stand the cops of the old days. Their hats are flapping in the breeze.

A LARGE ACREAGE

Kansas to Harvest 10,000,000 Acres This Year. Almost Million More Acres Than Estimate of May 20.

Approximately 10,000,000 acres of wheat will be harvested in Kansas this year, according to a statement today by the state board of agriculture, estimated today. This is 900,000 acres more than estimated in the board's report of May 20, which was based on incomplete assessors' returns of March 1.

Depends on Weather.

Late reports, however, indicate the condition has been steadily depreciating and the actual yield will depend on weather conditions between now and the harvest. According to the board, the total yield this year would be approximately 127,000,000 bushels instead of 126,000,000.

MOVIE PRICES DOWN HERE

Manager Hooper of Isis and Orpheum Makes 25 Per Cent Reduction.

Moving picture prices took a downward break here today when a reduced summer schedule was announced by Manager G. L. Hooper of the Isis and Orpheum theaters, starting Monday. Admission charges at both of these theaters will be expected to drop in the near future. Hooper made the announcement following a slight concession on the part of the distributor.

TO PREVENT EPIDEMIC.

Warwick, June 4.—Lieut. Henry Wisniewski of the Polish flying corps, convicted by court-martial as spy, was executed today by a firing squad at the famous Warsaw citadel.

SHOP EMPLOYE FOUND DEAD

Death Thought to Have Been Caused by Acute Indigestion. George Benger, 60 years old, 212 Wilson avenue, was found dead Friday in a shed in the Santa Fe shops, where he was employed. Dr. H. L. Clark, county coroner, said death was probably caused by acute indigestion and heart disease. No inquest will be held.

GUFLER HEADS HOTEL CO.

Permanent Officers Elected at Meeting Friday Night. Permanent officers of the board of directors of the Topeka Hotel company were chosen at the first meeting of the board, held at the Chamber of Commerce Friday night.

TO PREVENT EPIDEMIC.

Business was back in its usual stride in the business district and the civic organizations were sending every effort to get the city ready for reconstruction work within two weeks.

Attorney General Freeling was expected to arrive here during the day to take charge of the grant jury investigation into the causes of the riot. The jury is to be empaneled here next Wednesday.

TO POLISH LIEUTENANT EXECUTED.

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GOVERNOR ALLEN ASKS ALL KANSANS TO DISPLAY NATIONAL EMBLEM ON THAT DATE—SPECIAL PROCLAMATION ISSUED.

All Kansans are asked by Governor Allen to observe June 14 as flag day by displaying the American flag on that day.

WHITE DEATH TOLL IN TULSA BROUGHT TO TEN

State Guardsmen Leave Riot Torn Tulsa, Okla.

Police Are Reinforced by Veterans of Late War.

PROBE TO START WEDNESDAY

Every Effort Now Being Made to Prevent Epidemic.

Burned Area Being Cleared for Reconstruction Work.

Tulsa, Okla., June 4.—The last state quartermen mobilized here to put down the race war of Tuesday night and Wednesday morning which cost 100 lives and approximately \$1,500,000 in property loss, were withdrawn this morning, when 325 Tulsa militiamen entrained for Fort Sill, leaving the city in control of city and county officials reinforced by deputized former service men. The local guard units were ordered to Fort Sill for the encampment of the Oklahoma militia beginning tomorrow.

TO PREVENT EPIDEMIC.

Preparations for a grand jury investigation to fix the responsibility for the race riot, which will begin June 8, were made today by the county attorney, assisted by a committee of the Tulsa County Bar association.

A. H. Smithman, negro, brother of A. J. Smithman, editor of a negro newspaper, which alleged to have been headquarters of the negro mob, was held in the county jail today without bond. County officials also were seeking A. Smithman's whereabouts during the rioting but telephone the sheriff he would return when the trouble subsided.

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