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200 Lives Lost By Floods When River Bursts its Banks

Awful Scene of Desolation is Caused by Rushing Waters--Railways and Villages are Washed Away as Result of a Cloud-Burst--Fifty People Standing on Bridge Watching Scene, were Swept to Destruction when Bridge Gave Way.

Cologne, Germany, June 14—It is estimated that 200 persons lost their lives in the flood that swept the valley on the river Ahr in the Eifel region. Eighty-seven bodies had been recovered today. These were found along the river banks tossed high by the flood or left stranded as the waters subsided. A report received here today says that fifty lives were lost at the Village of Schult, when a bridge which was crowded with people watching the turbulent waters, was carried away. Throughout the Ahr Valley, only one bridge is left standing. The floods were caused by a heavy rain that had continued for

several days causing the river Ahr to break its bounds. There was a cloudburst Sunday night and the waters choked the valley, drowning every living creature and causing immense monetary damage. Two barracks in which Italian and Croatian laborers were housed, were swept away and their occupants who were in bed were drowned. The railway was washed away and several villages destroyed. Lightning which accompanied the rains did much damage. The flood subsided yesterday. There is much distress among the peasants of the valley who have survived as most of them have lost their possessions.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE METHODIST MINISTERS NOW IN SESSION

Sackville, N.B., June 14—(Special) A number of ministers have arrived to attend the annual conference. A ministerial session was held last night the case of the Rev. T. J. Deinstadt being considered. This is a matter affecting the decision of the general conference appeal committee. After some discussion the further consideration was deferred until upon the arrival of the Rev. Dr. Carman, general superintendent.

This morning another ministerial session was held, the time being given to the passing of young men from one year to another. Two men were received into conference, Edwin H. H. Cread, Demerara, who has been laboring at Lindsay, Carleton County and Arthur Whiteside of the North west conference, who has been laboring on the Tobique mission.

George Morris, Granville P.E.I. is to be ordained at this conference probably next Sunday.

Stationing committee met last night, result so far showing the following changes: Queen Square, St. John, Rev. W. F. Gates. Portland, H. D. Marr. Carmathen, T. J. Deinstadt. Sussex, J. L. Dawson. Springfield, H. S. Young. Fredericton, Neil McLachlan. Centreville, H. Pierce. Bathurst, J. Rice, Sackville, J. K. Rogers. Moncton Central, J. L. Batty. It is understood that W. B. Thomas, Campbellton and C. W. Squires St. John are applying for a year's leave of absence.

CHATHAM CHIEF OF POLICE DID NOT FIGHT

Chatham, June 13.—Over 300 persons saw Bill St. Clair, of Kansas City, knock out Kid Bristol, of Butte Montana, here tonight, in the sixth round of a scheduled ten-round bout. From the tap of the gong the men went at each other in lively fashion, St. Clair having an advantage throughout. In the sixth St. Clair sent over a clean one square on the point of Bristol's chin that sent the Montana boy into dreamland. As a preliminary event, Chief of Police Lawson was to have donned the mitts with Dan McDonald, the Cape Breton wrestler. When the time for action arrived, however, the fighting chief, at the earnest solicitation of his friends, arrived at the conclusion that he could not keep the engagement. Young Daly of Newcastle, was secured as a substitute, and after three rounds was relegated into the land of nod by the burly Cape Bretoner. Barry, the well-known wrestler, refereed satisfactorily. The bouts were pulled off in the Opera House.

Y. M. C. A. TEA.

The ladies of the Y. M. C. A. Auxiliary will hold a fancy sale and tea on the Methodist Church lawn on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 2nd. There will be a band in attendance in the evening.

Mr. John Kilburn went to St. John on business this morning.

YOUTHFUL AERONAUT ENDS HIS JOURNEY ON TOP OF TREE

New York, June 14—Fred Owens, a twenty year old aeronaut of Bellville, N. J., brought business to a virtual standstill in lower Manhattan today by flying across the Hudson river in a dirigible balloon and then attempting to land his craft in City Hall Park.

Owens found that landing had its elements of hazards as well as those of flying. His dirigible became unmanageable in the air current between the city hall and the county court house and the frame work of the gas bag struck a chimney in the court house building, bending the frame and putting the propeller out of business.

Owens threw out a rope and tried to land. The aeronaut and his unmanageable dirigible floated away in the direction of Brooklyn. Owens made a test trip of ten miles with his dirigible this morning from Belleville, N. J. to Passaic and return.

The helpless dirigible gradually rising floated across the river and when nearly over the city hall in Brooklyn apparently reached a layer of still air. It hovered for some time directly over the Brooklyn business section and then began a slow drift further toward the Long Island interior.

Owens concluded his morning's flying ventures when his airship landed on a shade tree in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn. Owens lowered the anchors which caught in the branches of the tree and relief parties were summoned and ladders were raised to take off the aeronaut.

AMHERST GETS RACE

Charlottetown, P. E. I., June 13.—The executive committee of the M. P. A. A. A. met today for the dispatch of routine business, and particularly for the purpose of awarding the annual track and field championships, also the Canadian ten-mile amateur championship events.

The awarding of the ten-mile Canadian championship event was decided on by giving the event to Amherst being guaranteed by that town that a suitable track would be provided.

A LONG JAUNT.

Mr. Charles Cremin, the well-known guide, returned this afternoon from a flying trip to Mr. Henry Braithwaite's camps on the headwaters of the Little Southwest Miramichi. He found Uncle Henry in the enjoyment of good health and busily engaged in trapping bears. He expects to finish his work in time to be home the latter part of June. Mr. Braithwaite has been alone in the woods for over three months and some of his friends were a little anxious as to his safety. Mr. Cremin seems to have got over the ground pretty rapidly on his return trip. He did a forty mile jaunt on Tuesday and starting at 2.30 o'clock this morning, he covered fifteen miles to Holtville on foot, drove tea miles to Boiestown and caught the Fredericton express at noon.

DEATH COMES AFTER WEEK'S TORTURE FROM RATTLE SNAKE BITE

Religious Fanatic, Bitten on Hand, Refused to Take Antidotes, But Relied for Cure on Prayers of Friends.

Chicago, Ill., June 14—Death caused by a rattle-snake bite had ended nearly a week of torture endured through religious fanaticism by Oliver Pugh, sixty years old of Zion city.

Pugh was bitten by the snake last Wednesday but true to the teaching of his creed, refused to take antidotes for the poison or medicine of any kind. Relying on the prayers of his fellow religionists to cure him. Pugh was bitten on the little finger while picking strawberries. He was former Alderman of Zion City going to Zion in the days when John Alexander Dowie was overseer.

MURDER MYSTERY FOR NEW YORK POLICE TO SOLVE

New York, N. Y., June 14—A man whose name is given by the police as Frank Stickett and believed to have come here recently from Baltimore, was murdered today in a Bowery hotel. A revolver bullet had entered his left temple causing instant death the coroner said there was no trace of revolver. The victim of the murder was registered with another man at the hotel early today as "John Stickett and brother Frank." The supposed brother was not to be found when the body was discovered. The murdered man was apparently an Englishman about 23 years of age.

YORK CO. POLITICIANS INTERVIEW GOVERNMENT

We note by the St. John papers that Messrs. O. S. Crockett, M. P. A. R. Slipp, M. P. P., James K. Pinder, M. P. P., Thomas Robison, M. P. P., and John A. Young, M. P. P., were among the visitors to that city yesterday. They did not arrive as one party, but all went there to interview the local government on business of one kind or another. Messrs. Crockett, Pinder, Young and Robison were after a bond guarantee of \$10,000 per mile for the Nackawick Railway. Mr. Pinder is said to have told the Premier very plainly that he would stand for no more excuses—he wanted the necessary financial assistance for the road or he would know the reason why. The King returned home last evening in a particularly jovial mood, and it is presumed that his mission to St. John was successful.

DANGEROUSLY ILL AT WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, N.B., June 14—Mrs. D. R. Morse is dangerously ill here at the home of Mrs. O. A. Townsend. Some fifteen years ago she left here with her husband for the States and returned for the first time a week ago. She is a native of this town, and a relative of the Dingle and Connell families. Her husband died at Marquette Mich., a few years ago. One son is living in Marquette still.

"CITIZEN'S" LETTER.

The communication signed "Citizen," which appeared in The Mail on Saturday, dealing with the conduct of the Normal School students, has provoked a good deal of comment, and many things that it was a trifle rough on the students. It might be well to explain that it was not written by any one belonging to The Mail staff, and The Mail assumes no responsibility for the opinion expressed.

LITTLE ALMA KELLNER



ALMA KATHERINE KELLNER

The little girl, Alma Kellner, eight years of age, missing since December 9 1909 whose body was found in an old cistern under one of the parish houses of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Clay St. Louisville. It was terribly mutilated, and its condition showed that it had been in the cistern several months.

To clear the mystery of the murder of the girl the police are searching for Joseph Wendling, formerly janitor of St. John's Church. He has been missing since January 14. Rewards aggregating nearly \$15,000 are offered for the apprehension of the murderer.

Mr. Frank Fehr, a wealthy brewer, uncle of the child, who since her disappearance has spared neither time nor money in the search over the United States for her, positively identified, by means of a shoe, the body. It was found only a few yards from the entrance to St. John's Church, where the child had gone to attend services the morning of her disappearance.

STOCK MARKET PRICES SHOW DOWNWARD TREND

New York, June 14.—Union Pacific and St. Louis and San Francisco, pfd., made opening gains of a point. International Harvester 1½, and Reading and Great Northern, pfd., a large fraction. These gains led a general advance in the market, which, however, was slight and on a very meagre volume of business.

New York, N. Y., June 14.—Wall Street, Noon.—Offerings of stocks for sale were scanty and the trend of the price movement was upward. Dealings were very light. Satisfaction with the crop outlook was the only specific factor cited in the highly professional market. St. Louis and San Francisco advanced 2½ and General Electric distillers securities, Chicago and Alton and American Hide and Leather pfd., 1. Minneapolis and St. Louis fell 2. At noon there was a reaction led by Union Pacific which fell back a point. Bonds were steady.

(Quotations from direct private wires. of J. M. Robinson & Son, Bankers, St. John, N. B. Members Montreal Stock Exchange)

Open Noon	
Amalgamated	63½
Atchafson	104½
Smelters	75½
Brooklyn	77½
Canadian Pacific	196
Great Northern, pfd.	131½
Northern Pacific	124½
Pennsylvania	131½
Reading	152½
Sugar	117½
Soo	137½
Southern Pacific	121½
Union	171½
U. S. Steel Com.	77½
La Rose	41b
Nippising	114b
Iron Com.	65½b

Chicago, June 14.—Grain quotations at noon were:
Corn, July, 57½, Sept. 57½, Dec. 58½.
Oats, July, 35½, 34½, 35.

LAND WARRANTS.
A Winnipeg despatch states that South African land warrants sold at 730 bid and 735 asked.

AMERICAN SWINDLERS AND MISUSE OF MAILES

Philadelphia, Pa., June 14—Bills of indictment charging misuse of the mails were returned by the United States grand jury here today, against Emil Starkloff and George Post, who the postal inspectors charge are gold brick swindlers. It is charged that Post and Starkloff fleeced many wealthy Englishmen by selling them properties which did not exist. Assistant District Attorney Brink says the men may be called to trial at the present term of the United States district court and if they fail to appear their bail of \$11,500 each will be declined forfeited.

Mr. T. O'Brien, of St. John, editor of The Monitor, is in the city.

CHATHAM MAN MEETS WITH SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Was at Work Unloading Coal Steamer When He Fell Twenty Feet Striking His Head Against Vessel as He Fell--His Skull was Fractured and His Recovery is Doubtful.

Chatham, N.B., June 14—A man striking the side of the vessel violently on his head and fell into the water. He was rescued with a great deal of difficulty and taken on board the ship. Dr. Byrne was summoned, and found that he had been terribly cut in the head also on the cheek, and neck, and one shoulder was badly injured. He was unconscious for some hours, and is now at the Hotel Dieu. His recovery is doubtful.

JOE GANS DYING FROM TUBERCULOSIS TO TAKE PLACE OF SHIPS

San Francisco, Cal., June 14—News comes from Phoenix Arizona, that Joe Gans former light weight champion is near death from tuberculosis. Gans was asked to write a story of the Jeffries-Johnson fight and was offered liberal terms, but a letter came from Gans' doctor saying Joe was not in a physical condition to stand the long journey to San Francisco. He added that consumption had made rapid strides since Gans arrived in Phoenix, and the climate did not seem to help the veteran as he had remained too long in Baltimore before trying a change. Gans is said to be a mere shadow of the old fighter.

London, June 13.—An airship which is to fly from London to New York has already been designed, and is expected to be ready for its first flight in twelve months.

It is to be 1,000 feet in length, sixty-five feet in diameter, will be worked by sixteen propellers, and will have a lifting capacity of 38 tons beyond its own weight.

The designer, Baron Roenne, is a Russian, but the airship is to be built by British workmen, with British material, within ten miles of London, and owned by an exclusively British company.

It is to be a rigid dirigible, with an outer cover of an alloy called chromium, the surface of which is to be so prepared as to resemble a mirror.

This is to be the pioneer of a fleet of such British airships. Influential men are considering the formation of a company to promote the building of an aerial navy and the establishment of a passenger and mail service.

Baron Roenne has mapped out routes and charts, and he has drawn up rough time tables for the mail and newspaper service.

The journey from London to Berlin and back, will, for instance, occupy thirty-six hours.

"This calculation," he says, "allows for strong head winds of a velocity of fifty-five miles per hour. Of the eight motors with which each airship will be provided, only four, five, or at the utmost, six, would be working at a time, thus enabling them to be kept in perfect order."

This is the beginning of Baron Roenne's scheme. He has mapped out a passenger service from London to New York!

"I fancy it will take about seventy-two hours to cross the Atlantic," he said yesterday. "That is of course, allowing for a head wind of about fifty-five miles per hour. I shall make the trip as soon as my first ship is built to show that it is feasible."

Other services proposed are from London to Paris, Vienna, Rome and St. Petersburg.

As an earnest of Baron Roenne's intentions, it may be stated that a tract of about 100 acres of land for the erection of aerial stations and docks has already been secured, and that workmen will shortly be employed day and night upon the construction of the first aerial liner.

PRAYER MEETING
There will be a prayer meeting at the Methodist Church tonight at 8 o'clock.

TEACHERS' LICENSE EXAMINATIONS.
The examinations for Teachers' Licenses began today. Fredericton, St. John, Chatham and Moncton are the examining stations. The great majority of candidates are being examined here, where Dr. H. V. B. Bridges principal of the Normal School, is superintending the examination. He is assisted by other members of the Normal School staff. The number of candidates is 312. They are classified as follows:—Grammar School in part 12; Superior, 2; First Class, 126; Second Class, 172.

LUCKY BALDWIN'S FORTUNE
Los Angeles, Calif., June 14—The official inquiry into the estate of E. J. Lucky Baldwin just filed in the probate court fixes \$10,931,930, as its total value.

PERSONAL.
Judge and Mrs. McKeown are at the Queen Hotel.
Mr. C. B. Lockhart, of St. John, is registered at the Queen.
Mr. G. M. Laugedoc, of Ottawa, arrived in the city last night. He left for points down river on this morning's boat.

Mr. W. E. Brittain, of St. John, arrived in the city this morning.

Mr. T. J. Carter, of Andover, is in the city.

Mr. H. B. Rainsford returned today from a business trip to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hogan, of Houlton, Me., are registered at the Barker House.