

## Thousand Lives Lost in Mexican Flood.

Such is the Report From the City of Guanajuato.—Immense Damage Has Been Done to Property.

Mexico City, July 2.—No news has been received directly from Guanajuato regarding a great flood in that mining city, now the important seat of activity by several large American and British companies. The wires were down all day yesterday and the roads were impassable. Two reports are current; one says 1,000 were killed, another says at least 100 were drowned.

Late tidings are that Guanajuato is completely flooded and water is already invading the higher parts of the town while there is fear that "Laolla" dam may give way, which would mean complete and general ruin.

The city is built in a great gorge in the mountains and the streets ramble up the mountain side in picturesque fashion.

A storm began furiously on the night of June 30 and after midnight no one of the inhabitants dared go to bed, so tremendous was the fury of the elements. The water rose in the lower or business street, flooding crops and damaging thousands of dollars worth of merchandise. The lower streets became raging torrents as the water poured in rivers down the upper streets. Doors were smashed in by the force of the water and windows were no protection against the furious flood.

The authorities worked strenuously to get the people safely from their homes to higher parts of the city. The loss of property, it is said, will be immense.

Advices from Queretaro are to the effect that there was no telegraphic communication with the stricken city last night. Messengers who managed to get out of the city say the water stands three to four feet deep in the houses and shops in the lower part of the city and that panic stricken people have gone into the mountains carrying their valuables. The storm began to abate at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Later advices state that it is known that over a hundred lives were lost at Guanajuato. Telegraphic communication is cut off and it is supposed "Laolla" dam was completely destroyed, but this cannot be confirmed.

The Mexican Central north-bound passenger train ran into a washout north of Irapurato and was derailed, the water running over some of the cars. President Robinson of the railroad says some lives were lost, but he does not know how many.

The town of Marafilo, just below Guanajuato, was completely wiped out.

Another dispatch to President Robinson of the Mexican Central says that there are 1,000 dead at Guanajuato.

The raging water is carrying the dead through every street. The water is up to the second story of the Hotel union. Great damage has been wrought to the street car line and service cannot be resumed inside a month. There is only one way the people can get to Marafilo, which is by mule or foot. The superintendent of the railroad has advised officers

here to accept no express or heavy baggage.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS TELL OF FURTHER LOSS OF LIFE.

Del Rio, Texas, July 2.—Eighteen lives, are known to have been lost as result of a cloudburst in the mountains near the town of Las Vacas. Two of the dead were American children who were washed away before the eyes of a large panic stricken crowd. The loss add damage to property has not been obtained, but is enormous the water going through the fertile valley in a mighty flood carrying everything before it. The loss of live stock is great. Funds are being raised here for the flood sufferers and searching parties are trying to recover the bodies of the dead. Fresh news comes in almost hourly of some point, where property was damaged and probably lives were lost. It will be several days before all details of the destruction of life and property by the flood is known.

The 16 Mexicans, who were drowned, lived about four miles from Las Vacas on the bank of the creek and just one mile from this place.

The cloudburst occurred some time during the night in the mountains above Las Vacas. The waters rushed down through the valley with force enough to roll big stones considerable distance.

The tumble homes of the Mexicans were still far enough away from the edge of the creek to give them a feeling of safety. They were peacefully slumbering when the great volumes of water came upon them.

### A Safe Man.

Greenville News.

Edward W Robertson of Columbia has been elected a director of the Equitable Life assurance society, and the South Carolina policy holders are satisfied that their interests will be protected. They have every right to be, because Mr Robertson is a safe man to have on the board and he will devote all his energy and ability to the work of placing the affairs of the company in decent shape.

### NO FALSE CLAIMS.

The proprietors of Foley's Honey and Tar do not advertise this as a "sure cure for consumption." They do not claim it will cure this dread complaint in advanced cases, but do positively assert that it will cure in the earlier stages and never fails to give comfort and relief in the worst cases. Foley's Honey and Tar is without doubt the greatest throat and lung remedy. Refuse substitutes. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

### "Dispensary profits"

Newberry Observer.

If Newberry people send \$150,000 out of the county for liquor and get only \$25,000 of it back to "help pay taxes," would you call that good business?

Out in California a member of the state legislature has framed a law which, if adopted, will make it necessary for a man and a woman to swear when they apply for a marriage license that they are not crazy. We suspect that the author of the bill has been trying to support a \$50,000-a-year wife on a salary of \$50 a month.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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It's most healing salve in the world.

## James Werts [Convicted And Gets Life Sentence

Negro Accused of Killing Sam Pickley, Colored, in Aiken is pronounced Guilty.

Special to The State.

Aiken, July 1.—The case of James Werts, colored, charged with the murder of Sam Pickley, also, colored, was tried Thursday and yesterday.

This was one of the most revolting in Aiken county. Sam Pickley was an honest, hard-working old darkey, about 75 years of age, while Jim Werts is a loafing worthless gambler. It was known among the negroes that Sam had some money saved up. This money was the cause of the old man's death.

On the morning of the 25th of April, the body of Sam Pickley was found in a much mutilated and putrid condition in his house. From the condition of the body it must have been lying there for about three days. His skull was broken and his throat cut. A bloody pocket knife and the end of an iron axle with blood stains upon it were found in the room.

As the result of the efforts of the police officers, Jim Werts was arrested and lodged in the county jail. Werts had served on the jury of inquest and his conduct led the officers to suspect him.

Upon investigation it was found that the piece of iron axle, found in the house, came from a black smith shop, where Werts had been working. A negro named Jno. Lite declared that the bloody knife found in the room belonged to Werts. Werts' friends stated that he had no money before the murder he had a considerable amount of money in his pockets. Messrs. Henderson represented the State and Messrs. Croft and Salley the defendant.

The evidence brought out by the State's witnesses was altogether circumstantial.

The jury brought in verdict of guilty with recommendation to mercy of court. He was given the sentence of life imprisonment in the penitentiary with hard labor. A motion for new trial was made but was refused.

### No New Trial For Harry Dean.

The supreme court has decided that Harry Dean must serve the sentence imposed upon him by the court upon his conviction on the charge of having killed one McKinney in Spartanburg. On account of the youth of the accused and also on account of his family connections, a hard fight was made in the court to save him from serving the sentence imposed upon him by the court. The supreme court has overruled the motion for a new trial and the young man will enter upon the service of his sentence.—The State.

### SPOILED HER BEAUTY.

Harriet Howard, of 209 W. 34th St., New York, at one time had her beauty spoiled with skin trouble. She writes: "I had Salt Rheum or Eczema for years, but nothing would cure it, until I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve." A quick and sure healer for cuts, burns and sores. 25c at Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co's, and Funderburk Pharmacy, drug store.

## Rockefeller Gives Ten Million Dollars For Cause Of Higher Education

Helps Ogden Movement—One Million Provided for That Fund to be Distributed Among Southern Colleges and Schools.

New York, June 30.—At a meeting of the general education board today the gift of ten million dollars from John D. Rockefeller was announced as an endowment for higher education in the United States.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr, was instrumental in forming the general education board three years ago. A gift of one million dollars was immediately passed over to the board from John D. Rockefeller, especially designated for educational work in the South.

Other funds have been added and the board has confined its work to the Southern States. The present gift is for use not only in the Southern States, and is confined to higher education and designed especially for colleges as distinguished from the great universities, although there is no prohibition against making contributions to the universities. The funds will be open to approved schools of all denominations, although they cannot be employed for giving specifically to theological instruction.

The fund may be used for endowment, building debts, apparatus, for any other purpose most serviceable. If the funds prove to be as useful as is anticipated Rockefeller will undoubtedly make large additions to it in future years.

### Fatal Wreck in Spartanburg.

Charleston, S. C., July 2.—A special from Spartanburg says that a serious wreck occurred at the Brawley street crossing on the Southern Railway at 1 a. m. Through freight No 52, running in two sections, came together while in the city of Spartanburg near the crossing, and a dozen freight cars laden with coal, and one engine were badly damaged. Sherman Justice and a second member of the crew of train 52 are dead and Engineer Whitmore is seriously injured. Another colored trainman was also hurt. The accident was caused by failure of brakes on section No 2. The track was soon cleared and traffic resumed.

### SICKENING SHIVERING FITS.

of Ague and Malaria, can be relieved and cured with Electric Bitters. This is a pure, tonic medicine; of especial benefit in malaria, for it exerts a true curative influence on the disease, driving it entirely out of the system. It is much to be preferred to Quinine, having none of this drug's bad after-effects. E. S. Muaday, of Henrietta, Tex., writes: "My brother was very low with malarial fever and jaundice, till he took Electric Bitters, which saved his life. At Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co. and Funderburk Pharmacy drug stores; price 50c, guaranteed.

It sometimes happens that a man who poses as a social lion before marriage looks very much like a truck horse afterward.—Chicago News.

## News of the State.

(Specials to The Columbia State.)

### Convicted of Arson.

Aiken, June 30.—The case of Joe Adams, colored, charged with the burning of Mrs Welk Moseley's barn, was tried yesterday. The jury, after taking about 10 hours to make a decision brought in a verdict of guilty with recommendation to the mercy of the court, advising the passage of the life sentence.

The judge gave him 30 years at hard labor.

### White Man Convicted of Heinous Crime.

Walhalla, July 1.—Stiles Moore, white, charged with rape, was convicted and sentenced to 14 years in the penitentiary today. The trial has been a most sensational and bitter one. The verdict is generally approved. The judge ordered Sheriff Kay to take Moore to Columbia at once.

Oconee county was visited last night by a most disastrous flood. There was a rainfall of 15 inches, following heavy rains of yesterday and crops are tremendous.

### With a Broken Neck Soldier May Live.

Charleston, June 30.—The continued improvement of Private JJ Garner, the United States soldier who broke his neck diving into the surf on Sullivan's Island last week, excites much interest, especially among the surgeons. Two serious operations have been performed and parts of the vertebra removed. The soldier was paralyzed from his neck down and since the last operation three days ago, he is showing signs of recovering the use of his body and limbs. He is a champion athlete and his powerful constitution is probably responsible for his life and improvement, which may end in complete recovery.

### Large Liquor Seizure.

Asheville, N. C., July 1.—What is said to be the largest seizure of liquor ever made in this internal revenue district was made here this morning when the revenue officers took possession of a distillery operated by W P Black and confiscated 5,000 gallons of whiskey. The tax, it is charged, had not been paid on a large quantity of the whiskey, which is said to have been made without the knowledge of the government inspector and to have been stored in the proprietor's house. A formal investigation will be begun Monday.

### To Cease Boycott.

Washington, July 1.—The Chinese government has taken steps to stop the boycott against American goods. Minister Rockhill at Peking today cabled the state department, that after urgent and repeated representations from the American legation orders have been issued from the Chinese foreign office to all viceroys and governors in the empire to cease anti-American agitation against American goods.

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## Death of John Hay a Loss to Diplomacy.

Family and Friends Shocked at the Sudden Summons.—Condolence From all Quarters.

Newbury, N. H., July 1.—The body of Secretary of State John Hay, whose unexpected death early today has caused sorrow through the land and evoked expressions of sympathy and regret the world over, lies tonight in a room of "The Fells," the quaint gambrel-roofed mansion, which for 14 years had been the summer home of the Hay family.

Just one week ago tonight, the secretary arrived at this village from Washington, wearied with the cares of state and anticipating a "long summer's rest." Tonight the same launch in which Mr Hay made the short trip from Newbury to the landing at "The Fells" conveyed relatives of Mrs Hay to the cottage where they brought sympathy and help to the stricken woman and her only son.

The only members of the secretary's family at "The Fells" when the end came were Mrs Hay and Clarence Hay. Mr. James A Wadsworth of Genesee, N. Y., a daughter, has been ill recently and had not been at Lake Sunapee this season. Mrs Payne Whitney, another daughter, is on her way to Europe.

Mr Hay died at 12.25 o'clock this morning. The last moments of the statesman were peaceable and the end came almost without a struggle.

The suddenness of it all was staggering. The secretary had yesterday passed the most comfortable day since his illness began a week ago. He was to sit up today. The patient had bidden his wife and physicians good night at 10 o'clock last night. An hour later he was sleeping quietly. Almost at the stroke of 12, the secretary was seized with a turn. He called feebly and a nurse responded. The sick man was breathing with great difficulty. Dr Scudder was speedily summoned and it required but a glance for him to determine that the end was but a few minutes away. The household was aroused. The wife reached her husband as he was breathing his last. The son, Clarence Hay, hurried into the sick room, but was too late.

Death was caused by pulmonary embolism, according to Dr Scudder. The patient did not suffer greatly in his last moments. Aside from great difficulty in breathing there was no struggle. Stimulants were ineffective. The secretary lapsed into unconsciousness and seemed to fall asleep at last.

### A GRIM TRAGEDY.

is daily enacted, in thousands of homes, as Death claims, in each one, another victim of Consumption or Pneumonia. But when Coughs and Colds are properly treated, the tragedy is averted. F. G. Huntley, of Oakland, Ind., writes: "My wife had the consumption, and three doctor, gave her up. Finally she took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds which cured her, and to-day she is well and strong." It kills the germs of all diseases. One dose relieves. Guaranteed at 50c and \$1.00 by Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co. Funderburk Pharmacy, druggists. Trial bottle free.