

WATERS ROBBING THE GRAVES.

Continued Reports of Terrible Work of Floods in China.

Peking, Sept. 8.—Only meagre news from the flooded districts have reached the capital.

The report received by the American mission at Wuhu estimating that 100,000 persons have been drowned has not yet been verified, but every account confirms the great extent of the disaster.

Travelers arriving by steamer at Hankow from the upper reaches of the river, report many coffins of a huge Chinese type were encountered floating the Yang-Tse Kiang, showing that waters were robbing the graves along the river.

From Huana comes word that the receding waters are being followed by pestilence and that many are dying.

Great Loss of Life.

Hankow, China, Sept. 8.—The floods resulting from the Yang-Ste river overflowing its banks, which transformed hundreds of miles of the Yang-Tse Valley into an enormous lake, and caused a great loss of life, gradually are subsiding.

In addition to the heavy death list, many thousands of natives have been made homeless and destitute. The rice crop in the provinces of Hupeh and Hunan will probably be an average one, but other cereals have suffered heavily. The rice crop in Ngan-Hawel, another province watered by the Yang-Tse river, is of exceptionally poor quality.

Chinese Populace Desperate.

Shanghai, Sept. 8.—The famine riots in Changsoh are spreading and the American Baptist chapel, near Wungtu, has been abandoned and was later wrecked by a band of marauders. The populace are desperate, and it is stated that the visible supply of rice will last only about ten days.

Society Shattered by Scandal.

Lisbon, Ohio, Sept. 7.—"The Prettiest Girl," pictures, which have been Margaret Holliday, who is just sixteen years old, and have involved in the scandal that followed many of the socially-elect here, bid fair to become as famous in their way as the "Bear Rug" pictures of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw.

The trouble all started just two days ago, when Mrs. Holliday, the girl's mother, in setting to rights her daughter's room, discovered a photograph of an undraped girl, who to her surprise she recognized as her daughter.

Sixteen-year-old Miss Margaret admitted that the photograph was taken after a grill room supper, at which many men of wealth attended.

On the technical charge of having given liquor to a minor, the mother caused the arrest of Lyman H. Miller, a prominent merchant, and Lemuel Johnson.

INVESTIGATE HOSIERY MILL.

Richland Grand Jury Acts on Request of Solicitor Cobb.

Columbia, Sept. 7.—The Richland county grand jury to-day commenced an investigation of the sanitary condition of the hosiery mill at the State penitentiary. The investigation is being made upon request of Solicitor Cobb, who received instructions from the governor.

Senator E. D. Smith announced to-day that he would attend the cotton conference at Montgomery, Ala., on September 12, when plans for financing and marketing the cotton crop of the South will be discussed.

Attorney General Lyon did not reach a decision to-day as to whether he will bring the graft cases to trial at this term of the Richland county court.

WOMAN RUNS GAMING HOUSE.

Minneapolis Society Ladies Lose Large Sums in Resort.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 8.—An ultra-fashionable gambling house has been closed by the police, after running for several weeks, during which time hundreds of women have been squandering their time and money in the place.

A highly respected society woman of the city ran the place. She was successful in her enterprise and the curb at 723 Nicollet avenue was constantly lined with limousines and the town cars of rich women. All sorts of games were played, the police say, a general raid would have been made but for the select quality of the customers of the place.

The closing of the house was caused by the wrath of an irate well-to-do grocer of the city, who discovered that his wife had dissipated a large portion of his bank account in the beautifully furnished rooms at 723 Nicollet avenue. The owner was "brought up on the carpet" immediately, and closed the doors of the establishment to avoid trouble with the police.

POSSES SEARCH FOR FIEND.

Attacked a Lady and Nearly Killed Her Husband.

At Lumberton, N. C., Gray Tolar, a wealthy lumberman, was probably fatally injured and his wife attacked by an unknown negro at their home early Monday. Tolar's skull was crushed by a blow with a plow bar and Mrs. Tolar was nearly choked insensible before her screams frightened off her assailant. As soon as the negro escaped Mrs. Tolar seized her two children and ran to their nearest neighbors, a half a mile distant, and gave the alarm, and posses immediately took up the search. Tolar was carried to a hospital where it was stated that he could not recover. Three suspects have been arrested, but Mrs. Tolar is unable to identify her assailant.

KELLY DECLARED NOT GUILTY.

Greenville Man Freed of Murder Charge—Shot Assailant.

Greenville, Sept. 7.—In the court of general sessions to-day, M. H. Kelly, a well known white citizen of Greenville, a man of some prominence, was acquitted on a charge of murdering Jas. Boyle, also white, very well known. A few witnesses were introduced to show that Kelly fired the shots in self-defence, after which the solicitor stated that he would not ask for a verdict. James Boyle was shot down on the sidewalk in front of the new United States postoffice building shortly after dark, one evening last June. Kelly, it is understood, was in company with a young woman whom Boyle fancied and Boyle lay in wait for Kelly as he returned home with the girl. It is alleged that as Kelly and the girl turned the corner at the post-office and started down a dark street, Boyles loomed up out of the darkness and dealt a blow at Kelly with a pair of brass knucks. Kelly says he dodged in time to break the force of the blow, and then pulled his pistol and fired twice upon Boyle. Boyle, who was a blacksmith, is said to have been a veritable physical giant. A physician, who attended the wounded man, testified to-day that had he struck Kelly a full blow with the knucks, death would have been an inevitable result.

Court convened here Monday, Judge Memminger was specially appointed by Chief Justice Jones to hold the term of court instead of Judge J. C. Klugh, who is ill.

POLICE STOPS DOG'S BURIAL.

Woman Wanted Carcass Put in the Grave Beside Husband's Body.

Lexington, Mass., Sept. 8.—Herbert Wellington, superintendent of the local cemeteries, enlisted the aid of the local police to stop the burial of a dog in the cemetery that shelters the bones of many of the most prominent of those who were present and assisted when the country was in its birth struggle.

Mrs. Sarah Bowman Vanness, a former regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, wishes to have a dog buried in her family plot, beside her husband's body, but police action stopped her at the grave, and she was forced to take the dog's carcass back home and bury it on her estate temporarily at least, although it is believed she will contest the order.

WOMEN RISE IN REVOLT.

New Yorkers Protest Against Beulah Binford on the Stage.

New York, Sept. 7.—If the protests that are going up from prominent club women, actresses and other women well known here are to be taken as a criterion of the feeling of womanhood in general, Beulah Binford will not be heartily welcomed to the metropolitan stage as "an actress" or anything else.

When the news reached here to-day that the young girl who had become notorious through her connection with the Beattie murder trial at Chesterfield had been liberated from the jail at Richmond, and had started North to "go on the stage," many of the leaders of women in this city protested that such an exposition of Miss Binford would be an insult to all womankind.

Among the women in the movement are: Miss Belle De Rivera, the well-known club woman; Mrs. A. M. Palmer, widow of a prominent theatrical manager and president of the Rainy Day Club, and Alma Webster Powell, the singer.

A local booking agency is credited with the statement that the Binford girl will appear at a Philadelphia theatre next Monday. Asked as to her historic abilities the agency say they probably will consist of a couple of songs.

"It really does not matter what she does," said the agent, "so long as the people have a chance to look at her."

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32 GLASSES OF BEER FATAL.

Baltimore Man Kills Himself in Effort to Dispose of 100 Drinks.

Baltimore, Sept. 6.—Fatally mistaken in his estimate of his capacity Morris Katz, aged 35, died here yesterday after drinking only 32 of the 100 glasses of beer of which he had planned to dispose. Coroner Abercrombie rendered a verdict of death from alcoholism.

Katz had won \$5 on a wager. He was extremely fond of beer and decided to spend the whole amount of his winnings for the amber fluid. He consumed 20 glasses of the beverage, and his appetite was but little diminished. Following his disposal of the twelfth glass thereafter, he lurched out of the saloon and fell dead at the corner of Eden and Pratt streets.

Street Car Motorman Indicted.

Atlanta, Sept. 7.—W. W. Matthews the street car motorman who shot and killed a 16-year-old boy named Lyles when the latter taunted him by calling him "Peaches," has been indicted for murder by a Fulton county grand jury and will come to trial at this term of the court.

A rather remarkable story lies behind the indictment. It is stated that Motorman Matthews was hailed by an aged white woman with a big basket of peaches, in the neighborhood where the Lyles boy lived, and he roughly refused to let the woman board the car, declaring that her basket was too big.

It happened that Lyles and a crowd of his young friends saw the incident. They cried, "For shame!" and then systematically set about making the motorman's life miserable. Every time his car came through the neighborhood, which was at least ten times a day, some of the youngsters of the section would get on the corners and yell, "Peaches, Peaches, Peaches."

This statement finally goaded the motorman, himself a young man, to madness. He armed himself with a revolver, and the next time a crowd of boys collected near the car line to taunt him he drew the weapon and fired a volley directly into the crowd, killing Lyles and wounding another boy severely.

THE RAILROADS' HEAVY TOLL.

Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Killed and 55,000 Injured.

It seems almost incredible that there should have been over 7,700 persons killed by and upon the railroads during the present year, with more than 55,000 persons injured through the same agency. These are the figures, however, of the Interstate Commerce commission, which is now required by law to keep accurate record of railroad accidents.

While credit must be given to the railroads for every intention to prevent accidents and while due allowance must always be made for the fallibility of human agency, the fact still remains that the minimum of sacrifice of human life has not been reached. The Interstate Commerce commission will in time be able to determine definitely where the fault lies—whether in unnecessary and reckless speed or in lack of adequate inspection of roadbed and rolling stock or through insufficient appliances for safety. These causes, or others, may explain why railroad accidents occur with such frequency.

The proportion of fatalities in the United States is much greater than abroad. It is true that we do business upon a larger and faster scale, but, none the less, it ought to be done with a maximum of safety not now enjoyed.—Washington Herald.

Commits Suicide on Liner.

Charleston, Sept. 9.—J. H. Williams, aged 55 years, said to be from Jacksonville, committed suicide with a pistol at 1 o'clock this morning on board the Clyde steamship Iroquois while the liner was at sea. The bullet entered his mouth and pierced his head, making an ugly wound. Death was practically instantaneous. On hearing the shot, which startled sleeping passengers, officers rushed to him, but he was dead when reached. Williams was standing on the lower deck near the stern when he ended his life.

The body was turned over to Coroner O'Donnell when the ship reached port and an inquest was held this morning. A letter was found in his clothes and opened by the authorities. He had a second cabin ticket from Jacksonville to New York.

At the coroner's inquest it was brought out that the letter was addressed to A. S. Clement, Plymouth, Mass., its text, scrawled nervously in pencil, reading: "I have gone crazy. I don't know where mother is. (Signed) Father." Two sealed but unaddressed envelopes were opened. They contained small amounts of money. The coroner has telegraphed A. S. Clement and will await instructions as to the disposition of the body. The pistol which was found in his hand was exhibited at the inquest. Only one shot had been fired, but the magazine was filled.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAIN.

Obstruction on Track Between Latta and Dillon—Found by Switchman.

Florence, Sept. 6.—A bold attempt was made to wreck a through passenger train on the short cut division of the Coast Line last night at or near the Buck Swamp siding, between Latta and Dillon, where about six years ago train 86, the Palmetto Limited, northbound, was completely wrecked. The switch light had been put out and a log chain was found wrapped around the rail and fastened to the ties. Had any of the trains hit the obstruction they would have been derailed and wrecked. At that point all trains usually speed along at about 50 miles the hour. The obstruction was found by the switch tender, he having noticed that the switch light was out and went to re-light it. The Coast Line officials having ordered all trains to reduce speed and for engineers to run slowly between Dillon and Latta until further orders, and to keep a sharp lookout for obstructions on the track.

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