

# HUNDREDS PERISH GETS FIRST CABINET PLACE

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### Disaster in Dense Fog

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Chefoo, China.—Two Japanese steamships collided off this port Monday afternoon. Details of the accident were lacking, but it was reported that a total of 700 persons had been drowned.

According to the best information available, the vessels were passenger boats and heavily loaded with Europeans and Americans.

The crash suddenly came in a dense fog. The lookouts were unable to see more than a few yards ahead, and could not give the alarm in time for the passengers and crew to take to the lifeboats.

The ships crashed with a mighty impact within two minutes after warning cries had been sent down to those below.

Francis Rush for Safety.

Instantly there was a frantic rush for safety. Not daring to lower the boats, scores leaped into the sea. Most of these were drowned.

The vessels sank soon after the collision, taking down with them the passengers and crew who were asleep at the time of the accident.

The catastrophe was appalling, the news agency says, and was so complete that for a time not even the names of the ill-fated ships could be learned.

The Japanese government went to work on a list of names and expected soon to have the boats identified.

Story of Eye-Witness.

A fisherman who braved the dangers of the fog and piled his occupation during the adverse conditions reported that he heard the crash and happened on the terrible scene while he was making for shore. His description of the plight of the people who sought to escape from the vessels, both of which were passenger steamers, was melodramatic.

Utter Pitiful Wails.

Said the fisherman:

"I heard a crash in the fog, which was somewhat dulled by the distance from where I was fishing, but as I sought to get out of the way of the impending danger I pulled my boat almost into one of the vessels. However, I could not make out the steamers' name because of the dense fog, but I saw an awful scene. Women and children were uttering pitiful wails, and men were shouting and yelling at the top of their voices.

Flees to Save Himself.

"It was hardly an instant after I happened upon the scene when I heard a man shout: 'Be off! Be off! Be off!' I knew that I would be sucked in so with all speed I pulled away, trying to save a life. I saw a passenger who was in the water near me. She sank before I could reach her. Although the steamers had collided the impact seemed to draw them back from each other and both sank at about the same moment.

Many Jump Overboard.

"I presume that most of the passengers were below decks but there was a large number who attempted to save themselves by swimming. Most of those who reached the decks jumped into the water. The vessels went down and they were pulled under by the powerful force of the sinking steamers."



FRANK H. HITCHCOCK

fixed, at least so far as the principals are concerned, and a complete understanding is known to exist between them. As chairman of the Republican national committee, Mr. Hitchcock is more familiar than any other person with the political plans of questions likely to arise at the beginning of the Taft administration and the knowledge he gained regarding the general situation in the party will be of great service to Mr. Taft throughout his administration.

Besides these reasons the national chairman admittedly possesses a complete and fitting postmaster general. Mr. Hitchcock, accompanied by Charles H. Boynton of New York, left here Friday night for Washington, where Saturday night he was the guest of honor at a dinner given by the executive and advisory committees of the national committee. He then will visit headquarters in the party will be of great service to Mr. Taft throughout his administration.

Great Flood Works Have in West Guthrie, Okla.

Guthrie, Okla.—As the result of a 48-hour downpour in the valley of the Cottonwood river and its tributaries, the Cottonwood overflowed here Sunday afternoon. Several hundred homes are partially under water in West Guthrie and 3,000 people are homeless.

The water in the night was 10 feet higher than ever before in the valley, and rising 12 inches an hour. Hundreds of people who refused to get out of the flooded district believing that the river would not rise as rapidly as it did, died of stress before rescue was placed and many boats with an army of rescuers brought the tardy ones to places of safety.

Street car service is completely at a standstill. The city's water plant is under water. Five thousand dollars' worth of cotton belonging to the Farmers' Oil mill was washed away down stream and 2,000 bales are still in the water. The Atchison, Topoka & Santa Fe roundhouse and shops are inundated. All railroad trains in and out of Guthrie have been annihilated.

Boat Sinks; Hundred Drown.

Manila.—The coasting steamer Ponting, carrying a large number of laboring natives to the rice fields in the Pangasinan province, struck rock and sank Friday night during a storm, off the town of San Fernando in Union Province. It is estimated that a hundred of the passengers and crew of the Ponting were drowned. The steamer Victoria rescued 65.

Carnegie Sends \$30,000 Check.

Payette, Ia.—President William A. Shanklin of Upper Iowa University Sunday received a check from Andrew Carnegie for \$30,000, payment of a pledge to give that amount when \$150,000 had been raised.

Missouri Woman a Suicide.

Nevada, Mo.—Mrs. H. C. Moore, wife of Col. Moore, a leading merchant of Nevada, committed suicide Saturday night by drowning herself. Mrs. Moore threw herself into Lake Park Springs, near here, which is owned by her husband.

Addison Lyle is Dead.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Addison Lyle, a business executive of Pittsburg and formerly president of the national board of navigation, died here Sunday, aged 72 years.

# THE LATEST.



## DEATH LIST IS SHRINKING

### VICTIMS OF MARIANNA MINE PROBABLY ABOUT 120.

Nearly All Bodies Thought to Be Recovered—Sends Carloads of Provisions.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The squeaking iron bucket, operated in the 500-foot shaft leading to the Rancho and Agnes mines of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal Company at Marianna, Pa., since last Saturday, when a terrific explosion in the mine wrecked the up-date elevator of the shaft and snuffed out the lives of miners to a number estimated at from 120 up, had carried to the surface, when darkness fell Monday night, the bruised, mangled and burned remains of more than 100 of the victims of the disaster.

The most reliable count of the bodies recovered at that time was 110, two-thirds of which have been identified. The general belief at that time was that not many more bodies would be found. James E. Roderick, head of the state department of mining, said that from data furnished him by the company and reports from his deputy inspectors he did not believe the death list would exceed 120.

The sale of intoxicants in Marianna has been prohibited by Coroner Ship Food in plenty is being distributed. Mrs. David G. Jones, wife of the general manager of the plant, with a party of friends, is administering to the wants of the miners' wives and children. The company has sent in several carloads of provisions and will provide for dependents of victims until other plans are formed.

Henry D. Thompson, one of the victims, was the father of four brothers, all of whom lost their lives in mine disasters, the first one 15 years ago.

## CENSUS TO COST \$12,930,000.

Director North Proud of Small Increase Over 1900.

Washington.—The cost of taking the next census is estimated by Director North in his annual report just issued, will be \$12,930,000.

The director points with pride to the fact that this sum is but \$400,000 more than the cost of the census of 1900, and says that this will be accomplished in spite of the enormous growth in the population during the last decade, a growth largely contributed by foreign-born people who do not speak English, a class which is very expensive and very difficult to enumerate. If the work can be done for this sum it will be the first time in the history of the nation that a census has been taken and completed at practically the same cost as the prior enumeration.

The increase, he says, heretofore from decade to decade has been about 50 per cent. The enormous savings, says the director, will be effected by reason of the existence of the permanent census bureau and the installation of the bureau's own tabulating machines, which, he states, will do the work faster and more efficiently than the machines which were rented.

## ABRUZZI YIELDS TO FAMILY.

Duke Cables Miss Elkins That Their Match is Off.

Rome, Italy.—The Elkins-Abuzzi match is now at an end for all time, according to information received from the most trustworthy source. The marriage has been broken off definitely and there is not likely again to be any question about it.

All efforts to ascertain the exact reasons for the break-up, but it is evident that they are based upon family objections on both sides which cannot be overcome.

This information is confirmed by the fact that the Perseveranza of Milan, a newspaper which is regarded as the mouthpiece of the Italian foreign office, declared yesterday that the match, off. Simultaneously with this publication the duke of the Abruzzi has dispatched a long cable message to Miss Elkins declaring that he has been unable to remove insuperable obstacles to the marriage.

## WOODRUFF QUITS SENATE RACE.

Withdraws in Favor of Root After Seeing Judge Root.

Hot Springs, Va.—Timothy L. Woodruff, chairman of the New York Reform party, announced Sunday that he had eliminated himself from the senatorial race in favor of Secretary of State Elihu Root.

The announcement was taken after a protracted conference with President-elect Taft and was followed by statements by both Messrs. Taft and Woodruff. Aside from these statements, each of which concedes the election of Mr. Root to succeed Senator Platt on January 19 next, no details of the conference were made known.

## Two-Cent Rate is Upheld.

Washington.—The supreme court of the United States Monday reversed the decision of the United States circuit court for the eastern district of Virginia, holding to be unconstitutional the order of the state railroad commission raising a two-cent passenger rate on state business, the effect being to uphold the order.

## Fleet Balls from Manila.

Manila.—The American battleship fleet under Rear Admiral Sperry sailed yesterday at eight o'clock Tuesday morning for the next port of call is Colombo, Ceylon.

## "Innocent Bystanders" Shot.

Philadelphia.—Richard Burk, a bystander, was shot in the breast and probably fatally wounded and Andrew Longway was shot in the arm, in a pistol fight between Longway and George Medway Monday.

## To Head Inaugural Parade.

Washington.—Chairman Stillwagon of the inaugural committee appointed Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff of the general district of the inaugural parade. Gen. Bell announced his acceptance.

# REBELS VICTORIOUS

## DOWNFALL OF HAYTIAN GOVERNMENT SEEMS SURE.

### SIMON CLOSE TO CAPITAL

Delays Only to Attack Jarmel—Cabinet is Deserting the President—American Cruiser on Scene.

Port au Prince.—The expected battle between the revolutionists and the troops of the government, which are entrenched a few miles outside the city, is likely to be deferred for several days. Gen. Antoine Simon, the commander-in-chief of the revolutionary forces, has decided to attack Jarmel, which lies 30 miles to the southwest of this city and which is the only town that has remained loyal to the department of the south, before in the department of the north, on Port au Prince. It is believed, however, that the situation, so far as the government is concerned, is lost. Louis Borno, the minister of state, has handed in his resignation and has taken refuge in the German legation.

There now remains in office only three of the high governmental officials, Gen. Lecocq, minister of the interior; Gen. Laleau, minister of justice and public instruction, and Gen. Marcelin, minister of finance and commerce. All the other ministers have resigned with the exception of Gen. Celestin Cyrillique, who, after his recent defeat at the hands of the insurgents, is believed to have found asylum in one of the foreign consulates.

The three divisions of government troops entrenched at the crossroads outside the city are being depleted by numerous desertions.

The arrival of the American cruiser Des Moines Tuesday morning has given the government the assurance to the residents. The Des Moines and the Tacoma represent the United States here, while the French training ship Duruy Troin is watching French interests along the coast. The British cruiser Seylla and the Italian cruiser Peranona are expected to arrive in port before the advancing army reaches the gates of the city.

The president has angrily rebuked the councils of his ministers and the diplomatic representations which have been made to him to give up the struggle.

## BIGGY'S BODY NOT FOUND.

Frutless Search for Drowned Chief of Frisco Police.

San Francisco.—Although numerous boats have patrolled and searched the bay since yesterday morning, the body of the missing man, who disappeared from the Golden Gate to Hunter's point, and the officers of the ferry-boat on which he was last seen, have been unable to locate the body of the missing man. The body of the missing man, who disappeared from the police launch Duruy Troin, is believed to have fallen overboard shortly before 11 o'clock Monday night, while returning to this city from Belvidere, on the north bay, which has not yet been recovered. It is feared that the body has been carried out to sea.

## PRAGUE RIOTS GROW WORSE.

Marital Law May Be Declared in the Bohemian City.

Prague, Bohemia.—The race riots between the Czechs and Germans are assuming the most serious character, and probably will compel a declaration of martial law.

The riots were resumed Tuesday with even greater violence and dragons were called out to clear the streets. The Czechs offered a determined resistance. The troops drew their shotguns and rode down the crowds. The British consul, Capt. A. W. W. Forbes, was dragged from a tram car and badly mauled by the Czechs, who mistook him for a German.

## KILLS CHILD AND HERSELF.

Chicago Woman Commits Double Crime in Memphis Hotel.

Chicago.—Mrs. Nicholas P. Ewington, 242 Schiller street, wife of a salesman for Cook, Peterson & Goodwin, wholesale retail manufacturers, was found dead here by 11-year-old daughter, Theresa, dying as the result of poisoning in a hotel at Memphis, Tenn., according to dispatches Tuesday. The child died an hour later.

## Kills Wife on Wife's Grave.

New York.—A man, charged by apparently uncontrollable melancholia which had haunted him since the suicide of his wife on an ill-fated day, Friday, November 13 last, Dr. Randolph F. Hass, a Lexington avenue dentist, Tuesday ended his life by swallowing poison. He was kneeling on the grave of his wife.

Knox County, Okn, Votes Dry.

Columbus, O.—Knox county Tuesday voted dry by 2,485. Twenty-two saloons are affected.

## Yale Student Leaps to Death.

New Haven, Conn.—John Alan White, 20 years old, of Wallon, N. Y., a student in the Yale graduate school, committed suicide Tuesday night by jumping from the top of West Rock to the ground below, a distance of 100 feet.

## Kills Brother While Hunting.

Massachusetts.—While out hunting rabbits, Will Hough, aged 18 years, shot and killed his brother Guy, aged 25 years. They had separated, and Will fired at a rabbit.

### MISS SOPHIA KITTLESEN

## HEALTH VERY POOR—RESTORED BY PE-RU-NA.

### Cataract Twenty-Five Years—Had a Bad Cough.

Miss Sophia Kittleson, Evanston, Ill., writes:

"I have been troubled with cataract for nearly twenty-five years and have tried many cures for it, but obtained very little help.

"My mother advised me to try Peruna, and I did.

"My health was very poor at the time I began taking Peruna. My throat was very sore and I had a bad cough.

"Peruna has cured me. The chronic cataract is gone and my health is very much improved.

"I recommend Peruna to all my friends who are troubled as I was."

PERUNA TABLETS—Some people prefer tablets, rather than medicine in a fluid form. Such people can obtain Peruna tablets, which represent the medicinal ingredients of Peruna. Each tablet equals one average dose of Peruna.

Man-a-Lin the Ideal Laxative.

Ask your Druggist for a Free Peruna Almanac for 1909.

## A Clever Fellow.

"Did you find me a hit at the literary club?"

"I guess he did. He pronounced 'Les Miserables' in a brand-new way and then alluded to it as Victor Herbert's masterpiece." — Washington Herald.

## Cataract Cannot Be Cured

with LEGAL APPLICATIONS, as they never reach the seat of the disease. Cataract is a blood or venereal disease and in order to cure it you must take internal medicine. Many cures have been used, but only the one that cures the blood and restores the system. It was pronounced by the best medical authorities in the world that the best cure known, combined with the best eye medicine, would cure cataract. Read the testimonial from the man who cured his cataract. Ask your Druggist for a Free Peruna Almanac for 1909.

## The Language of the Piano.

"He didn't care to write to her when he wanted her to arrange for a secret marriage, so he sent her a running vine."

"What did she do?"

"Sent him a cantaloupe."

## ED GEERS, "The grand old man," is called for by no so-called handling horse.

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## Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIUM and see that it is for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Ayer* in Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

A man may follow his natural bent and yet be perfectly straight.

Levi's Single Rider cigar—Best, most satisfying smoke on the market. It is our dealer of Levi's Factory, Peoria, Ill.

He's a poor expression who is unable to deliver the goods.

Mr. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, soothe the gums, reduce inflammation, and relieve the pain. It is the best remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Ayer* in Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Friend, what you get, first earn—Browning.

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