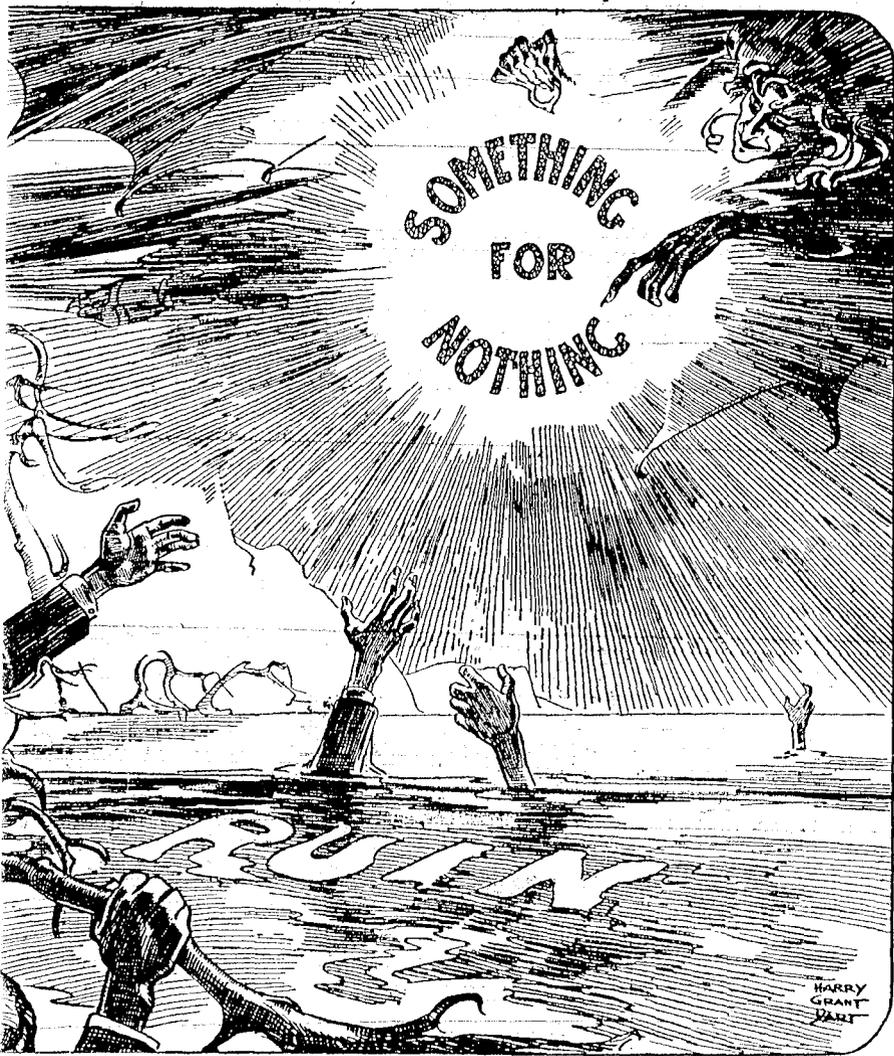


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FLOOD DRIVES 1,000 FROM THEIR HOMES IN WEST COLFAX

Cloudburst at Green Mountain Sends 15-Foot Water Wall Down Bear Creek Into Platte

hey Who Gamble.



Yesterday, through The News, he sent the following warning to the youth of the land: "Gambling is no profession of which you can say, 'THE HIGHER YOU GO, THE LOWER YOU GO.'"

\$100,000 DAMAGE ESTIMATE, FOUR PEOPLE ARE MISSING; HERO RIDER WARNS VALLEY

RESCUERS WORK LIKE MAD

Women and Children Cling to the Housetops, Screaming for Help; Hundreds Wade to Safety, Carrying Belongings.

THE MISSING.
Ruben Horn, 8 years old, 2607 West Howard place.
Ida Horn, 2 years old, 2607 West Howard place.
Mrs. S. Singer, 45 years old.
Mrs. B. Bobrisky, 60 years old.

NEARLY 1,000 people in the West Colfax section of Denver were driven from their homes, damage estimated at \$100,000 was done, and four persons are missing, as a result of a heavy flood, caused by a cloudburst at Green mountain, which swept down Bear creek into the Platte river in a mass of water fifteen-feet-high, shortly after 6 o'clock last night, and which lasted for several hours.

Two Denver & Intermountain interurban bridges, and the city bridges at Canosa court, Howard place and Jerome court, were all torn out by the great stream of water, which rose to a height of six feet on several of the streets in West Denver.

Standing out in clear relief as the particular hero of the calamity is J. R. Garren, who resides at West Ninth avenue and Sheridan boulevard. Riding horseback ahead of the torrent which swept down the Morrison road, through Bloomfield park and into the homes of hundreds of West Colfax residents, Garren shouted warnings. At the more dangerous spots he stopped, and urged householders to hurry to the hills. His undoubtedly saved many lives by his action.

Banks of Platte Strewn With Wreckage

Houses and barns, several cars of lumber, many head of livestock and hundreds of lesser objects were whirled into the waters and went to destruction down the Platte river. The banks of the river through the city are strewn with wreckage and the carcasses of horses and cattle drowned in the flood.

Many women and children were marooned in the second stories of their homes, from where they called in vain for help until the flood began to subside.

The district bounded by West Colfax avenue, the Platte river, West Myrtle place and the Morrison road, received the brunt of the flood. Here the devastation was general. Mud and debris were washed into all of the residences and stores. Hundreds of men, believing that the waters would rise even further, secured teams and wagons and moved their families to other parts of the city.

The bridge leading into West Colfax avenue, spanning the Platte river, furnished a means of egress from the inundated district for the flood sufferers as fast as they could be rescued, or after they had waded with what personal belongings they could carry.

Although the water raged in torrents right up to the roadway of the bridge, hundreds of persons crossed it to the higher ground on the other side. From this point of vantage scores of adventurous persons looked on at the swelling column of water which carried with it lumber, barrels, barns, sheds and farming implements.

From the bridge more than twelve horses were rescued which had been swept into the current from above. They were pushed to one side of the bridge with long poles, and pulled onto the high ground adjoining both entrances to the bridge.

Pandemonium reigned along the row of business buildings on West Colfax avenue when the first rush of water reached the paved street from the Morrison road. Those who had not taken seriously the warning given them by the Golden farmer thought they were trapped, and from second-story windows, on top of buildings and hanging onto the shelving in the stores, they screamed for help.

The help was not long in coming; for with the first appearance of the wall of water a fire alarm had been turned in, and trucks and fire patrols soon arrived.

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FRUIT MAN'S YEAR; CROPS \$110,000,000

in One Season; West Slope and Rain Belt Yields in Northern Colorado and Arroyo, San Luis and the South Smiling.

of Prowers the farmers will pocket about \$4,000,000 for their crops. The San Luis valley has had an unusually prosperous year, and every county reports a big advance. The most encouraging feature of it all is that all sections are planning an increased area for next year. The surface of Colorado has merely been scratched.

WOLVES BITE DOGS, DOGS BITE MEN; HYDROPHOBIA

State University to Install Pasteur Institute; Alarm at Rabies Increase.

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In the flooded districts to begin the work of rescuing the doubting shopkeepers who had remained behind after the first flight from the threatened localities.

The frightened screams of those clinging to housetops, momentarily expecting to be carried away with the rush of the torrent, added to the cries of anxious relatives and friends attempting to make themselves heard above the flood by those marooned, all added to the excitement.

Rescue Women and Children.

A little band of rescuers in the marooned district fought against time carrying women and children to higher ground, or placing them on tops of porches.

Had the water risen another foot, nothing could have saved those clinging to the tops of houses in the inundated district. They would have been carried down stream to be dashed against the huge concrete and iron structure spanning the channel at West Colfax avenue.

Just after one frantic resident had led the second of four horses from a stable in the rear of his property, through three feet of water and into his house, the barn was carried away by the flood. The two horses which had been swept into the current with the structure were not seen afterward.

The first rush of water down the dry bed of the Bear creek rose to an almost perpendicular height of fifteen feet. The first was followed by a second avalanche of water, which carried with it bridges, barns and masses of debris.

On its rush to the point where it swelled the waters of the South Platte river one current of the flood swept through Bloomfield park, where until a few minutes before the appearance of the first avalanche of water, a negro picnic had been in progress. Fences, park benches, ticket office and smaller buildings were carried away and deposited on a high bank on Decatur street, outside the park.

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Interurban Car Periled.

Just as an interurban car on the Denver and Intermountain Electric railway, carrying thirty-four passengers bound for Golden, was within 100 feet of the bridge spanning the creek near Boulevard E, the structure was carried away by the flood.

The car was stopped almost on the brink of the roaring torrents. Starting back, it was found that all the bridges along the line of the interurban railway had been carried away, leaving the passengers of the car marooned along the right of way. When the wall of water struck the line of the Denver and Intermountain, poles carrying high-power electric current went down as the bridges and tracks were washed away.

Immediately there was a great flashing and spluttering, as the short-circuited electric current dashed from wires to rails and to the ground.

Spectators say that great balls of fire seemed to leap from the wires and crashed like lightning as they flew about.

It is estimated that more than a hundred poles, with the heavily charged wires, went down in the waters.

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"After the warning given us by the horseman of the approach of the water I went to the dry bed of the creek to note the first appearance of the flood," an old resident of West Colfax said last night.

"But when it did come, few of us were prepared for the sight. It rose five feet or more, all in one wall of water, sweeping everything with it. The second rush was like the first, making a rushing torrent of more than ten feet of water where two inches had been."

But for the arrival of the fire apparatus from every station in the city, it is thought that a panic would have resulted along the business row on West Colfax avenue. The fire patrols and hook and ladder trucks which were able to reach the flooded business section over the West Colfax bridge, drove up the street in which three feet of water flowed.

Clerks and proprietors of the business houses, and those who remained while the water was rising, were carried to the wagons and hauled to higher ground. Those who had sought refuge in the second stories of the buildings were taken out by the firemen, as it was not known at that time whether the water would reach a higher mark.

After all had been rescued and the water had receded, streams of water were thrown over the sidewalks and streets to wash away the mud and debris left by the water which had entered the business section up Decatur street.

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The loss will exceed \$16,000.

Scores of the older residents of the West Colfax district who twenty-seven years ago witnessed a flood resulting from the same cause, have become accustomed to watching the results of every fall of rain which might possibly mean disaster to them.

Old-Timers Flee First.

Last night many of them watched the peculiar actions of the clouds which assembled in the sky in the direction of Golden. It was they who, instead of laughing at the warnings of the farmer who, dashing through the streets in true Paul Revere manner, told them of the oncoming water which would reach West

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wall paper store.....\$ 2,000

Denver & Interurban railway.....	16,000
F. & H. meat market, 2630 West Colfax.....	1,100
M. Welner, 2626 West Colfax, drug store.....	1,500
The New York dry goods store, 2618 West Colfax.....	750
W. Brinker, 2612 West Colfax, grocery store.....	900
J. Miller, 2612 West Colfax, meat market.....	500
J. Katz, 2634 West Colfax, bakery.....	1,200
I. Silverberg, 2568 West Colfax, grocery store.....	750
Robinson & Langer, 2518 West Colfax, butcher shop.....	300
D. Goodman, 2534 West Colfax, grocery store.....	500
M. Goldhammer, 2637 West Colfax, saloon.....	1,000
J. Weinstein, 2533 West Colfax, plumbing shop.....	500
M. Schradsky, 2701 West Colfax, poolroom.....	1,200
J. Pellish, 2713 West Colfax, dry goods store.....	2,500
S. Milstein, 2600 West Colfax, butcher shop.....	900
S. Fromovotz, 2638 West Colfax, dry goods store.....	3,000
B. Yashvin, 2531 West Colfax, cigarette manufactory.....	300
D. Goodstein, 2611 West Colfax, grocery store.....	500
S. Pashtonack, 2740 West Colfax, feed store.....	800
William Bloomfield, owner of Bloomfield park.....	10,000
K. Berlin, 2731 West Colfax, feed store.....	1,100
B. T. Ames, 2506 West Colfax, lumber and paint plant.....	12,000
Charles Pitske, Hazel court and intermountain interurban tracks, brickyard.....	5,000
A. R. Ritter, 2638 West Colfax, meat market.....	300
Hyman Goldberg, 2714 Myrtle place, bottle plant.....	200
Morris Kalach, 2760 West Fourteenth avenue.....	600
The stables of the following residents on Paul street, or the Morrison road, in the path of the main flood, were swept away:	
Harry Urdank, 1463 Paul street.....	\$ 500
Abraham Samuelson, 1443 Paul street.....	500
Solomon Levin, 1427 Paul street....	500
Total.....	\$85,400

CLOUDBURST AT CENTRAL

Rain Washes Sand on Tracks Three Feet High.

[SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.]

CENTRAL CITY, Colo., August 7.—A severe storm visited this section this afternoon about 4 o'clock, and the thunder and lightning were terrific. There was a heavy downpour, lasting over an hour.

At Black Hawk the flume down Gregory street, which carries all the water from this section, broke from the great pressure, wrecking the flume, and the water was turned into the streets. The damage to the city will be at least \$1,000.

Where the streets cross the railroad tracks sand and rock covered the tracks to a depth of several feet, but with the aid of the section men this was soon cleared. On the high line between Black Hawk and this city the track was covered with sand in many places, and the evening train will not reach here before morning. As far as can be learned from

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Hero Races Flood and Warns Ghetto of Onrushing Torrent

J. R. Garren Dashes Down Valley Ahead of Waters, Reckless of Own Life That Others Might Be Saved.

Ahead of the monster flood wave which poured through West Colfax last evening, rode J. R. Garren, a farmer 40 years old, shouting warning to the terror-stricken residents of that part of the city, and before he pulled up his sweating, exhausted horse, he had been the instrument for saving many lives, and had made himself the hero of the night.

Bareback he rode, lashing his horse at every jump, the roar of the big wave fast oncoming, in his ears, and the spectacle of the unconscious settlement, with its hundreds of women and little children before his eyes.

Garren lives with his family at the corner of Sheridan Boulevard and West Ninth, three miles from Colfax. He saw the cloudburst; saw the huge flood gather, and start on its wild career. His own household was in no danger, but he realized that in the path of the wave lay the thickly settled Ghetto, and he also realized that its inhabitants would have no warning of the danger jumping toward them like a terrible living thing.

He seized a horse, mounted it bareback, and turned its head toward West Colfax. He followed the line of the river, and got a start on the wave, which rushed along with furious speed, as though it appreciated Garren's purpose, and wanted to catch him.

Flood Pursues Hero.

Beating his horse with hands and heels, Garren rode like one possessed. Back of him he heard the angry water crowding the narrow channel and overwhelming in its path. Occasionally he shot a hurried glance behind him, and saw the foam-topped bank of water closing the gap between them with mighty leaps, and again he would go to pounding his horse; jockeying for victory and a mighty stake.

The horse seemed to realize that it

was racing against Death, and it gave its rider its very heart. Once it half-stumbled, and Garren's heart sank, but the animal quickly recovered, steadied itself, and settled away with increasing strides. Garren found himself shouting long before he reached the Ghetto. He was beating a tattoo against his horse's sides with his heels, lifting the animal along with his hands, and riding with every muscle in his body, sparing neither himself or his mount.

And he won. He reached the quarter with the wave still some distance behind him.

Yells Warning to Ghetto.

The startled residents of the Ghetto rushed out into the street as they heard, above the pound of hoofs, the voice of Garren yelling his warning.

Some of them could not understand English and did not know what he meant. Garren, urged by word, and, in some cases, pushed and hauled by physical force, until he pounded realization of danger into the stolid people, and they scurried for safety like frightened chickens before a hawk.

Dragging children and household goods after them, the men and women of the quarter fled for their lives, with wild cries of dismay, and their savior rode on passing the word of warning to others. Then came the terrific roar of the wave, breaking over the settlement, and Garren is sure that some people must have perished in spite of his efforts, because he heard shrieks and moans.

The ride of the Colfax Paul Revere was similar to that made by the hero of the Johnstown flood, or more recently, that of Leo Loeb, the cripple, who dashed ahead of the flood wave in the Fountain river at Manitou.

Garren takes his exploit very modestly. He disclaims any credit, but there is no doubt that the farmer-hero saved many lives by his action.

DYING OF KNIFE WOUNDS GIVEN IN SALOON FIGHT

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Flood Damage \$150,000, but No Lives Lost; West Colfax Given Second Scare as Waters Rise

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GRAVEDIGGER FOUND UNCONSCIOUS AND BLEEDING

In Ditch by Aurora Car Line; Whether Beaten or Hit by Auto Is Mystery.

WELBY DEAD; HELPED PALMER BUILD D. & R. G.

Denver Magnate Who Rose From Rodman Succumbs to Disease; His Reputation International.

ARTHUR E. WELBY, who helped the late General W. J. Palmer build the Denver & Rio Grande railroad through the Royal Gorge, and who was identified with the construction of railroads in several parts of the world, died at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's hospital. Death was caused by diabetes.

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All of the people reported missing at midnight Saturday were found before daylight yesterday morning. Two old women wandered for many blocks in a daze before relatives discovered them and took them to shelter. Several children reported missing were discovered in the crowds at the Colfax avenue bridge over the Platte river watching the flood.

Yesterday's alarm was occasioned by a five-foot rise in the waters of the creek within ten minutes. Although huge chunks of the banks of the creek were torn down by this second flood, the water found a free course formed by the devastating waves of the night before and no further serious damage resulted.

Residents along the waterway, however, became greatly alarmed and made preparations to again move hastily to the hills. The rise was noted first about eight miles above West Colfax and farmers telephoned warnings to Denver police headquarters.

Second Wall of Water Races Down Creek

This second wall of water appeared at the junction of Dry creek and the Platte river shortly before 6 o'clock last night. Within fifteen minutes the water began to recede and the fright of the residents ebbed with the water.

All day yesterday and far into the night hundreds of people worked to repair the damage to their homes and property. But while they worked, they stopped to tell and retell the story of J. R. Garren, the farmer from West Ninth avenue and Yates street, who rode his strong-hearted mare, "Babe," ahead of the torrent and warned all in danger of the racing calamity at his good horse's heels.

Garren's bravery and thought for his fellowmen appeared all the brighter by daylight and his praise was sounded through the day by thousands who had never before heard of the unassuming farmer.

Thousands of sightseers made the trip through the mud from West Colfax up the Denver & Intermountain railroad tracks yesterday to gaze upon the wreckage and freaks of the flood. The fifteen-foot wall of water leaped and bounded down the narrow valley like some great living demon. At a bend just below the intersection of West Twelfth avenue and Newton street, it performed one of its most peculiar freaks.

Here a 100-ton steel railroad bridge was cut in two as though it had been built of thin wire strands. One section of the bridge, with ties and rails, was hurled 100 feet up onto the left bank while electric wire poles and abutments were thrown nearly as far in the opposite direction.

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STOCKHOLM, Aug. 8.—The tie-up of the business of the country as a result of the strike is so serious that King Gustav intervened in an endeavor to secure a compromise. The king today sent a message to the parties at conflict exhorting them to agree at the earliest moment possible and advising arbitration.

It was after King Gustav's message had been read and approved at a cabinet meeting Saturday that he summoned to the palace the two leaders of the warring factions, Director Von Sydow, of the employers, and Senator Lindquist, president of the Federation of Trades unions, for a conference.

The result of this conference has not yet transpired, but apparently the king's efforts for a peaceful solution of the trouble was without result, for tonight it was announced that the printers would strike tomorrow and the National Labor union has issued a proclamation that beginning tomorrow morning every dray wagon whose driver is not wearing a union badge will be stopped by strikers.

No exception, it was stated, will be made for owners driving their own wagons.

The union further threatens to frustrate the attempt of the Stockholm street car company to start its cars on the important lines. More than 1,000 telephone and telegraph employes will strike Wednesday.

The Employers' association is paying out \$40,000 daily to support its weaker members.

The cash in the association's treasury is sufficient to keep up this support for three weeks, and when the funds in the treasury are exhausted the association has a reserve fund of \$4,500,000 which may be used. The strikers daily are receiving large contributions from Denmark, Norway, Finland, Germany, Roumania, and Bulgaria.

A prominent journalist, Gustafson, has been summoned to court by the public prosecutor charged with a crime against the penal code, that of exhorting the employes of the state railway to strike.

Sing Polish Anthem to Drown Voice of Priest; Riot Follows

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—A serious riot was prevented at the morning service of St. Joseph's Catholic church today by a squad of police present in anticipation of trouble. At soon as Father Pyplatz began his sermon a portion of the congregation started to sing the Polish national anthem, completely drowning the words of the priest. A demonstration by the police caused the song to stop, but the service was ended to prevent further trouble.

When Father Pyplatz returned from a year's leave of absence he found a strong sentiment against him in his congregation. The opposing faction charged that he had collected \$2,000 for repairs for the church and kept the money. Father Pyplatz says he can produce receipts for that amount spent for repairs.

When he attempted to preach on July 18 he was hooted down and the congregation was dismissed to avoid a riot.

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Bolt Hits Electrical Transformers and Miners Are Trapped in Levels.

BODIES NOT RECOVERED

Hero Gives Up Life on Third Trip to Rescue Comrades Still Underground.

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Martha Anderson heard of the accident he hurried to the scene with all the men he could muster and made a vain attempt to rescue the entombed men. Heading a rescue party composed of Edward Rocke, Robert St. James, Albert Bartolina, Mike Wise and R. W. Larsen he endeavored to grope his way through the drifts to where the men had been forced by the advancing smoke and gas, but the party had penetrated into the mine only a short distance when the miners were in turn overcome and a second party had to go to the rescue.

The injured have been taken to Lehighide, and the fire in the mine confined to one level. It is believed several days will elapse before the mine can be entered and the dead bodies recovered. The mine itself will have to be shut down for several weeks on account of the injury to the power plant.

One of the victims, James Morris, is a Greek, and the others are Italians. Morris has but one relative in this country, a cousin working in the Buangler Union mine at Cripple Creek. Valentine Pessen is survived by a bride of but a month. Carmen Caroleo was unmarried and is survived by his brother. Hannah, who was working with him in the mine, but managed to reach the surface, though now in a critical condition.

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was uprooted as though it had been a sapling. It was carried down stream at a rate of forty miles an hour and below Newton street struck the railroad bridge like a big battering ram.

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Auto Jumps Before Cloudburst; Swept Away and Smashed

Morrison Man and Daughter Have Narrow Escape; En- gine of Car Remains.

[SPECIAL TO THE NEWS]
MORRISON, Colo., Aug. 8.—The combination of an automobile accident and a cloudburst proved pretty expensive to R. C. Nicholls, manager of the traffic department of the A. J. Spengel Furniture company, who this afternoon not only sustained painful bruises about the head and shoulders, but had his machine completely wrecked and carried down Bear creek.

Nicholls, with his daughter, had driven up the canon two miles, when he lost control of the machine. The auto plunged over the bank and into the bed of the stream, throwing the occupants to the ground. Nicholls landed on his head in the gravel, but the daughter alighted unhurt on the grass.

Before the automobile could be pried from the creek a wall of water several feet high, caused by a cloudburst further back in the hills, swept the machine downstream, hurling it from side to side of the canon, and leaving only the engine as a consolation prize for Nicholls.

Nicholls lost, in addition to the machine, his watch and pocketbook. He and his daughter walked to town after the accident, and later sent a team to bring in the auto engine, which was embedded in the sand and gravel in the creek bottom. Only twisted iron and broken wood could be found of the remainder of the car.

M. C. A. WEEK AT JUNCTION.

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GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., Aug. 8.—The opening week of the M. C. A. building closed tonight with an address by the Rev. A. C. Peck of Denver. Special work of the association will be commenced tomorrow.

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Great damage was done to three of the city's heavy concrete bridges which span Dry creek in the northwest section of the city. It will be several weeks before these bridges and their approaches can be placed in their former condition.

Experienced men who yesterday traversed the inundated section on foot observing the wreckage declared last night that the total damage would run far over \$150,000. Much difficulty is being experienced, however, in making a close estimate on the damage. Many homes were completely destroyed or washed out.

All of those whose homes were destroyed or rendered uninhabitable found temporary homes with neighbors, friends and relatives in various parts of the city. It is estimated that more than 200 people are homeless as a result of the flood.

Hero Tells of Wild Ride.

J. R. Garren, whose address is Edge-water, rural route No. 2, box No. 322, was found resting quietly beneath the trees of his yard at West Ninth avenue and Yates street yesterday afternoon.

Unassuming and thoroughly opposed to notoriety, Garren only laughed a quizzical little laugh when approached by a News reporter.

"Oh, it wasn't much, nothing that you would want to write about," said Garren. He consented, however, to take The News man down to the meadow where his mare Babe was grazing on the hillside pasture.

"She's none the worse for the trip," said Garren as he ran his hand through her mane and rubbed the knowing animal's nose. "I opened up a little wire cut there on her left hind foot, but it will heal all right in a day or two. I'm just going to let her rest up for about three days, and then she will be ready to go on the road again.

"Ray, but she did go some," continued Garren, as his one good eye flashed and the spirit of the wild ride dawned ahead of the torrent again came over him. "She seemed to know what it was all about, and she sure did her best.

"It was just 6:30 o'clock when I realized what was coming. I was out in the meadow, and hearing the roar of the water, looked upstream. Then I just grabbed Babe, ran her up to the house to change halter for bridle and started out. I didn't stop to throw a saddle on her. I knew there wasn't time. I had to go out of my place by way of Sheridan

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Contrary to custom, except perhaps in war time, the Sabbath was violated by several ships, which were busy all day coaling. The vessels have been ordered to sail for the target range tomorrow afternoon, and it was necessary for them to coal today.

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Congressman W. F. Englebright, representing the First district of California, arrived in Denver last night on his way home from Washington and held a short conference with J. F. Callbreath, Jr., secretary of the American Mining congress, with reference to the next meeting of the congress, to be held at Goldfield, September 27.

Congressman Englebright comes from a gold mining district and has been one of the warm friends of the mining industry in congress since his election. He is a member of the committee on mines and mining and worked hard to obtain the passage of the mining bureau bill, which failed of passage in the senate through manipulation on the part of some of its enemies.

He will be one of the speakers at the meeting of the Mining congress and will probably discuss the necessity for the passage of the mining bureau bill. Speaking of the necessity for the bureau he said:

"The mining industry is practically unrepresented in the federal government. Agriculture has a department, commerce and labor is represented, but mining has not even a bureau. In the discussions that have arisen in the cabinet with reference to the forestry policy the mining interests, which have been most seriously interfered with by the policy, have had to depend upon outsiders to get their grievances before the body. The American Mining congress has done much in this line, but the mining industry is of enough importance to be entitled to at least a bureau."

THREE DROWNED WHEN PLEASURE CRAFT TURNS TURTLE; SEVEN RESCUED

TOLEDO, Ohio, Aug. 8.—Harry Dill, Frank Lohoney and Mrs. Mabel Hudson were drowned and seven men were rescued under difficult circumstances when a launch containing a party of merry-makers capsized in Maumee bay, 500 feet off the Casino, a summer theater, today. When over the deep channel of the bay the launch turned turtle from the weight of the party, which had collected on one side. The woman was in the cabin and was unable to get out, although there were found evidences of her desperate struggle to escape.

GENERAL E. B. ATWOOD DEAD.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—Brigadier General Edwin R. Atwood, 68 years old, who was placed on the retired list in 1903, died suddenly here today. General Atwood served in the army for forty-two years.

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