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THURSDAY EVENING.

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RAGES OF THE MIGHTY FLOOD

Seven Thousand Persons Are Homeless in District.

Property Loss Will Run Into Millions of Dollars.

EIGHT PERSONS DROWNED

Many Cities Inundated and Ten States Are Affected.

Thousands Have Fled From Their Threatened Homes.

Seven thousand persons homeless. Eight thousand persons have fled from flood threatened homes. Eight persons drowned. Property loss will run into millions. Ten states affected.

State and federal governments hurrying help to afflicted.

Inundated cities.

Nine thousand acres of manufacturing district of Cairo, Ill., under water.

Future City and Urbana, outlying home sections of Cairo, with combined population of 1,400, flooded.

Hickman, Ky., factory district and part of home section flooded.

Two thousand homeless.

Columbus, Ky., outlying country under water, depriving 1,000 persons of homes.

Memphis, Tenn., river sections flooded, driving 1,200 from homes.

Many factories under water.

New Madrid, Mo., 800 homeless.

Doreen, Mo., 700 homeless.

Eight thousand fleeing from flood threatened homes in towns between Hickman, Ky., and Helena, Ark.

The sunshine of a balmy spring day covered false hopes of thousands of homeless persons in the great flood stretches of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers today, for government forecasters at river points and in Washington said they could not hold out the promise of a cessation in the constantly rising flood above Cairo, Ill.

Today the advance over the next development was west of Hickman, Ky., where the government levee is holding off the wide reaching Mississippi lake region in Tennessee. There were numerous reports that the levee had been breached during the day.

Riders have hurried through the counties, warning the inhabitants to flee. Thousands have gone into the highlands and from Hickman as far west as Dover, Ark., residents of the river counties have moved to higher ground.

Cairo, Ill., April 4.—Cairo is without train service and is almost surrounded by water by the breaking, early today, of the Mobile & Ohio levee which protected the drainage district. All railroads pass through the drainage district, which is now under from 2 to 15 feet of water.

The lives of 500 workmen were endangered and property valued in excess of \$5,000,000 was submerged when the Mississippi river tore a crevasse 125 feet long in the Mobile & Ohio levee around the drainage district north of Cairo.

The levee broke after more than 300 workmen had fought for five hours to fill a hole four to five feet long and five feet deep. Five hundred men were fighting on the Big Four levee in an effort to stem the rise of the Ohio. Fearing that the crevasse would not hold under the strain, the tug Francis was ordered out with a rescue party on board and succeeded in bringing them in.

The levee broke at a point near the bridge junction. The river overtopped the "y" levee before reaching the Mobile & Ohio embankment.

Two levee patrolmen who were directed in front of the crevasse, escaped as the water broke. The waters hurried them from their feet and it was with great difficulty they reached the embankment.

The territory flooded is what is known as the Cairo drainage district. It is located just north of Cairo and comprises about 9,000 acres of ground. The manufacturing plants in the drainage district are the Chicago Mill & Lumber company, Greer, Wilkerson, company, the Pioneer Coal & Shaft company, the Farmers' Handy Wagon company, which recently purchased the plant of the Modern House Building company, the Sears, Roebuck plant, the Indian Refining company and the West Peterson Box company. All are extensive plants.

Besides these plants, the lumber yard of Upham, Tyler, with millions of feet of hard wood lumber, was submerged. The Chicago mill also had a tremendous stock of lumber. It is estimated that the number of homes, business houses and other structures flooded in the drainage district numbered nearly 1,000.

Future City, a negro settlement in the flooded territory, has a population of more than a thousand. Urbana, with a white population of about a hundred, had many well built homes. No loss of life is reported so far.

Many of the people in the district saved their personal property as they had been warned in time. After the water broke through the levee it rushed over the district with great rapidity and in a short time was over a great part of it from five to fifteen feet deep.

The city of Cairo proper is protected from the flooded section by a system of levees and the big force of men who were at work on the drainage levee have been thrown around the Cairo levee. This body of men is raising and the big force of levee so that they will be safe against any stage of flood.

It is expected that the entire drainage district will be under water before noon.

The gauge this morning registered 53.9 feet, the same as last night. This made a rise of 3 feet in 24 hours.

The Mobile & Ohio railroad, with hundreds of laborers and a large army of citizens, made fruitless efforts to fill up the break in the levee which protected the drainage district. Four freight cars were dumped into the break but they had no effect and all efforts were abandoned.

The water spread rapidly. The sub-

way into Cairo was closed and the city is said to be in absolute safety.

The Illinois Central announced it will continue to operate trains into Cairo as its tracks will be kept above water.

Memphis Flood Area Growing.

Memphis, Tenn., April 4.—While showing the effects of the flood, all the main line levees in Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi are today reported intact, but it is conceded that a hard fight must be made especially in the upper St. Francis district, to save the embankments.

The Tennessee levee west of Hickman, Ky., which protects the Reelfoot lake region, is crumbling to some extent and the water is washing the crest, but it is thought the levee can be saved.

At Star Landing, in Arkansas, the bank is caving near the base of the levee and government forces are being concentrated at that point. South of Memphis the flood has not reached the acute stage.

In Memphis the flooded area in the northern section of the city is steadily increasing in length and breadth. Organized relief for those driven from their homes or thrown out of employment was taken up today.

Every Able Bodied Man at Work.

Hickman, Ky., April 4.—Flood refugees were cheered after an all-night vigil with the levees by the announcement that a train would reach Hickman this afternoon, bringing food and clothing. The food situation this morning was serious.

There are 3,000 refugees here.

The city borrowed \$250,000 from a local bank to pay express charges on 300 government tents which arrived on the first train since the levee broke. These and the 70 tents furnished by the state are being erected in the highlands this morning. They will relieve the congestion.

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SOLID TAFT DELEGATION

One Is Being Elected at the National This Afternoon.

With more than two-thirds of the delegates to the county convention in favor of William Howard Taft, there is no question but Shawnee county will this afternoon send a Taft delegation to the state convention at Independence. Returns yesterday from Republican caucuses in the rural districts, gave Roosevelt 12 delegates and Taft 6, which with the returns from Monday night caucus gave Roosevelt 4 delegates to the county convention as against 51 for Taft.

Taft strength yesterday came from Silver Lake, Rossville, Richland and Dover. These caucuses gave six votes for Taft.

In Menoken, Rochester, Soldier, Tecumseh, Monmouth, Williamsport, Auburn, Willard and Leasaw, Taft received 12 delegates to the county convention.

Because of the condition of the roads, the meetings Wednesday afternoon drew a small attendance and little interest was displayed by the voters in the county districts. None of the best city and town market ward meetings in Topeka was in evidence in the townships. The complexion of the county convention was already settled and the largest of the two Taft supporters made no effort to control the delegation. On the other hand, many Roosevelt sympathizers attended the caucus meetings, anxious to increase the rough rider's strength in the convention as much as possible.

The county convention was called at the National hotel at 2:30 this afternoon.

Roundhouse Burns.

Grand Island Structure Destroyed by Fire at Hiawatha.

Hiawatha, Kan., April 4.—The St. Joseph & Grand Island roundhouse here burned down this morning, destroying fire about 2 o'clock. It is supposed to have caught from an electric wire. It was a two stall house and contained the largest of the roundhouse freight motor cars and a big No. 81 freight engine. Both are a total loss as well as the building.

The fire department made a run for the fire but it did not get there in time to do any good—the roundhouse was located just outside the city limits. Loss about \$50,000.

USE PRIMARY IN BROWN

Taft Forces Confident of Electing Delegates to State Convention.

The Republican county central committee decided at its meeting just held here to elect its congressional and state convention delegates by the primary system. The primaries will be held May 14.

The chairman, J. D. Welner, is one of President Taft's late appointees, and the Taft and Anthony forces do not have much doubt as to the results being in their favor.

HE PAYS FOR MARKERS

Taft Will Have Them Erected Over Graves of His Ancestors.

Mendon, Mass., April 4.—President Taft has furnished the money to pay for markers for the graves of six ancestors who were soldiers of the American revolution and who were buried here in 1800.

Of the six, the oldest, William Torrey, was the first president's grandfather, who was 75 years old when he marched to Lexington.

Another Spring Day.

It is warm today, and a little too windy to be agreeable. The temperatures are such as would be normal for the first part of May. The wind is blowing 25 miles an hour from the southwest. The prediction is that there will be a continuance of fair weather.

The stage of the river at 7:30 o'clock this morning was 12.6 feet, which represented a fall of a half foot in 24 hours. There has been no rain in Kansas in the past day. The hourly readings:

7 o'clock 52.11 o'clock 62
8 o'clock 56.12 o'clock 62
9 o'clock 58.1 o'clock 62
10 o'clock 61.2 o'clock 70

A TRAGEDY TOLD IN THE "PERSONALS"

By John T. McCutcheon.

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PERSONAL NOTICES.

M. L. V.—PLEASE COME HOME. YOUR WIFE AND CHILDREN are worried. Please write. A. H. V.



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A. H. V.—HOME IS NOT LIKE IT USED TO BE. CANNOT LIVE there under present conditions. As long as he remains in the house I shall not return. Am sorry. M. L. V.



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M. L. V.—PLEASE COME BACK. HE HAS GONE AND WILL NOT come between us again till next spring. The coast is clear. I forgive you. Please. A. H. V.

ALLENS ARE DEAD

Two Detectives Wounded in Fight With the Outlaws.

That Is Substance of a Report Reaching Richmond.

Richmond, Va., April 4.—An unconfirmed report has reached here that Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards had been killed near Volunteer Gap and two detectives were wounded in a fight today.

Hillsville, Va., April 4.—Supported by Governor Mann's warning that imprisonment awaits anyone caught giving aid or comfort to the outlaws, the detectives sought the trails of Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards with new confidence today. The officers say the men would have been starved out or run down long ago but for activities of their friends and kinsmen, who, besides circulating false clues to mislead the detectives, are believed to have succeeded in getting food to the fugitives.

Allen and his nephew are supposed to be in the mountains between Hillsville and Mount Airy, across the North Carolina line.

ISSUES A WARNING.

Governor Mann Threatens Those Who Aid the Allen Outlaws.

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NEW WHITE WAY TO SAVE MONEY

People on East Fourth Street Sign Up.

Will Extend From Kansas Avenue to Santa Fe.

EIGHT POLES TO THE BLOCK

Property Owners Have Approved the Plans.

Also Want Westbound Cars on the Street.

The white way from the Santa Fe station to Kansas avenue on Fourth street is a sure go," announced W. W. (White Way) Webb, at the Commercial club today.

Albert F. Colson, who started the movement and George Younggren, who has been assisting him in the work, have obtained the signatures of 90 per cent of the property owners in the six blocks that will be a blaze of light.

Next to Kansas avenue East Fourth street is probably the most used thoroughfare in the city, especially by pedestrians. The street goes through the Santa Fe shops district, and particularly Saturday nights there is a constant stream of people going up and down the side walks on either side of the road.

The petition will be filed with the city clerk within a few days.

The plan is to install 12 poles to the block instead of 12, the number on Kansas avenue. The blocks are but 200 feet in length. The conduits will be placed under the sidewalks, and the cost to the property owners will not be more than \$150 a front foot.

Mr. Younggren has already signed a petition asking the street railway company to run their cars west on Fourth street. Scores of Commercial club members signed this petition at noon today.

"We, the undersigned citizens of Topeka, Kan., desire to call your attention to the fact that it would be much more convenient for all the citizens of Topeka if your line of railway running to the Santa Fe depot would go down Fifth street to the depot and up Fourth street coming from the depot. This would be more convenient for two reasons:

First, persons going to the depot want to take the most direct route and reach there in the shortest possible time and going down Fifth street is the shortest way. Second, a great number of the patrons coming in on your line from the Santa Fe depot desire to stop at the Throop, Glenwood and Chesterfield hotels. As the cars run at the present time the people desiring to go to the Throop, Glenwood or Chesterfield hotels must walk a block and this makes it very inconvenient for them."

The president in his message stated that the loss on this account had been shown by an inquiry to amount to \$10,000,000 annually. "For example," he added, "it appears that a very substantial economy would result from putting experienced and trained officers in charge of the first and second class postmasters in accordance with the present practice."

"As the annual operating expenses of the first and second class offices aggregate the sum of \$80,000,000, undoubtedly if the postmasters of these offices were embraced in the classified service, the annual saving would amount to many millions of dollars. The saving in salaries alone, not taking into account any saving due to increased efficiency of operation, would amount to about \$5,000,000. In the case of postmasters at offices of the third class a large annual saving could be made."

Would Cut Down Pension Agencies.

The message contained the statement that nearly \$2,000 could be saved annually by placing the register agent in the classified service. "Greater economy and efficiency would result from the abolition of the pension agencies," the message added, "and from the abolition of the register agent in the classified service."

The message stated that the field service of the general land office "could be more efficiently and economically operated if it were provided by law that the office of receiver of district land offices be abolished and the duties thereof transferred to the register agent, a bonded clerk and the register placed in the classified service." It has been estimated that the adoption of this plan would cause an annual saving of \$200,000, according to the message.

A direct saving in salaries and an indirect economy through increased efficiency would follow the transfer of the internal revenue and customs officers, now political appointees, to the classified service, the president said in the message.

"In the other field services the saving which would result from the classification of the local officers under the departments is not as marked or probably capable of as exact estimation as in those mentioned, but there is no doubt that substantial savings would result. It is not to be doubted that where no saving would result the classification of the local officers would increase the efficiency of the service. It would be desirable also to place all marshals, deputy marshals and assistant attorneys in the classified service, although but little direct economy would result. Supervising inspectors in the steamboat inspection service and the members of the field service in the bureau of fisheries should be placed in the classified service."

Matter of Appointments.

The report on methods of appointing subordinates in the classified service, which covers fully the subject of appointments by the president by and with the advice and consent of the senate, a recommendation that various local officers, such as postmasters, collectors of internal revenue, etc., and heads of bureaus in the department of the local officers in the classified service, is transmitted herewith. The report and recommendations are approved by me.

"In the interest of an efficient and economical administration of the vast business of the government, I urge the