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The Topeka State Journal.

WEATHER Forecast for Kansas—Partly cloudy and cooler tonight and Friday; probable thunder showers this afternoon and tonight.

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GOVERNOR WILL ASK DISMISSAL OF RECEIVERSHIP

Capper Declares He Will Seek New Gas Action.

"Only Thing State Can Do" Is His Stated Reason.

MASS MEETING OF UNIONS

Industrial Council Members Saturday Evening.

"Thirty-Five Cent Gas Won't Work Hardship"—J. W. Kelley.

Governor Capper announced this afternoon that he will ask S. M. Brewster, attorney general, to bring suit to dismiss the Kansas Natural Gas company receivership unless the new minimum rate be reduced. The matter will be taken up with the attorney general when he returns from a trip to Troy.

Aroused because of the 100 per cent increase in the minimum rate for gas, Governor Capper today declared that drastic action would be taken to curb the gas company. The action contemplated by the governor would mean a motion to dismiss the suits now pending before Judge Flannelly in Montgomery county. The action means a step toward formal dismissal of the receivership.

Recently John M. Landon, receiver for the gas company, announced that the minimum rate for gas would be increased from 50 cents to $1 a month. The flat rate for gas would also be increased from 28 cents to 35 cents a thousand feet. This action was taken under a ruling of the federal court when the gas company provided a bond to protect patrons against a gas rate raise.

"As I see it now, this is the only thing the state can do in the gas case," said Governor Capper. "Mr. Brewster, who is at his home, will return to Topeka in a few days and I will put the matter up to him."

Call Mass Meeting.

Thousands of bills and placards announcing a public mass meeting over the hike in gas prices, to be held Saturday evening on Capitol square, will be distributed over town tomorrow. The meeting will be called under the auspices of the Topeka Industrial council, according to Frank Brown, president-elect of the council.

The Industrial council will probably endeavor to form a Citizens' Protective league at the time and ways and means to head off the increase in price will be determined upon. Well known Topekans will be invited to lay their solutions before the public at the meeting.

"The Industrial council favors the means used in a similar situation in Joplin, Mo.," Frank Brown said today. "There, as a result of a mass meeting, every citizen paid at the rate stipulated by the original charter there and refused to pay more. The gas company came down from its high-price perch.

"I believe similar means would be effective here. If not let people have the gas taken out of their homes. The utilities commission says it will be only a few years anyway until we have to accustom ourselves to doing without natural gas."

The Industrial Council will meet tomorrow night to fix definitely the plans for the meeting.

No Hardship, Says Kelley.

"Thirty-five cent gas is not going to work a hardship on the public if they get the gas. I don't think the public is going to complain about it. The dollar minimum, of course, is a different thing. It is too high and works a hardship on the small consumer. When a public utility uses a meter system in furnishing gas I believe the public should pay for just what it gets and no more."

That was the way J. Will Kelley secretary of the Commercial club, summed up the gas situation today.

Mr. Kelley said the Commercial club has not yet taken action on the gas controversy. Several months ago the board of directors, Mr. Kelley pointed out, went on record in urging the public utilities commission to increase the price of gas so the Kansas Natural would be able to furnish plenty of it.

The board of directors may take some action on the matter in their next meeting, Mr. Kelley said. They probably will condemn the dollar minimum, ready to serve charge.

Business men on Kansas avenue have expressed themselves in favor of 35-cent gas, providing of course the Kansas Natural will furnish the gas, which the merchants believe will be done as the raise is sufficient, it is said, to allow expenditures necessary for increased distribution.

The dollar minimum charge is voted too high by the majority because of the small consumer. A 35-cent rate and a 50-cent minimum, it is pointed out, would not be too high.

Guard Melancholy Slayer.

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 10.—Harry Spannell's increasing moodiness and melancholy has resulted in a special guard, day and night being placed over him in the county jail here today. The former Alpine Texas hotel keeper still refuses to discuss his motive for killing his wife and Lieut. Colonel Butler. Spannell seldom speaks to his guards.

PETS WIN OVER SALARY TO RETAIN ZOO KEEPER

Chicago, Aug. 10.—Cy De Vry, zoo keeper at Lincoln park, turned down a $7,800 offer to manage a motion picture zoo at Hollywood, Calif., for $5,000 here. "I can't leave my pets and children friends," said Cy.

DYER LEADING IN THE COUNT FOR AUDITOR

Has Plurality of 1,092 Over His Opponents.

Official Returns Are Received From 82 Counties.

FIGURES OF COUNTY CLERKS

Are Taken on the Remainder of the Vote.

Hardly Possible That Lead Can Be Overcome.

REVISED PRIMARY VOTE.
State Auditor.

Dan B. Dyer	37,494
Fred W. Knapp	36,404
Frank Organ	32,959
Dyer's plurality	1,092

Fred W. Knapp's temporary lead for the Republican nomination for state auditor today went glimmering. Late returns give Dan B. Dyer a plurality of 1,092 and a lead that Knapp can hardly overcome in the counties which have not yet sent their report to the secretary of state.

Revised figures from the county clerks have entirely upset all former dope sheets. Knapp, who for a few hours Wednesday held a lead of ten votes over Dyer, this afternoon swung back into second place. Only a most unusual disturbance of the corrected primary returns can now put him in the running. Dyer, it seems, has won the nomination by a plurality of from 1,000 to 1,200.

Returns today are from eighty-two counties from which J. T. Botkin, secretary of state, has received official reports. Returns reported to the State Journal by county clerks from absent counties are used in making up the state total. The revised figures seem to give Dyer the nomination. A number of the larger counties—including Wyandotte, Shawnee, Sedgwick, Reno, Crawford, Cherokee and Leavenworth—have not sent their reports to the secretary of state. Official returns from the county clerks in these counties have been received in Topeka. Pending the final checking up in the state house, these figures are used from the absent counties.

Final returns will probably be received by the secretary of state late Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. In view of Dyer's big lead this afternoon, observers believe the fight for the state auditor nomination is settled.

REJECT GAS RATE

Official Tells K. C., Kan., People Not to Pay It.

In Case of Dispute, City Will Fight Case in Court.

Kansas City, Aug. 10.—Lee Judy, assistant city counselor of Kansas City, Kan., today advised gas consumers of that city not to pay the increased gas rate if it was put into effect there. In a statement today he suggested that the consumers pay the 28 cents fixed by the Kansas utility commission and await court proceedings before paying the additional 10 cents.

Mr. Judy and L. H. Chapman, commissioner of water and light, announced today after a conference that the city's legal department would represent all citizens who got into any dispute with the Wyandotte County Gas Company, after refusing to pay the new rate.

ALL MAKE GAINS

Advances Today by British, French, Russ, Italians.

Russians Only Three Miles From City of Stanislau.

London, Aug. 10.—New and striking successes for the Allies in their great triple offensive were reported in official dispatches from the war offices this afternoon. On every front the allied capitals announced gains in the last twenty-four hours.

Pushing rapidly eastward on the Isonzo front, the Italians have occupied the Austrian position of Boschini and have captured more ground from the retreating garrison from Goritz.

The Russian troops have captured the railway station of Chryplin, only three miles east of the important city of Stanislau and the right bank of the Bistritza river. At the same time, Petrograd reports, the Slavs have resumed their advance in the extreme southeast, where they have been held up by reinforced Austro-Germans.

On the Somme front both the British and French war offices reported slight gains. These statements, however, were contradicted by the German war office, which claimed the repulse of allied attacks on the Somme front.

Germans Repulse Enemy.

Berlin, Aug. 10.—Repulse of both British and French attacks on the Somme front was announced in an official statement from the war office today.

Heavy attacks have been made by the Russians at various points along the Stockhod line in Volhynia, east of Kovel, the war office announced today. All the Russian advances were repulsed with heavy losses, it is declared.

AUSTRIAN ARMY IN UTTER ROUT BEFORE ITALIANS

Cavalry and Cyclist Detachments Pursuing Enemy.

Destroy Munitions and Bridges as They Flee.

CAPTURE MANY BIG GUNS

Italians Made Effective Surprise Attack Thru Tunnel.

Aviators Rendered Valued Service by Fixing Range.

Rome, Aug. 10.—The Austrian aviator station of Aisovizza, six miles east of Goritz (Gorizia), has been captured by Italian troops who are continuing pursuit of the Austrian force that retreated from Goritz, according to reports received here today.

Cavalry detachments and Bersaglieri cyclists detachments entered Aisovizza after putting to flight the Austrian rear guard which attempted to escape.

Pursuit of the Austrian army has been hampered by the necessity of repairing damaged bridges and roadways destroyed by the enemy before the retreat from Goritz. Infantry detachments, however, are in close contact with the Austrian right wing, striking unceasing blows, attempting to cut off and surround bodies of Austrian troops moving southward toward the Carso plateau.

Large numbers of heavy guns, some of which the enemy had made ineffectual attempts to destroy, fell into the hands of General Cadorna's forces at Goritz.

King at Front.

King Victor Emmanuel is understood to have been at the Isonzo front when Goritz fell, though he has not yet entered the Austrian stronghold.

Great street demonstrations occurred in Rome last night when the capture of Goritz was announced. Crowds marched thru the streets singing the Italian and allied anthems and cheer-

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RELIEF ON THE WAY

Thermometer Goes to 100 at 3 O'clock This Afternoon.

Hourly temperatures furnished by the weather bureau:

7 o'clock	80	11 o'clock	93
8 o'clock	84	12 o'clock	95
9 o'clock	86	1 o'clock	98
10 o'clock	88	2 o'clock	99
		3 o'clock	100

The mercury rocketed today after two days of comparatively cool weather. At 3 o'clock the reading was 100 degrees. The wind is blowing at the rate of twenty-four miles an hour from the southwest.

This morning at Edmonton, Canada, the temperature was down to 32 degrees. There is nothing of that kind in sight for Topeka, says the weather observer, but we will begin to feel the effects of the cool weather before midnight tonight.

Relief from the hot weather is close at hand, following the warmest night in three years at Topeka. Cooler weather with a chance for thunder showers is the promise of the weather bureau, and it is scheduled to start early this afternoon or evening. Only a few scattered showers fell over the state last night and temperatures were high in most parts of Kansas Wednesday. Last night, however, the cool weather had already started in western Kansas. The lowest temperature recorded in that section was 58 degrees at Goodland. The mercury today did not rise so rapidly as yesterday, only reaching 86 degrees at 9 o'clock.

The forecast calls for partly cloudy and cooler weather tonight and Fri-

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TORNADO IN NEBRASKA

Several Injured and Considerable Property Damage Near Oxford.

St. Joseph, Aug. 10—A tornado that struck Oxford, Neb., early last night blew down several buildings and injured three men. The opera house was unroofed and two stores on the ground floor were badly damaged. The C. B. & Q. railroad's round house was leveled to the earth and two tramps in it were possibly fatally injured. Peter Neilson, a merchant, suffered serious injuries when his hardware store was demolished.

Considerable damage is reported in the adjacent country but so far as reported there were no fatalities. The wird was accompanied by a heavy rain which flooded all the cellars in the town.

48 A. OIL LEASE COST $400, SELLS FOR A MILLION

Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 10.—A check for $1,000,000, made payable to a local oil concern and drawn on an oil concern of Tulsa, has been received by a local law firm in payment for a 48-acre lease near Yale upon which no oil as yet has been found. The original cost of the lease is said to have been $400.

The lease was purchased two years ago. One well has been drilled only to sand but production is said to have been found on all sides of the tract.

In addition to local men the stockholders include several New York bankers.

UNCLE SAM TESTS NEW GARB FOR AERO SQUADRON ON BORDER; AIRMEN WEARING ARCTIC ZONE COATS IN SUMMER WEATHER

Protecting coats worn by airmen on Mexican border.

Capt. Benjamin D. Foulois, commanding the army's first aero squadron at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, has been experimenting for some time with various uniforms, trying to find one that will fill all requirements for airmen. Reindeer, buffalo, canvas and various other materials have been tried with more or less success. When an aeroplane rises to an elevation of 10,000 feet, even the carburetor becomes coated with frost, and the aviator must have some protection against the chill winds.

KEEP FLACK "IN"

Kansas Bankers Start Fight on Abilenian's Parole.

President Raines Serves Formal Protest on Capper.

Kansas bankers today started a fight on the parole recommendation for John A. Flack, the defaulting Abilene banker. J. L. Raines, president of the Kansas State Bankers' association, today went before Governor Capper with a formal protest against the parole.

Flack is serving a sentence in the state penitentiary at Lansing for the embezzlement of $92,000 from the funds of the Abilene State bank. Recently an application was made for a parole. Last week the state board of corrections approved the application and sent notices to Governor Capper. It is now up to the state executive to grant or withhold clemency

It is probable that action will be taken in the Flack matter in a few days. Because of this situation, President Raines of the State Bankers' association protested against the parole. He appeared on behalf of the State Bankers' association. He declared the bankers of the state did not approve the plan to release Flack and wanted the banker to serve the remainder of his sentence.

Flack has been in prison less than three years. He holds a clerical position in the prison and has made a good record. When his case recently came before the board of corrections, it promptly approved the application. It is necessary, however, for the governor to act in the matter. Governor Capper stated today that a formal hearing might be held at an early date. At that time the protest of the State Bankers' association will be made formal.

ONLY 38 TO DEATH

Fewer Victims of Infantile Paralysis in New York.

Twenty-Four Hour Period Added Fewer to List.

New York, Aug. 10.—Fewer deaths but little change in the development of the epidemic of infantile paralysis was noted in today's bulletin of the health department.

During the twenty-four hours preceding 10 a. m. today, the plague killed 38 children and 175 new cases were reported in the greater city.

Yesterday deaths numbered 57 and new cases 183.

HUGHES A DAY EARLIER

Probable That Republican Nominee Will Be in Topeka September 4.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 10.—Kansas City's place in the coming speechmaking tour of Charles E. Hughes has been advanced one day from September 2 to September 1, according to information given out here by Walter S. Dickey, Republican senatorial candidate for Missouri, on his return from a conference with the nominee and party managers in Chicago. The advance was made, according to Mr. Dickey, to allow the candidate to make a Labor day address in St. Louis.

Mr. Hughes speaks in Topeka the afternoon of September 1. Local managers of the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, who close their convention in Kansas City September 1, have reserved seats for a large delegation of the veterans who close their convention in Kansas

Charles Sessions, provisional chairman of the Republican state committee, stated today that he had received no word of a change in the Topeka speaking date. His only knowledge of the change was in press dispatches, he stated. A change in the date will not interfere with the Topeka meeting, Sessions stated.

Hughes was scheduled to speak here September 2 .

ARMY MIGHT GO HUNGRY IF RAIL STRIKE CALLED

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 10.—General Funston frowned worriedly when asked today what effect the threatened railroad strike would have on the Rio Grande army.

"I'm afraid we'd be in the same situation as civilians in regard to food and all other supplies," he said.

"Could the army you have here take over the railroads if necessary?" he was asked.

"Perhaps," was the reply, "but how could we reach points in the country if the railroads were stopped?"

WILL FEED U. S.

Plenty Wheat for Home Consumption Says Expert.

With Left Over, Has 150,000,000 Bu. for Export.

Washington, Aug. 10.—This year's wheat crop will be sufficient for the needs of home consumption and there will be enough left to meet normal export requirements.

That is the view the government officials, who said today the sensational rise in wheat prices and a corresponding increase in the price of flour following the government's last report, indicating a crop about two-thirds the size of last year's, was the result of the market adjusting itself from a crop of abnormal proportions to one of much smaller size.

Experts of the department of agriculture, calculating 620,000,000 bushels of wheat will be required for home consumption this year. A crop of 654,000,000 bushels, as forecasted from August 1 conditions, would leave 34,000,000 bushels of this year's crop available for export. In addition, however ,there was a pretty large carry-over of old wheat from last year's crop, amounting to approximately 160,000,000 bushels, or about 75,000,000 bushels more than the average carry-over of the preceding five years.

With the carry-over of old wheat and the surplus of this year's estimated crop, officials believe the United States will have at least 150,000,000 bushels available for export purposes. High prices of flour usually tend to greater economy in households, which would result in reducing home consumption and leave a greater quantity of wheat for sending abroad.

MORE RUSS TO FRANCE

Fourth Contingent Reaches Brest—Estimate 20,000 Soldiers in All.

Brest, Aug. 10.—Another contingent of Russian troops has been landed here. The soldiers were given an enthusiastic welcome.

The first Russian troops to reach France arrived at Marseilles April 29, having sailed half way around the world from Vladivostok. They were followed by three other contingents and after a short rest were sent into the trenches in Champagne.

Nothing has been made public officially as to the numbers of the Russian expeditionary forces but unofficial estimates have placed the strength of the first contingents at not less than 20,000 men. The earlier arrivals had no arms and were equipped by the French.

PARENTS OFF TO WORK LEAVE SON TIED TO BED

Chicago, Aug. 10.—Convicted of having tied his 8-year-old son to a bed, George Dobda was under sentence in Judge Gemmill's court today to serve ten days in jail. He said he and his wife, who were obliged to be away at work, feared the boy would go swimming and be drowned.

SUFFS FOR HUGHES

Woman's Party Considering Ringing Endorsement for Him.

In Huff Over Wilson's Opposition to Amendment.

Colorado Springs, Col., Aug. 10.—Sentiment was strongly in favor of endorsing Charles E. Hughes and adopting a ringing declaration against President Wilson, as the delegates from the twelve suffrage states gathered here today for the national Woman's party conference. The Republican candidates personal pledge for a federal suffrage amendment was contrasted by the conference leaders with President Wilson's opposition to national action.

The policy of the Woman's party will be fixed at an executive session tomorrow afternoon when a $500,000 campaign will be launched to elect friends of a federal suffrage amendment. The "society" spirit evident among the fashionably gowned delegates will be vented at the opening reception in their honor this evening, given by Mrs. Leonard Eager Curtis, leader of the "400" in the Pike's Peak region.

EDITORS AWAIT SHOCK

Crisis in News Print Paper Will Be Felt When Contracts Are Renewed.

Washington, Aug. 10.—The crisis in the news print paper situation which already has cut down the newspaper profits enormously, will not be reached until late October when contracts come up ,it was stated today by reports received from many sources by the federal tade commission. The pesidential election, togethe with the European war is expected to increase an aleady unparalleled demand for print which manufacturers tell the trade commission, they will hardly be able to meet. This year for the first time they have not been able to lay up a large reserve during the summer.

The trade commissions report on its investigation of news print prices, it was announced today, will be published not later than October 1, regardless of whether congress still is in session. Probably a brief extract will be given out before hand. As yet, the mass of material has not been sufficiently digested for officials to indicate definitely its trend.

Question of Supply and Demand.

The great question in deciding whether there has been collusion among the manufacturers to boost prices unduly is said to be wheher the increased demand for paper has been entirely disproportionate to the increased production. Manufacturers claim that publishers are using 20 per cent more paper than ever before. Consumption figures presented to the commission, however, vary widely. G. F. Steele, secretary of the News Print Manufacturers' association, has estimated the figures for June 2 showed the larges. daily production of news print ever recorded.

Shipments, he declared, represented 99 per cent of this production. None of the substitutes for pulp recently suggested is commercially feasible, according to officials of the various bureaus interested. Cotton stalks most frequently mentioned, would be prohibitively expensive to collect, they say. The same situation holds for corn stalks, broom corn, rice, straw and flax. The experiments have not yet passed the laboratory stage and so far as is known no commercial use of the discoveries is contemplated.

BEAT THEIR WIVES

Judge Orders Pair to Sweep Kansas City Street Handcuffed.

Kansas City, Aug. 10.—Two men, handcuffed together, tried ineffectually today to sweep the main business street of Kansas City, Kan. Hundreds of persons who watched their clumsy efforts with the brooms, wondered as to the reason for their attempt. A patrolman guarding them finally was appealed to.

"They beat their wives," he said, "and this is the sentence the police judge gave them this morning."

Recently an attempt was made to erect a pillory in Kansas City to which wife beaters were to be chained, but a statute prevented it.

TRAINMEN WILL NOT GIVE IN AN INCH TO ROADS

Stand Firm in Their First Demands for 8-Hour Day.

Will Maintain Position Thruout Federal Arbitration.

LITTLE HEADWAY APPARENT

Mediation Board Today Listens to Employes' Side.

If Strike Peace Fails, May Take It to President.

New York, Aug. 10.—"We're standing firm," was the word brought from the conference with the federal board of mediation and conciliation on behalf of the 400,000 trainmen of the country by A. B. Garretson, head of the conductors' brotherhood.

Following sessions during which the government mediators met first with the representatives of the railway managers and then with the brotherhood heads, it was learned that the trainmen have not given an inch in their demands for an eight-hour day.

Garretson declared they would continue to stand their ground thruout the conference. It was evident that armed as the representatives of the trainmen are to call a strike they have no intention of yielding to suggestions of arbitration. Garretson declared they would insist upon the granting of their demands in full.

Have Several Meetings.

The federal mediators met first with representatives of the employers for a brief session today and then with the brotherhood leaders. Judge Chamberlain said the board expected to hold another meeting with the railway managers this afternoon after which they will confer with the representatives of the employes again. All meetings were executive and no statements were made at their conclusion. Chamberlain said he had not communicated with President Wilson as to the situation.

William L. Chambers, one of the mediators, said afterwards that the railroad managers told the mediation board how far they were prepared to go in order to avoid a strike. The mediators made their side of the argument plain. Mr. Chambers said that the mediators would have a much better idea of the situation after talking with the employes' committee today.

May Appeal to President.

It was predicted today that if the board should be unable to compromise the differences, President Wilson would ask representatives of the contending factions to meet him in Washington and that he would ask them to arbitrate their differences.

Following the conference today the mediators planned to draft an agreement which will be submitted to both sides. If the proposed terms of settlement are rejected, additional meetings with representatives of both sides will be held. There will be no joint meeting of the mediators and representatives of both the employers and the employes until some tentative mediation agreement has been approved by both sides.

The presidents of the four brotherhoods of railway employes who met with the federal mediators today are A. B. Garretson, the Conductors' union; W. S. Stone, representing the Engineers; W. G. Lee of the Trainmen's union, and W. S. Carter, head of the Firemen's union.

DO PLOWING AT NIGHT

People of Salina Kept Awake By Noise of Tractors.

Salina, Kan., Aug. 10.—Farmers of Saline county in preparing their wheat ground are using their tractor engines twenty-four hours a day with three shifts of farm hands. One tractor near here where a 500-acre field was being prepared, made so much noise that people in the southwest part of town had difficulty in sleeping.

An effort was made to stop the work but officers could find no law to prevent a farmer from doing noisy work on his own farm.

ARKANSAS GUARD SHORT

Troops Sent to Border Today Are Below Peace Strength.

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 10.—The First and Second regiments of the Arkansas National Guard entrained here at noon today for Deming, N. M. There are 1,200 members.

Very few of the companies are recruited, even to peace strength, because of the large number rejected because of physical disability.

MAKING HUGHES WHISKERS IS NOT PAYING PROJECT

St. Louis, Aug. 10.—"Hughes whiskers carved here, middle part only 5 cents extra."

This is the sign that appears in the window of an Olive street barber shop. Oscar Augenmeyer, the versatile hair cutter, who painted it, fixed it up the other day and then sat down to wait for customers. He said they came.

'Many men want Hughes whiskers, because some think they are to be the coming thing," he said. "It takes me only a half hour to work up a pompadour from a parted hair cut. But it took me two hours to part a Vandyke beard and make it look like Hughes whiskers today. It does not pay and I may take the sign down."

EIGHT VILLAGES DEVASTATED BY CREEK FRESHET

Many Supposed Drowned, Found at Friends' Homes.

Life Loss Probably 50 Is Estimate Today.

15,000 PERSONS HOMELESS

Hundreds of Houses Washed Away by Cloudburst.

$2,500,000 Property Loss; Valley Swept for 14 Miles.

Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 10.—Scores of persons, reported missing early today as the result of the cloudburst that swept the Cabin Creek, Paint Creek and Coal Creek districts, were accounted for in later dispatches, which greatly reduced earlier estimates of the number of dead.

Many of those first reported missing have been found at the homes of relatives or friends, whence they fled at the first rush of waters.

Stream Carries Houses.

The Kanawha river was receding this morning but was still several feet high, running swiftly and carrying down on its crest houses, barns, chicken coops, pianos and hundreds of pieces of furniture. One house that swept along on its current carried on top the body of a boy. Boatmen went out and recovered it. The number of homes carried from their foundations was not definitely known early today. But there were hundreds of them. At least 15,000 people were camped through the night shelterless or with poor cover on the drenched ground back of their former homes.

At least eight villages and mining settlements in the district were either wholly or partly destroyed while many others felt some effects of the storm. Those practically destroyed or badly damaged were Acme, Ronda, Dry Branch, Miami, Sharon, Dawes, Kayford and Eskdale. Between Acme and Kayford sixty persons are reported to have been drowned.

Scores of Bodies on Raft.

Gallipolis, O., Aug. 10.—Many bodies of victims of yesterday's flood were seen today in huge masses of wreckage floating down the Ohio river here.

Ineffectual efforts were made to reach several bodies in one large raft of debris at Damno, south of here. There were about a score of dead visible it was said at the lock.

Late estimates indicate that the roll of dead may reach fifty and it is the belief that others may be dead in the Paint Creek and Coal River valleys. Fourteen bodies have been recovered from the debris between the mouth of Cabin Creek and Lee Wood, ten miles up. All except one are those of women and children. William J. McBride made his way down the creek from Ronda to the junction today and later Charleston.

"Everything has gone and investigation can only reveal how many are dead. The little towns near the mouth of the creek have been swept clean. Everywhere it is a mass of debris. Houses, trees, mine tipples, railroad cars and telephone poles are thrown together in a heap, miles long, and there are dead beneath. Men and women who were seen clinging perilously to houses borne down the stream toward Ronda were never seen to pass that point and we fear they are now a part of the mass of wreckage lodged against the railroad bridge there," he said.

A million feet of lumber is piled mountain high at that point and it will take days to pull it down.

The loss to the coal companies operating the Cabin Creek coal fields will reach $2,000,000. Five members of the family of John Likens, who lived at Giles, were drowned. The bodies of the wife and mother and three children lie in a morgue at the mouth of Cabin creek.

National Guards to Rescue.

Huntington, W. Va., Aug. 10.—Governor Hatfield ordered two more companies of the Second regiment into the West Virginia flood district today when reports of terrible loss of life and suffering apparently confirmed early estimates.

More than thirty bodies have been recovered and on Cabin Creek the death list is placed at more than 100. Among the bodies taken from the swirling waters were twenty-three recovered at Cabin Creek town. Others were being taken every little while from the creek above that town.

Town Washed Away.

Huntington, W. Va., Aug. 10.—A report reached here this morning to the effect that Jarrolds Valley, a town of 500 inhabitants in Boone county, at the head of Coal river, was washed away in yesterday's cloud burst and that 75 of its populace had lost their lives.

That section of Jarrolds valley between Fields and Joes creeks was swept clean by the waters, according to reports here. It is said that at least 500 houses were washed away. Inhabitants had no warning of the approach of the water and it is believed the loss of life may be even greater than that on Paint and Cabin creeks. More than 2,500 residents are perched on the hill tops the majority of them without sufficient clothing and all of them in danger of starvation.

Estimate One Hundred Dead.

Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 10.—R. Jaco, a lineman of the Chesapeake & Potomas Telephone company, reached Cabin Creek Junction shortly before noon after a waig of over 12 miles of the company's lines between Miami and De Sota. He declared that forty persons have been drowned and half that number of bodies recovered. Jaco was unable to get up the Kayford branch of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, but expressed the belief that damage and loss of life in that district was greater than in other sections.

Soon after 11 o'clock the soldiers reached Ronda, where headquarters were established. At that hour an estimate of the dead remained at 100.