

# THROTTLING THE MAD MISSISSIPPI

While the Hitherto Irresistible River Exerts All its Force, Assisted by the Winter, to Save its Scepter.

## IS A GRAND SPECTACLE

Only Three Hundred Fifty Feet Will Soon be Left Between Coffers Dams of Greatest Engineering Feat.

The mighty Mississippi in its maddest mood is being subdued by man building coffer dams into its narrowed current, when the masses of ice bump mercilessly but harmlessly against cribs, while the thermometer stands around zero, the wind blows a pitiless gale from the north, and the great river surges in long swells with the speed of an express train and the power of a gigantic avalanche of black water—for the hitherto irresistible Mississippi is being throttled by the mind of man and the muscles of the men who choked Niagara itself.

Steadily, rapidly and even more irresistibly than the Mississippi itself, the greatest dam in the world is marching step by step across the river and now the last gap is being filled.

Another four hundred foot section of coffer dam is being built out from the steel cased arches toward the Iowa bank only 750 feet away. When it is completed, there will remain only 350 feet of opening there for the river to surge through at the foot of its strongest rapids.

### The Grandest Spectacle of All.

The grandeur of the spectacle has never been equaled here where people are accustomed to watching the ice go out in the late winter with thunders and resistless force and have seen the Mississippi at flood stage tearing the vitals out of the American continent—these things lack something to one who has watched the choking of the giant of rivers by the cribs of the dam which is enclosing a new area for excavating the footing for the great dam.

Nearly all the water of the Mississippi is swirling through that lane only 350 feet wide. The river is leaping through the gateway left for it in sweeping waves, long and high, and so crowded is it that the water is over two feet higher there than elsewhere.

The surface is covered with great cakes of ice as big as a barn door and five inches thick, that come down with the speed of an automobile and boom against the cribs before being tossed like chips out into the swift current and lifted up to the tops of the waves where the river rushes through its narrow channel, great moving masses of brilliant white covering the black background of the deep water.

But the cribs go into place and are fastened there regardless of the bombardment of the missiles of ice weighing tons and in spite of the current so swift and so mighty that it breaks

### CHILDREN INJURED

Ordinary Cathartics and Pills and Harsh Physic Cause Distressing Complaints.

You cannot be over-careful in the selection of medicine for children. Only the very gentlest bowel medicine should ever be given, except in emergency cases. Ordinary pills, cathartics and purgatives are apt to do more harm than good. They may cause griping, nausea and other distressing after-effects that are frequently health-destroying.

We personally recommend and guarantee Rexall Orderlies as the safest and most dependable remedy, which we know, for constipation and associate bowel disorders. We have such absolute faith in the virtues of this remedy that we sell it on our guarantee of money back in every instance where it fails to give entire satisfaction, and we urge all in need of such medicine to try it at our risk.

Rexall Orderlies are eaten just like candy, are particularly prompt and agreeable in action, may be taken at any time, day or night; do not cause diarrhoea, nausea, griping, excessive looseness, or other undesirable effects. They have a very mild but positive action upon the organs with which they come in contact, apparently acting as a regulative tonic upon the relaxed muscular coat of the bowel, thus overcoming weakness, and aiding to restore the bowels to more vigorous and healthy activity.

Rexall Orderlies commonly completely relieve constipation, except of course when of a surgical character. They also tend to overcome the necessity of constantly taking laxatives to keep the bowels in normal condition. Three sizes of packages, 10 cents, 25 cents, and 50 cents. Remember, you can obtain Rexall Remedies in Keokuk only at our store—The Rexall Store, McGrath Bros, Drug Co., corner Fifth and Main Sts.

## THE KEYSTONE TO HEALTH IS HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS



You can strengthen the system, keep the bowels open, prevent Colds and Grippe by taking the Bitters.

big steel bars thrust down into the water.

### The Astonishing Cold Figures.

The thing in engineering terms of cold blooded figures? The remaining 750 feet of channel between the present coffer dam of the bridge structure coming from the east and the corner of the thirty-five acre power house coffer dam on the Iowa side is being narrowed by building a new coffer dam 400 feet long as an extension of the one from the east. This will leave only 350 feet of space for the river there.

The river is coming through this space at a velocity of twelve feet per second or nearly nine miles an hour. It is covered with floating ice five inches thick in cakes of all sizes up to ten feet square.

A steel rod an inch and an eighth square was stuck down from a scow at the edge of the channel, in a place somewhat sheltered, and the power of the water bent and then broke it off, so strong is the current of the river. The water surface is two and a half feet higher out in the narrowed channel than above and below.

### River Shung Illinois Shore.

Provision is made for the passage of the Mississippi through twenty-four spans of the bridge structure at the Illinois shore, where the coffer dam has been removed from around the arched spans.

But the river does not seem to take that course very much. It is many hundred feet from the end of the dam to the open spans, and this space is covered with a floe of thick ice. Away over by the Illinois bank is a little, narrow lane of water flowing through the spans, with a clear stretch of water above and below; but the main current, carrying the most of the big floating ice cakes is forcing its way through between the coffer dam bringing the concrete dam from the east and the big coffer dam surrounding the Iowa power house.

As the cribs of the extension of the coffer dam are installed farther and farther eastward, the greater will be the force involved and the more majestic will be the spectacle there—and the more difficult the placing of them.

### Foley Kidney Pills

always give satisfaction because they always do the work: J. T. Shelout, Bremen, Ga., says: "I have used Foley Kidney Pills with great satisfaction and found more relief from their use than from any other kidney medicine, and I've tried almost all kinds. I can cheerfully recommend them to all sufferers for kidney and bladder trouble." Wilkinson & Co.

### TOMMY ATKINS ON A TEAR

British Garrison Mutinied and Killed Several of the Officers.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LONDON, Jan. 4.—Despite efforts to keep the matter secret, it has leaked out that a regiment of mounted infantry at Long Moore Camp in Hampshire, mutinied Sunday morning, bayoneted several sergeants, shot one officer inflicting severe wounds and were only quelled after the ring leader fought a bare fist duel with one of the commissioned officers.

The soldiers expected the usual New Year's day holiday and when it was announced that they would remain on duty all day, the trouble began.

Before the commissioned officers could get the upper hand, the soldiers were holding an indignation meeting. Efforts to disperse them were made, and several sergeants were bayoneted, some of them receiving severe wounds. A sergeant major received a revolver bullet in the shoulder and several of the line officers were threatened.

Finally an officer challenged the ring leader of the privates to a bare fist duel to decide the issue. The private accepted, a ring was formed and the fight was on. The conflict raged furiously for a few minutes, when the officer caught his larger and stronger opponent on the jaw with a right swing and he went down and out.

The privates then returned to their posts. Every effort was made to suppress the news of the outbreak and to this end it was decided that no court martial would be held.

—Read The Daily Gate City.

### BRISTOW BILL BEFORE SENATE

Wants Fifteen Vessels Owned By United States to Steam Through Canal.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Government ownership of steamship lines to ply through the Panama canal and up and down the east and west coasts of Central and South America to home ports, was included in a bill introduced in the senate by Bristow, (rep., Kans.) Fifteen vessels were authorized in the measure.

If the ships cannot be purchased or built in this country at a cost not to exceed twenty percent greater than in another country, the bill provides that the secretary of war shall acquire them abroad.

Bristow believes that the railroads, through their banking houses and in other ways, control practically every ship building concern in the United States so that ships to be built for the purpose of competing with the railroads can not be had in this country at any reasonable figure.

The bill provides that the steamships may be operated by the Panama Railroad company, a corporation now owned by the United States government, or may be leased to a private company that shall not in any way be owned or controlled by any railroad, or stockholders of any railroad. Bristow said he believed this plan the only practical way to restore the American merchant marine.

### BRYAN EDITORIAL ON DYNAMITE

Asks Square Deal for Union Labor and Says it is Not to be Blamed.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LINCOLN, Nebr., Jan. 4.—In an editorial discussion in today's Commoner of the McNamara case, W. J. Bryan demands a square deal for union labor. Bryan says:

"As might have been expected the McNamara confessions have given the enemies of labor a chance to libel all who are connected with organized efforts to protect the wage earners. Men who are indignant whenever the sins of sweatshop owners are charged against all manufacturers, when the crimes of the trust magnates are imputed to all who are engaged in big business and when the vices of the 'Napoleons of France' laid at the door of bankers generally—these hasten to hurl broadsides at all who earn their bread in the sweat of the brow. This is unfair in the extreme. The McNamaras have been guilty of an awful crime and all law abiding citizens rejoice that punishment has been meted out to them. They have not only sinned outrageously against society, but they have sinned even more grievously against their associates who trusted them and, who, believing in their innocence, contributed liberally to their defense fund. Organized labor is not to blame for this, however; on the contrary, it is stronger for their elimination, and only those who encouraged them or defend their conduct ought to share their condemnation.

"Organized labor has learned a lesson—it will be more careful in the selection of its leaders; and society may well pause and inquire if there is anything wrong in the conditions which led these men to enter into so detestably a conspiracy against life and property."

Don't think because you have taken many remedies in vain that your case is incurable. Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured many seemingly hopeless cases of scrofula, catarrh, rheumatism, kidney complaint, dyspepsia and general debility. Take Hood's.

### Nature Fake Story.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] STERLING, Ill., Jan. 4.—James Gruis is reported to be dying here today as the result of a fierce battle with skunks. Gruis and his brother were hunting along the edge of a steep ravine when Gruis tripped and fell down a high bank. He landed in a den of skunks. Blocking the entry with his body, Gruis was unable to rise because of a broken leg. The animals attacked him. He killed seventeen before he was overcome by the fumes. His brother then managed to rescue him and later killed thirty-three more of the animals. Gruis was terribly bitten on the hands and body.

### NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT.

Notice is hereby given that there are now on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Keokuk, plats and schedules showing the lots and parcels of land subject to assessment, the owners thereof and the amount to be assessed against each of said lots or parcels of land for the following described improvements, to-wit:

The macadamizing with asphalt binder, Bank street, from Eighth to Twelfth street; paving Bank street from Third to Fourth street, and paving alleys in blocks 100 and 43, City of Keokuk, Iowa;

And that all objections thereto and to the prior proceedings on account of errors, irregularities or inequalities must be made in writing and filed with the City Clerk within twenty days from the 4th day of January, 1912, or the same shall be held waived.

O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

### Many Soldiers Suicide.

The military profession the world over has the greatest percentage of suicides.

## MANY REASONS FOR REJOICING

Great Water Power Has Crossed the Half Way Mark Toward Completion and Has Been a Marvel to All.

## IS WORTH ADVERTISING

Everything Should be Done to Give Greatest Possible Publicity to This Enterprise—Suggests.

Keokuk smiled out of the old year into the new and it was a sincere, uplifting smile. Never before has this city had more reasons for rejoicing for having her cherished hopes for the future realized. The great water power has crossed the half-way mark towards its completion, and the work has been the marvel of all who have examined its wonderful engineering and mechanism. No locality in the old world or the new has witnessed a greater work. It is something to inspect, something to talk, something to advertise. It pays to largely advertise good goods, finely manufactured articles and after the public attention is called to the quality of the goods, and wares advertised, the goods advertise themselves if they are genuine good goods. The great dam and water power are the goods that will advertise themselves after the public's attention is called to them. They are genuine goods—not an atom of shoddy in all their gigantic make-up.

Then everything possible should be done to give the greatest publicity to the magnificent enterprise, the towering height to Keokuk's local pride and the foundation upon which she builds substantial hopes for the future.

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," yet make a slight play on and an apparent reversal of the old quotation and make it read: "All talk and no work makes a city a partial failure." With the advertising Keokuk people should adopt a follow up plan by doing. This is written in no spirit of reproach or criticism. Keokuk people have done nobly and are continuing as heroes in the strife. They have exerted themselves in season and out of season to take advantage of the favorable conditions and what is said here is presented, "Lest we forget," and allow our ardor to cool just a pivotal point to the detriment or delay of Keokuk's further reasonable hopes.

### Foley's Honey and Tar Compound.

is a reliable family medicine. Give it to your children and take it yourself when you feel a cold coming on. It checks and cures coughs and colds and croup and prevents bronchitis and pneumonia. Wilkinson & Co.

### ATTENDANCE WAS UNUSUALLY LARGE

Meeting Last Evening of Keokuk Lodge of the Elks Proved an Enjoyable Affair.

There was an unusually large attendance last evening at the meeting of the Keokuk Lodge No. 106, B. P. O. Elks and the evening proved to be an enjoyable occasion.

At the regular lodge meeting a class of new members was given the impressive initiation of the order and the

## "STABBED IN THE BACK"

How Many Keokuk Readers Have Had Those Sudden Twinges?

Have you ever had a "crick" in the back? Does your back ache with a dull, heavy, draggy throb? Is it hard to straighten up after stooping? Hard to rise from a chair or turn in bed? Is the urine dark colored? Passages irregular? When your kidneys need attention, use a tested kidney remedy.

Use Doan's Kidney Pills—the remedy that has cured thousands. Convincing proof of merit in Keokuk testimony.

Mrs. J. W. Riley, 718 C. St., Keokuk, Iowa, says: "I got a supply of Doan's Kidney Pills for this complaint from Wilkinson & Co's Drug Store. Their use strengthened the back and kidneys and brought about an improvement in every way. We are firm believers in the merits of Doan's Kidney Pills and never hesitate to recommend them."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

## The Best is Always the Cheapest

BUT when buying The FREE you pay less than the price charged for other high-grade sewing machines.

The FREE is the handsomest machine manufactured—the French leg—dustless japanning, high drive wheel, full quarter sawed oak furniture, etc., make it so.

It's an ornament in any home.

The FREE is the biggest sewing machine bargain ever offered, and we want you to test it thoroughly for 30 days in your own home—your money back if it don't please you—ONE DOLLAR a week buys it.

The FREE runs lighter, sews faster, is more beautiful, is more easily operated, will last longer and will do a greater range of work and do it more beautifully than any other sewing machine—these points of superiority are made possible only by its exclusive automatic improvements—you should call and see it demonstrated.

## Schell-Dempfle Furn. Co.

lodge was officially inspected by District Deputy W. H. Kane of Davenport. Following the meeting the tables were spread and a banquet enjoyed with an interesting program of musical numbers and addresses.

### The Danger of La Grippe

is its fatal tendency to pneumonia. To cure your la grippe coughs take Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. R. E. Fisher, Washington, Kas., says: "I was troubled with a severe attack of la grippe that threatened pneumonia. A friend advised Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and I got relief after taking the first few doses. I took three bottles and my la grippe was cured." Get the genuine, in the yellow package. Wilkinson & Co.

### Hornaday Alarm Clocks Will Put You on Time 75c to \$3.00

proprietors if they are able to swing the convention to this city.

### Roosevelt Cutting Wood.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Jan. 4.—With the chill wind blowing strong offshore, the renewed attempt to "smoke" Col. Roosevelt into the open is having no visible effect on the "Sage of Sagamore Hill." After chopping down his allotted number of trees and riding many miles over the snow covered highway of Nassau county, the colonel retired to his library this morning smiling and happy, and insisting that he would not talk politics.

So far as the statement of President Taft that he is in the fight for the republican nomination as long as he has a single delegate is concerned, Roosevelt expressed no more interest in it than he did in the assertion by certain other politicians that he was "double crossing" LaFollette. It was stated by his secretary this morning that he would not go into town again until tomorrow morning, and it can be said "on authority" that he will make no statement regarding politics "until he is ready and this may not be soon, if at all."

If your children are subject to attacks of croup, watch for the first symptom, hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off. For sale by Wilkinson & Co., Pharmacy, and J. F. Kiedaisch & Son.

### Remedy for Mildew.

Articles that are mildewed should be boiled in buttermilk, this method being more satisfactory than soaking in cold buttermilk. The same process will effectively bleach materials that have grown yellow from lack of use. Rinse well in warm water afterward and hang in the sun.—Good Housekeeping.

### ROYAL ARCANUM.

Keokuk Council No. 536 meets first and third Monday each month, Hawkes' hall, Eighth and Main. Visiting brethren fraternally invited to attend. C. M. Vogler, regent, J. I. Annable, secretary.

### "BRIGHAM" YOUNG VIGORS

MAKES THE OLD FEEL YOUNG MAKES THE YOUNG STRONG Sample 10 cts., Large Box \$1. 6 Boxes for \$5.00. Sent upon receipt of price by a YOUNG REMEDY CO. 3rd & Pine Sts., St. Louis, Mo. IF WE ONLY KNEW!

## Makes a Bad Cough Vanish Quickly--or Money Back

The Quickest, Surest Cough Remedy You Ever Used. Family Supply for 50c. Saves You \$2.

You have never used anything which takes hold of a bad cough and conquers it so quickly as Pinex Cough Syrup. Gives almost instant relief and usually stops the most obstinate, deep-seated cough in 24 hours. Guaranteed to give prompt and positive results even in croup and whooping cough.

Pinex is a special and highly concentrated compound of Norway White Pine extract, rich in quinine and other healing pine elements. A 50-cent bottle makes a pint—a family supply—of the best cough remedy that money can buy, at a saving of \$2. Simply mix with homemade sugar syrup or strained honey, in a pint bottle, and it is ready for use. Easily prepared in 5 minutes—directions in package.

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Pinex has often been imitated, but never successfully, for nothing else will produce the same results. The genuine is guaranteed to give absolute satisfaction or money refunded. Certificate of guarantee is wrapped in each package. Your druggist has Pinex or will gladly get it for you. If not, send to The Pinex Co., 42 West 14th St., New York, N. Y.

### FRATERNAL CARDS.

#### MASONIC.

Hall, corner Fourth and Main. Eagle lodge, No. 12—Holds its regular meeting the first Tuesday evening of each month.

Hardin lodge No. 29, holds its regular monthly meeting the second Monday evening of each month.

#### INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

Hall Seventh and Main street. Keokuk lodge No. 13, meets regularly Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. John Moore, N. G.; Otto Anchutz, recording secretary.

Pucketchuck lodge No. 43, meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Frank Vollers, N. G.; George W. Immeget, permanent secretary.

Herman lodge No. 116 (German), meets regularly every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. J. J. Rabe, N. G.; Albert Kiefer, recording secretary.

Pucketchuck Encampment, No. 7, meets first and third Thursday evenings of each month. Wm. C. Kummer, scribe.

#### A. O. U. W.

Keokuk lodge, No. 256, meets every Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock at hall over Keokuk Savings bank, corner Fifth and Main streets. Visiting brethren cordially invited. Thos. W. Lester, M. W.; A. E. Moore, recorder.

#### K. of P.

Morning Star lodge No. 5, meets at Fifth and Blondeau, K. of P. building, Tuesday at 7:30. John P. Johnson chancellor commander; Robert Ulrich K. of R. and S. Visiting Knights fraternally invited.

KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF SECURITY, KEOKUK COUNCIL, NO. 1049, meets the first and third Monday of each month at A. O. U. W. hall at 8 o'clock. O. W. Rowe, president; Ernest Best, financier; Mayme C. Schenk, secretary.

#### MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA

Gibbon's Hall. Keokuk Camp No. 622—Meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. One latch string is out to neighbors. C. B. Lake, V. C.; J. A. Pollard, clerk.

#### B. P. O. ELKS.

Keokuk lodge, No. 106—Meets first and third Thursday nights at Elks' hall, Gibbons opera house block, Sixth and Main streets. Club rooms open daily. Visiting brethren cordially invited. W. H. Reimbold, E. R.; Leroy J. Wolf, secretary.

#### INDEPENDENT ORDER OF OWLS.

Regular meeting of the Independent Order of Owls the first and third Tuesdays of each month at their hall in the Hubinger building, 25 North Sixth street. Visiting Owls are cordially invited. Lee Howe, worthy president; Ed. W. Kiser, secretary.

#### FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES.

Keokuk Aerie, No. 658—Meets first and third Wednesday of each month at Eagle's hall, 523 Main street. Visiting brethren cordially invited. Phil Glaser, W. president; C. A. Noakes, secretary.

W. O. W.—Gate City Camp No. 81, Woodmen of World, meets second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Hawkes' hall, corner Eighth and Main streets. Visiting sovereigns cordially invited. E. E. Sovern, consul commander; E. E. Hawkes, clerk.

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### BELFAST.

We are having some cold weather at present, all we need is more snow. Miss Verma Spencer is back to her school work after a week's visit with her home folks.

Mr. Wayne Johnson attended the skating party at Dorothy Monday evening.

Miss Clara Fett called at the Brodsky home New Year's day.

Mrs. Eva South and children are visiting her mother Mrs. O'Neal. Quite a few attended the Christmas tree at Croton last Monday night.

Mr. Otto Johnson had wood sawers last Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Parsons was a Farmington caller one day last week.

Miss Anna Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thurlow passed through our vicinity enroute for Keokuk.

Mr. Adell Magness passed through our vicinity enroute for Dumas.

Mrs. Gareth Moody and children are visiting Mrs. Moody's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brodsky.

Mr. Willie Starr and Emma Nelson were Farmington callers last Wednesday.

Master Joe O'Neal was a Croton caller one day last week.

Mr. George Brodsky and sister Frances called on the Vall Burke home New Year's day.

Miss Lena Albers who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Harold Moline returned to her home last Friday at Morrison, Ill.

Miss Lelia Grant called on the Suren's girls one day last week.

Master Freddie Grant called on Master Harry Nelson last Tuesday.

