

DANGER LINE REACHED.

Widespread Disaster From the Recent Snow and Rain Storms in the Ohio Valley.

LOSSES WILL AGGREGATE MILLIONS.

Transportation and Wire Service Practically Paralyzed, and All Industrial Enterprises Impeded by Superabundant Water—Fruits and Other Crops Have Fared Badly.

Cincinnati, April 21.—There has been more alarm throughout the Ohio valley to-day on account of floods than at any period since February, 1884, when the Ohio river reached its highest stage of 71 feet and 9 inches at this city. Most of the inhabitants of the valley spent the night in anticipation of the worst flood ever known in the valley as they will not know until to-morrow that the water has been falling at Pittsburgh. Until this news reached the river men here to-night it was feared that the record of 1884 might be broken, but now it is generally believed that the river will not exceed the floods of February, 1897, and of March, 1898, when it reached 64 feet at Cincinnati.

The present flood is the worst that has ever been known so late in the spring. The first week in April, 1886, the river reached 55 feet and 9 inches in this city, and that was the highest water ever known so late in the Ohio valley since March, 1898. The flood will do much more damage now than it would have done one or two months ago.

While the water has begun to fall at Pittsburgh both rain and snow have been falling heavily last night and to-day and to-night all along the Ohio valley. The danger line has already been reached at points above Cincinnati, and it will be reached here to-morrow morning.

The merchants and manufacturers in the lower part of the city have been working all day and night preparing for the worst. Early this evening the weather bureau here announced heavy snows and rains along the Ohio valley. The uniform rise during the day was four-tenths of a foot per hour, but the average is higher to-night.

The weather bureau announced that the danger line has been reached at all upper substations to-night, and that it will be reached in Cincinnati to-morrow noon. The stage was 44 feet and seven-tenths at six o'clock here to-night, and the danger line is 50 feet.

At Point Pleasant the stage is eight feet above the danger line to-night, with the river rising rapidly and a heavy rain. The mayor of Portsmouth, O., telegraphed that the danger line had been reached there and that a heavy snow was falling to-night.

Similar reports have been received from all over southern Ohio, and as far north as Springfield.

Trains are late on all railroads and some trains have not yet arrived from the east have not yet arrived. It is generally conceded that the fruit crop throughout the Ohio valley is gone and the damage to crops is very great.

WHEELING IS ISOLATED.

Residents Along the River Banks Firing at Passing Steamers.

Wheeling, W. Va., April 21.—At 9 p. m. the river is 41 feet 4 inches, and rising two inches an hour. The top notch is expected in an hour or two with less than forty-two feet. This stage shuts Wheeling entirely off from outside communication by rail and only the big Cincinnati liners are able to run now, and irate residents along the river banks are firing frequently at the boats because the swell from them is washing the foundations away from their houses. To-night a Wheeling island man fired at the packet Keystone State and at a passing towboat, but without effect.

In Wheeling, Bellaire, Bridgeport, Benwood and Martin's Ferry about five hundred houses have been entered by the water, most of the families moving to upper floors. Nearly every manufacturing establishment in the Wheeling district is shut down and can not resume until Tuesday.

At Martin's Ferry the water destroyed 500,000 brick at the Belmont Brick Co., entailing a loss of \$20,000 to \$30,000. There are smaller losses at other plants, aggregating probably \$40,000. Taking the loss of business, railroad landings and industrial losses the aggregate cost of the flood in this district is at least \$100,000, probably more.

Above Martin's Ferry, James Ford, a miner, discovered the Cleveland & Pittsburgh track washed out. Knowing a north-bound passenger train was due in 30 minutes, he returned a part of the distance and succeeded in stopping the train a few yards from certain destruction.

THE STORM AT CLEVELAND.

Trolley Traffic Badly Crippled—Fire Alarm Wires Prostrated.

Cleveland, O., April 21.—The fierce storm that swept over this city and northern Ohio throughout yesterday and last night gradually subsided to-day. It was followed to-night by a dense fog.

Notwithstanding the heroic efforts of the telegraph and telephone companies to repair their prostrate lines, there has been little improvement to the service thus far. Trains on practically all roads entering the city continue to arrive from one to three hours behind schedule time.

Traffic on the city street car lines continued to be badly crippled all day as a result of the deep snow and slush on the tracks. So heavy is the snow and slush in many places that the most powerful sweepers became stalled in it.

A large section of the city is still cut off from communication by wire with fire headquarters. Some fire alarm boxes are out of service and even fire stations are without tele-

graph or telephone communication as a result of the general prostration of the wires.

GREAT LOSSES AT PITTSBURGH.

The Murkey Waters Receding After Doing Millions of Damage.

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 21.—Pittsburgh and Allegheny are slowly emerging from the murkey flood. At 8 p. m. the rivers were receding nearly a foot an hour. The highest point reached at Davis Island dam was 25.8 feet at 3 a. m., which means 25 feet at the junction of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers. The water remained stationary until about 3 p. m., when it began to fall. Conservative estimates of the total damage in this district are between \$2,000,000 and \$5,000,000. Fifty thousand workers are suffering from enforced idleness.

While there have been greater floods at this point, there never was one that caused so much financial loss and discomfort. This was due to the denser population caused by the recent growth of the two cities and to the fact that all the manufacturing plants on the banks of the river were operating, most of them working night and day until the rising water put out the fires and drove the workers to higher ground.

The loss to railroads entering Pittsburgh from floods, landslides, wrecked bridges, heavy snows and interference with traffic is roughly estimated at \$1,000,000.

RAIN AND SNOW FOR 78 HOURS.

River Above the Danger Line and Ten Feet More Expected.

Huntington, W. Va., April 21.—At six o'clock this evening the rain and snow which had been falling for 78 hours ceased. The Ohio passed the danger line of 50 feet and is still rising. Fully ten feet more of water is expected here. Great damage has resulted throughout the southern and central portions of the state.

Carter Stixington was drowned in Tug river and John Swanson was drowned in the Guyandotte while endeavoring to save property.

WORST IN SIXTY YEARS.

Fires Started by Crossed Wires—All Traffic Knocked Out.

Erie, Pa., April 21.—The snow storm of Friday night and Saturday night was the worst known here in 60 years, and surpassed the famous blizzard of March, 1888. There is 12 inches of snow on the level, and during Saturday night every trolley line in the city was knocked out. Traffic was resumed irregularly. Saturday night there were two fires from crossed telephone wires carrying heavy currents into the buildings. Suburban, stage, mail and trolley lines were abandoned. There was four feet of water on the Lake Shore, Vandallia and Great Trunk railroads. A heavy snow plow went off the track and tore up 200 feet of track. At Danville and Harbor Creek trains jumped the track and at Westfield, N. Y., several cars on a freight left the rails.

A DELUGE OF RAIN.

Effects of the Great April Snow Storm at Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 21.—The deluge of rain that followed in the wake of the big snow storm yesterday, continued throughout last night and to-day, leaving but little of the foot of snow that covered the ground yesterday morning. A few patches of white where the snow drifted and trees with broken branches are the only signs of the great April snow storm.

Reports from points along the southern shore of Lake Erie say that the damage to fruit trees will be great. The wet snow clung to the branches until they gave way under its weight, leaving only the trunks standing.

THE STORM AT NEW YORK.

Traffic Delayed—Ice-Covered Trains—Property Destroyed.

New York, April 21.—Owing to the heavy storm which has been raging in the west, all traffic east of Cleveland has been delayed from two to seven hours. The Grand Central depot presented a strange appearance this afternoon as the belated western trains lumbered in several hours late, with their roofs and steps encrusted with snow and ice.

Considerable property was destroyed along West street in this city, owing to the flooding of cellars. Large quantities of perishable property was stored in the cellars along this street, and much of it was destroyed by the water, which, in many places, was waist deep.

Hundreds of Families Driven Out.

Ironton, O., April 21.—The Ohio river was 59.9 at six o'clock to-night and rising three inches an hour. Several hundred families in the low-lying districts of the city evacuated their homes to-night. Destitute sufferers are being cared for in school houses and churches.

Business Portion of City Flooded.

Marietta, O., April 21.—The heavy snow since Saturday was followed by a hard rain to-night. The river is at flood height and rising two inches an hour, an increase since four o'clock this afternoon. Rains are reported throughout the Ohio and Muskingum valleys, taking the snow off rapidly. The business portion of this city is now flooded.

Disastrous Flood Feared.

Youngstown, O., April 21.—The snow turned into rain to-day, and a disastrous flood in the Mahoning valley is feared. Warning has been sent to people living on the low lands along the Mahoning river. The railroads are still experiencing great difficulty in running trains.

Annulled Their Trains.

Gallipolis, O., April 21.—The river gauge registered 52 feet 5 inches at six o'clock this evening and the water is still rising at the rate of five inches per hour. The Kanawha & Michigan and Ohio River railroads have annulled their trains.

AGUINALDO'S MANIFESTO

The Filipino Chieftain Issues His Promised Address to the Islanders.

HE ACCEPTS AMERICAN SOVEREIGNTY.

He Says There Has Been Enough of Bloodshed, Enough of Tears, Enough of Desolation, and He Can No Longer Refuse to Hear the Voice of the People Desirous of Peace.

Manila, April 20.—The following is Aguinaldo's address to the Filipino people, made public last evening:

"I believe I am not in error in presuming that the unhappy fate to which my adverse fortune has led me is not a surprise to those who have been familiar with the progress of the war. The lessons taught with a full meaning and which have recently come to my knowledge, suggest with irresistible force that a complete termination of hostilities and lasting peace are not only desirable, but are absolutely essential to the welfare of the Philippine islands.

"The Filipinos have never been dismayed at their weakness, nor have they faltered in following the path pointed out by their fortune and courage. The time has come, however, in which they find their advance along this path to be impeded by an irresistible force, which, while it restrains them, yet enlightens their minds and opens to them another course, presenting them the cause of peace. This cause has been joyfully embraced by the majority of my fellow countrymen, who have already united around the glorious sovereign banner of the United States. In this banner they repose their trust and believe that under its protection the Filipino people will attain all those promised liberties which they are beginning to enjoy. The country has declared unmistakably in favor of peace. So be it. There has been enough blood, enough tears and enough desolation. This wish can not be ignored by the men still in arms if they are animated by a desire to serve our noble people, which has thus clearly manifested its will. So I do I respect this will, now that it is known to me.

"After mature deliberation, I resolutely proclaim to the world that I can not refuse to heed the voice of a people longing for peace, nor the lamentations of thousands of families yearning to see their dear ones enjoying the liberty and the promised generosity of the great American nation.

"By acknowledging and accepting the sovereignty of the United States throughout the Philippine archipelago, as I now do and without any reservation whatsoever, I believe that I am serving thee, my beloved country. May happiness be thine."

To signify this important step in the pacification of the country, Gen. MacArthur orders the release, or swearing allegiance to the United States, of 1,000 insurgent prisoners.

WILL HAVE A GOOD EFFECT.

Washington Pleased With the Stand Taken by Aguinaldo.

Washington, April 20.—It is believed by the administration that the manifesto of Aguinaldo will have a decidedly good effect both in the Philippines and in this country. It will take some time for its dissemination among the Filipinos, but it is expected to be of considerable service and to make more rapid the improvement in the situation which set in some time ago and has become quite marked of late.

Especially gratification is felt at the unreserved tone of the document, and the full acceptance it indicates of American rule. This, it is felt, will bring to the support of the government many Filipinos who, wishing for peace, have hesitated to assist the Taft commission. In this country it is expected to reduce the criticism of the administration, and to cause less discussion of the general policy of the war in the islands and more consideration of the important matter of the best administration to be evolved for their government. It is to this work that the Taft commission is now bending all its energies.

Aguinaldo, now that he has accepted American sovereignty, probably will be given more liberty than he has enjoyed hitherto. His services will be used as far as possible in the pacification of the islands. The extent, however, to which he will be permitted his freedom is for Gen. MacArthur to determine, with the assistance of the Taft commission, for the aim of the home government here will be to rest largely upon the views held by its representatives in the island.

The Week's Failures.

New York, April 20.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Review of Trade says: "Failures for the week numbered 206 in the United States, against 184 last year, and 21 in Canada, against 17 last year."

Signed the Amended Convention.

Washington, April 20.—The president has signed and ratified the treaty amending the Brussels convention for the protection of industrial property, and the document has been forwarded to Brussels, where it will be deposited.

Will Make His Stay Brief.

London, April 20.—It is announced in a dispatch from Paris that M. Delcasse, the French minister of foreign affairs, who is expected to arrive at St. Petersburg, April 22, will stay there only four days.

Long List of Promotions and Honors.

London, April 20.—The list of officers accorded promotions and honors for services in 1900, when Lord Roberts gave up command of the British forces in south Africa, fill 16 pages of the Gazette.

Arkansas Will Exhibit at St. Louis.

Little Rock, Ark., April 20.—The house yesterday passed a senate bill appropriating \$30,000 for an Arkansas exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase exposition of 1904 at St. Louis.

THAT DIVORCE OPINION.

Hollings of the United States Supreme Court That Will Create Confusion in Numerous Homes.

TIME FOR DISAPPEARING.

Two Bank Officials Seized by Mutual Understanding When Wrong-Doing Could Be Concealed No Longer.

Vancouver, Wash., April 22.—Charles Brown and E. L. Canby, president and cashier, respectively, of the First national bank of Vancouver, which was closed Saturday by the comptroller of the currency, committed suicide Saturday night, two miles from this city, by shooting themselves in the head with a revolver. Their bodies were found yesterday morning lying together in a small clump of bushes about one-half mile north of Columbia school, which is situated on the outskirts of the town. They both used the same weapon and Canby evidently died first, as the revolver was found in Brown's hand. It is evident that Canby put the muzzle of the revolver in his mouth and then blew the top of his head off. Brown then took it and shot himself in exactly the same way, falling over Canby's body.

The fact that Brown's bicycle and an umbrella belonging to Canby were found a short distance out of town Saturday night led to the belief that the two bank officials had taken their lives. Early yesterday morning a searching party started out and after several hours' hunt the bodies were found in the clump of bushes.

Friday evening Canby, upon being told by Bank Examiner J. W. Maxwell that the bank would not be permitted to open Saturday, went out into the yard behind the bank and attempted to shoot himself. His revolver failed to explode, although all five chambers were loaded. After failing to shoot himself Canby came back into the bank and he and President Brown left together later, taking his revolver. When Examiner Maxwell confronted the bank officials with the shortage of \$81,000, which he had discovered, both admitted their guilt. It is said that both Brown and Canby had been speculating in stocks. Beside Brown's body there was found a package containing \$25, and a note saying that the money belonged to his daughter. Upon Canby's body the following brief note was found:

"My Dear Wife—I feel what I am about to do is for the best. Forgive me if you can and try to live for our dear children. God bless you all. Good-by.

[Signed] "NED."
"April 19, 1901."

Brown, who was 54 years of age, has lived in Vancouver since 1862. His father was the first receiver of the Vancouver land office. He has served as auditor of Clark county, is married and has a family. His connection with the bank as its president dates back 12 years. Canby was 52 years old, and was well connected. His wife was Miss Frances Burnside, the daughter of an Oregon pioneer. He has a brother who is a paymaster in the United States army. Another brother committed suicide by jumping off the wharf at Vancouver several years ago.

While Bank Examiner Maxwell, who is now in charge, as receiver, has made no official statement, it is known that the bank has loaned a large sum of money on an insufficient security. According to his report to the comptroller of the currency there is a shortage of \$81,000 in the bank's accounts, and it is understood a considerable portion of this amount was loaned to Brown and Canby on their personal notes. About a year ago the bank reduced its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$50,000. At that time about one-half of the so-called bad assets was "charged off" and had been carried as an asset since that time.

MOTHER'S HEART FAILED HER.

Suffering of Husband and Daughter Caused Her to Surrender Life's Savings.

Kendallville, Ind., April 22.—The home of John Andigo, an Amish farmer, was entered Saturday night by three men, who secured \$6,000 after burning the old man's cars, nose and fingers with lighted matches. A 19-year-old daughter of Andigo was insulted, and when her father refused to give up his money as readily as demanded she was dragged down to the floor by her hair by one of the robbers. The mother, who had seen her husband's torture and her daughter's indignities, told the robbers that if they would desert she would give up the money. She led the way to the cellar, where, in an old cupboard, the savings of years, \$6,000, was handed over to the robbers. The robbers escaped.

CREMATED IN THEIR HOME.

Mother and Two Young Sons Burned to Death—The Last, Sad, Embrace.

Galesburg, N. D., April 22.—The home of Mrs. Hannah Kjøren, a widow, was burned Saturday night. The only inmates, taken to the robbers that if they would desert she would give up the money. She led the way to the cellar, where, in an old cupboard, the savings of years, \$6,000, was handed over to the robbers. The robbers escaped.

Placed on the Retired List.

Washington, April 19.—Gen. John C. Gilmore, colonel in the adjutant general's department, was placed on the retired list, yesterday, by operation of law on account of age.

Baron Fava on the Retired List.

Rome, April 19.—Yesterday King Victor Emmanuel signed the royal decrees placing Baron Fava, late Italian ambassador to the United States on the retired list and appointing Marquis Carbonara di Malaspina his successor at Washington.

Sentences Commuted.

Havana, April 19.—Gov. Wood, in accordance with the public sentiment, has commuted the sentences of two Cubans, Dumar and Sosa, of Matanzas, from death by the garrote to imprisonment for life.

Death of Commander Allibone.

Washington, April 19.—News has been received at the war department of the death of Commander Charles O. Allibone, commanding the gunboat Wilmington, at Cavite, yesterday afternoon, from heart failure. He entered the service in July, 1863.

Death of Elias C. Atkins.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 19.—Elias C. Atkins, head of the Atkins Saw Co., died at his home here, yesterday, aged 65 years. He leaves a large estate. He is survived by a wife and six children.

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OTHER NOTABLE CURES.

A Husband Escaped the Pangs of Catarrh of the Lungs.

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