

Rain and colder tonight.
Tomorrow rain.

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ICE-LADEN FLOOD SWEEPS LOWLANDS IN MANY PLACES

Parts of Pittsburg and Allegheny City Inundated.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE

Buffalo and Wilkesbarre Also Suffer From the Enraged Waters.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 20.—An ice-laden torrent is this morning rushing down the Allegheny river and during the day will inundate the lowlands of the valley and of Pittsburg and Allegheny City with a flood stage of 28 to 30 feet. The crest of the flood will have passed before nightfall.

Ample warnings were sent out and business interests likely to become affected are now, so far as is possible, protected and prepared. There will be only a slight rise in the Monongahela river. A number of mills and factories located on the banks of the Allegheny river in Pittsburg and points above, have closed down and many hundreds of men have been temporarily idle.

There is much heavy ice on the crest of the flood and this has done some damage to bridge piers and exposed property. The many ice bergs which have choked the channels of the river and its tributaries, since early in December, have all been released by rain and thaw and are afloat. In the smaller streams, much damage to property has occurred, but no loss of life has been reported.

At Sixth Street Bridge. At 10 o'clock this morning the marks at the Sixth street bridge, Pittsburg, show 5.2 feet, and rising at the rate of 4 inches an hour. The Government weather bureau expects the flood to reach, possibly, 28 1/2 feet at this bridge before nightfall.

In Allegheny the side streets leading to the river from Johnson street, in the first ward, were flooded between 8 and 9 this morning. The cellars of all houses for wide area were filled with water, and nearly all families in the district bounded by Darrah, Corry, Craig, and Kilbuck streets had moved their belongings to the second floors or had abandoned their homes.

Tracks Under Water. The tracks of the Pittsburg and Western railway, and the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh railway at 10 o'clock were under several feet of water, and all trains on these railroads are using the tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio railway into Pittsburg. At some points up the river, late reports received, indicate that the rise is now much slower than during the night. At Freeport, the Allegheny shows a rise of two inches per hour. At points above Freeport the rise is smaller.

Susquehanna Is Rising Three Inches Each Hour

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 20.—The Susquehanna river at this point reached the 19-foot gauge at 9 o'clock this morning, and is rising steadily at the rate of three inches an hour. The lowlands are becoming inundated and families, living in the flood district are becoming alarmed and are preparing to leave their homes. The water must go up six feet more before traffic with the west side towns is cut off, but it is not believed that the water will reach the danger line this year.

South Buffalo Like Lake; Tracks Are Carried Away

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 20.—South Buffalo resembled a lake this morning. A territory several miles square was inundated, but a drop in the temperature checked the size of the water. Much damage, however, resulted; cellars were filled and street cars were blocked. Many persons in the flooded district used skills to go to church or from house to house yesterday. The boats are still in use, but unless a thaw occurs during the day the worst of the flood is ended.

Casnovia Creek has gone on a rampage, and considerable damage is reported.

The Buffalo and Hamburg railway was put out of business yesterday, and more than two miles of its track was uprooted and carried away. The steel bridge of this company, which crosses Casnovia creek, was torn from its fastenings and wrecked.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Conditions are unsettled throughout the country, with low pressure, except from the upper Mississippi valley eastward, where high pressure prevails, with low temperature.

It will be colder tonight in the Ohio valley, Middle Atlantic and Interior of the East Gulf States, and colder Tuesday in the South Atlantic States.

TEMPERATURE.
9 a. m. 56
12 Noon 57
1 p. m. 57
2 p. m. 57

DOWNTOWN TEMPERATURE.
(Registered Affleck's Standard Thermometer.)
9 a. m. 64
12 Noon 65
1 p. m. 65
2 p. m. 64

THE SUN.
Sun sets today 6:11
Sun rises tomorrow 6:04

TIDE TABLE.
Low tide today 1:45 p. m.
High tide today 7:42 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow 2:25 a. m., 2:41 p. m.
High tide tomorrow 8:11 a. m., 8:24 p. m.

DISEASE AND SHOT KILLING OFF MEN IN RUSSIAN ARMY

Tremendous Mortality Rate Among Soldiers at the Front.

5,000 DEAD AT HARBIN

One Week's Record—Horrible Conditions at Railway Stations.

PARIS, March 20.—The Petit Journal has received a dispatch from St. Petersburg which says that the death rate among the Russians at the front is very heavy.

Five thousand men died at Harbin last week from disease or as the result of the wounds received in battle. The conditions there are reported as being horrible in the extreme. Most of the railroad cars and trucks upon which the wounded are brought in are left on sidings near the station without the injured soldiers being removed.

The result of this can be easily imagined. The station has become a combined hospital and refuse heap, from which a horrible stench is emitted.

Some of the figures given place the number of wounded and sick Russians in Harbin at 70,000.

Chinese Punished For Killing Japanese

HONGKONG, March 20.—The tao tai, who has just returned from Swatow, which he went to settle the Swatow affair, in which a number of Japanese were murdered, says in an interview that the two ringleaders had been executed.

Other participants in the crime had been punished, and two mandarins had been degraded. The Chinese Railway Company had paid the Japanese contractor \$25,000 compensation.

The tao tai fined the three clans responsible for the murders \$20,000, from which he paid the company \$10,000 and the remainder smaller amounts. Forty-two hundred dollars was devoted to teaching English at Chauchowfu. The tao tai also compelled the company to employ English.

The responsible officers have promulgated regulations for the prevention of future trouble.

Japanese Have Lost Torpedo-Boat Destroyer

LONDON, March 20.—A dispatch to the Telegraph from Yokohama says that the Japanese lost a torpedo-boat destroyer during a storm off the Indo-China coast.

It adds that the first-class cruisers that are being built at Kure will be the finest in the world. One will be completed in September. It will have the heaviest armament of any cruiser afloat. A new destroyer will be launched on Monday.

Czar Prays Much; Wears a Crucifix

BERLIN, March 20.—The newspaper Die Welt says that the Czar is suffering from a form of religious mania.

He spends two hours every day praying in the palace chapel.

He telegraphed to Father John, of Kronstadt, recently to compose special prayers for a Russian victory and likewise for the repression of the revolutionary movement.

He sent a similar telegram to the archbishop of Moscow.

He wears a crucifix on his breast continually as a protection against assassination.

Warsaw Workmen Oppose Mobilization

WARSAW, March 20.—The expectation of mobilization orders, which, however, have not yet appeared, is intensely exciting the working classes, who, it is alleged, are determined violently to oppose them.

Seditious pamphlets urging the workers to prepare for the struggle are constantly appearing.

Synagogue at Moscow Opened and Reconsecrated

MOSCOW, March 20.—The great Synagogue, which the Grand Duke Sergius forcibly closed fourteen years ago, has been reopened and was reconsecrated with a thanksgiving service.

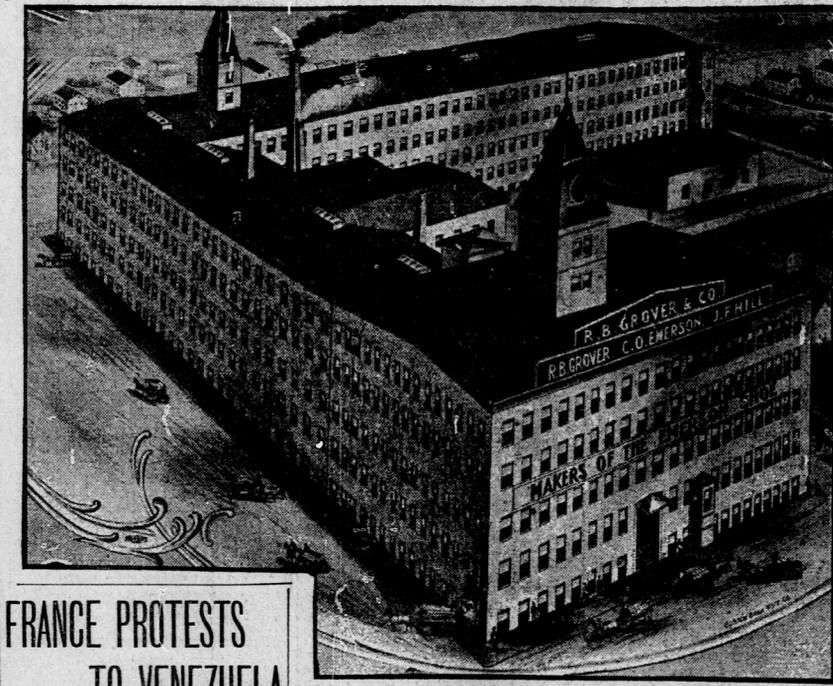
Pope Works for Peace; Czar Holds Up Contracts

LIVERPOOL, March 20.—The Post states that it has learned on the authority of a prominent member of the Vatican that the Pope is seeking to influence European diplomacy in favor of mediation in the present war in the Far East.

He has communicated directly with certain rulers including the Kaiser and King Edward and has also sent a friendly letter to dignitaries of the Greek Church expressing the hope that peace will be declared soon.

PHILMINGHAM, England, March 20.—The Post says Russia has given instructions to the German and other continental war contractors postponing for the moment extinguishing an incipient conflagration.

SCENE OF HORRIBLE HOLOCAUST



SHOE FACTORY AT BROCKTON NOW IN RUINS.

The boiler exploded under the long wing of the plant; that part of the building immediately collapsed, burying in the ruins from 200 to 300 of the women and girls employed there, and from 50 to 75 lost their lives.

FRANCE PROTESTS TO VENEZUELA

Minister Bowen Advises the State Department.

CRUISERS SENT TO SCENE

President to Confer With Jusserand. Situation Not Yet Acute Enough for Force.

The State Department today received further dispatches from Minister Bowen at Caracas with regard to the critical situation there over the seizure of the French Cable Company's cables and the annulment of the Italian Mining Company's mining contracts.

Minister Bowen is reported to have cabled that the French government has placed the two French cruisers, Duplex and Jules de Gaviere at his disposal in case of need.

Protest Is Filed. Minister Bowen, in another dispatch, has informed the State Department by cable that the French minister has addressed a communication to the Venezuelan government concerning the suit brought against the French Cable Company.

This is a protest against the Venezuelan action, which, if successful, would result in the nullification of its concessions and seizure of its property in Venezuela, and that if French diplomacy fails "other measures" may be taken.

It will be determined, probably, on Wednesday whether the disputes of the United States and France with the South American countries shall be forced to settlement immediately by means of warships, if necessary, or whether further diplomatic efforts shall be made.

No Force Yet. The opinion prevails in Administration circles that the latter course will be adopted.

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WOULD CORRECT NAME OF CORRECTIONVILLE

SIoux CITY, Iowa, March 20.—The town of Correctionville, Woodbury county, is willing to correct its name for \$39,000.

Having long believed that its name was too long, Correctionville has been periodically debating the correction idea.

Comes now Mrs. Anna Cushing, whose husband was once lieutenant governor of Massachusetts, and says her husband's will left \$39,000 to be given to any town of 1,000 or more that would change its name to Cushing.

This struck Correctionville as the correct system, and correspondence, based on newspaper items, has resulted. It appears that the story is true, and the town is likely soon to vote on the question of adopting the new name.

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CITIZENS THANK FIREMEN FOR GOOD WORK DONE

The first clue led the searchers to Eighth street southeast, between Pennsylvania avenue and Virginia avenue. The Maltese Cross was hidden behind a billboard on the west side of the street, near G street.

The search began shortly after midnight. Several people began to look for the Maltese Cross, and by 5 o'clock there were a dozen or more persons

MALTESE CROSS IS FOUND BY A BOY

Russell Lemar, Who Is Thirteen Years Old, Finds \$25 on Eighth Street Southeast. Search Near Treasury.

Russell Lemar, a thirteen-year-old schoolboy, living at 108 M street southeast, found an envelope marked with a Maltese cross and containing an order on The Times for \$25, hidden behind a billboard on the west side of Eighth street, near G southeast, at about 7:30 o'clock this morning. He found the envelope by following the first clue given in story of the Maltese Cross published in The Sunday Times.

WHERE SECOND LIES HIDDEN.

Somewhere on Fifteenth street between the broken ends of Pennsylvania avenue is hidden a second envelope containing a money order on the Times. Whoever finds it gets the money.

A third envelope marked with a Maltese Cross will be in hiding at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The clue to the place in which it will be hidden is contained in the following extract from the Maltese Cross.

"You have disregarded our first request. Do not make the same mistake a second time. If you will come to that part of an avenue named for the State first settled by fugitives from other American colonies, which lies between a creek named for a Western State and a Virginia avenue had been searched by eager eyes. Among the seekers were many women and until 10 o'clock this morning they kept up the attempt to locate the big white envelope.

Two girls came down to Eighth street this morning about 9 o'clock, and started to relate the salacious news in three different directions. This guide proving a failure, they set off down the street with the determination to look "everywhere."

It was not until the sharp eyes of Russell Lemar observed a peculiar crack in a billboard and followed it up with a stick that the coveted envelope was found. He had been searching for the Maltese Cross about twenty minutes in company with a man who found one of the Black Arrows hidden by The Times.

As soon as he had pocketed the envelope Russell Lemar set out for The Times office, where he cashed the enclosed order for \$25. He says he is going to put the money in the bank. He is thirteen years old, and when he is not at school sells newspapers.

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BOILER BURSTS; FACTORY FALLS; FIFTY VICTIMS

Three Floors of Emerson Shoe Factory, Crowded With Employes, Collapse. Fifty to Seventy-five Perish.

WORKERS WHO LOST LIVES MOSTLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Anguished Cries of Roasting Sufferers Carry Over Half a Mile---Flames Drive Rescuers Away---Dwellings Destroyed.

BROCKTON, Mass., March 20.—A appalling loss of life under horrifying conditions is recorded as the result of a boiler explosion at the factory of R. B. Grover & Co., makers of the Emerson shoe.

It is estimated that from fifty to seventy-five persons have lost their lives.

The entire west half of the factory was razed to the ground, being blown toward Calmar and Denton streets. In the burning wreckage were from 200 to 300 of the 400 people at work in the factory.

The explosion occurred at 7:50 a. m. Fire broke out immediately. A few minutes after the ruins were a mass of flames and smoke.

The front of the factory, left standing by the explosion, immediately caught fire, driving out the rescuers from that part and making haste essential for their escape.

An hour after the catastrophe the large four-story factory was a blazing ruin with fallen walls. The Dahlberg block, Calmar and Main streets, the old Drake Tavern building next to it on Main street, and seven houses on Denton street and in that vicinity were blazing. The Churchill & Alden shoe factory, on the opposite side of Main street, was also on fire.

The fire was under control about 10:30 o'clock. Raking over the ruins for the dead began at noon. Eighteen bodies have been taken therefrom thus far.

SHRIEKS HEARD HALF MILE AWAY. The cries and shrieks of those pinned in the fallen ruins and held down by the beams and timbers was heart-rending. Such a scene and such horror was never known in Brockton before.

The shrieks could be heard resounding nearly a half mile distant. Then the flames and smoke enveloped the victims of the explosion and the cries were hushed.

The factory had been cut in two by the explosion near its center, and the four-story part that settled to the ground was the west part of the factory on Calmar street and that part running along Denton street at the rear.

The walls of this part of the factory were crushed like an eggshell. The entire structure careened away toward the streets and fell to the ground on the Denton street side and to the second floor on Calmar street.

On the fourth floor was the stitching room and the gang room. Those in the lower floors are thought to have suffered the most loss. Many girls and women in the upper floors were gotten out through windows and beneath broken beams while they made their way out.

Others were caught by the falling timber and could not get out. Many of these were seen by the rescuers who, unable to do a thing, had to abandon them to their fate.

Pinned in the Wreck. The rescuers say there were many whom they saw in the collapsed factory that were pinned beneath beams or among the machinery and were unable to get out.

Others whom willing hands would remove from danger could not be moved because of some beam that held them. Then the flames came and the rescuers were driven off, while the cries of the pinned people were silenced in death.

There are many who made their way out of the wreck.

One man said there were a large number of girls from the stitching room, who were gotten out or were able to crawl out of the wreckage. Another saw men crawling through the window frames to safety.

Caught Under Machine. One man was under his machine when a comrade rushed to get him out. He seized him by the arm to drag him forth. A burst of flames and a cloud of smoke compelled him to let go and stagger to a window. He unrolled himself out and his own leg was broken in the fall.

Another man tried to get a woman across a room to the windows, while smoke and fire poured about him. He was compelled to abandon her and jump from the window, injuring himself terribly.

Caring for the Injured. The injured have been taken to neighboring houses. They are being cared for by physicians.

All doctors in town have been called to the scene or to the hospitals. The ambulance service is busy and hacks are being rushed from the stables to carry away the injured.

One doctor who came away from the scene of the accident and went to a hospital to work, said the accident was the worst in all his experience and that the injuries to many of the survivors were among the most horrible he had ever seen.

Boiler Flies Through Air. The boiler which did the damage was located in the small brick boiler house in the angle of the factory which runs along Calmar and Denton streets. When it blew up the big tubular engine of destruction was launched through the air toward the northwest.

It crashed through the rear part of the roof of the cottage house of Engineer W. J. Boyden, thirty feet away and

landed head on against the cottage of Mrs. Hannah P. Hood, 74 Denton street, just beyond. It landed fully 100 yards distant from the boiler house.

The side of the Hood cottage was crushed in by the immense mass of steel. With bottom ripped out, and tubes of the inside showing, the boiler lies against the Hood cottage.

Timbers were current that people were killed in the Rockwell and Hood houses during the flight of the boiler. These could not be substantiated.

Rockwell's house was badly wrecked in the upper part. The Hood cottage had the whole south side crushed in. Mrs. Hood, who was in the house at the time, is in feeble health, and was removed to a neighbor's next door. She was unhurt, but was considerably shaken up by the occurrence.

Estimated Damage. The total loss, including the Grover factory and its contents which were insured, the three-story Dahlberg block, the old Tavern business block, both of wood, and the seven dwelling houses were damaged or destroyed by fire, making a fire loss conservatively estimated at about \$50,000.

The occupants of Dahlberg block are: C. P. Dahlberg & Co. hardware and undertakers; W. C. Keith, sign and story; Mrs. Hilda Morling, and family; smoking room of John Erickson Lodge, 5 of E. Third floor, hail of Swedish Bethany Church.

Grocer Lost His Home After Rescuing Wife. August Burgess, a grocer at 29 Calmar street, in the rear of the factory, whose house at the corner of Calmar and Denton streets, stands at the rear and facing the collapsed part of the factory and which was burned, said:

"The shock of the explosion shook me all up. The first thing I knew everything was gone. Oh, it was terrible. My house caught fire. My wife has been sick a long time and we had hard work to get her out, the flames came so quick."

"It is all gone. I saved nothing."

Never Will Forget Cries of Victims. George W. Avery, a decorator, was going to his breakfast in the lola lunch room. He was on Main street, opposite the factory, when the shock of the explosion came.

"I was in front of the factory," he said, "when the explosion came. The whole building except the front part was blown outward and settled to the ground."

"I tried to help others get the people out. We got out ten or twelve people. Then the flames and smoke poured out all over the building and drove us back, blinding us and making it impossible to do more. The heat was terrific."

"I pulled one woman out who was all cut up by physicians."

"We did all we could. Smoke drove us away. We could do no more."

"The shrieks and the cries! I shall never forget them."

Rescuers Were Unable To Succor the Dying. "It was horrible," said City Marshal W. J. Boyden, one of the first to arrive after the fire alarm was sounded.

"We were among the first to arrive on the scene. We did all we could to rescue the people."

"There were many we could not get out. They were pinned down and could not get out."

"I saw the wife of John L. Anders, the master mechanic at the George E. Keith Company. Her body was cut in two there in the ruins."

"We could do nothing. One man we dragged from the ruins, wrenching his leg and tearing his clothing from him in the effort."

"Then the flames seemed to shoot from