

YOUNG TINKER

The Wheeling Boy Who Fought in the Battle of Manila as a Member of Astor Battery

Returns to This City, His Father Having Secured His Furlough for a Few Days - He Describes Experiences in the Philippines - The Natives are Quick to Learn - Annoying Experience at Cleveland.

The honor of having been a member of the famous Astor battery, which fought so nobly in the battle of Manila, is one that can be boasted of by only one Wheeling boy and his name is Geo. K. Tinker, son of H. G. Tinker, of the Island; and his friends in the city will learn with pleasure that he returned home Sunday night, well and hearty, with not even a scratch, although he was in the thick of the fight around Manila.

Mr. Tinker was seen yesterday and talked entertainingly of his experience in the Philippines. He recounted the famous battle and its result, how the battery preceded the infantry and poured death and destruction into the ranks of the Spanish forces and finally caused them to capitulate. The battery lost a large number of men, greater in proportion, in fact, than the Rough Riders sustained in their Cuban campaign.

Speaking of the country and its people Mr. Tinker says the treatment accorded the Americans is very cordial, probably forced owing to the fact that Admiral Dewey's guns are so formidable and have taught such a never-to-be-forgotten lesson that the natives know nothing but the greatest civility when they meet or address one of Uncle Sam's boys.

The natives are described as indolent and careless, but at the same time possess an aptitude for learning that is not common among the inhabitants of most tropical countries. The feeling has grown for independence, but it is being fostered by ambitious leaders who are not capable to handle the natives, and it is doubtful even should this country grant their desires at once the Agulnaldo would be given the power to wear the "three-eyed peacock feather."

So far as Mr. Tinker observed or heard, there were no uprisings to speak of. The only thing of the kind mentioned was that at Manila, which is five hundred miles distant, and the reports he heard were even more meagre than the Associated Press dispatches in the American papers. The city of Manila, as described by Mr. Tinker, is one of the oldest type, with narrow streets and buildings such as we used to see in the school geographies. Oriental sports are the fad, and it keeps the boys in blue busy trying to learn new games as well as the native and Spanish languages.

When Astor's battery was ordered home the members were ordered to every soldier in camp and many were the messages sent by the boys to their loved ones at home. They are all anxious to get back home and rumors of all kinds are afloat regarding just how long the several regiments are looked to stay there. The Astor battery was ordered back to New York and by request Mr. Tinker was granted permission to leave the command at Cleveland for a few days' visit at his home in this city. The battery will remain in New York until it is mustered out of the service, which is expected to take place before this week has passed.

Mr. Tinker's rather annoying experience at Cleveland, where he met his son, is thus told in the Cleveland Leader. After the train bearing the Astor battery left the depot and had been on its way toward New York for some time, an elderly gentleman rushed down the stairs of the Union passenger station with a look of anxiety on his face. He hastened to the gate and asked whether the train bearing the Astor battery had arrived. The gate man told him that the train was some. The gentleman showed that he was greatly disappointed by the news.

He was H. G. Tinker, general sales agent for the Wheeling Iron and Steel company, of Wheeling. He had planned a pleasant surprise for his son, who is in the battery, and whom he had not seen for many months. Hearing that his son would pass through Cleveland on his way from Manila he procured permission from the government for his son to leave the battery at Cleveland and to accompany his father home. Mr. Tinker came to Cleveland Friday and stopped at the Colonial hotel.

The train bearing the battery changed its time schedule and in that manner Mr. Tinker missed his son, and the surprise was nearly spoiled. A telegram was sent to Ashtabula, and the young man returned on the next train to Cleveland, where he was met by his father at the depot. They would have also missed the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling train for Wheeling, in the afternoon had it not been held by the railroad officials until the arrival of the soldier.

THE COAL STRIKE ENDS And the Miners Yield to the Demands of the Company. The strike at the mine of the Wheeling Iron and Steel company, in Benwood, which was exclusively chronicled in the Intelligencer last week, has come to its conclusion, the miners yielding to the demands of the company. The strike was in sympathy, the men objecting to the discharge of two miners, Louis Bowman and John Jenkins, by the superintendent, Soule Riddle. At a meeting in Cummins' hall, in Benwood, yesterday afternoon, the miners decided to return to work. Superintendent Riddle stated last night that the mine would probably resume to-morrow morning. It does not resume to-day for the reason that the company has received a large supply of coal from outside mines for use in the puddling furnaces, which will be used before the mine resumes.

Mrs. George's Trial. CANTON, Ohio, Jan. 23.—Mrs. Anna E. George was taken into court to-day for arraignment on the indictment for the murder of George D. Saxton. Attorneys John C. Welby and James S. Sterling, who have represented her without due authority from court, up to this time, were assigned to defend her. They objected to arraignment at this time, claiming there were features of the indictment they wanted to bring to light before allowing their client to recognize it by pleading to it. A continuance was granted, no date being set.

New York's Poison Mystery. NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The final report of William J. Kinsey, the handwriting expert in the Adams-Barnett-Cornish poisoning case, has been made to the police. The report shows conclusively that the person who wrote the request for a sample bottle of Kuntz powder also wrote the address on the package of cyanide of mercury sent to Harry Cornish as bromo-seltzer. Captain McCluskey and his entire staff of detectives are now trying to have this person identified.

IN THE OIL FIELDS.

Southwest operators have been very much interested in the efforts made to extend the Seio field during the past week, says "D. S. W." in his weekly oil review. Up to this time nothing had been discovered to show a probable limitation to the area of producing territory in any direction. Operations for the first two months had been confined to town lots, but the success that followed was such as to encourage operators to push ahead. The most important of half a dozen wildcats started at almost every point of the compass from the cluster of wells in the town was the one on the Amos farm, located nearly a mile northeast of developments. Reports were, and are still, conflicting as to the actual status of this well. The owners claim, and it is the opinion of some well operators, claiming to have inside information, that the well has been drilled through the sand and is a duster. In that event an extension beyond this location on a 45-degree northeast line, does not seem probable. Accepting the general report that this well is dry it still leaves the Seio field with a remarkable record. Some thirty paying producing wells had been drilled in before a duster had been encountered.

The efforts to extend the producing territory to the northwest and southwest have met with better success. In the former direction the two wells on the McLandsborough farm, a mile northwest of the town, show that at these locations the sand holds enough oil to make profitable wells. To the southwest, in the M. E. McLandsborough farm, is a fair well, and still further in this direction a test well was drilled on the John McLandsborough farm, that is reported showing for a fair well, but has developed more than the usual amount of salt water. Up to the present time nothing is known of the territory to the east, southeast or west.

The wells completed maintain an average of forty barrels a day, and have an aggregate daily output of about 1,400 barrels. These estimates are substantiated by the pipe line runs from the field. The end of the present month as compared with December will show that operations have more than doubled in the Seio field.

During the week the first sale of Seio producing property was recorded and gave rise to no little discussion. The purchase included the holdings of the Seio Oil and Gas company, and was based largely on prospective rather than past developments. There are but three producing wells on the property, and the total production less than sixty barrels a day. There is something like 1,500 acres under lease, and the acreage held was \$100,000, so it can readily be seen that the leases were the main thing considered in the purchase and not the producing wells. The element of speculation entered largely into the transaction, and from that point of view the purchase was a good one for the investors.

From the surroundings as developed it does not require a stretch of the imagination to be carried to the fact that the purchased territory looks as good as anything developed up to this time. What will be the estimated value of settled production in the Seio field yet to be determined. The production of a well when drilled in and what it will produce at the end of six months has been demonstrated in two instances only. The Seio company's first test, drilled in last summer, started at twenty barrels a day and is now doing ten barrels. The same company's second venture, a month later, started at forty barrels and is now making twenty barrels a day. The wells on town lots can scarcely hope for so good a record, for the deposit of oil in the rock will be exhausted much sooner than when there was a large area to draw from.

Opinions differ as to what should be the production of a Seio well to constitute a paying producer, when properly protected. The cost of drilling, the staying qualities of the territory and the cost of operating the wells after completion are the main factors to be considered. When large bonus has been paid, as has been the case in a few instances, it must also be taken into account. Based on the average market price, 9 1/2 cents, for the past year it would look as though a well that starts at ten barrels a day in the Seio field might properly be regarded as a paying investment. It is shallow territory and with the modern appliances for coupling up and making it possible for one or two men to pump almost any number of wells, operating the wells can be reduced to the minimum.

A practical operator gave it as his opinion that the cost of drilling could be greatly reduced by introducing the new drilling machine now used with great success in the shallow sand territory in West Virginia. The grasshopper rig could be substituted for the regular rig, which would be a saving of not less than \$400, no inconsiderable sum, on each well drilled. The lower southwest fields are not springing any new surprises. No new pools have been discovered and some of the older developments in which there has been considerable activity show a falling off in operations. This is true of the Riddle, Ridd, and the district in Ritchie county, and the shallow sand territory in Pleasants county.

Northeast of Elk Fork there is a slight increase in operations and the Piney Fork and Stringtown deep sand territory show a large increase in completed work. The South Penn Oil company made another of its prominent strikes in the S. J. Harvey farm, on the east side of the Flat Run extension in Monongalia county.

The gauges of the wells in the Seio field Saturday morning, in the aggregate, showed very little change from the report of the previous day. The list is herewith appended: Seio Oil and Gas company, Henry, 10 barrels; No. 1, Donaldson, 25 barrels; Albenberg Oil company, Strayer, 45 barrels; Fowler No. 1 and 2, 25 and 25 barrels, respectively; Laughridge, 50 barrels; Kearns, 60 barrels; Rev. Cook, 45 barrels; Dr. Cook, 45 barrels; Lytle, 10 barrels; Caldwell & Boyer, Carter, 35 barrels; Moore, 40 barrels; Ford, 35 barrels, and Mincks, 45 barrels; Wilcox & Reynolds, Farrell, 50 barrels; Kennedy & Kingsburg, Ramsey, 30 barrels; and Casper, 10 barrels; Melton & Co., Sergeant, 100 barrels; C. Melton, Butcher, 70 barrels; Nichols & Holdings, Knauff, 20 barrels; Thompson & Diebold, Smith, 60 barrels; Russell Bros., Smith, 70 barrels, and Davis, 50 barrels; Jennings & Co., Kennedy, 45 barrels; Jolly, 20 barrels; Custer, 60 barrels; No. 2, 20 barrels; and Hecker, 60 barrels; C. V. O. & G., Collier, 75 barrels; Leonote, Bruner & Co., Scott, 25 barrels, and Scott, Rowley & Co., Laughridge, 76 barrels.

Peoria's Death Prophet. PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 23.—Peoria's death prophet, Peter Goodman, who created so much excitement last week in predicting the death of Israel Block, visited William Faenger, who is sick with grip. A number of Faenger's friends were present, several of whom were included in his death list. His entrance created a stir among the friends of the sick man, and when he began to speak one of the operators, the date of whose death is fixed for June 15, and whose child died on the date fixed, nearly fainted.

Some of the most notable of the party, after a moment's pause, broke the spell by falling upon the prophet, beating him and thrusting him out into the street, but his influence remained behind him, consequently there is a good deal of anxiety among those who were present.

"TINKER" safe to be a day without Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the house. Never can tell what moment an accident is going to happen.

NOT DISPOSED OF

Is the Rumor that the Wheeling & Lake Erie will be

BOUGHT UP BY THE B. & O.

The Advantages that Would Come to the Trunk Line out of Such a Deal are so Generally Recognized that its Consummation Shortly Would Not Surprise the Public - The Road to be Sold at Toledo on Feb. 7.

The rumors that the Wheeling & Lake Erie would probably be acquired by the Baltimore & Ohio, in order that the latter's western outlet from Pittsburgh to Chicago might be made independent of the Pittsburgh & Western, will not down, although they have been repeatedly discouraged—though never absolutely denied—by the officials of both roads. At New York, there is a boom in Wheeling & Lake Erie stocks, and this is ascribed partially to the probability that the road may be acquired by the Baltimore & Ohio, and thus become a part of one of the great trunk lines in the country.

The Wheeling & Lake Erie will go to a sale at Toledo on February 7, and it will be bought up, it is said, by the reorganization committee interest. If the Baltimore & Ohio acquires the road, it will be after the reorganization. The sale will be under foreclosure of the consolidated mortgage and subject to the underlying mortgages, namely, the Lake Erie division, Wheeling division and extension and improvement mortgages. These three mortgages being left undisturbed, and the old consols being exchanged for preferred stock, the fixed interest charge of the new company will be only \$300,000 per annum. The receivers it is stated, have expended about \$1,000,000 for improvements including thirty-one miles of new side track spurs, etc., and have about \$150,000 still to pay out, making \$1,250,000 in all.

THE RAILROADS.

Earnings of American railroads continue to show increases over corresponding periods of last year, and twelve months ago they were considered phenomenal. Increases, as compared with a year ago, therefore, indicate remarkably good business for the common carriers, better, in fact, than they ever before have enjoyed.

Another evidence of unusually good business is the constant great demand for the receivers, which many of the roads, both of the east and the west, have difficulty in meeting. There are no "car famines," but the traffic offered is taxing the equipment of all the roads to the utmost. It was expected that the great rush would be over with the holidays, but so far there has been no evidence even of a decrease.

What is even more remarkable is the fact that all freight, which is moving now in solid air full tariff rates. Since the first of the year no evidence of a cut freight rate has developed among the eastern lines. The lines of the west had a meeting in Chicago Friday to consider the situation, and it is reported that the closest investigation failed to bring to light a single instance of demoralization. It is the opinion of the freight men, too, that this condition will continue, and that any agreements, no traffic associations with power, no artificial barriers to free competition. The very fact that they may not raise these barriers is making the railroads extremely conservative and this fact is relied upon to prevent secret reductions. All in all the situation is considered better than it has been for years.

Eastbound Chicago Shipments.

Eastbound shipments from Chicago last week amounted to 131,726 tons, against 141,031 tons for the previous week. The Pan-Handle led with 24,470 tons. The Michigan Central carried 12,567; Wabash, 7,919; Lake Shore, 19,683; Wabash, 29,409; Baltimore & Ohio, 9,355; Grand Trunk, 15,587; Erie, 12,704; Erie, 10,522; Big Four, 2,148.

HAWAIIAN HEATHENISM.

Report of a Representative of American Board of Missions. BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 23.—The American board of missions for foreign missions has just received an interesting report on the present condition of the Hawaiian Islands.

The report is from Rev. J. Leaningham. After stating that intoxication is ruining scores and hundreds of the natives, Dr. Leaningham says: "Heathenism also is a foe which Christianity must encounter here. Besides the lingering remnants of Hawaiian heathenism is that which is imported from China and Japan. Shinto and Buddhist priests are active in the support of their faith among the Japanese laborers in some places in the islands. On a recent trip to the island of Hawaii, Mr. Leaningham saw an attack on the road a building, in front of which were some peculiarly shaped banners, attached to tall poles. A pathway leading up to the building had been cut through the steep bank by the roadside, and the banks on either side of this pathway were stuck full of short pieces of bamboo, attached to which were strips of paper, covered with Japanese characters. The building was a Shinto shrine, and the strips of paper on the sides of the pathway were prayers. Here was real heathenism from Japan.

There was no uncommon sight to see a hawk loaded with Chinamen, and having with them a newly roasted pig, on the way to the cemetery to pay their homage to their dead ancestors.

Died While Captizing.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 23.—Rev. David Ester, a German Baptist minister of East Hanover township, aged 71 years, died yesterday in Manada creek while baptizing his flock by immersion in the water. He preached at Hanoverdale yesterday morning and immediately after the sermon accompanied the congregation to Casse's mill, on the Manada creek. He had baptized nine persons and the tenth was his niece. As he was in the act of immersing her the second time he fell into the water and was taken out a corpse. His trouble is said to be the cause of death.

Miners Demands.

MASSILLON, Ohio, Jan. 23.—President William Morgan, of the Massillon District Miners' Union, has returned from a recent trip to the coal fields. In an interview to-day he said that the operators' extraordinary demands counteracted the expected demands from the miners. He believes that the settlement will be on an advance of five cents a ton, granting the run of the mine system and a continuance of the eight-hour day.

"STARTED WITH A COLD."

So Says one of the Greatest of American Physicians and he Proves What he Says.

"It is surprising what mistakes even some of the best people in the world make." The speaker was one of the greatest doctors the world has ever known, and he resides in New York. "Take for example one of the most common things in the world, namely, a cold. People speak of 'taking cold,' there is really no such thing. "A cold is a symptom—an effect, not a cause. Did you ever know an absolutely well and healthy person who took cold? I never have, even under the greatest exposure. Yes, indeed, a cold is a symptom, not a cause."

The gentlemen and ladies to whom the doctor was speaking exchanged looks of astonishment, but they did not dispute the words of the learned doctor. "You may be surprised," he continued, "when I tell you that nine-tenths of all colds occur because these great organs of the body, the kidneys, are out of order."

"More men and women are troubled with imperfect kidneys than with any other known form of disease. The unfortunate thing about it is that they do not know that this is their trouble. "Why? Because at first, the derangements and diseases of the kidneys which come to both men and women are usually without any pain; in fact, without any systems whatever, and this proves just what I said at first, namely, that 'a cold is a symptom.'"

"There was a look of amazement upon the faces of his hearers. "Indeed," continued the doctor, most deliberately and earnestly, "I assert that the only which has been so disastrous, which has brought so much trouble into the world, would never have had its run if the kidneys of those who had suffered from it had been in perfect condition. These great organs, if unclogged, would have thrown the disease from the system so that the grip would have been unknown."

"Now there is but one great discovery for the prevention and cure of all kidney difficulties—that grand remedy, Warner's Safe Cure. No class of people know or realize this better than the medical profession, and no class is more ready to acknowledge it. "Take my word, anyone who is careful upon the first approach of a cold or grip and goes right to the seat of all colds—the kidneys—will not suffer long from a cold; will not be oppressed by the grip and need have no fear of pneumonia, because the kidneys, unclogged, will open up the system and throw the germs of disease out of the body. You can depend upon this."

NIAGARA'S ICE BRIDGE

Collapses and a Number of People Made Narrow Escapes. NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Jan. 23.—While nearly one hundred persons were on the great ice bridge in the gorge of the Niagara river, the icy mass was broken loose from the banks at either end. There were thousands of Sunday sight-seers in the parks and upon the upper steel arch, enjoying the beauty of the crystal-like structure. They heard the cracking of the ice and saw the great mass as it was moved by the swift current of the river and hundreds shouted warning to those on the bridge. Some of these venturesome persons had only come a short distance from the river bank, while others were out in the center of the bridge and were crossing the river. Those near the end soon found safety, but further out toward the center there were a number of small boys. Before they were fairly started for the shore, the great bridge was loosened from its fastenings. Then it became a race for life, but the youngsters, amid wild shouts, finally reached the shore.

It was then seen that all except three persons had reached places of safety. One was a man not far from the New York side. The others were a man and a woman who were fleeing across the ice toward the Canadian side. The man near the New York shore kept his courage well. His eyes were directed toward the steel arch under which he would pass if the ice continued to move down the river. Onward it went, and just as he reached the bridge he caught the arch as it rises not far from the abutment. The man and woman reached the Canadian shore.

The ice is piled in a great mass about the abutments of the upper steel arch and it is rumored that the structure has been injured, but this cannot be verified. The steamer docks on each side of the river have been wrecked and the ice has piled up close to the inclined railway building in the gorge so that it is in danger.

National Manufacturers Association.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 23.—A number of the members of the National Association of Manufacturers are here to-night for their annual convention which begins at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. The headquarters of the officers of the association are at the Grand hotel, where informal conferences were held to-night with the local committee of arrangements. The session to-morrow will be devoted to routine business after the welcoming address by Governor Baskett and Mayor Tafel and the response by President Theodore C. Search. The reports of the officers will be submitted and that of President Search will be referred to different committees. There will be an informal smoker and vaudeville entertainment at the Scottish Rite cathedral. There will be a regular session on Wednesday night for general discussion and a reception and banquet at the Grand hotel on Thursday evening. The visiting manufacturers are invited to an excursion through the manufacturing district of the Miami valley from Cincinnati to Dayton on Friday.

British War Ships Collide.

DEVONPORT, England, Jan. 23.—The British first-class battleship Collingwood, driven by the strong currents, today collided with the British third-class cruiser Curacoa, driving a hole in the cruiser below the water line, sweeping off her boats and damaging a gun sponson. The Curacoa filled rapidly and began to list. A scene of the utmost confusion followed on board, but the influx of water being finally stopped by collision mats and a number of lugs assisted the cruiser into the harbor, where she was docked. The damage to the Collingwood was not serious.

Badger's Bail Increased.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Judge Bookstaver, in the supreme court to-day, increased the bail of Payne Strawn Moore from \$4,000 to \$6,000 on the charge of "badgering" Martin Mahon, and also fixed an additional bond of \$1,500 on the charge of stealing silverware from the Waldorf. Bonds were offered by Joseph N. Campbell and Judge Bookstaver ordered counsel for Mr. Moore and the district attorney to ascertain as to the responsibility of Mr. Campbell.

Joined her Husband.

READING, Pa., Jan. 23.—Mrs. Kate Houch, aged 52 years, cut her throat from ear to ear to-day. She was found dead in the yard. The only cause known was brooding over the death of her husband.

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THE RIVER. YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES. Parkersburg, HEN HUR, 9 a. m. Steubenville, LEROY, 3:30 p. m. Steubenville, T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m. BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY. Cincinnati, KEYSTONE STATE, 8 a. m. Pittsburgh, QUEEN CITY, 5 a. m. Parkersburg, H. K. HELFORD, 21 a. m. Martinsburg, LEXINGTON, 11 a. m. Steubenville, RUTH, 3:30 p. m. Charleston, LEROY, 3:30 p. m. Steubenville, T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m. BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW. Charleston, KANAWHA, 6:30 a. m. Pittsburgh, HEN HUR, 4 p. m. Charleston, LEROY, 3:30 p. m. Steubenville, RUTH, 3:30 p. m. Steubenville, T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

Along the Landing. Captain Ira Huntington, of the steamer Kanawha, is laid up at his home in Gallipolis. He fell down the stairway of his boat about a week ago and sprained his back. Captain William Bay has recovered from the grip. Edward McLaughlin, steward of the Kanawha, has just recovered from an attack of grip. There is a bad wreck in the Ohio river about 150 yards below the dam at Merriman, and it is directly in the channel. It is supposed to be a piece of one of the sunken coalboats that moved out of Merriman. The Virginia took away from Pittsburgh on Saturday the largest trip of freight that has been handled by an Ohio river packet out of Pittsburgh during the past five years.—Chronicle-Telegraph.

Pittsburgh River News. PITTSBURGH, Jan. 23.—Captain C. P. Posey will build a new towboat, and has awarded the contract to A. Axton & Son, of Brownsville. Captain Posey had been endeavoring for some time to buy a towboat, but he could not get one at his figure. The new boat will have the machinery of another boat, but which one is not known at this time. The boat will be similar to those previously owned by Captain Posey. It is said that he will again establish himself in the coal business and he has several friends who have rallied to his support. No coal shipments can be made on account of the wrecks at Merriman, which, steamboatmen say, are the worst ever known on the Ohio. Merriman has the narrowest channel of any place on the river between Pittsburgh and Louisville. The Clifton and Lead-er, which yesterday took flats to New Cumberland and East Liverpool, were compelled to double-trip past the wrecks, and then the flats rubbed, so close the boats had to go in shore. There is much coal in the harbor in barges, but on account of the existing conditions, it cannot be shipped, notwithstanding that there is a barge place on the river. The channel will be clear at Merriman before long. Boats coming up stream do not have much trouble, because empty craft do not draw much water. As rain is predicted there will probably be another rise in the river.

River Telegrams. WARREN—River 2 feet. Weather, clear and mild. OIL CITY—River 2 feet 6 inches and falling. Weather, cloudy and warm. MORGANTOWN—River 8 feet 4 inches and falling. Weather, cloudy and warm. PARKERSBURG—River 11 feet and falling. Weather, cloudy and warm. GREENSBORO—River 8 feet 6 inches and falling. Weather, clear and mild. STEUBENVILLE—River 8 feet 11 inches and falling. Weather, clear and cold. WHEELING—River 9.5 feet and stationary. Clear. POINT PLEASANT—River 14.9 feet and falling. Cloudy. CINCINNATI—River 36.6 feet and falling. Clear. LOUISVILLE—River falling; 11.5 inches in canal; 9 feet 3 inches on flats; 28 feet 8 inches below locks. Cloudy. EVANSVILLE—River 34 feet and falling. Cloudy. CAIRO—River 36.8 feet and falling. Cloudy and warm. MEMPHIS—River 29 feet and rising. Clear.

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