

FLOOD WATERS RECEDE RAPIDLY

Fall of Nine Feet Recorded Since Stage Reached Crest Saturday Forenoon.

MANY HOUSES VACATED

Street Car Traffic Being Adjusted as Fast as Waters Recede From Tracks.

The Tennessee river has begun its downward course and the fall, which began a few hours after the crest was reached Saturday forenoon, has been gradual.

The fall, since the crest was reached, has been 9.7, which the weather bureau pronounces a rapid fall, but to the man whose house was inundated it, no doubt, seemed a rather slow process.

The gauge at 7 a.m. Monday showed a reading of 32.8, two-tenths of a foot below the flood stage of 33 feet. An hour and a half later the gauge read 31.1, a fall of 1.7 in that period.

This rate will be continued until the river reaches twenty-five or twenty-six feet when it will slow up and the fall becomes less rapid.

The weather bureau has two gauges, one on the bridge, which measures forty feet, and one on the bluff, at the foot of Lookout street, which registers sixty feet.

Then, in addition to this, there is an automatic gauge which registers the stage in the office, so the calculation of the rise and falls is as accurate as it is possible to be made.

Sometimes the water gets too high for the weather observer to reach the gauge on the bluff, as it was in the present flood. This gauge was then read by field glasses by L. M. Andrus, who lives in a houseboat at the foot of Lookout, and during the present flood he was of great assistance to the weather bureau.

When this gauge was put in place a ladder, along the side of it on the bluff, was erected so the observer could go up and down on this to the reading, but this ladder was condemned some months ago, and now the observer uses a boat to go under the bluff to make his readings, when the water is not too high. In that event, Mr. Andrus' services are called into use and, as during Friday and Saturday last, he makes the readings with a field glass.

The flooded sections were visited Sunday by large crowds of people, mostly those whose houses had been submerged. They went to see when they would be able to move back into their vacated homes.

However, the government's public health authorities have charge of this part of the work and none will be allowed to re-enter the houses until they are fully dried out and fumigated and the places put in sanitary condition.

A large section of Bushwats and South Chattanooga were inundated, but not near as great an area as was affected by the flood last March, which was just five feet higher than the present rise.

Some of the street car tracks are still submerged but the traffic is being straightened out as rapidly as possible. All of the East Lake and Chickamauga cars were run over the Oak street line out Dadds avenue to Rossville Sunday, but the waters receding from the East Lake lines during Sunday night and so traffic on this line was resumed Monday. The Rossville short line was still under water.

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and Chickamauga cars were detoured over the East Lake line Monday. It is thought that traffic on this line can be resumed Tuesday or Wednesday.

The East Chattanooga line suffered more, perhaps, than any other. The waters covering the track at the baseball park so cars could not go further than East End avenue. Then from the other end of the line cars were operated from Sixth street in Churchville to the end of the line, leaving a distance of over a mile cut off.

From Sixth street passengers were transferred to the Willow street line which ran as far as Harrison avenue and thence to the Oak street car line and into town. This arrangement was in force Monday and it did not look as if regular traffic could be resumed on this line before Wednesday.

Traffic on the Riverview cars was resumed Monday.

Alton Park cars went through to the end of the line Sunday and the transferred Carter street line was resumed Monday morning.

NEGRO ASSAULTS WHITE CHILD

Mob Gathers, But Outwitted by Sheriff and Deputies. Taken to Knoxville.

Arthur Renfro, 32, a negro, was arrested at Riceville, charged with criminally assaulting Georgia Franklin, a 4-year-old child. The negro was hurried to the Athens jail and a mob gathered at Riceville, and moved to Athens, where they yelled for the negro. Sheriff Lawson and a heavily armed guard of deputies held the angry mob of citizens at bay and succeeded in putting the black on the Memphis Special at 6 o'clock Sunday morning and sent him to the jail at Knoxville to await trial.

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ADMINISTRATORS MEET AT KNOXVILLE MONDAY

For the purpose of discussing the war situation, Gov. Rye will meet all East Tennessee fuel and food administrators as well as all other war agents next Monday at Knoxville. The governor has issued the following call to that effect:

"Executive Chamber, Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 1, 1918. 'Dear Sir—That our people may be fully informed as to the situation in the nation in this awful crisis, to arouse them to a full appreciation of the dangers which threaten our liberties and to bring the war activities of the nation closer to the home, I have called a conference of public officials and those charged with the direction of war activities in the counties of East Tennessee, to be held at Knoxville on Monday, Feb. 11, 1918, at 10 o'clock a.m.'"

"At this conference the following are expected to attend: chairmen of councils of defense; chairmen of woman's committees of council of defense; food administrators; fuel administrators; representatives of the food and fuel administration; county agricultural agents (men and women); sheriffs; county judges; justices of the peace; clerks of courts; mayors; chiefs of police; city and county superintendents of public instruction; members of city and county boards of education; presidents and secretaries of Red Cross chapters; and auxiliaries; heads of army and navy Y. M. C. A. organizations; officials of organized labor; editors of newspapers; agents and officers of the United States government in East Tennessee."

"This call is addressed to you personally. The winning of this war is going to require all of the devotion, the sacrifice and the resources of all our people. This is a great war of peoples. Every citizen has a vital and a personal task to perform in this crisis. Therefore I call upon you to lay aside all other business, forsake all other interests and attend this conference."

"Every citizen must realize his interest in and obligation to the nation. This obligation you cannot shift to another. There must be no slackers; no deserters. All must work together, that 100 per cent. of the resources of the nation may be actively engaged in the winning of the war, the supreme task of all civilization; the greatest stake of all humanity."

"Faithfully yours, 'TOM C. RYE, Governor.'"

LOWEST MARK IN MANY MONTHS REGISTERED

British Casualties for Past Week Show Comparatively Low Figure.

London, Feb. 4.—The British casualties reported during the week ended today totaled 6,354, divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds, officers, 51; men, 1,285. Wounded or missing, officers, 17; men, 4,805.

The lowest mark for many months past is reached by last week's casualties. They compare with 8,884, the previous week, with 17,943 the week immediately preceding that and with 9,951 for the week ending Dec. 31, the previous low figure for any week in recent months.

INCREASE FOR POSTAL MEN

Judge Moon's Committee Reports Favorably on Bill to Raise All Salaries.

A bill is now pending in congress, favorably reported on by the committee on postoffices and post roads, of which Hon. John A. Moon, of the Chattanooga congressional district, is chairman, by the terms of which various postal employees will receive increased salaries for the term of the war and for ninety days following a proclamation of peace. The bill was introduced by Judge Moon.

Following are the provisions of the bill: That carriers in the rural free delivery service shall receive 15 per centum per annum up to and including those receiving \$1,800 per annum and \$24 per mile per annum for each additional mile over twenty-four miles.

That after the passage of this act clerks in first and second-class postoffices and letter carriers in the city delivery service shall be divided into six grades, as follows: First grade, salary \$1,000; second grade, salary \$1,100; third grade, salary \$1,200; fourth grade, salary \$1,300; fifth grade, salary \$1,400; sixth grade, salary \$1,500. Clerks and carriers shall be promoted successively to the sixth grade.

That hereafter the salaries of railway postal clerks shall be graded as follows: Grade one at \$1,100; grade two at \$1,200; grade three at \$1,300; grade four at \$1,400; grade five at \$1,500; grade six at \$1,600; grade seven at \$1,700; grade eight at \$1,800; grade nine at \$1,900; grade ten at \$2,000.

Sec. 2. That assistant postmasters in first and second-class postoffices, departmental clerks, and postoffice clerks, laborers, watchmen, printers, chauffeurs, messengers, charwomen, janitors in postoffices and per diem employees, and all other postal employees, shall be divided into six grades, whose rate of compensation is \$1,200 or less per annum shall receive 15 per centum increase in their compensation, and those receiving salaries from \$1,200 to and including \$1,400 shall receive an increase of 10 per centum. Provided, that substitute letter carriers and substitute clerks shall receive as their compensation 50 cents per hour; provided further, that after watchmen, messengers and laborers in first and second-class postoffices shall be required to work not more than eight hours a day, and that the eight hours of service shall not extend over a longer period than ten consecutive hours, and the schedules of duty of the watchmen, messengers and laborers shall be regulated accordingly; and that in cases of emergency or if the needs of the service require, watchmen, messengers and laborers in first and second-class postoffices may be required to work in excess of eight hours a day, and for such additional services they shall be paid extra in proportion to their salaries as fixed by law.

Sec. 3. That postmasters of the fourth class shall receive the same compensation as provided by law prior to the passage of the act of congress, 'An act to provide revenue to defray war expenses and other purposes,' approved Oct. 3, 1917, except that they shall receive 100 per centum of the cancellations up to and including \$100 quarterly.

Sec. 4. That the postmaster-general shall have authority to investigate conditions arising from contracts in the star route and screen wagon service with a view to adjusting compensation and adjust the same in cases where the facts disclose the necessity for such adjustment.

Sec. 5. That the provisions of section 3 of the act of March 3, 1917, entitled 'An act making appropriations for the service of the postoffice department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918, and for other purposes,' providing increased compensation at the rate of 10 per centum per annum to employees who receive salaries at a rate of more than \$450 and not exceeding \$1,000 per annum, shall apply during the fiscal year 1918 to all watchmen, messengers and laborers.

Sec. 6. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after its passage. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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