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## THE FLOODS SUBSIDE SLOWLY

### Rivers in the Flooded Section of Kansas are Slowly Subsiding—Financial Loss will Reach Far Into the Millions.

Kansas City, June 3.—There is a decided improvement in the situation here and there is a general feeling that Kansas City has seen the worst of the flood. Unofficial weather gauges in the Union depot showed a fall of about six inches during the night and the official report is stationary, the water being 33 feet at 6 a. m.

The danger of a famine has passed and the railroads are confident that they will be able to bring in ample supplies from this time on. The stock of meats in the packinghouses, most of which can be taken out in boats, proves to be greater than at first supposed, and there is no doubt that there is sufficient meat to sustain the city for a week, even if nothing is brought in from outside. There is a greater scarcity of food in Kansas City, Kan., but with the opening of the electric line from Leavenworth it is thought that there will be no distress of an acute description.

Superintendent Goodwin of the waterworks department announced during the morning that he believed the water supply would be in a measure restored by tonight. All the cable car lines have resumed and are running as usual. The power plant of the electric lines is under water and these roads will not be able to run until the water subsides.

#### Financial Loss is Immense.

The financial damage is estimated by prominent business men at anywhere between \$10,000,000 and \$25,000,000 in this city alone, but there is no method of determining this with any accuracy. One man's guess is as good as another's. The great danger now is the crumbling of brick buildings and this has begun in some quarters where old buildings are standing. Here and there the corner of a brick structure has gone down, but there has been no general collapse as yet of any large building. All through the freight yards numbers of cars are being loosened from their trucks and are floating down stream. When swept along by the current they make a high class battering ram and the front of any building that receives many shocks from them is bound to suffer material damage.

The gas company has announced that it hoped to restore the supply of gas during the day, but it failed to make good the promise to supply sufficient gas for cooking purposes. Nineteen-tenths of the Kansas City households use gas for cooking and the result was that the great majority of breakfasts were cold.

A militia of martial law was in force during the night. Soldiers were stationed all over the business portion of the city and while no attempt was

made to keep people on the streets anybody walking abroad after midnight was compelled to give an account of himself.

#### WATER CONTINUES TO FALL.

Situation at Des Moines Still Disheartening, However.

Des Moines, June 3.—The flood situation in Des Moines is still disheartening, although the water continues to fall rapidly.

The wide territory that was flooded presents a sad picture. Men and women who have anxiously watched for the water to go down wander over the muddy streets to the houses which had been homes. As each one looked through the door of his home an expression of an almost abandoned hope passed over his countenance. There, within the ruins, furniture was scattered about the rooms, mud covered the carpets and the walls were coated with a dirty slime.

Many are planning to remove out of these places. The walls are damp and every effort will be put forth by the committees in the field to see that they are dried as rapidly as possible, for sickness, it is feared, may come if people are allowed to occupy them in their present condition.

Train service here on the main lines is once more nearly normal. At Ottumwa the water has begun to decline, but it is still rising between Keosauqua and Keokuk. Water floats through the main streets of Ottumwa, four miles of the main line of the Burlington tracks are under water, the light and water plants are shut down and business is prostrated. At Bentonport, Farmington and Bonaparte great damage has been wrought by the flood and half of the towns are under water. But it is near the mouth of the river, at Keokuk, that conditions are the worst. The situation is appalling.

#### STREAMS ON A RAMPAGE.

Northern Pacific Tracks Near Hope, Ida., in Danger.

Missoula, Mont., June 3.—The melting snows in the Coeur d'Alene mountains are causing a rampage of all streams. The tracks of the Northern Pacific are in danger near Hope, Ida., where the waters are up to the rails. The snowfall in the Coeur d'Alene last winter was the heaviest in the history of the region and disastrous floods are feared.

#### Preparing for Floods.

Victoria, B. C., June 3.—Fearing a recurrence of the floods on the Fraser this summer the Dominion government has instructed Local Meteorologist Reed to install a series of lookout stations on the Fraser to give telegraphic warnings.

#### CAUSED A WILD PANIC.

Prices on Montreal Exchange Make New Low Record.

Montreal, June 3.—The worst panic in the history of the Montreal stock market was caused by the announcement of the failure of A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto. Prices declined to the lowest level of the year.

#### DEATH LIST UNCHANGED.

Flood Victims at North Topeka Number Twenty.

Topeka, Kan., June 3.—The flood situation here is materially better. The Kansas river fell during the night at the rate of an inch an hour. The standard gauge measurement at 8 a. m. showed a twenty-seven-inch fall from the highest point of Sunday. It is safe to say that all who were in peril have now been removed to places of safety. At the Sardon bridge alone over 200 were landed during the night.

The previous estimate of twenty dead is still adhered to. Many reported missing are showing up; but it will only be possible to give the actual loss of life when the waters have finally receded. It is believed that several persons were drowned and that their bodies have floated away.

The greatest fear now in Topeka is an epidemic of disease. At relief depots, where refugees are huddled together, several persons suffering with contagious diseases were removed to the hospitals as rapidly as possible. The absence of good drinking water is another disease breeder.

The Commercial club has voted to ask for outside aid for the sufferers. Monday the club voted that no aid from outside would be accepted, but the distress of the people is so great that the community cannot provide for all and so the charity of the country is appealed to.

#### DANGER LINE REACHED.

Mississippi River at St. Louis Continues to Rise.

St. Louis, June 3.—The Mississippi river has risen to thirty feet, the danger line, at St. Louis, and continues to rise at the rate of more than two feet a day. Indications are that the thirty-four-foot stage at St. Louis, predicted by the signal service bureau for Thursday night or Friday morning, will be exceeded. A thirty-four-foot

stage at St. Louis means immense loss. Should the river go higher a paralysis of many of the great industries on the Illinois side from Alton to East St. Louis will follow.

Already tens of thousands of acres of soil, the most productive in the Middle West, on the Missouri and Illinois sides, are under water north of here. In the past twenty-four hours hundreds of thousands of dollars have been lost to Missouri and Illinois farmers through ruined crops.

The crest of the Missouri has not yet reached the Mississippi and yet the Missouri is pouring into the Mississippi with such force as to make a great lake of floating stationary drift-wood just north of the confluence of these great water courses.

#### RATIONS FOR REFUGEES.

Commandant at Fort Leavenworth Aids Destitute.

Washington, June 3.—Adjutant General Corbin has received the following dispatch from Colonel Miner, commanding at Fort Leavenworth:

"Issued 10,000 rations to Kansas City, Kan. Need was imperative. Ask to have action approved. Rations for this command up to 20th here. Believe when we can get to the country to the west of us it will be destitute of food. Advise shipping rations here as central point to meet this demand. Two companies of engineers and ponton train are in readiness to be sent west. Believe they might be of use at Lawrence."

The department has taken no action yet upon Colonel Miner's recommendation for concentration of supplies at Fort Leavenworth.

#### Bottom Lands Inundated.

Lexington, Mo., June 3.—The Missouri river here is still rising and is within six inches of the high water mark of 1881. Fifty square miles of bottom land opposite here is covered. Houses and barns are floating down the river. The government steamer Atlanta has removed many flood sufferers from the lowlands here.

#### Denounce Protective Policy.

London, June 3.—Fifteen hundred delegates of the Co-Operative Societies of the United Kingdom, at their annual meeting at Doncaster, adopted a resolution emphatically protesting against "any tampering with the free trade policy of this country by preferential tariffs."

## CRUISER TACOMA LAUNCHED.

New Vessel Intended for Service in Oriental Waters.

San Francisco, June 3.—The new cruiser Tacoma, built at the Union Iron works, was launched here during the day. Miss Julia Naomin Harris of Tacoma christened the vessel as it glided into the bay. Miss Louise Stone of the same city pressed the button that released it from the ways. A large delegation of people from Tacoma was present among the especially invited guests, 1,000 invitations having been issued to residents of that city. The ceremonies would have been more elaborate had it not been for the late hour when the high tide occurred.

The Tacoma, which is intended for Oriental service, is of light draught. She is a protected cruiser of 3,500 tons displacement, with sheathing of teak and copper below the water line. Her length at the water line is 292 feet, her breadth 44 feet 1 inch and draught 15 feet. She is provided with twin screws and vertical triple expansion engines and is to have a speed of 16½ knots, with an indicated horsepower of 4,700. Her cost was \$1,500,000.

#### LAWLESSNESS PREVAILS.

Judge Redwine Grants Change of Venue in Feud Cases.

Jackson, Ky., June 3.—A change of venue has been granted in the cases of Jett and White to Morgan county and their trial set for June 23.

Commonwealth Attorney Bryd introduced the motion to change the trial of White and Jett for the murder of James Marcum and in the case against Jett for the murder of James Cockrell to another judicial district on the ground that there is such a state of lawlessness existing in Breathitt county that a fair trial cannot be had in this district.

Judge Redwine said that under this statute the defendants have no right to be heard on the motion and he thought the motion should be granted.

Fulton French, for the defense, insisted on being heard and declared that the prisoners could have a fair trial here, but Judge Redwine refused to hear him further.

Judge Redwine then ordered the cases to the Morgan county circuit court and trial set for June 23. This is Judge Kenner's court and is at West Liberty, seven miles from a railroad.

#### ROOSEVELT IN IOWA.

President Addresses Large Crowd at Secretary Shaw's Home.

Council Bluffs, Ia., June 3.—The presidential train entered Iowa on schedule time at 3:50 a. m. and was turned over by the Union Pacific to the Illinois Central railroad here without incident. All on board were asleep. The train left for Denison, the home of Secretary Shaw, at 4:20 a. m.

Denison, Ia., June 3.—During the early morning hours the president's train passed through much of the flooded district of Iowa. Extra precautions had been taken by the railroad authorities and the tracks over which the train passed were carefully watched and in some cases shored up.

Secretary Shaw and Senators Allison and Dolliver joined the party here. President Roosevelt was greeted by a large crowd and spoke at some length.

#### VICTORY FOR DEMOCRATS.

Elect Fourteen Out of Eighteen Chicago Judges.

Chicago, June 3.—Out of the eighteen candidates voted for in the judicial election of Cook county Monday the Democrats elected fourteen and the Republicans four.

Among the defeated candidates was Judge Elbridge Haney.

One superior court judge, fourteen court judges and the probational court judges were voted for. Judge Theodore Brenham, Republican, was re-elected as judge of the superior court. Richard Tuttle, John Gibbons and F. A. Smith, Republicans, were re-elected to the circuit court.

#### Wisconsin Postoffice Looted.

Clear Lake, Wis., June 3.—The post-office at this place was burglarized during the night. The safe was blown open and looted, probably \$200 in stamps and coin taken. There is no clue to the burglars, who are thought to be outside parties, who have operated along this line for the past year. The village has a night marshal, but he seems to have been undisturbed.

#### Jealousy Leads to Murder.

Whitehall, Wis., June 3.—Olaf O. Oabakken shot John Wellen, a prosperous retired farmer of the town of Lincoln, Trempealeau county, to death in a lonely hut three and a half miles from town, and is in jail charged by the coroner's jury with murder.

Jealousy over a woman is said to have been the cause.

#### Judge Caldwell to Retire.

Little Rock, Ark., June 3.—It is reliably reported that Henry C. Caldwell, federal judge of the Eighth circuit, will retire from the bench on June 4. Judge Caldwell is the only surviving appointee on the bench of President Lincoln, he having been appointed in 1864.

#### Great Rush for Alaska.

Seattle, Wash., June 3.—A thousand people have left Seattle for Alaska by three steamers, the Senator, Oregon and Jeanne. Each was crowded to its capacity with freight and passengers. Hundreds seeking passage were turned away.

## HOPE OF MERGER OFFICIALS.

Decision Depends on Interpretation of Single Clause.

New York, June 3.—One of the officials of the Northern Securities company said during the day that, while there has been no material change in the merger case as it will be taken up on appeal, lawyers for the company are more confident of winning their case before the supreme court than they were before the circuit court of appeals.

The line of argument before the supreme court will be substantially that employed before the lower court.

The greatest fight will be made in interpreting the phrase "in restraint of trade," which the company's lawyers contend, means actual restraining of trade, contrasted with power to restrain, though that power may not be exercised.

#### AN AGREEMENT SIGNED.

Strike of Chicago Laundry Workers Practically Settled.

Chicago, June 3.—President T. C. Wilson of the Laundry Workers' union and C. I. Goodhart of the Owners' association signed an agreement providing for a settlement with the girls and miscellaneous help. This leaves the only question now open the scale of wages asked by the drivers.

The agreement signed for the workers provides for open shops without discrimination against members of the union, the only restriction being that where owners wish to use the union label they must employ none but union help. The other questions are to be arbitrated.

#### Burglars Fire a Wire Plant.

Pittsburg, June 3.—Burglars broke into the offices of Kidd Bros. & Burglars' steel wire mill at McKees Rocks, Pa., early in the morning and finding nothing of value after dynamiting a safe set fire to the plant. The main building, a long frame structure, was completely destroyed, entailing a loss of about \$50,000.

#### Chinese Rebels Capture Towns.

Hongkong, June 3.—The French consul reports that the insurgents in Yunnan province have captured the towns of Chepingchau and Homichau. Communication between Yunnanfu and Tonquin is cut.

#### MISSING SEVEN MONTHS.

Body of Superintendent Egan Found in Montana.

Belton, Mont., June 3.—The body of Benjamin F. Egan, superintendent of the Kallispell division of the Great Northern railway, who disappeared while on a hunting trip last November, was found during the day near Lake Five and only a short distance from where he was last seen alive. The remains were so badly decomposed that it will be difficult to determine whether death resulted from exposure or whether the superintendent was disabled by an accident. It is believed from the general circumstances and the character of the location where the body was found that Mr. Egan was attempting to find his way to the railway track and that he walked parallel to the track instead of toward it.

Mr. Egan's life was heavily insured and he also carried a large amount of accident insurance.

#### STAND AGAINST STRIKES.

Employers' Association of New York Passes Resolutions.

New York, June 3.—The board of governors of the Building Trades Employers' association met Monday night and issued the following statement:

"That it shall be our duty to avert sympathetic strikes, including the attack upon individual firms and corporations, as well as the arbitrary attitude of the business agent."

#### American and German Hung.

Liverpool, June 3.—Gustave Rau, a German, and William Smith, an American, seaman of the British bark Veronica, from Ship Island, Miss., who were convicted of murdering Captain Shaw and six other members of the Veronica's crew, were hanged here simultaneously during the day. Rau protested his innocence on the scaffold.

#### SCORES OF STRIKERS CLUBBED.

Women Lead an Attack on Nonunion Workmen.

New York, June 3.—Women led an attack by striking members of the Rockmen and Excavators' union on workmen on Avenue B, during which one policeman was badly hurt and scores of the strikers and workmen were clubbed by the police. Granite paving blocks were used as weapons by 300 strikers, who attacked fifty workmen paving Elm street. Several workmen were injured and the strikers were badly beaten by policemen.

A general strike of ironworkers, engineers and helpers was declared during the day on a new hotel being erected at Fifty-fifth street and Fifth avenue. The reason advanced for the strike is that a number of iron beams were delivered during the night by nonunion drivers under the protection of private detectives.

#### Make Peace With Employers.

Chicago, June 3.—Four roads have now made their peace with the Freight Handlers' union, three more following the action of the Lake Shore road in granting an increase of 4 per cent. They are the Nickel Plate, the Chicago and Northwestern and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul.

## DEATHS NUMBER A HUNDRED

### Latest Estimate of the Death Loss at Gainesville and Surrounding Towns is Placed at a Hundred.

Gainesville, Ga., June 3.—The tornado which visited the towns of Gainesville, New Holland and White Sulphur, Ga., resulted in the killing of fully a hundred men, women and children, according to reports, which are as yet incomplete. It is estimated that forty persons were fatally injured and 200 more hurt. Probably 1,000 persons are homeless.

Two hundred houses, besides the Gainesville cotton mills, were destroyed by the storm, aggregating a property loss of \$600,000. Night brought increased misery to the cyclone sufferers, for a steady rain set in late in the afternoon, attended by cold weather, which penetrated to the marrow. The weather and darkness greatly impeded the work of rescue and assistance. The town was in total darkness all night and the streets were filled with debris. All night long physicians pushed their way through the wreckage, guided to the suffering victims by groans of agony. Here and there a fallen tree would block the way or a wrecked house would stop progress. Doctors and volunteers waded through mud and water knee deep, frequently compelled to crawl on all fours. All houses had been moved for blocks, others were missing altogether and no system could be employed in the work of relief. Mayor Parker says there are at least 1,000

homeless and the number may be doubled later.

#### Two Hundred Homes Destroyed.

More than 200 homes were destroyed. Every door in Gainesville is open to the victims. At the city hall, armory and courthouse many persons passed the night, shivering in the cold. A mass meeting was held during the morning at which \$5,000 was subscribed to a relief fund. A message has been sent to the secretary of war asking for tents to shelter the homeless and an appeal for aid is made to the public. The main need of the sufferers now is clothing and tents. Governor Terrell has ordered fifty tents sent to Gainesville from Atlanta.

The entire city will suspend business for the next twenty-four hours and every person will go to work. The dead have been prepared for burial and graves are being made. The city pastors have been requested to act as a committee to see that every person has a suitable funeral. There will be 100 funerals here within the next twenty-four hours if caskets can be secured. Thirty days' rations for 1,000 persons were also requested from Secretary Root.

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## TORONTO BANKERS SUSPEND

### Heavy Loss Through the Suspension of Toronto Bankers—Twin City Rapid Transit and Soo Stocks Suffer.

Toronto, Ont., June 3.—A. E. Ames & Co., bankers and brokers, closed their doors at noon. On a window was posted the following:

"Owing to the continuous severe decline in the securities market we have found it necessary to suspend payment and would ask the indulgence of our friends for a few days until we can prepare a statement of our affairs and decide what is best to be done."

The liabilities of the firm are hard to get at, but rough estimates of them show as follows:

To depositors in the savings bank branch, about \$200,000.

No estimate can be given of liabilities to clients whose stocks were being carried on margins, but they will be hundreds of thousands of dollars.

To bankers and financial institutions on stocks the liabilities, it is expected, will reach \$10,000,000.

Liabilities under this head are secured by the stock plus the margins, so that there is no possibility of loss to the lenders unless all stock values disappear.

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#### NORTHWESTERN STOCKS DROP.

Greatly Affected by the Failure of Ames & Co.

New York, June 3.—The panic in Montreal was reflected in the New York stock market only in such stocks as are traded in on Montreal account, which are known as the Canadian group in New York. An extreme decline of over 13 points in Twin City Rapid Transit was the most conspicuous instance, but Canadian Pacific, the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie stocks and Detroit United Railway were down from 1½ to 5½.

The general market here was little affected and the result was to intimidate the bears, who covered their short contracts generally and turned the market strong. The Canadian stocks made effective rallies later in the day.

#### Canadian List Demoralized.

Boston, June 3.—News of the failure of A. E. Ames & Co. threw the Canadian stocks listed on the Boston Stock Exchange into complete demoralization. Dominion Coal fell from 85 to 50. Dominion Iron and Steel, which opened at 13½, touched 12¾, a new low record, but rallied to 14 after declining. Canadian Pacific fell 3 to 418¾.

#### BRANDED AS A LIE.

Perry Heath Replies to Statement of Postal Employee.

Washington, June 3.—Postmaster General Payne has made public the letter of former First Assistant Postmaster General Perry S. Heath in reply to the charges made by S. W. Tulloch of this city, ex-cashier of the Washington postoffice, and also the statement of a Mrs. Winans, formerly of Ohio, who is quoted as saying that she was carried upon the rolls of the Washington postoffice by the understanding that she was not to render service to the government. Regarding the latter statement Mr. Heath says:

"I never appointed any person to any position or retained any one in any position at any time with any sort of notion or idea that he or she was not to render full and honest service to the government for the pay received. The intimation that there was 'an honorary roll,' upon which persons were placed for political, personal or other purposes than good service, is a pure invention. It is a lie out of whole cloth, as are most of the imputations of Tulloch. If any persons were so appointed or retained it was through their own dishonest designs."

There was a period extending over many months when many more men were demanded for service in Cuba, Porto Rico and at military camps in our country than we could supply. We drew through larger postoffices for men from the classified service, receiving many, but when responses from postoffices ceased to be sufficient we drew names from applicants outside classified service and conscientiously selected those whose capability and character we deemed best established. In this hurried work of appointments,

hurried dispatch of men and materials to scenes of action, some mistakes were made of course, some confidences as to integrity blatted, but these things occur and will so long as men live."

#### NOT CUTTING ENOUGH COAL.

Reading Company Threatens to Discharge Employees.

Philadelphia, June 3.—President Baer of the Reading company has issued orders that miners who will not cut enough coal to keep the breakers in operation nine hours a day are to be discharged. He estimates that if the present system is kept up the company will be at least 1,500,000 tons behind in its output at the end of the year.

#### BRIEF BITS OF NEWS.

Frank H. Frear, a well known Minneapolis traveling man, is dead at his home in that city from locomotor ataxia.

The engagement of Anthony Hope Hawkins to Miss Elizabeth Sheldon of New York has been formally announced.

The Paris Patrie publishes an unconfirmed rumor that Figuiet was occupied Tuesday with a French loss of sixty men killed or wounded.

H. B. Kelly, president of the Kelly Canning company of Waverly, Ia., and widely known in that business, is dead of cancer of the stomach.

Six representative Butte labor union men will go to Washington soon to sojourn at the White House for a week or ten days as the guests of President Roosevelt.

The Omaha road, acting under instructions from President Marvin Hughton, has entirely abandoned the movement of Sunday excursion trains of all classes.