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## Situation Is Serious Again

### Fresh Breaks In Levees Cause Great Scope of Territory to Become Inundated

### Memphis Mayor Appeals for Aid

Secretary Root Will Supply Needy With Shelter and Necessary Food.

Memphis, March 20.—The feeling of hope that was produced last night by the Mississippi river coming to a stand at this point was dispelled today by the occurrence of two additional breaks in the St. Francis levees north of the levee at Trices Landing and grave reports that are being received from Mississippi points as well as by the rise here.

The breaks today will probably increase slightly the water in the territory of Arkansas which was flooded by the break at Trices Landing, and, in addition, they are flooding a vast scope of territory which has thus far been free from any large amount of water.

The situation therefore in Arkansas is more grave than at any time during the flood. Relief measures have been and must be, for several days, inadequate.

The long line of levees that guard Mississippi from the river and protect the vast and fertile delta region of that state and which have thus far stood firm, are reported to be in a practical condition. Water is sweeping through the embankments, flooding villages and plantations, and at other places the embankment is overtopped by the flood, and enormous quantities of water are being discharged into the country.

The most encouraging feature of tonight is that the river has remained stationary all day, and that a falling stage is reported from St. Louis, Cairo and other points. Refugees continue to arrive in great numbers, and facilities are too limited to care for them. In response to a telegram asking for aid from Mayor Williams of this city Secretary of War Root has answered that he will supply all needed tents as well as provisions for the flooded sufferers.

### Flying Engine Catches Fire

Train Swept into Yards With Crew Huddled on Steps of Car.

New York, N. Y., March 20.—With cab and tender ablaze and tengineer and fireman huddled on the platform of the car behind, with the flames sweeping towards them, the Washington express over the Pennsylvania road towards Jersey City last for 20 minutes with the engine throttle wide open. The express arrived at New Brunswick 10 minutes late and Conductor J. M. Mooney ordered the engineer to make up the time.

Fireman Searle's side of the cab caught fire from the back draught of the firebox after leaving Meluchen. In response to his shouts Engineer Lyons went to his aid, but before the engineer could regain hold of the lever to shut off the power, the cab was a roaring furnace.

The men fled to the tender, but were pursued by the fire in the coal box. They then returned to the platform of the first car. Lyon fought his way back to the engine, which was running at terrific speed and managed to start the whistle cord. The blazing engine was then rushed to the Railway yards. The shrieking of the engine alarmed the passengers. One of them, Sherman Lewis of New Brunswick, grabbed the emergency brakerope and stopped the train. With a rush they made for the doors to get to the rear, but were stopped by prompt work of the crew.

The woodwork of the cab was destroyed. Another engine was hooked on and the train reached Jersey City an hour late.

### FOG CAUSES COLLISION

Freighter Crashes Into Passenger In the Haze on Long Island Sound.

### MEN ARE DROWNED IN BUNKS

The Plymouth Reached Port In Sadly Crippled Condition.

New London, Conn., March 20.—In the fog which descended upon the waters of Long Island sound last night the big Fall River Passenger steamer Plymouth, from New York for Fall River with 500 passengers and a crew of 200 men, was run down while passing through the race by the steamer City of Taunton, of the same line, bound for New York. A full 100 feet of the starboard side of the vessel was smashed in, as if it had been paper, the staterooms of the second cabin were entirely cut away, while down in the hold most of the crew who were asleep in the staterooms were drowned by the torrent that poured through the great gap made by the bow of the freighter. Although greatly terrified, the people aboard the stricken ship showed great self-control and there was no panic.

There was no way of telling immediately how many perished. Six are dead certainly, and in the mass of debris from the wrecked cabin and staterooms there may be several more bodies, while in the stateroom it is thought there are bodies of others drowned besides those reported.

The Plymouth was immediately headed for this city. It was thought at one time that the ship's company would have to take to the boats, but the closing of the collision bulkheads prevented the water from gaining and the vessel made the harbor and wharf unassisted. As she was being made fast to the wharf there was seen to be a hole 10 feet square in her hull on the starboard side about 35 feet from her bow, while for 100 feet her joiner work had been carried away, including the entire second cabin and seven staterooms on the saloon deck.

### COURT FINED BEEF TRUST

Testimony Was All Against Packers—Suit Against Big Combination Ends By Fine of \$3000 Being Imposed.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 20.—The Armour, Cudahy, Swift, Hammond and the Schwartzschild and Sulzberger Packing companies, the five defendants in the ouster proceedings brought by the attorney general of Missouri against the alleged beef combine last summer, were fined \$5000 each in the Missouri supreme court today and ordered to pay the costs of the case, which amount to \$5000. Unless the fines and costs are paid within 30 days the defendants will be ousted from the state, so the court orders. The decision of the supreme court, which was announced by Judge Marshall, was unanimous. The opinion says: "The testimony introduced by the state was abundant to show that the respondents were members of a combination or pool to fix and maintain prices."

### NOT IF YOU KEEP GOOD

United States Will Not Object to Collection of Debts if They Are Genuine.

### MONROE DOCTRINE DEFINED

Hay Quotes President to the Effect That Only Acquisition Will Be Opposed.

Washington, March 20.—In the response of Secretary Hay to Argentina not proposing the combined action of the American states to resist the collection of debts by naval force, today, the secretary says: "The position of the United States is indicated in the recent message of the president.

"The president declared in his message to congress last December that by the Monroe doctrine, we do not guarantee any state against punishment if it misconducts itself, provided that the punishment does not take the form of acquisition of territory by any non-American power.

"In another message the president says it behooves each one to maintain order within its own borders, and to discharge its just obligations to foreigners. When this is done it can be rest assured that, be they weak or strong, they have nothing to dread from outside interference."

### DROUTH IN AUSTRALIA

Wheat Crop in Victoria Is Almost a Total Failure.

Melbourne, March 20.—Official returns show that the Victorian wheat harvest this season will average only one-quarter bushel per acre, owing to the drouth. This is the lowest average in 28 years.

### Wabash Suit Nearing Close

St. Louis, March 20.—Arguments in the Wabash injunction suit were closed at 3 o'clock this afternoon and the case was taken under advisement by Judge Adams. He gave no intimation of how much time he might require to prepare an opinion, but the attorneys declared after the adjournment of court that they would look for a decision in about a week or 10 days.

### UNSAFE IN MOROCCO

Tangier, Morocco, March 20.—Owing to the spread of the rebellion the government declines to be responsible for the safety of Europeans traveling in the interior of the country.

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### Will Live As Soldiers Do

President Roosevelt Will Be Happy Among Bears and Things.

### Also Murdered Nora Fuller

Another Man Is Anxious to Be Considered the Much Advertised Criminal.

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—A special to the Star from Fremont, Neb., says: A man who gives the name of John Bennett and who asserts that he is the murderer of Nora Fuller, a girl who was killed in San Francisco over a year ago, has surrendered to Sheriff Fauman her hand being held. The man appeared at the jail door last night and begged the sheriff to imprison him, saying that the face of the dead girl haunted him. The prisoner is about 40 years of age and well dressed. To the sheriff to whom he confessed the crime, Bennett said that he formerly was a lawyer, but that he had done nothing since the murder. He would not tell why he committed the crime, but said after it was done he left the city hastily. He was placed in a cell and during the night raved like a wild man. At one time he addressed a fancied jury. This morning the prisoner was much more quiet. He will be held for investigation.

### ALL ON ACCOUNT OF A MATCH.

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 20.—By the careless throwing down of a lighted match fire was started tonight which practically destroyed the Clarend hotel entailing a loss estimated at \$100,000 and causing the death of W. G. Hawkins of Bay City, Mich. and the serious injury of several other persons.

### Was Tortured to Death

Sensation Charges Made by Mother of Dead Soldier.

Boston, March 20.—At the meeting of the citizens at Faneuil hall last night to protest against the suppression of truth about the Philippines, and praying for further official inquiry into conditions there, the case of Mrs. Ellen Richter of Syracuse, N. Y., whose son, an enlisted man, recently died in the Philippines, and whose death is said to have been the result of torture, was referred to Herbert Welch of Philadelphia.

Mr. Welch said that Mrs. Richter made every effort to secure the records of the courtmartial which tried William Sinclair of the Eighteenth infantry, who was charged with being responsible for her son's death. She was put off by many excuses and General Davis laughed in her face. "Is that not so?" asked Mr. Welch of Mrs. Richter, who was sitting on the platform.

### MID-LENT IN PARIS.

Police Made Nine Hundred and Sixty-Eight Arrests of Unruly Celebrants.  
Paris, March 20.—after midnight the unruly elements in the crowd attending the mid-Lent festivities began making trouble for the police by starting disturbances in various parts of the boulevards and on adjacent streets. Some 300 disorderly persons were arrested, but most of them were discharged after being detained for an hour or two at the police stations. "It was said at the prefecture of police that 968 arrests had been made during the whole day.

### COSTLY SMOKE.

The Smoker Was Blown Up and Seven Others Were Injured.  
Rutland, Vt., March 20.—The carelessness of Alex Kemperty in smoking a pipe near a can of powder at a quarry in West Rutland cost him his life and injured seven others.

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