

FLOOD CREST IS EXPECTED BY WEDNESDAY

MISSOURI AND KAW RISE INCH AN HOUR

KANSAS CITY, LOWLANDS ARE SUBMERGED

Train Service Over Union Pacific and Rock Island Abandoned and Santa Fe May Be Closed

By Associated Press. KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 8.—The Missouri and Kaw rivers continued to rise here today, a little more than an inch an hour, but the crest of the flood in both rivers is in sight, and will pass on Wednesday.

The weather observer says the Kaw will rise six or seven feet higher, and the Missouri will rise nearly three feet more, to twenty-six feet.

Weather conditions in Kansas are fair and apparently the rains are over. The tributaries of the Kaw and the upper section of the Kaw itself are falling and will continue to fall. The Kaw is discharging its water into the Missouri at great speed, which means that there will be no backing up as in 1903 and 1904, when all the Kaw bottoms were under water. In those years the Missouri river was higher than the Kaw.

Some of the lowlands about Kansas City are submerged, but no damage has been done. All the bridges are safe, there being little driftwood running. The banks of the Kaw river are higher than in 1903, and the railroad tracks are higher.

The packing houses and wholesale establishments in the Kaw bottoms have removed the contents of their basements to upper floors. People in the Armourdale district of Kansas City, Kas., continued to move from their houses today in spite of the assurances of the weather bureau and the drainage board that there was no serious danger.

Train service over the Union Pacific and Rock Island railroads between Kansas City and Topeka has been abandoned. Trains are being run over the Santa Fe, but that line will be closed if the water reaches the height predicted.

The Denver train of the Rock Island this morning was routed over the Burlington tracks in Lincoln, Neb. On the branch lines of the various railroads in the valley traffic is practically suspended.

All afternoon and into the late hours tonight an exodus of families has been going on from Armourdale. Tonight the district of the valley which had a population of 12,000 could show but 4000 persons residing within its limits, and many of these were there because they were poor to go to the expense of moving.

All day vehicles of all sorts were to be seen carting household goods to places where they could be stored. The poorer classes struggled bravely along carrying their goods long distances on foot.

The great packing house district was a veritable hive of industry. Every available man that could be secured was employed to aid in removing goods. Twenty million pounds of salt and pickled meats were being carted to the cellars of the packing houses located there and safely stored in floors high above the flood line.

NORTH TOPEKA DESERTED; BOATS REMOVE STRAGGLERS

TOPEKA, Kas., June 8.—The crest of the rise in the Kansas river is expected to reach here some time tonight. The government weather bureau says the water will reach a maximum height of about 28 feet. Tonight it registers 26.23 feet. If the rise exceeds two feet above the present level the city waterworks will be in danger. North Topeka is practically deserted tonight. Boat patrols were busy all afternoon taking those people from their homes who had delayed. Much of the contents of the houses have been moved over and warning has been given to everybody.

The water is deeper in the streets than at any time since the big flood of 1903. From the Union Pacific tracks to Soldier creek, Kansas avenue, the main street, is all under water. The current is beginning to sweep away outbuildings and thousands of ties from the Union Pacific tie plant are pounding their way through the town.

Trains are practically at a standstill. No loss of life has been caused by the flood. A boat capsized this afternoon and a man narrowly escaped drowning. The current is predicted will put the water well up into nearly all of the North Topeka houses. All but a few of the refugees have been taken to the Basin Reduction private houses. There is no suffering.

SHORT LINE OPERATES TRAINS OUT OF MONTANA

BUTTE, Mont., June 8.—The Oregon Short line is the only line today operating trains out of Montana from this point, though late tonight the Northern Pacific will have three trains in from the east.

The washout at Jefferson Island was repaired at noon today, and all was in readiness to send trains over the line into Butte when a wreck occurred almost within sight of the city, blocking the line for a number of hours.

The last train on the Great Northern to reach Butte came in on the evening of June 3. There is little prospect tonight of a resumption of train service before the end of the week, until which time the mines of the Boston & Montana company in this city must remain closed.

The Great Northern trains carrying the ore from Butte to the Great Falls smelters. The latter are closed as the result of water breaking through a dam of the Basin Reduction works, doing considerable damage.

Further information from the west tonight is to the effect that miles of the Northern Pacific tracks are out, and marooned passengers at Drummond will not be able to get out of that place before a week's time, according to the railroad people.

The Boulder river at Basin last night reached the highest stage in sixteen years, washing out three steel bridges on the Great Northern, carrying away the big dam of the Basin Reduction company, together with a number of residences.

'The Girl of the Golden West' Whose Bright Career Death Has Ended



ALICE TREAT HUNT, LEADING WOMAN OF THE BELASCO STOCK COMPANY

DEATH SUMMONS LEADING WOMAN

ALICE TREAT HUNT SUCCEUMBS TO PNEUMONIA

Determination to Continue Work After Long Vigils with Sick Babe Results in Fatal Illness

Alice Treat Hunt, leading woman of the Belasco stock company, died yesterday morning after an illness of about four weeks. Death resulted from heart failure, brought on by pneumonia. In private life Miss Hunt was Mrs. Lester Longman's first wife, an actor, is now starring in Canada in "The Great Divide." One son, a baby only six months old, is in Los Angeles.

The fatal termination of Miss Hunt's illness came at a time when her physician, Dr. R. Nichol Smith, felt most hopeful. Sunday she seemed much improved, and her husband, in a fortnight was thought to have better than an even chance to recover. The long siege of pneumonia, however, had weakened the woman's heart, and when the need arose it did not respond to the artificial stimulation employed.

Dr. Smith had been in attendance night and day and his success in prolonging the life of Miss Hunt even for a few days was considered marvelous by those who knew in what a serious condition she was.

The beginning of the end came at 4 o'clock yesterday morning when Miss Hunt sank into a stupor from which she never emerged. Dr. Smith was called at once and at a few minutes after 8 the weakened heart ceased to beat, and "the girl of the golden west" passed into that other golden country which is neither east nor west, nor north nor south, and yet is all four of them.

Alice Treat Hunt came to California primarily in search of health for her baby. The child was ill; seriously ill. On the overland train the mother feared at one time that the little one could not recover. Here, however, she recovered rapidly and today is seemingly as healthy a boy as there is in the city. The mother, however, paid for her solicitude and unceasing care well.

She, too, was ill when she arrived here, but she would not give up. Instead she began rehearsing immediately for the part of "The Girl of the Golden West." The part is long and is particularly trying, but she managed it. Then the play settled down for a run, and Miss Hunt found herself unable to take a rest. In the seventh week of the run she broke down. Pneumonia developed, and several times the physicians gave up all hope for her recovery. Each time, however, she rallied, though with indications of constantly failing strength until Sunday, when she appeared much improved. Then came the end.

Alice Treat Hunt was born in Cleveland, O. She came of a theatrical family, her mother having been Carrie Treat Hunt, well known to playgoers of a generation ago. Mrs. Carrington Treat Hunt herself died of pneumonia, the same disease that carried off her daughter, when Alice Treat Hunt was only two years of age.

The child was put on the stage before she was out of the nursery. She played many of the parts. Upon her mother's death, however, she went to live with her grandparents in Warren, O., and continued there for seven years, going to school and otherwise preparing herself for her life's work. Then, at the age of 17, she returned to the footlights, the following year playing Madge in Jacob Litt's production of "Old Kentucky." This was her first important adult role.

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Funeral plans await word from Mr. Longman and from Miss Hunt's grandmother, Mrs. Anna Fuller Treat, both of whom have been notified by wire of her death.

RAILROAD IS IN RECEIVERSHIP

WHEELING & LAKE ERIE OWES \$28,000,000

Financial Troubles Began with Building of Pittsburgh Wabash Terminals, Which Already Have Cost \$40,000,000

By Associated Press. TOLEDO, June 8.—On claims aggregating \$8,730,000 due the National Car Wheel company of New York the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad was thrown into the hands of a receiver today by United States District Judge Taylor.

The petition alleges the total indebtedness of the Wheeling to be more than \$28,000,000. B. A. Worthington of Cleveland, vice president and general manager of the Wheeling, was appointed receiver for the road, and immediately qualified by filing a bond of \$100,000.

It is said the troubles of the Wheeling & Lake Erie road have their foundation in the building of the Pittsburgh Wabash terminals. This work was started under President Ramsey, who believed he could put the work through for \$16,000,000, but it had already run up to over \$40,000,000 with the work still uncompleted.

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HERMAN BILLEK TO HANG NEXT FRIDAY

GOVERNOR DENEEN REFUSES COMMUTATION

Priest Declared from Pulpit Conviction Was Brought About by Perjured Testimony Due to Prosecution

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 8.—Governor Deneen today, on recommendation of the state board of pardons, decided not to interfere in the case of Herman Billek, under death sentence in Chicago for murder. The execution is scheduled to take place next Friday.

Billek is a Bohemian fortune teller, whose conviction was declared from the pulpit of St. Mary's church by Rev. P. J. O'Callaghan of the Paulist Fathers of Chicago, to be the result of perjured testimony due to suggestion and intimidation on the part of the prosecution and police. The accusation against Billek was that through the agency of a Mrs. Vrazil, who afterward committed suicide, he murdered in Chicago the woman's husband and four Vrazil children. The alleged motive was to get life insurance.

CHICAGO, June 8.—When the news of the decision of the pardons board and Governor Deneen was taken to Billek he collapsed and cried bitterly. "Well, if they are going to hang me, let them go ahead," he said, drying his eyes. "I am ready. I do not care so much for myself, but I do care for the sake of my wife and children."

All effort on the part of Jailer Davis to calm the prisoner met with slight result, and Billek after having been taken back to his cell threw himself on his cot and wept bitterly. Assistant State's Attorney Popham, who prosecuted Billek, declared: "The decision of the governor and the board is eminently just. Billek is a cold-blooded murderer, if there ever was one."

Hotel Is Burned MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., June 8.—Fire partly burned the Granatman Inn at Bronxville tonight. The building is valued at \$500,000. There were 300 guests in the hotel, but no loss of life is reported.

STOLEN GEMS ARE RETURNED TO BANKER

THIEF SENDS BACK DIAMONDS THROUGH MAIL

MYSTERY OF GREEN BOX IS YET UNSOLVED

W. F. Botsford Receives Package by Post—Detectives Say an Arrest Would Have Been Made Today

The Botsford diamonds have been returned. The mystery of the theft of the valuable jewels owned by W. F. Botsford, president of the American bank, is as yet unsolved, and it is improbable that any arrests will be made.

The jewels were returned to Mr. Botsford in a manner equally mysterious as that in which they were stolen. Carefully wrapped in a piece of white paper, bearing sufficient postage to carry them, the jewels, valued at about \$5000, were intrusted to Uncle Sam's postmen some time between 8 and 9 o'clock yesterday morning and were received by him early in the afternoon.

It is understood from the postmark that the jewels were mailed in the central part of the city and had been placed in one of the large package boxes placed on street corners to receive bundles and papers. As soon as the jewel box containing the articles was received Mr. Botsford notified the police and detectives were detailed to investigate this new phase of the subject.

Thief Feared Arrest It is understood the police had learned several things in connection with the theft of the jewels, and it is presumed the thief became aware that his steps were being followed, became frightened and returned the gems.

Since the jewels were stolen Mr. Botsford has once visited San Francisco to examine several valuable stones taken from a burglar there, but his were not among them. The jewels were either stolen or they slipped from Mr. Botsford's pockets while he was on a street car taking them from his house to the bank last Friday morning. If they slipped from his pocket they were picked up by some person who was also on the car and carried away.

Mr. Botsford missed the jewels when he reached the office and without delay notified the detectives. Detectives investigated and obtained information to the identity of the passengers who were on the car, and it is said intended to arrest some person today.

The jewels were in a small green case, and among them were some which had at odd times been presented Mrs. Botsford by her husband. Some of the jewels were especially fine and Mrs. Botsford was seriously affected by their loss.

FREIGHT RATES NOT TO BE INCREASED NOW

Presidents and Operating Officials of Big Eastern Railroads Believe It Would Not Be Expedient to Raise Prices

WASHINGTON, June 8.—No general increase in freight rates is likely to be made by the railroad of the country in the near future, if it is to be made at all.

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THE NEWS SUMMARY

FORECAST For Los Angeles and vicinity: Fair Tuesday; light east winds, changing to southwest. Maximum temperature yesterday, 71 degrees; minimum, 51 degrees.

LOCAL Negro fireman borne to his last rest. Saloon owners petition for abolition of free lunches. Moving picture men want exit ordinance amended. Dramatic club of Westlake School for Girls presents "The Rivivals." Delegate to Methodist conference returns from Chicago. Railroads to advertise celebration of Harbor day at San Pedro.

COAST State board of equalizers will make tour over railroads to determine value of property. Christian Endeavor society will hold state convention at Sacramento. Oregon grand jury returns seven indictments in land fraud cases.

EASTERN Two hundred determined men have surrounded negro murderer in brush. Wild dogs tear off arm of boy and rend hand of man. Great of Kansas floods expected Wednesday. Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad goes into hands of receiver.

FOREIGN Financial commission finds dowager queen of Portugal used \$40,000 of state's money. David Jayne Hill leaves the Hague for Los Angeles and Charlemagne Tower says good by to emperor. Mexican bank charges employ with complicity in big forgery.

New Ambassador to Germany Who Left The Hague Yesterday for His New Post



DR. DAVID JAYNE HILL

NEW MINISTER GOES TO GERMANY

DAVID JAYNE HILL LEAVES THE NETHERLANDS

Formally Presents His Recall and with His Wife Lunched with Emperor and Empress at Potsdam

By Associated Press. THE HAGUE, June 8.—Dr. David Jayne Hill, the American minister to The Netherlands, left here this morning for Berlin, where he is to succeed Charlemagne Tower as American ambassador to Germany. The foreign minister and a large number of state officials and diplomats were at the station to see him depart. Before taking up the duties of his new post Dr. Hill will visit several German towns. Arthur M. Beaupre, formerly minister to Argentina, who is to succeed Dr. Hill as minister to The Netherlands, arrived here yesterday.

HEROIC FIREMAN IS LAID TO REST

VICTIM OF DISASTER BURIED AT SAN PEDRO

Rupture in Boiler Tube Occurred Under Normal Conditions—Other Injured Now at Hospital Resting Well

John S. Maxfield, the negro fireman who died at the Angelus hospital, Los Angeles, Sunday night as a result of injuries sustained Friday morning in the boiler tube explosion on the United States cruiser Tennessee, off Point Hueneme, was buried at 10 o'clock yesterday morning in Harbor View cemetery, San Pedro, overlooking the ocean and in sight of the war vessel on which he had met death in the discharge of his duties.

Maxfield was the seventh on the list of dead; four of whom were killed instantly. The body of J. P. A. Carroll, who died Saturday night at the same hour, was also prepared for burial, but at the last moment, as the funeral procession was leaving the Fifth street wharf, San Pedro, Admiral Sebree received a telegram from Washington, D. C., instructing him to hold the body until further orders.

Maxfield's funeral was conducted with full naval honors. The casket was literally covered with floral tributes from friends, shipmates and others, and included many handsome wreaths from the citizens of San Pedro. Flags were kept at half mast during the funeral ceremonies. Two hundred and fifty men, including officers, sailors and marines, besides many citizens, escorted the funeral cortege, commanded by Captain Howard of the cruiser Tennessee.

BOY'S ARM IS TORN OFF BY GREAT DANE

WILD HOUND SINKS TEETH IN MAN'S HAND

Vicious Actions of Canines Occur in Prescott at Same Hour, Though in Widely Varied Localities

Special to The Herald. PRESCOTT, Ariz., June 8.—The left arm of Willie Mayer, the 5-year-old son of parents after whom the rich mining town of Mayer, in this county, was named, was torn off by a Great Dane hound last evening.

The little fellow was swinging on a screen door of a restaurant when the dog sprang upon him and almost tore the arm from the socket. The arm had to be amputated. Almost at the same hour the left hand of J. P. Wheelon, president of the Houlihan Mining company, was almost torn off by a wild hound which he discovered in a steel trap set for wolves near the mine.

Wheelon was trying to liberate the hound when it seized his left hand and tore the muscles and ligaments into shreds before Wheelon broke away. He left this morning for treatment, as the hound gave evidence of madness from long confinement in the trap.

Ratify Bond Issue NEW YORK, June 8.—The board of directors of the Union Pacific Railroad company at a meeting today ratified the issue of \$50,000,000 first lien and refunding mortgage 4 per cent bonds.

ALLIES SECURE SLIGHT VICTORY WITH LOUISIANA

TAFT AND ANTI-TAFT MEN MAY BE CALLED

Wants to Give Time for Pressure to Be Brought to Bear on Washington on Wavering Committeemen

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, June 8.—A few handfuls of sand was thrown into the cylinders of the Taft political machine late today. So far everything that has come up has been handled quickly and decisively by the Taft men, but today from their own membership came a proposition to divide the Louisiana delegation with the opposition, seating both Taft and anti-Taft delegates, with half a vote each.

The proposition itself did not come as a surprise, but the number of members of the national committee who favored the movement created some consternation in the Taft camp. The friends of the secretary of war on the committee brought about an adjournment rather than permit a vote to be taken today.

In the Louisiana case, which involves four delegates at large and fourteen district delegates if brought to a vote tomorrow, noses will be sharply counted. Members of the committee who favored the movement created some consternation in the Taft camp. The friends of the secretary of war on the committee brought about an adjournment rather than permit a vote to be taken today.

Manager Frank Hitchcock announced that there will be no compromise. He is determined to fight for the seating of the delegation instructed for Secretary Taft and declared that he will insist that the committee pass upon all contentions. To see to it by any other way, he said, would be unfair to the delegations themselves. He expressed the opinion that the committee should not shirk the responsibility of sitting in judgment upon the merits of every contest, and in his view he is supported by practically every committeeman of the west and south, and many from the east.

No Division So Far Thus far contests have been settled from the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia and Kentucky, and there has been no division of the committee in disposing of any of them. The reason for this has been the rule which denies a roll call on any question unless it is demanded by twenty members and the anti-Taft people have not that number on the committee. The suggestion for a division of contesting delegations has become more frequent from day to day.

The political maneuvering by such members of the "old guard" as Senators Crane, Scott and Penrose and Committeemen Hart of Iowa and Mulvane of Kansas, has not been without effect. The reason for this has been the promise suggestion was noticed by the Taft men, but they were not disturbed by it until late today, when they learned to their surprise that the plan for a division in Louisiana was favored by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts and General Powell Clayton of Arkansas.

Hasty conferences were held by the Taft members of the committee during the hearing of the Louisiana contest, and the decision was reached that it would be wise to adjourn until they ascertained exactly where they stood. This course was followed. Mr. Hitchcock called up Secretary Taft in Washington, Charles F. Taft, brother of the secretary, in Louisiana was based on and telegraphing on his own account; E. N. Duncan of North Carolina and C. A. Lyon of Texas and some others have not that number on the committee. The suggestion for a division of contesting delegations has become more frequent from day to day.

Similar Contests Pending Similar contests are pending from Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. The plea for a compromise in Louisiana is based on the argument that the negro question is involved and that some recognition that would appease the negro voters of the south and give the Taft men a delegation. In all of the contests mentioned the issues are involved with the race question.

Manager Hitchcock takes the position, however, that all of the Taft delegations are "mixed," there being several negroes on the delegation from each southern state. More than 350 delegates are involved in the present contests from southern states yet to be settled.

The Taft men say if they make concessions now they may expect further demands. They are determined to prevent the insertion of any opening wedge, if such a thing is possible. Sixteen more votes were gained for Taft today by the settlement of contests. Two of these came from Florida, six from Georgia and eight from Kentucky. There are all the contests heard by the committee.

The settlement of the Kentucky cases engendered more ill feeling than has been manifested since the committee began its work. Quarrel Over Kentucky Senator Bradley of Kentucky appeared as counsel for the Fairbanks delegation. The First district was quickly settled, as Mr. Bradley had no personal knowledge of the conditions involved, other than the views presented in brief in the case. The Taft delegates were seated. The Fifth district then was taken up. This is the Louisville district, the home of Mr. Bradley.

He spoke at length, the time of each side having been extended to twenty-five minutes. During his speech he made the suggestion that if Taft is nominated it would be doubtful whether he could carry the state of Kentucky, whereupon Clayton Blakey, attorney for the Taft delegation, charged that Mr. Bradley had stumped the state for Fairbanks, making just that sort of an argument. Mr. Bradley denied the charge and Mr. Blakey (Continued on Page Two)