

FLOOD CRISIS IS IMMINENT; GREST FEARED

If Dikes Hold Out 36 Hours Valleys of Delta Will Be Spared

1,000 Persons Marooned in Attics and On High Spots Are Rescued

The crisis in the Mississippi valley flood is imminent. Chief anxiety centers in the situation south of Memphis. If the dikes of Arkansas, Mississippi and northern Louisiana hold for another 36 hours, then the valleys of the Delta and the Yazoo south of Memphis will be spared.

State and government officials say that the dikes on the eastern bank of the Mississippi will withstand the tremendous pressure that will be exerted by the flood's crest.

Nevertheless they are apprehensive and fear of breaks along the western dikes is shown by the abandonment of homes and villages in the lowlands from Helena south.

STIRRING STORIES VERIFIED

Stirring stories of the rescue of the refugees in upper Arkansas have reached Memphis. One thousand or more persons marooned in Wynoke, Ark., were brought to Memphis late yesterday afternoon, rescued on the initiative of a Memphis citizens' committee which made the trip to Wynoke to investigate stories of suffering. Reports were verified amply.

In a church were found scores of refugees. As the water rose the refugees built scaffolding with poles and thus kept their heads above the surface. On the high ground and in the attics of houses near Wynoke hundreds were found. All were taken to Memphis.

Refugees from the Modoc district, south of Memphis who were taken to Helena and Memphis yesterday, say that there has been some loss of life in that section. These reports are unverified, and the mayor of Helena sent to the Associated Press an emphatic denial that there had been fatalities from the breaks south of his city.

Estimates of the damage vary widely. Many persons who are weary bend to the great river from New Orleans to Cairo say the loss will amount to \$10,000,000. Others modify this estimate. Probably the heaviest specific loss must be estimated in the destruction of homes, the loss of livestock and damage to manufacturing plants in the upper flood districts.

The number of fatalities has been small. Thirty would be a conservative estimate.

SUFFERING AMONG HOMELESS

There has been much suffering among the homeless. Of the 30,000 or more persons who have been driven forth by the waters hundreds have gone hungry for hours before succor reached them. Hundreds have been imprisoned on housetops, in trees and anchored on rafts for long periods. Despite the ample warnings, many of the Arkansas and Tennessee homesteaders remained by their property until the last minute. The situation in Memphis properly is assuming its normal. Street cars have resumed service in the comparatively small flooded district of the city.

Cairo Citizens Hopeful

CAIRO, Ill., April 8.—The Ohio river is stationary at 54 feet at Cairo, and residents, although the city is entirely surrounded by water 10 feet higher than the general level of the city, are much encouraged. They believe they are out of danger, unless something unforeseen happens. Refugees from other flood districts were brought here today in a half starved condition.

Vermont Rivers Subside

MONTPELIER, Vt., April 8.—There was a subsidence today of the Winooski and North Branch rivers, floods in which streams yesterday caused damage estimated at \$100,000.

Children Die in Flood

SHERBROOKE, Que., April 8.—The sudden rise of the Coaticook river at Compton last night caused the death of three persons. Edward Poulin was driving Mrs. George Velleux and her six children to a party when the flood unexpectedly swept over the wagon. Poulin sank immediately, and his body was not recovered. Three of the children were dragged out, but Mrs. Velleux and the other children floated down the current, clinging to a stump. When help reached them two of the little ones were dead.

House Appropriates \$350,000

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The house today extended its flood relief measure to include the protection of levees on the Ohio as well as on the Mississippi rivers. The relief took the form of an amendment to the \$550,000 appropriation.

Approximately 2,500 refugees at Hickman, Ky., must be fed, according to an estimate telegraphed to the war department today by Captain Logan of the quartermaster's department. He says about half are being fed by the city. Twenty thousand rations are due there today.

Reports from the postal superintendents in the lower Mississippi river section show that it has been necessary to discontinue all mail lines west of Memphis. Until further notice, mail for the southwest must be forwarded by way of St. Louis. South of Memphis the mail service is badly demoralized.

Soap Box Babe's Coffin

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 8.—The steamer Kate Adams, which was near Modoc when the crevasse occurred near there, probably saved hundreds of lives by taking refugees from rafts and housetops. In the midst of the rescue work the steamer put out a skiff to a woman who sat on the roof of her floating house. She sent word back to the captain that she would not leave unless he would consent to take her dead baby aboard the steamer.

Accordingly a soap box was sent to the floating house. The woman brought out the babe's corpse, placed it in the box and was rowed to the steamer. The little boy's body was brought to Memphis and buried here today.

One of the Lee line steamers from the Arkansas country, which reached here today, told of a desperate fight with a negro who refused to leave a raft on which he floated unless he was allowed to bring his mule. As a last resort the captain of the boat tied the raft, heaving the mule behind the steamer and towed raft, mule, negro and all into Memphis.

ARRESTED FOR STEALING A HORSE—John Welch was arrested yesterday by Detectives Regan and O'Connell and charged with petty larceny. He is accused of stealing a horse and buggy and then selling the harness.

Three Women Who Are Interested in G. A. R. Gathering



MRS. JENNIE L. SOUTHWORTH



MRS. W. B. HARDACRE



MRS. LIZZIE CONROY

Encampment of Veterans at Stockton Draws Delegates From Two States

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, April 8.—Civil war veterans are assembling in Stockton from all sections of California and Nevada to attend the forty-fifth encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic for the department comprising the two states. All day long special trains arrived, bringing the visitors by the hundreds. Garbed in their blue uniforms and with the remnants of their fire and drum corps, the old soldiers have taken possession of the city.

The contest for department commander is warm, the three candidates being Henry Z. Osborne of Stanton post No. 55, Los Angeles; William R. Thomas, Appomattox post, Oakland; and Joseph H. Lawrence, Lyon post, Oakland.

OSBORNE HAS SOUTH'S BACKING

Osborne comes to Stockton with the indorsement of the entire southern delegation, including such posts as the Bartlett-Logan, Kenesaw Mountains, Pomona and Ontario. He is a past adjutant general and past inspector general of the national order of the G. A. R. and is accredited with having been responsible to a big extent in obtaining the national encampment for the Pacific coast.

Thomas was senior vice commander of the department in 1910. He has the distinction of having presided over his post for 15 years, and for several years was chief of Oakland's police department. He was a candidate for department commander in 1911, but withdrew in favor of the incumbent, H. Y. Parker of Fresno. For this reason his friends urge that he is the logical candidate this year.

VIEW LINDEN COUNTRY

Lawrence is past post commander of Sheridan-Dix post No. 7. He enlisted in the army in 1854 at the age of 17 years.

A number of the visitors were taken on an excursion over the Stockton Terminal and Eastern railroad this afternoon and shown the Linden country in the eastern part of the county.

A reception was given this evening in Masonic auditorium in honor of the delegates and their wives. Mayor R. R. Heibenstein delivered the address of welcome. Department Commander Parker responded.

The program for the encampment follows:

TUESDAY, APRIL 9
Morning—9 o'clock, business session, board of administration; 11 o'clock, business session.
Afternoon—Business session.
Evening—7:30 o'clock, concert on the plaza, by Stockton Union band; 8 o'clock, patriotic entertainment in the auditorium, given to the general public.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
Morning—10 o'clock, Grand Army of the Republic parade and flag drill by school children; parade will form in East Main street, between California and American; Police, marshal of the day, Sheriff Reicks; assistant marshals, band, Sons of Veterans, department commander and staff, comrades unable to march, Grand Army of the Republic boys' band, department women's relief corps officers, Stockton Ladies Aid, Grand Army of the Republic, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, auxiliary of Sons of Veterans, Boy Scouts, girls of the flag drill, automobile, Mrs. Reynolds and assistants, 12 o'clock noon, presentation of flag to Stockton high school by the department patriotic instructor, Leroy D. Bailey; response by President Norton of the high school student body.
Afternoon—1:30 o'clock, auto ride to Lodi, refreshments by her citizens; 3:30 o'clock, plant tree at Parkside park, corner of Grant and Anderson streets, by the Native Daughters; take autos at Hotel Stockton.
Evening—8 o'clock, entertainment by the auxiliary of Sons of Veterans at the W. C. T. U. hall; Hawkins W. R. C. of Stockton gives a reception to the G. A. R. W. R. C. Ladies of the G. A. R., auxiliary of Sons of Veterans and Sons of Veterans at the auditorium.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11
Morning—Business session.
Afternoon—1 to 4:30 o'clock, free ride down the river on Steamers Leader, free of charge.
Evening—5:30 o'clock, army banquet and antebellum dishes, under the supervision of the Spanish War Veterans, at Oak park; dancing in the evening; music by the Stockton band.
Thursday afternoon and evening free shows at all the theaters for all G. A. R. and affiliated organizations wearing badge of office.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12
All day session.
Evening—8 o'clock, general exchange of visits at all headquarters.
The officers are as follows: H. Y. Parker, department commander; William H. X. Deane, senior vice commander; Thomas J. Shea, junior vice commander; John Warner, medical director; Charles W. Merrill, chaplain; E. Burns, assistant adjutant general and assistant quartermaster general; F. V. Carroll, department inspector; A. J. Buckles, judge advocate; H. R. Campbell, chief mastering officer; J. M. Talcor, senior aide de camp; George B. Kellogg, patriotic instructor. The members of the executive council are George C. Somers, John Roberts, W. H. Wharf, W. A. Huddart and M. A. Gordon.
The local committees are as follows: General committee—D. E. Merrill, chairman; Raymond Miller, secretary; Mayor R. R. Heibenstein, R. B. O'Connell, Louis Wetmore, Leroy S. Atwood, P. B. Dietrich and C. R. Pearson. G. A. R. advisory committee—W. B. Hardacre, Alex. Stearns and H. E. Campbell.
Entertainment committee—B. C. Wallace, Frank G. Warren and J. H. Smith.
Parade committee—William H. Reicks, chairman; C. E. Manthey, M. Deaton, B. F. Andrews and A. F. Bellows.

EXPOSITION CO. FILES SUIT TO CONDEMN LANDS

Property Wanted Until 1917 Is Unimproved Square in Western Addition Block 553

Owners Refused to Lease and Would Sell to Fair Directorate for \$20,000

The first suit of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition company for the condemnation of land on the exposition site now held by private persons and corporations was filed yesterday in the superior court by Attorney F. S. Brittain. The object is to acquire a parcel of land at Chestnut and Baker streets which the owners refused to lease and which they would sell to the fair directorate for \$20,000, whereas the exposition company is willing to pay \$3,000.

The defendants are Oscar von Gerzabek, Ella von Gerzabek, Humboldt Savings and Loan society, Daniel Suter, Elizabeth Corbett, Frederick W. Budge, Leonard Lumber company, J. L. Bowen & Sons company Inc., E. Kennedy company, William P. Gubbard, trustee for the E. Kennedy company, George J. Elkington and ten "John Does." The property wanted by the fair directorate is a square, part of Western addition block 553. It measures 137 feet 6 inches by 137.6. It has no buildings or improvements of any kind. The complaint recites that the exposition company desires public use of the property without restriction under its right to condemn.

The complaint recites the legislative acts under which the exposition company came into being and points out its purposes and territorial scope.

It is alleged that the easement of the land is worth \$3,000 and the fee \$12,000, but that the fee will be injured in any way by the plaintiff's occupancy until 1917.

The plaintiff asks for judgment and that each defendant be assessed his proportionate share of the damages each shall receive from the exposition company for use of the premises.

POLK TO OUTLINE PLANS

The first official statement made by any one connected with the exposition regarding the progress of the plans will be published in Los Angeles this evening, when Willis Polk, chairman of the architectural commission, addresses the joint Los Angeles and San Francisco chapters of the American Institute of Architects at the annual convention of the Architectural League of the Pacific Coast. A general plan has at last been formulated by Edward H. Bennett, in charge of the force of draftsmen and designers, and will be presented to the buildings and grounds committee today. It is said that the scheme is the most original ever devised.

Governor John A. Dix of New York last Friday signed the bill appropriating \$700,000 for the Empire state's participation in the Panama-Pacific exposition. To Thomas M. Moore, representative of the exposition company, the governor expressed his deep interest in the work and stated his hope that he might be able in the near future to visit San Francisco.

Minnesota's delegation, appointed yesterday by Governor A. G. Eberhardt, for the selection of the site for the edifice of that state, will reach here about May 23. It will consist of Cal E. Stone of St. Paul and George E. Sullivan of Stillwater, both of whom were members of the last Minnesota legislature. Efforts are being made to induce Governor Eberhardt to accompany it.

JUDGE SHORT APPOINTED

Former Judge Frank H. Short of Fresno has been appointed to represent the exposition at the national drainage congress, which meets next week at New Orleans. Judge Short is to deliver an address on drainage conditions in California, and incidentally will tell about the world's fair. He will also make an effort to induce the congress to meet in this city for its session of 1915.

The Knights of the Royal Arch will meet tomorrow evening to appoint a committee of 100 to canvass the liquor merchants of the city for subscriptions to the exposition. The organization has agreed to dispose of \$250,000 worth of stock.

Official flags of the exposition were adopted yesterday by the board of directors, which accepted the designs of Captain A. C. Baker, U. S. Navy, director of transportation exhibits. From all buildings the flag now flying from the headquarters building at Pine and Battery streets will be flown, while a burgee, bearing the words "Exposition, San Francisco" in a circle and "1915" in the point, will be flown by yachts and the many steamship companies, which have expressed their willingness to carry word of the exposition by this means to all parts of the world from now until the opening of the fair.

WISCONSIN WILSON'S BY 12,000 MAJORITY

New York Headquarters Claims State for Educator

NEW YORK, April 8.—A telegram from Frank B. Schmitt, chairman of the democratic state committee of Wisconsin, claiming 24 of Wisconsin's delegates, was given out today by the Woodrow Wilson headquarters.

"Governor Woodrow Wilson carried Wisconsin by over 12,000 majority out of a total vote cast of 40,000," says the telegram.

"Both congressional districts in Milwaukee county went for Wilson. The fourteenth ward, populated exclusively by Polish people, was carried by Governor Wilson."

WILSON DONS HAND ME DOWNS

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 8.—Governor Woodrow Wilson arrived here today and immediately purchased a ready made dress suit. The belongings of the New Jersey governor, stolen at Chicago yesterday, included this important adjunct to his wardrobe. He will speak at a Chamber of Commerce banquet tonight.

COAL WANTED THAT WON'T INJURE TUBES

Navy Officers Would Prefer Western Fuel

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Western coal is unsuitable for the navy except on vessels not expected to take part in battle.

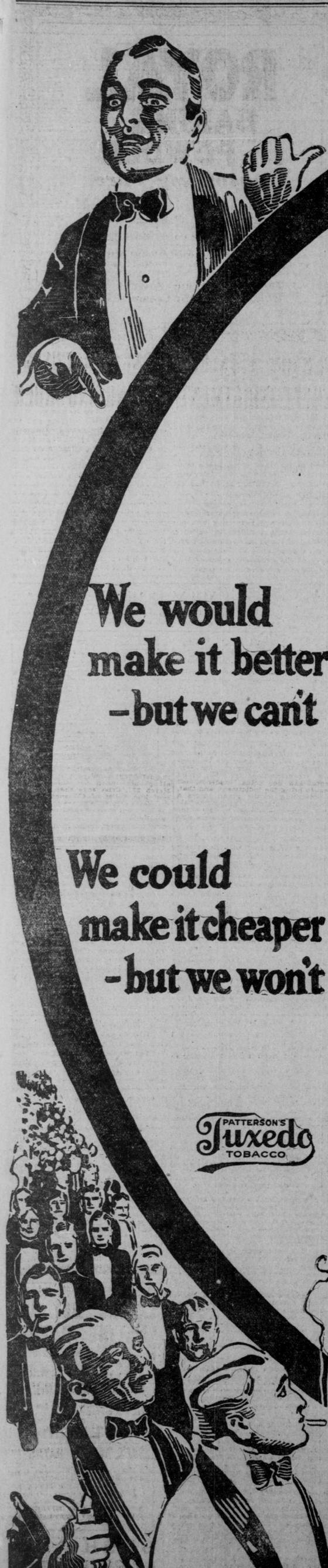
Tests held on the cruisers West Virginia, Colorado and Maryland convinced naval officers that it would be unwise to give preference to western coal, which it is said, produces much ash and soot, tending to injure the boilers. The navy keenly desires to find western coal which would burn as well as the eastern coal. Further tests will be held.



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