

WATERS WREAK DESTRUCTION IN FERTILE VALLEY

Men and Women of Torras, La.,
Join in Mad Rush to
Safety

Government Provides for Relief
of Homeless Thousands in
Refugee Camps

of the city will be flooded. Only the
wholesale district would be affected.

Many appeals for assistance were sent
here last night from persons marooned
because of the Torras break. The
homeless are constantly arriving, and
boats and trains are making trips as
rapidly as possible.

RAIN ADDS TO VOLUME

Although there will be suffering
among the refugees before all are
taken to Baton Rouge, it is said the
chance of loss of life is remote.

Last night a steady rain was softening
the already strained levees and adding
to the volume of water.

A peculiar situation exists at Mel-
ville, La. There the Torras levee
is in front of the town is holding,
but water from a break five miles down
stream is backing up and flooding the
outskirts of the town. This is an ob-
stacle.

PROPERTY LOSS TO BE MILLIONS

TORRAS, La., May 2.—The second
line of levees protecting the state con-
vict plantation at Ongala, La., broke
this afternoon and within a short time
the 5,000 acres were inundated. The
state recently completed a \$5,000,000
sugar refinery, and this will be flooded.

All hope of closing the Torras crevasse
was abandoned following a confer-
ence between Governor Sanders and
state engineers. The crevasse had
widened to nearly 700 feet and the
levee was crumbling away rapidly.

News that the engineers had given
up all hope of closing the Torras crevasse
was flashed to every town on the
west side of the river within a radius
of 50 miles. It means the abandon-
ment of thousands of homes in the ter-
ritory south of the Torras levee and
property damage that will run into the millions.

INHABITANTS IN MAD RUSH

The Angola break is across the river
from the Torras crevasse and less than
six miles distant. The flood waters on
the Angola side have covered thousands
of acres of fine farming land along
the east bank as far down as Bayou
Sara and St. Francisville, and probably
will return to the Mississippi near
Morganza, La.

Women screaming and men shouting
as they hurried into their homes and
seized their children and valuables in
their mad efforts to reach places of
safety and the stampeding of animals
turned loose by their owners to seek
safe places were some of the chaotic
conditions that prevailed here last
night when the Torras levee broke.

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side of the river was a mad scene. The
levee at the junction of the old
Mississippi river had given way.

ARE CAUGHT UNPREPARED

Although it had been known that
several weak spots had developed, lit-
tle attention had been paid to this by
the citizens of Torras, and they were
caught unprepared. Within a few min-
utes after the break had become known
the townspeople were in panic.

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side of the river was a mad scene. The
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Mississippi river had given way.

No loss of life has been reported,
but it is feared some fatalities may oc-
cur in the interior, as the water is
rushing through the country so rapidly
that sufficient warning may not have
reached those living in districts remote
from wire communication.

I. W. W. OFFICIALS ARE HURRIED FROM TOWN

Kidnaped in Auto and Whisked
Out of Houquiam, Wash.

HOQUIAM, Wash., May 2.—W. A.
Thorn and C. A. Biscay, officials of the
Industrial Workers of the World, were
kidnaped in their sleeping house last
night, dragged through the city streets
for four blocks, pushed into an auto-
mobile and whisked out of the city.

Thorn telephoned from Montesano to-
day that they had reached that place
and had been released by their captors.
Thorn will return to Houquiam.

In spite of the fact that the kidnaped
men screamed for help, they were fol-
lowed by several hundred people
through the streets, neither the police
nor any citizen attempted to rescue
them from their captors. An inquiry
into the affair will be conducted by the
county officials.

Thorn and Biscay have been very ac-
tive in the recent strike of the mill men
at Grays Harbor.

GERMAN FLEET TO SAIL FOR AMERICA MAY 11

BERLIN, May 2.—It has now been
decided that the German battleship
squadron will sail for America May 11,
proceeding first to Hampton roads,
where it will be joined by the German
armored cruiser Bremen, which has
been in American waters for some time.
Later the warships will visit New York.
The return home has been set for the
end of June. The squadron will be
commanded by Rear Admiral von Re-
beur-Paschwitz, one of the emperor's
personal aids.

BRITISH BATTLESHIP IS INJURED IN COLLISION

LONDON, May 2.—The British bat-
tle ship Empress of India was in col-
lision with a German sailing vessel
early today at Spithead. The battle-
ship received a gaping hole in her
side above the main deck, while the
merchantman lost her headgear and fore-
topmast. The Empress of India was
in midchannel in tow of the cruiser
Warrior at the time of the crash.

TWO MEN DIE AFTER EATING TOADSTOOLS

OROVILLE, May 2.—John Day and
Daniel Blanchard died here today as
the result of having eaten toadstools,
which they mistook for mushrooms.

FUGITIVE IS ARRESTED—WILLIAM MARSHALL

San Francisco, May 2.—William Marshall,
alias William Brown, wanted by the police here
for passing a \$200 worthless check on A.
Anderson, 25 Elder street, was arrested yester-
day in Petaluma and will be brought to this
city today.

CAIRO AGAIN MENACED

CAIRO, Ill., May 2.—The flood from the Mississippi river again
has submerged the country around Birds Point, Mo., just south of here,
and the farmers of that section have been driven from their homes for
the second time in six weeks.

When the waters receded recently many returned to their homes
there and began repairing the damage caused by the flood, but this
work was a waste. The flood in the drainage district north of Cairo
is seven feet deep.

Although many families have been driven from their homes by the
second flood within a month, the churches of Cairo will devote next
Sunday's services to thanksgiving for the city's escape from last
month's flood.

The Mississippi was 48.2 feet deep here, having risen 1.2 feet
in the last 24 hours.
All residents of the drainage district have left their homes and
farmers of the lowlands have taken their families and stock to the hills.

MRS. SAGE, WORK WOUNDED, IS DYING

Life's Thread, Worn Thin by
Acts of Kindness, Nears
Breaking Point

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laughing at the antics of the bright
eyed, furry crowd.

Simply dressed, Mrs. Sage, always in
black, and wearing a bonnet which de-
fied style, and Miss Gould in a plain
blue suit, strangers would pass them
by as two middle class women who
were enjoying a respite from the cares
of housekeeping between the luncheon
and dinner hours.

Only one who saw beneath the sur-
face would discover, on each, the look
of peace that illumines the faces of all
good souls, forgetting self, in the
breadth of their energies.

Society never interested Mrs. Sage.
Louisa Olcott was one of her friends.
Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B.
Anthony were others. She believed in
woman in the home.

"It hurts me—that women have to be
wage earners," she said not long ago.
"Some day I hope to do great work, a
work that can never die."

"God has been good to me," she re-
plied. "I have only shared my bless-
ings."

"How can I amass a fortune?" asked
a young man who met her last summer.
"By working and saving," was the
instant response, "and by being un-
selfish, saving life. There is nothing
in luck."

Since her husband's death Mrs. Sage
has traveled across the continent, re-
cuperating her health by a winter in
southern California.

"I have done the best that I could by
the light of the day," is the epitaph
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DOMINIC KANE, FATHER OF MUR- DERED BOY, SAYS: "I CAN REACH A VERDICT"

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cupied by some great question which
he could not decide.

As the announcement of the jury was
finished, Kane leaped to the floor and
advanced a few steps toward the
prisoner's pen, drawing a big 44 cal-
iber revolver from his coat pocket.

"I CAN REACH A VERDICT!"
"I can reach a verdict," he shouted
in a frenzied voice. "That was my
boy who was killed."

As he sought to level the revolver
at the accused murderer, Bailiff James
Doyle of Judge Cabanis' court grasped
him with a sharp struggle ensued
before Doyle and court attendants,
assisted by spectators, wrested the re-
volver from the man's grasp. Kane
seemed to be almost beside himself
with grief and rage, and those who
prevented him from accomplishing his
purpose.

The courtroom was a scene of furor
and was cast into an uproar as Kane
declared that he would constitute him-
self law, court and executioner. The
chamber was crowded, not alone with
white persons, but with more than 50
colored persons. Many of the latter
declared that they were certain a paral-
el of the famous Allen court trial, with-
out the clan of mountaineers, was
about to be enacted.

As Doyle and a dozen men
wrestled about the floor with the en-
raged father, the Chinese in a body
made for the rail which marks the re-
strictions for spectators and San Joaquin
valleys. Thus the people are brought
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FROM EAST TOS. F. AND BACK FOR \$65

Southern Pacific Follows in the
Footsteps of Western With
Homeseekers' Rate

The Southern Pacific has announced
a homeseekers' rate of \$65 from the
east to California and return, with a
25 day limit and liberal stopover priv-
ileges. The Western Pacific started the
fashion, in conjunction with the Denver
and Rio Grande and the Missouri Pa-
cific, and it is expected that all the
other lines carrying transcontinental
passengers will do likewise. The home-
seekers' rates have long been in force
to points nearly as far west as the
three Pacific coast states. But to these
states, until the Western Pacific estab-
lished the homeseekers' rate, only the
colonist one way rates were given.

It is argued that the colonist rate
brings in only the man or woman with
no money, seeking a job, while the
round trip homeseekers' rates give ac-
tual homeseekers a chance to visit the
state, stop off and inspect the land here
and there and then return home, sell
out the old place, pack up and come out
to California to buy and live.

The prominent railroad official yester-
day declared the inauguration of the
homeseekers' round trip rate the great-
est thing that has happened to the
Golden state for the last 20 years. It
will mean much for the central and
northern parts of the state, the rail-
road men say, because the 25 day
privilege and liberal stopovers will
give every one an opportunity to see
every section of California.

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STRIKE HOLDS UP CHICAGO PAPERS

Pressmen Walk Out and Deliv-
ers Refuse to Work Pend-
ing Settlement

CHICAGO, May 2.—Owing to differ-
ences between the pressmen of Chicago
Newspaper Webb Pressmen's union No.
7 and the Chicago local of the Ameri-
can Newspaper Publishers' association,
the afternoon papers were today un-
able to get out their regular editions
until late. Members of the pressmen's
unions were not on duty at the morn-
ing newspaper offices tonight, but it is
said that the regular editions will be
published.