

## NORTHERN HALF OF ILLINOIS IS HAVING A FLOOD

Great Damage to Property Done and Lives Are Believed in Danger

### FIVE FEET OF WATER IN JOLIET STREETS

Aurora's Drinking Supply Is Cut Off as River Creeps Into City

Chicago, Jan. 21.—Rivers throughout northern Illinois, swollen by rain which fell almost continuously through the night, today overflowed their banks and inundated a score of cities and villages. No loss of life was reported but the property damage was estimated at several hundred thousand dollars.

All through the valley of the Des Plaines the water spread far over the lowlands, reaching its height in the neighborhood of Joliet, where a large section of the city was inundated and several villages flooded with five feet of water.

Aurora and Elgin on the Fox river and intermediate towns of St. Charles, Batavia and Geneva reported high water and much damage.

The rain swept over the two northern tiers of Illinois counties from Chicago to Rock Island.

Water from a creek flowing into the Des Plaines overflowed and rose to a depth of six feet in the streets of Brooklyn, a Joliet suburb. Boats and improvised rafts were used to carry people to safety.

Police and firemen, trying to help a doctor reach the home of Alfred Smith, whose son is ill with pneumonia, were almost swept away by a torrent which flowed about the house, but finally got the physician to a raft and was rescued with difficulty.

Rockdale was flooded by water from the Des Plaines and business was suspended while citizens were taken from exposed homes in rafts and boats.

Ice floes jammed in the Des Plaines river ten miles south of Joliet and caused the water to spread over lowlands.

Street car and interurban service was abandoned in some districts.

#### IOWA ALSO HIT.

Southeastern Iowa and the extreme northern and western portions of Missouri were also in the rain belt which came up from Texas.

The government forecaster predicted severe cold tomorrow night in the northwest with probability that the cold wave would extend to Iowa and Illinois.

The Chicago sewerage system proved inadequate to carry away the surplus water and hundreds of basements were flooded and miniature lakes formed in the lower lying sections of the city. The fire department was called in scores of cases to pump out basements.

Firemen also released marooned passengers in automobiles which had stalled in subways under railroad viaducts.

City officials gave warning to boil all water before using it, fearing contamination from the floods.

#### JOLIET INUNDATED.

Joliet, Ill., Jan. 21.—The worst flood since 1902 engulfed Joliet today. Water ran five feet deep in the streets. Basements were flooded and nearly a thousand persons living in the lower parts of the city were driven from their homes.

Rockdale, a manufacturing town southeast of the city, reported six feet of water on the level and business suspended.

The whole valley of the Des Plaines river is inundated.

#### AURORA IN DANGER.

Aurora, Jan. 21.—At 11:15 o'clock warning of a probable great flood which was apt to sweep away thousands of homes and buildings and cripple water supplies of cities along the Fox river was flashed by telephone and telegraph through the Fox river valley to people living anywhere near the river's edge.

Already six of the seven artesian wells which supply Aurora with its water have been cut off by the river which is running over its banks. One small well which is now in operation but which may go out any minute can supply the city for five hours more. The main pumping station of the Aurora water department is just north of the city and is on the river bank.

The river has poured into the five artesian wells at this station and has put out of business a big air compressor which pumps these wells. A well in South Aurora has been flooded and the fire of boilers put out. There is practically no water pressure in case of fire.

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## AUSTRIANS AGAIN MAKE ADVANCE ON MONTENEGRINS

VIENNA, HOWEVER, DENIES THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR SURRENDER HAVE CEASED.

Paris, Jan. 21.—The Geneva correspondent of the Temps says that, according to dispatches from Vienna, an active renewal of military operations has been undertaken by the Austrians in Montenegro.

General Kooevess' army is in movement, according to these advices, and one Austro-Hungarian division is advancing in the general Cetinje and Podgoritza direction while another is moving south along the Adriatic coast toward Antivari. Other detachments of less strength are reported to be in Albania within fifteen kilometers of Scutari.

STILL CLAIM SURRENDER. Vienna, Jan. 21.—It is announced here that the press reports that Montenegro has discontinued peace negotiations are unfounded. It is stated that as yet the laying down of arms demanded by Austria has not been completed by the Montenegrins and that until this is done by all the Montenegrin troops, peace conditions will not be discussed.

The conditions have not yet been stated, as the Austro-German peace commissioner, Otto, formerly Austrian minister at Cetinje, is still en route for that city and arrived at Serrajevo today. It is added that several days will be still required before all the Montenegrin troops will come in from the hills and surrender. Only then are the actual negotiations to begin.

What the Austro-Hungarian terms will be, it is stated here, can not yet be published, but they will include the retention of Mt. Lovcen.

A Rome dispatch of yesterday said Montenegro had informed Italy officially that hostilities with Austria had been resumed over the entire front.

The foregoing Vienna dispatch, also under yesterday's date, may have been filed before the time of the announcement credited by Rome to the Montenegrin government.

#### SERBS AT CORFU.

Paris, Jan. 20.—(Delayed)—An Athens dispatch to the Havas agency of yesterday's date says that the Serbian premier, accompanied by several ministers, has arrived at Corfu, as well as 200 Serbian officers and soldiers. The local authorities, acting in conjunction with the forces of occupation, have made preparations for their accommodation.

#### MINOR BATTLES ON.

Berlin, Jan. 21.—German troops have been engaged in only minor operations along the front in Russia, according to announcement by army headquarters today. The statement reports merely the easy repulse of small Russian detachments between Pinsk and Czartorysk.

## PEACE ADVOCATES END CONVENTION

GERMAN AUTHORITIES PERMIT DELEGATIONS TO TRAVEL IN SEALED CAR.

The Hague, Jan. 21.—After being detained for nearly a week by German military authorities, who had refused them permission to cross Germany, thirty-three Scandinavian members of the Ford peace expedition reached their homes yesterday. It is announced here, it is added that their detention, besides being extremely annoying, caused particular hardship to several who had duties to perform at home.

The American members and the alternates of the neutral conference, who had their preparations for departure made several days ago and had been awaiting a ruling by the German authorities, were informed yesterday that they would be permitted to pass through German territory in a sealed car on their way to Stockholm. They were to leave here today.

The Scandinavian electing committees have nominated their candidates and alternates for membership of the neutral conference and the Dutch committee will make its appointments today.

## SWISS PREPARED TO FLOAT A LOAN

Berne, Jan. 19.—(Delayed)—The Swiss government is preparing to issue a fourth loan of 100,000,000 francs. It will offer for subscription bonds bearing 4 1/2 per cent interest. The proceeds will be used to cover the cost of the continued mobilization of the army.

## PREPAREDNESS SPEECHES MADE

National Security League Meets at Washington to Discuss Plans

### SENTIMENT SOON TO DEMAND ARMY

New Yorker Says People of Nation Are Changing in Their Attitude

Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—Attacks on the administration's foreign policies; pointed references to "the utter state of unpreparedness of the army and navy," and the awakening of public opinion on the subject of adequate defense, featured addresses by prominent speakers today before the National Security league.

Arraignments of the foreign policies of the administration was made by Henry A. Wise Wood, chairman of the conference committee on national defense, New York.

"It may be said with accuracy that we have no foreign policy at the moment," he said. "With the destruction of our citizens, while on foreign merchantships or upon our own merchantships, we offer no armed interference, nor do we offer armed interference when our citizens while on foreign soil are destroyed, their wives and children outraged, their property confiscated.

Sentiment Changing. "Furthermore, it is to be doubted whether at the moment we are willing to enforce by armed intervention such of our domestic policies as are inimical to the interests of foreign nations.

Therefore, to discuss a naval policy for the United States, at this time, would seem a mere academic occupation were it not for certain indications that we are about to experience a national wide reaction of public opinion which cannot fail to crystallize into a national spirit, finding expression in a definite code of policies dealing with foreign affairs in order to sustain which the United States, if need be, will declare war."

In pointing out that "other nations fight in packs and we singly," Mr. Wood said: "The United States should formulate a naval policy that would bear the full brunt, if necessary, of a coalition of powers." He advocated a naval policy that "would maintain at all times in the Atlantic a force superior to that of Germany; in the Pacific a force superior to Japan; protect the Panama canal against capture or destruction by land or by sea, or injury by air."

Cooperation Needed. "The present machinery of our government is utterly unfitted to deal with our major naval problems," declared Charles G. Curtis of New York, a prominent manufacturer of ship turbines. "Congress should follow the advice of the general board and adopt its program without delay. The cooperation of the shipbuilders should be enlisted and both private and government yards should be put in condition to build all the warships necessary with the greatest possible rapidity."

George von L. Meyer, former secretary of the navy, declared, "The fundamental defect of the navy department is that it has no brain, no competent military organization charged with the preparation of the fleets for war, and in consequence the navy is being built and administered on a peace basis and is not being efficiently prepared for war service."

He urged the fortification of the Panama canal and the additional protection of it by the navy, a definite naval building program, abolition of useless navy yards, necessary increase of personnel with the increase of tonnage, establishment of a national council of defense, prompt organization of a naval reserve of over 25,000 men and creation of a navy general staff.

Marine Held Necessary. P. H. W. Ross, president of the National Marine league, advocated "an American merchant marine owned by Americans, manned by Americans, and at the beck and call of our government. He said that it would solve more than half of our defense problem. "Just as Lord Incheape has shown that Britain's merchant marine has not only a second line of defense, but actually an integral part of her first line of naval defense."

#### PROBE MILK RATES.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—A general investigation into milk and cream freight rates throughout the entire country, it was announced today, will be made by the interstate commerce commission.

It will embrace the investigation of those rates in New England recently begun. Hearings will be held but no dates have been set.

#### BOMB PLOT NIPPED.

New York, Jan. 21.—The police announced that with the arrest last night of Michael E. Graiano, while carrying a suitcase containing a bomb, they believed they had thwarted a plan to blow up the Brooklyn bridge or the new municipal building.

## VILLA REPORTED TAKEN CAPTIVE BY HIS ENEMIES

PERSISTENT RUMORS CIRCULATED ALONG BORDER THAT BANDIT IS CAUGHT.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 21.—Persistent reports that Francisco Villa, the outlawed military leader, had been captured at San Geronimo, Chihuahua, by the Carranza general, Cavares, were denied today by Gen. Luis Herrera at Chihuahua City.

The report came to the border in a private telegram from a reliable source and was given credence generally. It has also been in circulation in the Chihuahua state capital.

#### STORY UNCONFIRMED.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 21.—Denial from Carranza official sources that Francisco Villa had been captured, as reported from Chihuahua, was supplemented today by statements from Villa partisans here alleged to be based on reliable information that he and several hundred followers were safe in the Tarahumara mountains, west of Guerrero.

#### INFORMATION READY.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—Some of the information on Mexico which President Wilson will send to the senate in response to Senator Fall's resolution will be transmitted as confidential. It was announced today. All of the facts in the possession of the state department will be disclosed to the senators but officials feel that would not be wise to make public all the information.

The Mexican situation was discussed briefly at today's cabinet meeting.

## CORONATION POSTPONED

Crowning of New Chinese Emperor Delayed Because of Revolt in Southern Province.

Peking, Jan. 21.—The coronation of Yuan Shi Kai as emperor of China has been postponed indefinitely. The reason given officially is the uprising in southern China.

The foreign office notified the legations today that the Chinese government had decided that the enthronement would take place early in February but that Yuan had issued an order cancelling the arrangements, in view of the disturbances in Yun Nan province. No intimation was given when the enthronement will take place.

Government officials estimate that not more than six months will be required to quiet the disturbances in the south.

## MEN TO AID SUFFRAGE

Organization to Embrace All Counties in the State Will Help Suffragettes.

Des Moines, Jan. 21.—Plans for extending its organization into every county in the state of Iowa were before the new executive committee of the men's league for woman suffrage for coordination today.

The league was reorganized last night with John D. Denison, Jr., as president; Rev. E. E. Higley, secretary-treasurer, and Mayor James R. Hanna, Bishop Austin Dowling of the Catholic diocese of Des Moines; Rabbi Eugene Manheimer, Frederick Hunter, and A. L. Ulrich, state labor commissioner, as vice presidents.

The officers constitute the executive committee in session today.

## STRIKE IS THREATENED

Government Employees at Big Municipal Plant in East Demand Increase in Wages.

Watertown, Mass., Jan. 21.—A strike by machinists employed at the government arsenal here is said by representatives of the men to be probable unless an advance in wages is granted.

Telegrams setting forth their grievances were sent to members of congress yesterday by Maurice W. Bowen a representative of the machinists' union. Bowen said that in a recent adjustment of wages by the ordnance department only thirty-two of the 190 machinists at the arsenal received an increase in pay.

## UNCOVER PLANT OF CAR THIEVES

Several Boxes Merchandise Thought to Be Stolen, Found North of City

### POLICE THINK LOOT TAKEN FROM TRAINS

Variety of Goods Valued at \$500 Discovered By Lad Looking for Kindling

While hunting for kindling wood Thursday evening, Herman Kight, son of Ed Kight, living north of town, discovered about \$500 of merchandise, believed to have been stolen recently from the C. B. & Q. railroad company, dumped in a ditch on North Elm street near the old field. The lad with his father and Frank McCullough, who was with them at the time of the discovery, brought the goods to the police station this morning. Chief of Police Gallagher got in touch with the railroad officials but they reported that they had learned of no loss. The goods were being shipped to firms in Omaha. There were two boxes of gloves, a box of shoes, pneumatic door springs, rubber stamps and ink pads in the lot found by the boy.

Young Kight was enroute home with his father and Mr. McCullough and noticing the box in the ditch, started to get it for kindling. The box was frozen in the ice and nearby were several other large boxes, each one broken open and the contents scattered about. Mr. McCullough telephoned the station and Chief Gallagher told him to bring the goods to the station.

Mr. McCullough told Chief Gallagher that his mother-in-law, who has been ill, was sitting up about three weeks ago Sunday night, and that she heard a wagon go past the house about 3 o'clock in the morning. The goods were evidently left in the ditch before the cold weather as the boxes and contents were frozen in the ice and it was necessary to chop them out.

The gloves were being shipped to the State City Glove Co., Omaha; the stamps were for George C. Smith, general purchasing agent of the Union Pacific railroad at Omaha, and one box that was unopened was addressed to James Martin & Son, Omaha.

## LEGISLATION TO BE PUSHED ALONG

Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—Democratic leaders in congress started work today to speed up consideration of the legislative program.

This step was decided on at a dinner given by Secretary McAdoo last night to the leaders including Speaker Clark and the chairmen of important committees.

In addition to agreeing on plans for accelerating the legislative work, ways and means of raising revenue were discussed. It was said, however, that no radical change in Secretary McAdoo's plan for raising revenue was contemplated.

Attention was called to the slow progress being made in congress in disposing of important business and stress was laid upon the desirability of clearing up the legislative slate prior to the national conventions.

## FAMOUS SINGER IS CALLED BY DEATH

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 21.—J. William Pope, aged 90, widely known as a singer of political campaign songs, is dead at his home here. He was first engaged to sing by the committee in charge of the campaign of President James Buchanan and sang during every presidential campaign until the administration of President William McKinley. He claimed he never sang for a losing candidate. Mr. Pope was also known as a musician and poet, having written 20,000 poems.

## STATE COMPLETES ITS SIDE OF CASE

Providence, R. I., Jan. 21.—The state today virtually completed the direct presentation of its testimony against Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr, Cecil Brown and Henry Spellman, on trial for the murder of the woman's husband, Dr. C. Franklin Mohr.

George W. Healey, the colored chauffeur who confessed that he took part in a murder plot alleged to have been instigated by Mrs. Mohr, finished his three days' testimony without materially changing it.

## ITALIANS CHANGE IDEA ABOUT WAR

Florence, Italy, Jan. 21.—In an address delivered here, Antonio Salandra, the Italian premier, said: "We thought this would be a short and easy war but it has become a long and hard one. We had thought that all the hardships would be of a military character, but we find it difficult even behind the front to keep on fighting. However, we are going to do it and we shall persevere until victory is won."

## BAD TEETH CAUSE VIOLENT OUTBREAK AT REFORMATORY

LIFE TERM PRISONER RESENTS REFUSAL OF STATE TO ASSUME DENTAL BILL.

Des Moines, Jan. 21.—Failure of the authorities to provide for the repair of some of the prisoners' teeth is said to have caused the disturbance among the convicts at the Anamosa reformatory two weeks ago, which culminated in an attack upon Warden McClaughry by a guard rendered insane during the trouble, according to information received by members of the state board of control here today. The board will start an investigation, it was announced.

It was said that six months or more ago convict O'Toole, No. 2867, who is a life prisoner and has been in the reformatory more than twenty years for murder, asked the authorities to provide him with a set of teeth, and his request was refused because the state had made no provision for such cases. Myron Clark and John Miller, also serving life sentences, were said to have been refused similar requests.

O'Toole, in his application for dental work, it was reported, informed the authorities that he had fourteen "snags" in his mouth and \$16.92 in the prison bank. He claimed to be suffering from mouth disease and had a bad stomach because of his inability while he was working for the defendant company. She says that he was engaged in delivering ice for them at the Swanson grocery and in pulling a piece from the wagon on a platform in front of the store, slipped and injured his back, and lived only thirty days following the accident. He received \$14 a week and she asks for three hundred weeks. Senator Funk is appointed by the industrial commission to represent it, the other members are named by the plaintiff and defendant. The testimony is taken under consideration by them as a report made.

Senator Funk says that he has two other cases of this nature to try here but will not hear them until later. He also has one in Centerville which he expects to take up soon. All together there are about twenty-five of these actions to be heard in this part of the state. A number have been held in the northern section of Iowa, but the one which has just closed in Ottumwa is the first in this part.

O'Toole, Clark and Miller were reported to have been ring leaders in the recent disturbance at the prison, starting the agitation because of their failure to get new teeth.

The state board of control had not fixed a definite date for beginning the investigation today, but it was expected that the inquiry would begin within the next week or so.

W. J. Dixon, chairman of the board, in replying to the application of Prisoner Clark for relief recently wrote to him: "We have only a small fund for your entire institution. We can only attend to simple illnesses and extractions and can only spend one or two dollars on each man. Your work was too much for our funds to stand."

## SALOON PORTER HEIR TO FORTUNE

Rock Island, Ill., Jan. 21.—James H. Murphy, a saloon porter here, has been advised an aunt, Mary Cashman, has died in Boston, Mass., leaving him her estate valued at \$50,000. Murphy says he will hold his saloon job until spring and then go east to claim the fortune. He said the windfall had not made him any happier. He is 65 and unmarried.

## FIVE PRISONERS LYNCHED BY MOB

CROWD OF HALF A HUNDRED WHITES SEIZE COLORED MEN FROM JAIL.

Albany, Ga., Jan. 21.—Five colored men were taken from the Worth county jail at Sylvester last night and were hanged to one limb of a tree on the outskirts of Starkville some time during the night. The bodies, containing many bullet holes, were found this morning.

Forty or fifty men took the five prisoners from the jail and sped away in automobiles. They were being held in connection with the killing of Sheriff Moreland of Lee county, during the Christmas holidays.

Cutting all wires leading north from Sylvester was included in the plans of the party. Officers were told in their attempt to telephone head off the lynchers.

The five men were hanged to one limb within full view from the road. Apparently they had been strung up and then became targets for the men who had taken them from jail.

Four of the victims were of one family—Felix Lake and his three sons, Frank, Dewey and Major. The fifth was Rodius Seamore.

Moreland was killed at the home of Felix Lake when he went there to arrest a negro.

## AGED WOMAN DIES

Davenport, Jan. 21.—Mrs. Mary Graus, 93 years old, died here last night, leaving sixty-eight descendants. There are seven children, twenty grandchildren, thirty-seven great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren.

## FIRST CASE IS HEARD UNDER LIABILITY ACT

Widow Asks Relief Through New State Law for Loss of Husband's Life

### WOMAN ASKS \$14 PER WEEK FOR 300 WEEKS

Says Deceased Was Injured Working for Local Ice and Storage Firm

Wapello county's first case under the workmen's compensation and employer's liability act was concluded at the court house today before an arbitration committee consisting of Senator A. E. Funk of the Iowa industrial commission, Fat Leony and Ed Murdock Bannister.

The title of the action is Craft vs. The Ottumwa Cold Storage & Ice Co. Mrs. Craft seeks damages for the death of her husband which claims resulted from injuries received while he was working for the defendant company. She says that he was engaged in delivering ice for them at the Swanson grocery and in pulling a piece from the wagon on a platform in front of the store, slipped and injured his back, and lived only thirty days following the accident. He received \$14 a week and she asks for three hundred weeks. Senator Funk is appointed by the industrial commission to represent it, the other members are named by the plaintiff and defendant. The testimony is taken under consideration by them as a report made.

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## JUSTICE MUST PUT TEAM IN ROCK ISLAND

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 21.—President E. Justice of the Central association must perfect an organization to handle a baseball club in Rock Island before February 9, or the territory will be declared open, according to details of the decision of the national board of arbitration awarding the district to the Central association made public here Thursday.

The decision makes no reference to Davenport's rights under the five zone rule. The committee practically admits sentiment in Rock Island is a three-I league baseball but makes its decision on President Tearney's promise to declare the territory open if a club was not maintained there in 1915.

## AMERICAN CONSUL TO BE TRANSFERRED

Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—Arrangements to transfer American Consul Edward Higgins from Stuttgart, Germany, to some other country were being made today by the state department. Higgins will not be recalled or granted a leave of absence. He has become objectionable to the German government because of alleged criticism against Germany.

## WOMAN PASTOR RESIGNS

Des Moines, Jan. 21.—Dr. Emma M. Collum Jones, for many years pastor of the First Universalist church of this city and widely known in Iowa for her suffrage work, has resigned her pastorate to enter a lecture field. The board of the church has extended a call to the Rev. H. Heywood of Webster City to fill the vacancy.

Dr. Jones had been pastor of the church for twelve years. She is present vice president of the Iowa Equal Suffrage association.

## VETERAN BALL PLAYER DIES

Clarion, Pa., Jan. 21.—J. Emmet Heidrick, former American league baseball player, died at his home here Thursday. He was purchased in 1904 from the Paterson Atlantic league of Cleveland. In 1902 he jumped to the St. Louis Browns, playing center field until 1904 when he retired. He returned to the Browns for a short time in 1908, playing center and left field.

## AUTOIST IS KILLED

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 21.—Joshua Jewett, Jr., member of the firm of Jewett and Co., stove manufacturers, was killed today when his automobile was struck by a railroad. Miss Martha E. Brody, who was in the automobile with him, was seriously injured.

## OFFICIAL IS OUSTED

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 21.—Gov. William today removed John B. Rife, state superintendent of prisons, from office.