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TODAY'S FEATURES.

Crete. Greeks arming for war. Two Greek officers captured in a Turkish camp ordered to be shot. German officers among Turkish troops. Foreign marines charged with pillaging. Reported negotiations for the purchase of Crete by Greece. Blockade formally proclaimed. Storm blowing on the Aegean.

Cuba. President of the Cuban Republic reported dead. Charles Scott released. General Weyler forbidden by physicians to take the field. American recruits reach Havana. Spanish guarding the coast to prevent landing of filibusters.

Foreign. Italian elections. German army ordered to wear German cockades. Derivatives in the Sudan suing for peace. Spanish victory in Manila. Government troops defeat insurgents in Uruguay.

Domestic. Governor Bradley of Kentucky to resign. Governor Pingree declines not to enter the race for mayor of Detroit at the special election. Rescue of the starving crew of an overdue ship. Congressional forecast. Mississippi river falling at Memphis; rising below Vicksburg. Cumberland river falling. Rescue work continued. Southern competition causing great loss to New England cotton mills.

State. Houston charter amendments as agreed to by Harris county senator and representatives. Hall storm in Anderson county did much damage. S. M. Milburn murdered at Luling. A negro under arrest admits the killing. Joseph Blanthier committed suicide at Meridian.

Legislature. Appropriation bill will come up in the house today. For bill and amendment bill will probably make house proceedings lively. Letto's teachers' certificate bill to come up in the senate.

Local. A visit to the place where Mr. Dunn was to deposit his \$10,000 ransom. A Lenten sermon on scandal. Parson Hankin, now of Dallas, knows something of the late Walter Hughes, and tells it to his congregation. Lecture tonight by John Temple Graves. The matinee again in evidence. One thousand dollars secured in a highway robbery. The centennial anniversary of the old Emperor William. An imprisonment of the Brown convict labor bill. The negro Alex Terrell is baptized.

TODAY'S FORECAST.

NEW YORK.—The international art exhibition of the United States will open to the public today.

PITTSBURGH.—The three day anniversary celebration of the Western University will begin today.

NEW YORK.—Two hundred and fifty men who have consented to act as members of the embryonic citizens' union in the mission of which is to divorce municipal from State and National politics, have been notified to meet for organization tonight.

NEW YORK.—A model doll show is to be given today in the Waldorf ball room for charity during the week beginning today.

NEW YORK.—An English adaptation of Alfonso Inaud's pastiche drama "The Adversary," with the original incidental music by Bizet, will be produced at the Broadway theater today, with Mrs. Agnes Booth in the title role.

CHICAGO.—The Southern States Freight association meets today to perfect the plan of reorganization. It is proposed to remodel it under the pattern of the joint traffic association with an advisory board of eight members. The office of commissioner will be abolished.

SUICIDED. Joseph Blanthier Swallowed Morphine in Jail at Meridian. Meridian, Texas, March 21.—Joseph E. Blanthier, who has been tracked by fifty detectives for the past ten months, and for whose arrest the governor of California offers \$1000, is now dying on a cot in the shade of Meridian jail. He was in the shade of the influence of morphine at the time of his arrest and died after a few days' confinement. He was found by the jailer and medical aid was given for several days. No deaths were reported in this district. The office of commissioner will be abolished.

Flour Seized. Athens, March 21.—At Koprivna the officials seized a thousand sacks of flour destined for the Turkish troops at Sargora.

RAGING OF WATERS.

River Falling at Memphis, but the Danger Is Not Over.

MANY BREAKS MADE IN THE LEVEES.

Rush of Waters Through Crevasses Heard for Miles.

RISE SOUTH OF VICKSBURG.

The Work of Rescue Goes On—Victims in a Deplorable Condition. Traffic Almost Suspended.

Memphis, Tenn., March 21.—Tonight for the first time in several weeks the Mississippi river is reported falling at Memphis, the gauge reading 37 feet against 37.1 at 7 o'clock this morning. Several breaks in the river are known to have occurred between Osceola, Ark., and Memphis, and the fall of the river here is attributed to those crevasses. The break at San Soule is widening, and the mad rush of the waters through the opening can be heard for miles. Three additional breaks, all near San Soule, are reported today, and the suffering of the people in Eastern Arkansas will surely be greatly intensified.

The conditions of the levees south of Memphis are about the same as yesterday. A dispatch from Vicksburg says that the reported break at Modoc, near Helena, is confirmed by officers of the steamer State of Kansas, which passed there last evening, and by dispatches received at Vicksburg. The levee at Modoc has been considered in a hopeless condition for several days. The water will run into White river very fast and find its way back into the Mississippi in a day or two. Levee men say the effect will be merely temporary, but a decline is reported of two inches along the Cohoma county Mississippi levee, where the struggle against the high water has been most desperate. The Kansas also reports breaks lower down, but these are probably protection levees. The officers of the Kansas say that the scenes at Memphis along the shore of the big river from Memphis south everywhere show the general anxiety. Lights are shining along the levee and guards and inspectors are covering every inch of the territory. The river at Vicksburg has risen three inches since 7 a. m., and tonight registers 45.4.

At Greenville the river continues to rise rapidly, and a stage of 45 feet may be expected before April 1 if the levees remain intact. The break last night at Modoc lowered the water along the front of Friars Point about five inches, but gave no relief to lives and property below the mouth of the Arkansas river, as the water from one source will find its way back into the Father of Waters through the White and Arkansas rivers, swelling those streams far above the danger line.

The river continues to rise at all points south of Vicksburg. The railway situation at Memphis is somewhat better tonight. The Mississippi Valley sent its train south to New Orleans tonight, the track between Memphis and Lakeview having been raised above the water level. The Memphis and Birmingham, east, are running on time.

The Memphis and Charleston and Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis roads are moving long passenger trains, but the former can not go beyond the Big Hatchie river, while the latter road can not cross the Tennessee. Railroad communication with the Nashville is entirely cut off. The Iron Mountain tracks on the west side are still above water, and all roads are in a state of confusion. The Memphis and Birmingham passenger trains over the Iron Mountain tracks. Over in Arkansas the town of Marion is in bad condition. All the houses are surrounded by water, and the whole face of the earth is submerged, except here and there a small Indian mound that is above water. There are many breaks in the levee, or places where water runs over the levee like a mill race. The water is also pouring over the Kansas City railway at three places in the town of Marion and possibly at more. At these places the current is exceedingly rapid and the waves roll and dash ten feet high. No further loss of lives is reported today.

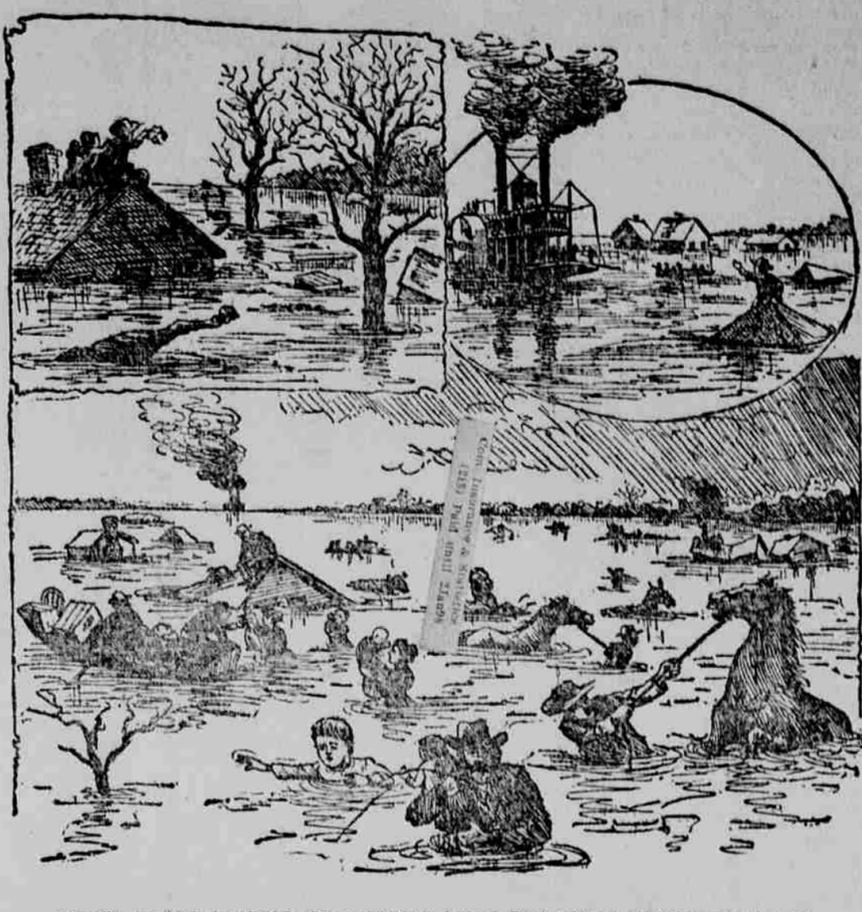
It is hourly expected that the levee at Luxora will break, caused by the breaking of the levee at Osceola will reach from the Mississippi river to Big Lake, and will fill the St. Francis basin. In the houses the water is already from two to fifteen feet deep. The most of the live stock in this district will surely perish. No deaths were reported in this district.

The government boat Itasca returned today from Island Fort with two barges heavily loaded with live stock. There were about thirty flood refugees on board. All the inhabitants of Island Fort have now been rescued, and the island is desolate. The Itasca found the few people who remained on the island in a fearful condition, some of them having been in the water for several days. No deaths reported.

The Harbin made another trip down the river as far as Horn Lake and returned to the city with 100 persons and a large number of horses and cattle on board. Four Mile Bayou quite a number of negroes were rescued. They were found along the levee in a deplorable condition. A yawl was dispatched to the Illinois Central tracks near Horn Lake, where a large number of negroes were reported to have taken refuge. A perfect swarm of negroes were found along the tracks. They were shooting traps and expressed a good time generally, and expressed a desire to leave the railroad. President's Island has been depopulated by the receding boats, and the inhabitants are now in this city.

The Jay Patton left for Lambethville, which is situated twenty-five miles up the river today. The Patton carried some barges up in order to rescue stock. The current is so swift over the banks of Old river that a steamboat can not enter the fields beyond. The barges will be let down over the Central road. Today 1500 Memphis men went on excursions to view the river, which is four to five miles wide at this point.

There is probably not a man more familiar with the country back of the levee than Captain Pharr, chief engineer of the St. Francis levee board, and yesterday he said that he was sure that the water from the various breaks in the system had flooded 1,440,000 acres of land. He based his calculations on the time of the day in the district subject to raise for the levee system.



SCENES IN THE OVERFLOWED DISTRICT ALONG THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

tem, which he said, was 1,800,000 acres. Of this he thinks fully 50 per cent is inundated. He is also authority for the statement that about 15 per cent of the land in the district is under cultivation.

ICE JAM AT MILWAUKEE.

Part of a Bridge Swept Away—Floods Subsidizing. Milwaukee, Wis., March 21.—Reports received from all portions of the State tonight show that the floods have subsided at all points except in the Milwaukee river just north of this city. In the latter river the water is still running at a high rate. Estimated losses range from \$200,000 to \$300,000.

In the Milwaukee river the ice jam which formed yesterday at Saukville loosened this morning and let down the immense volume of water, which had backed up in the rear of it. The water carried the ice down to the crest of the Milwaukee dam at North avenue. There it was stopped by the pillars of the foot-bridge over the dam. It piled in a solid mass against the bridge. About 4 o'clock this afternoon the ice was piled against the rail of the footbridge and extended for a mile back of it into the river, which was constantly getting bigger.

The ice loosened the stone pillars which supported the footbridge and carried away seventy-five feet of the structure. This left an opening for the waters and in a short time the immense field of ice had broken itself into the river below the dam. This rose rapidly and it is rushing through the city tonight at a rate which has not been experienced since the breaking of the dam fifteen years ago.

The river is within two feet of the height which it reached at that time and the water is backing up in the sewers of the lower town districts. The water at the head of the river has subsided some and it is thought that the worst is over.

CUMBERLAND FALLING.

Traffic Is Still Delayed—Railroads Under Water. Nashville, Tenn., March 21.—At 5 o'clock tonight the Cumberland river marks forty-eight feet on the gauge and is falling rapidly, the fall being now over a foot since 4 o'clock this morning. It will be several days before the mills and manufacturing on the East side will be able to resume operations even if there is no more rain, but the cessation of the rise saved the lumber yards, which were being greatly endangered. On two or three lines street car travel is still suspended, but emergency cars will be able to resume operations on some streets which have been under water. The damage done in this city is chiefly from back waters and can not yet be estimated, though it is not thought there has been any great losses to manufacturing plants along the river, though they have shut down.

This city is cut off from Memphis, no trains are running either on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis road or the Louisville and Nashville, from here to Memphis, and information is given out in railroad circles that only one road is running trains into Memphis. The Tennessee Midland, in West Tennessee, is under water in several places; the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis road is under water this side of Johnsonville and trains are run with extreme caution.

In North Alabama, from reports received, railroad communication is still badly demoralized, as the trains on the Memphis and Charleston road are infrequent and on some divisions not running. Trains south and north from Nashville are running as usual.

Apprehension at Quincy. Quincy, Ill., March 21.—The flood waters from the north have reached this point, and this section of the Mississippi is now booming. The river has advanced over two feet in forty-eight hours, one of the heaviest rises ever recorded in the same period. The river is out of its banks, and the lowlands where not protected by levees are being inundated and crops damaged. The loss so far is slight, but the vast volume of water above that are yet to come down give rise to apprehension of a serious flood before the end is reached.

Gorges Holding Firm. Yankton, S. D., March 21.—The two gorges in the Missouri river here are firm tonight. The whole Northwest is waterbound, and the railroads are all in bad shape.

Of the three roads which run in here only one has connection with Eastern traffic, and it is compelled to use transfer boats at Vermillion and Sioux City.

Trailer Drowned. Nashville, Tenn., March 21.—Yesterday Louis Schultz of Alton, Ill., and Albert

TEXAS READERS WANT ALL THE NEWS.

The Post Realizes This and Gave It All.

These are exclusive items, and if you didn't read The Post yesterday, you missed them.

The enforcing of the blockade of the island of Crete is expected to give rise to exciting incidents in the endeavor of the Greeks to run the blockade. It is understood that the Greek boats will be ordered to keep outside the ten-mile limit or be rammed by the Turkish warships.

The admirals' proclamation of autonomy, which has been posted, does not contain the amendment of the British consul, which it was said they had accepted. This amendment was that while remaining under the suzerainty of the sultan, the Creteans will be free of all control from the Turkish government.

A careful examination of the Turkish army, made with special facilities for accuracy, justifies the statement that the men are dirty, ragged and ill-fed and that they are demoralized.

The masses in Macedonia are destitute of Greek rule and ready to rise whenever the signal is given.

The remaining vessels of the Turkish squadron sailed for the Dardanelles.

A letter to the Daily Mail reiterates the story of Emperor William's insanity with startling frankness. The writer says the fact is that there is now no doubt that the emperor, if not specifically insane, is subject to fits of aberration, which, while they

last, are not indistinguishable from madness.

It has been found that the ring in which Corbett and Fitzsimmons met last Wednesday was twenty-two feet square, instead of twenty-four as the rules require.

It is already seems determined to find some way of making Fitzsimmons give its late opponent a more chance before he puts into effect his announced retirement from the business.

"I do not think," said Fitzsimmons, "that Corbett or anyone else is smart enough to get me to accept another challenge. I propose to quit while my star is in the ascendency."

Two deaths, the result of boxing bouts, occurred in Philadelphia.

The case against Francis J. Lawrence, a naturalized American, who was arrested in Matanzas, on the charge of conspiracy, has been dismissed.

The state department officials expect that within a short time all the Americans now held prisoners in Cuba will be freed and nearly all of them released.

Mr. Fred Optkofer, assistant engineer, who made the survey of Buffalo bayou, is now busily engaged in work on the details. It was suggested that the bayou was all right as high as Lynchburg. "It's all right all the way up," he answered.

BLOCKADE OF CRETE.

Formal Announcement Made That It Has Begun.

STORM IS RAGING ON THE AEGEAN.

It Will Make the Blockade Exceedingly Difficult.

TURKS WILL HAVE TO LEAVE.

The Powers May Prevent the Departure of Greek Forces Before Ottoman Troops Are Withdrawn.

London, March 22.—The Athens correspondent of the Times says a strong gale is blowing across the Aegean sea, which will make the blockade exceedingly difficult. It is reported that the admirals purposely refrained from interfering with vessels which recently landed provisions in Crete, one having discharged its cargo at Akrotiri almost under the eyes of the admirals. The necessity of removing the Turkish troops from the island becomes more and more imperative. Absolutely nothing else, continues the correspondent, will convince the Creteans of Europe's sincerity. It may be regarded as certain that they will even prevent the departure of the Greek army by force until the Turks have gone. There is no time to be lost. It is impossible that Greece and Turkey could long support armies they have mobilized. Either may prefer provoking a struggle to seeing its troops starve. The foreign warships have already arrived at Crete and the sultan should be induced, the correspondent says, to make a voluntary recall of his troops. Greece might then be willing to recall Colonel Vassos.

It is reported from Jerusalem that the Greeks and Arabs in Palestine are greatly excited by recent events. Thousands are receiving communion at the mosque of the Holy Sepulchre and preparing to take the field against the Turks in the event of war.

A dispatch to the Times from Athens says Chief Maroufi at London represents that the insurgents mistook the Austrian warship Zoulova for a Turkish vessel and thus were misled into a hostile action. The Christians are very angry at the proposed handing of British troops for they assume that these will side with the Mohammedans.

The Athens correspondent of the Chronicle says that all the Greek newspapers protest against the blockade and the question is raised as to whether Turkish vessels will be allowed to enter Cretean ports.

There is no confirmation of the rumor that the Greek troops have crossed the frontier on the Rhodus side. The Turkish troops have occupied strong positions on the coast, which is open to a sea attack. The heavy levies enforced by threats of violence on Greek villages in Rhodus cause great discontent.

The Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Athens says the Moslems object to autonomy because they fear they will be compelled to leave the island without compensation for their large landed interests, which are heavily mortgaged to Christians. Moslems own two-thirds of the land in Crete, but the whole country is now practically in the control of the insurgents.

Nobody, continues the correspondent, believes that a scheme of autonomy such as the powers propose is workable. It would only serve to accentuate existing feuds.

The Chronicle's correspondent at Athens says the Italian officers returned last night (Sunday) from the camp of Colonel Vassos, in the center of the island, and report that he has declared his intention to resist any attempt to force the withdrawal of the Greek troops. He said he would himself tear up every copy of the autonomy proposition that came his way, and he gave them the impression that he intended to assume the offensive.

While shots were being exchanged Saturday at Akrotiri between the Turks and insurgents, a Turkish frigate in Suda bay shelled the insurgent positions, in full view of the European fleet. The result of the shelling is not known. Some insurgents at Akrotiri begged food from the ships, but the admirals declined to give them anything except medical aid. Unless the gale abates it will be difficult to land the foreign troops.

The Athens correspondent of the Daily Chronicle denies that King George has promised not to bring about an uprising in Macedonia, and asserts that the sultan himself suggested amicable negotiations with King George, asking Colonel Muraviev to act as mediator. Colonel Muraviev replied, instantly: "Russia would never countenance such a perfidious proposal."

It was then that Russia urged Turkey to take hostile measures.

WARY OF SERBIA.

Porte Will Send Troops to That Part of Her Frontier. Constantinople, March 21.—The Servian government in calling the reserves and part of the militia to Belgrade, ostensibly to participate in maneuvers near the

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