

# LEEVE BROKE NEAR ST. LOUIS

## THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IS 36 FEET OVER AVERAGE.

### Loss of Life Will Reach Over a Hundred—People of Black Walnut District Rescued—Cities North of St. Louis in Grip of the Flood—Men Can Not Be Hired at Any Price.

St. Louis, June 9.—Word has been received here that a levee near Madison, on which gangs of men were working, gave way and 15 men, employees of the American Car Foundry works, lost their lives. About 150 men, it is reported, are imprisoned on a section of the levee that is slowly crumbling, and all means of escape has been cut off. Word has been sent to the St. Louis side to, rush a private yacht to the rescue.

A steamer from St. Charles succeeded in reaching Black Walnut, and the 2000 imperiled people were taken from the island in safety. All were rescued.

### Mississippi Still Rising.

St. Louis, June 9.—Like a mill race the swollen Mississippi is surging past St. Louis with a stage of 36.9 feet, making a rise of one and one half feet in 24 hours.

Black Walnut is located in a broad and fertile valley of the Missouri and the lands surrounding it are said to be the richest wheat land in the state.

All Venice, Madison, portions of Granite City, and 15,000 acres of rich bottom farming land are in the grip of the flood north of East St. Louis. Houses have been swept from their foundations and sent adrift. The damage already done is enormous and hourly the flood reaches farther inland, more and more crippling railroad traffic and engulfing additional homes, farms and factories. The first approach to Merchants bridge is reported severely damaged.

Reports of loss of life have been received. Men who were viewing the flood from the bridge approach told of having seen a man on the roof of a floating house. The house was overturned by the current during this afternoon and the man disappeared. Near Madison a dyke broke and a wall of water rushed through. Three women, endeavoring to escape, were seen to crouch bewildered behind a fence. The wall of water three feet high swept the fence away and only after a strenuous effort were two of the women saved. The third, Mrs. Antone, wife of a saloonkeeper, clasping her infant in her arms, was according to witnesses, swept away and drowned.

East St. Louis was unable to secure enough men to work on the levee. Men apparently needing work refused offers of 30 cents an hour to pile sandbags on the levee. Levee officials and even prominent men sprang into the breach and worked with a will to keep the water out of the city, while crowds of men apparently needing employment stood about and refused all offers of work. Policemen invaded saloons to secure workmen, but although the saloons were crowded a very small percentage of the patrons were willing to help protect the city.

The turbulent Missouri is doing great damage at St. Charles and vicinity, 25 miles west of St. Louis. Several deaths are reported. All the farmhouses and barns, occupying the lowlands across the river from St. Charles have been swept away with but few exceptions. All day people in skirts were busy trying to save property. Three women in one farmhouse refused to leave until they had ripped a new carpet from the floor. The men in the rescue boats, left them, and before they could return the current was eddying about the house swiftly and the boat could not reach it, and the women were left to their fate. From a clump of willows a house top and some planks drifted out, and there was a distinct sound of a woman's voice calling for help, but when a boat reached the spot the housetop had turned over and was floating away and all was silent.

### Gold for London.

London, June 8.—The steady influx of gold promises to bring about an early reduction in the bank rate. The uncertain conditions on Wall street acted as a check on all the markets of the stock exchange last week and the continued weakness of South African shares contributed to the general depression. The only steady market was for some foreign bonds, particularly French securities, which were affected favorably by the sultan's consent to the unification of the Turkish debt.

### Pope Leo is Better.

Rome, June 9.—The pope continues to give private audiences almost daily and except for the slight indisposition his holiness is in excellent health. Receiving the patriarch of Jerusalem, the pope said smiling: "You are now in a position to report how well I am."

## WASHINGTON ITEMS.

A gun club has been organized at Waterville.

It is expected Spokane county will have a magnificent exhibit at the St. Louis fair.

The plans of the Cascade Lumber company at North Yakima is to double the mill's size.

The German agriculturists from the fatherland practically cut Spokane out of their itinerary.

The New York market is opening up to inland Empire shingles on account of the high grade of the cedar.

Thurston County Sheriff J. T. Mills is said to have the appointment to take charge of the state reform school.

The May record of the police is a record of the largest number of arrests on state charges in the history of Spokane.

The body of James McCormick was found recently, having smothered in a lumber car on the way from Milan to Spokane.

A business men's association to promote the interests of the town and surrounding country has been organized in Oakesdale.

James Montgomery, 25 years of age, was robbed, murdered and his body was placed on the interurban street car track near Auburn recently.

A Northern Pacific section hand was drowned in the Yakima river recently about four miles below Ellensburg. The body has not yet been recovered.

Palouse farmers are jubilant over better crop conditions. The warm weather, with plenty of moisture in the ground, has given wheat a good start.

The depositors of the defunct Scandinavian American bank at Whatcom have voted to prosecute embezzlement charges against the former assistant cashier, J. S. Stangroom.

Brigadier General Fred Funston, in command of the department of the Columbia visited Spokane recently and made a thorough inspection of all government properties at the fort.

Mrs. Robert Seater, wife of a prominent furniture dealer in Seattle, was attacked, chloroformed and robbed recently of about \$1900 in her apartments in the day time by two unknown men.

The citizens of Bremerton have taken the final step toward compliance with the demands of the navy department. The town council has passed an ordinance summarily revoking the license of every saloon in the place.

Lying in a clump of bushes on the side hill at Meadow point near Seattle, the badly decomposed body of an unknown man was found recently. In the right side of the head was a bullet hole, but no revolver could be found.

Bert Padgett and two young men named Ibsen were arrested recently at Latah, charged with horse stealing. It is claimed they are members of a gang of horse thieves which has been operating in that section for over a year.

Laying the cornerstone of the \$100,000 Roman Catholic church at Spokane will occur Sunday, June 28, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, providing the date does not interfere with the plans of Bishop Edward O'Dea, who is to deliver the address.

The executive committee in charge of the Spokane millworkers' strike declares that a general sympathetic strike of all the building trades in Spokane will be called unless the difficulties of the millworkers and the millowners are not soon settled.

The city of Spokane has accepted Andrew Carnegie's offer of \$75,000 for a public library, and the resolution which was unanimously adopted by the city council thanked Mr. Carnegie for the gift and accepted his terms, thereby agreeing to raise annually \$7500 for the maintenance of the library and also to provide the necessary site.

On and after Thursday not a public gambling house will be open in Spokane. The new gambling law, which makes it a felony punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary for from one to three years, to conduct any gambling game in the state of Washington, goes into effect next Wednesday night at midnight.

Of the colossal sum which forger Howard Kressly of Spokane lost during his criminal operations of the past six months, he declares that thousands of dollars went to money loaners, who advanced him funds with which to continue his speculations. His losses are now calculated at from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

### Killed by Lightning.

Brooklyn, Ill., June 11.—During a storm Corsica academy was struck by lightning and two girls were killed outright, while three others and a teacher were badly hurt. All those killed and injured were in the recitation room, where the bolt struck. The bolt first struck the belfry and descending through the ceiling, ran along the blackboard, at which two students were at work, hurling them to the floor.

### Three Bathers Drowned.

Salinas, Cal., June 9.—While swimming near Moss landing, three young men, William Steigelman, Sid White and J. Epperly, were caught by the undertow and before a boat could be procured were drowned. A fourth companion, G. Stadley, escaped after a hard struggle.

## TELEGRAPH NEWS SUMMARY

### CULLED FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

#### A Review of Happenings in Both Eastern and Western Hemispheres During the Past Week—National, Historical, Political and Personal Events tersely told.

It is reported that the marquis of Salisbury is seriously ill.

The Baptist church in Byron, Minn., was blown up by dynamite recently.

The handsome new capitol building, erected at a cost of \$1,000,000 at Jackson, Miss., was formally dedicated recently.

The business portion of the town of New Lisbon, Wis., was almost entirely destroyed by fire recently. Loss approximately \$100,000.

Two Santa Fe trains collided head on, one mile north of Stilwell, Kan., recently and nine persons are dead and 28 said to be injured.

Dissatisfied with the wage scale, 300 men belonging to a loading gang of Armour & Co.'s plant at the stockyards in Chicago have gone on strike.

McClellan, the west's greatest thoroughbred, won the Harlem National handicap at Chicago recently. At every turn in the race he was a winner. Both the Illinois and Michigan Central railroads have granted their freight handlers at Chicago the same increase in wages as conceded by other roads.

President Wilson says Grand Trunk negotiations for the purchase of the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific have temporarily stopped, but he hopes they will be renewed later on.

The bronze statue of Garret A. Hobart, erected at Paterson, N. J., in his honor, was unveiled recently. The orator of the day was John W. Griggs, attorney general in McKinley's cabinet.

The Middlesex lawn tennis tournament at London for the championship is finished: In the final of the gentlemen's open doubles Hobart and Mahoney beat Glenn and Morley, 6-7, 6-1, 7-5.

Joseph H. Choate, United States ambassador to Great Britain; Robert S. McCormick, ambassador to Russia, and Charles Tower, ambassador to Germany, have returned to the United States for a short visit.

A six day race for the cycle championship of America was concluded recently at Providence, R. I., with the team of Frank Kramer and Charles Hadfield in the lead. The distance covered in the six days was 512 miles.

The federal grand jury returned a true bill against A. W. Machen, former superintendent of the free delivery service of the postoffice department, charging him with having accepted bribes in connection with department contracts.

There was a sensation at Lincoln, Ill., recently, over the discovery of a satchel full of dynamite hidden near the Chicago & Alton tracks in Lincoln. This was located within a few feet from the point where President Roosevelt left the train.

After one of the most eventful sessions in the history of the province of British Columbia the legislature has been prorogued by Lieutenant Governor Jolly. This ends the life of the ninth parliament, although the formal proclamation of dissolution will not be issued for a time yet.

Mrs. Kate Taylor has been sentenced by Judge Wesley D. Howard to die in the electric chair, at Dannemora prison, N. Y., during the week beginning July 5. Mrs. Taylor, on the night of Jan. 26 last, shot and killed her husband and burned his body in the kitchen stove during the three days following.

It is thought John Bell is the man whom the fisherman saw shoot himself on the Powell street wharf in San Francisco recently and then disappear beneath the waters of the bay. Bell is secretary of the Pacific Coast Marine Fishermen's union, whose headquarters is in San Francisco and with a branch agency in Seattle.

Coming close on the heels of a long report from Rear Admiral Evans, commander in chief of the Asiatic squadron, concerning the grave internal situation in China, the assembling of his squadron in Chinese waters is regarded as significant. The battleships Kentucky and Oregon and the cruiser New Orleans have arrived at Chefoo, the monitor Monterey and the collier Pompei at Shanghai.

A. E. Ames & Co., brokers who failed in Toronto, Ont., recently, have handed out a statement in which they state that the firm's liabilities at the end of last month were \$10,140,000, with a book surplus in the business of \$1,190,000. To this surplus is to be added the surplus of individual members of the firm, outside of money employed as capital in the business. With the savings deposits of \$240,000 added, the liabilities are reduced in round figures to \$7,500,000. The firm hopes to pay all creditors in full.

A thorn in the bush is worth two in the har.

## EAST ST. LOUIS FLOOD.

Water is Rushing from the South.

St. Louis, June 11.—The pressure of the flood forced a passage through the Illinois Central railroad embankment, in the southeastern portion of East St. Louis, shortly before 1 o'clock in the morning. The break speedily widening into a torrent 100 feet wide and 25 feet in depth was pouring through, threatening East St. Louis and the village of Centerville, adjacent. Precautionary levees that had been erected for just such an emergency were swept through and the flood sped onward.

Just before the break a negro employed on the levee demanded his wages, on a threat to cut the water barrier. Without parley he was shot dead. The shooting served to arouse the citizens who scarcely slept any way, owing to the flood tension, and when the rush of water came soon afterward they were not caught in their beds.

Runners tore through the streets shouting a warning, and soon people half mad from fright were fleeing for their lives. About 20,000 people live in that part of the city, which is in the flood's path, and it is believed that fully half that number will be rendered homeless by daylight. Just what the exact condition is can not be learned until dawn. There is no way to reach East St. Louis from here except by boats from the east entrance of Eads bridge, as the viaduct over what is Cahokia creek partially sank and no one can cross it.

### ROB STREET CAR IN SEATTLE.

#### Two Masked Thugs Hold Up Eight Passengers.

Seattle, Wash., June 11.—With a revolver leveled at their heads, eight passengers on the Madrona Park electric car line were forced to surrender their valuables to two robbers shortly before 12 o'clock at night. The men entered, at a lonely spot on the road, through the rear of the car. They forced the conductor to give the signal to stop, and making him and the motorman go inside, one went through the passengers' pockets, while the other held a revolver. About \$30 and several watches were secured, no resistance being offered.

After riding a few blocks, the robbers jumped off at Thirteenth avenue and East Union street. They are supposed to be two boys. The mask dropped off one of them and the passengers had a good look at his face.

### Gift to President Roosevelt.

King Victor Emmanuel has sent to President Roosevelt a gift of rare value which will be presented to the president in the near future by Signor Mayor des Planches, the Italian ambassador, who at his majesty's request will be received in special audience at the White House. The gift is one of books, and consists of the war reports of Prince Eugene of Savoy, the illustrious Italian general, and of a copy of Dante's Divine Comedy; with a comment in Latin by Stefano Talice Da Ricaldine. The books are elegantly bound in full red morocco, and bear the royal crest with the king's monogram in the four corners of each volume.

### Hot Weather on the Sound.

Seattle, Wash., June 10.—The records of the weather bureau for 12 years were broken here, when a temperature of 96 degrees was reported at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The mercury jumped upward 16 degrees after the noon hour, seven degrees between that and 1 o'clock. In Portland, Ore., the maximum temperature was 95 degrees. C. Johnson, a sailor on the steamer Dispatch, died from sunstroke. He was working on the deck when he fell unconscious and died a short time after being taken to the hospital.

### Louis Peone Instantly Killed.

Sandpoint, Idaho, June 11.—Louis Peone was recently shot and instantly killed in a tent on the outskirts of the town. Peone and Sojensko, both Indians, came from the Uk country. They got into a quarrel. Sojensko was worsted, and arming himself with a Winchester came to Louis' tent about 7 in the evening and shot and killed the latter. Sojensko has disappeared.

### Baker's Body Found.

Boise, Idaho, June 10.—The remains of L. B. Baker, formerly of Baker City, Ore., have been found about a mile or so beyond the Ninth street bridge. Baker is supposed to have committed suicide by shooting himself. He leaves a widow and three sons who are living on Smith's prairie.

### Fraser River Rising.

Vancouver, B. C., June 8.—Hot weather in the interior has caused a rapid rise in the Fraser river, making floods probable. In Kootenay all the streams are swollen.

### Sun of Nevada Explodes.

Newport News, June 10.—While the new monitor Nevada was at target practice off the capes an explosion of one of the big guns tore up the turret, inflicting considerable damage.

## FLOOD SITUATION APPALLING

### ST. LOUIS IS IN A VERY DANGEROUS POSITION.

#### Many Lives Lost—Twenty-Five Thousand People Have Been Rendered Homeless—Other Cities in Danger—Many Towns Are Under Water, and Property Loss is \$3,000,000.

St. Louis, June 10.—So great an extent is covered by the flood, so constantly changing are the conditions as the water creeps higher and renders the situation the more chaotic, and so unreliable are the various rumors of the devastation that a substantial summary of the loss of life and property can not be obtained, but information from the most reliable sources showed the situation at present to be as follows:

River stage, 37.5 feet; stationary. Twenty lives known to have been lost.

More than 200,000 acres of rich farming land under water.

All of Venice and the greater part of Madison and Granite City under water.

Twenty five thousand people rendered homeless.

Freight traffic completely paralyzed and passenger traffic practically stopped.

The shipping and manufacturing district of East St. Louis for three miles along the river front is under from three to eight feet of water. Hundreds, and probably thousands, of head of stock drowned.

East St. Louis threatened with complete inundation.

St. Louis flooded only along the water front.

Entire property loss estimated at \$3,000,000.

The flood has practically reached the height of its devastating power and the situation is appalling. The climax came when, by the breaking of a levee near Granite City, a wall of water six feet high rushed down upon Madison and more deeply engulfed that already stricken city, sweeping houses from their foundations and drowning 15 people who were vainly fleeing for their lives. The report was current that 15 workmen in the St. Louis Car and Foundry works had been drowned, but later it was found that while seven employes had lost their lives, 13 others—men, women and children—had perished. Hundreds of persons were forced to the roofs of their floating houses, and an appeal was sent to St. Louis for aid. Every effort was made to force steamers against the heavy current four miles north of the stricken town, but it was noon before the steamers Mark Twain and Annie Russell, lashed together and their engines working under every ounce of steam, after five hours of battle with the current, were able to reach Madison.

For the balance of the day and into the night the work of rescuing people from the floating or flooded houses, treets and various high places proceeded, and, there being no place to take them nearer than St. Louis, they are tonight pouring into the city by the hundreds, weak, hungry and despairing. It is probable that the estimate of 15 lives lost is below the actual number. River thieves are looting the various vacant houses in Venice, Madison and Granite City and carrying away everything they can find. Throughout the entire flooded district men with riot guns are patrolling the levees to prevent pillaging and anxious to try their marksmanship on the thieves, but the thieves pillaged houses situated far from the levees, where they are safe from detection.

### Bad at East St. Louis.

An Associated Press reporter visited East St. Louis and the situation there is desperate. Mayor Cook had issued a proclamation ordering all business suspended and calling upon every male citizen to lay aside his employment and render service in preventing the inundation of the city. Mayor Cook went about seeing that signs were posted offering men 31 cents an hour to help build the levees, but the offers of employment were ignored by the majority of the throngs of unemployed negroes and white workmen who stood idly by. The situation was getting so desperate that for a time it seemed possible men might be forced to work at the points of rifles. The water was steadily creeping up inch by inch to the tops of the hurriedly erected sandbag levees, and the level of the water was two feet above the higher portions of the city. A break in a dyke meant vast destruction to property, and possibly loss of life, as the swift current would have turned into East St. Louis like a torrent.

But citizens hurried to the work of saving the city and the inspiration spread until the idle workmen joined the throngs on the levees, and the sandbags were piled higher and higher as fast as freight cars could bring them, and tonight the city is still dry but menaced by the flood.

Fine words butter no margarin.