

# CREST OF FLOOD HAS PASSED ST. LOUIS.

## Waters Of the Mississippi are Now Rushing Towards Gulf of Mexico.

### HIGH FLOODTIDE IS RECORDED.

#### Latest Reports Indicate that the Death List In Madison, Granite City and Venice, May be Larger Than at First Supposed.

St. Louis, Mo., June 10.—At the rate of from 8 to 10 miles an hour the Mississippi river, over half a mile wide and 90 feet deep in the channel, is pouring past St. Louis toward the gulf. For a week the river, slowly at first, and then gaining in speed, crept out of its ordinary confines until on June 8, 1903, it had established a high water mark of 37.5 feet, the highest floodtide since the same mark was unofficially established in 1858. The river is now receding. Thirty feet above low water mark is the danger line for St. Louis, and the river rose 71-2 feet above the danger line.

The crest of the flood has passed St. Louis, and any further destruction to be wrought will be from the possible crumbling of undermined buildings, and to the country below this point, danger of which is lessened by the spreading of the river over the lowlands.

Rapid falling of water, it is expected, will quickly drain the inundated section on the Illinois side, where the property loss will be heaviest, and repairs to the damaged property will soon be possible.

#### Death List Increasing.

Reports are coming in from Madison, Granite City and Venice, which indicate the death list may be larger than first estimated. It is known that at least 20 people have been drowned in that vicinity. A report was received early today from Newport, a small town 3 miles from Granite City, that a school building in which are sheltered 50 children, was tottering and threatened to collapse at any moment. Appeals were made for assistance, but there was no way to reach them from St. Louis or East St. Louis, the only places that can now render aid.

City Attorney Robert Hagneur, of flooded Venice, is reported by his relatives to be missing and they fear he perished when the city was overwhelmed. Deputy Coroner William Ballhorn, of Madison county, and his son, who lived in Venice, have been given up as lost. Louis Kisher and wife, who lived in Madison, are believed to have been drowned in the breaking of the levee that flooded that town. William Anchor and Mrs. Clifton and her infant have been missing for several days, and it is thought they perished.

And so reports are coming in, but they cannot be verified until order shall have been restored, and that will not be until the flood shall have subsided.

#### Smallpox Develops.

In one party of refugees near Edwardsville, four cases of smallpox developed yesterday and the discovery struck terror in the minds of the unfortunates. The officials of Madison county are doing all in their power to isolate the cases and prevent a spread of the disease.

Numerous families, penniless and having no friends to whom to go, refuse to leave their flooded homes. They live in the second stories and subsist entirely upon what food happened to be on hand when the flood came. In many cases these people are actually starving and food will be furnished them by men in skiffs at once.

#### Many Flood Refugees.

From police reports it is learned there are 390 destitute flood sufferers in St. Louis, refugees from East St. Louis, Madison, Venice and Granite City and Kaskashia. There are over 3,000 refugees in the country, but the remainder have either secured transportation to other cities or are being cared for by relatives and friends in St. Louis.

There were 1,200 flood refugees in Edwardsville, Ill., last night from the tri-cities and Newport. Because of the congestion it was found necessary to distribute the sufferers in the villages along the Wabash as far north as Litchfield.

At 7 o'clock the official gauge registered 37.4 feet. The trend of the river this morning seems to be to rise, but the volume of water coming from above is spreading out and does not make itself apparent on the gauge by added inches.

In the tri-cities, Madison, Venice and Granite City, it is estimated this morn-

ing that at least 1,000 men, women and children are in a precarious condition. They are awaiting rescue, many in the second stories and on tops of houses and other points above the flood are in less danger of immediate death than starvation.

Immediate steps are being taken to remove these people to places of safety and comparative comfort. In East St. Louis, where the railroad yards are flooded, the conditions are the same as yesterday. All last night men were at work strengthening the levee that is keeping the water back from the business and residence sections of the city. The railroad situation shows no improvement.

#### Postoffice Investigation.

Washington, June 10.—There was no developments today as a result of the grand jury's investigation into the affairs of the postoffice, and it is said no further indictments may be looked for this week. The decision to lay the case of James Tyner, former assistant attorney general, before the grand jury was reached only after the most careful consideration of all the circumstances surrounding it. As a matter of public duty it was felt that the accounts leading up to the rifling of the safe in Tyner's office had been looked into. It is understood there is a feature connected with the opening of the safe and the abstraction of papers therefrom which has been disclosed, and that it was this which led to the determination to put the cases before the grand jury.

#### Jett and White Trial Delayed.

Jackson, Ky., June 10.—The failure of Elisor John Jones to get back from McGoffin county, whether he went to summon veniremen, caused a postponement of the trial of Jett and White until 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. John Hoskins, one of the veniremen, was excused from duty as a jurymen. He said he was sick as a result of being exposed to smallpox and feared he was taking the disease. Prosecution looks upon this as part of a plan to delay the trial.

#### Quiet Night at Jackson, Ky.

Jackson, Ky., June 10.—It was quiet here last night and court this morning reconvened without special incident. The increased guards still continue at the homes of B. L. Ewen, Mrs. Marcum and Mrs. Patrick. Curtis Jett was as confident as ever, but Thomas White, although allowed to sleep with Jett in the same cell, wept during the night and was despondent today.

#### Queer Provisions of Will.

Ottawa, Ont., June 10.—The funeral of S. J. Major, rated a millionaire, took place today. He provided in his will that a special chariot be constructed and upon it his unconfined body be borne from his home, past his store to the church and cemetery. This will be the first and last use to which the car will be put, as, with the flowers, it is to be burned immediately. The will provides also that the house and store shall be draped in black 40 days.

#### Case of Coal Carrying Roads.

New York, June 10.—Hearing in the investigation of the complaint of W. R. Hearst, against the coal carrying roads was continued before the interstate commerce commission today when President Baer was recalled by the commission and examined by Commissioner Prouty. In reply to the first question President Baer said the rates charged on coal from the anthracite regions tapped by the Reading system about 120 miles to tide water is \$1.55 a ton.

#### Brief Cabinet Meeting.

Washington, June 10.—The meeting of the cabinet today was shorter than usual and was rather routine in character. Owing to the absence of Postmaster General Payne, the post-office investigation was not considered in any shape. Secretary Hay briefly discussed the Panama canal negotiations and the Chilean situation.

#### Cruiser's Boilers Explode.

Gibraltar, June 10.—A boiler explosion occurred today on board the British armored cruiser Good Hope. An officer and six men were badly injured. The Good Hope is fitted with Belleville boilers. She is on 1,400 tons displacement.

# WIFE ACCUSED OF HUSBAND'S MURDER

## Mrs. Tanner Is Charged With Giving Poison.

### WARRANT IS SWORN OUT.

Wiley F. Tanner, Father-in-Law Charges Wife of His Son With Administering Strychnine, Which Caused His Death.

Gainesville, Ga., June 10.—John W. Tanner, father of Wiley F. Tanner, who died under suspicious circumstances at his home in Clinch district, this county, Saturday, May 23, has sworn out before Justice of the Peace A. G. Dorsey, a warrant against Mrs. Onie Tanner, wife of the young man who died, charging her with murder. The warrant was turned over to Sheriff M. O. Gilmer, of Hall county and the officer immediately left for the home of I. Frank Duncan, father of the young woman, where she is staying, to make the arrest and bring her back to Gainesville to be incarcerated in the Hall county jail.

The state chemist forwarded the result of his investigations to Dr. J. D. Mauldin, of Flowery Branch, who immediately communicated the same to John W. Tanner at his home near Chestnut mountain.

Tanner at once hitched up his team and came to Gainesville, where the warrant was sworn out at 5:30 p. m. The result of the chemist's analysis showed nine-tenths of a grain of strychnine in the stomach and glass from which milk was drunk. This was sufficient to satisfy Tanner, and he at once proceeded to swear out a warrant, charging his daughter-in-law with murder. The sheriff will reach Gainesville early today with the fair prisoner, who will, in all probability occupy a cell in the county jail until the next term of Hall superior court which convenes the third Monday in July.

#### SWALLOWED CARBOLIC ACID.

### Strange Man Creates Excitement on New York Ferry Boat.

New York, June 10.—An unidentified man has committed suicide by swallowing carbolic acid in the presence of 50 or 60 women passengers on the ferry boat leaving the Battery for Thirty-ninth street, Brooklyn.

When the women realized what had happened, they ran to the deck, shrieking and were only calmed when the pilot stopped the boat. The man boarded the boat at the slip only a few moments before it started on its trip. He appeared preoccupied and attracted the attention of the deck hands and other passengers by wandering aimlessly about the boat.

One of the deck hands watched him closely, fearing he intended jumping overboard. After walking through the cabin reserved for men several times he crossed over to the women's cabin and sat down. Suddenly he drew a bottle from his pocket, drank its contents at two draughts and threw the bottle on the floor. The odor of the acid alarmed the women who sat near and when the man fell to the floor, where he lay writhing in agony, they fled screaming loudly. The man died before the boat reached the dock. He was well dressed, but could not be identified.

#### SENT BALL THROUGH BRAIN.

### W. H. Babbitt Suicides in Hotel at Wilmington, N. C.

Wilmington, N. C., June 10.—W. H. Babbitt, 67 years of age, government entry taker and a leading citizen of McDowell county, this state, committed suicide early this morning by sending a ball through his brain in the lobby of the Orton hotel. He had been drinking and left a short note to his brother in a hospital here asking the brother to look in the pockets of his clothing and he would find everything all right.

#### Temperance Victory Predicted.

Geneva, June 10.—At today's session of the convention of the World's Women's Christian Temperance union the presiding officer, Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens, read Lady Henry Somerset's presidential address, in which the absent president predicted that the eventual outcome of the Woman's Christian Temperance union's fight would be a complete victory over the liquor traffic.

#### Lost Wallet Containing \$2,000.

Somerville, N. J., June 10.—Former Judge Partine, one of the executors of the will of William Rice, the Texas millionaire, whose death in New York led to the Patrick murder trial, has reported the loss from his pocket of a wallet containing a certified check for \$2,000 and important papers relating to the Rice estate. The exact nature of the missing documents is not known.

#### Mistaken for Burglar and Shot.

Brownsville, Tex., June 10.—The report circulated yesterday that Otis Lyle, who was shot by Mr. Sevier, had died of his wounds, is an error. Mr. Lyle was only slightly injured, and is in no danger. The shooting was a mistake on the part of Dr. Sevier, he mistaking Mr. Lyle for a burglar.

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#### ACCIDENT NEAR UNION, S. C.

### Bridge Gives Way, Precipitating Men Into River.

Union, S. C., June 10.—News reached here last night of a terrible accident at Broad river bridge, on the Seaboard Air Line railroad. During the flood of Saturday 700 yards of the trestle was washed away from the southern approach to the bridge, near Carlisle, Union county. The railroad people have sent a pile driver to begin work of repairing the trestle. The approach from the north side seemed to be intact. The driver had to be brought across to begin the work of driving the piles on this side.

The attempt was made. When the engine and driver had reached the middle of the bridge it gave way and the bridge, engine and driver and crew of ten were precipitated into the river.

It is hard to learn at this time the actual number of killed, as the railroad people do not seem to care to talk, but it is said they report the loss of three killed.

#### COLLISION ON SOUTHERN.

### At Full Speed Trains Crash Near Fort Hill, S. C.

Charlotte, N. C., June 10.—Southern railway train No. 97, the fast mail from New York to New Orleans, which is now routed via Columbia, on account of the recent flood, collided with a freight train near Fort Hill, S. C., about 6:30 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Only one man, Engineer W. A. Wilson, of Columbia, S. C., was seriously injured. One ankle was broken by jumping and the leg bruised so that he may lose it. The occupants of both cars jumped. The contact was head on, at full speed and occurred on a high fill. The engines were badly torn up and both rolled down the embankment. Five or six freight cars were demolished and one mail car considerably damaged. Some of the mail clerks were slightly bruised.

It is said that the freight crew misread orders and ran past the meeting point.

#### Queer Claim for Damages.

Jackson, Miss., June 10.—A queer claim for damages has been filed with the claim department of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley road. A lady living at Hamburg, in Franklin county, claims that a freight train frightened a flock of her geese and the fowls flew into a large briar patch, causing them to lose 12 pounds of feathers before they emerged, for which she wants compensation at the rate of 50 cents per pound. The company is giving the case a prayerful consideration, and a special agent has been sent to Hamburg to examine the geese.

#### Bulgarians Condemned to Death.

Salonica, June 8.—Fifteen Bulgarians, convicted of participation in dynamite outrages, have been condemned to death. Their trial took place in open court.



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