

WILSON SCORES OPPONENTS OF DEFENCE

MAINTAINS VALLEY PEOPLE ARE PROTECTING THEMSELVES

RELIEF IS BEING SENT TO DEVASTATED VALLEYS BELOW SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

LATEST FIGURES ARE 34 LIVES LOST

Navy Aids Relief and Prevents Looting; Tia Juana Is Practically Ruined.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 31.—Advices today from El Centro and Calexico stated that late Sunday night flood waters of the Colorado river that were endangering the great Imperial valley irrigation project were being held in check by crowds of farmers.

AT HANLON BEARING, WHERE THE INTAKE RESERVOIR WAS CHOKE-UP WITH DEBRIS, THE WATERS REACHED A STAGE WITHIN THREE FEET OF THE HIGHEST MARK EVER RECORDED. ADDITIONAL MEN WERE SENT TO THIS POINT TO AID IN STRENGTHENING THE DAM.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 31.—One hundred thousand dollars is the amount required for immediate relief of flood sufferers in the Olay and San Luis Rey and Tia Juana valleys. All floods are reported subsiding.

With committees organized to carry relief work on in every part of San Diego county devastated by the heavy rains and floods of the last week, and warning weather to assist them, the task of alleviating distress and restoring conditions to something like normal is being pushed with energy.

Although the rains for several days today, the known death toll stood at 34, the receding of the flood waters in the Olay, Tia Juana, San Diego, San Luis Rey and San Pascual valleys was expected to expedite rescue work.

No accurate figures can be given as to property damage, estimates varying from \$250,000 to more than \$1,000,000. It is estimated by business men that 60 days will be required to repair the damage done by the flood waters.

Losses of property are being reported from all parts of the valley. The lower Olay valley was an armed camp Sunday. Farmers and stockmen from the butte and valley were armed with shotguns and rifles and were on duty to shoot looters on sight.

The soldiers under Major Crowell, of the 10th Cavalry, took quarters in the little brick school house at Olay City. The United States destroyer Lawrence, armed as a gun ship and a Philippine squad from the 33rd Infantry were in conjunction with the forces.

First news of the reported eclipse of the March sun came through Andrew Everett, city engineer of Coronado, and chief engineer of water known as the Sprague interests in this vicinity. Everett, trying to reach the Mexican town of Tia Juana Sunday, met a Japanese steamer along the bank of the Tia Juana river.

Everett could see a fair foot was coming down the river. He turned his automobile and sped the way down the river. The engine of the Sprague and others, with their lights on, were following him.

That the eclipse was generally unexpected. It about 20 feet high in a narrow gorge, and was built of masonry and concrete. It was built by the Sprague interests in 1905. It was built by the Sprague interests in 1905. It was built by the Sprague interests in 1905.

Federal patrolmen armed with shotguns and revolvers were on duty at Coronado and military and local authorities were on duty at the situation. The army has sent a large force of troops, which forms the southern end of San Diego bay.

President Wilson today rebuked opponents of national preparedness who have declared that the administration means spending from the purse of munitions and armaments manufacturers to make money.

There are some things that are being said that I hope will not be believed, the president declared. "It is being said, among other things, that this nation is preparing for national defense by spending money from the purse of munitions and armaments manufacturers to make money."