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## BAD FLOOD? SHUCKS! NOW, BACK IN 1903-

Residents of McBaine Aren't Worrying a Lot Over the Missouri River.

## PERCHE BIG PROBLEM

Real Danger Is to Crops, Not Lives, Holiday Investigators Find.

The flood of the Missouri River at McBaine has reached its crest, according to Mayor J. M. Batterton. It stands now at about 24 1-2 feet. From 6 o'clock until 11 o'clock today it rose a little more than an inch. Yesterday morning the rise was more than half a foot. It is probable, Mr. Batterton thinks, that a fall will begin shortly.

Boone County is getting mighty damp along one edge this week and Columbians are taking the Missouri River flood as a good excuse for picnic parties and exploring parties to McBaine. Fully one hundred persons from the county seat went to the river village on one train yesterday afternoon, hiked down the track, viewed the damage and returned home in the evening.

The occasion is a holiday for the visitors, but it is far from a joyful event for the residents. On the other hand, the situation is not nearly so bad and so dangerous as had been reported in the earlier stages of the rise. There are no frenzied householders fleeing for their lives to the hills, with a raging flood pursuing them to the foot of the bluffs. There are no houses and barns dashing past madly on the crest of the water. There are few trees being torn up by the roots, few cattle being drowned, few men engaged in building or strengthening the levees. As far as concerns the actual menace to life reported earlier, there is no such thing.

There is a flood in progress, however, and a serious one. The damage and danger to life are slight, but the damage and danger to the crops cannot be estimated. Hundreds of acres of the most fertile farming land in Boone County are under from one to ten feet of water. Crops are damaged almost beyond repair, unless the water recedes in a hurry and allows an early replanting. As the river rises, other land is inundated. Temporary levees are being built with scraper and shovel; but the work is to save crops, not lives.

**The Perche Creek Isn't Running.**  
In traveling to McBaine from Columbia, the first real sight of the flood comes in crossing Perche Creek. The Perche isn't running any more at McBaine. It is a lake, not a river. Its usual placid current has halted altogether and the back waters of the bigger river have pushed the creek over its own banks. The water is only three or four feet below the planking of the bridges.

You can't miss the flood when you finally reach McBaine. The flood has come right up to meet the town. The Missouri River, usually a half mile from the town, is now just across the road from the church and the general store, making McBaine's main street a veritable lake shore drive. Everywhere you turn there is water—just the hills, McBaine and the Missouri River.

Direct your steps west from the depot, however, cross the wagon bridge over the Perche and you can follow the road for miles and miles without finding the flood. You walk and walk over the road that you expected to see crowded with weary refugees, and you find nothing more exciting than a sleepy negro astride a sleepy mule.

**You Find the Flood at Last.**  
Just as you are framing in your mind the story you will write some day about "The Mystery of the Disappearing Flood, or Where Was the Missouri River?" you are brought to pleasant realization of your surroundings by observing that somebody has been dragging the road.

"Wonderful!" you exclaim, thinking proudly of the community spirit of the farmer that will improve the roads while his own fields may be the temporary bed of the river—and then a sharp voice comes from the trees that fringe the road: "You'd better be getting back there! This levee's going to break pretty soon and you'll have to wade back if you go on any farther."

Turning, you behold in the fringe of trees workmen with shovels, a long mound of dirt and beyond these the

river, lapping at the dirt, higher than the ground upon which you stand. Away out, nearly to the far bluffs, you see water and in the middle great heaps of driftwood shooting past with a speed you scarcely can credit.

Needless to say, you don't stop to argue. You go back. And the next time you return, there is water where the road was and the wheat is bending in the current.

## His Cornfield Six Feet Under.

Perhaps you take a notion to follow the edge of what is now the river. For the most part, you can't see much of the real current. The rows of trees and bushes, now out in the water, that used to mark the river's edge obscure your view. There is a current near you, however, for you can see the driftwood moving. Here stands a cultivator up to its hubs in the water. Away out there, on an island that was the bank last week, are stacks of cordwood that haven't quite been reached. Six inches rise, though, and some St. Charles river man may get to burn that same wood next winter.

You find a house here, high and dry and safe, and in the edge of the new river rudely carved toy boats, securely moored. There are children, pickaninnies. Their father is measuring the rise. You stop and talk to him.

"Yas suh, it's comin' up. Eight inches rise since las' night. Yas suh. That was my cornfield. How deep? About six feet, I guess. You could float a ferry boat over that corn."

You look back at the toy boats, bobbing around six feet over the cornfield. You don't feel like wading any more.

All this is west of McBaine. Suppose you go east as the crowd does. It's a few steps down the track to where the road crosses and there, too, is the river. It is on both sides of the track, having come through a culvert farther east. A man with a scraper is improving this road, also, packing it and banking it a few inches above the water. At the corner here, moored to a telephone pole, ordinarily out of sight of the river, is a row boat. Farther on are other row boats. For a consideration, boatmen will take you out for a ride. You hear a distant popping, like a motorcycle, and a gasoline launch that is also a houseboat swings around a clump of trees, with passengers. This flood, in some ways, is a picnic.

You walk farther down the track, with the bluffs on one side and water for miles on the other. Then you climb a hill until you can climb no more, and then you turn around and you behold the Missouri River bottoms, where they used to be. There's a big lot of water, and that is about all. In a few places, there is a checkerboard of land and water, with houses and barns, you are glad to see, mostly on the land. The one or two houses that are out in the water are not submerged more than three or four feet.

## They're Used to the Floods.

You go back to McBaine and talk to the storekeeper. His goods, you note significantly, are stacked all on the upper shelves. You ask him why. You learn that all McBaine is ready for a flood. Whence? You inquire. And here comes the point. McBaine is not afraid of the Missouri River. The only flood McBaine fears is that which may come from Perche Creek.

You ask the storekeeper how many families have been forced to move from the river bottoms. Thirty or thirty-five, he estimates. Any hurried departures? Not at all. They stick just as long as they can. How wide is the river? Oh, about a mile and a half or two miles. Ever get very high before? In 1903-1903 it reached just this high. And he puts his finger just above the lower door of the stove in the middle of the store.

No, this present flood, although a serious matter as regards crops, is in no sense an unusual thing nor an unexpected thing. Anybody that lives near the Missouri River has to get used to floods.

## Trophies for Four Baseball Tigers.

Trophies were awarded to Hogg Taylor, Woody and Camp in Varsity baseball this year. They will receive baseball bats as prizes. The averages were based on batting, fielding, base running and number of runs. Credit in each average was given so as to make the best all-round baseball player receive the highest average.

## Miss Clark an Honor Student.

Through an error in the material submitted to the Missourian, the name of Miss Helen A. Clark was omitted from the list of freshman honor students in the College of Arts and Science recently published.

## THE CALENDAR

June 1.—Commencement horse show. Rollins Field, 2 to 5 and 7:30 to 11 p. m.  
June 2.—Phi Beta Kappa address by Prof. Fred N. Scott of Michigan. University Auditorium, 10 a. m.  
June 2.—Phi Beta Kappa luncheon. Virginia Tea Room, 12 noon.  
June 2.—Annual business meeting of the Alumni Association. University Auditorium, 2:30 p. m.  
June 2.—Opera, "The Muffin Shop," by 100 pupils of the University Elementary School. University Auditorium, 4 p. m.  
June 2.—Dress parade by the University cadets. West campus, 5 p. m.  
June 2.—Reunion and banquet of the School of Law. Virginia Tea Room, 6:30 p. m.  
June 2.—Singing by the University Glee Club. At the Columns, 7 p. m.  
June 2.—Play, "The Romancers," by the University women. West Campus, 7:30 p. m.  
June 2.—Senior ball. Rothwell Gymnasium, 9:30 p. m.  
June 3.—Academic procession. Formation in Academic Hall, 9:30 a. m.  
June 3.—Commencement exercises. University Auditorium, 10 a. m.  
June 3.—Exercises by the graduating class. At the Columns, 12 noon.  
June 3.—Annual alumni luncheon. Reading room of new Library Building, 12:30 p. m.  
June 3.—Concert by the University Glee Club. University Auditorium, 7:30 p. m.

## ASKS TIME TO TALK

German Foreign Secretary Would Discuss Facts of Lusitania Affair.

By United Press  
BERLIN, June 1.—America ought to be reasonable enough to grant Germany the time and the right to discuss the facts of the Lusitania attack, was the statement of Herr von Jagow, the foreign secretary, to the United Press today.

Herr von Jagow, who drafted the reply to the German note, expressed the hope that further discussion of the Lusitania might result in an understanding of the facts in dispute and that an agreement might be determined.

"America can hardly expect us to give up any means at our disposal to fight our enemy," he said. "I am sure Americans are reasonable enough to believe we can not discuss the Lusitania affair until both have the same basis of fact."

The foreign secretary declined to discuss the details of a possible compromise.

## AMERICAN REPLY EN ROUTE SOON

President Will Insist in Rejoinder That Lusitania Was Unarmed.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, June 1.—The President is hopeful that the reply to the German note may be completed and dispatched soon, but suggested that comment be withheld for the present. He explained that too wide conjectures on the nature of the American rejoinder might be dangerous. He said that officials should refrain entirely from commenting, as such comments are usually wired abroad.

It is said that the Cabinet discussed the various phases of the German note in a liberal manner, each member giving suggestions as to the best method of replying. It is understood that the President has already determined on the tone of the rejoinder, which will include evidence that the Lusitania was not armed. It is expected that President Wilson will explain this to Ambassador Count von Bernstorff tomorrow.

The President's reply will probably be en route by Thursday.

## GERMAN WINGS HURLED BACK

Russians Have Prevented Army's Surrounding Przemysl.

By United Press  
PETROGRAD, June 1.—The Germans are on the defensive on both wings in the Przemysl region, according to a semi-official statement. It is stated that the Russians have forced the left wing back against the San.

## SENIOR BALL AN OPEN AFFAIR

Even the Freshmen Can Attend, Says Chairman of Committee.

Elaborate decorations and a three-course dinner are being arranged for the last social event of the school year, the senior ball. Contrary to the custom of former years, students from any class are invited to attend. "We want the freshman, sophomore or junior to feel that he has a perfect right to go to the senior ball," said Roy Burns, chairman of the committee.

The dance will start at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow night in Rothwell Gymnasium, after the play, "The Romancers," which is to be given by the University women. The custom of no flowers and no cabs, which was started a few years ago, will be retained this year. The dance is to be informal. Tickets are \$2.

## HORSE SHOW CROWD LIKES BRIGHT LIGHTS

Animated Scene at First Night Program—Style There, Too.

## LOCAL ANIMALS STAR

E. D. Moore and J. T. Harris Take Many Ribbons—Floods Interfere.

Pillars of light illuminated the showing at Rollins Field last night, where some of Missouri's champion horses showed off their paces before Columbia and University society. It was the opening program of the second annual Commencement Horse Show.

A number of big incandescent lights and hundreds of smaller electric lights were used in lighting the ring for the night program. The lights blazed from two tall standards erected at each end of the ring and from wires suspended from the standards. Many of the women who attended last night's program wore new spring finery or pretty evening wraps. It was a style show as well as a horse show, just like the ones in the big cities. The crowd was enthusiastic, too, vigorously applauding the favorites as they pranced along the soft turf ring in front of the bleachers.

## High Water Delays Some.

The high water delayed the arrival of Loula Long's string of horses and those of some of the other exhibitors and necessitated the elimination of three contests from last night's program, but there was a good list of entries in spite of the withdrawals. An effort is being made to get Miss Long's horses here in time for today's contests.

Columbia horses started last night, winning six firsts, three seconds and five thirds. E. D. Moore's string of horses made the largest winnings last night. J. T. Harris took the next to the largest number of ribbons won by a Columbia exhibitor. His two horses, Peter Pan and Prince Albert won first and third in the roadster class. Peter Pan was a favorite with the crowd. Johnny Jones, owned by Colonel Paul Brown of St. Louis and entered by E. D. Moore, was another favorite.

## Peter Pan Wins First Event.

Peter Pan, a bay gelding owned by J. T. Harris of Columbia, won the opening event of the horse show, a contest for single roadsters. Mr. Harris had two entries in this class, his other horse, Prince Albert, taking third. Billy Woods, owned by Houchin and Anderson of Jefferson City won second money.

E. D. Moore's bay horse, My Idol, won first place in the class of three-gaited saddle horses under 15.2 hands. Anna Pavlowa, owned by Blades and Holeman of Holliday, Mo., won second. Another of Mr. Moore's horses, Grayhurst, took third, and another Blades and Holeman horse, Laurette Taylor, a big chestnut ridden by Mrs. Holeman, won fourth.

St. Denis of the Blades and Holeman string won first money in the class of five-gaited saddle, horses, mares. The Talent, owned by Houchin and Anderson took second, E. D. Moore's Ruth Sharp won third.

Grayhurst, from the Moore stables, won first in the ladies' three-gaited saddle horse class. He was ridden by Miss Katherine Davis. E. D. Moore's My Idol, ridden by Miss Agnes Moore won second and another Moore horse, Clara Dare ridden by Miss Louise Harris, won third. Mrs. Holeman again rode Laurette Taylor for fourth money.

## Moore's Riding Teams Win.

Horses from the Moore stables won first and second in the riding teams class. E. D. Moore and Miss Moore rode the winning team, Mr. Moore on Johnny Jones, owned by Colonel Paul Brown. Miss Moore rode My Idol. Russell Moore and Miss Louise Harris rode the second team. Grayhurst and Clara Dare. A Blades and Holeman team ridden by Mr. and Mrs. Holeman won third.

Johnny Jones won another first in the class of five-gaited combination horses. He was ridden by E. D. Moore. Ruth St. Denis of the Blades and Holeman string took second, Rex McCowan, owned by Carl McCowan, of Centralia took third, and Grand Dare, owned by E. D. Moore and ridden by Miss Louise Harris, won fourth. In the light harness class, open to local and amateur horses, Golden Reade, owned by T. W. Ficklin, won first. Handsome Boy, owned by J. T. Davis, won second and Queen, owned

## THE WEATHER.

For Columbia and vicinity: Fair tonight and Wednesday not much change in temperature.

For Missouri: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday, possibly showers southeast portion; not much change in temperature.

**Weather Conditions.**  
There have been no rains in the flooded districts for 48 hours or more, and mostly fair skies prevail this morning in territory between the Rocky Mountains and Mississippi River, and generally throughout the Ohio, lake region and St. Lawrence Valley.

In the Rocky mountain region the weather is again more or less unsettled, with rainy weather over the western half; rains also occurred on the Gulf and Atlantic Coast.

Temperatures are moderate, but generally are below the seasonal average in all sections.

In Columbia mostly fair weather will prevail during the next 36 hours, without change in temperature.

## Local Data.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 71 and the lowest last night was 55; precipitation .00. A year ago yesterday the highest was 89 and the lowest 65; precipitation .00 inch.

## The Almanac.

Sun rose today, 4:44 a. m. Sun sets, 7:29 p. m.

Moon rises at 11:26 p. m.

by C. J. Pollock won third.

An exhibition drill by the young men and women of the Columbia Riding Academy closed the program. Belle Beach, the high school mare who was to have given an exhibition, did not arrive in time for last night's program, but is here now and will perform this afternoon and tonight.

The attendance at last night's show was estimated today by the secretary as "around 1,500."

## Columbians Win Today.

Columbia horses fared well in the earlier events on Rollins Field this afternoon. The ladies' harness horses event was not held. Results in three of the other events follow:

Roadsters pairs—first, Peter Pan and Prince Albert, owned by Joseph T. Harris, Columbia; second, Hasting Girl and Billy Wood, owned by Houchin and Anderson, Jefferson City; third, Prince Henderson and Mate, owned by E. D. Moore, Columbia.

Saddle stallions, five-gaited—first, Undulata Grand, owned by Colonel Dennison, Omaha, Neb., Tom Bass up; second, Rex McCowan, owned by Carl McCowan, Centralia, John Wood up; third, Ben Rex, owned by E. D. Moore, Columbia.

Ponies under saddle, under 13 hands (Claua Wheeler Trophy)—first, Spot, owned by William Tandy, Columbia; second, unnamed, owned by Tyler Harris, Columbia; third, Flashlight, owned by E. D. Moore, Columbia; fourth, unnamed, owned by Tyler Harris, Columbia.

## MOBS RAGE IN VIENNA

Italy Claims Anti-War Demonstrations There Are Frequent.

By United Press

ROME, June 1.—The Italians in a bloody engagement in the Tyrolean Alps stormed and captured Monte Zugna fortress dominating the Austrian fortified town Rovereto. The immediate objective of the Italians in the Adige Valley toward Trent is this town. Howitzers silenced the batteries in the nearby mountains, and the Italians, climbed up in the rear, forced the garrison to flee down the northern slope.

It is indicated in a government dispatch that the Italians also captured Monte Belvedere, the Cortina railroad center, the Alps passes in the Ampezzo Valley and entrenched their line five miles from Barge and on both sides of the Val mountains east of Trent.

According to press dispatches, Vienna is virtually under siege by mobs. Anti-war demonstrations are frequent. A proclamation today called attention to the "venomous statement concerning Austria by the Germans." The proclamations says that Austria will let her army and navy, not documents, reply to Italy. It is believed that the reference is to Austria's claim never to have menaced Italy.

## MRS. DORSEY'S FUNERAL HERE

Died in Kansas Yesterday—Former Boone County Woman.

The body of Mrs. Margaret Dorsey, who died yesterday morning in Kansas City, arrived in Columbia this afternoon. The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Christian Church. Burial will be in the Columbia Cemetery.

Mrs. Dorsey died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Lucas, who lives in Kansas City. She was born in Nicholas County, Kentucky, in 1839. Her parents died when she was young and she moved to Boone County with her uncle, Hubbard Williams. She was married to the late Jerry S. Dorsey in 1857. She is survived by five children: W. S. Dorsey, Columbia; R. A. and J. S. Dorsey, Hico, Tex.; Mrs. W. C. Lucas, Kansas City, and Mrs. Nellie Ogden, Lawrence, Kan.

## ZEPPELINS MAKE RAID ON LONDON; 4 KILLED

Thirty Bombs Are Thrown by Germans in Long-Anticipated Attack.

## THREE FIRES RESULT

British Official Statement Fails to Mention the Number of Dirigibles Seen.

By United Press

LONDON, June 1.—Four persons were killed, one badly wounded and several others hurt when thirty bombs fell upon London from German Zeppelins this morning. Three large fires resulted from the aerial raid, according to a statement by the admiralty today.

The admiralty reports also that the German dirigibles soared over East End and other suburban sections, showering bombs. Two young women, German tailoresses, were seriously injured and others are reported slightly wounded. Many buildings were set on fire.

The official statement does not mention the number of raiders. It states they were sighted at Ramsgate, 65 miles southeast of Brentwood, and in certain outlying districts of London. The many fires reported indicate that there were several Zeppelins.

## ANNUAL CONCERT GIVEN AT C. C.

Commencement Exercises Will Close Tomorrow, With Graduation.

Christian College's commencement exercises, which began Sunday night with the baccalaureate address by the Rev. L. J. Marshall of Kansas City, are in progress today. This morning the literary seniors celebrated the annual class day, beginning at 10 o'clock. Tomorrow the graduating address will be delivered by Rabbi Leon Harrison of St. Louis.

The annual concert of the conservatory of music was given last night in the college auditorium under the direction of Cady Kenney. Miss Vinita Fowler gave the "Nocturne in C Major" by Grieg and "Whispering Winds" by Wollenhaupt; Miss Amy Schrock, "Legacies" by Hill and "Garden Romance" by Grant-Schaefer; J. Herbert Roberts, "Idyll" and "Hungary". Miss Era Lightner gave "In the Dark, in the Dew" by Coombs and "Sylvia" by Speaks; Miss Jewell Evans, "Ballade in A Flat" by Chopin; Miss Ruth Haynie, "Resignation" by Caro Roma and "A Song of Waiting" by Wright; Mrs. A. Roy Strouville, "Reflets dans l'eau" by Debussy and "Hark the Lark" by Schubert-Liszt; Miss Hazel Davies, "Contentment" by Salter and "I Hid My Love" by D'Hardelot; Miss Lola Rowland, "Scherzo-Valse" by Chabrier, "Egyptian Boat Song" by Cyril Scott and Etude "Ab Irato" by Liszt.

## TWO VARSITY CAPTAINS CHOSEN

Powell Will Lead in Track, Woody in Baseball, Next Year.

Two new Varsity team leaders for next year were chosen yesterday.

William D. Powell of Kansas City was elected captain of the 1916 track team. He has made his letter in track two years, being a consistent point winner in the pole vault and the jumps. Prospects for next year's track team are considered bright since but few of the best men will be lost at the close of this term. Murphy, Floyd and Drumm are the only men who will complete their services.

Charles R. Woody will lead the baseball team in 1916. Woody has been on the team two years and has ranked high in batting and fielding averages. He comes from Ozark, Mo., and is a senior in the College of Agriculture. Woody played on the Tiger football team last season, making the touchdown against Kansas. He will be back for football next fall.

## TEN TIGERS TO GO TO URBANA

Missouri Enters Team in the Western Conference Meet.

Ten University of Missouri track athletes will enter the Western Conference Meet at University of Illinois, at Urbana, next Saturday. The team will leave Thursday afternoon. Plans are being made to meet the Kansas team at Moberly from there travel in a special party car.

Simpson will enter the hurdle races and the broad jump; Floyd, the pole vault; Dagg, the low hurdles; Kline, the two-mile run; Niedorp, the 440-yard dash, and Warren and Drumm, the shot put and discus throw. The mile relay team will be made up of Niedorp, Murphy, Wyatt and Eaton.