

## MANY SWEEP TO DEATH IN FLOOD'S FURY

### Steamers and Trains Pick Up Refugees in Mississippi Valley.

## CLINGING TO TREETOPS

### One Woman Refuses to be Taken Aboard Unless Body of Dead Babe is Cared for.

Memphis, April 8.—Flood conditions in the Mississippi valley showed some improvement this morning, when a sunny day gave further encouragement to those conducting the work of rescue among the hundreds driven from their homes by the high water.

All levees in the flood menaced district are holding strong. Two hundred levee workers had a narrow escape from being swept away when the embankment caved at Mile Post 24, 15 miles south of Helena, Ark., yesterday.

### TRAIN RESCUES 100.

The relief train sent from Forest City, Ark., yesterday to rescue farmers in the overflowed sections of St. Francis and Crittenden counties, returned last night with 100 refugees aboard, but with its mission only half completed. The train could not proceed further than the town of Beth, 20 miles east of this city. Beyond that point, where many persons are believed marooned, only boats can be of service.

### STEAMERS CARRYING HOMELESS.

Three river steamers reached Memphis today carrying hundreds of homeless from the flood-swept lands of Arkansas, in the Modoc locality. Many of these report loss of life in several small towns that were inundated when the embankment breached. There is no chance to verify such reports, but it is generally believed there have been fatalities in Phillips county, Ark. Refugees who came this morning saved none of their personal belongings.

### MANY ALMOST NAKED.

Many were almost naked when they reached the boats. Boat captains and the more fortunate divided clothing with the needy. The steamer Kate Adams, which was near Modoc when the crevasses occurred there, probably saved hundreds of lives by taking refugees from rafts and house-tops. In the midst of the rescue work the steamer put out a staff to a woman who sat on the roof of a floating house. She sent word back to the captain that she would not leave unless he would consent to take her dead baby aboard the steamer.

### BODY IN SOAP BOX.

Accordingly a soap box was sent to the floating house. The woman brought out the babe's corpse, placed it in the box and was rowed to the steamer. The little body was buried at Memphis.

One of the Lee line steamers from Arkansas county that reached here today told of a desperate fight with a negro who refused to leave a raft on which he floated unless he was allowed to bring his mule. As a last resort the captain of the boat tied the raft bearing the mule behind the steamer and towed the raft, mule and negro all into Memphis.

### WET TOWN GOES DRY.

New Madrid, Mo., overflowed to a depth of several feet, is nevertheless "dry." At least the "drys" won in the local option election Saturday. The voters came to the polls in skiffs, launches and rafts. When the rubber-boated election clerks completed the count it was shown the "wets" were beaten by 300.

### 54 FEET AT CAIRO.

Cairo, Ill., April 8.—The river is stationary at 54 feet. The city is surrounded by water, but the levees are holding firm. Refugees from other flooded districts were brought here today in half starved condition.

### 300 TONS OF SUPPLIES.

St. Louis, April 8.—The United States engineers' department steamer Nokomis, towing a steel barge loaded with 300 tons of provisions, forage and tents for food sufferers in Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee, departed today.

## FAILS IN EFFORT TO DIE VIA THE WHISKY ROUTE

Chicago, April 8.—After telling his landlady he intended to end his life, George Carlston, a printer, purchased 30 bottles of whisky. Later he was found unconscious beside eight empty bottles. Today he was fined \$15 for attempting suicide by drinking whisky.

### Ten Years for Counterfeiter.

Chicago, April 8.—James Rice today was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., for counterfeiting silver dollars.

## The Weather

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline, and Vicinity.

Generally fair tonight and Tuesday, warmer tonight.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 41. Highest yesterday 51, lowest last night 37.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 7 miles per hour.

Precipitation none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 49, at 7 a. m. 59.

Stage of water 11 feet, no change in last 48 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

## ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow.)

Sun sets 6:32, rises 6:30. Evening stars: Mercury, Mars, Saturn. Morning stars: Venus, Jupiter.

## VERMILYA JURY FAILS IN VERDICT; SECOND TRIAL

Chicago, April 8.—After eight hours of deliberation the jury who tried Mrs. Louise Vermilya for the murder of Richard T. Smith, Saturday night reported to Judge Denis E. Sullivan that they were hopelessly deadlocked. They were discharged by agreement of counsel. A poll indicated they stood 7 to 5 for conviction. There was no change in the sentiment from the first ballot to the sixth, which was the last. The defendant wept when Foreman Andrew Smith announced they could not agree. Her sister, Mrs. Laura Bucholz, tried to comfort her. Mrs. Vermilya had confidently expected to be released. She was completely overcome by disappointment. On the trip from the criminal court building to the county jail she fainted in her wheel chair. Heart action almost stopped. She was carried into the jail hospital as one dead. She was revived with difficulty. Mrs. Vermilya will be tried a second time probably within a month. It is customary in such cases to admit the defendant to bail. Her attorneys will apply to the court for her release tomorrow.

## CATCHES THIEF ON FISH HOOKS, BUT HE ESCAPES

Fargo, N. D., April 8.—Fish hooks to catch thieves; this is Fargo's latest discovery. During the last few days a thief has stolen more than \$40 worth of tobacco and cigars from a local cigar store, according to a report given the police. The proprietor set a trap for the thief. At the bottom of a concrete coat chute leading to the basement, where the concrete connects with a wooden addition, he nailed six stout fish hooks, the points facing upward. Investigation had led him to believe that the thief entered through the chute. Early this morning cries of pain brought the merchant to the basement. The thief had fled, but portions of his trousers and three bent fish hooks remained. Three fish hooks had disappeared with the thief. The proprietor says he is satisfied.

## THOUSANDS FLOCK TO A HEALER AT ST. ELMO

St. Elmo, Ill., April 8.—More than 3,600 people are now registered and waiting for treatments here from William F. ("Billy") Smith, a healer, who is said to have made thousands of "miraculous cures" by "laying on of hands." The streets are full of persons suffering from tuberculosis, cancer, paralysis, rheumatism and locomotor ataxia. The little hotels are full. Private houses are trying to take care of the patients. Every train brings from 25 to 75 people. Smith was born and reared a farmer. He is 45 years old. He followed the plow until a little more than four years ago. In four and a half years he has given over 57,000 treatments. If a person registers for treatment now he will not be able to reach you before next September. "Billy" Smith is the son of "Old Faith Healer" Smith, who was famous during his lifetime for his power in healing dumb animals.

## Shoots Girl; Then Ends Life.

Logansport, Ind., April 8.—Because she refused to marry him, Otto Glenn Brown, aged 19, son of William Brown of Macy, shot Leona Ehlinger, aged 15, and then killed himself. The girl has a chance to recover. "I wish he had killed me, too, as long as he has killed himself," Miss Ehlinger told a physician at the hospital last night.

## RESUMING WORK IN ENGLAND PITS

London, April 8.—General activity prevails in all coal mining districts in Great Britain today. In Scotland and North Wales there was a large increase in the number of miners who resumed work, while in the English and southern Welsh coal fields, where the Easter holiday is being observed, small gangs of men went down the pits in order to clear roadways and to prepare for a general resumption of work tomorrow. In southern Wales prospects of resumption are not bright, as engineers and other workmen declined to return to work until their demands are also conceded. The first coal mined will be supplied to railroads and mills, so that three weeks at least will pass before householders in the cities will be able to secure supplies for domestic purpose.

## STOP, THIEF! IS DIXON CRY

### Roosevelt Manager Puts Serious Situation Up to the President.

## FRAUDS IN KENTUCKY?

### Alleged That Colonel Has Majority of Votes but Taft Certificates Are Signed.

Washington, April 8.—In an open letter to Taft Senator Dixon, campaign manager for Roosevelt, today declares the president "will become a deliberate receiver of stolen goods" if he does not repudiate the action

## WILSON ROBBED; POLITICAL PLOT?

### Governor's Private Papers Relating to His Campaign Are Stolen From Hotel.

## DO NOT TAKE VALUABLES

### Democratic Presidential Candidate Declares Publication of Documents Will Do No Harm.

Chicago, April 8.—Room workers, apparently having political affiliations, broke into Governor Woodrow Wilson's suite of rooms at the Hotel Sherman yesterday afternoon and stole a suitcase full of private correspondence and papers belonging to the New Jersey executive.

The robbery occurred between 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon, while the democratic presidential candidate was at St. Mary's rectory luncheon with Rev. P. J. O'Callaghan and other priests of the Paulist order. It was discovered at 2:50 o'clock, when the governor returned to his room. The

## PATENT CASE RULING GOOD

### At Any Rate United States Supreme Court Refuses a Rehearing.

## NO GROUND IS STATED

### Commerce Commission Declines to Disturb Existing Through Freight Charges on Grain.

Washington, April 8.—A rehearing of the so-called "patent monopoly" memograph case today was refused by the supreme court of the United States. No ground was announced for the court's action today.

## FEDERAL JUDGES ARE UNDER FIRE

### Five Members of Bench are to Be Investigated by United States Senate.

## ARE CONDONING THIEVERY?

### Alleged to Have Refused to Dismiss Clerks Found Short in Their Accounts.

Washington, D. C., April 8.—The senate judiciary committee proposes to investigate the action of five federal judges in refusing to dismiss court clerks appointed by them and against whom charges of embezzlement have been made.

The house recently passed a bill giving the president authority to remove clerks of court over the heads of the judges. It is the purpose of the members of the judiciary committee to ascertain who the judges are and something about conditions in the courts that would induce the administration to recommend legislation so seriously reflecting upon members of the federal judiciary.

## SEVEN CLERKS REMOVED.

The department of justice, having discovered a discrepancy between the total amount of money paid into the courts in the way of fines and the amount remitted to the government by the courts, started an inquiry. As the result 12 clerks were found to be short in their accounts. In seven cases the defaulting clerks were either removed by the judges or were permitted to resign, and of this number those who did not make up at once the amounts of their defalcations were made defendants in suits brought by the United States. In five cases the judges refused to remove the clerks.

## FIRST FAVORED IMPEACHMENT.

When the matter was first brought to the attention of President Taft he urged that impeachment proceedings be instituted at once against the judges in question. The president became convinced, however, that impeachment was not practicable.

Accordingly it was decided to proceed by legislation. A bill giving the president the right to remove clerks of courts was prepared and introduced in the house. It attracted almost no attention. It had been planned to put the measure through the senate in the same manner that it had passed the house, but some of the progressives decided that they wanted more information regarding it than the administration had presented.

## CHICAGO POLICEMAN IS A SUICIDE; DESPONDENT

Chicago, April 8.—Daniel Hartnett, policeman stationed at the Fifth street station, committed suicide at his home, 949 East Fifty-third street, last night by shooting himself in the right temple. Despondency over ill health and the recent death of his infant son are assigned by the police of the Hyde Park station, in whose district Hartnett lived, as the reason for the suicide. Hartnett, who had been connected with the police department for 25 years, shot himself shortly before 8 o'clock. His daughter, Mary, heard the report and, with her mother, went to the room occupied by Mr. Hartnett. He was lying across the bed, dead. His revolver, with one cartridge discharged, was near his side.

## SMOOT'S GRANDSON SITS IN PRESIDENTIAL CHAIR

Washington, April 8.—President Taft resigned his chair a couple of minutes today to permit Senator Smoot of Utah to inaugurate his 7-month-old grandson, Reid Smoot (Carton), behind the big desk over which passes each day the business of the nation. "I think he will be president some day," said Senator Smoot, and several waiting handshakers smiled. "He's a fine-looking boy," said the president as he picked him up and kissed him.

## THOUSANDS AT WHITE HOUSE EASTER EGG ROLL

Washington, April 8.—Thousands of children today crowded the main grounds of the White house to join in the annual Easter Monday egg rolling. Children of all sorts and conditions with mothers, sisters and nurses flocked in to play on the White house grass.

## BURNING BOAT IS DRIVEN ON ROCKS

Ditch Plain Life Saving Station, L. I., April 8.—The Merchants' Miners' line steamer Ontario, from Baltimore to Boston, with 15 passengers and a crew of 40, is on the rocks off Montauk point.

At 2 this morning fire broke out. An hour later it became so threatening Captain Bood drove the steamer full speed on the rocks and sent out wireless distress signals. Life-savers answered the calls and took the passengers off the burning steamer and placed them on a tug. The crew remained on board to fight the fire. At 8:30 this morning the captain reported the fire under control.

## NOW WAIT ON THE VERDICT AT THE POLLS

### Presidential Preference Vote is Holding Center of the Stage.

## FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

### Chicago to Go on Record on Ad-visibility of Woman Suffrage.

Chicago, April 8.—Political leaders gave final instructions to their lieutenants in the Illinois campaign today, candidates closed their speaking tours and the lines are drawn tight for the voting tomorrow.

The presidential preference vote continued the center of the stage politically. Roosevelt planned to close his campaign in the state with speeches in the congressional district of former Speaker Cannon. The speaking campaign of the Taft and La Follette forces in the state are over.

## WATCHERS ARE NAMED.

On the democratic side Wilson and Clark speakers wound up their labors Saturday. Candidates for the gubernatorial nomination rested on their oars and the congressional aspirants and the host of seekers for minor offices turned attention to selection of watchers and personal workers at the polls tomorrow.

Chicago will vote on the advisability of woman suffrage.

## ROOSEVELT HITS MCKINLEY.

Decatur, Ill., April 8.—In the home district of Congressman McKinley, manager of Taft's campaign, Roosevelt today, speaking to a crowd in front of the court house at Clinton, said: "I understand Taft's manager, McKinley, said some things about this district was for Taft to a man, but apparently he was mistaken. I understand he told you last week Taft was not a politician, and that the other Taft workers crooned every day that he was not. But Taft's whole campaign is entrusted to a thorough-going politician as there are in the United States, to Tawney, Bannes, Penrose, Gallinger, Cannon, Guggenheim, Lorimer and others with whom McKinley is associated.

## STATES IMPORTANT POSITION.

"There never was a straighter lineup than this, between the politicians and the plain people; and at last here in Illinois the plain people have a chance to speak for themselves. Illinois stands in the most important position of any state in this campaign. We look to Illinois to set the keynote." The colonel said he wanted the people to register a straight vote tomorrow. Roosevelt repeated his attacks on Lorimer. Roosevelt said he had been requested Saturday not to attack Lorimer in his Springfield speech that night.

## FLATLY DECLINES.

A delegation from the Springfield Roosevelt club, which arranged the meeting, he said, told him it might injure him politically in that district since the senator had many supporters there. The colonel said he declined flatly. He added if he lost every supporter he had in Illinois he would speak his mind on that subject.

## DENEEN GOES TO VOTE.

Springfield, Ill., April 8.—Governor Deneen was sufficiently recovered from his illness to leave at noon for Chicago to vote.

## YOUNG A CANDIDATE.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 8.—Formal announcement of the candidacy of Lafayette Young for United States senator, to succeed Senator Kenyon, was made today in the Des Moines Capital.

## NEW YORK CONVENTION.

Rochester, N. Y., April 8.—The republican state convention which elects four delegates at-large to the national convention and adopts a platform will be held here tomorrow. Lieutenants of Chairman Barnes made it known an unstructured delegation is desired, but friends of Taft were active today in an endeavor to have delegates instructed for the president.

## FIRST MOVE IS MADE TO SAVE LIFE OF RICHESON

Boston, April 8.—The first move to save the life of Clarence V. T. Richeson, confessed murderer of Avis Linnell, who is sentenced to die the week of May 19, was made today. The former minister's attorney, William A. Morse, had short conference with Executive Secretary Hamilton at the state house, following which it was announced that April 26 counsel for the condemned man will appear before Governor Foss and argue the question of referring the petition to the executive council, which rests entirely with the governor. Morse did not see Governor Foss.

## HOUSE CLEANING TIME



of certain federal officeholders in the Kentucky elections Saturday and institute proceedings against them.

## POSTMASTER TURNS TRICK.

Dixon says former Chief Justice Orear of Kentucky cites that in the First Kentucky district the chairman of McCracken county, who is deputy postmaster at Paducah, signed the Taft certificate, though Roosevelt carried the county, 1,006 to 517, and in Carlisle Roosevelt held all but three, but the postmaster signed a Taft certificate. Dixon, in his letter, says: "In plain language, these acts constitute theft."

## MATTER BEFORE CONGRESS.

"Unless they are promptly repudiated by you, those who committed them immediately will be cited for trial. You cannot escape the charge of being willing to profit knowingly by such theft. In other words, you will become a deliberate receiver of stolen goods." Dixon said he had sent reports to the civil service commission, giving out the letter. He said the matter would be "before congress within 24 hours."

## FLAMES IMPERIL LIVES OF TWENTY IN CHICAGO

Chicago, April 8.—Twenty persons sleeping in the Chicago Inner Mission Society house of the Evangelical Lutheran church, 1346 La Salle avenue, had a narrow escape early today when fire broke out in a garage adjoining. A gasoline explosion shattered the dividing wall. All in the mission escaped safely. A score of firemen were impelled by the explosion, but none was injured. The loss is \$25,000.

## Woman is Against Wheeler.

Rockford, Ill., April 8.—Annette Bostrom, a young widow and a friend of Fred Wheeler, held for wife murderer, has returned from Moline and promises to assist in the prosecution. Wheeler sent Mrs. Bostrom a message the day his wife died and after the funeral sent her another telegram urging her to join him.

robbers left valuable silver toilet articles and other belongings of pecuniary value.

## WILSON SUSPECTS PLOT.

Before leaving last night for Syracuse, N. Y., where he is scheduled to speak tonight before a non-political dinner of the chamber of commerce, Governor Wilson said that "the robbery was very suspicious." He refused openly to make charges that political enemies had committed the theft.

"The robbery will greatly inconvenience me," he said, "but whoever obtained the papers and correspondence will be greatly disappointed. While the correspondence is of a nature which necessarily should be considered private between the writers and myself, there is nothing but may be published without doing me harm."

"A great deal of the correspondence deals with the campaign I am waging, as do the other documents which were stolen. As a matter of fact the most valuable things which the burglars will find in the suitcase are my dress suit and clean linen. They took them, apparently, not stopping to unload the articles they didn't want."

## NIBLACK MAKES CHARGES.

William C. Niblack, president of the Wilson club of Illinois, was more emphatic in his charges. "It's nothing more or less than a dirty political trick," was his caustic comment. "It is in line with the campaign of lies and vituperation which has been waged against Governor Wilson."

## RECALLS FORMER THEFT.

The stealing of Governor Wilson's correspondence recalls a similar theft which occurred a few years ago at Mount Clemens, Mich., when a private letter was stolen from Charles W. Murphy of New York. The Murphy letter was reproduced shortly after in certain newspapers and had a bearing on the political situation in New York.

## Galesburg Business Man Dies.

Galesburg, Ill., April 8.—W. A. Jordan, president of the W. A. Jordan wholesale company, died suddenly last night of heart failure.