

## MANY PEOPLE DIE AND HEAVY PROPERTY LOSS IN SOUTHWEST STORM

WILSON GETS  
SAUCY REPLY  
FROM MEXICOLatest President of the Villa-  
Zapata Regime Answers  
Statement.

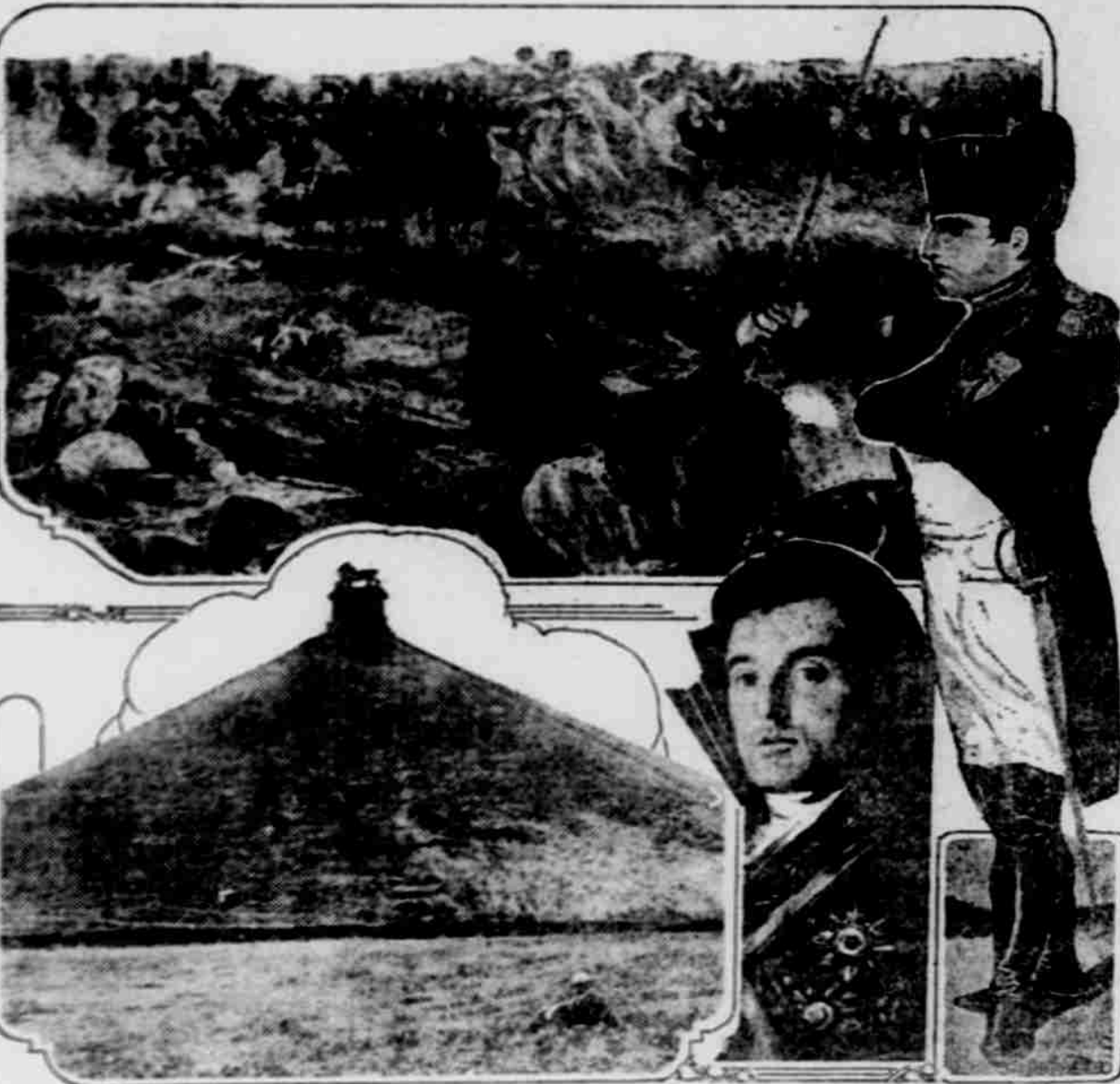
## WILL UPHOLD DIGNITY

Declares if Threat Is Intend-  
ed His People Ready  
for a Scrap.Washington, D. C., June 18.—  
The cabinet held a two hour  
session today and discussed the Mex-  
ican situation and the charges of  
espionage on official mails be-  
tween the United States and Eu-  
rope.One subject considered was the  
reported manufacturing of car-  
tridges advertised by a Cleveland  
concern to contain poisonous  
gases, to cause much pain and to  
cause death within four hours.  
The department of commerce will  
conduct an investigation.Washington, D. C., June 18.—Fran-  
cisco Lugo Chazaro, the latest pres-  
ident of the Villa-Zapata coalition  
government in Mexico City, today replied  
to President Wilson's Mexican state-  
ment by challenging the consistency of  
the president's declaration with his  
much discussed Indianapolis speech.President Wilson's statement served  
notice on the factional leaders that if  
they could not accommodate their dif-  
ferences the United States would be  
constrained, as Mexico's next friend,  
to help Mexico save herself and serve her  
people.Chazaro says the convention gov-  
ernment cannot reconcile that with  
the president's declaration in Indianapolis  
that he had no disposition to interfere  
in Mexican affairs."But," says Chazaro's reply, received  
today at the state department, "we con-  
tinue to consider that the general  
idea of President Wilson's proclama-  
tion is to help us in a friendly way."If the president's declaration is to  
be construed as a threat, Chazaro  
adds, the convention government "will  
maintain the dignity of the Mexican  
people." It blames the Carranza  
forces for Mexico's plight.Fear of Food Riots.  
The food situation in Vera Cruz  
has become so desperate that Rear Ad-  
miral Caperton, bearing food riots, has  
proposed to the navy department that  
vessels be used to transport the re-  
lief supplies and thus increase his  
force. For the present, however,  
navy department officials have de-  
clined to increase the American  
force there, and will continue sending  
supplies on transports. One of Ad-  
miral Caperton's ships is soon to com-  
mence, however, and a relief ship will  
be sent to replace her.Admiral Howland, commanding the  
Fleet, is taking the cruisers Chat-  
tahogue and Raleigh with the Col-  
umbus on the relief expedition to the  
Yucatan valley, acted on his own initiative.  
When the admiral arrives in  
Tombay he has American warships  
will be off Guaymas for any eventual-  
ity.

## Capture Capital Near?

Guantanamo, Texas, June 18.—General  
Felix Gonzalez yesterday expected to  
enter the city of Mexico in a few  
hours, following the capture of Tex-  
coco, 15 miles from the capital, according  
to dispatches received today by  
the constitutionalist consulate here.  
General Gonzalez's forces had  
moved forward from Magua and were  
beginning the investment of Aguas  
Calientes, Tlaxcala. It was said, was  
taken after a sharp engagement with  
Zapata forces.SURGEONS PREPARE  
FOR FIELD SERVICEChicago, Ill., June 18.—Surgeons  
building commissions in the army med-  
ical reserve corps are receiving letters  
signed by Surgeon-General W. C. Gor-  
don, U. S. A., asking if they can be  
called on for active service, it became  
known here today.Appended is a list of questions in-  
quiring whether the addressee prefers  
to serve in his home city, in camps, in  
hospitals, or with "troops in the field."New Boat for Coast Survey.  
Washington, D. C., June 18.—The  
steamer Isis has been purchased by the  
government for the use of the coast  
and geographic survey in its offshore  
hydrographic work along the Atlantic  
coast. The vessel cost a little less  
than \$60,000 and will replace the  
steamer Endeavor, built during the  
Civil war.

## Just One Hundred Years Ago Napoleon Met His Waterloo

The Battle of Waterloo (from a painting); mound in center of Waterloo battlefield commemorating Napoleon's  
defeat; Napoleon (extreme right) and Wellington.Just as the war in Europe today is profoundly changing the destinies of nations, so the events which  
were taking place on that continent one hundred years ago were tremendous in their effects and far reaching in their  
combined influence. June 18, 1815, will ever stand forth as a memorable date in history, for it was on that day—  
on the field of Waterloo—that Napoleon's dream of empire was shattered. By all historians it is agreed that  
this battle—the centenary of which was observed today—should have a place among the half dozen greatest bat-  
tles in the world's history.JOLIET EPIDEMIC  
IS WELL IN HANDSituation Improves First Time Since  
Outbreak of Scarlet Fever One  
Month Ago.Joliet, Ill., June 18.—Dr. C. E.  
Crawford, chief inspector of the state  
board of health, who is in charge of  
combating the epidemic of scarlet  
fever here, said today that the sit-  
uation is beginning to improve for the  
first time since the epidemic began a  
month ago.With the exception of new-borns,  
who are obliged to submit to a medi-  
cal examination, all children under 16  
years of age are prohibited from leav-  
ing their homes.DOUBT VENIZELOS  
ANXIOUS FOR WARBerlin Leaders Inclined to Believe  
There Has Been Change Among  
Small Nations.Cologne, June 18. (via London).—  
The Cologne Gazette has published a  
dispatch from Berlin concerning the  
outcome of the recent general elections  
in Greece, in which doubt is expressed  
as to whether M. Venizelos would be  
unconditionally in favor of armed in-  
tervention on the side of the allies,  
even in case King Constantine should  
again entrust him with the conduct of  
affairs.It is rather to be assumed that M.  
Venizelos, the Berlin dispatch says, is  
following the development in the Dar-  
danelles very closely; that he has no-  
ticed England's admission that pro-  
gress there is possible only with great  
sacrifice, and that the latest attempt  
to induce Bulgaria and Rumania to co-  
operate with the allies have failed. The  
conditions in this quarter of the world  
have changed since last spring.Arrest Hotel Man in Paris.  
Paris, June 18.—Arthur Geiseler, a  
director of one of the principal hotels  
of Paris, now used as the Japanese  
ambulance, has been arrested on a  
charge of embezzlement.Washington, D. C., June 18.—  
President Wilson intends to find  
a secretary of state within his  
official family, and those close  
to the White house said today  
his principal reason was his  
wish to appoint a man already  
in touch with the present for-  
eign questions. It was said to-  
day that Robert Lansing, sec-  
retary of the Interior, was foremost  
among those under consid-  
eration.MAIL HELD UP  
BY BRITISH IS  
CHARGEMADESwedish Minister Ekengren  
Enters Formal Complaint  
at Washington.Washington, June 18.—The first of-  
ficial protest growing out of reports of  
the interference with the mails since  
the European war began was before  
Secretary Lansing of the state de-  
partment today with a request for ac-  
tion.The complaint in point was that  
lodged with the secretary by Swedish  
Minister Ekengren who, in a letter  
written on instructions from his gov-  
ernment, stated that United States  
mail pouches destined for Sweden  
had been broken open in England,  
that letters had been opened and con-  
sented and that one registered unit had  
been retained. The communication  
stated two specific instances of inter-  
ference with United States mail for  
Sweden, pointed out that such acts  
were in violation of the provisions of  
the world postal convention and asked  
that appropriate action be taken.While state department officials de-  
clined to indicate what, if any action  
would be taken, it was said in diplo-  
matic circles that representations  
probably would be made by the United  
States to Great Britain asking that  
special precautions be taken to pro-  
tect American mail passing through  
the British territory.Postal officials have aimed to pre-  
vent just such a complication. The  
day Italy declared war they stopped  
routing mails for Germany and Aus-  
tria that way. No mail for Germany  
or Austria has been sent on ships  
touching at ports of the allies. When  
Dutch lines for Rotterdam announced  
they would call at Falmouth the post-  
al authorities notified the lines that  
they could not carry German mails.  
In every instance the steamship lines  
cancelled calls at Falmouth, rather  
than lose the mail pay.It was said at the postoffice depart-  
ment today that no request had yet  
been made by the state department for  
information on Swedish mails and that  
no complaint of those mails being  
opened had been lodged with it.Grand Art Prize Bestowed.  
San Francisco, Cal., June 18.—The  
jury of awards at the Panama-Pacific  
exposition announced today that it  
had bestowed the grand prize in art  
upon Frank Duveneck, an American  
portrait painter.DANE LINERS ARE  
DENIED REGISTRYCommissioner of Navigation Refuses  
Application of American Trans-  
Atlantic Company.New York, June 18.—R. G. Wagner,  
president of the American Transatlan-  
tic company, whose application for  
American registry for a number of so-  
called Danish freight steamships, has  
been refused by Eugene T. Chamber-  
lain, United States commissioner of  
navigation, said in a statement made  
public today that his request had been  
made in good faith and that all the  
stockholders of the company are Amer-  
icans. Mr. Wagner said he laid all the  
facts before the navigation commis-  
sioner at Washington and assured the  
commissioner that all the vessels al-  
ways had been under neutral flags and  
gave him a guarantee that the ship  
would not be used in any way to em-  
barrass the United States government.BELGIAN RAILROADS  
ORDER LOCOMOTIVESNew York, June 18.—Announcement  
here that the American Locomotive  
company has received orders from the  
Belgian state railroads for 20 loco-  
motives caused speculation today as to  
the purpose for which this equipment  
is intended. It was pointed out that  
the Belgian railroads are almost  
wholly in possession of the Germans  
and suggested that the locomotives  
might be intended for use in France  
or Russia.

## Turkey Increases Tariff.

Washington, D. C., June 17.—Tariff  
increases amounting to from 15 to 30  
per cent ad valorem on practically all  
articles imported into Turkey went in-  
to effect June 2, according to cable  
advice to the state department from the  
American consul general at Constanti-  
nople.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for  
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline  
and Vicinity.Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday.  
cooler tonight.  
Temperature at 7 a. m. 64. Highest  
yesterday 72, lowest last night 61.  
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 8 miles  
per hour.Precipitation 40 inch.  
Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 57, at 7  
a. m. 96, at 1 p. m. today, 98.  
Stage of water 7.2, a fall of .3 in last  
24 hours.  
J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.  
Evening stars: Mercury, Saturn, Mars.  
Morning stars: Jupiter, Venus. The  
red star Antares of constellation Scor-  
pio seen newly risen after dark.BERLIN STILL  
DOUBTFUL ON  
SECOND NOTENewspaper War Continues  
to Rage, Many Editors  
Opposing Compromise.

## LEADERS CONFERRING

Meyer-Gerhard, Envoy of  
American Ambassador  
Reports on Situation.Berlin, June 18. (via London).—The  
effect of the arrival of Dr. Anton Meyer-  
Gerhard, who has come from the Ger-  
man embassy at Washington with mes-  
sages bearing on the German-Ameri-  
can situation, on the preparatory work  
of Germany's answer to the American  
note, is not thus far perceptible. Count  
von Bernstorff's emissary began today  
a series of important conferences with  
officials at the foreign office. He spent  
most of yesterday with the secretary  
of state for the colonies, Dr. W. S.  
Solf, after brief conversations with  
Gottlieb von Jagow, the foreign min-  
ister, and Under-Secretary Zimmer-  
mann.There are indications that Dr. Solf  
is taking an interest in the question  
of German-American relations and may  
play a role in the deliberations on  
Germany's second answer regarding  
the Lusitania disaster.Dr. Solf is familiar with life and con-  
ditions in the United States. His influ-  
ence on Germany's policy may be ex-  
pected to be favorable to an ultimate  
understanding.It is still too early to predict what  
form the German note will take. Ap-  
parently an endeavor will be made to  
open the way to further discussions.The newspaper war between advo-  
cates of a friendly settlement and the  
"no compromise" representatives con-  
tinues to rage. Naval writers in par-  
ticular urge that Germany cannot af-  
ford to yield an iota regarding the prin-  
ciple and practices of submarine war-  
fare, but the very violence of their at-  
tacks on the advocates of an under-  
standing indicates that the latter are  
not without influence.

## Von Bernstorff in Denial.

Washington, D. C., June 18.—Count  
von Bernstorff, the German ambassa-  
dor, today personally informed Sec-  
retary Lansing that neither he nor any  
member of the embassy staff had any  
knowledge of Dr. Alfred Meyer, said  
to have been secretly in this country  
buying war supplies.Published reports have alleged that  
Meyer returned to Germany under a  
safe conduct obtained for Dr. Anton  
Meyer-Gerhard, from the allies by the  
United States at the ambassador's re-  
quest. The ambassador also assured  
Secretary Lansing that Dr. Meyer-Ger-  
hard never had engaged in any work  
other than his mission for the German  
Red Cross. He made no request for  
an official investigation of the pub-  
lished charges.The conference was arranged for by  
the ambassador, who wired the sec-  
retary from New York. Previously the  
charge d'affaires of the German em-  
bassy at Cedarhurst, L. I., had made  
a general denial of the published  
charges of deception.Secretary Lansing late today author-  
ized the announcement that so far as  
the state department is concerned the  
Meyer-Gerhard incident is closed. He  
added that it had never been officially  
called to the state department's at-  
tention, except as a denial and that Am-  
bassador Bernstorff told him today  
that he had no knowledge whatever of  
any "Dr. Meyer."CALLS ON ENGLAND  
TO MAKE MUNITIONSLondon, June 18.—David Lloyd Geo-  
rge, minister of munitions, is urged  
by the Post in an editorial to make ev-  
ery effort to place the munitions indus-  
try on a basis whereby England can  
supply all her own needs in war ma-  
terial."If the profits of our manufacturers  
are too high in some cases," says the  
Post, "that can be rectified but at the  
worst it is not so grave an evil as the  
sending of orders to neutral countries  
when by so doing we send money out  
of our own country and reap none of  
the benefits. We should encourage  
our manufacturers by offering them  
long contracts on reasonable terms. As  
to the length of the war, it is unsafe  
to estimate the end as less than two  
or three years from now."Sanity Test for Thaw.  
Albany, N. Y., June 18.—The court  
of appeals today upheld the order of  
Supreme Court Justice Peter A. Hend-  
rick directing a jury trial to test the  
sanity of Harry K. Thaw.

## THE WAR TODAY

The assertion is made by the Rus-  
sian war office in a review of recent  
fighting in Galicia, that the Austro-  
German advance has been made at the  
cost of great losses. In two days' fight-  
ing near Stry the Teutonic forces are  
said to have lost "tens of thousands of  
men," and on one section of 23 miles  
on the Galician front, between May 29  
and June 15 their losses are placed  
at between 120 and 150,000. Reports  
from Berlin and Vienna, however, in-  
dicate that the Russians are pushed  
steadily all along the front. The  
Austrian war office says the Russians  
are no where able to resist their op-  
ponents.Negotiations between the allied pow-  
ers and Balkan states are again under  
way. According to information reach-  
ing Berlin from Sofia, Bulgaria de-  
mands territory from Rumania, Greece  
and Serbia in return for her partici-  
pation in the war with the allies.A Berlin dispatch expresses doubt  
where former Premier Venizelos of  
Greece, in case of his return to pow-  
er, following his victory in the elec-  
tions, will be unconditionally in favor  
of going to war. The deadlock on the  
Gallipoli peninsula and the reported  
failure of Bulgaria and Rumania to  
accept the latest offers of the allies are  
advanced as reasons for this view.The heaviest fighting of several  
weeks is now in progress on the west-  
ern front, in consequence of the new  
attacks by the French and British.  
Each side is sustaining severe losses,  
and although reports vary, it is evi-  
dent the French have made some gains  
in the district north of Arras.The attack of French and British  
forces on the western end of the Ger-  
man line is now said to have sustained  
a check.In northern Galicia, the Berlin an-  
nouncement says, the Russians have  
been pushed back further.The British forces on Gallipoli pen-  
insula have been compelled to abandon  
most of the ground they formerly oc-  
cupied near Avl Burnu, on the west  
coast. The British fleet is said to  
have taken refuge from German sub-  
marines at Imbros Island, 10 miles  
from the Gallipoli coast.PENNSYLVANIA COKE  
SHIPPED TO EUROPEConnellsville, Pa., June 18.—The  
Connellsville Weekly Courier today  
will say:  
"Production of coke rose to 334,000  
tons last week with shipments at 352,-  
000 tons. This is an increase of 20,000  
tons in production and 11,000 tons in  
shipments over the previous week.  
Shipments last week included some  
7,000 tons of export coke, which is an  
unusual occurrence. The steel inter-  
days are operating 71.4 per cent of their  
Connellsville region ovens."UNCLE SAM TO BUILD  
WEST INDIES LIGHTWashington, D. C., June 18.—The de-  
partment of commerce announced to-  
day that bids for the construction of the  
Navassa Island light station, West In-  
dies, shortly would be invited.  
The station will be located on the  
southern side of the island, on its high-  
est point, about 250 above sea level.  
The light will be of 56,000 candlepower  
with a double white flash every thirty  
seconds. The range due to the height  
of the light will be 27 nautical miles  
and to the observer's eye, 15 feet above  
sea level.

## Becker Sentence Stands.

Albany, N. Y., June 18.—The court  
of appeals today denied the applica-  
tion of counsel for Charles Becker, the  
former New York police lieutenant, for  
a reargument on his decision affirming  
sentence of death.Becker, convicted of inspiring the  
murder of Herman Rosenthal, a New  
York gambler, now is under sentence  
to die in the electric chair during the  
week beginning July 12. Unless Gov-  
ernor Whitman pardons him or the  
United States supreme court inter-  
feres, he must die.

## Myrtle Reed's Mother Dead.

Chicago, Ill., June 18.—Mrs. Eliza-  
beth Armstrong Reed, mother of the  
late Myrtle Reed, novelist, and her-  
self a widely known author, is dead  
at her home here today at the age of  
72 years.Mrs. Reed's researches in oriental  
literature are widely known.SMALL BOAT, ADRIFT  
TWO MONTHS, FOUNDNew York, June 18.—A small boat  
from the barkentine Edna M. Smith,  
lost at sea in the hurricane of April 2,  
was found June 15 adrift east of the  
Bahamas by the steamer Zulia from  
Venezuela and brought to this port to-  
day. The little boat, which had been  
drifting with the ocean currents more  
than two months, was bottom up. The  
boat, it is believed, was the one aban-  
doned by Captain Farrell and eight of  
the Edna M. Smith's crew when they  
were rescued April 7, after having been  
afloat four days without food. The  
mate and four of the crew were lost  
when the barkentine capsized in the  
hurricane.

## Chicago Bars Fireworks.

Chicago, June 18.—The display of  
fireworks on the Fourth of July on Chi-  
cago streets is prohibited, unless a  
special permit is granted, according to  
a ruling announced today by the mu-  
nicipal authorities.WIND LEVELS  
HOUSES OVER  
A WIDE AREAPresident of Kansas South-  
ern and Gulf Railroad  
One of the Victims.

## WATER SPREADS RUIN

Heaviest Rain in Years Vis-  
its Many Sections—  
Rivers on Rampage.Kansas City, Mo., June 18.—  
Fifteen persons were killed as re-  
sult of wind and rain storms that  
prevailed in this section of the  
southwest last night. More than  
a score of others were injured,  
none fatally.Three persons were killed at Rich-  
mond, Mo., when a terrific windstorm  
swept that section of Ray county. Mrs.  
Arthur Covey and small child and Mrs.  
Mary Bell were the victims.At West Moreland, Kan., Charles  
Morris, president of the Kansas South-  
ern and Gulf railroad, his son, Guy,  
and John Gunther, a druggist, were  
swept from a bridge while inspecting  
the railroad, and drowned.Gene Nichols, a farmer, living near  
Wamego, was killed by lightning last  
night.Five members of the family of John  
Burgess, a farmer in Pottawatomie  
county were killed and two seriously  
injured in a tornado early today, ac-  
cording to reports received at the To-  
peka office of the Union Pacific rail-  
road. Houses were wrecked, stock  
was killed and much other property  
damaged.Mrs. Altman was killed when the  
farm house of her nephew near La-  
tour, Mo., was blown to pieces.A baby was killed and several per-  
sons hurt in the tornado which swept  
over Montrose, Henry county, Mo.  
Paris, Sedalia, Lamonte and Nevada,  
Mo., reported several persons injured  
in the storm.Kansas City, Mo., June 18.—Yester-  
day's rains, which extended over  
northern Oklahoma, all of Kansas,  
Missouri, Iowa and into eastern Ne-  
braska, were the heaviest in years,  
according to reports to the weather  
bureau today.Although the storms had diminished  
in violence today, they extended over  
central Iowa and occupied a district  
of 800 miles. Des Moines being the  
eastern edge of the affected zone. The  
disturbance was moving in the direc-  
tion of the Great Lakes.At St. Joseph, Mo., much damage  
was done by flooding of cellars follow-  
ing a two-inch precipitation. The low-  
lands near the city were inundated,  
but residents were able to remove  
their property in safety.Many miles of railroad track in the  
affected district were swept away and  
today all trains entering Kansas City  
were hours behind schedule. Because  
of washouts between Kansas City and  
St. Louis, Missouri Pacific trains  
were detoured over the tracks of the  
Santa Fe road.

## Flood Warnings Given.

Flood warnings to all points in the  
Kansas river valley and along the  
Missouri river between Kansas City  
and Jefferson City were issued by the  
weather bureau today. Tributaries of  
the Kansas river were reported bank  
full.Beloit, Kansas, reported the heaviest  
precipitation in the last 24 hours—5.75  
inches of water falling there. Osawa-  
tomie got five inches of rain in two  
and one-half hours. At that point  
several hundred feet of Missouri Pa-  
cific tracks were washed away and  
citizens were warned to leave the low-  
lands.