

Verde's Wasting Waters Wash Wildly Westward

Thousands of Acre-Feet of Soil Enriching Flood Passes Through Phoenix Down Channel of Salt River

HIGHER THAN FOR NINE YEARS PAST

Apprehension Felt for the Safety of Certain Lands Should Rise Continue—Biggest Verde Flood in Years

The turbulent Verde river was more turbulent yesterday than at any other time during the present active spell. Beginning shortly after midnight Saturday night the rise of the stream was rapid, filling the great channel of the Salt river from bank to bank, and dashing over the dam at Granite Reef in a great wall of water that caused apprehension in the minds of some curious who went out to see it, that the big rock and masonry structure could withstand the tearing, fighting water.

Conservative estimates give the figures of the amount of water that is wasting away to the sea coming from the fertile valley of the Verde at close to 50,000 acre feet every twenty-four hours. Not in years has the stream shown such an ability to carry an overwhelming stream. The oily, soily water, if spread out over the thirsty land, would enrich it to an almost unbelievable extent, while the moisture that it carries, if properly used, be instrumental in raising a whole year's crop from the thousands of acres it could irrigate.

The restlessness of the stream yesterday seemed to carry with it the very thought of waste. To one closely watching the rising of the waters the impression came that the water knew that it was being wasted and, undisciplined, was joying in the fact. If the power along of such a stream were harnessed it would be enough to supply half the state of Arizona with light and heat.

The gauge at Granite Reef—that means the measure of the depth of the stream dashing over the reef—hovered between two feet nine inches and three feet four inches all day. The thousand feet wide stretch at the dam was narrowed in the stream below and with the narrowing rose still higher until it widened in the stretches of the river north of Mesa.

River Bottom Farmers Are Marooned By Rising Water

At least three colonies of valley bottom farmers and residents of the Salt were marooned in the middle of the river late yesterday afternoon, where they remained most of the night while members of the police and sheriff's forces made frantic efforts to reach them and take them to places of safety. They were all caught on the higher ground of the basin, where they live, when the waters of the river suddenly came down in swirling torrents, surrounding and coming to the very doors of their residences.

The names of the families marooned on the several islands could be learned, as no word could be gotten to them or from them, and distance and the late hour at which help began arriving made recognition impossible. However, it is known William O'Hara, his wife and hired hand, W. Harmon, are the unfortunate who are held at bay by the water on the island at the point where Park road leads down to the river. A second party was trapped a half mile up the river, but it was learned later in the night that they had reached the far shore by means of a tow line carried across on horseback. The third crew of shipwreck is on a piece of land at the place where Seventh avenue cuts the river.

All the families were trapped in their homes during their sleeping hours the night previous. When they arose in the morning and started out to their daily work they found they were surrounded and cut off from the rest of the state by the sheet of water the Verde had discharged during the night. At the O'Hara ranch, W. Harmon, employed by O'Hara, started to cross the river, swimming his horse. He was thrown from the animal's back and came near drowning.

FACTS ABOUT THE WATER SITUATION

The Verde water is still cleaving its way wastefully through the Valley of the Salt. It is estimated that yesterday enough water passed over Granite Reef to irrigate 40,000 acres for six months. A storage reservoir on the Verde would conserve this to the use of the farmers of this valley. The tide had not reached its flood by last night at midnight. Hundreds of people visited the widened banks of the river at Center street yesterday to watch the flood. The Agua Fria and Hassayampa rivers and Cave Creek are carry-bank-to-bank streams also. None of the water in the Salt now comes from the Roosevelt lake. It all comes from the Verde.

Roosevelt Lake Makes Record Gain in Water

(Special to The Republican)

ROOSEVELT, Ariz., Feb. 22.—The flood waters of the Salt river and Ton-ton creek are piling up back of the great masonry dam here at the rate of more than twenty thousand acre feet every twenty-four hours. Yesterday morning the gauge reading at the dam showed the height to be 131.22 feet, a gain of two feet from midnight to 7:30, while by evening it had risen two feet more and is now standing over 133 feet. This is the same height about that the gauge read on August 19th last when there was 280,032 acre feet of water in the lake.

The gain yesterday by the time the gauge was read equaled 21,760 acre feet the largest day's gain that has been registered since the rise began coming down the two contributing streams. Since the rise began to be noticeable there has been a gain in the reservoir of nearly 60,000 acre feet of water. The gauge in this time has risen nine feet in height. From now on although the water will continue to rush in in equally large quantities, the gain in feet in height will not be so noticeable as the surface expanse of the lake will be so much greater as the body of water climbs up the sides of the rocky fastnesses in which it is located. Still further increases are looked for tomorrow.

Therefore not been counted upon as a great carrier of dangerous flood waters. The value of the Roosevelt dam is admitted without question for if all the water that is flowing over the intake at Roosevelt were added to the Verde's stream and sent careening down the Salt, the effect would be such never before experienced. The need of a dam to check the flood waters of the Verde was never more apparent than yesterday, and when this mental attitude had been reached came the additional information that the crest of the flood may not yet have been reached. A dam on the Verde, to store the flood waters will mean millions of dollars to Arizona in the coming years.

After that, no attempt was made to reach the mainland. When the sheriff's party secured a boat last evening from the insane asylum and had taken it down to the river, it was found the river had quit rising and that the families were safe until daylight, when the boat will be pressed into service and the marooned will be rescued. Old-timers say that the Salt is higher now than it has been in the past ten years, or since the famous forty-day rain. At the Center street bridge last evening the rushing waste had reached a point within two or three feet of the bridge causeway, threatening the structure. The stretch of water at the point was 2150 feet wide. Little rubbish, brushwood and other material which would endanger the bridge is coming down with the floods, and that which does lodge is soon cut to pieces by specially installed steel knives. However, the chief danger in the vicinity of the bridge lies in the washing out of the south approach. The water has already threatened that end of the bridge, and several men with gang plows, scrapers and other mechanical devices were employed all yesterday afternoon in strengthening the places where the water was most threatening. When the river had ceased to rise at midnight last night it was thought the approach was sufficiently strong to stand the further attack of the receding rushes.

The families lower down the river who are marooned by the waters coming up about their homes will be rescued this morning by the sheriff's force. When the deputies and others left the river banks last evening there was no further danger in store for the marooned unless there should come another big rise in the floods, which is very improbable.

NOVICES WILL CROSS SANDS THIS MORNING

Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of Mystic Shrine Ready for Gigantic and Extravagant Ceremonial Session Today

FORTY FOR THE SACRIFICE

The Grand Parade Tonight Promises to Eclipse All Previous Efforts if the Weather Man Keeps the Fancets Closed

Out on the lonely desert where a sun more caloric than any ever noted astronomically turns heated sands into molten masses, forty novices are to "get theirs" this morning. Under the guise of fraternalism, exquisite outrages, heinous crimes and barbaric tortures are to be committed today. No hand of the law can reach out to save the victims, no comforting balm will be at hand to soothe the tried and tried spirits.

There are victims soon to be seen. There's a finish to their dream. There's a parting with their dough. There's a journey they must go. There's a yawning chasm yearning for his prey. Men of deeds and men of action—paste this date, February 23, in your hats and remember!

Illustrated and Illuminated Potentate Shirley Christy, of El Zarrah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, says "Es Salamu Aleikum," and then calls them Dear Nobles in announcing a mammoth, bewildering, gorgeous, mastodontic, gigantic and extravagant ceremonial session of the Shriners in Phoenix today. His murderous program was printed under protest in The Republican yesterday and will never be repeated. But despite the appeals and protestations of the Purify Brigade from Coches it will be carried out today with added features.

In anticipation of the things to be done today and probably tomorrow, about one hundred, perhaps more, bloodthirsty Arabs who have crossed the sands and survived, have arrived for the torture of the innocents. Thirty-five had been carried up to midnight and before daylight today it is expected that a half dozen more will be ready for the sacrifice. At 9:30 o'clock this morning automobile loads of Shriners will "silently steal away" from Masonic Temple and wend their way out into the desert, probably in the vicinity of Camelback, where the Shriners' camels graze and chew their quills before. Arriving there, wherever it is, the goat skin shelter tents will be pitched and then will begin the barbarities. Director George Mauk spent all of yesterday and last night in looking after the sands that they cooled not during the hours when the sun was doing duty over in the Orient.

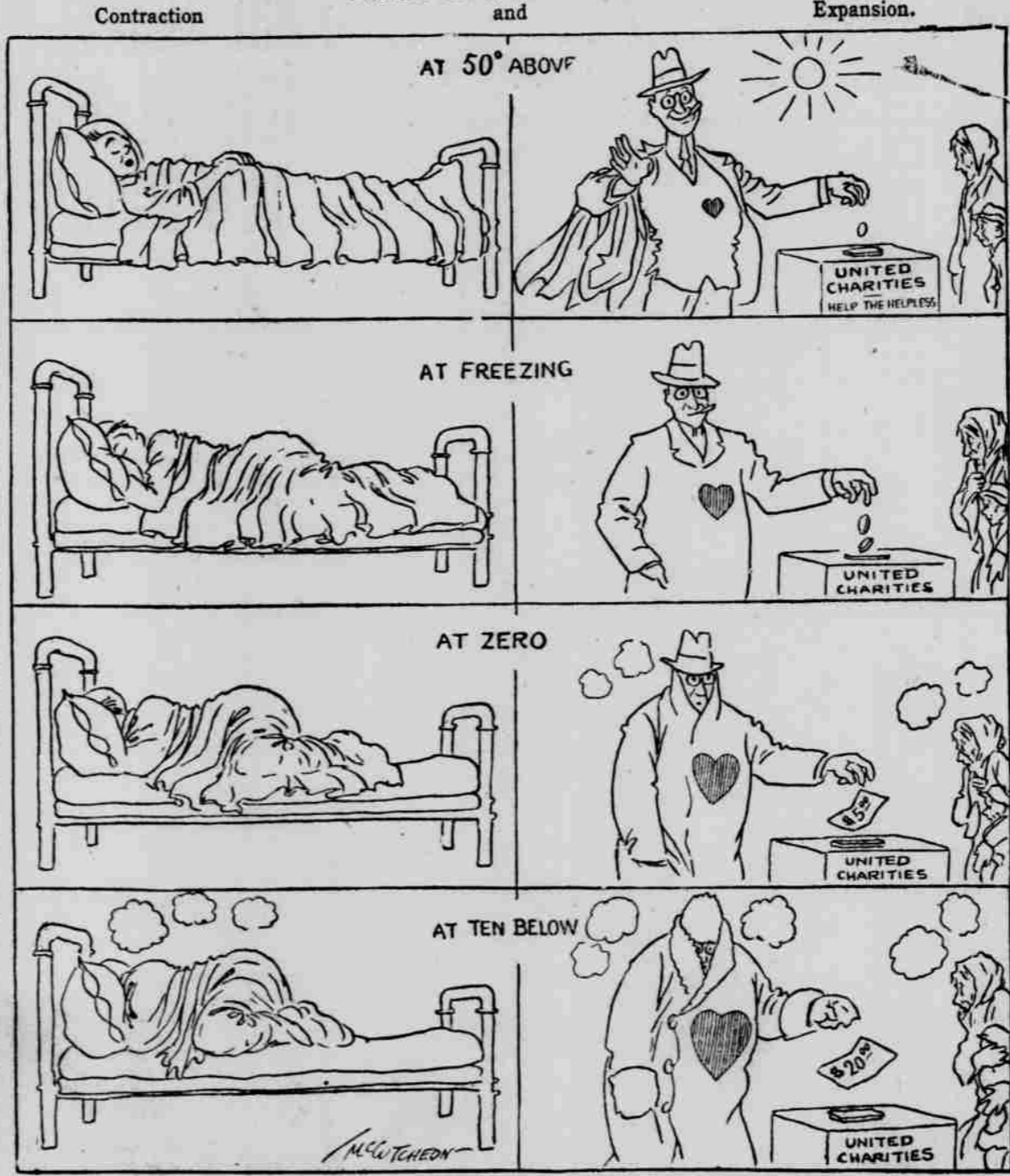
About noon the survivors will be returned to Phoenix and their parched tongues wetted with camel's milk. Then there will be a business session beginning at 1:30 o'clock in Masonic hall for the receiving and balloting upon petitions. At 3:00 o'clock will begin the first section of the ritualistic work. All candidates must report not later than 2:30 o'clock. A grand parade will be held at 3:00 o'clock, instead of at 5:00 o'clock as stated in the programs. Dress suits and fez will be in order. The second section will start promptly at 7:30 o'clock or after the committee has filled up the visitors at a buffet lunch called for 6:00 o'clock.

Following the custom of El Zarrah Temple of giving one night in the year to the entertainment of the nobles and their ladies, it is announced that there will be given a grand ball at the Arizona School of Music, Tuesday evening, to 9 o'clock p. m. 1914 Blue and White card will admit a noble and two ladies. For the guidance of novices, Potentate Christy has issued the following rules: "If your guide asks you to do anything undignified, don't hesitate to refuse. Say firmly, but gently, 'I won't' and wait for the results. 'If you are married, tell your wife the truth where you are going. It will save the necessity of much explanation the next day. "Smile, if you feel like it, but don't make a loud noise. Remember, a swelled head goes before a fall—sometimes afterward. "If you get tired and worn out, and think you are going to die, remember you are with friends who (Continued on Page Six)

EFFECTS OF THE COLD.

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SAYS MODERN PATRIOTISM IS NOT ONESIDED

Right Rev. J. W. Atwood, Bishop of Arizona, Delivers Interesting Sermon Before Sons and Daughters of Revolution

Speaking to the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution on the occasion of the observance yesterday of Washington's birthday, at Trinity Pro-Cathedral, Right Reverend J. W. Atwood, Episcopal Bishop of Arizona, yesterday morning delivered a most interesting discourse upon "Modern Patriotism." Talking for his text, "Your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams,"—Acts 2:17—Bishop Atwood said in part: "I am glad in my own behalf and that of the church which I represent, to welcome the members of this organization, as well as the Daughters of the American Revolution, who have come here this morning for this service to which they have been invited. A cordial welcome is yours who have honored us with your presence today. There are few more sacred spots in America than the village green of Lexington. Today it is almost a sleepy, undisturbed and remote from the great center of the neighboring city's life as it was a century and more ago. In the center of the village common has been erected only recently the noble work of a great artist, the symbolic figure of the Massachusetts yeoman, with high endeavor, spirited purpose and consecrated courage, pictured forth in the noble bronze, which seems to breathe and live in all the rich and simple manhood that breaks forth from the motionless statue itself. A son of the American Revolution may be pardoned if he rejoices in the knowledge that he is descended from such ancestry, but he has no right to expect forgiveness if he does not strive to live up to the splendid ideal there unfolded, and to realize to a certain extent the consecrated patriotism, the faith in, and the love of country, the belief in God and manhood, the simple living and high thinking, that ought to throbb through the veins of men with ancestral blood like this. Well might Hancock and Adams, walking over the Woburn fields, hearing the musket shots in the distance, exclaim, as the historian has declared, 'with soul aglow with the prophesy of the coming deliverance of their country!' Oh, what a glorious morning is this!" "Don't fire unless you are fired upon," was the calm but fearless order of Parker, the commander of the little band of (Continued on Page Five)

CONFESSES MURDERED FAMILY OF THREE

HANNIBAL, Mo., Feb. 22.—John Kidwell was arrested here today after he had confessed to the murder of a family of three at Wellington, Kansas on September 24, 1912. The McKnelly family consisting of an aged man, his wife and grown daughter, were killed while sleeping in a tent. The murder was one of the most brutal in the history of Kansas crimes. The father and daughter were beaten to death with a baseball bat, while Mrs. McKnelly was shot after the assailant had beaten her into unconsciousness. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive.

Dressed as Boy Catherine Winters Has Been Found

(ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH) HUNTSVILLE, Ark., Feb. 22.—A man 59 years old, giving the name of Edward Stuart, was arrested here today and a girl dressed as a boy was put under the protection of Sheriff Shuster, in the belief that she is Catherine Winters, daughter of Dr. W. A. Winters, missing from her home in Newcastle, Indiana, since last March. The girl, according to the sheriff, says her name is Catherine Winters, and that she formerly lived in an Indiana town, the name of which she cannot remember. She disconnectedly tells of a trip in an automobile and a later journey in a wagon. The man, the sheriff says, made contradictory statements, at one time declaring the girl is Dr. Winters' daughter, then claiming she is his own child. Dr. Winters is expected from Fort Smith tomorrow to meet the pair. The arrest of the pair came through citizens who were struck by the resemblance of the child to pictures printed in the newspapers. The wagon with its occupants was found a short distance in the hills after an investigation. Stuart insists he did not kidnap the girl, but says the man who abducted her gave her into his keeping. Sheriff Shuster says the child asserts this is true.

Believe Is Daughter

NEWCASTLE, Ind., Feb. 22.—The family of Catherine Winters place much credence in the reports that their 10-year-old daughter, missing since March, has been located. Stuart, according to the message received from Sheriff Shuster at Huntsville today, said he kidnaped the child in an automobile, dressed her in boys' clothing and bobbed her hair. Stuart is unknown here. Since the disappearance of his daughter, Winters abandoned his practice as a dentist and devoted his time to searching for the girl. She has been reported found several times, but the clues proved false. Citizens of Newcastle conducted a "tag day" to provide funds for Dr. Winters to continue his search.

ESPEE MEN ARE CHARGED WITH ROBBERY CARS

Four Are Placed in Tucson Jail and It is Believed Arrests May Clear Up the Mystery of Killing of Gila Brakeman

(Special to The Republican) TUCSON, Feb. 22.—Three Southern Pacific freight conductors and one brakeman are in the county jail as a result of warrants issued by United States Commissioner Jones for robbing box cars. It is said that fifteen warrants have been issued. This is now a federal offense because it is alleged they robbed cars in interstate traffic. Those under arrest here are: E. B. Winkler, J. J. Smalley and A. B. Crute, conductors, and Charles G. Harrison, a brakeman, all of the Yuma-Gila division. It is reported the arrests are due to the confession of a brakeman and it is said will clear up the killing of a brakeman a month ago at Gila Bend. A peculiar coincidence is that H. Craig, an Arizona Eastern freight conductor from Coches, brought to a hospital here with his head injured by a blunt instrument, admitted he had been hit by a man but refuses to talk at all when he recognized a newspaper. The doctor says he will recover. Superintendent Dyer left tonight on his private car. Colonel Epos Randolph, in the Peacocks is now enroute to Phoenix. Southern Pacific Officer Smith cannot be found. United States Marshal Forbes has left town with many warrants and interesting developments are expected.

Los Angeles Still Cut Off From Outside World

(ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH) LOS ANGELES, Feb. 22.—So far as railroad communication was concerned, Los Angeles and southern California remained cut off from the world today as the result of the storm. There was no prospect that even a semblance of normal conditions could be restored before late tomorrow. Today the telephone service was still crippled. The telephone companies managed to restore communication to a certain extent, but today's reports from the centers of the six counties most affected did not materially change the previous estimate of \$4,500,000 damage. There was no rain yesterday or today. Under the bright sun the floods are subsiding as quickly as they came leaving vast areas of orchards, ranches and towns under thick layers of silt and rock. Crowds of people inspected the havoc. Great anxiety was felt in regard to the three hundred passengers marooned aboard the California Limited and the Phoenix Express at Summit, in the San Bernardino mountains. They have been stalled since Friday when they were struck by cloudbursts, snowstorms and low temperatures. Their provisions are believed to be exhausted. Automobiles have been sent out with food from San Bernardino to try to reach them. The twelve men and women injured in the wreck of the Salt Lake train, eastbound on Friday night, near Lugo station, were reported rapidly recovering at Barstow.

VILLA THINKS MISSING MEN MAY BE SAFE

Suggests That They May Be Among American Recruits He Recently Rejected When They Tried to Join His Army

MEXICO MOURNS DEATH OF MADERO

Services Are Held All Over the Country in Commemoration of Overthrow and Death of the Former President

(ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH) EL PASO, Feb. 22.—General Villa, in a telegram to Consul Edwards of Juarez, suggested that the Americans reported missing may be in a batch of American recruits, he says he recently rejected. Search is being made for Harry Compton of Oakland and Roger Laurence, an Englishman, who came recently to visit Benton. United States consular representatives at Juarez and Chihuahua are looking for a trace of Compton, but he is neither in the jails nor the court, according to reports made by the constitutionalists. General Scott received a request to search for Compton from citizens of Garden City, California, saying his mother is brokenhearted. Consul Edwards was instructed by Bryan to locate him and report on his alleged arrest and execution. Senator Fall has been requested to take measures to obtain the immediate delivery of the body of Benton in the hope the remains may explain the manner of Benton's death. Memorial services for Madero and Suarez were held in the Peace Grove, where Madero established his provisional capital in Mexico in 1911. Juarez is in mourning.

Mourn at Hermosillo

HERMOSILLO, Feb. 22.—The anniversary of the overthrow and killing of President Madero and Vice President Suarez was commemorated today in all parts of Mexico. The occasion was marked here by services in the theaters, the cathedral and by special exercises in which General Carranza participated. The day is one of national mourning.

Sends Machine Gun

VERA CRUZ, Feb. 22.—The commander of the German cruiser Dresden last night shipped two machine guns and forty thousand rounds of ammunition to the German legation in Mexico City. A squad of bluejackets in civilian dress accompanied the shipment.

Want Aggressive Policy

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The senate this week faces the probability of a demand from certain members for a more aggressive policy with reference to Mexico. On Saturday there was an outburst and the agitation was averted by a previous agreement that the senate proceed immediately with the consideration of the arbitration treaties effective at this session. When the treaties were ratified the execution of W. S. Benton by General Villa nearly precipitated a discussion behind closed doors. The administration leaders will seek to keep the "lid on" in congress so far as concerns Mexico, but the bitter feeling over the Benton affair will make it impossible for the senators and representatives of the border states from voicing opposition to the "watchful and waiting" policy. Secretary Bryan received word from Consul Edwards at Juarez that Gustavo Bauch, a German-American, reported executed by Villa, was alive and had been removed to Chihuahua where Consul Letcher has been instructed to intercede for him.

Railroad officials are uncommunicative

but admit the arrests show systematic work of a gang. Search warrants have revealed stolen cigars, hosiery, hats and shoes in the houses of some of the men now in jail. The officers will not say in whose house the plunder was found.