

UNDER WATER.

Heavy Rains in the South and West Swell the Rivers.

In Some Localities the Flood is the Highest Ever Known.

Many Levees Giving Way and the Surrounding Country Inundated—Prospects of the Greatest Flood on Record at Nashville.

GAVIN, Ark., March 20.—The water rose two inches Thursday night. For many miles the country is flooded, and the water is up to the Iron Mountain tracks. Hundreds of section hands are striving to keep the water back with dirt bags. At every station the Negroes are gathering, waiting to be taken away. Many get on the trains are carried without pay. Superintendent Roe, of the Iron Mountain, has given orders that none are to be put off.

The list of fatalities is enormous and probably will never be known.

Mr. Middleston, who arrived here with his family from near Rosebud island, four miles from Arkansas City, reports the death of a woman and five children Wednesday night. The water came up, and though the unfortunates climbed on the tables and chairs, the flood finally reached over their heads.

William Cartwright and William Cox, working on Judge Hodge's farm at Rosebud island, lost their lives Thursday. They were in a dugout starting for stock and the current upset the dugout. Cartwright could not swim and Cox tried to save him, but both perished.

Jake Carter lost his life at Gavin Thursday night. His dugout was upset by rushing water. His companion, Sterling, was saved by climbing a tree.

Amanda Chapman, an old colored woman, just arrived from below, reported the death of six persons she could not name. A father tried to save his wife and children in a dugout, and it tipped, drowning three. The water killed others in the house.

Charles Borley was drowned while trying to save his hogs Thursday night near Gavin. He could not manage a dugout.

A mountain of household goods is piled up at every railroad station. Whites and Negroes beg for help from every train crew. Houses along the road are submerged to the roofs, and cattle standing in the fields with only their heads above water. Many corpses of hogs and cows are washed up by the water.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 20.—The Cumberland river Friday morning registered 46 feet on the gauge. Rain fell all day Thursday, all Thursday night and continued to come down incessantly Friday. There is prospect of the greatest flood on record. The highest recorded water in the Cumberland river was in 1853, when it registered 55 feet, 9 higher than now. The outlook now is that this mark will be exceeded. Much damage has already resulted from the overflow in the lowland, and more will follow when the flood increases.

Large sections of East Nashville have been under water for several days. The river is already climbing to the business houses on Front street. Boats are now anchored to the sidewalks and the prospects are that the first floors of the building will be submerged.

Dispatches from the southern counties of Tennessee and from northern Alabama report 36 hours of rain fall and terrible floods in that region. Great damage has been done to bridges and fences. Trains have stopped running on the Nashville, Florence & Sheffield railroad.

HELENA, Ark., March 20.—The river at noon was within two inches of the highest water on record here. The sun shone Friday after one of the most prolonged heavy and downpours of rain for years, and conditions are more hopeful. The observer here says that from the looks of things above he would not attempt to estimate, and urges all the people in the lowlands to move out at once to higher ground.

The levees in front and north of the city are having the attention of the officers of the city and the levee boards and the levees are being raised and strengthened. Heavy rains Friday and Thursday nights have partly inundated a portion of the northern suburbs of the city, but the water is now fast receding.

A report from Modoc Friday morning is to the effect that the levees are still holding, although a report Thursday night at 10 o'clock was that they could not be held until this time. A reporter who returned from there Friday morning says that, with the recent recruits to the already large army of levee workers, there is now a bright chance of holding the levees, but if the water continues to rise it does not look possible, as there is but 13 to 15 inches clear levee in a great many places. The levees on the Mississippi side appear to be in good shape, and as they have plenty of men and money and no comparatively new levees to look after, it is hardly possible there will be a break on that side.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 20.—The heavy rainfall during the day and part of the evening caused the Menominee river to overflow its banks Friday night at Wauwatosa, a suburb some miles distant from Milwaukee, and from a point at Fortieth street and Mount Vernon avenue the whole neighborhood for a distance of ten blocks is submerged. The water at midnight was from 8 to 9 feet deep and is still rising. About 150 small houses are located in the district, but up to midnight no fatalities have been reported. The work of rescuing the victims of the flood has been going on all evening, the veterans of the National Soldiers' Home helping with small boats. At 9 o'clock the Milwaukee police department was

asked for help and a boat was sent out. The life saving station on Jones island was notified, and two boats were taken out to the scene of the flood by the fire tug Eddy. The rescue work was going on all night.

CHEROKEE, Ia., March 20.—The Little Sioux river is higher than at any time since the floods of 1892. All railroad communication except over the Illinois Central south of Onawa is out of. Three large bridges are washed out between here and Sioux Falls, S. D., on the Illinois Central. Wagon bridges are generally swept away and all communication east is cut off. The people have sought the highlands and much hay and grain on the bottoms is destroyed.

THE FLOOD SITUATION

In the Vicinity of Sioux City, Ia., Grows Worse.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., March 20.—Though many of Thursday night's rumors of drownings were unconfirmed Friday, the actual situation is growing worse. The Floyd river had carried out every bridge from Lemers to a mile above Sioux City, and is still rising. The valley is full from hill to hill, the towns of Merrill, Hinton and Sioux City suburbs of Springdale, Lynn and Leeds, flooded and many houses in this city, it is said, are surrounded by water. On the Big Sioux, many bridges are out, and at Hawarden, the water is reported five feet deep in the streets. The North Western is said to have not a bridge left between Huron and Hawarden. The Missouri is still frozen here, but is rumored to be breaking and gorging at Onawalik, some distance further down.

TISSUE OF FALSEHOOD.

Jackson and Walling Repudiate Their Confessions—Never Heard of Dr. Wagner Until the Trial.

NEWPORT, Ky., March 20.—Scott Jackson has repudiated and denied his confession.

Hardly had that signed statement left the Alexandria jail by special messenger on its way to Gov. Bradley before the doomed man who wrote it, pacing the cell which he was soon to leave for the scene of his execution, was once again protesting his innocence of Pearl Bryan's murder, and crying aloud his lamentations for the mistake which he had made.

It was an extraordinary and dramatic scene.

His sister, Mrs. Edwin Post, of Greencastle, was with him at the time, and she is the authority for the statements which follow.

Jackson and his sister were talking of the confession just made by the convicted murderer, and Mrs. Post did not at that time, nor until she read it in the papers, know that her brother, over his own signature, had branded himself a murderer under the laws of Kentucky. She did not know what story he had told of the fatal night.

Suddenly Jackson, turning upon Mrs. Post, cried out: "Sister, I have made a mistake, an awful, terrible mistake."

"What have you done, Scott?" she asked.

"I have sent Gov. Bradley a false story. I have written to him that I knew how Pearl Bryan died, and I gave him the details, but they are false."

"Was not your story the truth?" exclaimed the unhappy woman, appalled at her brother's words.

"The truth!" exclaimed Jackson. "No! not a line. Not a word! I did not realize until now what I have done. For the past four or five days I have been driven almost to distraction by those whom I thought were my friends, who have urged me to confess 'that I killed her.' They said the governor had absolutely refused to interfere unless some entirely new statement was made."

"They spoke to me about Dr. Wagner, of Bellevue, and said he was in a lunatic asylum."

"I did not know what to do. Walling and I talked it over, and finally decided, as the last chance, on a desperate attempt to put it on Wagner. We thought we might do it, or least say enough to make the governor grant a respite."

At 12 o'clock Friday night Jailler Bitzer ordered hamburger sandwiches for the two men. Jackson, with an appetite that never seems to be appeased, ate three of the sandwiches, while Walling ate but one, and expressed himself as thoroughly satisfied.

While the men were eating the sandwiches the rumbling of wheels, as though of a carriage, were heard driving down Fourth street. Jackson went to the window, peered out and saw, not a carriage, but Undertaker Costigan's wagon, driving up to the enclosure surrounding the scaffold with the coffin that will be used to take his body from the scaffold to the undertaking establishment, where it will be prepared for burial.

The coffin was a plain one, and a better casket will be used to ship the remains east Saturday evening at 5:30, over the C. & O. road, to New Jersey, where the interment will take place. The groomsman sight did not disturb Jackson's equanimity, as he lighted a fresh cigar and began to smoke.

There was a startling rumor going the rounds of Newport Friday night that Scott Jackson will confess everything even to the whereabouts of the head when he mounts the scaffold Saturday.

Sevel Has Not Been Banished. New York, March 20.—Sylvester Sevel has not been banished from Cuba. He may be allowed to continue his work there as correspondent provided he remains safely within Spanish lines, where Dons can watch him.

Ordered to Vacate Their Posts. LONDON, March 20.—According to a dispatch from Larissa, the Turkish consuls in Thessaly have been ordered by the porte to vacate their posts and return to Constantinople should they deem such action advisable.

ALL HOPE GONE.

Gov. Bradley Decides to Let the Law Take Its Course.

Jackson and Walling Will Hang in the Newport Jailyard Saturday.

The Governor Carefully Considered the Confession of the Two Contemned Men Before His Decision—The Story Doubtful—Troops Ordered Out.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 20.—Gov. Bradley has again decided not to interfere with the sentence of the court in the cases against Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling. The execution of both will take place Saturday. He publicly announced his final determination in the case after carefully reading the confessions of the two men for a second time.

He made one reading of the confessions Thursday night and studied over the records in the cases until 3 o'clock Friday morning.

At 9:35 o'clock he reappeared at the executive office, and putting to one side his other duties, again took up the confessions together with the statements made by Druggist Foertmeyer and May Smith.

He had practically made up his mind Thursday night, but wished to make no mistake. The result was as above stated. Gov. Bradley believes that justice will be satisfied only by the hanging of the two criminals.

The governor's deepest and tenderest sympathies had been touched by the tear-blotted appeals for mercy from the mothers of the two men. He had wept and prayed over them, but said: "My conscience and my oath demand that I do my duty before God and man."

GREENCASTLE, Ind., March 19.—Alex. Bryan, the father of Pearl Bryan, after reading the confessions of Jackson and Walling, gave the opinion that their statements, compared with the defense of the two men in their trials, proved beyond any doubt that they are false confessions, got up for the purpose of securing a respite from Gov. Bradley.

He says that Dr. Wagner may have had something to do with the murder, but the testimony of the wife and daughter is strong evidence that he knew nothing of it.

One member of the Bryan family, when questioned by a correspondent, said that he had not thought enough about the confessions to even read them. None of the family will attend the hanging.

NEWPORT, Ky., March 20.—At 1:30 p. m. Friday Sheriff Plummer arrived in Newport with Jackson and Walling, who had been brought from Alexandria in the "Daisy." They were at once taken to their cells in which they will remain until the final summons shall call them to their death.

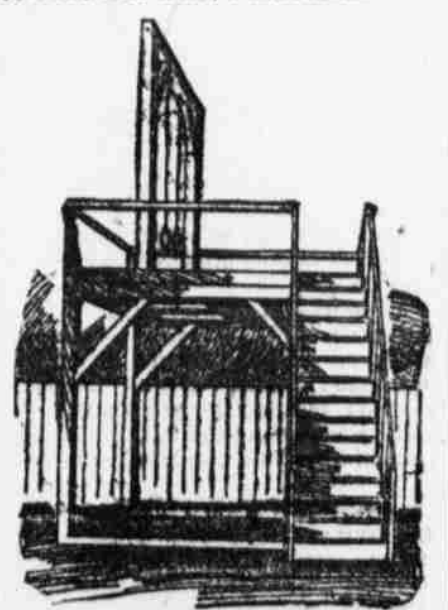
NEWPORT, Ky., March 20.—Wm. L. Hendrix and W. S. Hendrix, brothers of Dr. Wagner's wife, have made affidavits regarding Dr. Wagner being at the home of his father-in-law in Jessamine county from January 23 to February 4. Dr. Melvin Rohrer, first assistant physician at the asylum also gave an affidavit stating that Dr. Wagner is now cured of his mental trouble and is in condition to make a statement intelligently. The affidavits were sent to the governor with the request that he respite the murderers until a full investigation can be made.

THE SCAFFOLD

On Which Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling Will Pay the Penalty.

NEWPORT, Ky., March 20.—The dimensions of the scaffold upon which Jackson and Walling are to die have been changed somewhat since the first specifications were submitted to Sheriff Plummer. The correct plans are as follows:

From the ground to the floor upon which the prisoners will stand, 9 feet; from the floor to the cross beam, 8 feet; total height, 17 feet; floor, 10 feet by 12 feet, which also represents the outside measurement of the scaffold from top to bottom; the corner posts, 6 inches by 8 inches; cross beam, the same; floor joists, 2 by 8 inches; floor boards, 1/2 inch; iron bolts, 1 inch thick.



Scaffold on Which the Men Will Hang.

There are 14 steps on the stairway leading to the platform. No nails were used in the construction of the scaffold, screws and bolts being used. The timber used was rough pine of the best quality, and the foundations consist of blocks of wood, the whole structure being braced securely against the workhouse building.

The dimensions of the inclosure are: Twenty-six feet high; first length of upright boards, 14 feet; second length, 12 feet; size of inclosure, 52 feet by 82 feet; posts are 4 by 6 inches, 5 feet in the ground and 8 feet apart.

The inclosure is made of pine and is very substantial. The ends rest against the workhouse and jail respectively.

A brick walk leads from the kitchen door to a door in the northwest end of the inclosure, which opens upon the scaffold steps.

CONDENSED NEWS

Gathered From All Parts of the Country by Telegraph.

The Des Moines river at Ft. Dodge, Ia., is the highest in years. Manufacturing establishments on the bottoms have closed.

Edward Gibbons and Jack Perry, amateurs, sparred Friday night at the Banner club, Philadelphia. Perry tried the Fitzsimmons blow and landed over Gibbons' heart. The latter collapsed and died in half an hour.

The supreme court of Michigan decided Friday that the office of mayor of Detroit became vacant when Hazen S. Pingree took the oath of office as governor of Michigan on January 1. A new election must be held to elect a new mayor for Detroit.

Heavy rain fell at Red Wing, Minn., Friday. Hay creek overflowed its banks and did great damage. The Cannon river is above its banks. In this city water is inundating cellars. Many country roads in this vicinity are buried under several feet of water.

A cyclone passed Utica, Miss., early Friday morning, with a southeasterly course, blowing down several cabins and lots of timber and fences, also killing J. O. Hill, a farmer, and injuring his wife. A country school-house was lifted from its foundation and turned around.

When Murat Halstead left Washington a few days ago he said he was not after anything, and stated positively that he would not be appointed consul general to Cuba. This was the only position connected with his name, and it is learned he has no application on file for anything.

Mr. McDowell, clerk of the house, has up to this time received official notice of nine contested election cases and more are expected. Among the cases filed are: M. Godfrey Hunter vs. John S. Rhea, Third Kentucky district; M. S. Vandenberg vs. Thos. H. Tongue, First Oregon district.

Official dispatches received from the island of Crete say that the Cretan insurgents attacked the Turkish position at Sitia Thursday. The French and British warships each fired a shot, whereupon the Cretans retired. There were sharp engagements between the Turks and Cretans outside of Retimo.

Water four feet deep in places fills the streets of Hawarden, Ia. The railway bridges across the Big Sioux are impassable. The water is rising six inches an hour. People on the bottoms are living in the second stories of their houses. There is great damage done to loose property and much stock has been drowned.

Col. E. W. Sebens, of Denver, has closed a deal by which an English syndicate purchases the Golden Cross Group of gold mines near Ogilby, on the Colorado desert, for \$1,500,000. The mines are seven in number and are turning out about \$40,000 per month. The new company will take possession within 90 days.

Judges Wallace and LaCombe, of the United States circuit court of appeals, New York, decided in favor of the railroad companies in the suit of the United States versus the Joint Traffic association. They have dismissed the application for an injunction restraining the companies from operating under the joint traffic agreement.

In an old hotel at Eighty-sixth street and Houston avenue, Chicago, Adam Adamiecki celebrated his 112th birthday. He is the oldest man in the United States, it is claimed. He is hale and hearty. He sleeps 13 hours a day. He was born at Minsk, near Warsaw, in 1785. He has smoked nearly all his life, but he has been a total abstainer from liquors. His wife is 87.

Friday afternoon Dr. Travis of Eagle Grove, Ia., and a farmer named Kirgberger, were drowned while attempting to ford the Boone river near Webster City, Ia. The team, buggy and occupants were swept away. At six o'clock Friday evening the Boone had risen seven feet and is rising at the rate of a foot an hour. The large bridge at Lehigh was swept away and others are threatened.

Forecast for Saturday.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Fair, followed by local showers in the afternoon or night; cooler Saturday night; winds shifting to northwesterly.

Ohio.—Rain, followed by fair weather in southern portion; winds shifting to westerly; cooler Saturday night.

Indiana, Illinois and Missouri.—Local showers; cooler winds, shifting to northwesterly.

THE MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, March 19. FLOUR—Spring trade, \$3.75@4.10; spring family, \$3.40@3.70; spring patent, \$3.50@4.70; winter patent, \$4.50@7.75; fancy, \$4.50@4.75; family, \$3.45@3.75; extra, \$3.75@3.90; low grade, \$2.50@2.70; rye, northwestern, \$2.50@2.70; do, city, \$2.50@2.70.

Wheat.—No. 2 red, track, 91c; CORN—Sales: No. 2 yellow, track, 54c; yellow ear, track, 54c; No. 2 mixed, track, 54c; No. 2 white, track, 55c.

HOGS.—Sales: No. 2 mixed, track, 10c; BUTTER—Select shippers, \$9.00@9.25; select butchers, \$8.90@9.25; fair to good packers, \$8.80@9.00; fair to good light, \$8.80@9.00; common and roughs, \$8.10@8.35.

CATTLE.—Fair to good shippers, \$1.75@4.50; exports, \$1.50@3.50; good to choice butchers, \$2.00@4.50; fair to medium butchers, \$1.50@3.75; common, \$2.00@3.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.—Sheep: Extra, \$1.50@4.75; good to choice, \$1.75@4.25; common to fair, \$1.50@3.50; Lambs: Good to choice, \$2.00@3.25; common to fair, \$1.75@3.75.

VEAL CALVES.—Fair to good light, \$4.00@5.00; common and large, \$3.50@4.50.

WOOL.—Unwashed, fine merino, 10c per lb; quarter-blood clothing, \$2.00@4.00; medium delaine and clothing, \$1.50@3.00; 12c; medium combing, 14c; washed, fine merino, X to XX, 10c; medium clothing, 15c; 17c; quarter-blood and low, 12c; 14c; common coarse, 12c; 15c; 16c; washed, choice, 18c.

NEW YORK, March 19. WHEAT—No. 2 red, May, 90c; 30c; No. 2 July, 89c; 30c; No. 2 September, 76c; 30c.

CORN.—No. 2, May, 30c; 30c; No. 2 July, 31c; No. 2 September, 27c; 30c.

OATS.—No. 2, May, 21c; No. 2 July, 20c; No. 2 September, 17c; 20c.

CHICAGO, March 19. WHEAT—March, 74c; May, 76c; bid; July, 78c; 30c; September, 74c; 30c.

CORN.—March, 24c; May, 25c; July, 26c; 30c; September, 27c; 30c.

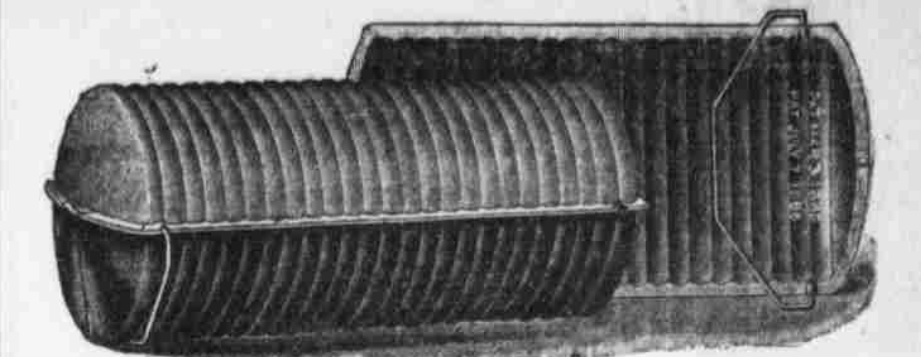
OATS.—March, 16c; May, 17c; 17c; July, 18c; September, 16c.

PITTSBURGH, March 19. CATTLE—Supply light; market steady.

HOGS.—Receipts light; market easy; prices unchanged.

SHEEP.—Supply light; market firm at quotations.

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