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While River Levee Breaks and Clarendon Is Inundated; Arkansas City Faces Destruction by High Water.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE) Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 5.—The White river levee at Clarendon broke at 8:15 o'clock tonight and water began pouring into the town of 5,000 residents. A rescue train was started from Brinkley to the scene.

Arkansas City is facing destruction tonight as the result of the precarious condition of the Chicot levee. Late messages from that point said that immediate aid is imperative.

Meanwhile, two-thirds of Lincoln, DeSha and Chicot counties are covered by water which is flowing through a dozen breaks in Arkansas river levees.

Arkansas City, McGehee, Lake Village and scores of smaller towns are flooded and the high stage of the Mississippi river has added a new danger. At Arkansas City the level of the Mississippi is fifteen feet above the town. The stage of the Mississippi late today was 55-1-2 feet, the highest ever recorded.

About 1,500 residents have fled from Arkansas City which is now cut off from all communication. The water is from six to eight feet in the main streets of the town and is expected to go higher. There are 100 homeless and hungry persons there.

It is feared that many lives have been lost along the lower course of the Arkansas which Red Cross relief expeditions are now trying to reach.

WHITE MEN DECLINE TO WORK ON LEVEES

Washington, Feb. 5.—Official war department reports today on the Mississippi valley flood situation indicate that serious trouble may rise in the region south of the Arkansas river unless the levees. One of the most serious difficulties, it was said, was the scarcity of labor, and there were intimations that the federal officers would be authorized to provide rations only for those who showed a disposition to assist them.

A report from the chief engineer's office at Vicksburg, Miss., said the levees were being subjected to a severe test but there was an excellent prospect that they would hold if the white population put up a proper fight. The dispatch added:

"Can give employment and subsistence to all persons in the flooded parts of Arkansas. Have already offered such assistance and am extending further offers. At present am having to pay fancy prices for labor to hold levees on Arkansas river."

KENTUCKY FEUD WAR NOW BELIEVED OVER

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE) Prestonsburg, Ky., Feb. 5.—Excitement in Floyd county over last week's battle between members of the Miller and Osborne-Meadows factions, in which Ace Miller was killed and Louis Harrison and Alfred Miller were wounded, apparently has subsided and no further trouble is feared, according to county authorities.

Among the first cases that will be taken up by the Floyd county circuit court when it convenes here Monday will be those of John Meadows and Walter Osborne, who have been in custody since the shooting.

The trouble is said to have arisen over possession of a small piece of property along Rough and Tough creek near here, where the battle occurred. The three Miller injured are reported recovering from their wounds. All involved are residents of Floyd county.

RIVAL BOAT LINE IS CRUSHED OUT BY S. PACIFIC

Testimony at Interstate Commerce Commission Hearing Against Allowing Road to Operate Steamers.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE) New York, Feb. 5.—The Southern Pacific railway company so dominated steamship traffic in 1909 that the Philadelphia and Gulf line, organized in Philadelphia to handle freight between gulf ports and the Atlantic seaboard, was unable to participate or charter vessels and subsequently went into receivership, according to testimony offered before Interstate Commerce Commissioner Mayer here today in the hearing on the application of the Southern Pacific to control of the Morgan steamships under the Panama canal act.

Frederick Groves, of Philadelphia, who promoted the Philadelphia and Gulf line and was its first president, testified that his company had rates with the Pennsylvania railroad and railroads in the southwest and was offered a large amount of freight, but that opposition by the Southern Pacific made it impossible to obtain ships. Efforts to charter them even on the Pacific coast met with failure, he said.

Mr. Groves appeared as a witness against the application. S. P. Crushes Competition. "The Southern Pacific hounded us and crippled us in every way," he testified. "The persecution was systematic and continuous." He said that he believed with the Southern Pacific on the seas it would be impossible to get a dollar to operate an independent line between Atlantic and gulf ports but that if the Southern Pacific was divorced from the Morgan line the field would be attractive and profitable, resulting in a greater development of water traffic north of Galveston.

Prior to the formation of the Philadelphia and Gulf line, the witness said, he shipped goods from New York to gulf ports by way of Baltimore. The New York and Baltimore Transportation company, in which he was interested, took the freight as far as Baltimore and the Southern Pacific the rest of the way. Under this arrangement, Mr. Groves explained, the goods went on one bill of lading and the two companies split the profits. The witness said he demanded and got an increase in the share of profits turned over to his company. This led to a quarrel during which the Southern Pacific put on so-called "fighting ships" to compete with the New York and Baltimore. It was then that he organized the Philadelphia and Gulf line, he admitted.

New Orleans Interested. Cross-examined, Mr. Groves was unable to name any individual representative of the Southern Pacific who tried to prevent, as he had charged, the raising of subscriptions to form the Philadelphia and Gulf line.

Theodore C. Brent, general manager of the New Orleans traffic bureau, declared that any interference with the road's control "would be little short of a calamity," but that an alleged discrimination in rates unfavorable to New Orleans should be remedied. He asked that the commission have hearings in New Orleans to consider the rate question.

ANOTHER SOCIALIST RENOUNCES ALLEGIANCE

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE) Berlin, Dec. 5 (via London, 7:15 p. m.).—Otto Reuhle, socialist member of the reichstag, has followed the example of Dr. Karl Liebknecht by withdrawing from the socialist group in the reichstag.

Herr Reuhle was the only socialist member to co-operate with Dr. Liebknecht in opposing the war credits.

APPAM MAY BE HELD UNTIL WAR FINALLY ENDS

Washington Officials Generally Believe Prussian Treaty Controls and Vessel Is Prize of the German Government.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE) Washington, Feb. 5.—The question of ownership of the British steamship Appam, brought into Hampton Roads by a German prize crew, may remain an open issue until the end of the war with the ship meantime held in the custody of American officials at Newport News.

Conflicting claims on behalf of Germany and England are being considered by the state department and the neutrality board but there has been no indication of a decision. Officials generally are inclined to the view, however, that the case must be governed by the Prussian treaty of 1825, which grants Prussian prizes free entry to American ports and declares that they "may freely be carried out again at any time by their captors to the places expressed in their commissions." A literal construction of that provision which some officials favor, would permit the Appam to remain indefinitely at Newport News.

That the treaty has not been construed literally in initial consideration of the Appam case, however, is evidenced, it is pointed out, by the facts that the ship was searched and that some form of legal process was served by the customs collector to procure discharge of the prisoners. Both of these things are expressly prohibited in article 19 of the treaty.

LAUGHLIN NAMED STATE CHAIRMAN; DUKE CITY IS THE MEETING PLACE

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This ballot showed Walton the first choice of eighteen members, the second choice of eight and the third choice of eleven. Judge Laughlin was the first choice of nine, the second choice of seven and the third choice of five. J. H. Crist was third with seven first choice votes, six second choice and one third choice.

Others who were voted for in the "straw ballot" were Arthur Seligman, R. E. Putney, Col. D. K. B. Sellers, E. D. Tittmann, Dr. C. B. Kohlhauss, Senator Isaac Barth, Lieutenant Governor E. C. de Baca, H. M. Bickley and P. F. McCanna. It was decided that the two highest men, Walton and Laughlin, should fight it out, and on the second ballot Judge Laughlin received 29 votes and Walton 19.

The republican attitude, as expressed by the leaders here, is one of unconcealed pleasure at the election of Judge Laughlin. The G. O. P. leaders have been watching with keen interest to see what the democrats would do. Fears had been expressed that a young, active, vigorous and aggressive leader would be named to take hold of the democratic reins. A prominent republican summed the situation up tonight with the trite expression, "We should worry."

Made Unanimous. When the result was announced E. D. Tittmann, who had placed Senator Walton's name before the caucus and had been one of his staunchest supporters, moved that the caucus nomination be made unanimous, and this action was taken. Judge Laughlin was escorted to the chair by a specially appointed committee and made a graceful speech of acceptance.

Mr. Walton, who had absented himself from the committee meeting during his session of the caucus, came in shortly afterward and was called upon for a speech. His response was one of the most felicitous short addresses that has ever been heard in New Mexico. He declared that he had never in any sense been an active candidate for the chairmanship and praised most highly the judgment of

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JUDGE WOULD SHOOT FEEBLE-MINDED JURYMEN

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE) San Francisco, Feb. 5.—Shooting of "some of our feeble-minded jurymen," was suggested today as a remedy for too frequent acquittals of women charged with shooting men by Judge Frank P. Dunne, when a jury in the superior court freed Mrs. Malcenta Dyott, tried for the second time for an assault on her husband, Samuel Dyott, a Los Angeles real estate dealer.

Judge Dunne recognized among the acquitting jurors several who recently acquitted in his court, Mrs. Mary Parnias, charged with killing Michael

Weinstein, a crippled peddler who sought to renew relations with her. "If some of the feeble-minded women who go around shooting men would turn their weapons upon some of our feeble-minded jurymen, the world would be better off," he said, when he received the verdict.

Dyott, who was shot while his attorney was attempting to reconcile him and Mrs. Dyott, threw himself flat on the floor of the court room today when an electric light globe broke. He said he thought another shooting affair had started.

In receiving the verdict Judge Dunne acted for another judge who was out of town.

TRAINED NURSE STUDENT COMMITS SUICIDE

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE) Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 5.—The body of Miss Hazel Schoenfeld, aged 29, of Altoona, Pa., was found floating in the Allegheny river today. Miss Schoenfeld, who was a student in the school for nurses at the Allegheny general hospital, yesterday gave medicine prescribed by one of the hospital physicians, to the wrong patient. According to Herbert Boomer, who yesterday relinquished his position as superintendent, Miss Schoenfeld admitted her error, and was dismissed. She at once put on a heavy coat and hurrying to the river, walked into the water until it covered her head.

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February White Sale. Continues its Second Week with as much enthusiasm as during the first week of this Great Event. Stocks of new goods in Fresh White Goods, New Table Linens and Bedding just received and placed on sale at same low prices prevailing last week. Slightly Mussed but Otherwise New Muslin Underwear. On Center Table for Final Clearance. In the course of a season's selling, many garments are unavoidably mussed and soiled in handling and display. We have grouped these together. Every kind of a garment is to be found, Corset Covers, Gowns, Chemise, Petticoats, Combinations and Envelope Chemise. Priced at 25c each and up, but all at special sale prices. Wash Goods Department. We have just received a big shipment of New Gingham, New Galateas, New Percales, New Madras Shirting and New Printed Wash Goods.