

LOOK FOR RECORD

City Election Vote at Noon
Today Largest Known.

Ideal Weather May Bring Out
16,000 Ballots.

WOMEN TO POLLS IN FORCE

Telephone Campaign Aroused
Their Interest.

"Stay-at-Home" Vote Will De-
cide Close Contests.

For Mayor.
J. B. Billard.
R. L. Coffran.

For Commissioner of Finance and
Revenue.
H. P. Miller.
F. M. Newland.

For Commissioner of Streets and Pub-
lic Improvements.
George W. Adamson.
W. C. Tamm.

For Commissioner of Parks and Pub-
lic Property.
W. L. Porter.
E. B. Stotts.

For Members of the Board of Edu-
cation.
Margaret Bostic.
P. W. Griggs.
L. M. Jones.
Annie Douglas Scott.
C. B. Van Horn.

Voter judges at the polls late
this afternoon say that the vote at the
city election today will exceed all former
ballot records in the history of
Topeka. It is predicted freely both
around the polls and the city hall, that
at least 16,000 votes will be cast be-
fore the doors are locked at 7 o'clock
this evening. This will exceed the
high water mark of 15,345 when Bill-
ard and McNeal, with the city in an
uproar, fought out the mayoralty bat-
tle.

Bright, ideal spring weather,
coupled with a spurt of enthusiasm
displayed by the women of the city
last night, has sent thousands to the
polls today. In practically every pre-
cinct in the city the vote at 9 o'clock
this morning was higher than the vote
at noon during the primary election
eight days ago.

The new vote today—the vote that
did not come out to the primaries—
will decide the fate of the doubtful
candidates. This is admitted by ev-
ery man in the race. In all probab-
ility nearly 3,000 persons who did not
go to the polls at the primaries will
vote today. Three thousand ballots
will decide at least three of the places
on the city commission. The "stay-
at-homes" will decide this city elec-
tion.

Heavy Women's Vote.

There is a "view with alarm" inci-
dent in the ranks of the Billard sup-
porters today. The female vote is be-
ing recorded more heavily than in any
other city election. Billard is not be-
ing benefited by the women ballots—
and his supporters know it. His fea-
ture alone will meet more in the out-
come of the mayoralty fight than any
other campaign prediction. If Coffran
is elected today, it will be the first
female support that does it—
and the women are rushing to the
polls in carriages, automobiles, on
foot and behind baby buggies.

The windup of the Coffran cam-
paign was climaxed today. The big
city wide appeal to the women over
the telephones. Women were assigned
to nearly every block in the city—
they talked with their friends and in-
sisted that they enter the booth and
place a cross behind the name of
Coffran.

It had its effect. It is estimated by
conservative sources that the big
majority of this vote will go to
Coffran.

Billard Still Is Confident.

Billard is confident of re-election
by 1,500 votes. He says he needs
only one out of three of the elimi-
nated and new vote to win. The day
of the primaries was disagreeable
and the women did not turn out. This
gives the new vote today to the women
for a majority. Split this gain and
between Coffran and Billard—and it will
be seen that the mayor is needing
every vote today to win.

It is possible that the vote between
the two candidates for mayor will be
as close as the vote in the election
two years ago, when Billard won by
less than 100 majority.

Uphill Fight for Miller.

The returns of the vote for com-
missioner of waterworks and electric
lights will be watched with interest by
the visitors to the State Journal bul-
letins this evening. Miller was more
than 600 votes behind Newland, his
winning opponent, at the primaries.
In the last eight days Miller has been
waging a wonderful campaign for the
restoration of his lost support. To
win from Newland he will have to
procure a big percentage of the elimi-
nated vote. He will have to break
even on the new ballots today. It
is much easier to find votes in the
primaries than the election, all can-
didates agree. If Miller forges ahead
of Newland tonight he will have made
the fight of his life.

Stotts is another candidate who has
been the victim of miscalculating
politics and who has been fighting on
defensive the last few days. He has
a comfortable lead on which to de-
pend for a victory tonight, but the
vote will be won by a narrow margin.

Returns May Come Slowly.

It was not until the first car came
down town this morning after the pri-
mary last evening that the results were
known. It will be as late when the
vote is counted after this election—at
least the election commissioner can-
not promise an earlier result. The
ballot will be shorter for the election.
It is true—but the names counted will
be the same and more votes will be
in the ballot boxes.

The earlier and more important pre-
cincts will be reported on the State
Journal bulletin board as fast as the

ELECTION BULLETINS.

The State Journal will post bulletins
tonight on the Topeka city election.
Returns will probably begin to come
in soon after 8 o'clock.

votes are gathered by a corps of rep-
resentatives from this newspaper.
The boards are better acquainted
with the work since the primary and
the work of the 26 women clerks and
judges has been found efficient and
prompt.

It will all be over after tonight. The
official returns will be announced by
the city canvassing board Friday—
then for a new administration and
peace until 1915.

Elections in St. Louis.

St. Louis, April 1.—At 6 o'clock this
morning the voters of St. Louis started
to cast their ballots for the candidates
for municipal offices from mayor to
members of the house of delegates and
council. The Democrats, Progressives,
Republicans and Socialists have full
tickets in the field.

Thirteen members of the board of
free holders also will be chosen to re-
vise the city charter. The leaders of
each party predict a light vote.

Dr. John H. Simon, former health
commissioner of the Democratic candi-
date for mayor and Henry W. Kiel is
the Republican majority candidate.
Frank H. Gerhardt heads the progres-
sive ticket.

Voting in Wisconsin.

Milwaukee, April 1.—Voters of Wis-
consin today voted for state superin-
tendent of schools and a justice of the
supreme court. For the first named
position, Charles P. Cary, the incum-
ent, competed with William Kittie. R.
M. Siebeck was unopposed to succeed
himself as justice of the supreme court.
In Milwaukee six school directors were
voted for and justices of the circuit,
probate, civil, municipal and district
courts.

Heavy Vote in Duluth.

Duluth, April 1.—Duluth today exer-
cised their first voting privileges under
the commission form of government.
It was predicted the vote would be the
heaviest in the history of the city. The
main issue has been municipal owner-
ship of the electric light plant.

ALL FOOLS' DAY

It Is Ancient Holiday of All
Nations.

But None Claims Its Origin—
A Mystery Unsolved.

This is All Fools' Day. Beware,
Everybody. The first of April is one
of the few holidays, the origin of which
is unknown. No country wants to
claim the first Fools' Day. It's only
meant that the Fools should have a day
of their own since, as one Charles Dick-
ens has it, "They're so numerous and
fill so many positions of dignity and
importance." April Fools' Day may
have originated with the Romans, it
may be an old Druid custom, it may
date from a festival of the Hindus,
who celebrated a similar day on the
first of March.

Asiatics, Europeans, English and
Scotch have dedicated a day to All
Fools, but none claim it as honor of or-
iginating it. One of the first refer-
ences is found in Plutarch, who ques-
tions, "Why do they call Quirinalia the
Feast of Fools?" The wily Romans
once gave a feast on the 1st of April
in honor of Neptune. They invited the
Sabinians, who came to their women.
The Romans seized the women for
wives and considered it a good joke.
Whether this crass incident is the origi-
nal April Fools' is somewhat of a
question.

Poor Robin's Almanack, published in
England in 1760, contains a quatrain
dedicated to the 1st of April:
"The first of April, some do say
is set aside for All Fools' Day;
But why the people call it so,
Nor I, nor they themselves, do know."

"The day is still in observance. An
English urchin waylays a gentleman
in frock coat, top hat and gaiters.
"Say, mister, your coat is full of holes."
"Holes," cries the gentleman, anx-
iously examining it.
"Yep," chortles the youngster, "but-
tonholes."

In Scotland an old joke is employed
successfully every 1st of April. A man
is sent to a distant farm for a hoe;
he carries a folded note saying, "This
is the first of April. Hunt the gowk
another mile." Andy is hustled from
home and his wife is measured
by the miles he trods.

The holiday is almost universal
through Europe and is called "Un
Poisson d'Avril" in France. The Paris-
ian gamins consider it their special
property. Napoleon I, with his custo-
mary dogmatic aversion to supersti-
tion, married Maria Louisa upon April 1,
and was criticized by the entire em-
pire because of it.

In the United States All Fools' Day
is second only to Christmas as a romp
for the children. Jokes of all kind,
but inevitably poor, are propounded
upon long-suffering elders. The fun
lasts until April 2, and is only quelled
by the antiquated chant:
"April Fools is gone and past,
And you're the biggest (mother won't
let me say it, but you know what I
mean) at last!"

BEGINS SENTENCE.

Wealthy Edna Adams Is Surrounded
by Many Luxuries.

Los Angeles, April 1.—Edna Louise
Adams, former society girl of Chicago,
who was arrested in this city several
months ago on a charge of passing worth-
less checks and who entered a plea of
guilty, will explain her fault in a lux-
urious apartment house in Los Angeles
with a government automobile and
ample funds at her command. Miss
Adams began her probation today. In
granting probation to the young woman,
Superior Judge McCormick stipulated that
she must abide by the judgment of her
governess in her recreative indulgences,
liquors and that she must act in financial
and business transactions in accordance
with the opinion of her governess.

FLOODS ARE RISING

Anxiety Felt by Residents of
Ohio River Valley.

Slides Interfere With Levee
Protection Work.

BIG FORCE OF MEN AT WORK

Cairo, at Intersection of Ohio
and Mississippi, in Danger.

Stations Crowded With People
Who Are Leaving City.

Cairo, Ill., April 1.—Conditions here
today along the Ohio river levee appear
incredible to the oldest citizens. They
have battled with flood waters for
years but the present situation they
admit looks the most desperate in their
time. The water is rising at the rate
of about one foot a day, and now
stands two feet and eight inches from
the top of the concrete wall built at
the levee. While this situation is not
encouraging, the reports to the weather
bureau here of up-river and tributary
conditions were enough to cause alarm.
No reports came of receding waters
as far away as Cincinnati, while some
tributaries were reported rising. It is
generally believed that the high stage
will not be reached today and probably
before Wednesday night or Thursday.
The rise of the river is much faster
than last year.

The city is sending its women and
children out on every train. Two bag-
gage cars were filled with trunks and
clothes, and the women were placed
there. The weather continued beautiful today,
a condition counted a blessing by the
hundreds working to save the town.

Louisville, April 1.—The Ohio river
gauge today registered 44.7, a rise of
four-tenths of a foot.

Memphis, April 1.—The Mississippi
river registered 38.5 today, a rise of
eight-tenths in 24 hours.

Cincinnati, April 1.—The Ohio river
has risen two-tenths of a foot during
the night. Early today the stage was
69.8 feet. Weather Forecaster Dever-
aux said he expected the river to rise
another tenth, after which it probably
would recede. The fall he said would
be slow, because of the large
amount of water above.

Up-river points reported the river
either stationary or falling slowly.

Cairo, Ill., April 1.—Flood waters on
the Ohio river continued to rise steadily
throughout last night and at 7 a.
m. today stood between 53.2 and 53.3
feet. The population of Cairo, which
is about 1,000, was early and placed
the fact that the water had substantially
passed the 52 foot mark caused consid-
erable anxiety.

All expected that the day would
prove the crucial one in the fate of the
city. The crest of the flood was ex-
pected to reach here today and if the
levees hold, it was the belief that the
worst would be over. Much trouble
was experienced during the night
because of slides on the levee. The
drainage district along the Big
Four levee. Three times slides occurred,
and only valiant work on the part of
those watching saved the day. Dozens
of carloads of sandbags were placed
about the weak spots, and serious trou-
ble was averted. Water seeped through
under the concrete wall, and stood in
the main street of Cairo today but the
levee showed no signs of weakening.

Force of men worked all night
placing sand bags and other hold-
backs along the city front. Colonel
Dan Moriarty, in charge of the troops,
planned to attempt a mining of op-
erations to divert the water. The
city is now in a state of great
anxiety. It was expected the mayor
and sheriff would give him complete
control of the situation and in this
way all idle men might be put to work
if necessary by force. Word was re-
ceived from Major General Wood at
Cincinnati, by the general relief com-
mittee that the situation would be
handled the same as last year.

The city has requested Governor Duike
to appeal to the war department to
move three large boats from the Mis-
sissippi around in front of Cairo to be
used in emergency.

Refugees continued to leave the city
all night, and crowds are still wait-
ing at depots to get out.

Waters Rise Rapidly.

The water today rose much more
rapidly than yesterday and the de-
partment of war engineers became
urgent. At 9 a. m. the gauge read
53.5 and was constantly creeping up.

The surface in the Ohio then stood
one foot higher than the highest street
level which is the main thoroughfare
of the town and immediate area on
the levee. In case of a break, the flood
waters would not rise to more than
one or two feet in the buildings on
the street, but all of the town back of this
street becomes gradually lower and
most of the houses would be com-
pletely submerged. Already the situa-
tion is desperate.

A large subway which was the only
passageway from Cairo into the drain-
age district, the case of Kansas, was
in danger. The place was boarded up
and dozens of carloads of sand bags
placed to hold it secure.

One of the purposes of closing all
places of business that do not handle
goods needed for necessities was to
give opportunity to get out the strong-
est working force possible, employees
of closed concerns have responded
nobly for duty and have reinforced to
a great extent work along the river
front.

Rev. M. H. Love of the Methodist
church, who has had charge of relief
work in former years, is again at the
head of the relief committee. A tem-
porary hospital has been arranged on a
large wharf boat in the river.

The danger here may be more clearly
understood by a description of the
leaves of the city. Cairo is situated
on lowlands at the fork of the Ohio
and Mississippi river. Safety depends
absolutely on levees from all sides.
There is no way by which the people
walking or on trains could escape ex-
cept by going back into the drainage
district. All trains running into Cairo
must back up again into the Y at the
big Illinois Central bridge which is on

the edge of the district. Consequently
the greatest hope is placed in boats in
case of great trouble. One half of the
population has left the city already.
They were chiefly women and children,
and it is believed should an ava-
lanche of water sweep over the city
small loss of life would result.

Levee Is Holding.

Mount Vernon, Ill., April 1.—The
levee at Shawneetown was intact at 5
o'clock this morning and conditions
there were not threatening, according
to news received here today.

Fire in Huntington.

Huntington, W. Va., April 1.—Fire
broke out in the flooded residence dis-
trict today and threatened an entire
city block, but the flames were check-
ed by the use of dynamite. Eleven
persons were rescued from the burn-
ing buildings. Fire engines placed on
barges pumped water on the flames.

Many Are Homeless.

Charleston, W. Va., April 1.—Addi-
tional state troops were called to duty
this afternoon by Governor Hatfield.
They will be sent to Parkersburg and
Point Pleasant in relief work. It is
estimated 25,000 persons along the
Ohio river are in need of food and
water.

Town Under Water.

New Richmond, April 1.—The entire
town of New Richmond was under
water today. The people have taken
up quarters on the hills surrounding
the town. Provisions have been re-
ceived from Batavia and there is no
suffering. No one has been reported
dead or missing. Fifty houses have
been washed from their foundations at
Moscow, near New Richmond.

Large Flood Expected.

Springfield, Ill., April 1.—Adjutant
General Dickson today received a
telephone message from Mayor George
A. Parsons of Cairo, that the water
was flowing over the top of the Big
Four embankment, known as the
drainage district levee, and that the
company had abandoned hope of pre-
venting the flooding of the district.

The flooding of the drainage district,
which is above Cairo, will probably
relieve the pressure of water on the
levee which protects the city, but will
flood a territory ten miles each way
from five to fifty feet of water.

The overflowing of the embank-
ment cut off railroad communication
with Cairo.

Hickman Under Six Feet of Water.

Hickman, Ky., April 1.—Telephone
reports today from Columbus, Ky., a
town of 1,000, indicated that water
from breaks in the Mississippi
levee had covered the greater part of
the village four to six feet. The ma-
jority of the population is encamped
on hills and although there is food
enough for several days, considerable
help will be required.

MESSAGES TO U. S.

Foreign Rulers Sympathize
With Flood Sufferers.

Kings and Emperors Send Mes-
sages to President Wilson.

Washington, April 1.—Messages
continued to come to President Wil-
son from foreign rulers express-
ing sympathy for sufferers in the
western floods. King George of Eng-
land cabled:

"I am greatly distressed at the news
of the disastrous floods and the griev-
ous loss of life caused by them. I
desire to express to your excellency
my deepest sympathy with yourself
and the people and the United States
in your misfortune."

The president replied:
"Allow me in the name of the people
and the government of the United
States to express deep appreciation of
your majesty's kind message of con-
dolence."

King Emmanuel of Italy cabled:
"On hearing the news of the floods
that have devastated prosperous re-
gions and made so many victims, I
beg you to believe in the sentiment
of sincere and deep sympathy with
which I join in your country's mourn-
ing."

President Wilson responded:
"Your majesty's touching words of
sympathy in the terrible loss of life
and property which has befallen many
of our subjects are a real solace to
the government and people of the
United States."

From Sultan Ahmed Kadir of Per-
sia came the following:
"I am deeply distressed by the terrible
catastrophe that has befallen the
United States by reason of the flood.
I hasten to offer your excellency and
the American nation the expression
of my most earnest and sincere con-
dolence."

President Wilson replied:
"On behalf of the American people
I thank you for the kind and warm
sympathy for our country and the
sympathy in the direful calamity which
has befallen so many American
families."

SITUATION IS SERIOUS

The main levees on the Ohio at Cairo
and Shawneetown, Ill., were holding
today with the exception of a few small
breaks, but with the water rising the
situation appeared to be serious.

At Cairo the river has passed the 53-
foot mark and every inch of water puts
a heavy strain on the overburdened
levee which is liable to break at any
minute from the additional pressure.
All persons have been warned to leave
the lowlands and there is little prob-
ability of loss of life should a break
occur, but the property damage would
be heavy.

Hundreds of men worked all night
placing sacks of sand on the levees to
prevent the water from rushing over
the top. Great confusion prevailed
among the refugees but the troops on
hand prevented any disorder. A break
occurred in the levee last night at Col-
umbus, Ky., a town of 1,200 population
on the Mississippi river a few miles
below Cairo. A number of persons
were marooned in the upper story of
dwellings, but the majority fled to the
hills back of the town.

On the upper Ohio river, the situa-
tion was expected to improve today
when the crest of the flood passes.

Weather Forecast for Kansas.

Fair and warmer tonight, Wednes-
day unsettled.

AGREE ON TERMS

Government of Turkey Accepts
Proposals of Powers.

Action Will Result in Peace in
the Balkans.

THANKS ARE EXPRESSED

Ottoman Empire Tenders Note
to European Powers.

Declares That Terms Are Ac-
cepted Without Reserve.

Constantinople, April 1.—The Turkish
government today declared that it un-
reservedly accepted the terms of peace
proposed by the European powers. The
foreign office handed the Ottoman ac-
ceptance to the dean of the diplomatic
corps this morning, accompanied by an
expression of thanks to the powers for
their mediation.

REMAINS TO U. S.

Body of Late J. P. Morgan Pre-
pared for Removal to Home.

Secretary Bryan Suggests Fu-
neral Service in Rome.

Rome, April 1.—The body of the
late J. Pierpont Morgan, after being
embalmed and dressed, was today en-
closed in a walnut coffin lined with
white brocade. This was placed in a
lead casket, and finally in a third
case of heavy walnut with gold and
silver fittings.

The United States ambassador has
offered to hold a funeral service at
the embassy in pursuance of instruc-
tions received from Secretary of State
Bryan. No definite arrangements have
yet been made for conveying the body
to America, but it is understood ac-
commodation has been offered on
board the Koenig Albert, leaving
Naples April 4.

Taft Pays Tribute.
New York, April 1.—Former Presi-
dent Taft paid a tribute to the mem-
ory of J. P. Morgan at the home of
his brother, Henry W. Taft, shortly
after his arrival from Augusta, Ga.

"I knew Mr. Morgan personally,"
said Mr. Taft, "but our relations were
never intimate. However, he always
impressed me as a man of remarkable
administrative force and executive
ability. He was without doubt the
greatest financier that America has
ever produced and certainly one of
the impressive world figures of his
time. I regret his death exceedingly."

Appreciations in Paris.
Paris, April 1.—Appreciations of
Mr. Morgan are published in most of
the Paris morning papers, which call
attention to his higher position in in-
ternational finance, his benevolence
and culture. The Figaro says: "Mr.
Morgan's death will cause sincere sor-
row to France. The French museums
possess many proofs of his generosity
and the government intended to con-
fer upon him the high distinction of
Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor
on his next visit to France."

Wielded Great Power.
Berlin, April 1.—The Berlin morn-
ing papers devote columns to Mr. Mor-
gan's death and unite in declaring
him to have been the world's greatest
financier. "No living man has held
such financial power as Mr. Morgan,"
says the Tagesspiegel, which refers to
development in the United States
chiefly to him. "His enterprise over-
shadowed the deeds and successes of
all the other financial giants of the
United States," says the Norddeutsche
Zeitung.

The Morgen Post says that he ab-
olished competition as a principle of
American business. All the papers
praise him as a great art patron and
refer to the emperor's friendship for
him. They add that his death will not
affect the bourses.

FLANNELLY OR POLLOCK

United States Court to Decide Juris-
diction of Gas Case.

The gas case will be given another
hearing Friday before Judge Walter
Sawyer, presiding judge of the United
States circuit court of appeals in Kan-
sas City. This action is to determine
whether Judge Flannelly or Judge Pol-
lock has jurisdiction of the federal
court has jurisdiction in the case. Both
sides have intimated that they will
appeal in event they are defeated in the
hearing before Judge Sawyer.

Judge Flannelly and Judge Pollock
each named receivers for the Kansas
Natural Gas company. The Montgom-
ery county judge claimed that he has
jurisdiction by virtue of a prior suit
in his court. Should Judge Sawyer
hold that Judge Pollock has juris-
diction, the case will be sent to the
United States supreme court on an
application for a writ of prohibition
to prevent the federal court from pro-
ceeding further on the grounds that
it has not independent or prior juris-
diction; and for the further reason
that the federal court does not and
could not have jurisdiction in the case,
even though it showed priority in the
action.

TEXT BOOK COMMISSION

Held First Meeting Today to Outline
Work.

The new commission to have charge
of the publication of school text books
by the state, held its first meeting
today in the office of the state super-
intendent of public instruction. Not
until the next meeting, which will
probably be held some time this
month, will a secretary to the
commission be elected. There are six

candidates for the office, which pays
a salary of \$2,000 a year.

Aside from a careful study of the
new text book printing law, members
of the commission transacted very lit-
tle business today. The session was
held in the morning and the volun-
teers were secured from the attorney
general concerning the operation of
the law and the powers of the commis-
sion.

Some time this month, perhaps, the
commission will elect a secretary. At
present there are six applicants for the
place. They are S. P. Rowland,
Hutchinson; W. G. Gamble, Tonga-
noxi; Mrs. Ella Burton, Topeka;
Benjamin Harrison, county superin-
tendent of Sumner county; E. C.
Hickley, B. Cowgill and Z. E.
Wyant, Topeka.

WILL FIGHT REBELS

Mexican Government Prepar-
ing for Campaign in South.

Rebel Successes in Northern
Regions Cause of Activities.

Mexico City, April 1.—The breaking
out of all negotiations for peace with
Zapata, has forced the government to
mobilize strong forces for dispatch
against the southern rebels. This has
been done in spite of the fact that
rebel successes in the north have made
imperative a dispatch of a large
part of the regular army to that re-
gion.