

JOHN PIERPONT MORGAN PASSES AWAY IN ROME

New York Financier Dies at Hotel in Eternal City After Illness of Few Weeks.

CONSCIOUS SEVERAL HOURS
Sharp Turn for the Worse Comes Sunday.

MARKET IS LITTLE AFFECTED
Opens Point Off and Loss is Soon Recovered.

BOY TO BE BROUGHT HOME
Will Be Shipped from Naples After Service in Rome.

DOCTOR BLAMES PUJO INQUIRY
Father's Physician Says His Illness Was Due to Emotion Caused by Investigation of the Money Trust.

BULLETIN.
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Orville Wright and Family Suffer from the Dayton Flood

SOUTH DAYTON, O., March 31.—Orville Wright, who, like thousands of other Daytonians, was engaged today in shoveling mud from his home, had no chance to use an airplane when the flood came.

When the warning of the flood came, his father, Bishop Wright, and his sister, Katherine, left the home in a wagon. In some way the inventor could not find his father who, however, had experienced no mishap. Orville Wright fled soon after his father and sister and found refuge on the high ground.

Fire broke out in a building near the old shop where the Wright brothers worked for so many years in perfecting their flying machine. In the shop were invaluable plans and data dealing with the construction of airplanes and navigation of the air. Orville was greatly relieved to find that the flames had spared the shop and its contents.

At a meeting of the relief committee and members of the city council who have been relieved of active participation in the city government, the councilmen declared their individual willingness to cooperate in all necessary measures for the protection and rehabilitation of the city. It was decided to appropriate \$50,000 of the relief fund to the Red Cross to be expended in purchasing the bare necessities which will permit destitute families to re-establish homes of a sort until they can improve their own condition.

A court-martial was organized today with forty petty cases on the docket. This court must try such cases as the municipal justice courts have been superseded in under martial law. Reports that looters have been shot are untrue, according to statements by those in authority. There have been rumors of such occurrences, but none has been confirmed. In none of the morgues is there a body showing bullet wounds.

Guards have fired shots to frighten suspicious characters, but never have shot to kill or injure.

Four Hundred Freight Rates Are Adjusted After Conferences

WASHINGTON, March 31.—An innovation in the procedure of the Interstate Commerce commission, adopted at the meeting of the commission yesterday, resulted today in more than 400 changes in transcontinental rates on commodities. The advances proposed by the railroad companies in a meeting held at the commission's headquarters in Washington, resulted in an agreement upon some advances and the abandonment of others. The commission's decision today disposes of items left in dispute by permitting some advances and cancelling others. It also fixes a general policy for the transportation of commodities with respect to their coast-to-coast rates.

Page Appointed Ambassador to Great Britain

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Walter H. Page of Garden City, L. I., editor of the World's Work and member of Doubleday, Page & Co., publishers, has accepted President Wilson's offer to be ambassador to Great Britain.

CAIRO IS STILL SAFE

Levee is Holding Strong and River Flowing Swiftly.

PILE SAND SACKS ON LEVEE

Railroads, in Preparation for Break of Water, Place Lighter Engines in Yards to Replace Stalled Locomotive

CAIRO, Ill., March 31.—Inhabitants of Cairo were given renewed hope tonight for the safety of their city. Before midnight, a strong current was noticeable in the Ohio river. This gave rise to the opinion that something had given way south of here and that the situation which should be growing more and more desperate, had been relieved.

The levee here, still is holding strong though the water now higher than the most elevated street level at Cairo. Further up at Bridge Junction the water has crept dangerously near the top of the levee and thousands of sacks of sand have been placed to hold it in check. Anxiety is felt over the drinking water supply which is decidedly bad.

Colonel Daniel Moriarty of the Seventh regiment Illinois National Guard has taken charge of the troops. Heavy engines were taken off south-bound trains at Mounds, Ill., which is in the drainage district, and replaced by lighter with engines. This was decided upon because of the danger in driving the big locomotives over the levee south from the big Illinois Central bridge over the Ohio opposite Bridge Junction.

Hundreds of refugees arrived today at Mounds, about twelve miles above Cairo. Scores of persons, apparently with no place to house their effects, guarded them at the railroad station. For several miles along the railroad tracks hundreds of laborers are filling sacks with sand. These are placed on flat cars and started with all speed toward the levees.

Soldiers have been pressed into service in placing the sand bags and strengthening the levee banks. The river has been sweeping steadily upward. At 7 o'clock tonight the gauge stood at 7.8. The same reading was registered at Fulton, Ky.

The nervous strain here was intensified late today when a report reached here that the levee had broken at Shawneetown, Illinois.

P. T. Lindley, in charge of the government work, discredits the report. Mr. Lindley was unable to assign the real cause for the increased current, but admitted that it made the outlook at Cairo somewhat cheerful.

It was thought that one of the levees on the Kentucky side may have gone out.

DAYTON, O., March 31.—John H. Patterson, chairman of the citizens' relief committee, issued the following statement regarding conditions here:

"Our committee has now at its disposal \$100,000 and clothing. We are ready to meet the needs of the sufferers of Dayton."

"Money, however, is urgently required for putting our city in a condition to prevent the outbreak of serious disease and to rehabilitate the thousands, many of whom have lost their homes entirely, and all of whom have lost their household and personal effects."

"The committee wishes to send out an urgent appeal to the citizens of the United States for the necessary funds. All contributions should be sent direct to W. F. Higgins, who has been appointed (Continued on Page Two)

Names Ballinger Land Office Head in Frost Letter

CHICAGO, March 31.—Albert C. Frost, who with four others is on trial before Federal Judge Landis, charged with defrauding the government out of Alaskan coal lands valued at \$10,000,000, continued his direct testimony today by explaining what he meant in a letter written to Henry C. Osborne, a Toronto banker, February 26, in which Frost said:

"No, I did not intend to convey that meaning," replied Frost. "I meant that we could get any information about the coal lands that we wanted. I meant that we could learn what we might want to know quickly and in as much detail as we wished to get it."

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Forward the Tag Brigade



Nebraska House Passes Measure to Abolish It

FOR DODGE ELECTION BILL
Measure for Trip of Two Farmers to Europe to Investigate Rural Credit System Recommended to Pass.

LINCOLN, March 31.—Special Telegrams.—Two bills of great importance to Omaha were passed by the house this afternoon. The one H. R. 37, abolishes the water board and the other, S. F. 16, creates an election commissioner for Douglas county to be appointed by the governor. The commissioner has power to appoint the judges and clerks of election and has charge of the registration of voters. Should the senate agree to the house amendment, which gives authority to the governor to appoint, it is the opinion here Governor Morhead will give the place to Lee Herdman. The job pays \$1,000 a year.

Hoff, Yates and Anderson voted no on the measure because it permitted the governor to name the commissioner. H. R. 407 gives to the city commission of Omaha jurisdiction over its water plant whenever a majority of the voters at a "general or special" election so vote.

Only Three Oppose.
The roll call showed only three men voting against the bill. These were Mike Lee, of course; Fisher of Boone, who says he will not vote for any measure he does not understand; and Reynolds, who served with Lee on the committee on cities and towns. The Douglas delegation was sadly lacking when the measure was called up, those absent not voting being Brain, Davis, Drucesedow, Plankag, Foster and Simon. The others voted for the bill, there being a total of seventy-eight in the affirmative.

Tax on Corporations.
The following other bills were passed: H. R. 332, the Potts bill to tax corporation one-tenth of 1 per cent of their capital stock; H. R. 318, the claims bill appropriating \$50,000; H. R. 322, giving life to the Initiative and referendum.

These bills, appropriating the cash (Continued on Page Two)

Earthquake Shock Recorded in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, March 31.—The seismograph at St. Louis recorded an earthquake of unusual violence last night at a point estimated to be 4,300 miles away.

The shock, it is thought, was most severely felt in Behring straits. It traveled southeast. Six main waves, the first of which was recorded at 9:51 p. m., were followed by three secondary waves, the last of which was recorded at 11:13 p. m.

The maximum vibration took place at 10:10 p. m.

BEATTLE, Wash., March 31.—A violent earthquake was recorded on the seismograph of the University of Washington, beginning at 7:48 o'clock last night and continuing an hour and a half. There was a continuous shock for forty-five minutes. Apparently the disturbance was in being sea and it is believed a volcanic outbreak was responsible.

CALLOWAY MAN BUYS MULE AT DOLLAR POUND

TARKIO, Mo., March 31.—(Special.)—The highest price ever received in this town for mule flesh was reached yesterday when Ed Hankin sold a mammoth jack for \$1,200. The jack weighed 1,300 pounds, and the price paid reached \$1 per pound. The purchaser was J. S. Smith of Calloway, Neb.

Miss Emerson Tries to Catch Pneumonia in London Prison

LONDON, March 31.—Mrs. Emerson of Detroit, Mich., today received a letter from her daughter Zella, who is undergoing two months' imprisonment in a London jail for window smashing. Her "hunger strike" and forcible feeding in prison have attracted a great deal of attention.

The letter was smuggled out by a released prisoner. It stated that Miss Emerson had just completed three days solitary confinement for violation of the prison rules. She complained that she was feeling very sick and feared permanent injuries to her direction.

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst in a speech today praised highly "the heroic behavior of Miss Emerson." Mrs. Pankhurst announced that the woman who tried to catch pneumonia in prison by sponging herself all over with hot water and remaining uncovered all night, as stated by the home secretary on March 18, was Miss Emerson.

The smuggled letter stated also that Miss Emerson's arm had been badly bruised by the policeman who arrested her.

The box reserved for Mrs. Emerson and Mrs. Pankhurst at today's meeting was shared by Beatrice Harraden, the authoress; Baroness von Hengerver-Hengelmutter, wife of the former Austro-Hungarian ambassador to the United States, and a number of other prominent suffragists.

Acting on the invitation of Mrs. Pankhurst a number of American women rose in the audience and expressed their sympathy with Miss Zella Emerson's mother.

Baron von Horst of San Francisco states that after taking legal advice he is satisfied that forcible feeding is illegal and therefore constitutes a ground for interference by the American government on behalf of Miss Zella Emerson.

Rudolph Spreckels May Be the Next German Ambassador

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Rudolph Spreckels of San Francisco is stated by President Wilson for appointment to a foreign diplomatic mission and is foremost among those in the president's consideration for ambassador to Germany.

Think Flood Polluted Chicago Water Supply

CHICAGO, March 31.—Trustees of the Chicago sanitary district sent three experts today to northern Indiana cities to investigate complaints that large quantities of refuse is flowing into Lake Michigan as a result of the recent floods, and that this city's water supply may be endangered unless steps are taken to prevent the pollution of the lake.

PACKERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FLOOD: RAISE PRICES

NEW YORK, March 31.—The price of meat soared to the highest figures of the year today, and indications are that it will go still higher tomorrow. Dealers say the shortage will soon become acute unless shipments, checked by the Ohio and Indiana floods, are hurried to the city.

LAWYERS GIVE LEGAL AID FOR STORM VICTIMS

Members of Bar Association Offer Their Services to Sufferers Free of Charge.

COMMITTEE OF TEN FIRMS
Applicants for Legal Aid to Consult Any of These Attorneys.

MANY POINTS FOR DEBATE
Settlement of Losses by Fire Causes Many to Seek Advice.

SOME SETTLEMENTS SECURED
Need of Ready Cash Basis for Losses by Holders of Policies.

COERCION STRONGLY DENIED
Insurer Men Say that Most Policies Have Been Paid as Soon as Proof of Losses Have Been Made.

Sufferers from the tornado who may need protection of the law in connection with insurance settlement or in any other disputes involving their rights and who are unable to pay for legal advice may call upon members of the Omaha Bar association and their cases will be given immediate consideration. No fees will be charged in such cases.

At a meeting of attorneys in Judge Sutton's court room this course was determined. A majority of the association was present at this gathering, though it was an informal one. A committee of ten law firms was appointed, any one of whom such applicants for legal aid are advised to consult, but it is understood that all members of the Omaha bar will give special consideration to victims of the storm.

The following statement was given out by President Blackburn of the association:

"At an informal meeting in court room No. 1 this morning a resolution was adopted directing me as president of the Bar association to name ten members of the bar to represent sufferers from the tornado who are financially unable to retain counsel and to propose to all persons within the tornado district who are not in financial condition to pay for professional services that this service will be furnished free of charge in all such cases."

"Persons who may be entitled to the privilege are requested to see anyone of the following: Abbott & Dunn, Baird & Sons, Thomas W. Blackburn, Brome & Brome, Cunningham & Hollister, C. W. De Lamar, A. G. Ellish, Mealy & Oltstedt, Shabugh & Battin, Weaver & Gillet.

"THOMAS W. BLACKBURN,
President Omaha Bar Association."

Many Points of Debate.
Settlement of losses by fire where policyholders had fire insurance, but no tornado insurance and where buildings were wrecked by the storm before they were burned, is one of the points on which lawyers think many will need legal advice. Any person who is in doubt on this point is advised to consult attorneys.

Difference of opinion as to the interpretation of fire insurance contracts arose immediately after the storm. A theory that fire risk companies were liable for the value of the ruins of buildings and furniture left by the wind and afterward burned was given considerable credence. Insurance men, however, say that clauses in most contracts invalidate this idea. It is said many fire insurance policies provide that where the walls of a structure fall before flames break out no loss can be collected. In another instance where a house was merely moved on its foundation and after ward burned it was claimed the insurance company was not liable by a clause in the contract.

Want Quick Settlement.
Desire on the part of policyholders to secure quick settlement of losses has (Continued on Page Five)

The Weather

For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity—Fair; not much change in temperature. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Table with weather data including temperature, wind, and other conditions for Omaha and surrounding areas.



JOHN PIERPONT MORGAN.

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