

HUGE WATER MAIN LEFT UNFINISHED ROUSES PROTESTS

Citizens and Officials of Florence Unite with Omahans in Denouncing Delay.

DITCH STILL LEFT UNCOVERED Dirt Piled High in Streets of Both City and Village.

DAMAGE SUITS ACCUMULATING Commissioners Unable to Induce Water Board to Act.

MAY START AN INVESTIGATION Friction Between Contractors and Howell's Organization May Be Due to Circumstances Kept from Public.

Failure of Water Commissioner Howell and the Water Board to fulfill promises they made to residents along the route of the forty-eight-inch water main from Florence to have that main laid and the street clear by September, 1912, has incensed citizens of Omaha and Florence and the Omaha city council, besides giving rise to the suspicion that the material in the pipe is inferior and may have to be moved.

The ditch is only partially filled; dirt is piled high in the streets, rendering them almost impassable, and endangering life and limb, and the city has become the defendant in numerous suits as a result of alleged personal injuries or property damages.

Relief Demanded. "We ought to have relief," said Councilman Thomas McGovern. "The ditch has caved in, the streets are in an awful condition and have been so for many months. Crossings are a menace to life, and still the board delays."

"Trouble is," said City Commissioner Dan R. Butler of the department of finance and accounts, "that this man Howell has been spending all his time in Lincoln, lobbying. He hasn't had time to attend to his own business."

"It ought to have been finished a long time ago," said C. H. Withnell, city commissioner of fire protection and water supply. "The delay has been very aggravating."

"We've been trying to get them to fill this ditch," said Commissioner J. B. Hummel of the department of parks, "but we haven't succeeded. Complaints are being made and damage suits started, but we are powerless, it seems, to force the Water Board to do the right thing."

Street Commissioner Kugel has encountered all kinds of difficulties because the streets are torn up and he has been unable to keep them in a clean or even safe condition.

Snarplings Aroused. There is a growing sentiment in favor of a thorough investigation to uncover if possible the "nigger in the wood pile," the belief being that some circumstance unknown to all except the water board is responsible for the friction between contractors and the board and the subsequent long delays.

Little work is being done on the ditch now, although the ground is not frozen. The pipe has sprung numerous leaks and it is considered possible the water commissioner hesitates to order the ditch filled until it is known positively whether the pipe will have to be removed and the work done again.

All the pipe is in the ground and frequent "tests" have been made—tests which resulted only in further delay, because the pipes have always burst or sprung such large leaks that it was necessary to shut off the water and make repairs.

Unable to Secure Water. Howell secured a contract with the contractors by which, without accepting the pipe as complete or without having the ditch filled, water could be run through the pipe for three or four months ago. It was for useful purposes has never been run through the main, although the "tests" have gone on at infrequent intervals.

Citizens have petitioned the Water Board and prayed for relief, but no relief has been given. Florence is in even worse condition than Omaha, because of this open ditch through the center of the town. Protest and prayers from Florence citizens also have gone unheeded.

And so Florence is wrought up and waiting for revenge because the streets there for six months have "looked worse than the tornado's patch" through

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The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Sunday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vinton—Fair tonight and Sunday; rising temperature.

Temperature at Omaha—Hour. Temp. 5 a. m. 38 6 a. m. 40 7 a. m. 42 8 a. m. 44 9 a. m. 46 10 a. m. 48 11 a. m. 49 12 m. 47 1 p. m. 46 2 p. m. 45 3 p. m. 44

Local Weather Record. 1913. 1912. 1911. 1910. Lowest last night. 30 35 35 35 Precipitation. 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 Normal temperature for today, 42 degrees. Excess in precipitation since March 1, 2.55 inches. Excess corresponding period in 1912, 0.25 of an inch.

HOUSE PASSES WATER BILL

Measure Creating District Goes Through, 66 to 28.

DEMOCRATS AGAINST HOME RULE

Lee, Drusewood and Davis Vote with Gang in Support of Bill—Coercion Used Until the Last.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 12.—(Special.)—The stock yards lobby, combined with the water board lobby and a United States senator, who may have some patronage to dispense, were able to put through a plausibly democratic measure a proposition in direct opposition to home rule and which prohibited the people affected from voting on the question. There were sixty-six members who lined up behind the stock yards to remove from the jurisdiction of the Omaha Water Board this corporation. This action takes from Omaha \$25,000 annually. Lobbyist Howell suggested to the stock yards company he would remove the company from the jurisdiction of the water board and thus save the company this money-tax payers' money—if no fight would be made upon the measure. General Manager Buckingham considered the proposition for one week and accepted it since which time the stock yards has been booting the bill.

The bill which takes from Omaha and surrounding towns the right to govern their internal affairs or any control over their water plant is senate file No. 17, introduced by Senator Saunders. It passed the house this morning by a vote of 96 to 28. Drusewood, Davis and Lee voted for it and the remainder of the delegation voted against it and in the interest of the people.

Hitchcock Uses Whip. To secure favorable action on the bill Senator Hitchcock wrote to democratic members of the house to lineup for it and candidates for appointive federal offices were brought here and made to work for it. All votes that could be traded for it, regardless of the Norton anti-logging bill which the now profligate of the house passed some weeks ago.

Daughters Will Hold at Least Three Secret Meetings

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Hundreds of women were pouring into Washington today and more hundreds will arrive tomorrow to attend the annual convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which formally opens Monday. In the meantime committee meets are numerous and political conferences in the rivalry for the various offices in the organization are keeping up the delegates. For president of the society three candidates are in the field and a brisk rivalry marks the race for other places. It was announced today that three meetings at least during the coming week will be secret. These will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and none but delegates will be admitted. Information as to the business to be brought up on these three occasions was refused. Members of the organization's headquarters are aware of the field and a brisk rivalry marks the race for other places. It was announced today that three meetings at least during the coming week will be secret. These will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and none but delegates will be admitted. Information as to the business to be brought up on these three occasions was refused. Members of the organization's headquarters are aware of the field and a brisk rivalry marks the race for other places.

Three Arrests Made in Quarter Million Diamond Robbery

NEW YORK, April 12.—The police received word early today from Hazelton, Pa., that a man claiming himself Joseph Stone, an Englishman, and two other men had been arrested there by New York detectives, who have been at work on the theft of \$250,000 worth of jewelry from the pawnshop of Martin Simons & Sons on the east side here a month ago. Deputy Police Commissioner George S. Dougherty said that two of the detectives had been trailing three suspected men ever since the robbery. According to word from Hazelton the men were found with burglar tools in their possession. The robbery of the Simons pawnshop was one of the most successful here in years. The burglars, carefully avoiding alarm wires of doors and windows, cut their way into the Simons shop and dug their way through the thick wall of a stone and mortar vault to the wealth of booty, with which they escaped. The men arrested at Hazelton are held, so far as known here, only on the local charge of carrying burglar tools.

Bomb Found on Steps of Crowded Theater

NEW YORK, April 12.—A bomb thrown on the basement steps of a moving picture theater on Fourteenth street last night, was discovered just in the nick of time to prevent a panic and possible disaster to 2,000 persons who crowded the theater. A fireman detailed to the theater saw what he thought was a damp match spitting at the foot of the stairs. He found it was the end of a fuse attached to a bomb. He pinched out the sparks and summoned an agent of the bureau of combustibles, who placed the machine in water and after it was thoroughly soaked it was opened. It was carefully constructed and contained a liquid which resembled nitroglycerin and a quantity of powder. The spectators at the moving picture show were kept in ignorance of the discovery.

MRS. PANKHURST IS OUT OF PRISON

Leader of Suffragettes in England Wins Hunger Strike on the Ninth Day.

AT LIBERTY ON PROBATION Must Report Frequently or She Will Be Arrested Again.

HER CONDITION SERIOUS After Being Let Out of Jail, Is Taken to Sanitarium.

LEADERS TAKEN BY SURPRISE Did Not Know that Woman Was to Be Freed, So No Demonstration Marked Her Release.

LONDON, April 12.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the suffragette leader, was released from Holloway jail this morning after having been on a "hunger strike" since she was sentenced, only nine days ago, to three years of penal servitude. Mrs. Pankhurst was released on probation under the terms of which she must report at frequent intervals to the police. In case she commits any misdemeanor she is liable to immediate arrest without a warrant and must serve out her full term of conviction. The intention of the authorities is to allow her to be free only until she regains her strength. Condition is grave.

The condition of the suffragette leader was described by her friends this morning as very grave. She was removed at once to a sanitarium. The Women's Social and Political union, the organization of the militant suffragettes, did not learn in advance of the intended release of Mrs. Pankhurst and there was no demonstration when she left Holloway jail.

Phyllis Brady and Millie Dean, two girls who were arrested on April 4 as "suffragette firebrands" were sentenced to six weeks imprisonment each at the police court today. Miss Brady has been on a "hunger strike" since she was arrested and appeared in court today in an exhausted condition.

Carter Says Road's Figures on Earnings Do Not Show Facts

NEW YORK, April 12.—Representations of the eastern roads that some of them would show a deficit in their earnings if the request of their firemen for an advance in wages should be granted, is misleadingly unfair, according to a brief submitted today by W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Firemen to the board of arbitration that is to decide the wage dispute.

Mr. Carter sets forth that only twelve of the fifty-two roads involved in the controversy are independent. These twelve, he says, control the forty others and "by a division of traffic or an allotment of earnings can make the earnings of the subsidiaries practically any amount they wish."

It is further contended that excluding eight roads now showing deficits, the combined surplus of the railroad—totaling amounts to \$55,238,100. "With this enormous amount at their disposal," says Mr. Carter, "it is evident that the railroads are fully able to pay the increase asked, which, according to the estimate of the railroads themselves, would result in an annual charge amounting to less than one-twenty-fifth of the total amount of surplus."

Mississippi Levee Breaks at Rosedale; Ohio Falls at Cairo

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 12.—A break in the old Mississippi levee at Lake Jefferson, Ark., ten miles below Rosedale, Miss., occurred early today, according to telephone reports. No life loss was reported in the first messages.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The weather bureau issued this flood bulletin: The Ohio river at Cairo Saturday morning was at a stage of 54.1 feet, a foot of 3 feet in the last twenty-four hours. The Mississippi continues to fall at Memphis and rise below that point. No important changes have occurred in the flood situation elsewhere.

CAIRO, April 12.—River conditions here continue to improve. Permission has been granted saloons, moving picture shows and all business houses to reopen at noon today.

Jennings Will Be Judge in Alaska

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Robert W. Jennings of Juneau is to be appointed United States district judge for Alaska and C. L. Reames of Medford, Ore., has been selected for United States attorney for the district of Oregon. Among the nominations sent to the senate were: To be third assistant secretary of state Dudley Field Malone of New York. To be consul of the State department, John Bassett Moore of New York.

WILSON AT GRIDIRON DINNER

Executive and Cabinet Are Guests of Newspaper Men.

BRYAN IS LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER Desperate Desmond Smoot Tries to Steal His Daughter, Miss Tariff, and is Swatted by Underwood.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—President Wilson and his cabinet took their first lesson in statecraft from the Gridiron club tonight at its annual spring dinner. In the presence of members of the diplomatic corps, members of congress and many distinguished figures in public life they took a good-natured grilling which was a hearty welcome after all. The correspondents, in song and jest, drew back the curtain to disclose the pitfalls that beset any administration and show the follies, the weaknesses and the virtues of statesmen.

A scene from genuine melodrama, "The Democratic Lighthouse," conveyed in thrilling fashion the warnings to the tariff makers of the dangers that lie in their pathway. In the lighthouse upon the rock was fought the battle between the principles of pure democracy and enemies in and out of the party.

"Believe Me, It Was. 'Tis a bitter night," declared Hoke Smith, a fisherman, amid a shower of stage snow. "For sixteen years deplorable light has been dark, but now old Bill Bryan's coming back to be keeper of the light."

Champ Clark, another fisherman, learned that without enthusiasm; and declared he never liked that fellow. Said he: "I tried to ride a trick mule in Baltimore and was just about to win the prize when old Bill Bryan slipped a burr under the saddle."

There had been wrecks off the black coast while the light was out, said Champ, "The G. O. P. Liner Taft is but a hulk on Protection rock. The mismanagement of the big Progressive scarce shows above Bill Moore's shoal, and the swift clipper, Uncle Joe, his whitening on the strand, all lost for lack of light—no cash. Now, however, the wreckers have been driven off by the coast guard, headed by Oscar Underwood and McAdoo, though the former's protection is merely incidental."

Some Light Keeper. Keeper Bryan arrives with his daughter, Tariff, and receives a telegram. The message from Woodrow Wilson, owner of the sailing brig "T. Jefferson Platform," out of Baltimore with a cargo of democratic measures, informed the keeper that the vessel was due at Port Revenue that night, and begged that the light be kept burning to bring it in safely, as the country demanded its freight. Gloomy were the prognostications of the coast guard and keeper and fishermen McAdoo remarked of the Platform: "Every four years it departs on a new cruise, loaded to the guards, but it never brings all its cargo to port."

Bryan: "Aye, there's always a story of storms at sea, and they throw the cargo overboard to save the crew. \* \* \* Once it was taken from me, who had commanded it three times, by an Oyster Bay pirate. He filled it with false hopes, put Bill Taft in command and then scuttled it."

Here's Your Desperate Desmond. During the temporary absence of the other men, the villain enters in the person of Penrose Smoot, who seeks to bribe all his cargo to port. He is snuffed and driven off by Coast Guard Oscar Underwood. He returns, however, to put out the light and wreck the incoming (Continued on Page Four.)

MANY EMPLOYERS TO SUPPORT STRIKERS

Proposed Walkout in Belgium Presents Unusual Features.

SOME AGREE TO PAY WAGES War Minister Transferring Troops to Points Away from Their Homes—Socialists Advise Against Violence.

BRUSSELS, Belgium, April 12.—Staggering variations of sentiment have been developed both in the Belgian capital and in the provinces in connection with the strike for manhood suffrage which is expected to involve 500,000 Belgian workmen on Monday next.

One strange phenomenon is the support, active or tacit, given by many employers to the movement. Some of them have even declared that they will continue their workmen's wages during the strike, while liberal and radical clubs in various cities are openly supporting the movement by subscriptions.

The minister of war is transferring all troops from the posts from which they have been stationed to other places, where the soldiers have no acquaintances and so can be used more efficiently in case of disturbance.

Socialists Against Violence. CHLARKL, Belgium, April 12.—Billboards all over this city were covered today with great red posters on which was printed the socialists call to the men to "strike for manhood, suffrage and the equal vote" by laying down their tools on Monday, when it is expected more than 300,000 men will quit work in Belgium. The placard added: "This is a strike of folded arms and not of raised fists! Respect the liberty of those who wish to work and the authority of the law! Respect the freedom of those who wish to cease work."

Complete passiveness is urged upon the strikers by the socialists union, which tells them that injury done to one, opponents is injury to our cause. Government posters have been hung by the side of the socialist placards and these quote in full, article 59 of the penal code, respecting those interfering with the right to work.

Miss Wilson Talks to Y. W. C. A. Meeting

RICHMOND, Va., April 12.—Miss Jessie Wilson's address on "What the Young Woman's Christian Association means to the College Girl," was the principal feature of the program at the association's national convention, though it was scheduled for the night session. Miss Wilson has been an interested attendant at all the sessions.

Rain today caused a series of outdoor tableaux illustrating the activities of the association throughout the world, to be held in the horse show building. At the business session of the convention Mrs. R. H. Passmore of Minneapolis and Miss Harriet Taylor of New York led discussion.

The woman suffragists at the convention have vainly attempted to get from Miss Wilson some expression of the attitude of herself and the other women of the president's family toward "the cause." She steadfastly refuses to discuss political questions.

JAPAN IRRITATED BY PROPOSED LAND ACT

Ambassador Instructed to Make Formal Representation.

MR. BRYAN IS NONCOMMITTAL He Says State Department Can Take No Action Until After Law is Passed by California Legislature.

TOKYO, April 12.—Viscount Chinda, Japanese ambassador to the United States, was instructed today by the Japanese foreign office to make formal representations at Washington in regard to the anti-Japanese legislation of the state of California.

Irritation over the California land legislation is increasing throughout the country. All the political parties have sent deputations to the premier and to the foreign minister asking them to adopt measures to preserve Japanese treaty rights in America.

The constitutional party has proposed an anti-California boycott and the Chambers of Commerce here have telegraphed to similar bodies in San Francisco, Los Angeles and elsewhere as asserting that the result of the legislation will be disastrous for trade between the United States and Japan.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Secretary of State Bryan was non-committal when told of the Japanese government's instructions to Ambassador Chinda as recorded in the news dispatches to make formal representations in regard to the California land legislation construed as anti-Japanese. He expressed the sentiment that it would be time to consider formal representations after the laws in question had been passed by the California legislature and were under consideration by the governor. Representative Baker told President Wilson today he had a telegram from senator Sanford of California containing assurances that the alien land bill when finally passed would not have provisions to conflict with any treaty obligations between the United States and Japan.

Man Who Refused to Squeal Goes to Prison

NEW YORK, April 12.—John G. Hartigan, the policeman who would not "squeal," went to Sing Sing today to serve three years for perjuring himself to shield higher police officers accused of graft. Hartigan was the first member of the police force punished in connection with the crusade against levying tribute on protected vice.

His trial, his sentence and, finally, his trip to prison were delayed in the hope that he would seek to lighten his punishment by a confession. The district attorney declares that the police "system" paid Hartigan \$25,000 for his silence.

Earthquake Shock Is Felt in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 12.—An earthquake lasting several seconds was experienced at 1:30 o'clock this morning. Telephone operators on the fifth floor of the Telephone building reported that their transmitters were rocked by the force of the shock. Train dispatchers of the Oregon Short Line railroad reported that the shock was felt throughout southeastern Idaho.

CONDITION OF POPE FOLLOWING RELAPSE IS BECOMING WORSE

His Holiness, Pius X, Suffers from Tracheal Bronchitis and is Much Weaker.

VATICAN GUARDS DOUBLED Precautions Taken to Admit No One to the Palace.

PHYSICIAN PREDICTS CHANGE When Heard Pontiff Had Been Giving Audiences.

VATICAN FAMILY DISTURBED Sisters of Pope, Who Believed Him Entirely Out of Danger, Greatly Impressed by Change and Hurry to His Side.

BULLETIN. ROME, April 12.—The pope's condition is becoming steadily worse. The Vatican guards have been doubled to insure that no one shall enter. At midnight the pope fell into a doze. His efforts at coughing had weakened him considerably and respiration was difficult.

ROME, April 12.—The pope has suffered another relapse. Tracheal bronchitis has developed. The hope is entertained by the physicians that the bronchitis is due to uraemic acids settling in the upper part of the trachea instead of to inflammation.

A group of people gathered on the steps of St. Peter's noticed that the windows of his bedroom were closed. The condition of the pope is regarded as grave, especially on account of his weak state. This has caused the fear to arise that he will be unable to overcome the new attack. The relapse is not yet generally known, even among the Vatican officials.

Doctor Predicted Relapse. Prof. Marchisavi this morning predicted a relapse when he heard that, contrary to his instructions, the pope had been allowed to grant private audiences. He said: "If you want to kill him, this is the way to do it."

Only the sisters and a niece of the pope were notified of the relapse. They drove hurriedly to the Vatican. At 6:19 this evening the pope's fever had reached 38.

Official Bulletin. The Observatore Romano, the Vatican official newspaper, published this evening the following bulletin: "On April 7, the pope fell ill with a relapse of influenza, with symptoms of tracheal bronchitis. The fever stopped three days ago, but returned today with aggravation of catarrh in the thorax. There are no symptoms to cause alarm. (Signed.) MARCHISAVI."

AMICI. The sisters of the pope, who had believed him entirely out of danger, were deeply impressed by the relapse and gave way to their feelings. They then resumed their nursing of the patient.

Cardinal Merry Del Val, the papal secretary, declared shortly after noon that the appearance of the pope was unsatisfactory. He thought that he looked more haggard and weaker, while the difficulty in his breathing had augmented.

Cardinal Merry Del Val communicated this bad impression to his own father, the Marquis Merry Del Val, late Spanish ambassador to the Vatican, and now on a visit to Rome, who, together with his wife and daughter, called this afternoon at the Vatican to write his name in the visitors' book in the pope's ante-chamber.

Barn Burned Near Fairbury. FAIRBURY, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—A large barn located on the Mrs. J. E. Whitney farm eight miles south of Fairbury was struck by lightning and destroyed. Three head of horses, eight milk cows, two dogs and a large quantity of hay and corn were consumed in the flames. The barn was a huge structure being 350 feet long and two stories high. The wind was blowing extremely hard and a peculiar feature of the storm was the lifting of a loaded hayrack and hurling it into the flames. The loss is estimated at \$2,000 and was not covered by insurance.

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