

ELEVEN DROWNED IN ST. LOUIS FLOOD

Levee Breaks Suddenly and Inundates East Alton, Wood River and Benbow, Ill.

STORM IS NOW OVER OHIO

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 21.—Eleven persons are known to have perished in the flood that swept the west and southern parts of St. Louis and some of the suburbs yesterday. One of the victims is a white woman. All the others are negroes.

The wind and rain storm was an offshoot of the storm which swept Texas earlier in the week. It did damage estimated at several million dollars to crops and other property, seriously impaired transportation and wire facilities and endangered thousands of lives.

St. Louis, Ill. suburbs and neighboring Illinois towns suffered most from the flood waters, which followed the storm. Seven to nine inches of rain fell in twenty-four hours.

At East Alton, Ill., a 700-foot section of the new levee gave way and a wall of water from the Wood River rushed toward the town of Wood River, Benbow City and East Alton, but two horsemen who had stood watch at the levee raced a hundred yards ahead of the oncoming water, calling right and left, "Run for your lives." In less than an hour the three towns were covered with ten feet of water, but no soul had lingered. The population of Wood River and Benbow City raced for East Wood River, while residents of East Alton took refuge in Alton.

Springfield, Mo., reported that the damage to the Ozark peach crop would exceed \$500,000. The corn crop is estimated at near \$1,000,000. Local men believe the aggregate property damage to St. Louis buildings will be in the vicinity of \$1,000,000.

Storm Now in Ohio. Chicago, Ill., Aug. 21.—The Texas storm which yesterday swept northward, crossing Illinois and touching Chicago, is now moving eastward, according to the local weather bureau. It was somewhat decreased in energy today, but high winds and heavy rains still followed in its path.

Galveston is Cleaning Up. Galveston, Tex., Aug. 21.—Mayor Fisher of Galveston today said it was probable that the citizens there would send an appeal to the Texas legislature asking that they be given an extension upon their taxes in order to meet the big financial drain caused by Monday's storm.

The people, according to the mayor, already are discussing additional grade raising and filling to meet the new problem which the latest storm brought to light. A wall facing the inner harbor has been suggested as a protection in case of further storms. Work continued at increased speed upon the cleaning up of the city, every available man being put to work by the authorities. It was promised that before night water in a fair measure would be coming into the city through the big main from Alta Loma.

Estimates of Damage Too High. WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—Governor Ferguson of Texas today telegraphed President Wilson that the loss of life from the tropical storm along the Texas coast will not exceed 300 and that estimates of property damage have been greatly exaggerated. He said the situation was under control. The message was in reply to a message from President Wilson offering sympathy and assistance.

REED RULES RAIL BOARD IS ILLEGAL

(Continued from Page One.) constitution, which is as follows, to-wit: "The officers mentioned in this article shall give bonds in not less than double the amount of money that may come into their hands and in no case less than the sum of \$50,000.00, with such provision as to sureties and the approval thereof, and for the manner of giving such bonds as may be prescribed by law.

Section 577, revised statutes of Nebraska for 1913, provides as follows: "All state, district, county, precinct, township, municipal and sewer districts, and all officers, except those mentioned in section 1, article xiv of the constitution, shall before assuming office give the following oath, which shall be endorsed upon their respective bonds. I do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States, the constitution of this state, and impartially perform the duties of the office of \_\_\_\_\_ according to law and to the best of my ability, help me God.

Section 578 provides: "An official bond of state officers must be in form, John and in no case less than the sum of \$50,000.00, with such conditions as required by the law creating or regulating the office.

Section 579 provides: "Official bonds, with the oath endorsed thereon, shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state at any general election, on or before the first Friday after the first Tuesday in January next succeeding the election, of all appointive officers, and of all officers elected at any special election, and of all village officers, within thirty days after the passing of the vote of the election at which they were chosen.

No Such Instruments Filed. "An examination of the office of the secretary of state discloses the fact that neither Henry T. Clark, jr., H. G. Taylor or Thomas L. Hall has ever executed and delivered to said officer, whose duty it is to have possession of the official bonds, a bond of any kind or character, nor has any bond, or said acting state railway commissioner, ever been considered as a condition precedent to the endorsing by the said acting railway commissioner the oath of office and as a condition precedent to their accepting and attempting to exercise and perform the duties devolving upon them as a duly elected and qualified officer within the constitution and laws of the state; and the time has now elapsed within which the said acting railway commissioner, and each of them, can give a bond as provided by law.

Law Right to Office. "In view of the foregoing it is self-evident, that such provision is self-executing, and that unless the official bond, where one is required, is filed within the time provided by law the person elected loses all right to the office, and the vacancy can be filled without any previous judicial determination of the fact, without any hearing, 46 Neb. 214.

"Having taken the oath of office to support the constitution, the same as myself, it becomes my duty to appoint three State Railway Commissioners to fill

MAY ASK KAISER TO EXPLAIN THE ARABIC ATTACK

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Some of the facts already received by the state department are considered by officials as conflicting and Secretary Lansing wants these apparent inconsistencies cleared up before proceeding.

Little News Items. The two cablegrams from Ambassador Page contained no information whatever regarding the physical features of the attack on the Arabic. One said the White Star line officers informed the ambassador that Mrs. Bruguere and Edmund Woods were the only Americans missing; that Paul Bunker was confident he saw his mother in the water and was sure that she was lost.

The second message said Vice Consul Thompson had informed him that Mr. and Mrs. Bruguere and J. J. Kelleff should be added to the list of survivors. The name of Mrs. Moore should be changed to Leopold Moore in the list of survivors, leaving the missing only two.

Did Not Try to Escape. LONDON, Aug. 21.—Although no official report on the sinking of the Arabic has been received, it is learned on inquiry in official circles here that the British government is satisfied that the Arabic did not attempt to escape or to ram the submarine which sank it.

This conclusion is the result of statements made by Captain Finch and other survivors. All agree that the submarine was not sighted until after the torpedo was fired. The Arabic, instead of trying to escape, had been slowed down for the purpose of ascertaining whether assistance could be given to the steamer Dunajec, previously torpedoed. British officials scout the idea that the Arabic was attempting to ram the submarine.

The sea trial by doing so Captain Finch would have been almost certain to strike the Dunajec and wreck his own ship. Statements thus far received maintain without exception that no warning was given by the submarine.

Twenty-One of Crew Missing. QUEENSTOWN, Aug. 21.—An amended list of the missing members of the Arabic's crew places the number at twenty-one instead of forty, as previously given. According to the revised figures of missing passengers and members of the crew, the total death list is thirty-seven. In accordance with instructions from the state department at Washington, the American consulate is procuring affidavits from American survivors bearing particularly upon the assertion that no warning was given by the German submarine.

Statements of the nature already have been taken from Mr. and Mrs. F. W. A. Collins, Zeehan Covington and Miss E. Strimpton. When Not Being Convoys. LONDON, Aug. 21.—The British government today authorized the statement that the steamship Arabic was not being escorted when it was torpedoed by a German submarine.

The following statement was given out today at the offices of the White Star line: "We are in a position to state that the following passengers reported missing did not embark on the Arabic: Maurice Davis, Mrs. Fisher and Mr. Sand."

An amended list of passengers lost on the Arabic gives a total of sixteen, which with the forty members of the crew, who were lost, places the number of dead at fifty-six.

Body of Mrs. Bruguere. NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—The body of Mrs. Josephine L. Bruguere, one of the two Americans lost with the Arabic, has been found, the White Star line announced today. The body was based on a conversation, recovered when Mr. Marion Bruguere, it was said, with Mrs. Marion Bruguere, the dead woman's daughter-in-law, who was quoted as saying she had received a cable message to that effect.

Young Mrs. Bruguere also was quoted by a representative of the line as having said that the body of her mother-in-law's French maid, Margaret Boudet, had been recovered, too. Mrs. Boudet, one of the two maids who sailed with Mrs. Bruguere had her body listed among the survivors.

It was said that the cablegram received by Mrs. Marion Bruguere contained no details.

Two Bodies Washed Ashore. NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—A cablegram received today by the White Star line here stated that the bodies of two victims of the Arabic had washed ashore near Queenstown. One body was that of a woman, presumably a cabin passenger, and the other of a steward. The bodies had not been identified.

Brest-Litovsk Is Center of United Efforts on Russia. PETROGRAD, Aug. 21.—(Via London.)—Russian military observers in their comment on the recent operations in the east, minimize the importance of the fall of the fortresses of Kovno and Novogorodsk, which for days has been anticipated, and point with satisfaction to the heroic defenses of these fortresses by the Russian garrisons. The military writers declare that Brest-Litovsk is the goal of all German efforts in the eastern theater of war, where in the near future the Russians will be forced to contend with three approaching armies for the possession of this most important base. Referring to evacuation of Kovno, it is said that almost the entire garrison gave up their lives before surrendering to the Germans.

Today's official statement of the Russian war office indicates that the Austro-Germans are pressing towards Brest-Litovsk from the northwest and from the south, with the evident intention to execute, if possible, a flank movement to the southeastward, where they have already crossed the important north and south railway and pushed their forces well toward Pishva, twelve miles east of Vlodava. The Russian defense in this direction is aided by a swamp, which extends far to the east of the Bug river.

Russian military men see in the determined German efforts to push across the railway north of Brest-Litovsk a plan to cut off the Russian armies' base on that fortress from those operating at Osnestwa from the south. According to today's communication the Bialystok-Brest railway is still in Russian hands, although vicious battles are in progress in various sections.

The German lines now run approximately as follows: Brest-Litovsk, eastward to the east of Riga, they extend

MRS. FRANCISCO VILLA, wife of the Mexican rebel leader, at Long Beach, Cal., where she is spending the summer with her younger sister, and her baby. Senora Villa is but 17 years old.

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along the river as to Ponsviken, thence to a point east of Vilkomir and southward to Brokova-Gura, near the intersection of the Sibir and Narva; eastward and southward along the line of the upper Narva to Straliba at the crossing of the Bialystok-Brest-Litovsk railway, directly south to Lipnita, twelve miles north of Brest-Litovsk, swinging westward around that fortress, touching the river Bug, near Vlodava, and extending toward Pishva.

The presence of a German fleet in the Gulf of Riga, where it is co-operating with the land forces, brings the evacuation of Riga close at hand.

SOCIALISTS SERVE NOTICE ON KAISER

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"If we desire peace, therefore, the only thing left is to compel them to see that their hope is futile."

Demand Equal Rights. Referring to the chancellor's words to the effect that Germany owes its success to moral power exerted in the direction of freedom, Dr. David said: "And I hold it to be my duty to add that we expect a greater measure of liberty for the German people. With that hope we shall vote for new credit. We must reach the goal of equal civil rights attending equal civil duties."

"Whoever did not know it before must have learned through this war that the great masses of the German people stand so high in efficiency, in the spirit of organization, that full political equality can no longer be refused. Creation of freer and higher conditions of law and culture among the people themselves and respect of other peoples must be the unalterable aim of a policy which strives for the best for our own people and all humanity. In struggling for that goal we vote for the war credit."

Dr. Peter Spahn, a clerical, expressed gratitude to Pope Benedict for his efforts in behalf of peace. Dr. Spahn endorsed the chancellor's position concerning the freeing of Poland from the "Russian yoke."

Vladimir Sojka, a Polish member, expressed satisfaction at the chancellor's position, saying Poland would have the opportunity of developing its national life and reviving the culture of former times.

Japs Pay Tribute To Henry W. Denison

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) TOKIO, Aug. 17.—The Japanese people have given to the memory of Henry W. Denison, the American adviser to their department of foreign affairs, the same tribute they pay to their own dead. When the first anniversary of Mr. Denison's death recently occurred, his tomb in the Tokio cemetery was visited by a number of prominent personages who reverently placed wreaths there. Among the visitors were Baron Kato, the minister for foreign affairs, and Viscount Uchida and Baron Takahira, formerly Japanese ambassador at Washington. Post Wheeler, charge d'affaires for the United States, left a wreath in behalf of the American embassy.

Mr. Denison was born in Vermont, and became adviser to the Japanese minister of foreign affairs in 1893. He was highly esteemed by the Japanese people. The tombstone recently erected for him here bears an inscription written by the emperor.

Reform School Boy at Front. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.) LONDON, Aug. 17.—Twenty thousand boys from reformatories and industrial reform schools have served with the British naval and military forces since the beginning of the war. Three of them have won the Victoria Cross, and fifty-six others have been rewarded with lesser decorations. The "roll of honor" shows that 210 of the boys have been killed or wounded.

Women as Shell Makers. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.) LONDON, Aug. 17.—A scheme to employ women who have received scientific education for shell making is now forming in the ministry of munitions. The making of munitions is highly technical, and trained chemists are badly needed. Many women have studied chemistry and done chemical research for years for no other object than teaching or in the interest of abstract science.

GALVESTON BACK ON THE MAP AGAIN

Wire Service Restored and List of Dead Learned to Be Over Scores.

URGENT APPEAL FOR AID

GALVESTON, TEX., Aug. 20.—Wire service was restored to Galveston today by the Western Union. The first message out of the city since Monday was an Associated Press dispatch saying Galveston's known loss of life was eight killed in the city proper and twenty-five in the low sections on the western portion of the island. Water service is expected to be resumed tonight. There is plenty of food in the city.

An urgent appeal of citizens of Galveston and of the state of Texas for aid was sent out today by residents of the small village of Antonio, Wallaceville, on the east side of Galveston bay. The appeal said every village was in dire need, but gave no details.

Bodies Found at Texas City. TEXAS CITY, TEX., Aug. 20.—Nine bodies were picked up yesterday on a report that they had been brought in on the car. Galveston island is forty miles long and it is reported that many bodies from the mainland have washed ashore along the island.

The death list from the gulf storm increased slightly today and the missing list decreased considerably. The known dead list was 116 today, including thirteen known dead in Galveston.

It is expected the dead will be increased by a dozen or more when the Virginia Point hotel collapse is cleared up. Twenty persons are listed as missing in this collapse, and up to today no trace of these missing has been reported here.

Missing at Bellvar Safe. Reports indicated that the thirty persons yesterday listed as missing at Bellvar had been found. A conservative estimate of the missing today was less than 100.

Reports from Galveston were optimistic for rapid recovery of the city's resources for food supply and for early establishment of wire connection.

With reports that the crews of the dredge boats collapsed in Houston, and San Jacinto were safe, the missing list was cut down from its previous mark of 264. The dredges were found last night aground near the Houston ship canal.

That trains would be running into Texas City on regular schedule today was announced today by the railroad officials here.

A reassuring statement of conditions in the storm swept area was issued here by Governor Ferguson, who has taken charge of the general relief work.

"My information is that the loss of life is not great and the local authorities will be able to handle the situation without assistance," the statement said.

Many in Houston Hospital. Evidence of the unusual destructiveness of Monday's hurricane was seen in Houston's hospitals today, which house between fifty and 100 persons either injured in the storm or suffering from illness contracted in long exposure. Most of these patients are from towns along the coast. Many are suffering from snake bite—a real danger in a coast hurricane because the water drive snakes upon the few objects above water. Marvin Proctor of Lynchburg is in a serious condition on account of a moccasin bite.

His baby he had been driven into the water and was trying to build a raft with boards blown from his house when the snake bit him on the hand. He carried the baby until Wednesday morning, although one arm was swollen to nearly twice its normal size. On Wednesday a launch picked him up.

Citizens from Wallaceville, a town of about 1,000 inhabitants on the east side of the Galveston bay, appealed today for aid, saying that only three houses remain in their town. They estimated that 1000 head of stock drowned in Chambers county, where Wallaceville is situated.

They said also there is worry over the fate of seventy-five inhabitants of Smith's Point, a peninsula jutting far out into the bay.

G. A. Fredericks of Dallas, and E. J. Whitt of Houston, who were in the Virginia Point hotel when it collapsed, were washed out to sea and after floating about on wreckage for several hours, were washed back again by a change of the wind.

Girl Floats Sixty Miles. A young girl of 16 found on Galveston beach unconscious, when revived said she was at Velasco, nearly sixty miles distant when the hurricane struck. She became unconscious again before giving any other information.

General J. Franklin Bell, commanding the second division of the United States army at Texas City, has written to Mayor Ben Campbell of Houston urging that travel of persons from Houston to Texas City and Galveston be prohibited unless they are accompanied in the welfare of relatives in either city. General Bell told the mayor that Galveston authorities were refusing to let persons from the mainland enter the city unless they had good excuse for landing.

Comment of Press of United States On Torpedoing of the British Liner

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

Following are brief excerpts from editorials of American newspapers commenting on the sinking of the Arabic: Louisville Courier-Journal: It is the last straw that breaks the camel's back. \* \* \* The people are massed, demand severance of all relations with Germany and we believe the president will promptly answer the summons.

Louisville Answerer: So far we know nothing except what the British censor has published. We do not know the circumstances of the sinking of the Arabic, but in spite of this the Anglo-American press breaks into a clamor of war. Fortunately, the president and his advisors are cool and determined to wait until they are advised officially.

Chicago Herald: It cannot be said the Arabic was carrying ammunition with which German soldiers were to be killed. It can't be said it was carrying Canadian troops to the war. The Arabic was bound for New York. It was murder—plain murder—without palliation or excuse.

Cincinnati Press Free: If our administration cannot be persuaded to stop the unlimited export of arms and ammunition then Germany must protect itself.

Washington Post: If American citizens went down with the Arabic, Germany will have brought about a most grave situation.

Washington Herald: We are surely on the breaking point with Germany. Detroit Abend Post: If President Wilson flatly failed to issue embargo on the part of war material Germany was justified to carry on the war by submarines.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: American sentiment is unanimously against a nation which stands sponsor for the policy of murder.

Louisville Times: The sinking of the Arabic was at best an attempt at murder.

New York Evening Post: It is useless to keep words to show how critical is the situation. The whole tale is not yet told, but enough is known to prove that defiance of the distinct warnings given

Japan Exercised Over the Boycott Levied by China

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

TOKYO, Aug. 5.—The retaliatory boycott in China against the Japanese because of Japan's demands on China has caused profound concern throughout the empire and extensive plans are being formulated to overcome the movement. Japanese merchants are beginning to complain at heavy losses in trade and thoughtful leaders in various walks of Japanese life are worried over where the Chinese hostility will end and over how it will affect the future relations of the two countries.

The chamber of commerce of Osaka, a very progressive body, has already organized a special commission whose assignment is the elimination of the Japanese boycott by friendly propaganda and the advancement of Japan's trade interests in China. The commission will also investigate the possibilities of economic developments as a result of the new treaties with the government of Peking.

The members of the chamber will be dispatched to all important parts of China. The first party will visit Mongolia and that part of South Manchuria which has not yet been explored. A second group will tour north China and a third the south. Other chambers of commerce are joining the movement.

Adopting the American custom, the Japanese business men mean to get in personal touch with the Chinese, find out what the trouble is all about and then try to find the proper remedy. They will try to prove that the interests of China and Japan are identical.

Another project more sentimental in character is the sending of parties of school children to China to visit with the school children of that country. Still other plans receiving consideration are those to arrange a Sino-Japanese exhibition and to establish a Sino-Japanese bank. The exhibition project is favored by business men generally and is supported by the department of agriculture. A bill providing for the founding of the bank will probably be introduced into the next session of the diet.

WOMAN WANTS TO BE BURIED WHERE FINAL VICTORY IS WON (Correspondence of the Associated Press.) PARIS, Aug. 5.—The will of a wealthy woman resident of Marseilles, who died a few days ago, contains the following clause: "If I die before the end of hostilities, I ask that my body may be laid provisionally in the family vault, and that it shall eventually be interred in the field where the final decisive victory is gained. I leave the whole of my fortune to the town which bears the name of this victory."

Land for Returning Soldiers. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.) SYDNEY, Australia, June 13.—The New South Wales government has set aside 35,000 acres of wheat growing land and 250,000 acres of irrigation lands for settlement by soldiers returned from the war.

A "For Sale" ad will turn second-hand furniture into cash.

Vast Sum Spent in Relief Work by the U. S. Commission

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

LONDON, Aug. 4.—The principal speaker of the opening of the summer session of King's college was H. O. Hoover, chairman of the American Commission for Relief in Belgium. His address was a description of the work of the commission.

"I could bore you stiff with details of the multitudinous branches of our work," he remarked, "but the main facts are these: "Foodstuffs worth \$46,000,000 have been supplied and sold up to June 30.

Two hundred ninety-three complete shipments, comprising over 400,000 tons of supplies, have been imported.

"We are spending \$300,000 for the upkeep of the canteens for Belgians absolutely destitute.

"We have spent \$50,000 through the committee appointed to look after homeless and orphan children; 24,000 children have been placed in temporary homes until after the war.

"Twenty thousand foreign refugees in Belgium have also been cared for and fed.

"In destroyed communities \$600,000 has been spent in the erection of temporary shelters.

"Clothing worth \$3,000,000 has been distributed through the Central Clothing Bureau in Brussels.

"For the purchase of clothing locally, \$2,500,000 has been distributed to the destitute.

"The total subscription up to date in actual cash have been about \$15,000,000.

"In the distribution of food, over 65,000 volunteer workers, mostly Belgians, have been employed.

"The relief work has extended to the distribution of medical supplies and to the distribution of thousands of tons of seed to agriculturists.

"In France, where the nation is still behind the dispossessed industrial workers, the commission has found it sufficient to grant money subsidies to the commune, which undertake the care of their own destitute."

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75 Wash Dresses In white stripes and colors, former prices up to \$7.50—	35 Wash Dresses Formerly priced up to \$12.50—	20 Fine Silk and Afternoon Dresses Formerly priced up to \$45.00—	30 Embroidered Voile and Lingerie Dresses Formerly priced up to \$50.00—
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The Store For Shirt Waists

Announces the arrival of a whole new series of Japanese, Negligees and Kimonos . . . . \$6.50

A Well Selected Variety of Handkerchiefs for the School Miss

Both plain and embroidered effects, serviceable but still very attractive. Plain linen handkerchiefs at . . . . 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c Embroid'd handkerchiefs at . . . . 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c Initial handkerchiefs at . . . . 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c

The First 120 Women

Who visit our Toilet Goods Section Monday will receive free a cake of Colgate's Natural Toilet Soap. None to children.

Cheney Bros. Georgette Crepe (40 Inches Wide)

A fabric which is going to be used very extensively this Fall and Winter. It's a pleasure to be able to show you such a complete range of colors in this popular silk so early in the season.

Georgette Crepe in these colors: DUCK BLUE, INDIGO, MENTHE, HEERON GRAY, BLACK, WISTERIA, GOLDEN BROWN, IVORY, CORAL, —and all Evening Shades.

New Autumn Silks

Last week's arrivals include Clan Stripes and Plaids, Satins, Crepes, Poplins, Failles.

Women's Fancy Neckwear One-Half Price

A special sale Monday that's good news to Omaha women. Half Price means Just Half Price—so be early to enjoy the best selection. Net Vests, sold from \$1.00 to \$2.50, at one-half price. Mull Vests, sold from 75c to \$2.00, at one-half price. Collar and Cuff Sets and Separate Collars, in roll effects, sold from 50c to \$2.00, at one-half price. Sale starts at 8:30 A. M.—Neckwear Section, Main Floor.

HOLD UP BANK ACROSS FROM POLICE STATION

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 21.—Three men held today the manager, bookkeeper and a depositor of the Bay Heights suburban branch of the Home Savings bank and escaped bank officials said, with \$900. The bank is across the street from the police station. The bandits commandeered an automobile and escaped.