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## LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

### SUMMARY OF THE NEWS OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

#### BOOKED FOR FRAUD

#### CHICAGO GRAND JURY INDICTS NINE CITY OFFICIALS.

Paul Redieski, resigned deputy commissioner of public works; Michael H. McGovern, wealthy contractor who has had many big city contracts, and nine city officials and employees of McGovern were indicted by the grand jury in Chicago Thursday.

The men are charged with conspiracy to defraud the city of \$254,000, according to the sum mentioned in the true bill.

The indictment on this charge came as a complete surprise, as it was believed the alleged frauds involved only about \$45,000 in the so-called "shell rock" scandal. The men indicted besides Redieski and McGovern were: Otto Niehoff, secretary to McGovern; Max Landguth, former superintendent for McGovern; George Moore, foreman for McGovern; Ralph Bonnell, resigned assistant city engineer; John C. Paris, assistant city engineer; Robert Green, a foreman for McGovern; Richard Burk, John McNicholas and Joseph Maher, city inspectors in the engineer's department.

The indicted men are specifically accused of conspiring to defraud the city by laying only one-sixth of the concrete and brick work called for in the contract for the construction of section N of the Lawrence avenue tunnel.

Evidence concerning the alleged \$227,000 fraud on which the indictment was based was not brought out by the commission. In the indictment the men are charged with trying to obtain nine warrants for the payment of \$254,000 by the city of Chicago.

Redieski displayed little emotion when he was told he had been indicted, and later furnished the \$20,000 bond required from him. McGovern was also held in \$20,000 bonds.

#### SWINDLE MAY BE UNCOVERED.

Insurance Companies Are Believed to Have Been Robbed.

"I believe this investigation now under way will unearth the biggest swindle in the insurance line ever exposed west of New York," said State Insurance Commissioner Bell, of Kentucky, Thursday, as he took up the case of Walter E. Rider, of Louisville, a teamster, who died January 4 and whose body was exhumed Wednesday by the coroner on the request of certain insurance companies.

The death certificate indicated that Rider died of intestinal trouble, but it is reported that the autopsy, which began today, showed a large portion of the lung eaten away, supposedly by tuberculosis.

Commissioner Bell has taken up the case on the request of life insurance companies in Indiana and Tennessee, who are said to be large losers by reason of "grave yard swindles."

These companies, which it is alleged have already paid \$10,000 on policies issued in the Rider case, are excluded from business in this state, yet, it is said, have carried on a large business in Kentucky through an agency at Albany, Ind., across the river from Louisville.

The scheme worked on the companies issuing the policy to men virtually in the shadow of the grave after having examined a man of athletic build who was represented as the applicant.

#### Express Robberies Unchecked.

Union Pacific detectives claim to have unearthed a long series of robberies of baggage, express and United States mail at Cheyenne, Wyo. C. E. Olson, a baggage man, and L. H. Sample, an expressman, are under arrest and other employees are held pending an investigation by the postoffice inspectors.

The proposition to change the municipal government of Watertown, S. D., to the commission plan was rejected Thursday by 56 votes. About one-half of the registered vote was polled.

#### Editor Haven Dead.

Albert R. Haven, editor of the Rochester, N. Y., Union and Advertiser, died Thursday, aged 55 years. He was a dramatist and wrote several successful plays.

#### Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$5.30. Top hogs, \$8.10.

#### Held for a Chicago Murder.

A negro named Robertson was arrested in Louisville, Ky., Thursday, suspected of the murder of Mrs. Jennie Cleghorn, the woman whose headless body was found in a resort in Chicago last week.

The elections to the Norwegian storthing have been adverse to the ministry. Premier Knudson Friday submitted to the king the resignation of the cabinet.

#### LEAVES RUIN BEHIND.

### Big Flood in France Shows No Abatement.

At 1 o'clock Thursday morning the water in the Seine was rising rapidly and had reached a within a few inches of the parapet of the quay at the Louvre, Paris. The flood threatened momentarily to inundate the sculpture gallery where are kept the Venuses of Milo and other priceless art treasures. The danger of the Louvre is increased by the presence at this point of a big sewer which it is feared will burst. A gang of masons was hurriedly assembled and worked under high pressure in the glare of flaring gas lamps, building up a concrete wall to keep out the water.

The subway station at Bercy collapsed with a terrific roar early Thursday morning, nearly carrying to ruin a nearby police station, in which a number of flood sufferers had sought refuge.

The yellow water boiled through the chasm and swept all before it. Forty houses in the vicinity had to be evacuated, storekeepers therein abandoning everything. As the gas mains burst when the station collapsed, darkness added to the terror of the people.

Late dispatches from the provinces bring a ray of hope. These indicate that the situation there has improved and that the floods have at length reached their crest. The affluents of the Seine are even beginning to show a tendency to drop. The Rhone and Aone rivers, however, are still rising.

Reports of villages submerged and people abandoned, without food are reaching Paris constantly. St. Laurent is flooded and the "people" are without drink water.

At Chalons sur Marne a score of houses have fallen in, and many people are homeless. At Sevres the famous government porcelain factory is completely surrounded by the flood.

#### INQUIRY NOW IN FULL SWING

### National Packing Company is Object of First Attack.

The federal grand jury at Chicago Wednesday began the investigation of the alleged methods of the "beef trust."

The first witness called was C. C. Snow, secretary and treasurer of the National Packing company.

The report that the National Packing company would be the object of the first attack by United States District Attorney Edwin W. Sims and his assistants was verified when Mr. Snow was taken into the jury room.

About thirty subpoenas already have been served in the offices of the National Packing company, Armour & Co., Swift & Co. and Morris & Co. They were all served secretly and neither the government nor the packers would divulge the identity of those subpoenaed. It is said the secrecy was to prevent a general exodus of the persons wanted.

#### Copper Properties to Be Merged.

Formal announcement bearing on a merger of the Butte copper properties was made Wednesday afternoon by the Anaconda Copper company. The stock of the Anaconda company is to be increased to facilitate the merger.

#### Rudd Sent to Penitentiary.

Marshal Rudd, of Carmi, Ill., a negro, who shot and killed Mrs. Ann Bolerjack, an aged woman, was Wednesday found guilty of manslaughter and received an indeterminate sentence to the penitentiary. Rudd said the killing was accidental.

#### Prof. Vaughn Inquiry Stops.

Investigation by the Adair county, Mo., grand jury into the death of Prof. J. T. Vaughn has ceased. Judge Shelton has ruled that the only person who can order the exhumation of the body of Prof. Vaughn, which is buried in Monroe county, is the coroner of Monroe county.

#### Harris Must Serve Sentence.

Beach Harris, of Lexington, Ky., must serve his sentence of life imprisonment for the murder of his father, James Harris, the feudist, according to a finding handed down by the Kentucky court of appeals at Frankfort Thursday.

#### Joplin Goes Wet.

By a majority of 314 in a total vote of 6,504, prohibition was defeated in a local option election at Joplin, Mo., Thursday after a bitter campaign. Women and children took an important part in the campaign, marching and singing in the street.

#### Planter Asks Protection.

Julian Lamakin, a planter of Columbia county, Ga., has appealed to the authorities for the protection of his property, following the shooting to death of a negro on his plantation by a band of masked men Monday night.

#### Supply of Cotton.

Census reports show the total supply of cotton for the four months' period ending December 31 to have been 10,291,454 running bales.

#### Germany to Reject Our Request.

The reply of the foreign office to the request of the United States that the application of Germany's general tariff to American imports be deferred until March 31, is understood to be a non-acceptance of the suggestion for delay.

#### Town Wiped Out by Fire.

A town of 800 persons, was wiped out by a fire Wednesday. Loss, \$85,000.

#### 5,000 ACRES WANTED.

### Seattle Man Would Lease Alaskan Coal Lands.

A new and somewhat sensational factor appeared suddenly Tuesday to add intensity to the already sufficiently excited situation over the Alaskan coal lands, on the eve of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation, which largely concerns that question. John E. Ballaine, of Seattle, who is the largest individual property owner in Alaska, made a proposition in writing to the senate committee on territories, of which Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, is chairman, offering to the government a royalty of 50 cents a ton of coal mined for the lease of 5,000 acres of some of the choicest coal lands in Alaska, in the Katalla and Matanuska districts. Such a tonnage royalty would not be to the government, Mr. Ballaine claims, amounts as high as \$2,000,000 per hundred acres.

This proposal contemplates a radical departure from past practices in the government's disposal of the Alaskan coal lands, and it comes avowedly embodied in a bill, which has been prepared, but not yet introduced, designed to permit the sale or lease of such lands at \$10 per acre.

It is said that the general features of the plan have the approval of officials high in the administration, or influential members of both houses of congress, including some of the prominent insurgent republicans, and Delegates Wickersham, of Alaska.

Mr. Ballaine, in his letter to Senator Beveridge offers to enter into a bond of \$1,000,000 with the government for the performance of his part of the agreement which he proposes, and he makes the charge that "other interests" have now at work in Washington a lobby "headed by a former United States senator" in support of the bill referred to above, under whose provisions, he declares, an unconditional guarantee to a railroad or railroads which these interests propose to build in Alaska and would virtually donate to them \$10 per acre on one or more tracts of 5,000 acres to be selected by them.

#### TUCKER LEAVES \$50,000.

### Miss LeMoin Will Become Sole Heir to Saini Father's Estate.

Celeste Marie LeMoin, the young daughter of Charles O. Tucker, may become the sole heir to her father's estate of more than \$50,000. Tucker and Miss Bunkelman were found slain in a hotel apartment at Seattle, Wash., Friday.

Tucker's father, mother and brother live at North Pharsalia, N. Y., and are expected to lay claim to the property.

Tucker always admitted the paternity of Celeste and influential persons there familiar with the pitiful story of the girl's mother, Lorraine LeMoin, who, it is said, ran away with Tucker from a St. Louis convent school and gave him her fortune of \$20,000, will endeavor to get the estate for the little girl.

#### EXPENSE REPORT FILED.

### Cost of York State's Participation in Seattle Show is \$107,866.85.

It cost New York state \$107,866.85 for its participation in the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, according to a report filed with the legislature Tuesday.

"It was clearly New York's intention to have been represented at the exposition," says the report, "and the high regard which was felt for New York through the northwest section was increased and intensified by her generous participation in the official, social and exhibit features of the fair."

#### Cheaper Car Fare.

The franchises of seven of the most productive street car lines in Cleveland expired Tuesday, but the lines will continue in operation. The fare has been reduced from 5 cents to 3 cents.

#### To Move in Colorado.

The Colorado State Federation of Labor Tuesday adopted resolutions to boycott meat. It is estimated that 50,000 men in that state will join the boycott.

#### Opposed in Oakland, Cal.

Declaring that a boycott would hurt only the farmer and retailer, the Central Labor council of Oakland, Cal., Monday night refused to pass a resolution of boycott on meat and eggs.

#### Hunt for a Negro.

Lena Adams, a 10-year-old school girl of Hot Springs, Ark., was attacked by an unidentified negro Tuesday, who escaped. A posse was hastily organized and it is believed the negro will be lynched if captured.

#### Fairbanks in Naples.

Charles W. Fairbanks, former vice president, arrived in Naples Wednesday from Constantinople. Mr. Fairbanks had been asked to speak at Rome on Lincoln's birthday.

#### \$162,000 to Charity.

Charitable and educational institutions received gifts amounting to \$162,000 in the will of Francis Curtiss, of Chicago, which was filed in probate Tuesday.

#### Daniel Re-Elected.

John W. Daniel, of Lynchburg, Va., was Tuesday formally re-elected by the general assembly of Virginia to the United States senate. It is his fifth election to that position.

## NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

### Doings of the Week in Condensed Form

#### NELSON COUPLE WED TWICE.

### Judge Ties Knot When They Think He is Giving Them License.

It became known at Nelson Tuesday that George S. Weinbacher and Miss Mary Hofstetter, a couple from Lawrence, Neb., were married several days without being aware of it. Those young people, wishing to be married by the priest of the local church, learned upon inquiry that it was necessary to get a license from the county clerk. They accordingly went to that official at Nelson, and informed him of their desire to become one. He, understanding they wished him to tie the knot, issued the necessary license, had them stand up, join hands and married them. He then made out the usual marriage certificate, took the usual fee, congratulated the couple and sent them on their way man and wife, although the unsuspecting couple thought all this was merely the necessary form required to get a license. A few days later, before the date set for the church wedding, the groom handed what he supposed was his marriage license to the priest, who on looking it over discovered to the surprise of all that it was a marriage certificate. The regular church wedding was celebrated, nevertheless, at the appointed time.

#### AGRICULTURE IN SCHOOLS.

### Committee of County Superintendents Seeking Opinions from Educators.

A committee composed of County Superintendents Harris, Willis, Matzen, Pilsner and Bradenberg, has issued a circular letter to all county superintendents asking for suggestions for voting agricultural education in the public schools of Nebraska. The replies will be compiled and sifted down for a report to the next convention of the State Teachers' association.

In a brief compendium of present secondary agricultural education in the United States the committee gives the following information: Congressional agricultural high schools for large districts have been established in Minnesota, Alabama, Virginia, New York, Illinois, Oklahoma, Arkansas and California. County agricultural high schools have been established in Wisconsin, Maryland, Mississippi, Oklahoma and other states. The teaching of agriculture in rural schools is compulsory in Texas, Oklahoma and West Virginia.

#### TRAMPLED BY HORSES.

### Farmer Near Pierce is Seriously Injured.

Herman Draeger, a farmer living on the Ernest Fisher farm, ten miles northeast of Pierce, was injured seriously Sunday noon by being trampled by a team of heavy horses. He was in the barn harnessing the team when he in some manner stumbled and fell under the animals' feet.

The injured man remembers nothing after his fall, but was found later by members of the family under the horses in an unconscious condition. He was carried to the house and a physician called, who found Mr. Draeger to be suffering from four broken ribs on the right side and internal injuries that it is feared may prove fatal.

#### OLD POSTMASTER RESIGNS.

### Thomas Hunter, of Wakefield, Says He Has Served Long Enough.

Thomas Hunter, for 22 years postmaster at Wakefield, will relinquish his office February 5. He is not a candidate for reappointment, as he feels he has served the government about long enough for a man 75 years old.

Mr. Hunter is one of the pioneers of Nebraska. He was a member of the state constitutional convention, and published the first paper in Wayne county, the Wayne County Review.

#### Funeral of Senator Michener.

The funeral of ex-Senator N. S. Michener took place at the Methodist church in Osceola, Tuesday forenoon and the body was laid at rest in Blue Ridge cemetery, ten miles southeast of Osceola. The deceased was one of the best known men in the county and leaves a large family and many friends.

#### Requisition for Albert Miles.

Albert Miles, charged with stealing \$42 from his landlady, Susie James, of Omaha, will be brought back from Kansas City to stand trial for his alleged crime. It is charged that Miles took the money from a little bank.

#### New N. N. G. Company.

Adj. Gen. Hartigan went to Blair Wednesday morning to muster in a company of the National Guard recently organized there.

#### Yates Adams, a Farmer Living Near Pickrell, who sustained a fractured skull recently by a tree falling on him while he was working in the timber on his farm, is dead. He was 22 years of age and leaves a widow and two daughters.

#### BATH HOUSE TRAGEDY.

### Spencer, Ia., Groom-to-Be May Not Recover from Injuries.

George H. Couch, fell and fractured his skull while in the cooling room of a Turkish bathhouse in Omaha Sunday night. Della W. Clawson, the woman he was with all Saturday afternoon and who maintains that she and Couch were to have been married, was for several weeks the proprietor of a bathhouse, but sold out recently, she says, to be free to marry Couch and return with him to his home at Spencer, Ia., where she insists he owns several farms. She says that she has resided in Sioux City, but never had any connection with a bath establishment there. Couch was alive Tuesday morning, but is not expected to recover.

#### LINCOLN VOTES ON SALOONS.

### Petitions in Circulation to Bring Question Up at Early Date.

Within a short time a petition will be filed with the city clerk asking for a special election to decide whether Lincoln shall have saloons. Petitions have been in circulation for several days and those having the matter in charge say they have 3,500 signers, with the promise that many who would not sign would vote for a wet town. The election will be called for some time in the early part of April, which will give the Russians who leave in the spring time for the best holds an opportunity to vote. It is possible that these people will have the balance of power in the election. The election will be one of the hardest fought ever pulled off in the city.

#### ELOPERS FOILED.

### Father Orders Arrest of Couple When Clerk Phones Him for Consent.

Fred Hugo, aged 27, and Miss Rose Toide, aged 17, both of Berlin, tried to elope, and came to Nebraska City to secure a marriage license. The clerk of the county court telephoned the father of the girl for his consent to their marriage, and he ordered their arrest and detention until he arrived. But they made their escape, taking a train to Auburn, where they were arrested. The father went there and brought the daughter back and refused to prosecute the man, who was a neighbor. The young people promise to outwit the parents and get married. Both are members of leading families of that part of the county.

#### RELICS BURNED.

### Chest Dumped Into Boston Harbor Destroyed at Broken Bow.

One of the finest private stamp and curio collections in the state was destroyed when the court house burned at Broken Bow recently. The collection belonged to Clerk of the District Court George Mair, and was worth, at a rough estimate, \$1,500. Mr. Mair has been about forty years in making the collection and had stamps and relics from all parts of the world.

Other curios that went with the ill-fated building were valuable Indian relics, autograph letters, political badges and tickets from the time of Lincoln, and the most valuable of all, one of the original sheetrock tea chests that was dumped into Boston harbor during revolutionary days.

#### NEW CHEYENNE COURT HOUSE.

### Mass Meeting Held at Sidney to Push the Project.

A mass meeting, with representative citizens from every precinct in Cheyenne county, was held at the court house at Sidney to discuss the advisability and feasibility of building a new county court house to cost not less than \$75,000. More than 200 people responded to the call of the Commercial club and the matter was fully discussed, with the result that a motion was unanimously carried to appoint a man in each precinct to circulate a petition asking the county commissioners to submit the proposition to the voters as soon as possible.

#### New Court House for Custer.

Before adjourning, the board of county commissioners of Custer county took action in regard to the erection of a new court house. A 5-mill levy was suggested for the first year, and a special election called for Tuesday, March 1, at which time the people of the county will show their approval or disapproval of this means of securing building funds.

#### John D. Mines is Dead.

John D. Mines, one of the early settlers of Hastings, and for forty years prominent in business and political circles, died Sunday after an illness of three months.

#### John F. Oberg Kills Himself.

John F. Oberg committed suicide at his home by drinking carbolic acid. Oberg lived three miles northeast of Valley and was quite well known. He was recently at home.

#### MEET IN WASHINGTON.

### Governors Discuss Problems of State and Nation in the Capital.

Governors from thirty States of the Union, gathered in the national capital, Washington, D. C., to discuss problems of state and of national interest, opened their three-day session Tuesday. Gov. Wilson of Kentucky, chairman of the committee on arrangements for the conference, was in the chair. In a brief introductory speech he referred to the first conference of state heads, invited in May, 1903, by President Roosevelt, to meet in the White House.

This conference was on the governors' own initiative. Gov. Wilson declared that in his opinion no better means of devising improved and uniform state legislation could have been found than for the chief executives of the states to come together as they had and in a friendly way, with partisan feeling forgotten, talk over to gether the questions in which they all were interested in.

Monday night the governors, with the members of the National Civic Federation, attended a reception at the home of Miss Mabel Boardman. Tuesday night they sat down to a dinner in their honor at the home of John Hays Hammond.

On Thursday Idaho's executive head, Gov. Brady, talked on irrigation. Gov. Ansel of South Carolina followed with an address on extradition. Mining was the topic of Gov. Sloan of Arizona. The fourth and last address was by Gov. Carroll of Iowa, on the divorce question.

Irritated by the manner of their reception and treatment in the national capital, the governors of the states registered their protest in the shape of the adoption of a resolution to meet next year in Springfield, Ill. Various causes will operate to bring about this decision. In the first place, the governors feel it to be important to assert the rights of the states, to show not subordinate in all things to the federal government. In the second place, the dignity of their excellencies has not been respected. They are outranked at social functions by the members of the cabinet and senators.

#### LEWIS HEADS MINERS.

### Committee Will Submit Project for Union with Western Federation.

At the convention of the United Mine Workers of America in Indianapolis the report of the tellers of the balloting for international officers was declared to be final. Protests by the opponents of President Thomas L. Lewis, re-elected by 23,597 majority over William Green, of Ohio, that the votes of certain local unions might be shown to be of questionable validity, were not pressed. The new set of officers, which will take charge of the administration on April 1, follows:

President—Thomas L. Lewis, Bridgeport, Ohio.

Vice President—Frank J. Hayes, Springfield, Ill.

Secretary-Treasurer—Edwin Perry, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Delegates to American Federation of Labor—T. L. Lewis, Bridgeport, Ohio; John Mitchell, Spring Valley, Ill.; Edwin Perry, Oskaloosa, Iowa; Frank J. Hayes, Springfield, Ill.; E. S. McCullough, Bay City, Mich.; W. B. Wilson, Blossburg, Pa.; John H. Walker, Springfield, Ill.

A definite plan for the projected merger of the organized metal and coal miners of the United States and Canada will be laid before the convention by a committee representing the coal miners and a visiting committee by the metal miners of the Western Federation of Miners.

#### ROB TRAIN AND FLEE WITH SAFE.

### Four Masked Men in Missouri Pacific Hold-Up Near St. Louis.

Four masked men the other night at Eureka, thirty miles from St. Louis, Mo., held up and robbed Missouri Pacific train No. 8, due in St. Louis from Kansas City at 10:40 p. m. With a red lantern the handia stopped the train and pointed revolvers at the engineer and fireman. The baggage car and mail and express car were detached from the train, and the robbers in the cab, the engineer was compelled to proceed toward St. Louis. The passengers were not molested. The safe in the express car is supposed to have contained several thousand dollars. It is believed the safe was blown open in some desolate spot and that the robbers fled. The district in which the holdup occurred is sparsely settled and the news of the robbery did not reach St. Louis until nearly midnight.

#### FIRM ON AMERICAN MEAT.

### German Reply to Tariff Proposal Sent by Cable—Does Not Yield.

The German government has cabled to Washington a reply to a memorandum recently received from the United States relating to the tariff on shipments between the two countries. Although it does not yield to the American wishes in various respects, and especially concerning the importation of meat, the German response is sent in the hope that it will be satisfactory and it is said to be all that the German government can do.

#### 3,320 Acres in Homestead Act.

Secretary Ballinger has designated 3,320 acres of land in Wyoming as coming within the enlarged homestead act.

## WRECKERS OF BANK TO BE GIVEN FREEDOM

Formalities Alone Delay Release of Looters of Milwaukee Avenue State Bank.

#### STENSLAND AND HERING HAPPY

Opposition to Action by Parole Board Not as Strong as Formerly.

Paul O. Stensland and Henry W. Hering, convicted wreckers of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank in Chicago, were voted a parole by the State board of pardons at Joliet the other day, and they were informed that they soon would come forth from the penitentiary into the big outdoors.

The previous day convicts Nos. 9902 and 3, they are to take up the thread of life as they left it nearly three and one-half years ago. They have expiated their admitted crimes to the law's fullest requirement. Bitter as was the feeling against them after the bank failure, the opposition to their parole, although determined, this time lacked the force of former occasions.

The usual necessity of obtaining employment for paroled prisoners may prove simple for Warden E. J. Murphy in this instance, and instead of becoming a problem of several weeks may be taken off his hands entirely.

The decision of the pardon board was announced by E. A. Salvoly, acting for Chairman Charles G. Eckhart. It came after the conclusion of the only open meeting held by the board for some time and after lawyers and others had presented arguments for and against the paroles. The session began at 10:30 a. m. at the prison at Joliet, and shortly before 1 o'clock the matter was taken under advisement. At 2 o'clock the board went into executive session.

Stensland, broken in health, was in the prison hospital, sick, but happier than he had been since the iron gates clanged behind him on Sept. 26, 1906. Hering, impatient, hopeful of the future, awaited his release in a white-washed cell which has been his home since August, 1906. There was no happier man on either side of the towered walls of the prison than Hering. Stensland, too ill to talk, could only smile when word was brought to him in the mysterious prison manner that he was to be free.

#### FURIOUS FLOOD IN THE OHIO.

### Ice Gorge Breaks and Deluge Rolls Down on Industries.

Tons on tons of water poured into the Ohio from the Allegheny river, where thirty miles above Pittsburgh the ice gorge at Freeport broke in the night. The Ohio rose two feet an hour and a disastrous flood was feared. All night steamers played searchlights up and down the river. When the sharp rays of the light fell on the first flocs of the broken gorge the picture was polarized. The rush of waters appeared first in a white ridge across the river about a foot high. As the ice struck boat hulls, piers and the river bank it crumbled and floated away as slush.

Below Pittsburgh a number of mills were forced to shut down, but no serious damage besides temporary loss of employment is reported. One death reported is that of Pearl Hodgson, aged 8