

TOWNS ARE FLOODED

PROPERTY LOSS AT JOLIET, ILL., IS ESTIMATED AT \$1,000,000.

MANY DRIVEN FROM HOMES

Heavy Rain and January Thaw Causes Millions of Dollars' Damage at Chicago and Suburbs—Part of Fox River Valley Inundated—Peoria Hit.

Joliet, Ill., Jan. 24.—With six feet of water standing in the streets in the residential district of Joliet, and several hundred families driven from their homes, this city is paralyzed by the flood waters of the Desplaines river and Hickory creek. Property damage is estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

All electric lights were extinguished and street cars were stalled. Only a few lines in the western part of the city could be operated.

Railroad traffic also was tied up by the inundation of the yards. Hundreds of freight cars on the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern railroad were held up when the yards were flooded. The yards cover almost twenty-five acres and were flooded to a depth of four feet.

More than 1,000 persons were driven from their homes and sought refuge in police stations and hospitals. Factories employing more than 5,000 men were compelled to close when the water flooded the engine rooms.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—Hundreds of persons were driven from their homes, hundreds of basements flooded, and southwest section of the city is under a flood which swept Chicago and its suburbs as the result of the January thaw and a heavy rain.

Property damage will run into the millions, according to police estimates.

Fire companies in all parts of the city responded to calls for help.

Many families living in basement apartments sat on tables and boxes, as the chairs and other furnishings floated about the homes.

Water six feet deep was reported in several parts of the city.

Aurora, Ill., Jan. 24.—The Fox river overflowed its banks here as the result of an all-night downpour. The northeast section of the city is under water. Several thousand persons live in the district.

The water rose eight feet in the night and is still rising. Sewers could not carry the water of forty-five miles of paved streets, and thousands of basements were flooded by water, which backed up in drain pipes.

At Mooseheart, seven miles north of Aurora, where are the national offices, home for orphan children and industrial school of the Loyal Order of Moose, a squad of men worked desperately to prevent from giving way a dam which holds in check an artificial lake a mile long.

The lake is above the school, but the buildings are protected in a measure by an intervening deep and wide ravine, which points toward the river half a mile away.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 22.—Rail, telegraph and telephone service in and out of Peoria is badly crippled, the result of a storm which swept this section. Thirty-six head of cattle on the Wilson farm and twenty-five head of cattle on the Straus farm in the Kickapoo bottoms were drowned before they could be moved. The T. P. & W. railroad bridge over the Illinois river at Peoria dropped over a foot. A "Q" passenger train has been marooned all day at Edwards, 20 miles from here. M. & St. L. trains are unable to get out of Peoria. Miles of track have been washed out on other railroads and scores of bridges along highways destroyed by ice.

The principal danger spot in Joliet was in the district known as Brooklyn. In that section the water rose to a height of six feet and a swift exodus of inhabitants began at daybreak.

FIVE NEGROES ARE LYNCHED

Georgia Mob Hangs Blacks From Limb of Tree—Held in Connection With Murder of Sheriff.

Albany, Ga., Jan. 24.—Five negro men taken from the Worth county jail on Thursday at Sylvester were hanged to one limb of a tree on the outskirts of Starkville. The bodies, containing many bullet holes, were cold when found. Forty or fifty men, acting with precision indicative of carefully laid plans, had taken the five negroes from the jail and sped away in automobiles. They were being held in connection with the killing of Sheriff Moreland of Lee county in the Christmas holidays. Starkville is a hamlet three miles from Leesburg, the county seat of Lee county. Four of the victims were of one family—Felix Lake and his three sons, Frank, Dewey and Major. The fifth was Rodius Senmore.

25 Killed in Hawaii Storm.

Honolulu, Jan. 24.—The storm which raged over the Hawaiian islands for a week is known to have cost eleven lives on the island of Maui, where the gale vented its greatest fury, and the death list may reach twenty-five.

Swiss Issue Fourth Loan.

Berne, Jan. 24.—The Swiss government is preparing to issue a fourth loan of \$20,000,000. It will offer for subscription bonds bearing 4 1/2 per cent interest. The proceeds will be used for the army.

NOT AN EASY JOB



TEUTONS WIN BATTLE GEN. WOOD WARNS U. S.

VIENNA REPORTS VICTORY IN THE GALICIAN FRONT.

Claims to Have Maintained Position on 81-Mile Front—Russians Lose 70,000 Men.

London, Jan. 20.—A twenty-four-day "battle of nations" on an eighty-mile front in Bessarabia has been won by the Austro-Hungarians, with 70,000 Russians killed and wounded. The Russian offensive has been completely broken and hurled back. This announcement was made on Tuesday in an official statement from Vienna.

The official report says: "The battle in eastern Galicia and on the Bessarabian front can now be considered as having been finished yesterday. Until the present the daily reports have for obvious reasons been reticent on the details of this fighting."

"The Austro-Hungarian arms have been completely victorious on a battle front extending over 130 kilometers (81 miles). The infantry which decided the engagements and was assisted by the artillery, has maintained all its positions against the enemy who, at some points, had a numerical superiority of several times the number of the Austro-Hungarian troops."

"This great new year's battle on Austria's northeastern front began on December 24 and was interrupted on only a few days. It ended on January 16, and was thus 24 days long. Many regiments during this period experienced 17 days of the hottest fighting."

"The Russian losses were at least 70,000 in killed and wounded and besides this nearly 6,000 were taken prisoners by the Austro-Hungarians."

"All the nations of Austria and Hungary took part in the battle. The enemy is now bringing up re-enforcements."

Kiev, Russia (via Petrograd and London), Jan. 20.—Lutsk, the important fortress in Volhynia, one of the triangle of fortifications there, is being evacuated by the Germans, according to information obtained from prisoners arriving here. Four thousand prisoners have arrived here recently from the southwestern front.

KING OF GREECE MAY FLEE

Germany Learns Ultimatum Has Been Handed to Constantine by France and Great Britain.

Amsterdam, Jan. 20.—French and British troops have been landed at Corinth, Greece, 48 miles west of Athens, according to advices received here on Tuesday. A coup d'etat of a kind that Europe hasn't seen for half a century or more is hinted by Berlin officials and openly expressed by the newspapers. The removal of King Constantine from his throne, the inauguration of a republic and the election or selection of former Premier Venizelos as president are suggested. Berlin announced that the king intended to withdraw to Larissa, in northwestern Greece, when allied troops arrived in Athens, in order to maintain his "armed neutrality." It is hinted that the withdrawal will be more in the nature of a flight.

Raid Homes Seeking Liquors.

Seattle, Jan. 22.—The homes of two wealthy lumbermen were entered by deputy sheriffs and large quantities of wines and liquors confiscated, including old champagnes valued at more than \$60 a quart.

Chicago Train Is Wrecked.

Trenton, Mo., Jan. 22.—Louis Collier, engineer, of Trenton, Mo., was killed and four trainmen were injured near here when a double-header train on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad was derailed.

ARMY CHIEF ASKS FOR UNIVERSAL MILITARY SERVICE.

Urges 210,000 Regulars for American Force—Country Is Utterly Unprepared for War.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood told the senate military committee on Wednesday the coast line of the United States was open to attack by any well-organized foreign army, despite its equipment of forts, mines and submarines, and that the oceans formed no serious barrier to invasion. He declared that in the country's present state of utter unpreparedness for war a trained force of 150,000 men could inflict incalculable damage before an army could be assembled to meet it.

Emphasizing his convictions that troops cannot be improvised to meet regulars, General Wood declared the fundamental basis of any policy of adequate national defense must be the principle that with suffrage goes an obligation for military service.

As to the immediate needs of the regular army, General Wood expressed the opinion that the force of regulars with the colors should be maintained at 210,000.

Reverting to the condition of the country to face war with a first-class power, the general said the United States was utterly unprepared and knew nothing of the problems it would have to meet. At least 2,000,000 men would be needed, he declared, and they could be obtained, he believed, only by compulsory service.

FLASHES OFF THE WIRE

London, Jan. 20.—The Holland-American liner Ryndam passed Southend down by the bows and with a list to starboard on Tuesday. All the passengers are safe. Three stokers were killed and four injured.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 20.—After six persons were killed and upward of \$3,000,000 worth of property damaged by floods and wind, the storms ceased on Tuesday. Many families were homeless in Los Angeles and surrounding villages. Heroic efforts were being made to reach marooned passenger trains.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—Herbert and Irving Urdike were indicted on six charges of conspiracy to murder—three indictments being returned against each of the brothers on Wednesday. They are accused of plotting to murder their father, their mother and their sister. Chief of Police Lee of Oak Park, an old friend of the elder Urdike, says the latter is still afraid of his sons and opposed to their release on bond lest they make another effort to murder him.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 21.—The Eastman Kodak company, found to be a trust monopoly in restraint of trade by the United States district court last August, is to be dissolved.

Federal Judge Hazel in a letter to counsel for the defense announced that he will issue a decree directing the separation of the business of the company.

Capture Much Territory.

Amsterdam, Jan. 24.—The German allies have captured 29,140,000 square miles of territory since the war began. The other captives by the German allies include 3,000,000 prisoners and 19,000 guns.

Deficiency Bill Passes.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The house passed the urgent deficiency bill, appropriating approximately \$12,000,000 to make up deficiencies in various government departments for the last fiscal year.

HITS BAN ON TRADE

SENATOR SMITH ASKS U. S. TO LIFT EMBARGO ON COTTON EXPORTS.

NOT CONTRABAND, HE SAYS

Senator From Georgia Asserts Non-combatants in Teutonic Nations Should Be Supplied—Calls Great Britain's Sea Edict Illegal.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Great Britain's interference with neutral trade was the subject of a vigorous and exhaustive speech in the senate on Thursday by Senator Heike Smith of Georgia, who pleaded for action to prevent England from advancing her own trade at the expense of the United States while attempting to destroy Germany commercially. He declared the rights of citizens of the United States and other neutral nations were being recklessly disregarded and emphasized particularly what he denounced as Great Britain's lawless treatment of American cotton trade.

Discussing the action of the allies in proclaiming cotton as a contraband, the senator asserted that cotton had not been used or needed by Germany or her allies in the manufacture of war munitions for more than eight months.

Senator Smith reviewed the whole history of interference with trade and diplomatic exchanges on the subject. He described as silly and untrue statements that the United States made cotton contraband during the Civil war, declaring that only once before in history had cotton been declared contraband, and it was done then during the Russo-Japanese war by Russia, who promptly gave way in the face of a protest from Great Britain that the action was illegal. British authorities were quoted also to prove that under international law foodstuffs are subject to seizure only when actually consigned to the armed forces of an enemy.

"Shall we quietly continue to furnish Great Britain what she is compelled to obtain from the United States while the commercial rights of citizens of this country are trampled underfoot?" asked the senator. "Great Britain cannot continue the war without munitions from the United States."

"Great Britain cannot accomplish her scheme for world-wide domination of commerce in her vast products of cotton-manufactured fabrics without cotton from the United States."

"The administration has forcefully brought to the attention of Great Britain the rights of citizens of this country. It has been demonstrated that citizens of neutral countries have the right to ship foodstuffs and cotton in unlimited quantities through the neutral ports of northern Europe to the noncombatant inhabitants of Germany and Austria."

"The congress of the United States slept over the rights of shippers of foodstuffs last winter. This was, perhaps, because the prices were good, perhaps because we did not investigate the subject. The lawlessness of Great Britain has increased greatly."

"By firmness, but peacefully, neutrals can easily obtain their rights from both belligerents."

ULTIMATUM SENT TO GREECE

Dispatches From Sofia to London Contradict British Denial of Report—King Must Oust Teutons.

London, Jan. 22.—Reports that the entente allies have delivered an ultimatum to Greece demanding an immediate dismissal of all diplomats of the central powers were strengthened by dispatches from Sofia. The critical situation in Greece is greatly intensified despite the official denial of an ultimatum issued here.

A dispatch to the Star from Sofia says:

"France and Great Britain have presented an ultimatum to the Greek government requiring the dismissal of the diplomatic representatives and consuls of the central powers."

CHICAGO SLEUTH SENTENCED

J. J. Halpin, Former Chief of Detectives, Must Serve One to Five Years for Accepting Bribes.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—John J. Halpin, convicted of accepting bribes from criminals while chief of detectives, on Thursday was sentenced to "one to five years" in the Joliet penitentiary. He went to the county jail through failure to get a supreme court writ staying sentence. Captain Halpin's attorney will go before Judge Orrin Carter of the supreme court asking a writ of supersedeas to stay sentence pending supreme court action on the appeal for a new trial. Halpin was convicted of accepting bribes from criminals.

Movie Actress Seeks Divorce.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 24.—Mrs. Leota P. Henderson, who has gained fame as a motion-picture actress in Chicago, filed suit for divorce here. Her stage name is Lillian Lorraine.

General Carpenter Dies.

Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—Brig. Gen. Louis P. Carpenter, U. S. A., retired, died at his home here on Friday afternoon. He was seventy-six years old, and entered the army in November, 1861.

ALL OVER NEBRASKA

SHORT NEWS ITEMS.

The city of Plainview is soon to erect a \$10,000 hospital.

Oakland is planning to replace their banded school house with a fire proof structure.

Bowlers of Nebraska will hold their annual tournament the week of April 3rd at Lincoln.

Owing to the unfavorable weather work on the Gering sugar factory has been nearly suspended.

H. E. Burkett of Hartington has announced his candidacy for the office of district judge on the non-partisan ticket.

Omaha was selected as the 1917 meeting place of the Nebraska Farmers' Union by the convention which met at Grand Island recently.

Four hundred delegates attended the State Firemen's convention at Crawford last week. Auburn was selected as 1917 convention city.

Owing to the shortage of cars a number of elevators have closed down and others are running only one and two days a week in Adams county.

The contract for the construction of the new postoffice building at Aurora, has been let to Herman Construction Co. of St. Louis, at \$43,327.

Several fires in Fremont in the last few weeks, the origin of which has been puzzling firemen and authorities, has resulted in an investigation being made.

Information from a source indicating reliability, is that Ross L. Hammond of Fremont will be a candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator.

Saturday, January 15 was an unusually large hog day on the South Omaha market, 247 cars were received or about 18,000 head, the largest Saturday run for a long time.

Crowds are increasing and the pastoral committee of the Rayburn revival meeting at Fremont is of the opinion that the tabernacle, seating 2,000 people, will have to be enlarged.

The Gray evangelistic campaign being conducted at Beemer for the past six weeks, has closed. About 100 conversions and many reconsecrations resulted from the evangelist's labor.

E. D. Wimmer has bought the Comstock News from Edward Reider. Mr. Wimmer was formerly publisher of the News, and is well known in the community.

Fairbury is expecting the telephone and telegraph company to install lines to that town and rebuild a switchboard costing \$10,000, the entire expense of the rebuilding to be \$75,000.

L. A. Reneau of Broken Bow, secretary of the progressive republican state committee in 1912, has announced his candidacy as delegate-at-large to the republican national convention.

The Paddock hotel at Beatrice, which has been closed for nearly three years, has reopened. Not less than \$5,000 has been spent in remodeling the building and almost a like amount in refurbishing the hotel.

Charles Tully of Alliance has been appointed to fill the vacancy in the legislature caused by the resignation of Representative F. M. Broome of Alliance, appointed receiver of the federal land office at Valentine.

That grocers and butchers of Omaha lose \$202,800 annually through bad credit business is the contention of an editorial in the Grocery Reporter, the official publication of the Omaha Retail Grocers' association.

Francis L. Hayes of Chicago was in Crete recently, in the interests of his plan to raise \$10,000 as Nebraska's share of a fund of \$2,000,000 which is to be established in the United States for the aid of retired Congregational ministers.

The new milk ordinance, providing for the testing of dairy cattle and the inspection of all dairies in Beatrice, is proving popular among dairymen as well as citizens generally. Over thirty-nine permits have been taken out by dairymen up to the present time, the ordinance going into effect January 1.

From the ruins of the Sunnyside home recently destroyed by fire at Hastings will soon arise an attractive, modern brick building far surpassing the old one and much better equipped and arranged for the comforts of both old people and children. This was the promise made by members of the executive board to fretting old people who mourn the loss of the home.

The program for the seventh annual convention of the League of Nebraska Municipalities, which is to be held in Kearney on February 9 and 10, has just been compiled. Extensive arrangements are being made by the commercial club and city administration to greet the visiting city officials from other towns who are expected to attend to the number of no less than one hundred.

Several Women's clubs from over The Fort is the name of a new paper launched this month at Benkelman by C. L. Kettler.

Robert B. Windham of Plattsmouth was elected president of the Nebraska Territorial Pioneers' organization at the annual meeting at Lincoln. He succeeds Louis A. Bates of Springfield.

Omaha people paid \$1,145,928.46 for street car rides, telephone service and gas during the three months ending December 31, according to reports of public service corporations filed with the city clerk.

Lamb brought \$10.75 on the South Omaha market one day last week.

Columbus has a municipal skating rink. Hundreds of people, old and young, are enjoying the sport.

Bond issues of \$200,000 for sewers, \$100,000 for paving intersections and \$50,000 for parks were formally approved by the Omaha council.

The Douglas County Dry Campaign committee which will conduct the campaign in Douglas county for a prohibition amendment for Nebraska, has issued an appeal for a fund of \$22,000 for the county.

A number of new paving districts will be created in Nebraska this year, boosters for the propositions now being out with petitions which will be submitted to the city commissioners within the next few weeks.

A train of eighteen cars of horses left Grand Island recently for through shipment to the Atlantic. The horses were purchased there by contractors for the French government and are being rushed to the seaboard.

A company of twenty-six men at Becmer has organized to continue the good work started for good citizenship by the recent revival meetings that have stirred the people of the town. The purpose is to organize a Citizens' league.

The largest run of sheep for any one day on the Omaha market in weeks was on hand January 10, estimates calling for seventy-nine cars or 19,000 head. This was 1,000 greater than for the corresponding day of last year.

The little 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Shaw, residing near Callaway, while going to school one morning during the recent cold spell, had her hands so badly frozen that amputation of the fingers was necessary.

The Cortland board of education has disposed of \$13,200 bonds to the state, and will begin the erection of a new school building in the near future. The bonds were voted over two years ago, but their legality was questioned.

Eighty-nine persons "hit the trail" at the first call in the revival being conducted in St. Paul by Irwin brothers. The meetings, which started two weeks ago, are largely attended.

An institution for the study and practice of Christianity has been organized at Hastings. Nearly all the Protestant churches are represented in the movement. It is argued that by united action church activity can be greatly increased.

The Omaha Automobile show, which will be held under the auspices of the Omaha Auto Dealers' association, February 21 to 26, will have novel exhibits which have never been west. One is a chassis, plated with gold, which has attracted unusual attention in eastern markets.

The engine, drill and complete outfit for prospecting for oil on the John Larsh place, seven miles southeast of Murry, is on hand and drilling is to begin soon. Twelve thousand acres of land have been leased contiguous to the Larsh farm and many farmers are assisting in financing the scheme.

Showing extreme leniency to the man who had endangered his life by running him down with an auto on New Year's Day, Edgar Howard, editor of the Columbus Telegram, secured the release of the man upon the payment of the small fine. The man is Henry Frerichs, residing near Osceola.

March 4 to 11 is to be Baby Week in Nebraska and all over the United States. Sponsored by the children's bureau of the United States Department of Labor and assisted by thousands of members of women's clubs all over the country, an effort will be made to bring about a better understanding concerning children's problems.

Mrs. W. H. Streeter of Aurora has given to that city a tract of land consisting of twenty-eight acres. The land has been accepted by the city and will be converted into a park and recreation place. She asks that it be named Streeter park in honor of her husband who was one of the leading business men of Hamilton county for many years.

The Elgin Community club held a meeting recently at which time the proposition of putting up a building was enthusiastically endorsed. The society contemplates the expenditure of \$12,500 for a building, which will afford club facilities, auditorium, reading rooms, committee, dining and women's rest rooms, etc. The club has a membership of 200.

William Stratman, a farmer near Grand Island, is determined to be certain hereafter that a dead hog is really dead before becoming too familiar with it. He was assisting a neighbor in slaughtering. A porker was not bleeding freely enough, in his opinion, and after the usual thrust had been made and it had become quite still and he was about to move its head for an additional thrust with his knife when the hog made a lunge at him and bit off a finger.

Records kept by the Associated Retailers during December, and just made public by Secretary J. W. Metcalfe, indicate that Omaha's population growth by persons moving in from other localities is 8,100 a year.

Nebraska's great high school basketball tournament gives promise this year of attracting 100 teams. The sixth annual tourney will be held in Lincoln March 8-11. Within four days from the time the first announcements were mailed out, there had come twenty-six requests for information and entry blanks.