

SCENES FROM THE FLOODED DISTRICT

Terrible Suffering at Many Points.
The floods of the Mississippi valley and its tributaries continue to grow apace. Millions of dollars worth of property have been destroyed and millions more must be swept away before the waters recede. Hundreds of lives have been sacrificed and at least three hundred thousand people have been rendered homeless. The governors of Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Kansas, the Dakotas, Nebraska and Minnesota are receiving funds for the "unfortunates in distress."

Secretary of War Alger has forwarded all the available tents in the department to the flooded districts, but these will be inadequate. He has also ordered the expenditure of \$50,000 cash to relieve the sufferings of homeless citizens and their families. This is the first time that the war department has ever felt called upon to spend cash to relieve want outside of the regular army.

Greenville, Miss., Being Swept Away.
One-third of Greenville, Miss., is a desert of water, a scene of desolation impossible to describe. The water is in nearly 200 houses and is kept out of the stores in the heart of the town only by the protection so timely thrown up by the citizens to stop its destructive progress. Mail goes and comes in skiffs, doctors visit their patients in skiffs, social visits are made in skiffs, and skiffs are property equal almost in value to what the mule was a few days ago. The water is deepest in the extreme northern limits, where it has reached a depth of about seven feet. From this point it shows a gradual decline.

New Town, Miss., a very thickly built district, peopled almost entirely by negroes, is under water, the depth ranging from a few inches to five feet. The Belle Air, which contains many pretty homes and was beautiful with green lawns and blooming shrubs, is a Venice, and the only means the people have of leaving or returning to their homes is by boats, which are numerous and various. The water is not as high as in 1890, but will soon reach and pass that mark. Greenville itself is a city of refugees of from 15,000 to 20,000 souls. Relief boats from the interior are bringing in nearly every hour loads of destitute flood sufferers suddenly caught by the waters and driven from their homes. Hundreds and thousands of head of stock are being driven in from every direction. The back water from four crevices is pouring in fearful floods every hour, and the situation is growing rapidly worse. At Helena, Miss., the river is still rising; at St. Louis, Miss., it is rising, and the Arkansas is threatening to rise in a few days. Business men are blue, but try to keep cheerful. The worst has not yet reached the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta, and the half of its tale of woe has not been told. As soon as the different towns and cities already submerged are reached by boat parties from Greenville and as soon as the remote districts and plantations can be heard from, there will be enough to sadden the hearts of those far away who are now eagerly waiting for news and hoping against hope.

Reporter Gathering News.
The Post-Dispatch correspondent went by skiff from here to all points possible by water in a radius of fifteen miles in every direction from this city, says a telegram from Greenville, Miss. It was a common sight to see rabbits or domestic fowls floating on driftwood, deer on little islands here and there above the water, and the starving creatures do not now fear the approach of man. In one instance a ne-

gress was calmly smoking a pipe on the roof of a log cabin, while a stream of water was running through the doors of her hut nearly up to the eaves of the roof.

"What are you doing there, aunty?" he halloed.
"Ise watered in," came the response.
"Would you like us to take you in?" we offered.
"No, sah; I'll be skiffed out terrectly."

Plaintive howlings of dogs, cackling of poultry and squealing of pigs keep the woods alive, and graphic scenes and incidents crowd upon the sight at every turn. There are dead carcasses floating in the water, fragments of houses and articles of household furniture of every kind.
P. S.—A later dispatch says that Greenville has been swept away.

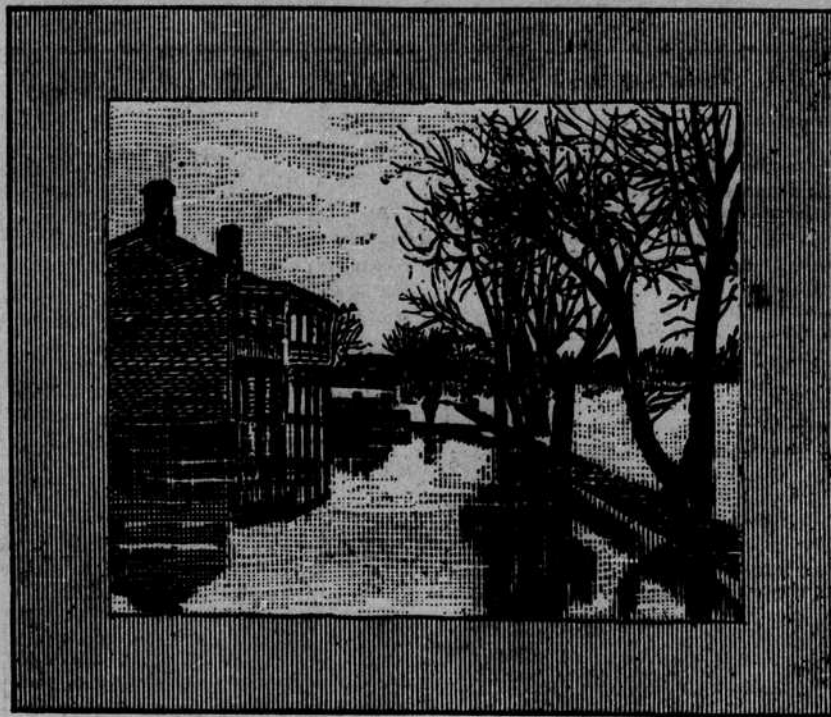
Big Break at Flower Lake.
Another disastrous break in the Mississippi levee occurred Sunday morning at 8 o'clock at Flower Lake, six miles below Tunica, Miss. The crevasse, while not yet of great width, is fully fifteen feet deep and the water is pouring through the opening with fearful velocity. This will probably be the most destructive break that has occurred in the delta. The most fertile farm lands of Mississippi, lying in Coahoma, La Flore, Quitman and Tall-

Half a hundred towns stand in six feet of water and the yellow stream is creeping up slowly but surely.

Levee at Helena, Ark., Gives Way.
Advices received tell of a break in the levee two miles south of Helena, Ark. This is the levee for which the people of Southeastern Arkansas have made such a desperate fight. The waters from this break flood a great area and back up into the streets of Helena. The relief steamer Ora Lee has arrived at Marianna, Ark., having made an expedition up the St. Francis River. There were on board 160 refugees and 200 head of cattle. The steamer went up the St. Francis River as far as Cut Off, and then worked her way down stream, rescuing people from perilous positions. The suffering along the St. Francis River is appalling. The water throughout the entire neighboring country is from six to fifteen feet deep. The relief boat had on board the body of Mrs. McMann of Raggle City. The body was found at Raggle and it was taken to Marianna for burial, there being no land at the former place on which to give it interment. The St. Francis is rising from three to five inches daily.

At points below Vicksburg the river is rising. It is the general opinion of old river men here if the levees below Vicksburg hold the great volume of water in its regular channel it will be little short of a miracle.
Gov. McLaurin, of Mississippi, continues to make diligent inquiry touching destitute flood sufferers. He will perhaps be compelled to state to Secretary of War Alger that the amount of \$10,000 mentioned in his telegram will be wholly inadequate to alleviate the want and suffering. Hon. J. W. Cutler of Coahoma, a member of the Yazoo-Mississippi levee district, states that he does not expect the waters to abate before May 15.

Middlesboro, Ky., is again flooded. The river is four inches higher than in the flood five weeks ago. Most of the stores in Cumberland avenue are flooded. Sixty-five families have been



A STREET SCENE AT ANOKA, MINNESOTA.

is likely to do great damage. Bridges are gone in many places and boats are in demand in the vicinity of the depot and the railroad yards. Rain has been falling steadily for a week, making country roads impassable and keeping farmers off their fields.

Every record since that of 1849 has been broken by the Mississippi at Anoka, Minn. Fireman's grove is filled with water and the Rum river dam is expected to go out. Millions of feet of logs are floating down the river. North of Anoka millions of acres of farms are under from two to six feet of water and there are grave doubts as to whether or not it can be seeded this spring. River men tonight say that there will be a further rise here of at least six feet.

The Jim River overflows. The Jim river is creating general

is still solid. Between there and Fisher a long trestle on the Great Northern went out Sunday. It will require a week after the water has gone down to repair this line.

Railway Station Floating Away.
A special dispatch from Trenton, Mo., says: Grand river is still coming up and the bottoms are completely under water, causing much damage. Weldon bridge, four miles north, was washed out, and considerable timber of the Quincy, Omaha and Kansas City railway extension has been lost. The base ball park is completely submerged. Mr. Winslow, manager of the water works, has received a telephone message from the power station that the water was running in through the walls, and that if the flood was any higher tomorrow the men would have to vacate, leaving the city without any water supply. Six young men on horseback attempted to cross the bottoms west of the town today and were swept from their animals. Three got safely to land; the other three floated down stream and were rescued from the tree tops.

The Floods Ravages in Iowa.
A dispatch from Sioux City, Ia., says: Residents of the Floyd river bottoms here are again flying to higher ground. At Merrill, James and Hinton, points above Sioux City, the stream is out of its banks and flooding the valley. Here the bank is higher and a three foot rise will be necessary before the floods of a fortnight ago can be repeated. The rise still progresses, however, at the rate of two or three inches an hour.

Burlington, Ia., telegram: A huge landslide fell from the water soaked bluff between Burlington and Fort Madison, covering the Burlington railroad track ten feet deep with clay, rocks and trees. All traffic was stalled for several hours until a big gang of workers could clear the track. There have been a dozen bad landslides in this vicinity the past week on account of heavy rains.

Alton, Ill., telegram: Two feet more of water will stop trains on the Bluff Line, St. Louis, Chicago and St. Paul, but if the weather remains clear it may not go that high. Several extra crews of men were busy today piling in rock to hold the weak places in the embankment, where the waves threatened to wash out the track.

Dubuque, Ia., special: The river registers twelve feet above low water mark, a rise of half a foot today. The water is now within three feet of the danger line.

Special telegrams from points in South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska bring word of increased floods in all the rivers. Rain has fallen almost incessantly for seventy-two hours over an area of more than 100 miles in radius from Omaha, the fall being fully four inches for that time. This has greatly increased the volume of water in the already swollen streams. Thousands of acres of farm land are under from four to six feet of running water, and many families have moved from homes in boats.

Of the 10,000 car-loads of oranges that will be marketed in California next season fully 6,000 will be navel.



LEAVING THE OLD HOME TO TAKE REFUGE IN THE HILLS.

hatchie Counties, in the northern part of the state are inundated, and the newly planted corn crops will be laid in waste.

No loss of life is reported, the inhabitants of this stricken section having made preparations for just such a catastrophe as exists there. The condition of the poorer classes throughout the flooded area is indeed critical. Thousands of refugees are huddled on levees and spots of land waiting for relief. The towns of Rosedale and Tunica report that everything possible is being done for these poor people, but that funds and provisions are fast becoming exhausted. In the little city of Rosedale alone 1,200 refugees are being cared for by the citizens.

washed out. Three hundred people are fed by the city. Boats are plying on the principal streets. At Pineville the Cumberland river is rising three feet per hour. West Pineville is under water. The Clinch and Powell Rivers are flooding the entire country.

On the Upper Mississippi.
The upper Mississippi continues to boom, the gauge showing eighteen feet above low water mark. It has been raining constantly for twelve hours. Dispatches from Atkin, Sauk Rapids, St. Cloud and Little Falls indicate that the river is still rising rapidly and that all records are likely to be broken at St. Paul within the next forty-eight hours. The levee at James street, that city, broke at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, sending the water all over that part of the city with a rush. The flood encroached into the freighthouse of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road. The Diamond Jo passenger station is in danger of floating away, and a force of men are busy tying it to the bank. Several of the manufacturing concerns on the west side have been obliged to shut down because water put their fires out. The relief societies of St. Paul are busy extending succor to the suffering. The number of people who have been forced to leave their homes is about 1,200. The water east of State street has become so deep that several houses have floated from their foundations. Logs to the value of about \$60,000 floated down the river Sunday.

Floods in Minnesota.
Ortonville, Minn., has been completely cut off from communication with the outside world. A train cannot go 20 miles from this city in any direction. Lac Qui Parle lake, Minnesota river, Big Stone lake and Lake Tr form one vast sea. The lake and river are merged into one, rising at the rate of half an inch an hour. A heavy northwest gale is driving the ice, which is yet a compact and solid mass, out of Big Stone lake into the overflowed bottoms of the Minnesota river, where

havoc with railroads in the valley east of Yankton, S. D. The water is a foot higher and threatens to take out bridges and tracks, as the approaches at both ends of the bridges are cutting badly. Three miles and over of track of the Great Northern, Milwaukee and Northwestern railroads is now completely disabled, thus cutting Yankton off from the outside world. Farmers in the bottoms are moving out with boats. Word was received asking for immediate assistance, and men and boats are departing for the flooded district. The water still continues to rise at Yankton. The ice is broken at Grand Forks, N. D., and trouble is expected from that source. Basements in Third street stores are cleared of all goods. Above Grand Forks the ice



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A BREAK IN THE LEVEE NEAR MEMPHIS.

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N. J. Smith.

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