

## North Nebraska Trains Halted by Flood Waters

Heavy Rains Cause Rivers to  
Rise—Tracks Washed Out  
at Several Points—Many  
Towns Victims.

Norfolk, Neb., July 29.—Floods, following winds, rain and hail storms, yesterday afternoon and last night were general over north Nebraska today.

All service on the Omaha railroad between Norfolk and Sioux City was canceled on account of numerous washouts on the line. Seven hundred feet of track was washed out between Norfolk and Hoskins and stretches between Hoskins and Winslow, Winslow and Wayne, Wayne and Wakefield and Wakefield and Emerson were washed out and 1,000 feet of track on each side of Winslow were out.

**Randolph Inundated.**  
Much damage was done at Randolph by wind, rain and hail and part of the town was inundated yesterday evening when Logan creek went out of its banks. Logan creek, normally a very small stream, was nearly a mile wide at Wayne and Wakefield was preparing this morning for a flood when the waters in the swollen creek reach that place.

A train on the Omaha railroad between Wayne and Randolph on the Bloomfield line was stranded three miles north of Carroll, when the tracks to the rear and ahead were washed out. About 100 passengers were understood to be on the train, but it was impossible to ascertain what disposition was made of them.

The residential district of Pierce was under water this morning and part of the residential district of Winslow.

**Hail Destroys Crops.**  
Pierce was inundated last night by the worst flood in years and the flooding creek went out of its banks. The main streets were still covered with over a foot of water this morning.

The North Fork river in Norfolk rose over five feet during the night and was nearly out of its banks at noon today. No damage is expected here, however. A slight rise was also noted in the Elkhorn river here.

The hail devastated a strip of territory from two to four miles wide extending from Winslow to Emerson and from south of Wayne to Randolph, crops in that region being almost a total loss.

Flooded streams also washed away much small grain in shock and took a heavy toll of livestock and chickens.

**Damage at Fremont.**  
Fremont, Neb., July 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Friday night's and Saturday morning's cloudburst and rain, storm, accompanied by heavy winds, played havoc in this vicinity, according to the reports that continue to drift in. Damage will amount to thousands of dollars with considerable loss to crops and property.

At Cedar Bluffs lightning struck the barn on the John Lohman ranch, resulting in its destruction and two nearby buildings. The hay loft was filled and a large amount of grain was lost in the fire that followed. Lohman carried but little insurance.

Two lines of the Northwestern were temporarily put out of business. No trains were operated this morning between Fremont and Omaha and the Missouri Valley line. Local officials reported 1,000 feet of track washed out between Blair and Kenard. The train from Lincoln was turned around at Fremont, unable to proceed to Missouri Valley. A section of the track was destroyed at Wisner.

Rain fell to a depth of 2.53 inches, accompanied by heavy electrical storm that continued for nearly four hours. The Platte river raised over night from a muddy creek to a rushing torrent. Washouts were reported on the Northwestern between Scribner and Hooper.

**State Swept by Storm;**  
**Property Damage Heavy**

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dian creek overflowed and was deposited when the waters receded. Dozens of early morning trucks and automobiles were stuck in the ooze. In the neighborhood of the Northwestern tracks and Broadway vehicles were struggling like flies on a vast sheet of flypaper.

**Horses to Rescue.**  
Some of the trucks were loaded with logs being taken from Iowa farms to the Omaha stock yards. Log chains and teams of horses were brought to the rescue. Some of the trucks were so deep in the mire that their wheels were nearly invisible. Traffic was detoured later by way of Avenue B.

A big force of men was put to work digging out the street car tracks through the inundated district on Broadway. Hundreds of wagonloads of mud will have to be removed from on top of the paving in these four blocks on Broadway. Many cellars are flooded also and partly filled with the heavy mud deposit.

**High Wind.**  
The wind velocity in Council Bluffs was reported much greater even than in Omaha. The electric sign of the Damon Electric company, Fourth street and Broadway, about 30 feet long, was blown down, and in falling wrapped and tangled around an iron trolley pole.

Another big sign at Oak street and East Broadway was blown down. Trees and wires were damaged. Telephone wires were out of commission. Electric lights went out about 10 Friday night, but were restored at midnight.

**Railroads Report Damage.**  
Railroads and the other public utility companies reported much damage to their properties, though not as great as that of the storm of exactly a week ago.

A. F. McAdams, district commercial manager of the telephone company, reported that 500 Omaha telephones were out of order Saturday morning, due to the effect of lightning and soaked cables. Toll lines came through with minor damage. There were 22 cases of other trouble caused by lightning.

The street railway company suffered its heaviest damage in Council Bluffs where four blocks of double

## Pioneer Nebraskan Heads Four Living Generations



Upper row, left to right: Ernest Guenzel, 85; Ernest U. Guenzel, 27. Lower row, left to right: Robert Guenzel, 8 months; C. J. Guenzel, 54.

Here are four living generations, three born and reared in Nebraska. The great-grandfather is Ernest Guenzel, 85, who settled at Nebraska City in 1861 and is still living there. He traveled by steamer from St. Louis to Nebraska City.

The grandfather is C. J. Guenzel, 54, born in Nebraska City. He has been in the mercantile business in Lincoln since 1885 and is now head of one of the city's largest department stores.

The father is Ernest U. Guenzel, 27, assistant secretary and treasurer of the department store.

The youngster is Robert C. Guenzel, 8 months, admitted boss of the entire family.

rooms will be used by the city officers and for fire fighting equipment.

**Fire Destroys Motor Bus**  
Broken Bow, Neb., July 29.—(Special.)—T. M. Kimes of Anselmo lost his motor bus by fire. He had taken a load of persons to New Helena to a dance and it was during his absence that the bus was burned.

**Bond Issue Voted**  
Big Spring, Neb., July 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Bonds amounting to \$26,000, to be issued to pay off city indebtedness, were carried here in a special election by a vote of 111 to five.

## Tax Valuations Show Decrease of Half-Million

State Board of Equalization  
May Be Forced to Make  
Increases in 35  
Counties.

Lincoln, Neb., July 29.—(Special.)—Property valuations in 89 of the 93 counties in Nebraska are nearly one-half million dollars lower this year than in 1921, according to a statement issued by W. H. Osborne, state tax commissioner.

The counties which have failed to send valuations to Osborne are Douglas, Garfield, Richardson and Scotts Bluff.

Osborne declared today that from present indications the total valuation this year would be approximately \$2,600,063,213 against a total valuation of \$3,127,237,091 last year.

"It is probable the state board of equalization will be obliged to increase valuations in 35 of the counties which have reported," Osborne said. "That will increase the valuation to approximately \$3,206,983,644."

Following is a table prepared by Osborne showing comparisons of personal property returned the last two years:

	1921	1922
Horse	119,458,987	121,400,202
Automobile	47,779,734	26,441,569
Cattle	79,619,207	73,239,569
Swine	7,800,482	6,097,211
Trains, hay	1,171,225	888,424
Wheat	8,121,929	4,705,586
Corn	17,844,098	18,724,472
Stock	64,952,924	44,072,709
Intangible property	85,620,064	75,725,400

## Three Arrested in Boozie Raid on Home in Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., July 29.—(Special Telegram.)—In a raid on the home of Fred Priddy during the rain Friday night, Albert Witzi, Herb Bitting and William Darwin were arrested on an intoxication charge and lodged in jail. Priddy and his wife also are being held.

Several jugs of alleged liquor were confiscated by Sheriff Emery and his deputies. A Haynes touring car, said to belong to an Omaha man named Houliet, also was seized. Authorities say they will close the place.

**Pittsburgh July 29.—(By A. P.)—**The rattle of hoisted coal was heard at mines in Washington county Friday. This was the second day of the organized campaign of the Pittsburgh Coal Producers' association to resume operations without an agreement with the United Mine Workers of America.

Pennsylvania cavalrymen were on duty near the mines. There was no disorder. The Associated Press representatives made an automobile tour of the Washington county area.

## Operators Predict Early End of Strike

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he added, contemplates that each state shall take the entire responsibility for distribution and prices within its boundaries while the federal government will see to it that the states get coal from the operators at fair prices.

The commerce secretary in this connection stated that Henry B. Spencer, the administrative member of the committee, is to be known as the federal fuel distributor and not as an administrator, as he explained was erroneously announced yesterday by the department through a typographical slip.

The government, Mr. Hoover stated, is not re-establishing the old time fuel administration system, but is chiefly concerned in the equitable distribution of coal.

The plans for the emergency to be sent to the states, practically all of which have responded to the coal committee's appeal, Mr. Hoover said, will not be uniform, but adapted to the administrative needs of each state.

**American Coal Cheaper.**  
Mr. Hoover also announced that he had asked all bunkering companies along the Atlantic coast to bunker ships only to the next port of call, and after August 1 to require all foreign ships to bunker for the round trip abroad. American coal, he declared, is cheaper than foreign coal, and it is the present tendency of ships to load up with coal in American ports rather than abroad or with imported fuel.

The presidential committee, Mr. Hoover said, has recommended to Canadian consumers that they import coal "for their own safety."

Provisions, however, will be made to take care of the needs of Cuba, he added.

**Fair and Cooler Weather**  
Forecast for Next Week  
Washington, July 29.—Weather outlook for the week beginning Monday:

Upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys, northern Rocky mountain and plateau regions: Generally fair, with temperatures near or somewhat below normal.

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Pacific states: Generally fair, with normal temperature.

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## Burnham Heads G. O. P. Committee

Third District Republicans  
Meet at Fremont to Plan  
Evans Campaign.

Fremont, Neb., July 29.—(Special Telegram.)—The Third congressional republican committee held its conference in Fremont. E. C. Burnham, Norfolk, was elected chairman in charge of the campaign. Harmony and satisfaction marked the gathering of representatives, both men and women, from every precinct in the district.

Congressman Robert E. Evans, candidate for reelection, was unable to attend the meeting. He received an unexpected summons to be present at an important committee meeting in Washington.

Harry L. Keefe, Walthill; John M. Kain, Columbus, and C. A. Abbott, Fremont, were appointed to select the officials of the executive committee. Their report named Burnham, chairman; Rodney S. Dunlap, Fremont, secretary; L. D. Richards, Fremont, treasurer. Other members of the committee are W. P. Warner, Dakota City; W. A. Meserve, Columbus; Guy Thornton, Neligh; G. A. Meade, Central City.

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**Denison Under Martial Law.**  
Denison, Tex., July 29.—The entire city of Denison was under martial law and was being patrolled by state troops today following Governor Neff's proclamation yesterday enlarging the military district which originally was confined to the railroad property. The governor's action, induced by an outbreak Thursday night, when two negroes were kidnapped on the main street and taken to the Red river bottoms and flogged, was calmly received by citizens, who went about their business as usual today.

Military authorities are of the opinion the situation brought about by the shopmen's strike is growing more serious and were prompted by this belief to ask that additional state troops be sent to reinforce the 300 already encamped here. Preparations are being made by the military for a lengthy stay, officers say.

## Thompson, Belden & Co.

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### Hudson Seal

45-inch Wrap, \$450

An especially beautiful model. With a deep shawl collar of finest natural squirrel, Mandarin sleeves, slenderizing lines.

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42-inch Cape, \$350

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### Kolinsky

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Capes, \$195 to \$325

Tail and paw trimmed.

### Jap Mink Coat

40-inch, \$395

Tail-trimmed model of finest quality mink.

### 40-Inch Natural Muskrat Coats \$125.00

Superior, lovely dark skins. A very smart model.

### Fine Scotch Mole

45-inch Cape, \$275

Elaborately lined.

### Small Furs--Chokers

Stone Marten, \$32.50.

Hudson Bay Sable, \$47.50.

American Mink, \$19.75.

Natural Squirrel, \$12.75.

Scotch Mole, \$24.75.

German Fitch, \$12.75.

Skunk Scarf, \$37.50.

Brown Fox, \$22.50.

Platinum Fox, \$67.50.

Black Fox, \$19.75.

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