

SUBURB SUBMERGED

12,000 PEOPLE DRIVEN FROM HOMES IN ARMOURDALE.

Lower Floors of All Great Industrial Establishments in 'The Bottoms' at Kansas City Have Been Vacated—Further Rise is Not Expected.

The great Kaw-Missouri flood, which has almost reached its crest, drew hundreds of thousands of sight-seers in Kansas City Sunday to the bluffs overlooking the flooded bottoms. The water has done all the damage that is in its power. The railroad yards have been evacuated, the packing houses and business establishments have been vacated on their lower floors, Armourdale has been entirely abandoned by its 12,000 inhabitants and water is running twelve feet deep in its streets. There is no excitement anywhere, the evicted people having found shelter for themselves and their movable property. There is nothing to do but wait for the tide to turn. The weather Sunday was generally fair in the Kaw watershed, with only light showers here and there, and this inspired a hopeful feeling.

Weather Observer Connors says: "A height not to exceed 21 feet will be reached in both rivers. The Missouri was at 30 feet at 6 o'clock p. m. Sunday, a rise of three inches since noon, and rising half an inch an hour. The Kaw was 29.4 feet above low water at 6 o'clock p. m. and rising at the same rate as the Missouri. It is impossible to predict the duration of the high water or set an hour for its recession because of the weather conditions. Rain is still threatened in the north and west."

The Kaw is discharging freely into the Missouri and is expected to fall before the Missouri does. The Kaw receded 7 inches at Topeka Saturday night. At St. Joseph the Missouri, which rose Sunday, is now stationary. The union station is still above water and will be safe even if the rise is a foot more. The railroads are all moving trains with difficulty, being obliged to detour.

Officials and business men of both Kansas cities express a determination to put an end to the annual flood. The great difficulty has been that two state, two city governments, the United States government, three counties and numerous interstate railroads are involved. During the past year the United States has declared the Kaw a navigable stream. This gives the war department power to order removal of the Union Pacific and Missouri Pacific low bridges, which obstruct the river and cause the overflow of Armourdale and the stock yards at every high water.

NO OFFENSE BY MINISTER.

Story Regarding Swedish Diplomat Denied at the White House.

At the White House it is denied that Herman le Lagerkrantz, the Swedish minister to the United States, has become persona non grata to the president.

The suggestion that Dr. le Lagerkrantz had used his influence too openly to prevent Swedes from emigrating to the United States because their services were needed by himself and other large employers of labor, and that this action had offended the administration, it was declared, was heard for the first time in connection with this rumor. At the Swedish legation it was stated that the minister had gone home on a visit and while there had temporarily been employed in other official duties, but his return to Washington was fully expected.

PLAGUE INVADERS CARACAS.

Several Cases Have Appeared at the Venezuela Capital.

Several cases of bubonic plague have occurred in Caracas within the last few days indicating that the city has been widely contaminated with the disease. Great alarm is felt because no measures have been taken as yet to fight the plague and there are no serums on hand. The railroad running from La Guayra opened Sunday, passengers coming from that city being required to undergo a five days quarantine.

No action has been taken as yet by the diplomatic representatives of the foreign countries, although a meeting was held Sunday by these officers to consider the situation.

Samuel Gompers III.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is ill at the Kaiserhof hotel in Chicago with a slight infection of the leg. His physicians report that the ailment is not serious.

George Siler is Dead.

George Siler, widely known as a writer on boxing, died in Chicago, aged 62 years. Siler was stricken with an attack of heart disease June 4, but was apparently recovering. The attack was unexpected by his family and physicians.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$7.40. Top cows, \$5.55.

LANDIS HALTS DEATH.

Federal Judge Prevents Execution of Billik.

Herman Billik, the Bohemian fortune teller condemned to death for the murder of five members of the Vrzal family at Chicago, was Friday granted a stay of execution until he has been afforded an opportunity to appeal his case to the supreme court. Judge Landis, of the United States district court, who Thursday declined to grant a writ of habeas corpus in favor of Billik, Friday decided that the prisoner had the right to appeal from his decision denying the writ. The case will now be carried to the higher federal tribunal and Billik will be given a respite until that body has passed upon the constitutional question involved.

In granting the stay of execution to Billik Landis said:

"Thursday I was informed by the state that the United States supreme court had passed upon this question, but I find upon investigation that it has not. I say to you candidly that if I was convinced that I might exercise discretion in granting this appeal I would deny it, but I cannot find that I have any authority to deny it. I do not believe that there is any merit in the questions raised by the petitioner, but I have before me a cold legal proposition and I have no right to construe the law but as I find it."

When Judge Landis opened court Friday he said to the attorneys for the state:

"I desire the state to inform the sheriff not to execute the sentence until he has heard from this court."

"We have already notified the sheriff to that effect," said assistant state's attorney.

Counsel for Billik Thursday asked that the writ of habeas corpus be issued on the grounds that the prisoner was not asked by the court before being sentenced to death whether he had anything to say. On this ground Judge Landis refused to issue either the writ or an order of appeal from that refusal, but set the arguments bearing upon the right of the prisoner to appeal from his ruling for 11 o'clock Friday.

After listening to these Judge Landis decided that he had not the discretion to deny the application for an appeal to the United States supreme court. He therefore issued an order granting a delay until the matter could be passed upon at Washington.

KANSAS CITY HAS BIG FIRE.

Blaze in The Inundated section of The City.

The fire in the Nelson Morse & Co.'s big packing plant at Kansas City, was brought under control at 10:30 o'clock Friday with a loss estimated at \$250,000.

The fire was caused by two explosions. There were fifty men in the plant when the explosion occurred, but all escaped except four. Two were instantly killed and two badly mangled.

The fire, which started before daylight in the \$2,500,000 packing plant, had by 9 o'clock progressed so far that it was feared that the entire structure would be destroyed. The plant is in the flood district and is entirely surrounded by water. Firemen were unable to reach nearer than two blocks from the building with their apparatus.

MORE OCEAN MARKS FALL.

Lusitania Smashes Three Records on Western Trip.

With three new across-Atlantic records safely stowed away, the giant Cunard turbine Lusitania dropped anchor off Sandy Hook at 7 o'clock Friday morning. The time of her passage from Dunt's Rock to the Sandy Hook lightship, the official Atlantic racing course, was 4 days, 20 hours and 8 minutes, which clips seven minutes off the record for the fastest trip across the Atlantic by the long course.

Millers War on Health Food.

The millers are up in arms against the makers of breakfast foods and a lively war, backed by a \$100,000 advertising fund, is likely to be launched by the Millers' National federation. The point at issue is the statement commonly made by the health food men that white flour is harmful.

100 Unarmed in Murder Trial.

Almost 100 guns were taken from the spectators and witnesses before allowing them to enter the court house at Houston, Tex., when the trial of R. O. Kenly, on a charge of murder, was called. Kenly is accused of killing ex-County Attorney H. S. Robb.

Daring Chicago Robbery.

Early Wednesday morning thieves smashed the window in the jewelry store of Hyman, Berg & Co., Chicago, and escaped with watches and jewelry valued at \$3,000.

German Paper Suspends.

The Cincinnati Volksfreund, a German daily newspaper, after more than a century's existence has suspended publication.

Octogenarian Killed by Fall.

John Grant, of Laporte, Ind., aged 80, a fruit grower, fell twelve feet from the top of a shed and was killed.

A Tornado in Kansas.

A tornado passed over Emporia, Kan., Friday morning, causing much damage, but so far as known no one was injured. The town of Madison suffered the worst.

Ashe is Sent to Prison.

Richard D. Ashe, of Janesville, Wis., has been sentenced to eighteen months in prison. He pleaded guilty to holding his wife a prisoner to wait on his mistress.

BEATS RACING GAME.

Hughes Victor in Long Struggle in New York.

The first of the New York anti-race track gambling bills passed the senate by a vote of 26 to 25 Thursday.

This was the bill amending the penal code so as to eliminate the "exclusive penalty" under which gambling at race tracks has been virtually legalized.

The second anti-racing bill passed by 26 to 25. It amends the Percy Gray law by abolishing betting anywhere within or without a race track enclosure.

Senator Foelker, of Brooklyn, who is ill, arrived in the chamber at 10:45 and cast his vote with the majority.

The bill will return as a matter of routine to the assembly, where they originated, but without further vote they will go to the governor for approval. The bills take effect immediately after approved by the governor.

Senator Foelker, who underwent an operation May 10 for appendicitis and whose condition for much of the intervening time was critical, came up from Staatsburg Wednesday evening the journey of sixty miles being a severe tax upon his strength. He was somewhat stronger Thursday morning and was taken to the senate chamber just as the roll call on a dilatory motion was being taken. He was plainly suffering from weakness, and his response when his name was reached was scarcely audible. He was encouraged by his fellow senators' sympathy and on both of the roll calls on the final passage of the bills voted with the majority.

Afterwards his doctor said: "Senator Foelker stood the ordeal as well as could be expected. He is extremely nervous. We have not decided when we shall return to Staatsburg."

CHILDREN DIE IN TRUNK.

Brother and Sister Hide to Escape Day in School.

After a long search the bodies of Joseph and Andre Beaudry, of Fall River, Mass., 8 and 5 years old respectively, were found locked in a trunk in which the children are supposed to have hidden themselves in order to escape going to school. The trunk has a spring lock. The medical examiner decided that their deaths were due to suffocation. The interior of the trunk and the clothing and bodies of the children gave evidence of the struggles which the little ones had made to escape before death finally overtook them.

Joseph and Andre were the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beaudry, who worked in the mills at Fall River, and the little ones were left in care of the older brother, Wilfred, who was supposed to get them ready for school. Wilfred is 11 years old. He says that he thought Joseph and Andre had started for school when he went himself, and he knew nothing about their disappearance until he returned home.

AUTO RACERS IN HARD LUCK.

Make Slow Progress Along the Siberian Railroad.

A dispatch to the Paris Matin from Tchila, capital of Trans-Arkalia, Siberia, says the German car in the New York to Paris race arrived at Harbin on June 4 in a lamentable condition, having upset three times. After repairs it departed on June 6 by road, abandoning the Trans-Siberian railroad cuts and passed Tsitsikhar on June 8.

The American car was reported 75 miles from Harbin on Tuesday last. It had been greatly delayed because the railroad authorities forced it to stop at every station until the tracks were clear. The Italian car on June 8 was at Progranitchaya awaiting a telegraph operator to accompany it along the railroad tracks.

SUICIDE RATHER THAN KILL.

"Reds" Ordered Girl Teacher to Attack the Czar at Ravel.

A dispatch from Ravel reports a tragic accident that recently occurred. A school mistress committed suicide two days before the meeting of King Edward and Emperor Nicholas. She formerly was connected with the revolutionists, who, finding that she would be admitted to the platform with the school children to welcome the emperor on his arrival, ordered her to "commit the terrorist act." It is supposed that she had long repented her revolutionary ideas and that she committed suicide to escape the vengeance of the terrorists.

Hungary Floats Loan.

The Hungarian government has concluded an agreement with the Hungarian credit bank, which represents a syndicate headed by the Rothschilds for an issue of \$30,000,000 in 4 per cent rentes. The syndicate will take \$300,000 of the issue with an option on \$12,500,000 more.

Bride is Kidnaped.

W. F. Burns, of Jackson county, N. C., while on a bridal trip across Panther mountains in Greenville county says he was robbed of his pretty wife by a gang of six men, after he had been bound and beaten and robbed.

London Feels Meat Famine.

The English retail trade organizations have given notice of a further general rise in the price of meat, the advance being attributed to the shortage of cattle there and the scarcity in America.

Sedalia to Keep Saloons.

After a campaign of extraordinary bitterness the voters of Sedalia, Mo., rolled up a majority of 438 against local option.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS From Day to Day Condensed FOR OUR BUSY READERS

UNION PACIFIC WOOL RATE.

Storage Tariff for Western Product Cannot Be Fixed Too Soon.

While the officials of the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line railroads are working on a tariff which will permit the storage of Oregon and Washington wool in Omaha, they will not complete it too soon for the wool growers of the Pacific coast states.

Charles H. King, president of the Omaha Wool and Storage company, has returned from Wyoming, where he has spent three weeks. The first thing which greeted him was the pile of letters from the west inquiring about the arrangements and expressing a desire to ship wool to Omaha and hold it indefinitely. Among others came several inquiries from banks in Oregon, one banker writing that the institution controlled 100,000 acres and would be pleased to open negotiations for storing the wool in Omaha. Mr. King also received bills of lading for six more carloads of wool of which he had not heard before. He said that more than 2,000,000 pounds of wool was now in sight for Omaha.

"Between the Wyoming line and Lander there are twelve to fifteen eastern wool buyers, knocking Omaha and the Omaha proposition in general," said Mr. King. "But this is not discouraging. The wool growers have quite thoroughly made up their minds what they want to do."

Besides the Boston and Philadelphia houses there are others at work in Wyoming to organize companies which will have headquarters in the east but which will have for stockholders and directors a few wool growers in the west.

TOO MUCH WIND FOR FRUIT.

As Geo. B. Powell's Judgment of Twin Falls County, Just Opened.

"If apple orchards are ever planted on the 30,000 acres of land near Twin Falls, Idaho, which has just been opened and widely advertised, they will have to arrange to tie the apples on with wires," said Geo. B. Powell, chief inspector of the Omaha Grain exchange, when he returned from Idaho Tuesday.

"The wind blows there incessantly and it would be about all the trees could do to remain in the ground. I have no desire to knock the Idaho land, but that offered around Twin Falls is fit for anything but fruit. But hundreds have been drawn to Twin Falls believing they could secure fruit growing land according to the advertising. The land is first class for dairying and agriculture.

"The crop of alfalfa has been so bountiful that it is selling for \$2 per ton near Twin Falls and may be bought baled for less than \$4. Potatoes were selling for 25 cents per sack of 100 pounds when I left, though there was something like eight inches of snow on the ground on the big tracts north of Twin Falls. The land is not much different and will be just as valuable when irrigated."

Mr. Powell visited Grand Junction and other fruit stations, buying forty acres near De Beque.

Purchase Fine Stock.

The Christian & Lang company, of York, well known breeders of Aberdeen-Angus cattle and Poland-China hogs, received this week ten head of choicest Aberdeen-Angus cattle, selected from the best and most noted eastern herds of the breed. Among the purchases was Laird Elmore's, a junior yearling Angus bull, that in all big shows last year except one, won first.

Teachers' Institute.

The annual Johnson county teachers' institute will be held in connection with the Tecumseh chautauque, the dates of the institute being July 13 to 18, inclusive. The chautauque will be held July 19 to 19, inclusive. There will be an able corps of instructors in attendance at the institute.

Crops Badly Damaged.

The Little Blue river at Helbron is higher than it has been for thirty years and has done great damage to crops in the valley. The immense gardens of Boyes & Son, C. E. Gates, Loyd McKenzie and J. W. Heller are totally destroyed and all crops in the bottom lands are badly flooded.

Fatally Hurt in Saw Mill.

William Kay, 24 years of age, while working around a saw mill at Pilley Wednesday, was struck by the log carrier and thrown upon the saw. His left arm was almost severed and a terrible gash was cut in his back. His injuries are such that death is expected at any time.

Dead Man Identified.

The body of the man who was run over and badly mangled by a freight train in the Union Pacific yards at Omaha Tuesday has been identified as that of Ray Easter, of Randolph, Kan.

Nebraska Students Honored.

Among the prize awards announced at the Yale divinity school is first Downes speaking prize to F. L. Hall, of Danbury, Neb., in the junior class.

Boy Drowns in Beaver.

The 12-year-old son of Gus Briese, living about five miles northwest of Albion, was drowned in the Beaver river Tuesday.

Degree for Gov. Sheldon.

Gov. Sheldon was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by Hastings college at the commencement Wednesday. Gov. Hoch, of Kansas, was to have been similarly honored, but was unable to come to Hastings.

Requisition for Ryan.

Gov. Sheldon has issued a requisition for the return to O'Neill of W. J. Ryan, arrested in Fall River, S. D. Ryan is wanted in Holt county on a charge of passing worthless checks.

DRIVE STRUGGLE IN VAN.

Boy Makes Heroic Effort to Save Life of His Sister.

Dragged half drowned from Little Pappo creek by her 11-year-old brother, who carried her half a mile in search of aid, which he found not, little Lena Burke died Monday morning at her home ten miles west of Omaha without recovering consciousness. The boy's brave efforts to save her were futile. Lena, aged 9, and her brother, Willie, two years her senior, were in bathing together in their favorite swimming hole, half a mile from where they lived. The creek was swollen from the recent heavy rains, and Lena who was unable to swim, got beyond her depth and sank. Willie saw her struggle and bravely plucked her. In the deep water it was all the little fellow could do to hold his own, but he managed to drag her to the bank. She was unconscious, but still alive. Not knowing what to do, Willie looked around for help. No one was in sight, and realizing every moment was valuable, he gathered the limp, unconscious form in his arms, and leaving his clothes on the river bank, trudged off to his home. The girl was almost as large as the boy, but his strength proved equal to the task, and he managed to get her home and laid her on a bed. He met no one on the way, and when he arrived found no one at home. Before he could summon assistance the child was dead.

MAKE A GOOD CATCH.

J. E. Teller, Wanted in Canada, Picked Up in Omaha.

While searching for the assassins of Isaac Earl of Malvern, Iowa, who was slugged and robbed of \$0 at the City hotel, Omaha, Saturday afternoon, Detectives Heffelfeld and Devereuse made an important capture in the arrest of J. E. Teller, an absconding agent of the Dominion Express company, of Calgary, Alberta, Dominion of Canada. Some four months ago Teller absconded with two blank money order books of the express company and a valuable package of diamonds.

He arrived in Omaha Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock and had purchased a ticket for St. Paul, intending to leave on the evening train. When arrested by the officers he endeavored to rid himself of two parcel delivery checks from the Union depot parcel stand. When taken to the police station he refused to divulge his name, but the grips he had checked at the parcel stand were secured and from the contents it was learned that he was the much sought for express agent. Two blank money order books were found in the grips, from one of which several checks had been torn.

THREE NEW WEATHER BUREAUS.

Stations Are Established in Western Nebraska.

Upon the approval of the chief of the weather bureau and pursuant to the general wish of grain and implement men, Weather Observer Welsh has had established three additional weather observation stations in western Nebraska. These are designed to cover observations and reports further west in Nebraska, particularly in the corn and wheat belts. These new stations are at Broken Bow, Holdrege and Culbertson and cover an additional section of the state in which crops are raised in marketable quantities and which have not hitherto been included in the regular weather bureau reports. Prior to this time Fairbury was the farthest western point from which regular reports were received at the main government station in Omaha. The new service went into effect Monday morning.

ELOPING COUPLE HELD UP.

Young People from Lincoln Fail to Get License at Council Bluffs.

Arthur Felt and Lida Leatz, both of Lincoln, were taken into custody Tuesday at Council Bluffs while standing at the county in the office of the clerk of the district court waiting for a marriage license.

Boy Argues Self to School.

Tony Pascha, a 16-year-old Omaha boy, has the distinction of being the first one to argue his way to the industrial school for boys at Kearney. Judge Estelle reluctantly signed an order for him to be sent there Monday and Tony was given a ticket and told to go alone. Tony's trouble is that he runs away from home and will neither attend school nor work.

Boy Drowned Near Oakland.

Oliver Haltman, aged 11 years, son of John Haltman near Oakland, was drowned in Bell creek Sunday evening. Six boys had gathered on an old bridge which went down with them.

Chas. R. Whistler Drowned.

Chas. R. Whistler, a dentist, was drowned in Salt Creek Monday afternoon with three companions. Mr. Whistler attempted to take a ride in his gasoline launch.

Maynard Called to Omaha.

The trustees of Bellevue college have tendered to Rev. H. H. Maynard, of the Coe college faculty, the position of president of the former institution.

Corn Needs Cultivation.

A very heavy downpour of rain at Randolph Sunday night was added to the unusual rainfall of the past week. Corn fields are looking rather poorly and are in need of cultivation. In fields on the bottoms some corn is covered by mud washed from the higher ground.

Stolen Horse Recovered.

The bay mare stolen from J. M. Hays, of Randolph, a week ago, has been recovered. The animal was found near Oremond.



The recent letter of two farm hands written to Governor Sheldon asking him to compel the passage of a law to force farmers to use machinery upon which farm hands could ride while cultivating crops and thus do away with the health destroying walking plows and cultivators, has caused some uneasiness to a few farmers at least. One farmer, writing to the governor, has a word to say about farm hands in general and which tends to show that even the prosperous Nebraska owner of a section has his troubles with the labor question. This farmer writes that he uses riding implements, but even he has on hand some walking plows which he cannot afford to throw away and consequently in some instances these are used. However, he said his own boys used these plows just as much as did his hired hands and his own boys were not injured by their use. He said also that very few farm hands knew how to use riding plows and cultivators, and it was the exception when a farm hand is found who can drive intelligently more than two or three horses at one time. Most farm hands, he said, would in a very short time destroy improved or riding machinery, and for that reason many farmers who would like to use improved machinery could not afford to with the present crop of farm hands. As the governor still follows a plow himself once in a while it is not likely he will advocate the passage of a bill to do away with the old machinery, even though his sympathies go out to the farm hands.

The state railway commission has received a letter from a woman in Cozad calling upon the commission to compel the Burlington railroad to make good on its promises to give transportation to widows and orphans of employes killed in the service. The writ cites two specific cases, she says, where promises were made to give widows and children of deceased employes transportation and in both cases failed to keep the promise. One widow, she wrote, received a letter from General Manager Hollrege, of the Burlington, saying, "We are not giving passes to any except bona fide employes and their families since the 2-cent fare has gone into effect." One instance the writer cited was to the effect that Harry Warden, of Wymore, an engineer, was killed in his efforts to save a train from going into a ditch. She said the claim agent of the road settled the claim against the road by giving the widow \$1,600 and promising her transportation. The latter promise has not been kept, the writer said, and the widow accepted the \$1,600 settlement solely because the claim agent told her that if the terms were not accepted she would have to bring suit and probably would lose her insurance in the Burlington relief department. While the law gives the railroads authority to give transportation to families of employes killed in service, the commission doubts its authority to compel the railroads to give the transportation.

The interest bearing debt, comprising outstanding warrants against the general fund and temporary university fund, amounted to \$949,933.29 June 1, according to the semi-annual report of State Auditor Searle. This is a decrease of \$275,068.88 since June 1, 1907. During the year the outstanding general fund warrants decreased from \$1,182,544.82 to \$849,693.44. Outstanding warrants drawn on the temporary university fund increased from \$40,617.35 to \$99,339.85. State funds invested have increased \$576,620.15.

The Lincoln hotel is liable to be without a bar if the decision by Judge Frost stands in the supreme court. The excise board granted a license to an employe of the hotel company and to this Judge England remonstrated, giving also other reasons for his objections. The district court upheld the remonstrance and revoked the license. The excise board will take the matter to the supreme court.

The people of Odessa, who have been clamoring for a depot agent for some time and who appealed to the state railway commission to help them, have settled for the present their differences with the Union Pacific. The road agreed to employ a man at Odessa, who would devote a portion of his time to billing and receiving freight and to selling tickets.

It has been reported in Lincoln that petitions are being circulated in Platte county for Fred Abbott of Aurora to get his name placed on the primary ballot as a candidate for railway commissioner to compete with Judge Williams for the republican nomination.

Joseph J. Langer of Wilbur, Saline county, has filed his name with the secretary of state as a candidate for presidential elector on the republican ticket. Mr. Langer was elected to this same job in 1900.

The costs in the suit of the state against the Nebraska Retail Lumber Dealer's association have been figured by the clerk of the supreme court to be \$3,154.09, and they are taxed to the association.

The state railway commission has adopted an order prohibiting, after August 1, telephone companies from making a ten-cent messenger charge where no messenger was used.

Returns from county assessors, are being received by Labor Commissioner Ryder, which, when compiled, will show what there really is in Nebraska. The schedules sent out by the labor department included space for the number of acres of farms, number of acres under cultivation, owner, tenant, number of milch cows, number of chickens and other fowls, and other information not reported to the state board, but essential in getting out statistics relating to the wealth of the state.