

THE WATERY WASTES.

The Floods Abating in Places and Increasing in Others.

Going About the Streets in Boats and Skiffs.

Many Families Without Food or Fire for 36 Hours.

Comparatively Few Casualties Reported Thus Far.

The Anticipated Disasters in the Lower Mississippi Valleys.

THE FLOODED DISTRICTS.

REPORTS FROM ALL POINTS.

PITTSBURG, February 7.—Measures for the relief of sufferers by the flood will be taken to-day. The Allegheny council met this morning and appointed a committee to receive subscriptions and take such action as was found necessary to relieve the present wants of the needy.

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however, many still remain. Skiffs also did good work. Many casualties are reported, but investigation shows slight foundation for most of them.

There is more damage to property than ever experienced before. Vastly larger areas are submerged than in 1832. Houses, barns, bridges, straw and haystacks have been floating past all day.

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WASHINGTON, February 7.—The Mississippi river convention assembled this morning. Resolutions of thanks to the president, district commissioner and other officers were unanimously agreed to.

Four committees on resolutions, having carefully considered the various resolutions referred to them, respectfully submit for consideration the following:

WHEREAS, A convention representing the broad area of eighteen states and territories, the people of which are intensely interested in cheaper transportation from the producer to the consumer of all products of this country, whether of the soil, mine or factory, has assembled at the national capital expressly to give utterance to the popular desire for a continuous improvement and extension of the great western waterways, therefore resolved:

First.—The interests for which the convention is authorized to speak are entitled to the highest degree of consideration from the national legislature, to which is entrusted the regulation of commerce between the states as well as the promotion of the general welfare.

Second.—We earnestly affirm the wisdom of the regulation of commerce between the states as well as the promotion of the general welfare. The domestic commerce affected is already one-half that of the whole United States, more than twelve times greater than the total foreign commerce of the nation.

Third.—We also emphatically approve the appointment by congress of the Mississippi river commission as the first well considered and efficient step towards permanently opening the Mississippi valley to the markets of the world.

Fourth.—That in the interest of cheap transportation and to afford a choice of water routes to the seaboard we regard connection between the upper navigable waters of the Mississippi and great lakes as of great importance, and congress in making appropriations ought to have regard to the establishment of free water communication between the valleys of the great river west and tide water east, in accordance with recommendations heretofore made by the president in a special message on this subject.

Fifth.—We desire to express our cordial appreciation and acknowledgment of the broad, patriotic views expressed and

important services rendered to the improvement of the water ways of the west by the president of the United States in his official acts and declarations from the time of his accession to that high office.

Sixth.—We also recognize the wisdom of congress in appropriations heretofore made for the improvement of the rivers of the west, at the same time observing with satisfaction the recent recommendation of the senate select committee on the Mississippi river improvements, that if the work of improvement be worth doing, it is worth doing well and thoroughly.

Seventh.—We also recognize with satisfaction the benefits resulting to the navigation of the Mississippi river and its principal tributaries from the extension of the light house system thereto, and renew the hope that the number of districts and lights therein will be increased to such an extent as the light house board in consultation with the river commission finds necessary to render the service completely efficient.

Eighth.—We approve the action of the executive committee on improvement of western waterways and request it to continue its labors in the direction and for the purposes for which it was formed until the Mississippi river and its navigable tributaries are in such condition as the safety of the people and interests of commerce demand and deserve, and said committee are authorized and requested to take proper steps for presenting to congress a suitable memorial in the sense of the foregoing resolutions and for publishing and distributing the proceedings of this convention.

The following supplemental report was also submitted: Your committee, by way of a supplemental report, state that they have given thoughtful attention to the various resolutions presented in the convention intended to remedy the dangers to navigation resulting from improper bridging of western rivers; also to the imperfect and endangered harbors in the frigate banks of Vicksburg and other towns and cities of the lower Mississippi. Your committee, however, deem the matters embraced in the first set of resolutions to belong to the police power of the government.

Both reports were adopted by acclamation which elicited great applause. Addresses were delivered by Representative Houk, William Hatch of Missouri, Hon. Mark Dunning and ex-Marshal Pitkin of Louisiana. Adjourned sine die.

ST. PAUL, February 7.—A gang of Jesse James juniors, at Minneapolis, took a lad named Johnny Nolan to a neighbors barn this morning, and hanged him, where he was struggling in the death throes when found and cut down.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., February 7.—While firemen were working on the fire in the factory of Kromer and Kinchper, the wall fell forward, killing 5, and seriously injuring eleven firemen.

LONDON, February 7.—The bark Eolus stranded at Northby and lost all the crew but two, who stood lashed to the mizzen-mast for a week without food. Their feet were frozen.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

The Business Transacted by Congress Yesterday

A Political Method that Needs Reforming.

The McGarrahan Claim Now in Committee.

General Sherman to Leave the Army To-Day.

Various Matters of More or Less Note.

FORTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

SENATE. WASHINGTON, February 7.—The following bills were reported favorably from committees and placed on the calendar: By Mr. Dolph, (rep., Ore.), from the committee on commerce—To provide for unloading coal, salt, etc., under superintendence of custom officers at the expense of parties interested.

By Mr. Van Wyck, (rep., Neb.), from the committee on public lands—To relieve purchasers and settlers on the Denver & St. Joe railroad lands; price fixed at \$3.50 per acre.

Mr. Cullon, (rep., Ill.) introduced a bill for the relief of persons to whom lands were confirmed by the governor of the old Northwest and Indian territories and whose lands so confirmed were afterward sold by the United States.

Mr. Beck, (dem., Ky.) offered a resolution that the committee on civil service investigate the dismissal of John Dudley, colored porter of the senate and an ex-soldier of the Union.

Mr. Dookery, (dem., Mo.) from the committee on accounts, reported a resolution declaring vacant the position of the stenographers of the committee and providing that hereafter on request of the committee the speaker employ a reporter at a compensation fixed by the committee on accounts.

Mr. Belford, (rep., Col.) offered an amendment to the amendment that when a member wants a clerk he shall pay for him out of his own pocket.

Mr. Cox, (dem., N. Y.) proposed the creation of a committee on census. Adjourned.

General Sherman Retires. WASHINGTON, February 7.—General W. T. Sherman will be placed on the retired list of the army to-morrow, according to the law for compulsory retirement, at the age of 65.

FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

Great Indignation Over England's Apathy in Egypt.

Only a Miracle Can Save "Chin-ness" Gordon.

A Wide Spread Revolt Helps Out the Rebels.

Movements of Forces and Preparations for Battle.

The Montreal Carnival—The Freedom of the Spanish Press.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

WHEREABOUTS OF GORDON. LONDON, February 7.—A dispatch from Alexandria, to The Daily News asserts the rebels have captured Gen. Gordon.

Huntington, secretary of state for war, stated in the commons to-day that no dispatches have been received confirming the capture of the general.

Official advice announce the total killed near Tokar is 2,250, including 60 officers, 16 of whom were staff officers.

PARIS, February 7.—In the commons this evening it was moved that a measure to prevent the importation of animals suffering from foot and mouth disease be introduced without delay.

THE DEFENSE OF STAMK. CAIRO, February 7.—It is estimated that 6000000 were killed in the late fight. Baker Pasha telegraphs that his men will be able to hold out for only a short time behind his entrenchments.

THE MONTREAL CARNIVAL. MONTREAL, February 7.—The carnival is at its height. The grand gala dress ball on skates at Victoria rink was attended by Laundowns and the marchions. The Caughnawaga Indians gave a concert in the ice temple.

DALLAS, TEX., February 7.—Information is received that George B. Loring, representing the Texas Investment company in England, has rebelled the sale of ranch property on the Double Mountain, Brazos river, for \$2,500,000, the largest transaction of the kind ever made.

BURNED UP WITH THE HOUSE. MONTICELLO, Miss., February 7.—The dwelling of Edwin Hootch was burned last night, and the charred remains of John Port, the only occupant, were found in the debris.