

NEBRASKA FLOODED

Tracks and Bridges Washed Away by Madly Rushing Streams.

TRAFFIC SCHEDULES ARE SUSPENDED

Roads Borrow Each Other's Lines to Enable Trains to Move.

FREMONT INUNDATION RAPIDLY RECESSES

Ice Gorge Breaks and Refugees Hope Soon to Return Home.

WATERS' VICTIMS DWELL IN CITY HALL

Rampaging River Carries Tons of Broken Ice Through Inland Wood and Columbus Streets, but Little Damage Reported.

The railroads in Nebraska are having trouble in moving their trains because of the flooded condition of the streams which they cross.

The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha has not been able to move a train from Hartington to Wakefield since Saturday because of high water and wash-outs.

On the main line of the Union Pacific and Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific trains have been sent out of Omaha over the B. & M. tracks.

No. 3 out over the B. & M. tracks as far as Grand Island Monday afternoon to connect there with its own tracks and has sent others over the same tracks since.

The Rock Island tracks are seriously embarrassed between here and Lincoln and have not been able to get a train through over their own tracks since yesterday.

Until the track is repaired all the trains will use the B. & M. tracks between the two points.

The B. & M. line has not had any difficulty with its trains, but it is unable to reach either Schuyler or Columbus because thirteen tons have been washed out of the bridges at those points.

E. Buckingham, superintendent of transportation of the Union Pacific, and Chief Engineer J. B. Berry went to Columbus Monday night with a party of twenty-five laborers, fifteen telegraph linemen and ten telegraph operators to assist in opening up the line.

President Burt followed yesterday morning to look over the work and do what he can to quicken its execution.

Nebraska is Inundated.

LINCOLN, March 10.—Train service in Nebraska is paralyzed today. Bridges on all the main lines of the Burlington and the Union Pacific were washed out by the floods last night.

The Rock Island bridge at South Bend was torn loose and bore down upon the bridges at Louisville, destroying the middle spans, and the waters washed out the remainder.

This morning the lowlands on the Platte for miles, from Schuyler to the mouth of the river at Plattsmouth, are under water. At various points the Union Pacific tracks are under water for a mile or two at a stretch.

Railroad bridges at Schuyler, Columbus, South Bend, Louisville and Hardy have been washed out.

Fremont Floods Recede.

FREMONT, Neb., March 10.—(Special Telegram.)—The gorge which caused the overflow in this city has broken, and early this morning the water fell two feet, and is still falling rapidly.

The lower part of the city presents a dismal picture. The streets are filled, and pools of water are standing everywhere. The damage to household goods will be heavy. A large number of families was taken to places of safety last night.

The city hall stands several families, and others stayed in the butter and egg warehouse on Broad street. Though the current was swift and there was considerable ice running through the streets no buildings were damaged.

The report last night that the Platte river bridge was partly out was found to be incorrect this morning. Some of the piling is gone and a couple of spans wrenched and twisted. The water cut quite a channel in running north from the northeast corner of the bridge.

Inglewood fared hard, considerable floating ice passing through the streets. The water in the road leading to the bridge has nearly all run out. No damage was done to the Union Pacific tracks and local trains are running as far as Columbus.

The water was the highest last night it has been since 1881, when the river was dammed by a gorge which formed in nearly the same place as this one, and the water ran through the business part of the city.

Several families living west of the city had exciting times last night. The family of Iver Johnson was taken out in a boat through the rushing ice. There is no loss of live stock reported, though many people have spent the morning hunting for cows and horses which they were obliged to turn loose.

Two Bridges at Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Neb., March 10.—(Special Telegram.)—At this place the Platte river at this place suddenly raised and came rushing down with terrific force, sweeping everything before it.

LINWOOD, Neb., March 10.—(Special.)—The Platte river broke up here last evening. It ran out all over the bottom north of here, driving some out of their homes while those who were in town were unable to get home as the water was about four feet deep.

Bridges Go Out at South Bend.

SOUTH BEND, Neb., March 10.—(Special.)—Both the Rock Island railroad and the foot bridge crossing the Platte river at this place were washed away.

TO PROSECUTE A PROMOTER

Chancery Justice Orders Receiver to Begin Proceedings Against Whitaker Wright.

LONDON, March 10.—Justice Buckley, in the chancery division of the high court of justice, this morning gave an order directing the official receiver of the London and Globe Finance Corporation, limited, to criminally prosecute Whitaker Wright, the well known promoter, and utilize the assets of the London and Globe company to pay the costs of the prosecution.

The demands for Wright's prosecution have been incessant since the collapse of the corporation. After the public prosecution declined to proceed the fund projected at a meeting held in this city, January 16, to initiate the prosecution of Wright and others connected with the failure was started, but it was generally felt that the proceedings ought to be of a more official character, hence the application that a receiver should be allowed to take action.

PRIESTS LEAD A FACTION

Fourteen Break Away from the Church of Rome in the Philippines.

ROME, March 10.—Another report from Archbishop Guidi, the apostolic delegate in the Philippines, has just been received at the vatican. It gives a fuller account of the religious condition of the islands.

The schism started by Agliya, the leader of the independent Catholic church in the Philippines, seems graver than it first appeared, as, according to the report, a strong Filipino party is raising false hopes among the natives of independence from Rome, claiming that the expulsion of the friars is indispensable in order to obtain the independence of the country.

The apostate priests are fourteen in number. They are gathered from good sources that the vatican is extremely well satisfied with the prudent and wise but at the same time energetic action of Archbishop Guidi, who, with persuasion, has succeeded in checking the disquiet movement.

SEESKS TO PURIFY TRADE

House of Lords Discusses Bill Making Secret Gifts Penal Offense.

LONDON, March 10.—The House of Lords today passed the second reading of a bill making it a penal offense to give or accept gifts in order to influence business.

The late lord chief justice, Lord Russell of Killowen was the original author of the measure, which is designed to promote morality in trade by abolishing secret commissions. Lord Russell first drew attention to the need for such a reform when swearing in the lord mayor of London in 1898.

The lord mayor that year was suspected of crooked financial work and as a result of Lord Russell's charge stood his trial, but was acquitted of legal crime.

BOURKE COCKRAN RECOVERING

Cablegram from Egypt States His Temperature is Now Normal and Progress Good.

(Copyright, 1903, by Press Publishing Co., LONDON, March 10.—New York World Cablegram.—Special Telegram.)—In answer to his telegram asking about the condition of W. Bourke Cockran of New York, the World Correspondent has received the following dispatch from the manager of the Cataract hotel, Assuan, where Mr. Cockran is lying ill with pneumonia:

ASSUAN, Upper Egypt, March 10.—Bourke Cockran's temperature is now quite normal and he is progressing most satisfactorily.

SUSPECT OFFICIAL SMUGGLING

Manila Officials Seize Goods on Transport Bought for Army.

MANILA, March 10.—Collector Shuster has seized a quantity of silk, silver and liquors brought from Hong Kong on the United States transport, Seward, but not reported on the manifest.

The goods were purchased at the request of prominent army officers, who say they had no knowledge of the plan to conceal them. The officials say smugglers frequent transports and naval vessels.

MANY KILLED IN A CYCLONE

Town in North Queensland is Demolished by a Heavy Wind.

BRISBANE, Queensland, March 10.—Townsville, North Queensland, has been visited by a cyclone, in which many persons were killed or injured.

A part of the hospital building collapsed during the storm, killing six persons. Schools, churches and residences were destroyed and many of the inhabitants have been rendered homeless.

DUKE CALLS ON THE POPE

Norfolk Presents to the Pontiff Delegation of Catholics from Great Britain.

ROME, March 10.—The pope today received the duke of Norfolk and a delegation of British Catholics, who presented him with greetings and offerings.

The duke read a speech expressing his appreciation. The pontiff looked very well, considering his late illness. He said he felt quite himself again.

BOXERS' HEADS ARE ELEVATED

Yuan Shi Kai Captures Some Rebels and Has Them Executed.

PEKIN, March 10.—Yuan Shi Kai, governor of Chi Li province, discovered well armed Boxers drilling at night a hundred miles east of Pekin. The Boxers were dispersed and several captives beheaded and their heads displayed in boxes.

DALMATIANS EATING BARK

Starving Peasants Strip Trees in Order to Provide Stalk of Life.

GRAIN RESERVES INCREASE

Farmers Hold Larger Stocks Than in Two Previous Years.

NEBRASKA POSTMASTERS CONFIRMED

Etter and Olson of Newman Grove Successfully Pass Ordinal of Senate and Finally Get Places President Selected.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The March report of the statistician of the Department of Agriculture shows the amount of wheat remaining in farmers' hands on March 1 to have been about 164,000,000, or 24.5 of last year's crop, as compared with 22.2 in 1901.

The corn in farmers' hands is estimated at about 1,950,000,000 bushels, or 41.6 of last year's crop, against 39.2 the year before and 39.3 in 1901.

Of oats there are reported to be about 355,000,000 bushels, or 23.3 of last year's crop, still in farmers' hands, compared with 30.5 in 1902 and 35.2 in 1901.

The following table shows the percentages of last year's crops of wheat, corn and oats in farmers' hands on March 1 last for each of the principal grain producing states, the figures being percentages:

Table with columns: State, Wheat, Corn, Oats. Rows include New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, California, and Average.

Presidential Nominations.

The president today sent to the senate the following nominations: Ward assistant surgeon general, with rank of colonel, Major William Crawford Gorgas, surgeon.

Consul-General, Shaw Bowen, Rhode Island, at Valencia.

Mr. Plimley, to be assistant treasurer of the United States.

The senate in executive session today made the following confirmations: William Plimley, to be assistant treasurer at New York; Milton D. Purdy, Minnesota, assistant attorney general; David L. Geyer, receiver of public moneys at Roswell, N. M.

Postmasters: Nebraska—Frederick J. Etter, South Omaha; C. K. Olson, Newman Grove, South Dakota—Boyd Wales, Howard.

Theater Cash for Memorial.

The Thomas Jefferson Memorial association is asking all theatrical managers to give the Jefferson memorial fund 1 per cent of their gross receipts on April 12, the 160th anniversary of the birth of the author of the Declaration of Independence.

Scandinavian Protocol Signed.

Beron Grip and Mr. Bowen this afternoon signed the protocol between Sweden and Norway and "Gensetia along Hines laid down in the United States protocol.

Postal Business Still Increases.

The comparative statement of gross postal receipts for February compared with February, 1902, for the fifty leading post-offices in the country show a net increase of over 12 per cent. The largest increase was 34 per cent at Los Angeles, Cal., and the smallest decrease, 3 per cent, at Jersey City. The receipts at New York increased 12 per cent and at Chicago 15 per cent.

General O'Reilly is Sick.

General Robert L. O'Reilly, surgeon general of the army, is confined to his home with an attack of grip.

OPPOSED TO ANTI-REBATE LAW

Insurance Men Ask the Governor to Give Them a Hearing.

PIERCE, S. D., March 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Senate bill 297, which is before the governor, will have opposition before it becomes a law. Its provisions attempt to prevent giving of rebates for the purpose of securing life insurance risks.

Parties from Sioux Falls have wired that they will be in the city tomorrow and desire to be heard before the bill is approved.

Governor Horner today appointed as the new State Board of Medical Examiners under the new law H. E. McNutt of Aberdeen, J. L. Foster of Huron, S. Olney of Sioux Falls and J. W. Freeman of Lead. J. W. Freeman of Lead is of the school known as regulars; H. M. Finerud of Watertown, A. A. Cotton of Vermilion are of the homeopathic school and H. S. Graves of Hurley are eclectic.

John Wells of Elkpoint has been appointed a member of the State Board of Health to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of H. E. McNutt of Aberdeen.

To Stand Trial in Missouri.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., March 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Deputy United States Marshals Jerry Carleton and Tom McNamee left this morning for Kansas City, having in custody Batlin Glessman, alleged Missouri moonshiner, who was captured in this city February 22 and who was kept in the county jail pending the issuance of an order by Judge Gardner for his transfer to Missouri for trial. This order was issued today afternoon and the deputies left on the first train for Missouri, where the prisoner will be turned over to the United States authorities of that state.

ACCEPT UNION PACIFIC BID

Naval Authorities Give Harriman Lines Contract to Carry National Sailors.

CHICAGO, March 10.—After sharp competition the government contract for carrying United States naval officers and men to and from San Francisco was awarded today to the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads west of the Missouri river. Their bid, which was submitted by the Southern Pacific, amounts to about a quarter of a cent a mile for each passenger.

PROBES VIRGINIA BATTLE

Grand Jury Has One Hundred and Fifty Witnesses to Hear.

CONSPIRACY CASES BEGIN

Assistant State's Attorney Makes Opening Statement in Court in Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 10.—Assistant State's Attorney Barnes made the opening argument in the coal conspiracy case today.

He told the jury that the penalty for an illegal combination of persons who conspire in the penalitery or a fine of not less than \$2,000.

"All of the corporations save one, of which W. S. Bogie is president, have mines in Indiana. Once a month each sent a representative to Chicago and the price of coal was fixed. The men who refused to go into the combination who withdrew from it after they found out its nature were made to suffer loss of business by illegal methods which were the result of a conspiracy."

Judge R. M. Wing, in behalf of the defendants, declared there had been no combination in restraint of trade and that his clients mined but one-tenth of the coal mined in Indiana. He spoke at length upon the interstate aspect of the case and then the state called its first witness, Max Elchberg, president of the Washburn Valley Coal company, who said he was one of the signers of the agreement drawn by the defendants.

He said an iron-clad combination existed between the Indiana coal operators and the Crescent company by which all coal mined in Indiana was sold only through the Crescent company. He was not allowed to make any contracts with outside parties.

Late this evening Mr. Elchberg concluded and the state closed its case.

It is expected that the case will go to the jury tomorrow.

POLICE WITHDRAW PROTECTION

Notify Employers Not to Anger Striking Toledo Teamsters on Rampage.

TOLEDO, O., March 10.—After four attacks had been made today on nonunion teamsters a member of the Toledo Carriage association declared he would make application for state militia to protect the association's men and interests.

Today has been one of intense excitement, which was heightened this evening by the strikers' declaration that a general strike will be called and go Toledo freight handled by teamsters in any part of the country.

The trouble began at noon, when a mob of 400 strikers and sympathizers followed a truck through the principal business streets endeavoring to knock a nonunion driver from his place. They also attempted to do violence to Manager Turner of the Moreton Truck company. Both men were saved from serious injury, however, by the police.

Later the police gave notice that any further provocation given the strikers would be the fault of the employers and they would not interfere. However, when an attempt was made to throw a nonunion driver from his place, a mob of strikers gathered and a revolver, compelled to run for his life. A similar fate befell a nonunion teamster within a block of the police station.

MOTOR KILLS BURDICK LAWYER

Automobile Hurls Attorney and His Wife Over Embankment into Stone Quarry.

BUFFALO, March 10.—Arthur R. Pennell, the young lawyer who figured so prominently in the Burdick murder mystery, was killed this afternoon in Delaware Park. His automobile ran over the edge of an embankment surrounding an old stone quarry.

Pennell, who was with him, was frightfully injured and is at the hospital in a dying condition.

BOUGHT VOTES ELECT MANY

Rhode Island Governor Claims Bribery is Rife in Tiny Eastern State.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 10.—In a special message to the senate today Governor Garvin declared bribery common in this state and that many members of the legislature occupy seats obtained by purchased votes.

He recommended the appointment of a commissioner to detect bribers and bring offenders to justice.

UNION BANK BANDITS CONFESS

Admit Looting Vaults and Slaying Missouri Detective When Questioned by Police.

ST. LOUIS, March 10.—William Rudolph and George Collins, alias "Fred Lewis," the alleged bank robbers, arrived here tonight in custody.

Later Chief Desmond said they had confessed to robbing the bank at Union and killing Detective Schumacher.

SHIPBUILDING WAR GROWS

Two Thousand Brooklyn Men Strike in Sympathy with Townsend & Downey's Employees.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Nearly 2,000 boiler makers and iron shipbuilders went on a strike in Brooklyn today in sympathy with the striking employes of the Townsend & Downey yard at Shooters Island. The only plant not seriously affected was that of the Robins company.

KANSAS BANKER SKIPS BAIL

Alleged Embezzler Flees When Preliminary Hearing Draws Perilously Near.

EUREKA, Kan., March 10.—W. P. Dickerson, cashier of the defunct Toronto State bank is missing. He was to have had a preliminary hearing here today.

It is alleged that the books had been disposed of in a most careful manner, deposits always being understated.

CUBAN TREATY IS IN DANGER

Senators from Tobacco Growing States Opposing Its Ratification.

MERCER'S TITLE IS FAR FROM CLEAR

Nebraska Senators Inform President They Do Not Wish His Appointment if Made Charged to Nebraska.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 10.—(Special Telegram.)—There is a growing belief that the Cuban treaty is in danger of being defeated and republican leaders are discussing the advisability of amending it so as to placate the senators from tobacco growing states, who are outspoken in opposition to the treaty as it now stands.

Then again, news from Havana is not reassuring, statements made in the Cuban senate recently by several of the leading members of such a character as to set American senators to thinking as to the future, and they do not seem overly anxious to ratify the treaty as it now stands.

While no concerted efforts will be made upon the treaty as it has been agreed upon by the democratic party of this state, all three gentlemen assured the president that they are ignorant of any estrangement from him among republicans of their state and do not believe there is or will be any.

From sources believed to be reliable it is learned that Governor DeForest Richards has a large sized senatorial base buzzing in his bonnet and that he has designs upon Senator Clark's seat. Be this as it may, efforts will be made to counteract any influence the governor has obtained and he will be shown that his recent utterances regarding the president have fallen upon sterile soil.

Not Enthusiastic for Mercer.

"Dave" Mercer does not read his title clear to the directorship of the census by any means, as some of the eastern newspaper editors are beginning to say. It is predicted that the president will look elsewhere for a successor to Director Merriam.

The Nebraska senators yesterday, it is understood, told the president that while they had no objections to his taking care of Mr. Mercer, they were emphatically opposed to his nomination being chargeable to Nebraska, in view of their pronounced friendliness for C. J. Greene for the United States circuit bench.

Senator Millard is now engaged in making his first appointments of postmasters in the Second District. His first recommendation was that of F. J. Etter of South Omaha. Today he recommended the appointment of Henry R. Lowry at Richfield, Sarpy county. He also recommended the appointment of George Brooks at Basile Mills in the Third District.

Opening Shoshone Reserve.

Representative Mondell of Wyoming had a conference with the commissioner of Indian affairs today looking to early action on the part of the Indian office in concluding a treaty with the Shoshone and Arapahoe Indians, throwing open to settlement about 1,000,000 acres of the Shoshone reservation. Allotments are about completed on the reservation and it is the desire of the Wyoming delegation to have the treaty concluded so that congress may enact appropriate legislation opening the reservation to settlement.

Senator Gamble of South Dakota called on the secretary of the interior today with a view of securing a modification of the rules promulgated by the department as to inherited Indian lands. He told the secretary that the present rules were considered slow and cumbersome and that strong pressure had been made by the people on the Yankton and Sisseton reservations to have the present rules modified.

Senators Gamble and Kittredge were at the White House Saturday evening by appointment with the president. While the subject of the conference has been kept secret it is learned that there was considerable political talk about South Dakota and the question of a delegation favorable to Roosevelt's nomination was considered.

Charles H. Bates of Yankton appeared in the city today on matters connected with the interior department.

C. A. Guernsey, president of the Wyoming senate arrived in Washington today. Mr. Guernsey comes to Washington to see the commissioner of the land office upon matters pertaining to his irrigation schemes. The company with which Mr. Guernsey is connected has taken up 250,000 acres of arid land in the Big Horn valley and it proposes to irrigate it, drawing the water supply from the Shoshone river.

Forwarding Building Plans.

The supervising architect of the treasury has taken up items contained in the omnibus public buildings bill and is preparing machinery to carry its provisions into effect as rapidly as may be. The first items to be attended to are those calling for the purchase of sites for new public buildings in various districts throughout the country.

Architect Taylor said today he would have the necessary advertisements drawn and forwarded to newspapers in the localities affected. He expects to have all this preliminary work finished before the close of the present week. Under the law these advertisements run for thirty days, at the end of which period such bids as are received are opened at the office of the architect of the treasury in this city. Then a special agent is sent to the town and city to look over the various sites offered and makes report upon same, generally recommending the site which he deems best suited for the purpose. Then even after the special agent renders his report it has been taken up by the secretary of the treasury and the president of the treasury is allowed a further period of thirty days within which to hear from all citizens of the town or city who may wish to communicate to the treasury in writing any suggestions they may have regarding the locality of the site. This generally amounts to ninety days or more elapsed before the chosen site is publicly announced.

In Nebraska two cities secured appropriations for sites for public buildings—York and Grand Island. In Iowa two cities received appropriations for sites—Mason City and Webster City.

The deed of the site selected for the new postoffice at Yankton, S. D., has been formally recorded and the treasury warrant for \$4,500 has been sent to the owners of the property. The property purchased at Yankton is owned by W. W. Winter.

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Winter Succeeds to General Superintendency When Late Incumbent is Promoted.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Wednesday and Warmer in East Portion; Thursday Fair.

Table with columns: Temperature at Omaha Yesterday, Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. Rows include 5 a. m., 8 a. m., 11 a. m., 2 p. m., 5 p. m., 8 p. m., 11 p. m., 12 m.

BANQUET OF THE OHIO CLUB

Features of the Program Arranged for the Function of Thursday Night.

The committee on arrangements for the Ohio club banquet met at the office of Charles D. Thompson in the Karbach hotel last night for perfecting further details for the banquet, to take place at the Commercial club Thursday night.

The menu cards will be shaped in conformity with the program and that all details were practically completed.

A telegram was received from Hon. Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland which stated his inability to attend as the "spring campaign" was now on at Cleveland and I am too busy to avail myself of the kind invitation, but send you my kindest regards."

The program committee announced the following speakers for the evening: Introductory remarks, Judge W. W. Slabaugh, toastmaster; "Ohioans by Marriage," Charles A. Goss; "The Women of