

Nether the mother nor child appeared to suffer from the ordeal and it is believed no harm will come from the enforced removal.

Rumors of fatalities. Many rumors of persons being drowned were heard during the day. One person declares that he saw four unidentified persons in a bathtub hauling household goods and the boat tipped over and all disappeared.

South Des Moines—Practically all the territory south of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific tracks to the river, seventeen blocks.

East Des Moines—Between the river and the Northwestern tracks and from Des Moines street south several blocks were flooded.

North Des Moines—All the territory from Clifton Heights northeast to the Des Moines river, forty blocks.

Highland Park—Between the river and the bluffs from the Flint brickyards on the north to Union park on the south, a strip of territory seven blocks wide and twenty blocks long.

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Heavy rains and it is two miles wide at this point. Growing corn and oats in the low lands are under water and in places are destroyed. The Iowa Central has annulled trains between Grinnell and Oskaloosa.

Traffic Ends at Ottumwa. OTTUMWA, Ia., May 30.—Traffic on the Burlington, Rock Island, and the Milwaukee & St. Paul railroads was suspended today as a result of the flood in the Des Moines river.

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On a smaller scale the situation there is much similar to that in Topeka. Nine or ten men were seen in the water in a fire started by lightning. Reports received from there late today say there is small prospect of the water falling for another twenty-four hours.

How Fire was Started. CHICAGO, May 30.—Vice President Kendrick of the Santa Fe road said tonight: "I have received a telegram which states that a fire in a warehouse in which lime was stored, causing the lime to slack and set fire to the building, was started by lightning."

Review of the Situation. KANSAS CITY, May 30.—Unprecedented floods are raging in central and eastern Kansas, northwestern Missouri, eastern Nebraska and southwestern Iowa, the result of ten days' of almost continuous rainfall.

The greatest damage has been occasioned between Kansas City and Ellsworth, Kan., 200 miles west. The chief sufferer is North Topeka, which has been separated from the main part of the city and from the suburbs at Kansas City, Kan., and in the suburban towns of Armourdale and Argentine.

The situation summarized follows: Homeless; Kansas—North Topeka, 7,000; near Emporia, 500; Salina and vicinity, 8,000; Lawrence, 2,000; Kansas City, Armourdale and Argentine, 10,000. Missouri—Harlem and Sheffield, 700. Iowa—Des Moines, 6,000; Ottumwa, 200. Nebraska—Lincoln, 200; Beatrice, 200.

Financial losses: Kansas—North Topeka, \$1,000,000; Kansas City, \$2,000,000; Ellsworth, 100,000; Abilene and vicinity, \$200,000; Salina and vicinity, \$50,000; Solomon, Chapman, Detroit and Woodbine and intervening country, \$400,000. Iowa—Des Moines, \$500,000.

The already flooded condition of central and eastern Kansas, which had been in existence for two days, became acute last night by a sudden rise in all streams, which were swollen by heavy rains. The rivers along which the main damage was done are the Kansas, which in many places from its source to Manhattan, Kan., a distance of 110 miles, has spread over miles of land on either side of its original bed; the Smoky Hill river, south from Manhattan, a distance of another 100 miles, touching Junction City, Abilene, Salina and Ellsworth, flooding all the north side—slightly west of the Blue river north from Manhattan to the Missouri river north and east of Kansas City and the Des Moines river at Des Moines.

Railway traffic in Kansas is practically at a standstill, dozens of big bridges having been washed out. Through the country and Ellsworth and many miles of tracks being under water. Every western road entering Kansas City is affected. The Rock Island and Union Pacific between Kansas City and Colorado are laid out completely, and all other lines are in jeopardy. The Santa Fe is running trains over the "Prisco" tracks. The B. & M. is moving its trains by side streets. The Rock Island has suspended its trains on the main line between Wichita and one at Hutchinson, and in fact are held up at all division points. On the Union Pacific the most serious damage was done west of Salina, where a number of washouts occurred.

Train Service Abandoned. Train service between Kansas City and Topeka has practically been abandoned. On train from Topeka over the Santa Fe reached here today after making a detour of 20 miles to cover the sixty miles between the two cities.

All rivers in this part of the country, the Missouri, Kansas, Smoky Hill, Neosho and Santa Fe rivers are rising tonight. The Kansas and the Missouri at a rapid rate, and it is apparent that the destructive floods of 1881 will be exceeded. Additional rains are predicted and a further rise in the Missouri doubtless will result in serious damage between Kansas City and St. Louis.

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At Argentine the conditions which prevail are similar to those at Armourdale.

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