

NEW FACTOR IN FLOOD

Rise of Missouri Upsets Calculations at Kansas City.

WATER HIGHEST IN FIVE YEARS

Stock Yards Inundated and Market Practically Busy

FIVE RAILROADS ARE UP

Three More Will Be Out in Few Hours.

TWO BRIDGES IN DANGER

Water is Ten Feet Deep in Principal Street of Armourdale—Convention Hall is Opened to Refugees.

KANSAS CITY, June 10.—All calculations of the weather bureau and river experts as to the duration and extent of the flood at the junction of the Kaw and Missouri rivers were upset today by the continued rise of the Missouri, due to heavy rains in the Dakotas and Nebraska. At 5 o'clock this afternoon the Missouri river was 27.3 feet above low water, a rise of two-tenths of an inch since noon. There will be a steady rise in the Missouri for the next twenty-four hours, and the river will probably go to 27.6 or 28 feet tomorrow. It will then remain stationary for twenty-four hours. Then, under the influence of the receding Kaw, the river will fall slowly. At 6 p. m. the Kaw river at the stock yards was 27.8 above low water, a rise of four-tenths of an inch for the day. The water, however, was due to the damming of the river just below the stock yards by the Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific bridges, which have accumulated a vast amount of driftwood. The Kaw, at its mouth, is stationary, and at Bonner Springs, Kan., fifteen miles west of here, it is in flood.

Flood Highly Spectacular. The flood today was highly spectacular, viewed from the bluffs of Kansas City. On the Clay county bank of the Missouri, the little village of Harlem was entirely surrounded by water, and the river was forming a mile wide behind the village over corn fields. The Kaw has overflowed most of the railroad yards, the stock yards and the residence and manufacturing district of Armourdale. Ten feet of water is running through Kansas avenue, the main street of Armourdale. The flood is the highest since that of 1893, but it is more than seven feet lower than in 1893.

Five Railroads Tied Up. Five railroad lines out of Kansas City are now tied up and three others will be out of service tonight. The lines tied up are the Union Pacific, Santa Fe and Rock Island west and the Burlington and Missouri Pacific north. The lines which are threatened are the Burlington, Rock Island and Wabash to the east. The Missouri Pacific and Burlington tracks north along the Missouri are under water. Burlington tracks along the Kaw, and the Burlington service between Kansas City and St. Joseph has been abandoned. St. Joseph, Omaha and Denver trains are going by way of Cameron. The Wabash, Burlington and Rock Island lines for the east, north and northwest in case of the expected rise will find an outlet by way of other lines to St. Joseph. The Union station tracks are still a foot above water.

Convention hall was opened today to shelter refugees. At least 15,000 persons have been driven from their homes.

Breaks in Dikes. Until last midnight last night, while the Kaw had caused much damage to the low lying parts of Kansas City, Kan., and had flooded the streets of Armourdale, it had not molested the west bottoms on the Missouri side, nor touched Argentine, Kan., adjoining two breaks in the Kaw dikes existing in Armourdale to Argentine, and another near the Schwartzschild & Sulzberger packing house. No great damage was possible at those points, however, for the packing house employees had been busily engaged for hours previous removing everything portable to places of safety and the residents of Argentine, or most of them, had already moved out.

A little later came the first break in the Argentine dike, in which it situated dozens of implement, grocery and general warehouses, when water began to come in near the Union Pacific bridge. Residents in the west bottoms, mostly occupying huts, had until that time believed themselves secure.

Gangs were speedily gathered and soon a small army of workers were making hurried attempts to get their belongings out of danger's way. In the wholesale houses additional gangs worked hard all night carrying goods to upper stories or carting it away from the district. Daylight found hundreds still at work, with the water rising slowly and making further inroads eastward toward the Union Pacific station, into which run twenty different railroads.

Railroads Have Trouble. At 8 o'clock this morning the water had reached within half a block of the station. The Missouri Pacific, whose low bridge across the Kaw had caused the water in that stream to back up and spread out into the bottom, had abandoned the bridge and today began sending out its trains from the Kansas side, while the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway used its outlying station uptown at Twenty-second and Grand avenue, not attempting to reach the Union station. The Great Western railway, whose tracks skirt the Missouri river just to the north of the station, experienced trouble and the prospects were that it would have to abandon its bridge during the day. Its tracks were threatened and the water was within a foot of the bridge.

Island trains for the west were forced to use the tracks of the St. Louis & San Francisco, the only outlet. The other railroads reach the station from the east.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Thursday, June 11, 1908.

Table with columns for date (1908, JUNE, 1908) and days of the week (SUN, MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT). Numbers are listed for each day.

THE WEATHER. For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity—Fair and slightly warmer Thursday. For Nebraska—Partly cloudy, with probably showers Thursday.

For Iowa—Partly cloudy, with possibly showers southwest portion Thursday. Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Table showing temperature at Omaha yesterday for various hours from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

DOMESTIC. Kansas City in the grip of high water, railroad bridges contributing much to the overflow.

Oliver H. P. Belmont is dead. Secretary Taft's managers deny the leading candidate is pushing the interests of any one person for vice president.

Report of adjutant general at Confederate reunion shows the ranks are rapidly thinning.

Governor Sanders takes radical action in Louisiana at report of hooding.

Henry Watterson is a guest of W. J. Bryan at Lincoln and declares the Nebraska race will be nominated on the first ballot.

Millers meet in national convention at Detroit.

Telegraph companies slated for investigation by the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Bryan makes commencement address to the Nebraska Wesleyan university students.

Brewers declare in favor of temperance in the use of liquors and against the continuance of low places for the retailing of liquor.

Women under arrest in Chicago on the charge of swindling thought to be the same ones who worked Broken Bow.

Widows of former employes complain Burlington road has cut off promised transportation, but state board can do nothing. Bank deposits show a decrease.

Place of the Gould-Sagan wedding has been kept a secret. TIGIS was assassinated by revolutionists.

Corn in eastern Nebraska is in finest condition, and all over the state its condition is very good. Wheat varies from 60 to 125 per cent.

Political barometer indicates that Bryan may have espoused the candidacy of C. O. Lebeck for governor to offset possible defection from himself by reason of the Johnson storm in Minnesota.

Pratt divorce case draws to an end and will go to the jury today. A man is wanted by the city council, Commercial club and Real Estate exchange to work out the "Omaha plan" for self government.

Decision of Judge Vandeventer of the United States circuit court of appeals, directing release of Indian policemen, regarded as a victory for the Indian department in establishing the status of Indians appointed for police duty at agencies.

Live stock markets. Stocks and bonds. MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

NEW YORK—Valerius... QUEENSTOWN—Prinsland... BOSTON—W. M. de Groot... HALIFAX—Krem... LONDON—Missaha.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 10.—The American Association of Nurserymen opened its annual convention at the Plankinton hotel today, 60 delegates being present.

President J. W. Hill of Des Moines, in his annual address, said there are today invested in the nursery business of the United States more than \$60,000,000 and employment is given to about 35,000 men and 3,000 women.

The season just closed he declared, an one of the best for many years. The speaker advocated a uniform national inspection law which, he said, would do much to obviate the many vexations and annoying conditions which arise under the present situation.

Archbishop to Take Rest. DUBUQUE, Ia., June 10.—Definite word reached here yesterday to the effect that Archbishop Keane, who has been absent from the city for several weeks, will not return to his diocese until September 1, when he hopes to have recovered his health, which, it is stated, at the present time is failing. The metropolitan of the archdiocese of Dubuque is to spend the summer months on an island in the Atlantic ocean near Boston, where he will endeavor to regain his lost strength through rest, salt water and ocean breezes.

Marshall County Farmer Hurt. MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., June 10.—While returning from the cornfields to put his team in the barn, Emil Nelson, a young farmer 25 years old, living southwest of town, was painfully hurt by getting caught under his horse, which whirled suddenly as he was unhooking the traces from the cultivator. In their struggle both horse and man were thrown. In his efforts to rescue his son, Nelson's aged mother and father were both kicked by the horses, receiving very severe injuries.

Ord Men on Motor Tour. BOONE, Ia., June 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Messrs. J. E. and H. E. Crawford of Ord, Neb., enroute from New Castle, Pa., in an automobile left Boone this morning in a race to overtake Mrs. Tappe and daughter, who are traveling to Portland, Ore. Both cars are in.

CHINA, THE NATION'S MARKET

Minister Wu Says His Country is Ready for Commerce.

ADDRESSES ILLINOIS STUDENTS

Celestial Empire Alive to Opportunity of Honor—Willing to Accept Ideas of Civilization of West.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., June 10.—Wu Ting-fang, Chinese minister to the United States, delivered the commencement address at the University of Illinois today. His subject "Why China and America Should be Friends" afforded an opportunity for him to tell of the rapid advancement of his country and its reception of western ideas.

"Strange as it may seem to you," the minister said, "there are many points of similarity in the character of our people and yours. We are democratic. Practically speaking, we have no aristocracy of blood or birth, but only that of genius and education. Every Chinese, however humble his origin may be, is free to study and ability raise himself to the highest post of honor and trust within the gift of the emperor."

"We have a strong sense of humor, and so have you; in this country, as in mine, honesty and integrity are virtues occupying important places in our moral code."

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PASSING OF A NOTED IRISHMAN

John Frederick Finerty Closes Long Life of Political and Literary Activity.

CHICAGO, June 10.—Colonel John F. Finerty, editor of the Chicago Citizen, for many years prominent as a newspaper man, lecturer and Irish patriot, died at his residence here today aged 82 years.

John Frederick Finerty was a native of Galway, Ireland. His father, M. J. Finerty, was a leader of public opinion in the west of Ireland, and in Irish politics belonged to the "Young Ireland" school, of that section of the patriot party which professed the principles of Thomas Davis, John Mitchell, Smith O'Brien and Thomas Francis Meagher. He became editor of the Galway Indicator in 1840 and died in February, 1848. The son received a good education, partly in the national schools and partly by private tutors. From earliest childhood he manifested deep interest in the history and literature of his native land, and his thorough knowledge of the subject, shown in manhood's years, was due to study of the books and documents of his father's library. He became an active member of the Fenian brotherhood at the age of 17, and delivered his first Fenian speech on Silverman mountain in 1843. His radical sentiments made him a marked boy in official circles, so much so that he emigrated to the United States in 1854, and found vent for his ardor for liberty by service in a New York volunteer regiment, which later participated in the closing battles of the civil war.

At the conclusion of the civil war, Mr. Finerty settled permanently in Chicago, becoming a member of the newspaper profession and following it almost continually to the end. At different times he accompanied General Merritt in the Tribune and Wilbur P. Story of the Times. While attached to the latter paper he acted as correspondent in General Crook's campaign against the Sioux in 1876, distinguished himself as a fighter in the battle of the Rosebud, and participated in the famous Battle of Little Bighorn, the most thrilling episode in the annals of Indian warfare. Two years later he accompanied General Miles in his pursuit of Sitting Bull into Manitoba, crossed the line and interviewed the noted chief of the Sioux. As correspondent he also accompanied General Merritt in his campaign against the Utes. In this capacity Mr. Finerty displayed great skill as a writer and powers of endurance surpassed by none."

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OLIVER H. P. BELMONT DEAD

New York Financier and Club Man Passes Away.

UNABLE TO SUSTAIN OPERATION

Prominent in Life of Gotham and Newport Home One of the Show Places of Summer City.

NEW YORK, June 10.—Oliver H. P. Belmont died at his home at Hempstead, L. I., at 4:34 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Belmont had been seriously ill less than two weeks. He had not been in the best of health for some time, but his condition was not such as to cause any alarm until appendicitis developed June 1. The previous Saturday, although the day was rainy and the air raw, he went down to Belmont park to witness the running of the Belmont stakes. At the time he appeared to have suffered no ill-effects from the exposure and enjoyed the sport thoroughly.

When the physicians were called on Monday, however, and diagnosed his illness as appendicitis, they found his heart in such a condition that there was much hesitation before a decision to perform an operation was reached. Thursday, however, it became apparent that the only hope for his recovery lay in an operation. He rallied nicely after the operation and it was believed that he would make a good recovery. Late that afternoon, however, there was a severe sinking spell followed by unconsciousness. That night peritonitis developed and from that time until his death there was little hope that he would survive.

Oliver H. P. Belmont was the son of the late August Belmont. The present August Belmont and Perry Belmont are his brothers.

Mr. Belmont had not been actively engaged in business for some years. He had always been very popular among a wide circle of friends and held a prominent position in club and social life here and in London and Paris. He was graduated from Annapolis naval academy in 1876 and served out his two years' cruise following graduation. In 1878 he resigned from the service to engage in business with his father and brother.

He was a democrat, and in 1900 was chosen as a delegate from New York to the democratic national convention. The same year he was elected to congress from the thirteenth New York district.

Mr. Belmont's first marriage was with Miss Sarah Swan Whitney, now Mrs. George Rives. His only child, Mrs. William Burden, died several months ago.

Mr. Belmont's second marriage was with Mrs. Alva E. Smith Vanderbilt, who prior to her divorce was the wife of W. K. Vanderbilt. Mrs. Belmont and her two sons, William K. Vanderbilt, Jr. and Harold Vanderbilt, were constantly at Mr. Belmont's side from the moment his illness took a critical turn. Mrs. Belmont's daughter, Consuelo, the duchess of Marlborough, was kept constantly advised of Mr. Belmont's condition.

MILLERS MEET IN DETROIT

Nearly Four Hundred in Session to Discuss Matters of Interest to Trade.

DETROIT, Mich., June 10.—Millers from all the state to the number of nearly 400 were present when the sixth annual convention of the Millers' National Federation was called to order here today in the convention hall of the Hotel Cadillac. Between 600 and 700 members of the federation are expected to attend. Every incoming train and boat brought a delegation of millers today, 100 from the northwest arriving on the steamer Tioesta from Duluth.

The program for the opening session embraced an address of welcome by Major W. B. Thompson, a response by Vice President H. B. Spaulding, and the reading of the annual address of President William E. Castle of Louisville, Ky., and some "export suggestions" by F. H. Price, the federation's export agent. A general discussion of exports followed Mr. Price's address.

This afternoon the millers will change the location of their convention to the deck of the steamer Tioesta and will hold their second session while on a trip to Port Huron. A concert and smoker will follow the business session on the boat during the ride back to Detroit, which will not be reached until after 11 o'clock. The federation will continue in session until Friday afternoon and a banquet Friday evening will follow the adjournment.

BREWERS FAVOR TEMPERANCE

Adopt Resolutions Favoring Sensible Regulation of Retail Trade in Liquor.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 10.—The proposition of temperance, being neither abuse of clause, is favored by the United States Brewers' association adopted at its closing session today. They also favor the elimination of the objectionable feature of the retail liquor traffic and pledge their fullest cooperation towards their extinction.

The brewers also declare that it is a mistake