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### When the Old Missouri Gets Over Its Banks at Omaha



#### SEA OF WATER IN VALLEY

River Receding North, but is Still High Here.

#### IOWA LANDS ARE SUBMERGED

North of Council Bluffs Families Have Moved Out of Homes and Are Living in Tents and Barns.

The official reading of the Missouri river yesterday was 18.4 two-tenths of a foot higher than Friday morning. The highest reached by the river was 18.6, the river coming to this point Friday afternoon and continuing until late in the night. When the crest passed Friday night the river began to fall slowly and it is believed it will continue to drop, little by little throughout the day. At 10 o'clock yesterday morning the river was 18.1, a drop of three-tenths since yesterday.

At the Blair bridge yesterday it was reported that the river is stationary and all points north of there report a slow falling away, averaging one-half foot to a foot and a half. It is not believed the river can go much higher here, its crest having passed Blair bridge and here during the last twenty-four hours.

#### Lake Water Stationary.

The water in Carter, Willow, Florence and Manawa lakes has not been materially increased, but the present condition of the lakes is likely to remain for a period of several days.

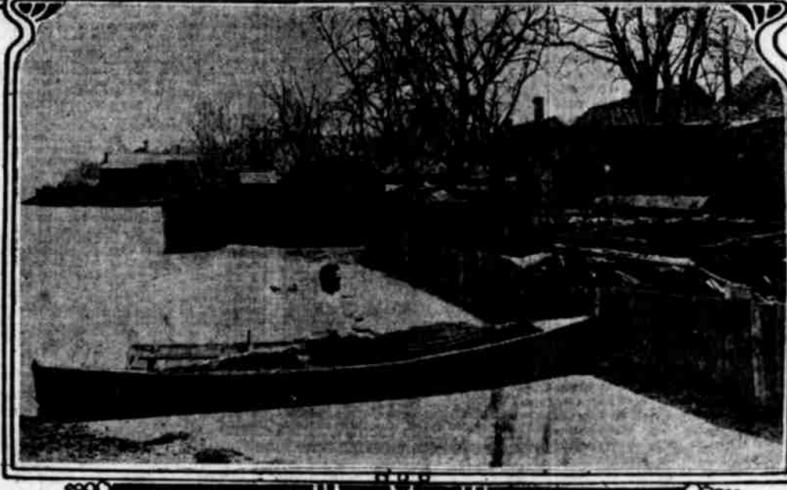
Water has backed into Carter lake through a sluice from Willow lake, which was flooded over by water from the Missouri. Florence lake reaches now almost to Ninth street and covers a district southeast of its old bed. However, there is no likelihood of water entering Carter lake from Florence lake either on the east or the west.

The bottoms along the Iowa side are partly submerged, due chiefly to the rains of early morning and the present height of the river.

South of the Union Pacific bridge the river is a sheet of water over a mile wide and along the river from Blair south to Nebraska City the bottoms are submerged.

#### Great Sea of Water.

Reports are to the effect that the entire valley, down at least as far as Omaha, is a sea of water from one to ten feet deep, extending from bluff to bluff. The water is said to be almost up to the tracks of the Illinois Central, from where the road crosses the Dover river, down to the Council Bluffs yards. East of the



SCENES IN THE BOTTOM UNDER THE BLUFFS WHEN THE RIVER IS DRIVING THE LOWLAND DWELLERS FROM THEIR HOMES TO REFUGE ON THE HILL TOPS.

Illinois Central the water is up to the grade of the Northwestern.

At Honey Creek lake, north of Council Bluffs, it is said the surface of this sheet of water is on a level with that of the river, forming a lake nearly fifteen miles wide. Up through that section of the country most of the farmers have taken their families, their stock and household goods and have moved to the hills, where numbers of them are living in tents, school houses and barns of neighbors who are on the high lands.

Owing to the high water throughout the Mississippi river valleys the Omaha roads have received instructions to discontinue the sale of tickets into the flood-stricken territory. The order applies to a considerable portion of the country south of St. Louis.

New Orleans and points to the east and west of the flooded area, instead of being reached by direct routes, are accessible only by making long detours.

#### Rise in East Omaha.

On the East Omaha bottoms the water rose to such a height last night that this morning the Illinois Central was unable to use its tracks leading to the bridge over the river. In some places they were submerged to a depth of two feet. Down near the foot of Nicholas street, Illinois Central trains going east were derailed onto the Union Pacific tracks, which

are on a much higher grade. The trains used these tracks to a point where there is a switch near the west end of the bridge and there were shunted onto the Illinois Central.

The Illinois Central's bridge is still high above the Missouri river, but the water is all about the approaches and gangs of men are at work putting in bags of sand and brush where there are any signs of the water cutting into the grades.

The bridge tender coming across the East Omaha bottoms at noon, drove along Grace street from the bridge and for some distance, drove his horse through water four feet deep. This was a rise of almost two feet since yesterday noon.

#### Officers Arraigned For Blunt's Death

Chief of Police Briggs of South Omaha, Sheriff Gus Hyers of Lincoln and John C. Trouton of South Omaha were arraigned yesterday morning in the Sarpy county court at Papillion, charged with manslaughter in the killing of Roy Blunt last month. Each pleaded not guilty and was placed under \$2,000 bond for appearance at the trial, set for April 20. Henry C. Murphy of South Omaha represented Briggs and Trouton, and former Senator Elmer J. Burkett represented Hyers.

#### Veteran Known Here Expires in Indiana

City Comptroller Cosgrove last evening received word of the death of his father, Dr. Frederick K. Cosgrove, in Jennings county, Indiana, south of Indianapolis. He will go east this morning to attend the funeral. Dr. Cosgrove, who was 86 years old, was visiting with his son at the time of his death, his home being near Fort Wayne. The elder Cosgrove served as captain of a color guard in the Mexican war, and also served as captain of Company D, Forty-fourth Indiana, in the civil war. He was injured on the first day of the battle of Gettysburg. He has visited here a number of times and knew Dexter L. Thomas and Charles L. Thomas of the Eighty-ninth Indiana, which he helped to recruit. Dr. Cosgrove first came to Omaha in 1888, and has been here several times since. He visited his son in this city last summer. Persistent Advertiser is the Road to His Return.

#### MRS. HORN HURT IN CRASH

Daughter of Beecher Higby May Die from Auto Accident.

#### MACHINE LEAPS EMBANKMENT

Steering Wheel Breaks from Post and Car Becomes Unmanageable—Mr. Horn is Only Stunned.

Skull fractured and suffering from internal injuries sustained in an automobile accident early last night, Mrs. Helen M. Horn, wife of William H. C. Horn, head of the Horn Automobile Supply company, and daughter of Beecher Higby, lie at the point of death in Clarkson Memorial hospital. She was still unconscious and unimproved this afternoon.

Mr. Horn, the only other occupant of the car when the accident occurred, escaped with minor injuries. After his wife had been operated upon at the hospital he was taken to the Higby home.

The accident occurred on the West Dodge street road at a point opposite the Happy Hollow golf links at about 7:30 last night. Mr. and Mrs. Horn were taking an after dinner spin with their car, when the steering wheel broke and the car, unmanageable, plunged down a ten-foot embankment.

Rescue at Hand. George W. Johnston, head of the Johnston Electric company, happened along the road in his car only a few minutes after the accident. He assisted Mr. Horn and his unconscious wife into his car and drove to the home of Dr. Robert R. Hollister, 623 Cass street, the nearest physician of whom he could think. Dr. Hollister was found caring for his lawn. He climbed into the car and the four spun to the hospital.

Mrs. Horn's condition called for immediate operation as the only hope of saving her life. She came from the operating room at 7:30, and at midnight had not recovered consciousness.

Mr. Horn was so unnerved by the accident that for several hours he was unable to tell a clear and detailed story. At midnight he had sufficiently recovered to rectify details.

Steering Wheel Breaks. After dinner at their home, 4847 Underwood avenue, Dundee, Mr. and Mrs. Horn started out for an evening drive, according to Mr. Horn, and chose to follow the West Dodge street road. They were going at a reasonable rate of speed, probably fifteen miles an hour, when the steering wheel broke loose from the post. Horn immediately shut off the power and applied the brakes, but before his ef-

#### Erdman Concerned Over Colorado Trip

"Wonder if that Colorado officer is coming? I wouldn't shed any tears if he did not want me back there," quipped Frank Erdman in the county jail yesterday. A prisoner in an opposite cell heard him. "Don't you want to go back west?" he was asked. "Oh, I don't know," answered Erdman. "I want this suspense over, that is a cinch, but as to my going to Canyon City, I'd just as soon stay here as not. Wonder where that officer is at?" Attachés of the county jail say that Erdman appears greatly concerned because the officer to take him back to the Colorado penitentiary does not show up in Omaha.

#### T. R. Talks Politics in Forbidden Place

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., April 12.—Although he had received a broad hint not to talk politics, Colonel Roosevelt talked for an hour here tonight, and it was all politics. After paying his respects to the speaker who laid the injunction upon him, he made the flat statement that he believed his hearers wanted him to say what he believed. The forbidden speech was delivered before the Commercial Travelers' club of Springfield. William G. McKechnie, who introduced the toastmaster, told Colonel Roosevelt that politics was barred. "Religion and politics play no part in this organization," he said. "Any reference thereto is expressly prohibited by its constitution." During the introductory remarks the colonel sat quite still, looking straight ahead of him with a quizzical expression. When he arose he said: "I know you wished me to come to Massachusetts to tell you the reason for the faith that lies in me. Mr. McKechnie has said your association wishes entire freedom of speech. That is no jest. You wish any man to speak with frankness, and I could not come here and refrain from speaking of politics, because with me politics represents the deepest convictions as to the vital needs of the country, and of course I shall speak to you of them."

#### PHI ALPHA RHO CLUB GIVES COLLEGE PLAYLET

"The Sophomores," a three act comedy playlet touching upon the gridiron game at college, was cleverly presented by the members of the Phi Alpha Rho club of the Omaha High school at the Lyric theater last evening before a good sized audience. The youthful thespians went through long runs of lines and scenes full of connected movement without a hitch, their settings used were artistic and the numerous pennants draped about the

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