

TWELVE DROWNED NEAR VALLEY, MO.

Meramec River Rises Rapidly in Night and Drives Thousands from Their Beds.

HUNDRED PERSONS ARE MISSING

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 23.—The Meramec river, which rose swiftly Saturday night and Sunday, flooding a large part of the manufacturing and summer resort town of Valley Park, nine miles southwest of St. Louis, fell rapidly today, making possible a careful inquiry to determine the extent of the flood damage.

Reports of drownings were unconfirmed this morning, though the coroner last night said twelve drownings had been reported to him. None was missing in Valley Park today, so far as could be learned, though 3,500 persons were driven from their homes.

Thousands of acres of farm lowlands along the river were still under water and it was impossible to learn definitely whether the scenes mostly white, who had been reported missing last night, had been accounted for.

The water stood in the streets of Valley Park today from two to four feet deep. The Meramec river fell slowly because of the high water in the Mississippi. The Meramec is flooded along its entire course of 100 miles through the Ozarks. More than 100 miles of territory in the heart of the Ozarks between Springfield, Mo., and St. Louis is cut off from communication with either city.

Heavy Damage in Illinois.

Equally distressing conditions prevail throughout southern Illinois and parts of western Illinois, where the toll, less severe in the number of lives lost, is far greater in damage to property and crops. Railroads, telegraph and telephone facilities are demoralized, the physical damage may aggregate \$5,000,000, and tens of thousands of farmers and villagers are homeless.

The Meramec river was during the night while thousands of campers and picnickers slept in the club houses and summer cottages which dot the river's bank. From 2 o'clock yesterday morning until last midnight the river rose a foot an hour. The flood waters of swollen Ozark mountain streams, which empty into the Meramec, came rushing down the Meramec in layers a foot high, tearing farm houses, club houses, bridges and barges from their moorings and hurling them against trees, telegraph poles and against each other in the mad rush toward the Mississippi river.

Rescuers Tell All Day.

Calls for help were sent to St. Louis and hundreds of rescuers with motor boats and other crafts were on the scene at daylight. They toiled all day and all night and rescued 90 persons. This morning men and in a few cases women, who had climbed tree tops and roofs still were crying for help. Most of the population of Valley Park—2,500 families—were driven from their homes and large manufacturing plants, about which the town is built, were rendered useless, probably for weeks.

Newport, Ark., is Flooded.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 23.—White river is coming over the Rock Island levee at Newport and the town will be flooded, according to reports here today. The \$25,000 causeway just completed over Newport lake has broken.

Hundreds of volunteers today were working on the levee and negroes had been forced at the point of shotguns to join them. The Stevens steel levee at Ingleside, near Newport, has broken.

Reports were received here last night that a family of five persons had been drowned in the bottom near Oil Trough.

In Newport all business has been suspended. The water and electric light plants have been put out of commission by the water. The damage to crops in White river bottoms will be enormous, as thousands of acres are flooded.

The steamers Muskogee and Mary G. Lucas are running day and night rescuing families from the overflowed districts, many of the dwellers of the lowlands being taken from trees.

Hundreds of head of stock driven out of the bottoms by the water are roaming the streets of Newport and vicinity.

REED'S DECISION HITS MOREHEAD

(Continued from Page One.) account and, therefore, the same as no bond whatever, and the governor has no authority to act.

Affecting Other Officers.

The reports of the secretary of state show that the fees of that office during the last biennium amounted to \$205,978. Under the interpretation given the constitution by the attorney general the secretary of state should give a bond of more than \$400,000, and his bond of \$50,000 is not a legal bond and, therefore, Mr. Pool has not complied with the constitution and has no right to the office.

State Treasurer Hall admits that under the ruling of the attorney general he should give a bond of about \$200,000 instead of \$50,000, as he has done, and as former state treasurers have been doing.

Clarke Gives Views.

Chairman Henry Clarke of the State Railway commission thinks the attorney general is considerably off the legal reservation and has no authority for his opinion to back him. He is of the opinion that Mr. Reed is somewhat inconsistent in claiming that he has known of this condition since he first came into office, but notwithstanding that he believed the commission without authority to do business for the state, he declined with it as counsel and has taken trips to Washington and other points to assist in the work the commission was doing. He insists that if the attorney general knew that the commission was working without authority of the constitution that he had no right to spend the money appropriated by the state to the present members for expenses of the commission in which Mr. Reed was taking part.

Hall Writes Letter.

Commissioner Hall has taken the trouble to send a letter to the attorney general which gives an idea of how the amended constitution came to be as it appears.

Governor Morehead would not talk for publication this morning. He intimated, however, that he might issue a statement later on, probably tomorrow, after he has had time to look into the matter. He

LEO FRANK LAID TO REST—At the left is shown the casket being taken down the steps of his father's house in Brooklyn, to the waiting automobile hearse. At the right is shown the mother of the dead man being assisted down the steps after the casket.



FRANK'S BODY BEING CARRIED FROM HOUSE — HIS MOTHER LEAVING HOUSE

admits that there are probably some things which may need looking after, but to what extent he will not say and until he has secured some more legal advice will take no action.

Smith Holds Up Voucher.

State Auditor Smith this morning held up the first voucher coming from the railway commission. He with other state officers interested in the matter were in consultation during most of the forenoon. They have been criticizing State Treasurer Hall because he would not abide by the opinion of the attorney general when the attorney general ruled that the Commissioner Ridgell was entitled to draw money on his warrants, and now they must decide whether to take the advice of the attorney general in this matter. Just what the auditor will do will be made public after holding some more conferences with his state house brethren and a few sessions with the attorney general.

Refuge in Old Theory.

State officers most interested in the effect the decision of Attorney General Reed will have on the officers whose bonds are not sufficient to cover the constitutional requirement appear to take comfort from a decision of the supreme court in the Eugene Moore case, where he, as state auditor, was charged with appropriation of fees, that the fees coming into the different departments are not state fees until they have been received by the state treasurer. In other words, they are claiming that the state has no right to the fees collected by them until they get ready to turn them over to the state treasurer. To a host of patriots who have been condemning such acts, this is decidedly interesting. In the meantime the state house is standing up all right under the strain, but when Lieutenant Governor Pearson comes down from Morefield and demands of Governor Morehead that he set out and give him a chance the old domes may tremble a little.

ALLIES REJOICE OVER EXPLOIT OF RUSS WARSHIPS

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that account the Russian naval victory may have large effect on the German plan.

Italy's declaration of war on Turkey has not yet led, so far as is known here, to definite results, but it is expected to have a great effect on Roumania, which long has been connected closely with Italy.

From the Franco-Belgian front comes reports of artillery duels, unaccompanied by infantry activity.

Russian Official Report.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 23.—(Via London.)—The recent naval battle in the Gulf of Riga is described as follows in a statement from navy headquarters:

"The German fleet on August 18 renewed with large forces its attacks on our positions at the entrance to the Gulf of Riga. Our ships, during August 18 and 17, repulsed the attacks of the enemy, whose secret preparations for entering the gulf had been favored singularly by misty weather.

"Taking advantage of a thick fog, hostile forces of considerable size entered the gulf on August 18 and our vessels retired at the same time, continuing to resist the enemy without losing touch with them.

"On August 19 and 20 the enemy reconnoitered in different directions at the same time, keeping up a fight with our ships in which their torpedo boat flotilla suffered material losses. On our side we lost the gunboat Sivutich, which perished gloriously in an unusual fight with an enemy cruiser, which was escorting torpedo craft, and came up to a distance of 400 yards from her. The Sivutich, enveloped in flames, continued to reply shot for shot until it sank, having previously sunk enemy torpedo boats.

"In view of the losses suffered and the futility of his efforts, the enemy appears to have evacuated the Gulf of Riga on August 21.

"Between August 16 and 21, two enemy cruisers and no fewer than eight torpedo boats were either sunk or placed hors de combat. Simultaneously our gallant allies succeeded in torpedoing in the Baltic one of the most powerful dreadnoughts of the German fleet."

The foregoing contains no information of the loss of the Russian gunboat Korcovet, which was said in an official German statement of Saturday to have been sunk, as well as the Sivutich.

Military Wedding Upon Camp Grounds

HARRY CASTLEMON STORY BOOK WRITER, IS DEAD

CRITE, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The field of the Fifth regiment was a busy place today, ending with a regimental parade at 5 p. m. Hard drilling of the companies has continued from early in the morning.

Last night's program was concluded at 7:30 p. m. with a military marriage, the principal parties to the affair being Lieutenant Elmer Lunstrom of Fremont, member of the signal corps of the Fifth regiment, and Miss Georgia McCreedy of Fremont, Neb.

The officers formed at the headquarters tents and escorted the bride couple to the platform where the religious services were held. The band played the wedding march.

The bride couple was accompanied by Captain and Mrs. Jess of the signal corps, both dressed in white. The groom was dressed in full military white, and the bride was dressed in blue silk. The ceremony was performed by Lt. Rev. George A. Beecher of Kearney, chaplain of the Fifth regiment.

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HARRY CASTLEMON STORY BOOK WRITER, IS DEAD

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 23.—Charles Austin Fiedick, 72 years of age, died at the home of his son-in-law at Hamburg, N. Y., yesterday, Mr. Fiedick, under the name of "Harry Castlemon," wrote many books of adventure for boys.

ITALIAN TROOPS OFF FOR TURKEY

Heavily Laden Transports Conveyed by Warships Leave Four Ports for Unnamed Destination.

CAMPAIGN PLANNED IN JULY

ROME, Aug. 23.—(Via Paris.)—Several transports, laden with troops and escorted by warships, have departed from Naples, Syracuse, Taranto and Brindisi for an unknown destination.

They sailed under sealed orders. It is generally believed that they are to be employed for operations against Turkey.

Campaign Planned Last Month.

UDINE (Via Paris), Aug. 23.—The fact is disclosed that joint military action by Italy with England, France and Russia against Turkey was arranged by the Italian General Fierro during his visit to the Anglo-French front in July. Plans studied then, it is said, can immediately be put into action.

Turkey and Bulgaria Sign Treaty.

BERLIN, Aug. 23.—(By Wireless to Soyville.)—The Overseas News Agency today gave out the following:

"Official reports from Sofia and Constantinople state that Turkey and Bulgaria have signed a new treaty, Turkey granting Bulgaria its desired direct railroad connection with the sea, and Bulgaria agreeing to observe a benevolent neutrality, if not more."

Unofficial reports late in July stated that a convention had been signed on July 23 by which Turkey ceded to Bulgaria the Turkish portion of the Dodecanich railway. The reports stated that the treaty left Bulgaria unpledged concerning its attitude in the war.

Constantinople Without Gas. SOFIA, Aug. 23.—(Via London.)—The gas works at Doldabotche, which supply Constantinople, have been shut down, owing to lack of coal, and Constantinople is now lighted by petroleum, according to the latest advices from the Turkish capital. For the same reason trains on the Anatolian railway are running at half speed.

Japan Will Aid Russia.

TOKIO, Aug. 23.—The Kokumin Shimbun says: "Premier Okuma states that Japan has decided to give greater assistance to Russia to prosecute the war. He could not discuss details, but allowed it to be understood that this assistance would take the form of the forwarding of greater supplies of munitions."

The Associated Press learns that Japan

has decided to employ all available governmental and private resources for increasing the output of munitions for the allies, particularly Russia. The Japanese government believes the time has arrived for more concerted action against the enemies of Japan and its allies.

Boy Killed by Lightning. SHOSHONI, Wyo., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—One son of Duncan McClelland, a ranchman, was instantly killed and another was so badly burned that he may

not recover, when the youngsters were struck by lightning late Saturday, while driving the family cow in from pasture during a thunderstorm. The older of the boys, aged 11 years, was killed, and the younger, aged 9, seared from head to foot.

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With the serious outbreaks on the Texas border, the defiant attitude of Carranza, and the preparation of the American fleet under orders from Washington, the Mexican situation is now perhaps more menacing than ever before. You will want to read of President Wilson's "last stand" in his attempt to bring about peace through the co-operation of the Latin American republics, of Carranza's disapproval of this plan, and of his threats to the United States. It's all in the August 21st issue.

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