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FLOODS SWEEPING NORTHERN ILLINOIS WORST IN DECADE

Small Streams Swell to Torrents
and Large Rivers Overflow
Banks, Inundating
Country.

JOLIET IS STRUCK HARD

Town of Rockdale is Submerged
Six Feet Beneath the
Waters.

WATER SUPPLY THREATENED

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—Northern Illinois today faced flood conditions such as have not been experienced for a decade. Small streams were swollen into torrents and larger rivers overflowed their banks and inundated thousands of acres, threatened hundreds of homes, threatened pollution of water supplies and did damage estimated at many hundred thousands of dollars.

Joliet and nearby towns suffered from the overflow of the Desplaines river and its tributaries which submerged the village of Rockdale beneath six feet of water, swept a bridge at Channahon and inundated the lower section of Joliet.

In the valley of the Fox river from Elgin to Ottawa there was flood damage, the greatest danger being at Aurora, where whole sections of the city were submerged and for a time the artesian wells which supply the city with drinking water were threatened with pollution.

Further north the Rock river, and its tributaries, the Pecatonica and Sugar rivers went on a rampage and threatened the destruction of interurban and steam railroad bridges.

In Rockford a school house was surrounded by the flood and the children prevented from attending. Boats and rafts took the place of wagons and automobiles in many towns and cities. No loss of life was reported, but many persons were assisted from their homes.

In Chicago a warning to boil the water was issued by the health authorities because of possible sewage pollution and all day firemen were kept busy pumping out flooded basements.

Kansas City Bridge Hit.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 21.—Released by last night's warm rain, a gigantic ice field poured down the Kansas river today. It struck the new Twenty-third street viaduct that partly spans the river at Kansas avenue, carried away 120 feet of false work and threw the weight of its entire center on two small groups of piles.

The afternoon the west end of the structure had fallen ten feet. It was feared the bridge would be carried out. The bridge is intended to join Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan.

Reports from Lawrence, Kan., said the river was rising rapidly, but the ice back there had not broken. The breaking of this flood, it was said, would mean disaster for the local bridge.

At points along the Kansas river, hundreds of workers were stationed this afternoon protecting other bridges. Explosives were used to break ice at several places.

Two Drown in South.

SULPHUR, Okl., Jan. 21.—Two persons are known to be dead and four others are reported drowned as a result of heavy rains which caused Rock Creek, a stream flowing through here, to overflow early today. One of the recovered bodies has been identified as James Spencer, a real estate man.

Woman Hangs Her Babies and Herself to Hook in Ceiling

LYONS, N. Y., Jan. 21.—Mrs. Edward Payne, 28 years of age, hanged her 4-year-old daughter, her 2-year-old son and herself with three separate pieces of clothes-line attached to a hook in the ceiling of the family home in Alloway, three miles south of here yesterday afternoon. Mr. Payne found the bodies of his wife and children when he returned home from work tonight. He told the coroner his wife had been acting strangely for the last few days.

The Weather

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday	Hours	Deg.
5 a. m.	34
6 a. m.	34
7 a. m.	34
8 a. m.	34
9 a. m.	34
10 a. m.	34
11 a. m.	34
12 m.	34
1 p. m.	34
2 p. m.	34
3 p. m.	34
4 p. m.	34
5 p. m.	34
6 p. m.	34
7 p. m.	34
8 p. m.	34
9 p. m.	34
10 p. m.	34
11 p. m.	34
12 m.	34

Comparative Localities	1914	1915	1916
Highest yesterday	43	11	27
Lowest yesterday	33	4	11
Mean temperature	38	19	29
Precipitation	0.4	33	0.0

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:
Normal temperature..... 20
Excess for the day..... 18
Total deficiency since March 11..... 137
Normal precipitation..... 48 inches
Excess for the day..... 0.3 inch
Total rainfall since March 11..... 27.25 inches
Deficiency since March 11..... 20.75 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1914, 2.56 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1915, 5.84 inches

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State	Temp.	Wind	Bar.
Omaha, clear	34	22	30.0
Des Moines, cloudy	35	22	30.0
Denver, part cloudy	35	19	30.0
St. Louis, cloudy	35	19	30.0
Chicago, cloudy	35	19	30.0
St. Paul, cloudy	35	19	30.0
Sioux Falls, clear	35	19	30.0
Grand Island, clear	35	19	30.0
Lincoln, clear	35	19	30.0
Nebraska, clear	35	19	30.0

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

PRESIDENT OMAHA WOMAN'S CLUB, WH' IS DEAD.



PRESIDENT OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB DEAD

Mrs. N. H. Nelson, for Fourteen Years Worker in Organization, Passes Away.

INTRODUCES THE PENNY LUNCH

Mrs. N. H. Nelson, president of the Omaha Woman's club and mother of the penny lunch system at the Train school, died at Clarkson hospital yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock of acute lymphatic leukemia. Mrs. Nelson had been ill but five weeks, dating from an attack of the grippe and general break-down due to over-work in launching the school lunch and her death comes as a great blow to all clubwomen in the city.

Mrs. Nelson was 4 years old on Christmas day, just a few days after she became ill. She had lived in Omaha all her life and was a graduate of the Omaha High school. Her marriage to Mr. Nelson took place September 12, 1901.

Her husband, Mrs. Nelson's father, William Robertson, a brother, Earl Robertson, and three sisters, Mrs. R. E. McKenzie, a teacher at the Clifton Hill school, Mrs. Ulrich, and Mrs. L. M. Rodgers, survive. All members of the family were at her bedside when she died.

The time for the funeral will be set this morning.

Most Capable Executive.

Mrs. Nelson was one of the most capable and well-beloved executives who ever presided at Woman's club meetings. An unusually attractive woman, both in spirit and in person, she had endeared herself to clubwomen all over the city and her loss is keenly felt.

Toward the success of the penny soup kitchen at the Train school, Mrs. Nelson lent every energy, but on the opening day, less than three weeks ago, she was unable to be present, but was removed from her home to the hospital. A large photograph of Mrs. Nelson hangs in the luncheon room of the school.

Aside from the soup kitchen, Mrs. Nelson also instituted the advisory board of the club, composed of past presidents of the club.

Fourteen Years' Service.

Another work which Mrs. Nelson was especially desirous of completing during her administration was the publication of the club's history. Mrs. Nelson rose to the presidency in the club after having held the office of assistant treasurer, treasurer, secretary and first vice president, her service in the club dating back fourteen years.

Since only department meetings of the club are to be held this coming week, it is thought no change will be made in the club calendar.

The officers of the club plan to meet today to arrange for their part in the funeral services.

OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN DECLARED BANKRUPT

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Oscar Hammerstein, former grand opera impresario, was adjudicated a bankrupt today, by an order signed by Federal Judge Mayer. The order, which directed him to appear for examination before a referee, follows his failure to answer an involuntary petition in bankruptcy filed January 4 by creditors.

Immigration Must Be Limited to Maintain Wages, Says Morrison

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Only by limiting immigration can high standards of living and good wages be maintained, among American workmen, Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, and Representative Burnett declared, in advocating the literary test bill today before the house immigration committee.

Representative Burnett, who is chairman of the committee and introducer of the bill, declared that of 2,500,000 foreigners in the United States only 25,000 were attempting to learn English. Ignorant and unambitious, he declared they work cheaply, live in squalor and create conditions that drive American workmen from a community. To such causes, he insisted, were due the recent Youngstown, O., riots.

"A workman told me he left Youngstown for no other reason than the contaminating influences that these foreign laborers created there," Mr. Burnett said. "And what decent, self-respecting American, Irishman or German would stand for such conditions?"

The farm calls for the foreign laborer, but he does not answer, John H. Kinable, national executive representative of the Farmers' National Grange, said in supporting the measure.

EDWARD L. LOMAX DIES IN THE WEST

Recovering from a Stroke of Paralysis, Former Omahan Stricken with Heart Failure

HAD BEEN ILL FOR A MONTH

Edward L. Lomax, for years general passenger agent of the Union Pacific, died at his home in San Francisco, Calif., a long time passenger train manager of the Western Pacific and probably one of the best known and most prominent railroad men in the country, died Friday noon at his home in San Francisco, after an illness of about a month. The announcement of his death was brought by the Associated and came in private messages to friends in this city.

For some months prior to his death, Mr. Lomax had been in rather poor health, but his friends were not alarmed until the latter part of December, when he sustained a stroke of paralysis, rendering one side completely helpless. He was removed to a private sanitarium in San Francisco, where he was treated by the most skillful doctors on the Pacific coast. After a few days he commenced to gain strength and some use of his arm. Mrs. Lomax, writing to friends in this city, asserted that she felt very hopeful and that the reports of the doctors were encouraging.

Death Unexpected.

About ten days ago Mr. Lomax had improved so much that he was removed to his home and until the word of his death came it was supposed that he was getting better. That his death was unexpected is borne out by the telegrams that state that he died of affection of the heart, which became acute during his convalescence following the stroke of paralysis.

It is not known when the funeral will be held, nor what disposition will be made of the body.

Mr. Lomax is survived by his widow and two grown children, Edward Lloyd Lomax, Jr., and a daughter, Mildred. He and his family moved away from Omaha in July, 1910, when he resigned as general passenger agent of the Union Pacific to accept the appointment of passenger traffic manager of the Western Pacific, holding this position at the time of his death.

Edward Lloyd Lomax was born in Fredericksburg, Va., February 25, 1852, and consequently was almost 64 years of age. He was educated at Columbus university, Virginia, taking a full course in railroad engineering. When but 17 years of age he entered the United States engineering corps under General J. H. Wilson, commander of the Department of the Northwest, with headquarters at Keokuk, Ia. In 1870 he quit the government service and went to the Burlington road, employed as ticket clerk at Burlington, Ia. Under A. E. Toussaint, who was then general passenger agent of the Burlington road, he remained for two years. He then went into the office of the general passenger agent of the Iowa Central with headquarters at Marshalltown, Ia. For two years he remained here and then went to the St. Louis & Southern as assistant to the general passenger agent.

Comes to Omaha Pacific.

In 1870 Mr. Lomax entered the service of the Iron Mountain, remaining until 1881, when he resigned to become general passenger agent of the Toledo, Cincinnati & St. Louis railroad, with headquarters at Toledo, O. He remained with this road a year, when he quit to go back to the Burlington, and as chief clerk of the Chicago local service. Later on he was promoted to chief clerk of the foreign service and in 1884 was appointed assistant general passenger agent.

September 1, 1887 the Lomax left the Burlington and immediately entered the service of the Union Pacific, coming to Omaha as assistant general manager under J. S. Tibbitts. He served in this capacity until March, 1890, when he was appointed general passenger agent of the entire Union Pacific system, continuing in the position until July 1, 1910, when he resigned to become passenger traffic manager of the Western Pacific.

Coronation of Yuan Shi Kai is Put Off Indefinitely

PEKING, Jan. 21.—The coronation of Yuan Shi Kai as emperor of China has been postponed indefinitely. The reason given officially is the uprising in southern China.

The foreign office notified the various legations today that the Chinese government had decided that the enthronement would take place early in February, but that Yuan Shi Kai had issued an order cancelling arrangements in view of the disturbances in Yunnan province. No intimation was given as to when the enthronement will take place.

Government officials estimate that not more than six months will be required to quiet the disturbance in the south.

BUFFALO MANUFACTURER IS KILLED BY TRAIN

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 21.—Joshua Jewett, member of the firm of Jewett & Co., stove manufacturer, was struck by a New York Central train at a crossing.

VILLA IS BELIEVED HIDING SAFELY IN HIS MOUNTAIN LAIR

Partisans of Bandit Do Not Think He Has Been Captured by Carranza's Forces, as Was Reported.

NOW AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS

General Herrera, Commander at Chihuahua, Flatly Contradicts the Report.

JUAREZ SEEKS CONFIRMATION

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 21.—Denial from Carranza official sources that Francisco Villa had been captured, as reported from Chihuahua, was supplemented today by statements from Villa partisans here, alleged to be based on reliable information, that he and several hundred followers were safe in the Tarahumara mountains, west of Guerrero.

In the fastnesses of these mountains, every inch of which he has known since the days when as a brigand, he successfully evaded every force Porfirio Diaz could send against him, they declared Villa was now awaiting the development of the movement started against Carranza by General Benjamin Argueda, the Arrieta brothers and others. He would be next heard from, they asserted, when he struck a blow at the Carranza forces now being concentrated at Torreon to take the field against the rebel movement, which has become fairly well developed.

General Jacinto Trevino, Carranza military chief of Chihuahua, was expected to arrive at Torreon today or tomorrow to take charge of the new army. Before leaving Chihuahua City yesterday Trevino appointed General Luis Herrera supreme chief of Chihuahua. It was Herrera who gave the Associated Press a statement denying the report that Villa had been caught and was being brought in for execution.

Do Not Believe It.

This was the only statement to reach the border from Chihuahua and Mexican officials at Juarez were awaiting the arrival of Civil Governor Enriquez this afternoon for additional information.

Villa's partisans, who sought sanctuary here when their government collapsed, at no time gave any credence to the reported capture of their chief. "It has been any bandit attack on Carranza that captured," said Perez Hul, his former secretary who arrived here some time ago, "would be through the treachery of some of his followers and while he was asleep. That is improbable. No man in Mexico commands more the loyalty of his men, no one sleeps less, and no man would be quicker than he to take his own life rather than surrender."

Carranza authorities denied that there had been any bandit attack on Carranza as stated in reports several days ago which declared a Chinese coolie had been killed and that the care takers of closed mines in that vicinity had been robbed. It was also stated that Carranza and the military chiefs who left Cuernavaca for Celaya several days ago had returned to Cuernavaca.

The extremely circumstantial details of the reported capture here of the bandit leaders here to believe it, but against this phase stood the telegraphic denial by General Luis Herrera, Carranza commander at Chihuahua, that the capture had been effected. A message asking that Villa be brought to Juarez to be executed at the race track, was ready for filing by Mexican officials in case the report of his capture proved authentic. Efforts today to get in communication with any of the three commanders who were said to have surrounded the outlaw were ineffective.

Event is Overestimated.

Officials here and at Washington were inclined to discount the magnitude of the event as seen by the general public. Villa, it was said, was a troublesome outlaw, nothing more, and would be as dealt with. He was not conceded the glamor which was his in the public mind when he fought at Torreon and worked his way toward Mexico City, with an unbeaten and confident army. His present following was said to be inconsiderable and dwindling and Carranza officials refuse to concede that he might rise again to prominence as he did after he was outlawed by Porfirio Diaz for the killing of an army officer who had run away with his sister.

Generals Out of Reach.

The statement that General Trevino had left Chihuahua City explained the failure to obtain reports as General Ignacio Enriquez, civil governor of the state, and the only other official to whom inquiries were addressed, left the capital last night enroute to Juarez to confer with Roberto Pezuela, personal representative of General Carranza. Pezuela has been here several days awaiting the arrival of a number of officials of the de facto government of Mexico, who are due here to hold a conference on the military situation in the north.

Reports received here indicated that Villa had been hemmed in in a triangle formed in the mountains. Colonel Maximiano Marquez was on the southwest point marching from Madera, Colonel Jose Alejandro was closing in from the northwest, while General Cavazos advanced from the southeast.

Harmony

Between the seller and the buyer is what makes business. Nothing equals newspaper advertising as the means of keeping the merchant and his patron in touch with one another. Advertise in The Bee

BRITISH CRUISER STOPPING A LINER—Remarkable photograph taken on board the Lamport and Holt steamship Vauban November 30, when the British cruiser Vindictive made a prisoner of Konrad Muchenstein, alleged to be a German naval officer who broke his parole. Photograph shows prisoner waving his hand to the passengers just before he went into the cruiser's boat. The Vindictive is seen in central background.



AGAINST SELLING DIRECT TO FARMER

Implement Dealers in Convention Declare Against Manufacturers in Mail Order Business.

OMAHA GETS NEXT MEETING

The implement dealers assembled for the Mid-West Implement Dealers' convention, which closed its sessions yesterday afternoon, condemned the practice of some manufacturers of selling direct to the farmers by mail order. They believe that the dealer is a necessary part of the system of distribution of farm machinery from the manufacturer to the user, and therefore they do not want the manufacturers to step in and do business direct in some instances and not in others.

The resolutions proposed that a credit bureau be formed to follow up and prosecute such dealers as do not meet their obligations, especially those who jump from dealer to dealer as long as their credit lasts and then default on all of them. They urged the adoption of a uniform property statement, and commended the growing sentiment for standardization of all farm implements.

Meet in Omaha Again.

Omaha was again chosen as the meeting place, and at a meeting of the Board of Directors in the afternoon James Wallace of Council Bluffs was re-elected secretary.

The retiring president, Ed Lehmkuhl of Wahoo, was presented with a Masonic (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

Thirty Ice Workers Hurt at Sioux City

SIoux CITY, Ia., Jan. 21.—Nearly thirty ice workers were injured in a recent collision on the River's line this morning. One of the injured may die. Ice-coated rails was the cause.

British Steamship Sutherland Sunk

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The British steamship Sutherland, 2,542 tons gross, was sunk in the Mediterranean, on January 17. Its crew was landed at Malta.

San Antonio Breeds Army of Bats to Devour the Malarial Mosquitoes

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 21.—An army of mosquito-eating bats, several thousand strong, will be turned loose in San Antonio next month. If, as has been predicted for it, the army succeeds in crippling seriously the activities of the germ-laden mosquito population, many other cities may follow San Antonio's example and establish their "municipal bat roosts."

FINAL PLANS MADE FOR WILSON'S TRIP

President Will Visit Topeka and Milwaukee Instead of St. Louis, St. Joseph and Davenport.

LEAVES CAPITAL FRIDAY NIGHT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Final plans for President Wilson's forthcoming trip through the middle west to speak on national preparedness, approved tonight, include stops at Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Chicago, Des Moines, Topeka and Kansas City. A tentative itinerary drawn up last night included St. Louis, St. Joseph and Davenport, but these cities have been eliminated and Milwaukee and Topeka substituted.

Tonight the president and Mrs. Wilson left Washington in the naval yacht Mayflower for a two days' cruise down the Potomac river and Chesapeake bay, the president having decided to seek seclusion for the preparation of an address he will deliver January 27 in New York before a banquet of the Railroad Business association and tentatively to outline the speeches he will make in the (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

Arkansas Posse Kills Bank Bandit

MENA, Ark., Jan. 21.—Twenty-nine of Vandervoort, Ark., armed with shotguns, pursued and killed an unidentified man who late yesterday robbed the Bank of Vandervoort, seventeen miles south of here. The robber obtained \$20 in currency when he entered the bank alone, and displaying a pistol, forced F. B. Crain, the cashier, and a woman customer, to walk out into the street. The two spread the alarm and the bandit was shot as he attempted to flee.

Mexican Train Blown Up; Twenty-Three Die

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 21.—Twenty-three persons were killed near Puebla recently when a passenger train was blown up, supposedly by Zapata adherents, according to A. J. Trumbo, wealthy mine owner, of the state of Oaxaca, Mexico, who arrived here today.

THREE AUSTRIAN ARMIES MOVING ON MONTENEGRO

Geneva Dispatch to Paris Says that Military Operations Have Been Resumed on a Big Scale.

STRATEGIC POINTS MENACED

Divisions Reported Advancing Toward Cetinje, Antivari and Soutari.

MONTENEGRO TO FIGHT IT OUT

PARIS, Jan. 20.—The Geneva correspondent of the Temps says that, according to dispatches from Vienna, an active renewal of military operations has been undertaken by the Austrians in Montenegro. General Koevens' army is in movement, according to these advices, and one Austro-Hungarian division is advancing in the Cetinje-Podgoriza direction, while another is moving south along the Adriatic coast toward Antivari. Other detachments of less strength are reported to be in Albania within fifteen kilometers of Scutari.

The Montenegrin consul in Paris makes the official announcement that all negotiations between Montenegro and Austria have been broken off and that Montenegro has decided to fight to the bitter end.

Corfu Seized Because It Was Base for the Teuton Submarines

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Seizure by the French of the Greek island of Corfu is now known to have been due to the location there of an Austro-German submarine base. A second base has been located in the narrow channel between Corfu and the Albanian coast. Most of the submarine raids in the eastern Mediterranean have been directed from these two bases by a fleet embracing German as well as Austrian craft.

Submarine activities of the Germans in the North Sea have largely abated, owing to international complications and the relentless warfare of British destroyers. According to the best information, only two small underwater craft of the Germans remain in the North Sea.

Co-operation of German submarines with Austrian craft in operations against Italian shipping is regarded here as of political significance, it having been stated on good authority that Italy would declare war against Germany if it should be established that German submarines had contributed to the loss of Italian ships.

Britons May Have to Choose Between Bread and Beer

LONDON, Jan. 21.—"Before long the country must choose between bread and beer," said Sir Alfred A. Booth, chairman of the Cornard company, in an interview today in citing the brewing and distilling industry as one that was absorbing the services of the ships of the country on a gigantic scale. The net result of this, he said, was only a decrease in national efficiency.

Sir Alfred expressed the highest satisfaction at the announcement of Walter Linneman, president of the Board of Trade, that articles not strictly necessary might have to be shut out of the country. "I do not believe," Sir Alfred continued, "that the supply of either ships or transport facilities ashore can be increased to any great extent without encroaching on what is required for the effective prosecution of the war. At present the strain on port and inland transport facilities is almost greater than the strain caused by the shortage of tonnage."

Bankers Propose to Retire Greenbacks

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—A committee of the American Bankers' association has proposed a plan for the retirement and cancellation of the \$50,000,000 outstanding treasury notes, commonly called "greenbacks." The plan proposes a bond issue of \$50,000,000 to replace an equal amount of "greenbacks," the remainder to be taken care of by the \$100,000,000 gold fund in the treasury, specially reserved to protect the notes.

"The question has been brought to the attention of the governors of the federal reserve banks who as yet have not approved it. Its backers are expected to present it before congress at the present session.

The Day's War News

NEWSPAPER DISPATCHES from Vienna by way of Switzerland and Paris report the renewal of active operations by the Austrians against the Montenegrins. One Austrian army is declared to be marching along the Adriatic toward Antivari, while detachments of the Austrians forces are said to be within fifteen miles of Soutari itself.

VIENNA ESTIMATE of the captures by the Teutonic allies during seventeen months of the war puts the number of prisoners at nearly 3,000,000, with 10,000 guns and 40,000 machine guns, while 470,000 square kilometers of hostile territory have been occupied.