

Platte River Out Of Banks at Many Points in Nebraska

Burlington Railroad Employing Small Army in Effort To Save Bridges and Other Property.

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of its banks at this place and the Mile bridge has been closed, being pronounced unsafe for travel. Despite the fact the river is from 20 to 30 feet deep, aside from probable bridge losses, no further damage is anticipated due to the width of the river at this place.

Second Warning Issued From Lincoln on Flood

Flood waters from Colorado are racing into Nebraska in the Platte river, which reached its maximum stage yesterday and is carrying all the water possible.

Bursting of dikes along the Platte and inundating of Fremont, Ashland and other towns in the state are the dangers cited yesterday by George Johnson, secretary of the department of public works, in a second flood warning issued from his office in Lincoln.

Persons living south of North Platte have been cut off from the city by the sweeping away of two piers of the Platte river bridge there.

Slightly Receding.

At Grand Island the river was reported at its high mark but probably slightly receding, by Commissioner Traill of the chamber of commerce.

The Platte is out of its banks there now and a foot of water is reported in the S. Y. A. road in places. Other roads to Platte bridges are not yet inundated, it is reported.

Dikes from Ashland to North Bend running through Gretna and Fremont are almost certain to break under the pressure of the flood water now entering the western section of the state unless strenuous efforts are made to repair and strengthen them.

Dikes Endangered.

The flood waters now rushing on Nebraska from Colorado promise the greatest flood in the history of the Platte river, according to Johnson, who declares these dikes were never made to withhold such a pressure.

Automobile parties went to the scene in such numbers Monday evening that there was a near stampede when the waters rose and began to overflow the lowlands.

Cars Go Into Ditch.

Two cars, venturing too close to the edge in the jam, went into the ditch. Two more collided and one man was injured, not seriously. Sheriff McCutchen, Commissioner Traill and several others stood guard at an intermediate small bridge and kept the rush of cars toward higher ground in something like order.

At Cozad the Platte river is reported still rising.

The bridge there, which is one mile long, is still passable, but roads between the bridge and the town, a distance of about a mile, are inundated.

Land Is Flooded.

At Blue Channel, two miles west of Cozad, the river is out of its banks and much of the land south of the Union Pacific tracks is flooded.

The mile bridge is constructed of wood and is considered weak because of its width. It is expected by citizens there to withstand the strain, however.

At Maxwell, 14 miles east of North Platte, and Hershey, eight miles west, traffic has been stopped over two bridges which have been condemned.

Ferry Service Planned.

Ferry service is planned by the North Platte Chamber of Commerce, to begin today, by which mail will be uninterrupted and food and supplies may be shipped in to the farmers and residents of the area affected.

Should the flood waters get behind the dikes along the South Platte valley, Fremont and other towns in the valley would suffer three to five inches of water, with untold property damage and possible loss of life according to Secretary Johnson.

The greatest property damage, however, is expected in the west portion of the state where the land lies very low and the Platte river bottom is so wide.

10 Miles Wide.

Johnson estimates the Platte west of Kearney would reach under pressure of the flood an area five to 10 miles in width.

He declared the flood would bring 400 per cent more water into the Platte river than it has at the present time, and it is now at its maximum carrying stage.

Today Johnson was wiring points along the Loup river, which joins the Platte at Columbus, endeavoring to find out if the high water is coming down the Loup also.

In case a flood is impending in the Loup, Johnson declines any attempt to forecast the extent of property and life loss.

Past floods along the Platte river in the eastern part of the state have been caused largely by the Loup river overflow. Loup river floods ordinarily are the result of melting of ice gorges in the west at its source.

No Heavy Rains.

Johnson was optimistic, however, regarding any possible flood along the Loup river. He understands the ice gorge swell is over and there hasn't been any extraordinary amount of rain along the Loup.

In the ordinary bed of the Platte river in the lowest part of the valley, sand and stone has been washed down for years and has been thrown up by the river along the sides and spread over the valley.

Through this process, the banks of the river are higher than the land which slopes downward until it reaches the hills where it is lower than the river.

If the water gets around back of the dikes this is the land which would suffer from the flood.

Hermit Is Found Murdered in His Hut Near Chicago

Gypsy Band Blamed for Slaying; Money Belt and Wallet He Carried Reported to Be Missing.

Chicago, June 14.—Jack Edwards, 72-year-old hermit, was found murdered in his lonely cottage two miles west of Naperville today.

He had been dead for several days—shot through the head with a rifle bullet.

The money belt and the wallet he was known to have carried were missing.

The Naperville police believe Edwards was shot by gypsies.

"About 10 o'clock last Friday night a farmer called me up and told me a band of them were prowling about near Naperville," said "Night Policeman" William Mooney.

"I am told they tried to enter the hermit's house, but he drove them away. The shot passed through the window and hit him as he was sitting inside. The gypsies probably did it."

Little is known of Edwards' history. He established his lonely house on the prairies years ago—some say 20, others more. There he lived his solitary life. So far as is known he had no relatives.

All Grades of Crude Oil Are Reduced in Price

Pittsburgh, Pa., June 14.—All grades of crude oil quoted in the Pittsburgh market were reduced 25 cents a barrel by the principal purchasing agents today, making the new prices as follows:

Pennsylvania crude, \$2.75; Cornish, \$1.65; Cabell, \$1.56; Somerset, \$1.35; Somerset light, \$1.35; Ragland, \$1.

War Blame Placed On German Labor Men

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eration shall immediately compile a list of English-made goods and firms backed by English capital and send it to every one of the members of organized labor in the United States. Appointment of a committee of three by the federation to co-operate with the British trade unions to bring pressure to bear on the British government to recognize Irish independence and withdraw troops from Ireland was also asked.

Mr. Vind declared that the resolutions were drawn by "high officials of the Irish republic," but declined to state whether Eamonn De Valera "president of the Irish republic" had taken part in their drafting.

Opposition Develops

A large faction of the delegates have announced opposition to the official resolutions and have represented to the committee a resolution demanding recognition of the Irish republic by the United States, withdrawal of British troops from Ireland and repayment by England of the \$9,000,000 loaned to her by the United States. Four other resolutions of similar character have also been submitted.

The delegates opposing the boycott resolution declared that it would be detrimental to the labor movement and an affront to the members of the federation who are connected with local unions in Canada.

Any resolution embodying a boycott, they assert, will be defeated on the floor of the convention.

Despite the protest of supporters of the official resolutions Irish sympathizers at the mass meeting declined to substitute them for all other resolutions.

Supports Boycott Move.

When Peter Brady of New York, who was presiding, asserted that Harry Boland, secretary to De Valera, had expressed a desire that the delegates decide upon their own resolution Mr. Vind protested and asked that permission be granted to hear a "personal representative of Mr. Boland or Frank P. Walsh." This

would be granted in executive session, Mr. Brady said.

In supporting the boycott resolution Timothy Healy of New York asserted that the executive council had failed to carry out the provision of the Irish resolution adopted at the convention last year in Montreal. He asked that the resolution be so worded as to force the council to take action this year.

"The executive council has not been on the square," he said; "it has not done its duty."

Besides the introduction of resolutions, the only order of business before the convention was the addresses of the fraternal delegates from the British Trade Union congress—J. H. Thomas, president of the British Railroad Workers' union, and W. Walker, president of the Steel Smelters' union.

Dakota Sunday School Meeting Breaks Records

Mitchell, S. D., June 14.—Early registration at the South Dakota Sunday School association, which opened its annual convention in Mitchell today indicated that the session will be the largest of its kind held west of the Mississippi river this year. A total of 1,500 delegates are expected to attend. Every county in the state is already represented, some of the delegates having come nearly 300 miles to attend the meetings.

Mother of Sinclair Lewis Dies Suddenly at Home

St. Cloud, Minn., June 14.—Mrs. E. J. Lewis of Sauk Center, prominent club woman and mother of Sinclair Lewis, the author, died suddenly of heart disease today. She was born May 12, 1849. Sinclair Lewis is in England.

Form New Lions' Club

Norfolk, Neb., June 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Thirty charter members of the Lions' club made known the formation of the organization by eating 66 black bass at a breakfast in a local out-of-door den at 5 this morning. Webb Rice is the first president and Donald Mapes, secretary of the club.

Theatrical Man Leaves Estate to Stage Favorite

Alf Hayman, for Years Charles Frohman's Manager, Cuts Off Wife In His Will.

New York, June 14.—The will of Alf Hayman, for many years general manager for the late Charles Frohman and after his death president of Charles Frohman, Inc., was filed for probate today. The bulk of the estate, estimated at several million dollars, is left to Ann Murdoch, actress, who in private life is Irene Coleman, Miss Coleman's mother, Mrs. Theresa Coleman, who, with her daughter, lived at Mr. Hayman's home at 615 Fifth avenue, where he died May 14, receives \$10,000.

Mr. Hayman left nothing to his wife, Mrs. Rose Hayman, of New York City, nor to his sisters, Blanche Meyer, of St. Louis and Rose Hochstader of New York and did not mention a number of nephews and nieces. He gave \$10,000 to a niece, Corrine Bauman of St. Louis.

Miss Murdoch made her stage debut in 1908 in "The Offenders," when she was only 17 years old. She had a small part, but when Robert E. Edson went on the road with "The Call of the North," a more important role was assigned to her and her work was so impressive that she was born Mr. Edson's leading woman.

Two White Men Are Held for An Attack on Negro Girl

Richmond, Va., June 14.—Two white men were being held under arrest here today for an alleged attack on a negro girl late last night which at one time threatened to result in a race riot. Crowds of angry negroes who gathered at the scene of the alleged attack were dispersed.

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Chiropractor Body Is Split in Meet Here

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scattered to their homes, Monday night, leaving the convention in a puzzling predicament yesterday morning.

Hold Joint Session.

An hour past the scheduled meeting time, both factions got together and by common consent, decided to hold a joint session as a courtesy to the out-of-town speakers and

delegates. Dr. Joseph C. Lawrence, retiring president, presided.

Dr. Paul O. Berger of Waukegan, Ill., who won national fame for curing Miriam Rubin of talking sickness, told how he did it.

Simple Adjustment.

"It was a simple chiropractic adjustment. I worked no miracles," he modestly disclaimed, attributing the credit to the Palmer school and its teachers.

The child had been chattering incessantly for eight days and nights when Dr. Berger, a slim, youthful appearing practitioner, located the axis of the nerve controlling the

speech center, adjusted it into position and quieted the child to normalcy on the third day.

Picturesque Figure.
Dr. S. E. Julander of Des Moines, Dr. S. W. Schweitzer of Sioux Falls and Dr. N. C. Ross of Fort Wayne, Ind., were other speakers.

Dr. Palmer, a picturesque figure with his long hair and beard and his flowing artist's tie, was the speaker at the Lions club luncheon this noon, which chiropractors attended.

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