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RIVERS ARE FALLING

Worst of the Ohio Flood Is Now Passed.

FORMER RECORDS NOT REACHED
Encouraging Reports From the
Headwaters—Property Loss at
Pittsburg Will Reach Two
Million Dollars.

CINCINNATI, April 22.—Alarm over the flood has almost ceased in the Lower Ohio Valley. The low-water mark in the Ohio River at Cincinnati is now only a few feet below the level of the river at the time of the late spring freshet. The situation is still serious up the river, notably at Ripley, Mayfield, Aberdeen, Portsmouth, Hanging Rock, Ironopolis, Ashland, Catlettsburg, Huntington, Point Pleasant, Pomeroy, Marietta, Parkersburg and some other places between Wheeling and Cincinnati. The crest of the flood is now at Wheeling, and the present unobstructed flow is the slowest in the rate of rising. The uniform rate of three inches per hour this morning fell to two inches before noon, and as low as one inch an hour at Point Pleasant at 2 P. M. This decrease in the rate did not extend far below Point Pleasant, so that it will be another day before it reaches Portsmouth, Ironopolis, Ashland, Catlettsburg and Huntington, where there are already serious conditions. It usually takes the crest of a flood two days to reach Cincinnati from Point Pleasant, but the present unobstructed flow is much more rapid than in former floods. At Portsmouth tonight 55 feet was reported, and that means serious conditions at points below Portsmouth.

The weather bureau indicates that the flood will not exceed 55 feet at any time at Cincinnati, and possibly it may not reach 55 feet. It is over 32 feet tonight, and the maximum will not be reached before tomorrow night or Wednesday. This is about 20 feet less than was anticipated here until the river began falling last night at Pittsburgh. The flood is not as bad as in a dozen former years, and much below the records of 1887 and 1888 and those of 1853 and 1854. The former floods were earlier, when the weather was cold, causing much distress among the homeless people. While Indiana is still in the grip of the poor driven from their homes, it is much harder on the crops and fruits that are well advanced. The property loss in the rural districts cannot be estimated. It will be very large. The homeless people will not be kept away from their homes as long as they were during the former floods, which in some cases have lasted as many weeks in the winter as this will continue days in the spring. The highest stage will be reached at Parkersburg tomorrow, and here the next day, and at the mouth of the Ohio before the week is out.

The weather bureau here tonight gave out the statement that the Ohio River in the Cincinnati district generally was above the danger line from one foot at Cincinnati to 14 feet at Point Pleasant, and rising at an average of two inches an hour. It indicated that the rise would continue at Cincinnati until Saturday, when the river will become stationary and soon begin falling. The bureau predicts 64 feet here tomorrow morning and 55 to 60 feet here tomorrow evening. The most encouraging information received by the bureau is that there was a rise of only one foot all day, and a stage of only 42 feet was recorded where the local river men had anticipated 48 feet. When the river will begin falling at Parkersburg tomorrow. At Point Pleasant, another critical place further down the river, the water was rising much less rapidly than at Cincinnati.

At Pomeroy, which is located in the great bend, the suffering tonight is reported less than in former floods. The large furnaces of the salt trust are located here, and there has been much loss, as well as the lumbermen, the electric interurban lines, the light and other corporations. Similar conditions exist at Minersville, but at other points in the Pomeroy district have escaped. The reports from other up-river points that suffered so severely during other floods indicate that no outside help is needed. That there has been no loss of life except in accidental drownings from shanty boats, and that there is no distress for want of food or shelter.

Owing to the inability of the steamers to get under the bridge here, navigation on the river is suspended, but the predicted subsidence of the flood will probably permit a resumption of river traffic by Thursday. Owing to the reports from Cincinnati, Portsmouth and Virginia Railroad cannot run trains.

The residents of the tenement-houses along the Ohio River front were run out of the first stories of the buildings at a stage of 45 feet last night. What is known as the danger line of 50 feet was not reached until 1 o'clock today, since which time the jobbers, warehousemen and manufacturers in the lower part of the city have been suffering. The flooding of basements will compel many manufacturers to shut down for two or three days. The flood is unobstructed in the Lower Ohio, and there is less back water than usual, which conditions give hope that the trouble will be of short duration. It is settled now that if a second rise from the Allegheny region comes it will not overtake the present flow. So far the damage here has been limited to the lumbermen and others located along the river front.

Mayor Fleischmann, Chief of Police Detsch, Health Officer Davis and others inspected the flooded district today in patrol wagons and boats, and arranged for the relief of all who were in need. An extra police force was put on in the flood districts, and the police boat patrols will be on the river front tomorrow. The end, less line of shanty boats and shacks along the river front have been swept away, but so far without loss of life. The country along the Little Miami River is badly flooded just east of Newport, At Newport and Dayton, Ky., many people have been driven from their homes. The water works of Newport are unable to pump, but the reservoir is full, and no trouble is expected during the short duration of the flood. It is now settled that the Newport race track will not be flooded. The races are proceeding under very sloppy conditions. At Huntington, W. Va., the Ohio is 33 feet and rising an inch per hour. Nearly all of the tributaries of the Ohio are falling slowly.

RIVERS FALLING AT PITTSBURG.
Total Loss Is Placed at Two Million Dollars.
PITTSBURG, April 22.—The flood is over. Notwithstanding the fact that early

In the day there was every evidence of a renewal of the high water, the announcement can be made authoritatively tonight that there is not the least danger of another rise at this point nor above for the present, but towns on the Ohio River below here are not yet out of danger. The crest of the rain was at night and today. All up-river points report the rain as now having ceased and the river falling. The Ohio registered 13.8 at the dam here at 7 o'clock, and was falling. Forecasts of the river at this point would require a steady downpour of rain for 24 hours to check the fall, and from present indications such a thing is not likely. However, it is not to be taken for granted that the works along the banks are running. There is a good deal of cleaning up to be done. The flood brought in much sludge mud that it left when it receded, and will require a day or two to remove it from many of the mills and the machinery.

The creeks and runs which did so much damage in the early part of the Saturday flood are back within their banks tonight. Carnegie is rapidly cleaning up and repairing bridges, houses and roads. The same state of affairs exists at McKees Rocks and other towns that the water reached. The railroads have recovered remarkably well from the effects of the flood and storm, and the various lines have resumed operations at all points, but for several days no pretension at running on schedule will be made. A look over the ground after the flood shows that the losses will be fairly as great as was estimated yesterday. It is about Pittsburgh it will probably take \$1,000,000 to pay the total cost of the injury to property by the water and landslides. Add to this the great loss of crops and manufacturing plants up and down the river in its immediate vicinity with the loss in wages to the workmen, and the total will not fall far short of \$2,000,000.

BROKEN MIDDLEFIELD DAM.
Destroyed Much Property, but Caused No Loss of Life.
MIDDLEFIELD, Mass., April 22.—For three miles down through the Middlefield Valley, there is nothing but ruin and destruction as the result of the great flood of Sunday evening. Where was formerly the reservoir, a mile and a half long, and covering nearly 200 acres, there is now but a diminutive pond, from which the water is running over the gorge of the dam that broke away. Down stream at the Boston & Albany bridge, nothing is left but a few granite blocks, and the rails and timbers are still in place. The water is running over the highway leading up to Middlefield Center. The flood carried in its wake houses and barns, bridges and culverts. It made great gulches in the highways and did thousands of dollars damage. Nobody was drowned or even injured.

Floods in New York.
ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 22.—During the past 24 hours the Genesee River has risen three feet, and it is rising at the rate of an inch per hour. A number of cellars on Front street in this city are now under water. The water is still rising in the valley, and the water is again submerged, and that several streams have run over their banks. The loss to farmers will be considerable. The Genesee River is rapidly receding, and trains are running more regularly. The damage at Elmira was confined mainly to goods in the cellars of the stores. Much property was lost, and the water was in the streets. The Mohawk River has risen 10 feet since Saturday night, and is still rising, already being higher than in many years.

Heavy Loss on Lumber.
PARKERSBURG, W. Va., April 22.—The crest of a 10 o'clock was 47 feet and rising one-fifth of an inch per hour. It is expected that the crest of the rise will reach here Tuesday forenoon. No alarm is felt over the reports of a secondary rise, but a number of houses are in danger on lumber. About \$100,000 worth of logs and ties came out with the Little Kanawha rise. The loss here is heavier than all the losses in the past 20 years put together.

Driven From the Mountains.
KNOXVILLE, Tenn., April 22.—A party of herders arrived here today from the Smoky Mountains, having been driven out by the heavy snow. They report that they left 400 to 500 cattle behind, all of which, they say, have frozen to death. The herders say that the cattle were driven to six feet deep when they started homeward Thursday. They had to flee for their lives. Their horses were too numb to carry a human and had to be led out of the mountains.

At the Buffalo Fair Grounds.
BUFFALO, N. Y., April 22.—Detailed inspection of the damage done by the heavy winds and snow of Saturday night was made today by the Buffalo Fair Grounds. The only real damage done by the heavy winds and snow of Saturday night was to the buildings of the fair grounds. The placing of exhibits will be delayed to some extent because of the deep mud which makes transportation of heavy displays in the grounds practically impossible.

Small Loss in Connecticut.
NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 22.—The crest of the flood was at New Haven today, which flooded all the rivers and lakes of the state, caused far less property damage than the conditions at midnight last night. Shortly after midnight, however, the flood began to subside. Windward was the worst sufferer by the storm, though even there the damage was confined mainly to the flooding of streets and cellars.

Snowfall in Georgia.
ATLANTA, Ga., April 22.—The Weather Bureau reported light frost this morning in the vicinity of Jacksonville, S. C.; Meriden, Miss., and at Charleston, S. C. Snow is reported at Gresham, in Northeast Georgia. The mountain tops were capped with white. Albany, in South Georgia, reports the estimated damage to cotton at 60 per cent, and that watermelons and cantaloupes have been injured 25 per cent.

Floods in Colorado.
DENVER, April 22.—Thousands of tons of snow are melting on the Uncomphrege River, and the water is running over the top of the mountains. The Rio Grande Southern Railroad in the vicinity of Dores and Mancos is endangered and great loss of property is being done. The water is close to the banks of the raging streams.

River Falling at Wheeling.
WHEELING, W. Va., April 22.—At 10 P. M. the river is two inches lower. An hour. All former estimates of the financial loss by the flood are inadequate, and it is believed the loss will foot up \$250,000, and probably more. The river, however, is falling. A branch of the Ohio River line, is reported practically wiped out, and will have to be rebuilt.

DOING ALL HE CAN

Aguinaldo Working for Pacification of the Islands.

IMPRISONED LEADER TALKS
American Sovereignty Preferable to
Filipino Independence—Pleased
With His Treatment by
the Authorities.

MANILA, April 22.—A representative of the Associated Press visited Emilio Aguinaldo this afternoon at 96 Solano street. He was removed from the Malacanang Palace, where he was in a large room upstairs, furnished with a table, typewriting machine, four settees and 20 chairs. His wife, who was entertaining a number of Filipino women friends, sat at one end of the room while Aguinaldo, smoking a cigar and chatting with Benito Legarda, occupied the opposite corner. Others present were Lieutenant-Colonel John S. Mallory, of the Forty-first Infantry, who has charge of Aguinaldo; Lieutenant Gilbert A. Youngberg, of the Third Artillery, and Mr. Fisher, General MacArthur's private secretary.

Aguinaldo, whose bearing was courteous and dignified, was dressed in white, looked well and altogether made an excellent impression. Legarda, who has recently returned from the United States, talked of the trip and Aguinaldo, who seemed greatly interested, asked numerous questions. He inquired particularly as to what President McKinley said and seemed anxious to know what was thought of him in the United States.

He was rather reluctant to talk for publication and considered every question before answering. He said he was doing all he could to assist in the pacification of the islands, and expressed himself as surprised at what the Americans had accomplished. When he was first captured, he went on to say, he was greatly astonished. He had been told that the Philippines were to be given to the United States, and he had been almost disheartened.

"I am now urging in the strongest possible manner," said Aguinaldo, "that all insurgents should be pardoned, and that the Philippines should be given to the United States. He expressed the opinion that Tio, Luanan, Malabar and other representative insurgents will support the new government to understand the nature of the amnesty offered them. He said he hoped that when the work of pacification was complete and conditions returned to normal, the prisoners in Guam would be released.

After referring in grateful terms to the courteous treatment accorded him by military authorities, he declared his conviction that the civil government which would follow pacification would realize the highest hopes of the Filipino people.

He questioned regarding the hope that he would visit the United States, he replied that he would like to do so, but had made no plans yet, placing himself entirely at the disposal of the United States Government. In concluding the interview he observed:

"Every word in my address to my countrymen, the Filipinos, came from my heart. I hope the Americans believe me thoroughly in my sincere efforts to secure peace and, under American auspices, to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Philippines."

MacArthur's Casualty Report.
WASHINGTON, April 22.—General MacArthur, at Manila, cables the following: "Wounded—March 14, Laguna, Samar, Fourth Artillery, Corporal Robert J. McLaughlin, severe; March 19, Mayan, Bulacan, Private First Class, W. W. May, leg. above knee, slight; March 23, Canelaria, Luzon, Twenty-first Infantry, John McQueen, foot, slight; April 14, Vitoria, Luzon, hospital corps, H. V. Carland, wounded in chest, serious; March 16, Donol, Luzon, Forty-seventh Infantry, Richard Mason, thigh, serious; Antonio, Legar, elbow, severe; Hiram Blizard, thigh, slight; Forty-seventh Infantry, Frank Romas, thigh, slight; March 18, Penarand, Luzon, Fourth Cavalry, Dwight F. Lawson, shoulder, slight; Fourth Cavalry, Allan R. Blackburn, leg. above knee, serious; Assistant Surgeon United States Grant Denton, leg. slight; February 26, Hararao, Luzon, Thirty-third Infantry, James F. Treadway, foot, moderate; March 29, Talisay, Luzon, Sixth Cavalry, Ewing Wright, finger, slight; James Creed, thigh, moderate."

No Future Plans.
LONDON, April 22.—A dispatch from Manila quotes Aguinaldo as saying: "During the war with the Americans I was very close to them. I expected to make my greatest stand at Calumpit. When I abandoned that place I commanded 1500 men. I anticipated General Wheaton's landing at San Fabian. I planned to retreat to Nueva Vicaia, but was frustrated by General Lawson. I slipped through the cordon with 500 men only four hours before the landing party came ashore. I am undecided as to my future plans. I believe the Federals will be strong agents in the pacification of the archipelago."

Measles on a Transport.
HONOLULU, April 19, via San Francisco, April 22.—The Army transport Buford arrived yesterday afternoon from San Francisco on her way to Manila. She has several cases of measles on board and consequently kept in partial quarantine. Measles have been found highly dangerous to the Hawaiian race in the past. The Buford will probably leave for Manila, April 12.

An Inspection at Manila.
WASHINGTON, April 22.—Lieutenant-Colonel Humphrey, Deputy Quartermaster-General, now with General Chaffee in China, has been ordered to Manila, to make an inspection of the new Quartermaster's Department in the Philippines, and July 1 to assume the duties of Chief Quartermaster of the Division of the Philippines, relieving Major Crosby P. Miller.

RUSSIAN STUDENTS.

Resolutions Adopted at an Orderly Meeting in St. Petersburg.

TO FINISH IN FOUR MONTHS
Commencement of a New Line Between Portland and Puget Sound—500 Men on the Work by the End of the Week.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 22.—The universities were opened yesterday. With the permission of the Minister of Instruction, M. Vannovsky, the students held a meeting, and after a four hours' debate adopted the following resolution by a vote of 1541 to 233:

"The students, confiding in the government's benevolent intentions, and desiring to give time to accomplish necessary reforms, resolve to beg the Minister not to begin lectures in the Spring and defer the examinations until Autumn, when they could be attended by their comrades who are now excluded; because, in the contrary event, differences might arise in the universities which we wish to avoid."

The students were entirely satisfied except for the presence of the chief bench. Ten addresses were made, most of them moderate, and the temper of the meeting was distinctly conservative. The meeting, in a certain sense, was a continuation of that held Saturday, the same students presiding; but the more radical resolutions of Saturday were not accepted. The Saturday meeting had been forbidden, but the students finally opened their hall, and 40 students were present. They demanded the recall of the absent students.

It is believed that the resolutions adopted yesterday will render those present, but the students would be respectful consideration by the government. One of the speakers yesterday related a conversation he had Sunday with Senator Aeschbacher, and the new Assistant Minister, M. Meschinnikov, who emphasized the statement that the government could not receive categorical demands from the students, but expressed the belief that if the students behaved moderately, their absence would be recalled during the Summer. The university students will meet again today to receive the answer of the authorities to their resolution.

The Car's Wise Choice.
LONDON, April 22.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg, dated April 22, says the wisdom of the Car's appointment of General Vannovsky as Minister of Public Instruction becomes more apparent daily. With the permission of the police, the students of the university, technical schools and the school were held meetings to discuss various questions in which they are concerned. General Vannovsky will attend the meeting of the university students.

ALABAMA ELECTION TODAY.
Advocates of Negro Disfranchisement Confident of Success.
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 22.—With stump speeches in nearly every county in the state, the campaign for a constitutional convention closed today. A general election will be held tomorrow and indications point to an overwhelming victory for the advocates of the new constitution. The principal change and practically the only change to be made in the constitution is the elimination of the negro vote by an educational qualification. On this point the political contest has been fought. There is organized opposition to the new constitution in the state. The Democrats, who are behind the movement for the radical change in suffrage laws, feel confident of success. The Democratic party has pledged itself to see that no white man will be disfranchised under the constitution which it hopes to have adopted.

The Opening Wedge.
ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 22.—When asked by the Associated Press representative what she thought of the passage of the bill by the State Legislature, providing for the extension of the ballot to women taxpayers, of villages and townships on propositions to raise public money by tax or assessment, Miss Susan H. Anthony said:

"That's the opening wedge. Next Winter we shall go to them with a petition for the striking out of the state constitution of the word 'male' in the suffrage clause. The history is in sight. Full suffrage for women in this state would mean the addition of about 1,200,000 votes in the general election. Nothing but the vote of the women of New York will break up the Tammany ring."

Alleged Bribery in Tennessee.
NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 22.—The committee appointed to investigate the charges of attempted bribery preferred by Senator Elbridge in open Senate against ex-Controller James A. Harris, reported that the evidence did not sustain the allegations, and submitted the testimony for the consideration of the Senate.

OUR NORTHERN BOUNDARY.
Line Markers Between United States and Canada to Be Renewed.
OTTAWA, Ont., April 22.—Negotiations have been concluded between the Ottawa Government and the Washington authorities for the purpose of renewing and maintaining the boundary line marks between Canada and the United States. It is over 40 years since the international boundary between the United States and Canada from Lake Superior to the Pacific Coast was definitely fixed, and it is over 50 years or more since it was marked out between Lake Superior and the Atlantic Coast. The necessity for this work has arisen out of commercial claims in Southern British Columbia. Work will, therefore, be commenced in that region early this Summer.

THE TELEPHONE TRUST.
Will Take In the Business of the Large Eastern Cities.
CHICAGO, April 22.—President John M. Clark, of the Chicago Telephone Company, admitted today that active measures were under way to organize the telephone business of the country into one large concern, with headquarters in this city. Mr. Clark declines to state any of the details. It is claimed that the combination will affect the telephone business in the following cities: New York, Boston, Pittsburgh, Duluth, Milwaukee, Chicago, Buffalo, Cincinnati, St. Paul, Detroit, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Denver and Minneapolis.

Boer Force Surrenders.
PRETORIA, April 22.—The force under Commandant Bokburgh, composed of 106 men with wagons and rifles, has surrendered near Middelburg, Transvaal.

NEW ROAD STARTED

Construction Begun on Washington & Oregon.

TO FINISH IN FOUR MONTHS
Commencement of a New Line Between Portland and Puget Sound—500 Men on the Work by the End of the Week.

Ground was broken yesterday for the construction of the Washington & Oregon Railroad, between Kalama and Vancouver, Wash. About 300 men went to work on the Kalama end of the line. The force will be increased fast as the men can be obtained, and it is expected to have 500 men on the work by the end of the week. The distance between Kalama and Vancouver is 25 miles, and Edmund Rice, who is secretary and general manager of the company, said last night that the plans of the company contemplated the running of trains over the road by the middle of September.

There will be no contracting in this enterprise, the construction being done by the company, under the supervision of Chief Engineer O'Neill and Superintendent of Construction Lawson. A construction train will be put on at the Kalama end, and it will be used on the line as the track progresses up the river toward Vancouver. Manager Rice says he hopes to make arrangements with the Northern Pacific that will admit of a connection at Kalama for the transportation of construction materials. Not much work will be done above Ridgefield until the June flood in the Columbia shall have passed, for the high water would materially interfere with the work, and might do damage to a partially built grade. No trouble from this cause is looked for on any other part of the route.

Manager Rice says the immediate work of the company is to build the road between Kalama and Vancouver, because others are likely to use it if the company should not. He said the company had no thought of keeping Kalama and Vancouver for its terminus. From Vancouver the road will cross the Columbia river and come into Portland. Several lines have been run across the peninsula to reach Portland, but no route has yet been selected. There is no rush with this part of the work, however, for it will take time to get authority for and build the bridge across the Columbia, and the line on this side of the river cannot be used until that bridge shall be completed. Mr. Rice says the road will also go beyond Kalama; that it will be built through to Seattle, as was originally planned. But there is no danger of opposition that will interfere with rights of way this side of Vancouver, of the other side of Kalama, and, therefore, the time can be taken for the construction of those portions.

THE CUBAN COMMISSION.
Arrives at Jacksonville En Route to Washington.
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 22.—The Cuban commission, en route by Washington to confer with President McKinley on the relations of the United States and Cuba, arrived here tonight. They will arrive in Washington Wednesday morning. In the party are General Domingo C. Cote, president of the commission; General Pedro Betancourt, General Rafael M. Fortuondo, General Diego Tamayo and Dr. Pedro Gonzalez Llorente. There are no members of the commission. They are accompanied by Pedro M. Entia, interpreter; Colonel M. M. Coronado, editor of La Discusion, a Cuban newspaper, and representative of the press of Cuba and correspondent of El Mundo.

Requests to Employers.
NEW YORK, April 22.—Edward Ottendorfer's \$50,000 was distributed today to the employees of the Staats Zeitung, of which paper he was the proprietor. Each employee received a sum which amounted to 25 per cent of the entire salary. That is, the entire salary of the Staats Zeitung was deducted from the Ottendorfer memorial fund.

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