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## CAIRO FIGHTS HIGH WATER

**MILLIONAIRES AND LABORERS SHOULD TO SHOULDER**

**WOMEN BOIL COFFEE FOR THE STRUGGLING CITIZENS**

Many of the Women Refuse to Escape to Places of Safety, Remaining at Husbands' Sides—Losses Throughout That Territory Are Enormous—Sandbags to Strengthen Dykes.

Cairo, Ill., April 3.—Millionaires and laborers are working side by side strengthening the dykes in an effort to prevent the city being flooded by the raging waters of the Mississippi which threaten to burst the levees both above and below Cairo. At several points the river is 50 miles wide, and is completely swamping the lowlands.

**Damage Beyond Conception.**  
Farmers say it will require years for the bottoms to dry out sufficiently to be tillable. The loss to wheat and other grains will amount to millions, and all seed corn is lost.

**Citizens Work All Night.**  
All night citizens from all stations of life worked at the job of filling bags with sand and carrying them to the levee walls. The women assisted by baking bread and making coffee for the toilers.

Today several houses and barns were swept past Cairo but it is believed the occupants escaped. Seepage has let considerable water into the city but so far the flood has been averted. More than 200 women and children were sent from the city by a special train but a majority of women refused to go, preferring to stay behind and help their husbands save the city from the threatened disaster.

The steamer Three States returned here with \$15,000 worth of live stock picked up on the river. The condition at Hickman, Ky., is critical. The city is flooded with 10 feet of water. More than 2,000 are homeless and all railroad service is abandoned.

With the crest of the floodwater in the north not expected to exceed 34 feet, the situation here this afternoon is more favorable. It is believed the city will be saved from flood disaster. The loss accruing to farmers in this district and the Footlake district in Tennessee is staggering. Both districts are under water, and all seed corn is washed away.

**Memphis in Terror.**  
Memphis, Tenn., April 3.—Overflow water of the Mississippi this afternoon put the gas plant out of commission. It is now feared the city water pumping station will be overflows, thus adding a new menace, that might pollute the city's water with the Mississippi's foul water.

**Militia Sent to Cairo.**  
Springfield, Ill., April 3.—Cairo is being guarded today by a company of the state national guard ordered from here by Governor Deneen in response to a request from the Cairo municipal authorities. After the breaking of the levees of the Mississippi river, the residents of Cairo clamored for troops fearing the local police would be unable to cope with any violence and vandalism that might result.

**CONFERENCES AT END.**  
Meeting for Men and Boys Last Night Is Climax to Conventions.

With a meeting of boys and men last night to listen to methods of eradicating social evils, the Men and Religion Forward movement campaign ended last night in the Baptist church. "Far more interest than anticipated and lasting effects assured" is the way the general conferences have been epitomized by those who have followed the progress and effects.

Mr. Gibson of Walla Walla presided and Rev. Clingan and Prof. Coleman of the Walla Walla team, and Dr. J. W. Loughlin of this city were the speakers. Local conditions, social conditions elsewhere, their causes and what can be done to remove them were the general themes discussed. A rising vote of thanks was extended the Walla Walla team for the splendid work performed. Interest was keen throughout and attendance was invariably good.

## New Type of Destroyer

Quincy, Mass., April 3.—The Destroyer Henley, representing a type of torpedo boat destroyer new to the American navy, was successfully launched today at the yard of the Fore River Shipbuilding Company. The Henley will be the first of the destroyers fitted with both turbine and reciprocating engines. The reciprocating engines will be used for cruising at from ten to sixteen knots speed. When the vessel is to be run at a higher rate of speed the turbine engines will be cut out and the turbines operated. The contract speed of the Henley is set at twenty-nine knots an hour, but it is expected that she will be able to make at least thirty-one knots.

The Henley is named to commemorate the deeds of two brothers, John Dandridge Henley and Robert Henley. They were nephews of Martha Washington and both were distinguished officers in the early days of the American navy. John Henley commanded the Carolina, the vessel which so aided Andrew Jackson at New Orleans in breaking the force of the advance of the British army. Robert Henley served in the navy during the war of 1812 and particularly distinguished himself at the battle of Lake Champlain.

## Mississippi Sunday Schools

Jackson, Miss., April 3.—With Sunday school workers present from all over the State, the annual convention of the Mississippi Sunday School Association assembled today in this city. Sessions will be held for three days in the First Baptist church. Subjects relating to Sunday school work and methods will be taken up and discussed by such noted workers as Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Hamill of Nashville, W. H. Wiggins of Dallas, Dr. R. P. Shepherd of St. Louis, and several others. A musical program under the direction of Prof. E. O. Exall will be a leading feature of the convention.

## To be Tried for Murder.

Waterloo, Ia., April 3.—Considerable interest is manifested in the case of J. T. McCaskill, who is to be placed on trial tomorrow for the alleged murder of Henry Phillips, a wealthy farmer. The killing is said to have resulted from a dispute between the two men over a sewing machine. McCaskill has never denied the killing of Phillips, but declares he acted in self-defense.

## Women for Good Roads.

Chicago, Ill., April 3.—Nearly one thousand delegates, representing women's clubs and other organizations throughout Illinois, were on hand today at the opening of what is believed to be the first convention of women ever held in America for the sole purpose of promoting the good roads movement. Miss Jane Addams, the noted settlement worker, presided over the initial session, which was held this afternoon at the Auditorium hotel. The convention will continue over tomorrow.

## EUGENE RINEHART HURT.

**Father and Mother Called From Walla Walla by Accident to Son.**

Struck on the head by a piece of machinery from a stump puller, Eugene Rinehart living near Summerville was yesterday knocked unconscious and suffered a fractured skull. The details of the accident are unascertainable. The rancher was at work with his stump puller when probably a chain snapped and struck him on the skull. His father and mother, Mrs. Henry Rinehart, were called by telephone from Walla Walla and by good luck were able to make connections in time to get to Summerville today, spending the night in La Grande. It is believed this afternoon that the injuries were not as serious as first believed and feared.

## CLARENCE S. WHITMAN.

District Attorney Who Took Part in Reopening Brandt Case.



Photo by American Press Association.

## SEIDEL LOSES BY OVER 12,000

**LA FOLLETTE CARRIES HOME STATE BY A SAFE MARGIN**

**ROOSEVELT NOT A FIGURE IN THE CONTEST WHATEVER**

Taft Next to Favored Son—Wilson Carries All but Four Districts and Clark May Not Have Carried Them—Defeat of Socialist Mayor of Milwaukee Is Decisive and Complete.

## Taft HAS 272 PLEDGES.

Washington, D. C., April 3.—The Taft political bureau today claims 24 delegates pledged to Taft as against 10 for Roosevelt. La Follette, with the Wisconsin delegates' pledges, passes Roosevelt, and jumps into second place. The Roosevelt bureau claims the colored will control 112 other delegates already chosen.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 3.—Complete returns show a victory for Dr. G. A. Bading, non-partisan candidate for mayor, over Emil Seidel, the socialist incumbent, by 12,864. Indications are that La Follette will win a solid delegation in this, his home state, to the republican convention at Chicago.

Supporters of Woodrow Wilson are claiming 22 of the 26 delegates to the democratic convention at Baltimore. They will not yet concede that Champ Clark has the other four.

## La Follette Well Pleased.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 3.—With Senator R. M. La Follette leading the president, with more than two votes to one, Governor Woodrow Wilson having won a majority of the democratic delegates over Speaker Champ Clark, advocates of the "hopeless power" movement see nothing today but success.

## Roosevelt Minus Quantity.

"I have received a message from my law partner," said La Follette at Washington, "saying I won four to one. I understand a 'certain candidate' was not in the race at all. The vote does not surprise me, but the ratio does. The victory is all the more gratifying because I have not made a speech in Wisconsin for four years. The Wisconsin delegation will give me a total of 36 votes. Watch things from now on."

La Follette will leave Washington for the west late today. He is due at Chicago tomorrow. From there he will go on to Nebraska for a five days tour of the state.

Returns in the rural districts are coming in slowly, and it is doubtful if the entire vote will be counted before tomorrow. State Senator Blaine of the La Follette forces, said the reports from every district indicate that La Follette has carried the state by a larger plurality than ever before. In some districts the vote was four to one in his favor. Considering there was no active speaking in La Follette's favor, the campaign cost only about \$1,000, and the results are held significant.

## Big Company Organized.

The permanent organization of the Oregon Home Builders was effected this week in Portland with a capital stock of \$100,000. The company consists of the most prominent men in the west. Thomas Prince is acting president. He is vice president of Reed-Prince Mfg. Co. of Worcester, Mass., and is also heavily interested in Yamhill County Walnut properties. Oliver K. Jeffry, prominent real estate man, is second vice president. W. A. King, formerly president of the First National bank of Newberg, Oregon, will act as secretary-treasurer.

In addition to these officers, the board of directors consists of: Franklin T. Griffith, chief counsel and director of the Portland Railway Light & Power company, C. J. Franklin, general superintendent Portland Railway Light & Power company, W. B. Shively, prominent attorney, E. H. Dodge, president Dodge Lumber company, and M. Peterson, a well known merchant of the Willamette valley, formerly mayor of Forest Grove, and ex-vice president of the First National bank of that place.

## Through Trains Resumed.

Through traffic from Chicago has again been resumed after several days' delay caused by floods in Nebraska. Belated passengers and express arrived here yesterday and today.

## AMERICANS IN MEXICO JAILS

**CITY, STATE AND GOVERNMENT APPEALED TO FOR AID**

**DEMANDS FOR RELEASE ARE IGNORED BY MEXICO**

Citizen of El Paso Is Captured in Juarez and All Demands for His Release Are Overlooked—Friends of the Captured Man Fear He Has Been Carried Away and Will Be Executed.

## El Paso, Tex., April 3.—Complications

between Mexico and the United States is threatened by the arrest in Juarez of Powell Roberts, an El Paso citizen. Roberts is held incommunicado.

The charge is made by Mexicans that Roberts stole \$500 while searching the home of Jenario Cenicerias, secretary to Colonel Ponce, jefe de armas of Juarez. Roberts smuggled out a note telling of his arrest and when it reached El Paso, Mayor Kelley, Chief of Police Davey and Sheriff Edwards formally demanded Roberts' release. Colonel Ponce refused. United States Consul Edwards at Juarez, interceded for the prisoner but