

## FLOOD AREA WIDENS AND DAMAGE BECOMES AWFUL

### PROPERTY LOSS NOW APPALLING

### SNAKE, HEN AND RABBIT RIDE ON LOG IN THE FLOOD

### PEOPLE CLING TO HOUSE-TOPS TO ESCAPE WATER

Dykes Breaking Continually Pouring Vast Rivers Into City Districts and Over Farm Properties in Large Sections—Meat Supply Exhausted in Many Places, Affirms News Reports

Memphis, Tenn., April 6.—The flood area in the Mississippi valley has widened and lengthened today. It is estimated that more than 150 square miles of tillable soil are inundated. The suffering in the flooded districts intense, becoming more acute every hour. One hundred workers are marooned at the lower end of the government levee, when it collapsed but at a late hour they were rescued.

All hope of saving the St. Francis levee was abandoned by government engineers and officials. A dozen weak spots makes it appear certain that the dykes will soon go out. This means that thousands of acres of tillable soil in Tennessee and Mississippi will be inundated. It is feared that a break of the St. Francis levee will destroy \$5,000,000 in railroad bridges here.

The crest of the flood is not expected before Sunday, but with the bursting of the levee, it is not believed the structure will stand the terrific pressure put on it.

Practically the entire eastern part of Arkansas is covered with back water of the flood. Thousands of refugees are arriving from the lowland districts and are being temporarily quartered in the public building, and private homes. The situation in the surrounding country is growing worse daily. It is conservatively estimated that 20,000 persons are homeless. In Louisiana and Mississippi the farmers are gathering their families and live stock and hurrying to higher grounds.

Farmers in the threatened district were warned today to leave at once.

**Hickman Refuge Camp.**  
Hickman, Ky., April 6.—More than 100,000 acres of cotton land worth \$160 an acre are submerged between Hickman and Tiptonville, Tenn., as a result of the breaking of the government levees six miles below here late yesterday. The damage is conservatively estimated at \$1,000,000. The gap in the levee is 500 feet wide. The number of homeless in this vicinity is estimated at 8,000; more than 3,000 are sheltered in tents furnished by the government.

Borena, Mo., lying directly across the river from here, is practically depopulated. Only 11 persons remain at Craig's Landing, Mo. Launches are busily engaged in taking people out of the flooded districts.

**Cairo Runs Strong.**  
Cairo, Ill., April 6.—With the Mississippi at a 54 foot stage and still showing a tendency of a rise nearly every able-bodied residence of Cairo is at work strengthening the dykes of the threatened city. The high water stage today was 2 1/2 of a foot higher than yesterday but the levees are still holding.

The supply of fresh meat is exhausted here, and the city officials immediately established a commissary department distributing foot prepared in restaurants and private homes.

**Dreadful Scenes Enacted.**  
Mark Harper, a railroad engineer, arrived here today from the flooded

### JAPS EXPLAIN MEXICO DISPUTE

### FISHING CONCERNS NOT GOVERNMENT LOCATES ON BAY

### FISHING RIGHTS ENTIRELY INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES

Embassy at Washington Issues Details of Troubles Which Have Been Worrying the Legislators and Others Over Activities of Japanese in Mexican Waters of Late.

Washington, April 6.—The Japanese embassy today issued what purports to be a full explanation of Japan's activities in Mexico. The claim is made that the Japanese government has no negotiations with Mexico for the establishment of a large settlement on Magdalena Bay. The statement says the Toyo Taiba Kaisha, the oriental steamship company, obtained fishing rights off the west coast of Mexico, later transferring them to the Oriental Wahling company of Japan. It is claimed the fishing district extends from Tapic to Oaxaca state, and has no geographical connection with Magdalena bay.

The statement says the fishing rights runs for a term of 10 years only, and it has no political significance—only purely an industrial enterprise by a Japanese concern. It is not a privilege exceptionally granted to Japanese subjects, but similar rights have been granted to citizens and subjects of the United States, England and Italy.

### DEAN OF WOMEN MUST PAY CO-ED

### JURY AWARDS SUBSTANTIAL PAYMENT TO MISS MERCY.

### Other Co-Eds Cheer When Miss Mercy Is Exonerated of Charges.

Chicago, April 6.—Dean of Women Marion Talbot, in the Chicago university, must pay to Miss Fisher Mercy, a student, \$2500 damages. This is the amount the jury today awarded the plaintiff in her suit for \$100,000 damages, brought against Dean Talbot, on charges that she attacked the moral character of the plaintiff.

Miss Mercy was a co-ed in the university, and was expelled by Dean Talbot. The jury ruled that she assailed Miss Mercy's character when in dismissing her, she said "Go, I consider you no better than a woman of the streets." Miss Mercy is a Jewess.

Several hundred university students and co-eds gathered in the corridors and cheered when the verdict was returned. Miss Mercy said she was entirely satisfied, and sought vindication rather than financial gain.

He said: "The conditions are terrible at Columbus, Ky. Persons are perched on tops of houses, and trees floated away by the flood waters. The common danger among the flood victims is a fear that some relative has disappeared and they refuse to leave the threatened territory until they are assured their loved ones are safe."

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## EASTER DAY--"THE DARKEST HOUR PRECEDES THE DAWN"

When brought to his extremity  
By some unguessed calamity  
That shakes the world's foundations  
And startles drowsy nations  
And e'en from out the careless heart  
Makes hope well knelled at once depart,  
Mankind's despair is deepest.  
Hope, built on faith, man's highest star,  
Drops from its station high  
Down through the realms of blackest night  
And leaves the soul in dire affright.

'Twas thus one fearful, fateful night  
Succeeding that most awful day,  
When God's own Son was crucified—  
When Christ in pain and sorrow cried:  
When Jesus bowed His head and died;  
When both the thieves on either side  
Rallied on Him in their misery.

"We thought it surely had been He  
Whom Israel would redeem," had said  
His friends who sad at heart  
And shamed head, had each returned  
To find his lost employment.

The Christ of God! Earth's only light  
And warmth and joy and peace,  
The murderous hand of grinning Death  
Had grasped, and in his icy chain  
Had bound; and spared he not one pain  
Most exquisite.

"Now He is mine," said Death;  
"Then also mine," in hollow rumblings  
Growled the Grave.

Him fast they held while church and state  
Firm cordon make  
To guard Messiah's tomb.  
Vain task! You touch Almighty God,  
Ye fiends,  
Whene'er you touch the Son.

The God of light displayed His power  
His might vengeance at that hour  
And with a ruthless hand destroyed  
And tore asunder that abyss so dark;  
Hades now glowed with heavenly light  
So that which late appeared the portals  
Of despair,  
Became at once the shining way  
That leads to immortality.

With Death's own chains Christ bound him  
To His bright chariot wheels;  
To His victorious car,  
Then drove He forth in majesty  
Up to the judgment bar.

"Lift up your heads, ye pearly gates!  
Lift up, ye everlasting doors  
That Glory's King may enter in!"  
"And who is Glory's King?"  
"The Lord of hosts, eternal,  
Who gives man life supernal;  
He, who was dead, now risen;  
Who bound Death in his prison  
And lives forever more."

He lives the sinner's cause to plead;  
For erring man to intercede;  
And is become his Advocate  
Before the throne of God.  
La Grande, Easter, 1912.

## ATHLETIC PARK FAIR GROUNDS FUNDS PROMISED IN BIG LOTS

With promises of big sums, amounting to \$1,000 each and several minor donations or contributions that come near totalling that sum, the prospects of an athletic park housing a half-mile race track, a fair grounds and athletic field—including baseball diamond—are radiant today. Following a committee meeting last night when a prospectus of the proposed park was read and perused, committees are out today gathering up enough stock to float the deal financially. It looks like a certain go, carrying with it many important phases—for instance, the suitable facilities for a fair grounds almost in the heart of the city, a baseball and football park, track meet facilities and automobile speedways

An engineer's report showing the location and amount of work required is contained in the prospectus. The estimate calls for the location of the park in such a way that the long axis of the track is parallel to the O-W, right of way on the branch line, in fact close to it. The excavations on the track proper are estimated at 3,000 cubic yards, the embankments 5,000; the excavation on the ball park 3,000 cubic feet and the embankment of 4,000 cubic yards.

Next Monday night there will be another meeting of all interested at which time it is believed that sufficient money will have been subscribed to finally close a deal for the construction of the park.

### La Follette's Name in Danger.

Sacramento, April 6.—Secretary McCabe, at the governor's office today, flatly denies the published report that the administration would attempt to block the placing of La Follette's name on the presidential primary ballot, even though technicalities might be discovered to allow such opposition to be made. Secretary of State Jordan announced that he thought the verification of the deputy was improperly appointed, it would not be considered a vital defect in the La Follette petition.

### Bishop Francis 50 Years Old.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 6.—Rt. Rev. Joseph M. Francis, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Indiana, celebrated his 50th birthday anniversary today. Bishop Francis was born in Pennsylvania and was ordained in 1886. He filled pastorates in Milwaukee, Wis., and Evansville, Ind., and for several years was in charge of a cathedral in Tokio, Japan. He was elected bishop of Indiana in June, 1899, and was consecrated in September of the same year.

### Miss Burleson to Be Married.

Washington, D. C., April 6.—A wedding of interest to southern society in the national capital will take place here tomorrow, when Miss Laura Burleson, daughter of Representative and Mrs. A. S. Burleson of Texas, will become the bride of Richard Van Wyck Negley of San Antonio. The couple will make their home in San Antonio.

### MINERS IN SQUABBLE.

### Men and Leaders Fail to Agree in England.

London, April 6.—The Miners' Federation today officially declared the coal miners' strike off and ordered the men back to work.

As a result a clash within the ranks of the miners' federation is imminent today. Many members are threatening to secede from the organization if the leaders unanimously favor returning to work and there is practically no chance that they will rescind their order for the miners to return to the mines. The clash today came at a secret meeting of the organization. Delegates were present from Scotland, Wales and England, and a majority of the representatives were reported as opposed to calling off the strike, and the leaders are just as determined to call it off.

The operation of the mines will be resumed Monday with complete forces according to an announcement made tonight by officials of the miners' federation.

### Const League Scores Yesterday.

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Los Angeles	13 13 1
Portland	1 9 1
Batteries—Tozier and Boles; Steager, Temple and Howley.	
San Francisco	2 8 0
Oakland	3 8 2
Batteries—Miller and Schmidt; Malarkey and Mitze.	
Sacramento	2 8 6
Vernon	7 8 0
Batteries—Knight and Pierce; Breckenridge and Brown.	

## THREE SPECIAL TRAINS PLAY TAG IN ILLINOIS

### GRAFT'S GHOST RATTLES IN CELL

### ABRAHAM RUEF ANGERED PROMISES TO INVOLE OTHERS

### PATRICK CALHOUN AND OTHERS MENTION AS "COMING NEXT"

Ruef Publishes Statement in Frisco Paper as Result of Editorial Recently Printed, Saying He Will Give the Facts to the Public When He Gets Out of Prison That Will Startle.

San Francisco, April 6.—Angry because of a recent editorial in a San Francisco morning paper in which he was described as a human hyena and a "surly, cunning, cynical rogue," Abraham Ruef, once a powerful political figure of San Francisco published in the San Francisco Bulletin a partial statement of his connection with the graft of San Francisco in bygone days. He mentioned Patrick Calhoun, the United Railroads, William F. Herrin, the Southern Pacific and others as anxious for him not to give the inside history of his life. He says he will tell all when the indictments against him are dismissed as they will be soon if the advice of the prosecutor is acted upon favorably.

Ruef says he will give a full history of his conferences with Calhoun and others in San Francisco regarding the corrupt use of money.

### EL PASO BRIDGE FEELS DYNAMITE

### TROOPS WILL SHOOT DOWN SUSPICIOUS PROWLERS

### Several Attempts Made to Wreck International Bridge Today.

El Paso, April 6.—With orders to shoot down any prowlers disregarding their challenge, a detachment of American troops all last night guarded the international bridge at El Paso and Juarez, following to attempts to dynamite it. Despite their vigilance two charges were exploded on the Mexican side slightly damaging the bridge. Soldiers heard cries of "Vive Madero," leading to the belief that the dynamiting was done interests of the federal government of Mexico.

### RINEHART IMPROVING.

### Not Lasting Ill Effects From Injuries Received This Week.

Summerville, April 6.—(Special)—No lasting ill effects will result to Eugene Rinehart living on a ranch near here, as a consequence of severe injuries inflicted a few days ago when machinery on a stump puller broke and struck him on the skull, causing very painful bruises. Announcement was made last night that Mr. Rinehart would no doubt recover rapidly, in fact was improving very satisfactorily now and it was also further stated that there would be no lasting ill effects from the bruises.

### TAFT BOOSTER COMING.

### Ex-Congressman R. D. Cole of Ohio Will Visit La Grande Shortly.

On April 16 Ex-Congressman R. D. Cole of Ohio will stump Eastern Oregon speaking at La Grande on that date.  
Hon. Mr. Cole will take the stump for Mr. Taft through Oregon just before the primaries and will bring the hum of national politics with him to La Grande.

### PRESIDENTIAL FEVER RAMPANT

### ROOSEVELT FOLLOWS MR. TAFT'S BOOMER BY HALF HOUR

### LA FOLLETTE WORKING FARTHER WESTWARD TODAY

Situation in Illinois Becomes Extremely Keen When Three Presidential Aspirants or Their Workers Tour States and Governor "Ping" Along Behind—Many Speeches.

Chicago, April 6.—With three special trains of the presidential nomination candidates touring Illinois, with a score of minor spell binders boosting their various presidential favorites a dozen gubernatorial aspirants touring the state, Illinois is working up today to a state of intense political excitement. The three trains are those of Roosevelt, Governor Wilson of New Jersey, and Secretary James Wilson of the agricultural department who is booming Taft. Secretary Wilson's train is running a half hour ahead of the Roosevelt special, and the secretary is speaking at Pontiac, Clinton, and Decatur in behalf of Taft, just in time to leave as Roosevelt's train pulls into the stations, giving Roosevelt a chance to tell his side of the story.

Wilson spoke today at Galesburg, Moline, Sterling and DeKalb. He will deliver a big address at Chicago tonight.

Roosevelt is speaking today at Rockford, Freeport, Dixon, LaSalle, and Bloomington. Tonight he will conduct the banner meeting of the day at Springfield.

Senator Townsend of Michigan will conclude the campaign for Taft in Chicago tonight.

The interests of Champ Clark in the fight for the democratic nomination for the presidency are being upheld by Senator Stone of Missouri, ex-Governor David R. Francis of Missouri, and George Fred Williams of Massachusetts. Supporters of La Follette are working quietly throughout the state today.

### Record for Stumping Set.

Lincoln, Neb., April 6.—Travelling 200 miles, making 22 speeches, meeting 15,000 persons, is the remarkable record of La Follette. He is credited with this accomplishment today after a 24-hour campaign in Nebraska. Beginning at Plattsmouth early yesterday La Follette journey through the farming section between that city and Lincoln, being heard at each stop. He closed the day at the auditorium. The section around Omaha is the objective point today, Monday and Tuesday will be passed in western Nebraska, and the La Follette party departs for the Pacific coast Wednesday evening.

During all of his speeches on the first day of the trip La Follette laid stress on his demand for tariff reduction, direct legislation, recall, initiative and the referendum and trust control. In the course of his speech La Follette said "Roosevelt does a great deal of good as a teacher of morality, political and civil; but it is not constructive." La Follette predicted that he will carry Oregon, California, Nebraska and Utah.

### Two Dead in Pistol Duel.

Beaumont, Texas, April 6.—W. A. Knight and W. C. Whitney, two leading citizens of Beaumont, are both dead as a result of a pistol duel which they fought. They quarreled over work.