

FLOOD DANGER IN ILLINOIS GROWS WORSE

MANY TOWNS INUNDATED BUT NO FATALITIES HAVE COME TO LIGHT.

CONGRESS MAY AID OHIO

Two Million Congressional Denial Is Anticipated as the Result of the Movements Started in Ohio Today—Memphis Levees Break and North Memphis Is Under Water but None Are Killed.

Cairo, April 5.—With the river rising slowly and wind whipping waters into waves that add to the pressure on the levees, the flood situation is regarded as extremely serious, with odds slightly favoring the levees holding. It is reported the levee has broken in places below here and if true, means that the pressure has been relieved.

Advices at noon said that Mound City, Ill., was threatened by the weakening of the levees and Colonel Moriarty has gone to that place to take charge of the situation.

Columbus, April 5.—Two million dollars will be appropriated by congress for the relief of flood sufferers in Ohio if plans now completed by Governor Cox are carried out. Eighty-seven bodies have been recovered to date.

Illinois Towns Suffering. Washington, April 5.—Telegraphing from the flood district, Ernest Bicknell, secretary of the Red Cross, says 20,000 are homeless in Southern Illinois, and food is badly needed in the stricken districts. At least 30 towns are inundated, in Ohio, 20 in Indiana, and many in Illinois, Kentucky and West Virginia.

The boundary line, the message says, surrounding the flooded territory, is more than two thousand miles long. The situation is extremely serious in many Indiana cities still. He is corroborated by other authorities that the situation in Illinois is critical.

Trouble at Memphis. Memphis, April 5.—Levees confining waters at Bayou and Gayoso broke, flooding five city blocks, but no fatalities are reported. The break inundated that section of Memphis flooded last year.

The city engineers have abandoned hope of preventing inundation of North Memphis. Prisoners from the county jail are working on the levees. Seven blocks are under water, all being in the poorer districts. A hundred were rescued when the levee broke.

GUNMEN BUSY AGAIN. Gangsters Shoot and Kill Prominent Tammany Politician.

New York, April 5.—Four gangsters early today shot and killed Eugene Smith, a Tammany political leader. The shooting occurred in Park Row. Smith's assailants escaped. A brother of the dead man, said Smith was mistaken for someone else but the police say he recently became involved in a gang feud.

POST BUSINESS ENORMOUS. March Business in Parcels Post Show Tremendous Gains.

Washington, April 5.—An increase of 50 per cent in the number of parcels post packages handled in March over January is shown in a report of the parcels post business for the first three months of this year, issued today by Postmaster General Burleson. More than 50,000,000 packages were handled during the three months. Chicago, with six million packages, led all cities.

STRAWBERRIES SELL WELL. "Come and gone" is the word from local grocers who handled strawberries today, the first of their kind this year. The shipments arrived on the morning train and in response to liberal advertising yesterday, the orders came over the telephone this morning cleaning up those received a day or two ago and those coming this morning. Florida-grown berries were received this morning. In most instances the berries sold for 20 cents though early quotations read at 25 cents. Merchants say that the first-shipment berries have seldom come in such good condition or met with such ready sale as this week's lot. Extreme southern points furnished all the shipments, from where Portland has been receiving its supply the past several days.

FROST ALARM PLAN ISSUED

ORCHARDISTS TO GET NOTICE FROM EXPERTS.

District Forecaster Beals Sends Out Method of Frost Warning.

Efforts to save fruit districts from disastrous frosts by issuing frost warnings in time to allow orchardist to smudge, are being taken by Weather Forecaster Edward A. Beals, district forecaster at Portland. He sets out in a letter to Weather Observer Worstell here, just what the plan is. He says in his letter dated Portland April 4: During the months of April and May when frost may be expected in the Portland, Ore., forecast district comprising the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, the chief of the weather bureau, Professor Willis L. Moore, has arranged to have in seven localities trained men on the ground prepared to amplify the district warnings by notifying fruit raisers just what minimum temperatures may be expected on frosty mornings. This, it is believed, can be done within a degree or two if verified by the temperatures obtained at our "key" stations liberally distributed in these sections. The fruit raiser should know how the temperature in his orchard varies from the temperature at the nearest "key" station, and thus be able to determine very closely just what to expect in the way of frost at his place when warnings of frost are issued.

The names of the localities where Professor Moore has arranged for this service and the assistants designated for handling the local end of the work are as follows:

Rogue river valley (Ashland to Grant's Pass), headquarters at Oregon. Prof. P. J. O'Hara.

Hood River valley (entire valley), headquarters, Hood River, Ore. Prof. W. H. Lawrence.

Yakima valley (Natchez to Pasco), headquarters, North Yakima, Wash. T. R. Reed.

Wenatchee valley (Leavenworth to Wenatchee), headquarters, Wenatchee, Wash. R. M. Harding.

Puyallup-Stuck valleys (Kent to Orting), Seattle, Wash. G. N. Salisbury.

Lewiston-Clarkston Dist., Lewiston, Idaho. W. W. Thomas.

Boise District (Weiser to Boise), Boise, Idaho. E. L. Wells.

Fruit raisers are invited to call on or correspond with these men for further information. They can also call upon them to compare their thermometers if in doubt regarding their accuracy at temperature near the frost mark.

In other sections warnings will be issued as heretofore, being classified as light or heavy according to the general meteorological conditions prevailing at the time. When a light frost is predicted it means a frost with no destructive effects except to tender plants and vines in exposed places. When a heavy frost is pre-

CROWDS WATCH ROBBERS BLOW UP BANK SAFE

FREAK EXPLOSION LOCKS MONEY TIGHTLY AND MEN FINALLY LEAVE

WERE IN BANK TWO HOURS

Alvarado, Cal., Citizens Stand by and Watch Three Men Work Two Hours in Bank to Get Money—Confederates Outside Keep Crowds Back and When Finally Felled All Hide Away.

Alvarado, Cal., April 5.—Because the vault door blew inward and jammed tight against the receptacle which contained \$27,000 three yeggmen were foiled this morning in as bold an attempt at bank robbery as the state has seen in years. The men got away with only \$19 of the bank's money missing. The robbers entered the bank early today, and commenced to set off explosion after explosion in an effort to open the door to the vault. Seven charges were exploded, each one rocking the town. In the meantime a crowd had gathered, but two members of the gang held off the citizens while the man worked deliberately inside. The men were in the bank almost two hours and finally went to the door and holding the crowds off with guns made good their escape to the hills where a posse is now searching for them.

SCUTARI FALLS AGREE RUMORS

FINAL ASSAULT SAID TO HAVE CRUMBBLED DEFENSE.

Diplomats Receive No Confirmation but Europe Gets News.

London, April 5.—Scutari has surrendered to the Balkan allies this morning according to persistent but unconfirmed reports received here. Similar reports have been received at Paris, Vienna and other European capitals but diplomats say they have received no authentic information up to noon. The reports all agreed that Scutari capitulated following a final assault of 60,000 Balkan troops who participated.

dicted the conditions are such as to lead to the belief that staple products will be injured.

The recipients of these warnings should distinguish between the two classes; the light frost warning being issued when it is expected that fruit will not be injured, but a possible forerunner of heavy frost, and also for the benefit of those having crops in low places where frosts occur with greater severity and with more frequency than commonly experienced in the neighborhood. When warnings of heavy frosts are issued damaging temperatures are expected to be general, and all those prepared to protect their crops should be on the alert for them.

In a country with topography so diversified as that in the North Pacific states much will have to be left to the individual fruit raiser in places where the work has not been localized, and every warning whether of a light or heavy frost will most likely need some amplification by the man on the ground.

Congo Claims Victims. Boma, Belgian Congo, April 5.—Twenty-three were killed today when a train plunged through a railroad bridge into the Congo river.

Authorities Hide Mrs. Olson Fearing Harm Will Befall Her Before She Can Take the Stand

St. Paul, Minn., April 5.—To prevent harm befalling her at the hands of irate neighbors and interested spectators, before she bares her relations with Clyde Darling, a laundry wagon driver, who was shot and killed by Mrs. Olson's husband—Prof. Oscar Olson, a University of Minnesota professor—Mrs. Olson was hidden by the authorities today. This action was taken after the testimony of Professor Olson against her and the deceased to take the stand in her husband's

trial next Monday and it is believed she will tell a sensational story. There was no session of the court today, to allow her to prepare for the ordeal. No case in years has attracted the wild excitement or widespread interest that this case has. The popularity of Prof. Olson in university circles has enlisted general interest from that source in the case. The outcome is variously discussed as probable acquittal for the defendant in the case.

HUNGER STRIKE IN FULL SWING

PHYSICIANS WILL ORDER MRS. PANKHURST REMOVED.

Quiet Prison 40 Miles From London Is Place of Incarceration.

London, April 5.—Aylesbury prison, a lonely spot 40 miles from London, a place where any demonstration would lose effectiveness, is to be the home of Mrs. Pankhurst the next three years. This was the gist of a semi-official statement at the home office today. Mrs. Pankhurst has eaten nothing since receiving her sentence, but no attempt is made to forcibly feed her. If she continues the hunger strike, she will be released when the prison doctors report that further confinement will be fatal to her.

No arrests in connection with the Oxford and Stockport explosions, alleged to be perpetrated by suffragettes, are yet made.

Militants Destroy Tracks.

Ayr, Scotland, April 5.—Militants early today set fire to the grandstand, stables and buildings at the Ayr race course. All were destroyed at a loss now fixed at \$150,000.

CADET-BRAKEMAN BLAMED.

Manner of Leaving 20 Girls and Their Probable Fate Described.

Chicago, April 5.—Because he sticks to his original story, J. F. Lundgren, who revealed the alleged kidnapping of 20 emigrant girls en route to Chicago from New York, at Newcastle, Penn., has practically convinced the police that the girls were spirited away from the train by white slavers.

"A youth in a brakeman's cap and uniform boarded the train at Newcastle and told the girls they could stop there for lunch," Lundgren stated today. "He said nothing to the elder women or men who accompanied the girls, and the girls alighted and started for the lunch room. Then the train started and pulled the signal cord. The train stopped several hundred feet from the depot but before the girls could catch up with it, it had started again. I tried to get the conductor to wait, but he wouldn't listen to me. The last I saw of the girls they were running after the train and screaming for it to wait. None appeared to have money, and none could speak English."

New Traffic Business Looms.

San Francisco, April 5.—Marking a new epoch in passenger transportation the Pacific coast steamer Santa Cruz, first of a fleet of vessels that the Atlantic and Pacific Steamship company will operate, San Francisco direct to New York via the Panama canal, arrived today. Prior to the opening of the canal the Santa Cruz will make important South American ports, using the straits of Magellan as inter-oceanic connection.

Morgan's Body on Sea.

Havre, April 5.—The liner La France bearing the body of J. P. Morgan sailed at six this evening. A crowd of Americans stood bareheaded at the quay as the liner left the slip. Herbert Satterlee and Mrs. Satterlee, a daughter of Morgan, remained at the hotel until the steamer sailed.

LARGER CHECKS AFTER JUNE 4

FULL CREW LAW WILL ADD ABOUT 26 BRAKEMEN.

Freight Trains of 40 Cars or Over Affected Throughout State.

By the fourth of June this year the new state law requiring added brakemen and known as the full crew law, becomes effective throughout Oregon. Generally the law requires three brakemen on every freight train of 40 cars or over exclusive of the caboose and engine, and will add from 26 to 30 brakemen out of La Grande, at an average salary of \$125 each or approximately \$4,000 more O-W. pay checks monthly in this city. It is generally reported that the general management will grant the extra brakeman on all trains running out of La Grande because of the mountainous district covered by the O-W, but the general law calls for the third brakeman only on trains of 40 cars or more.

The law becomes effective June on which date the added crews go on. Assistant Superintendent Buckley today estimated that 25 additional brakemen will be required by the law in this division and some place the new men as high as 30, all of which means close to \$5,000 additional monthly payroll for La Grande. The third brakeman will act as flagman and do brakeman's work, too. The new railroad law has many features and it occasioned considerable debate in the legislature, covering the matter of electric headlights, the running schedule for stock trains and several other important issues. Aside from that, however, local boosters and carriers of La Grande asset news will have added material to "shout" in view of the added payrolls.

RUNAWAY NEAR-DAMAGING.

Spectators Narrowly Miss Injury and "Near Hero" Takes Long Fall.

Frank Cleavinger's delivery team flirited with serious injury this afternoon when it commenced a lively runaway on 6th street, swinging down Adams, barely missing a group of spectators at Elm and Adams. It finally took the middle of the street, going west on Adams and collided with a light pole farther up the street doing considerable damage to the wagon. Hal Bohnenkamp was thrown heavily to the pavement while attempting to stop the team on Elm street but escaped injury.

OMAHA CLEANS UP.

Men and School Boys Spend Day in Cleaning up Devastated Districts.

Omaha, April 5.—Six thousand persons including 2,000 school boys spent today cleaning up the district devastated by the destructive tornado on Easter Sunday. The work will be continued tomorrow. All workers are volunteers. Society women and high school girls served meals to the workers free.

Auto Bandit Suficides.

Paris, April 5.—Leaping from the roof of the prison court after he had escaped from his cell, M. La Combe, a member of the famous Bonnet automobile bandits, was killed today.

GRAND JURORS ACCUSE CHICAGO FOLKS OF ARSON

BUSINESS MEN, INSURANCE MEN, AND OTHERS INDICTED IN ARSON TRUST PROBE

HALF OF FIRES ARE SET

Indictment Blame Insurance Companies for Negligence in Not Studying the Applicants for Insurance—Probers Find True Bills Based on Confessions of Two Men Involved in Act.

Chicago, April 5.—Fifty-six merchants, fire insurance adjusters and alleged "fire bums" were indicted by a special grand jury today in connection with the investigation of the so-called arson trusts. The indictments charged arson, arson with intent to defraud and conspiracy with intent to commit arson. Two hundred and fifty-nine indictments were returned in all, several being indicted on numerous counts. The true bills are based on the confessions of Benjamin Fink and John Daniels. (Additional Society on Page Four.)

The grand jury report said: "At least half of the fires in Chicago occur through incendiary origin." It is reported that the blame is fixed on the insurance companies' laxity in permitting the formation of such conspiracy.

The report recommends that the insurance people study more carefully the applicants for insurance. The names of the men indicted have not been published and will not be until next week.

JUNIORS WIN DEBATE.

Forensic Contest Last Night Sees School's Team of Three Chosen

Junior colors float over senior wisdom today because debaters from the '14 class of L. G. H. S. vanquished the graduates in the first interclass debate at the high school auditorium last evening. The winning team had the affirmative phase of the question, "Resolved, That Oregon Should Have a System of Bank Guarantee." Both sides of the issue were skillfully handled by the debaters, showing keen study and deep insight into the intricate question of finance which was their theme. Judges Dr. F. E. Fyke, Attorney Turner Oliver and Attorney John Hodgins were the criterion of the two classes' ability and furthermore were asked to pick the team of three from the six debaters that will go to Pendleton in an intercity forensic contest. These three were Milton Stoddard, Miss Serena Rohan, and Gerald Moore. The winning team in last evening's debate were Leon Adams, Bessie Stoddard and Gerald Moore, and the defeated trio was Milton Stoddard, Serena Rohan and Roy Couch.

BIG FEES REFUSED.

Dr. Friedmann Can't Accept \$5,000 for One Treatment of Millionaire.

New York, April 5.—Five thousand dollars for the injection of serum into the tubercular arm of an unnamed millionaire was refused by Dr. Friedmann according to announcement of W. E. D. Stokes. It is stated that Friedmann refused to treat this millionaire because of a promise to the federal public health officers that he would not accept any patients except those of their choosing.

Wireless Men Discharged.

Seattle, April 5.—Taking offense at the dealings of the wireless telegraph union, the Marconi company has discharged four operators today who joined the organization. The union, through headquarters at San Francisco, has been seeking increased pay for its operators. The company here refused to recognize the union or its demands.