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VAST DESTRUOTION OF PROPER MIDDLE WEST:
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Depopulated, and Thousands
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St. Louis, June 2.-A special to
from Keokuk, Ia., says: Six hundred square
miles of Rich farming land along
the Missouri south of here is unhe Missouri sou
der water. The der water. The Egyprian levee
broke during the night in two pla-
ces, and there are now more than ces, and there are now more than
twenty breaks in it. This levee runs from the Miesiesippi at Alexan
dria to the Bluffe, and protects the town and shore as far south as Hannibal from overflow of the Das
Moines. A strip of country 10 wide and 60 miles loag is now under water, and the crops, which never
looked betfer, will be a total loss,
Much of the land overflowed has Much of the land overllowed has
not been flooded for 33 years. The Thes will reach $\$ 1,000,000$.
miles sonth of Keokuk, is entirely submerged, and the people are liv-
ing in the second stories or making preparations to move.
A atrip 800 feet long and 25 feet
wide along the river front is the wide along the river front is the
only land in the town that is not tle, horses, hogs and people, with
the and
their household belongings, and the problem of transporting them is is a serious one. Grave fears are
entertained for the safety of the entertained
Hunt levee, which protects the bot-
toms from Warsaw io Quincy, on the Illinois side. Men are at work on it, and it can stand $a^{2}$ few more
inches of rise. The loss of live stock will prove very heavy.

St. Louis, June 2-The Misaissippi river has risen to 30 feet, the danger line, at St. Lonis and con-
tinues to rise more than two feet a tinues to rise more than two feet a
day. Indicationg are that the 34 -
toot stage at St. Louie, predicted by the civil serviee burean, Thursday or Friday morning, will be exceed-
ed. A 34-foot stage at ed. A 34-foot stage at
means immense loss. Already
mhousands of acres of land, the most productive in the Middle West, on
the Miseouri and Illinois sides the Missouri and Illinois sides, are
under water. Hundreds of thourunder water. Handreds of thoun-
and have been lost to Illinois and
Miseouri farmers through rained crops. In a half-dozen places be-
tween Aiton and St. Louis, the rivtween Aiton and St. Louis, the riv-
er, with its lagoons and bayous, is er, with its tagooren miles wide.
from five tesever
St. Charles, Mo., the water spread out over three miles of country, covering farms and drivi
families from their homes.

Hannibal, Mo., June 2.-Th Mississippi tonight is six feet above
the danger line. Thousands of
acres of fertile farm lands about
this eity are devastated, this eity are devastated, causing a
loss estimated at not less than $\$ 100,000$. The town of Shepherd,
III., is depopulated, and its resiIl., is depopulated, and its resi-
dents were driven away by the
flood.

Kansas City, June 2.-At $20^{\prime}$ clock this afteruoon the situation
is the gravest that can be imagined The day is cold and a drizzling rain is falling to add to the misery of the situations-
The river is still rising slowly
and in the flooded districte ters are mad raging torrents. Boats are unable to reach the hundreds of imprisoned people who have
since yeaterday been since yesterday been signaling dis-
tress from house tops and from the tress from house tops and from the
windows of buildings which have become the temporary places of re-
treat. Women and obildren are suffer-
ing terribly in Scanty apparel, lack of food and the hopelessness of realizing that
everything they possessed has been everything they possessed has been
swept away by the floods, adds to cheir sufferings. Strong men sio
breaking down under the strain,
and it is reported that the and it is reported that three sui
cides have occurred today. Anoth er special meeting of the city coun
cil will be beld this morning an more funds will be appropriated for lief committees are working day
and night, and many men and wo


