

OVER THE LEVEES

Mississippi River Is Pouring Over Country.

THE POPULATION MOVING OUT

River Still Rises and Rains Continue—Railroad Embankment Attacked—Armed Work on Levees—Flood Will Be Surpassed.

NATCHEZ, Miss., March 13.—It will be impossible to secure further news from Ashland, where the levee is overtopped by the river, before morning. The relief boat St. Joseph is there now. Everybody in the southeastern section of Jefferson County is ready to move.

The protection levee in front of the Texas & Pacific embankment at Bouge has been torn away by the water, which is now pouring in against the embankment. The railroad has a large force of men raising its roadway, which is protecting a part of Concordia Parish, La. The Betsy Ann arrived this afternoon from Bayou Sara with her cabin full of food refugees and carrying a flock of corn. It has been raining since early last night. The gauge is now three feet above the danger line.

FALSE ALARM OF DANGER.

Report That Levee Had Broken Proves Untrue—River Still Rising.

NEW ORLEANS, March 13.—The rumor that the Arlington levee, four miles below Baton Rouge, on the east bank of the Mississippi River, had broken, is untrue. President Leake, of the levee board of that district, in an interview today said: "The Arlington levee is in good condition from the nearest railroad and about the same distance below Baton Rouge. The only way the point of danger can be reached is by boat. Early last summer work was begun on a new levee behind the old one, but it was delayed by bad weather and little work was done. When it seemed that the contractor would get through in time to prevent danger from the spring floods, an extra force was put to work on the new levee. If we succeed in holding the old levee 24 hours the new levee will be stout enough to stand the rush of water should the old embankment break. If the old levee holds out until tonight water will be pumped between the old and new levees and when the rush comes from a possible break the force will not be so great as the old one. The gauge is now three feet and four-tenths below the highest water of 1897 and the Weather Bureau predicts that 20 feet will be reached. It also predicts that water in the river will remain unmetted. This is the gloomy side of the picture. However, the levees are in perfect condition, the weak spots having been strengthened until they are stronger than the rest of the chain. Men and material are everywhere and every false alarm is promptly answered. Guards are kept on duty day and night, not only to detect dangerous spots but to prevent any tampering through malice or fear. There is little apprehension felt anywhere and, even if the record for high water is broken, all are confident that the banks in which the Government, State and county have spent millions will come triumphantly through the ordeal."

RISE WILL INCREASE TODAY.

Memphis Expects Higher Flood, but Levees Stand Firm.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 13.—The river gauge tonight still is rising, and also Weather Bureau predicts that the rise will continue at an increased rate until tomorrow night, when a stage of more than 15 feet is expected.

Captain Lucas, United States Engineer in charge of the first and second districts, today received a telegram from Assistant Engineer Knolly, at Caruthersville, Mo., saying that the situation there is unchanged and not alarming. The work on the new levee there is progressing night and day. The immediate country adjoining the town is covered with from three to five feet of water. All boats are loaded with men and supplies for the flooded districts.

Captain Lucas has issued notices to steamboat captains and masters giving a list of all exposed points along the levee and urging caution in approaching. He has just returned from a trip of inspection down the river, and reports the levees on both sides in good condition except near Modoc, Ark., where a section of the old levee in 1897 and where the levee has never been completely repaired.

All steamers arriving today brought in large numbers of refugees and much livestock. Advice from Mississippi state that many people in Cohoma County are alarmed over the situation. The engineers, however, say the levees were never so strong and claim there is no danger of a break. The deep and buck water is daily growing deeper behind the levees. Business in the country is practically at a standstill.

In Arkansas the rivers are falling and all danger is believed to be passed. The Red River, between Shreveport and Alexandria, is two feet above the danger line.

FINE PLANTATIONS FLOODED.

Situation Near Vicksburg Aggravated by Continuous Rain.

VICKSBURG, Miss., March 13.—The flood situation in this section is steadily growing worse. It is greatly intensified by the continual heavy rains. The gauge at 7 P. M. registered 85.

M. P. Robertson, assistant engineer of the Fifth Louisiana District Board, who has established headquarters here, received a message from Commissioner Russell, at Lake Providence, saying that the levee from Providence to the Arkansas line is in fairly good shape.

A levee just north of Providence is causing the most concern. On the Yazoo several of the finest plantations in Warren County are submerged.

Specials from Donaldson and Baton Rouge tell of intense excitement at those points, as the Arlington levee, near the Louisiana capital, is feared to be in grave danger. Every able-bodied man, white or black, is being pressed into service and rushed to the danger point.

WATER FALLING AT LAST.

Indiana Farmers Preparing to Return to Rained Crops.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 13.—The river marked 42 feet here today. This shows that the water is falling, and, as the weather has cleared, another serious rise is not expected. Farmers are preparing to return to their homes, and the worst is believed to be over. The damage to winter wheat is heavy. The lowlands along Figsen and Potokas Creeks are still under water. Plantations from points along the White and Wabash Rivers showed an improved condition.

INDIANA FLOOD AT STANDSTILL.

PRINCETON, Ind., March 13.—The vast sea of water west and north of this city is at a standstill today, but the fall will be so slow that hundreds of acres of wheat will be almost a total loss. Unless there should be further rains, the Wabash, White and Potokas Rivers will not rise further.

FLOODS CAUSE WASHOUT IN COLORADO.

BRUSH, Colo., March 13.—The warm weather of the past few days has melted the snow drifts from the plains and

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Voiles, Etamines, Eoliennes, Crepes, Brilliantines, for Dress Suits. Twines, Granites, Cheviots, Sicillians and Broadcloths for tailor makes. In Silks, Taffetas, Foulards, India Jacquards, Louisines, Pongees and Peau de Soies, for Waists and Costumes.

More New Arrivals in Pattern Hats. More New Trimmings. More New Shapes. More Fresh Fruits. More New Flowers.

Plumes, Pompons, Aigrettes, Painters' Brushes and Ornaments.

You will find the showing today as interesting as at any time this week has been.

Undermuslins Section

Interesting Today

A perfect sea of Undermuslins, white and airy as foam, marvels of good making. Fine quality Muslins, Nainsooks, Persian Lawns, Linens and Silks, on which the most beautiful trimmings have been lavishly disposed in many new, novel and taking ways. You will like them and the prices will persuade you it is not worth while to make them.

Last Day

Big Reductions on

Odd China Pieces

Fancy Decorated China Bowls with gold tracings, each .20c. Decorated Cracker Jars, each 29c. Individual Creamers, each .10c. Cake Plates, each .28c. Dessert Plates, set .10c. Toothpick Holders, each .7c. Souvenir Steins, each .25c. Bread and Milk Sets, set .30c. Sugars and Creamers, pair .30c. Fruit Saucers, set .50c.

Hosiery Sale

Three Days of Big Bargains—Saturday, Monday and Tuesday—Ladies' Fancy Hosiery Reduced.

Pretty combinations of black and black, blue and white; pink, blue and white; red, black and white, etc., in either fancy drop stitch or plain weaves, vertical or cross stripes, plain or fancy boots, all full finished and a rare good bargain for, 39c per pair.

Ladies' high-grade, fancy Hosiery, all lace, with fancy stripes, plain, with fancy lace boot, many pretty combinations of colorings, for which there is no adequate description. All full finished. Not a pair worth less than \$1.25, yours for these three days at, per pair 89c

Upholstering Section

Full provision here for freshening up the house. Large and ample lines of Lace Curtains, rich, heavy Draperies and soft silk ones, a big line of Rugs of all sorts, Denims and Silkelines in all the new art styles.

Oriental Rugs

Couch and Divan Covers, Wall Hangings and Floor Rugs, all chosen by our rug connoisseur. Every one is calculated to meet the approval of the best judges.



Special Display and Sale of

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Suitable for Ladies' or Gentlemen's use.

Price of "Monarch" Gloves, \$2.00 Pair.

GLOVE DAY TODAY—Come in and make your selection from our new Spring lines of the "Monarch" and "Derby" kinds. Qualities will be found better than ever and shades very soft and satisfactory for every style of gown.

Price of "Derby" Gloves, \$1.50 Pair.

gulches of the South Divide, and all streams are running bank-full. The Burlington Railroad is washed out west of here, and trains are running over the Union Pacific tracks to this place. The bridges south of here along Beaver Creek are all washed away, and travel is suspended.

No Breaks in Vicksburg Levees. VICKSBURG, Miss., March 13.—No breaks have been reported in the levee in this vicinity.

REBELS STILL GAINING.

Win Victory Over Chinese Army and Slay High Officials.

VICTORIA, March 13.—The steamer Tosa Maru, which arrived last night, brought news of further engagements between the Chinese government forces and the Kwangsi rebels, in which the imperial troops were defeated with loss, some high officials being among the slain. The Governor of Hunan has telegraphed to the Chinese government to the effect that the rebellion has reached a most dangerous stage, and he requests the government to mobilize troops in other provinces as a precaution against emergencies.

ORGANIZING GREAT ARMY.

China Strengthens Her Forces and Smuggles Arms From Germany.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 13.—Advices by steamer Tosa Maru say: The Emperor and Empress Dowager were to visit the imperial mausoleum at Li Liang on March 8 and on their return were to stop at Pao Ting for the purpose of carrying on a grand army review there. All the troops that have just been raised in Chih, Honan, Shansi and Shensi provinces, about 20,000 in all, will take part. Yuan Shih Kai, Viceroy of Chih, is to be commander-in-chief. That official is working hard to increase China's army. He will organize shortly a force including Chinese and Manchus.

The necessary arms, which were to have been manufactured in Chinese arsenals, have been bought, with ammunition, from German merchants in Tien Tsin, who smuggled them into China. Viceroy Yuan Shih Kai declares that he will raise 20,000 new troops before April of this year.

ANTIS WILL PROTEST.

Boston Traducers of Army Will Rise in Their Wrath.

BOSTON, March 13.—Arrangements have been made to hold a mass meeting in Faneuil Hall on March 19 to protest against what is called the action of the majority of the Senate Philippines committee in rejecting the proposition to continue the investigation into some violations of the war regulations by the United States forces in the islands. Those interested in the meeting declare that the investigation conducted by the Senate committee was discontinued because the testimony of the witnesses established too clearly the truth of the charge of violations of the rules of war and other deplorable conditions in the Philippines.

Test of Socialist Strength.

BOSTON, March 13.—According to Henry R. Lodge, prominent in socialistic party politics in this state, 80,000 persons signed the petition to the Legislature urging the passage of a vote in favor of Government ownership of railroads, which came before the committee on Federal relations for a hearing today.

CASTRO BLUFFED OUT

BRITAIN FORCES RAISING OF ORINOCO BLOCKADE.

Threatens to Recognize Rebels as Belligerents and Then Shut Castro's Vessels Out of British Ports.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The State Department has received a cablegram from United States Charge Russell at Caracas announcing that the blockade of the Orinoco River declared by President Castro on March 7 has been raised.

The action taken by the Venezuelan government in raising the blockade was received here with great relief, for, although there were no outward symptoms of trouble, it is now known that the enforcement of the decree would probably have resulted in serious friction, perhaps involving a renewal of hostilities. British interests, next to our own, being predominant in the Orinoco section, the British Ambassador here was the first to move after the announcement of the blockade decree. The United States Government practically had decided to recognize the blockade, if Venezuela stationed a sufficient number of ships at the mouth of the Orinoco to make it effective, and if these ships were supplemented in their work by certain shore batteries in command of positions.

But the British government was not disposed to recognize the blockade, as it would work particular hardship to the British colonies, such as Trinidad and Guyana, which are already in straitened

of the Navy to watch developments at the mouth of the Orinoco, and that we should send three naval vessels to that locality.

REBEL ARMY IS BEATEN.

Castro's General Scatters It and Its Commander Flees.

CORO, Venezuela, March 13.—The revolutionary forces under General Riera and General Juan Penaloza, numbering 1200 men, which, during the course of the Anglo-German blockade, were reorganized in the neighborhood of this city, were attacked last Monday by the government troops under General Castillo, at Cumarebo, 16 miles northwest of Caracas, and after a fight lasting three days were defeated and their position was captured. General Riera fled in the direction of Puerto.

WAR IN HONDURAS.

Bonilla Occupies Most Territory and Marches on Santa Barbara.

PANAMA, March 13.—Cable advice received from Honduras by way of Salvador say that the departments of Copan, Gracias, Intibucal, Lapaz, Comamanagua and Paraiso are in the hands of the troops of General Bonilla, the President-elect of Honduras, who is marching on Santa Barbara. The forces of President Sierra, of Honduras, it is added, occupy the capitals of Tegucigalpa, Chotucua and Valle.

AMERICANS CALL FOR PROTECTION.

Admiral Coghlan Ordered to Honduras With His Squadron.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The State Department today received a dispatch from United States Vice-Consul Will, at

steps as may be necessary for the protection of American interests without condescendence to the department here. The presence of a squadron, instead of a single ship, it was thought, also would have a salutary effect.

STATUS OF ISLE OF PINES.

American Land-Owners Allege Assurances of American Sovereignty.

HAVANA, March 13.—Minister Squiers has returned here from a four days' visit to the Isle of Pines, during which he made note of the reason the American residents have for urging United States sovereignty over the island. He will report to Washington on the situation.

He found the Americans to be extremely anxious for American sovereignty, the general contention being that they purchased land or stock in the four American land companies operating in the island on the alleged representations of an American official that the United States would assume sovereignty over the Isle of Pines. Mr. Squiers was pleased with the agricultural and climatic conditions of the island.

To Study Mexican Currency.

MEXICO CITY, Mex., March 13.—J. W. Jenks, of Cornell University; Charles A. Conant, vice-president of the Morton Trust Company of New York, and Edward Brush, vice-president of the American Smelting & Refining Company, invited to come here by Finance Minister Limantour to study the silver situation and aid in forming a plan for giving Mexico a stable currency, were formally presented to Finance Minister Limantour today. Much is expected from the courtesy and experience of these Americans. The conviction grows that the country will soon adopt a modified gold standard, giving stability of value to the silver peso.

Great Hotel for Havana.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Sir William Van Horne, while visiting President Palma, offered to purchase the state penitentiary property, valued at \$50,000, says the Tribune's correspondent at Havana, his purpose being the erection of a \$1,000,000 hotel with New York and Canadian capital. The President is to take the matter to Congress and use his influence to secure the sale.

French Foreign Trade Grows.

PARIS, March 13.—The imports of France for January increased \$12,325,800, and the exports increased \$8,553,300.

UHLER GETS AN OFFICE.

Appointment Sent to Senate—Why Marine Engineers Rejoice.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate: Supervising Inspector-general of steam vessels, Treasury Department, George Uhlir, of Pennsylvania.

Assistant Paymasters in the Navy—Ervin A. McMillan, California; Eugene A. Tricou, California.

George Uhlir, formerly president of the Marine Engineers' Association, has been appointed chief of the steamship service of the Treasury Department and the local members are pleased at the prospect of a new president. At the convention held in Washington, D. C., in January the delegates from Portland told the meeting of the president's actions toward them and he was spoken of in anything but complimentary terms.

Uhlir came to Portland shortly before

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CLEANING-UP SALE

OF PIANOS AND ORGANS

RUNNING DOWN LADRONES

Two on Trial for Treason—Terms Refused to San Miguel.

MANILA, March 13.—As the result of his capture in Rial Province, Jose Javier, an irreconcilable and alleged head of the new Katipunan, is being tried for treason and sedition. Domingo Shakay, the former head of the Katipunan, and others testified that Javier acted as "Minister of Foreign Affairs" in the alleged government maintained by the irreconcilables.

The Government forces have been engaged in another ladron drive in Rial Province and have arrested a number of bandits after a couple of skirmishes. San Miguel, the irreconcilable leader, who is hiding in the mountains, has sent a message to General Allen, asking for the terms on which he may surrender, but the General declined to make any terms.

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We have several very fine sample pianos left that were sent to us for our inspection with a view of our taking the agency for same, but as we do not care to add any more makes to our already extensive line have concluded to close them out at about factory cost. They are of standard makes and of the very latest styles in mahogany, walnut and oak cases. You can save quite enough on one of these to educate your child in music. It will pay you to investigate them, if you want a good standard make ranging in price from \$100 to \$225, at \$5 per month you don't want to be slow in making it known, as opportunities of this kind do not present themselves every day in the year, and then we have some splendid

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Just the kind to start the child with, if you can not afford a better one. They are in first-class condition and we will agree to take them back at any time in exchange for a better piano, thereby giving you the use of the piano for nothing, and these you can buy from \$2.50 to \$5 per month. Why neglect the musical education when such advantages as these present themselves?

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