

ROOSTING IN TREES

Topeka Refugees Suffer Torture for Hours.

AGED COUPLE BECOME INSANE

Mother and Babe Fall and Drown in Sight of Rescuers, After Hours in Treetop-Rowboats Are Upped.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 31.—At 1 o'clock the number of drowned people was known to be at least 150 and a large number were reported to have been reported burned to death, but this could not be substantiated. From all over Eastern Kansas boats are being rushed here for the rescue of the sufferers. All of the pontoon bridges to the North Side were washed out early this morning, and the only way of reaching the survivors then was by boats.

Shortly after daylight nine boats arrived from Ottawa on a special train and were put into active service at once. Soon after reports of drowning began to come in, a boat containing eight men was swept away in the swift current about 7 o'clock, and as far as known all were drowned. Another boat containing two men was capsized.

More boats arrived from Emporia at 3 o'clock, and many messages had been sent to other towns for more. The river remained stationary after having fallen seven inches. Heavy rains were reported from up the stream, however, and it was feared that another rise would set in.

Eighty-seven people are high and dry in the Page elevator. If the building holds together they will be rescued.

In the B-Street Colored Baptist Church nearly 100 people have been rescued since yesterday. Many of them have doubtless fallen from exhaustion before this and drowned. The building stands intact, however, and those who are left alive may be rescued.

As seen from a high place on North Tyler street, near the Rock Island bridge, the stream appeared to be widening. The bridge had not come out, as was reported last night, but it was getting very shaky. The current was running with an incredible swiftness. Small boats have no chance at all, and many of them have been already swamped. Even if they could successfully traverse the whirling, eddying stream for a mile, they would almost surely be overturned by striking against houses and other wreckage.

No Land in Sight. North Topeka is a scene of utmost desolation. Not a square foot of land can be seen in any direction. There is but a small chance of any of the residences being left standing at the end of the flood period.

Sherry, Oakland and the region about the Reform School, north of North Topeka are all under the rushing waters, but the situation is favorable in these places compared with what North Topeka is undergoing.

The plan of trying to cross the river near what remains of the Kansas-avenue bridge has been abandoned, and the boats will be taken in wagons to a point near Auburndale, a suburb 2 1/2 miles southwest. They will then be launched and allowed to float with the current to places where people are to be rescued. This plan, of course, will involve much danger to the rescuers.

Nearly all the fires have been put out by the heavy rain which fell all night. The sky was overcast and the rain bid fair to continue all day. It was soon recognized that rowboats would be of no use in hauling the sufferers. Steam launches must be secured at once, and to this end rush messages were sent to the superintendent and agent of the Rock Island and to the agents of the Beltinger and the secretary of the Commercial Club, as follows:

Topeka Sends for Boats. Topeka wants from three to six steam launches and 12 or 15 clinker-built rowboats with men to handle them. Rowboats by special train at once to rescue people in North Topeka.

The agent was ordered to load the train at once, secure a clear track and proceed to Topeka. The boats were to be towed as far as possible on the submerged tracks and then the boat would be launched. Topeka citizens guaranteed all the expenses of the undertaking.

It was expected that the launches could reach here about 4 o'clock, in which event many of the people on the North Side could yet be saved. Boats were received here on a Sunday afternoon by the Missouri Pacific and the Santa Fe over the circuitous routes, but the current in the river seemed to be growing more powerful all the time, and the people were powerless to cope with it. Meanwhile the beleaguered ones were being encouraged as far as possible to hold on a little longer in the hope that rescue would soon be effected.

The 85 people in the Page elevator in North Topeka were in desperate straits for food, having had nothing to eat since last Friday. At 10 o'clock two big loads of provisions were started to them. They had not yet reached the elevator, after engaging in a hard battle with the waters for an hour.

Chief of Police Goff and his family are among those not yet accounted for.

Refugees Supplied With Food. Isaac Stanton succeeded in reaching B-Street Baptist Church with 500 pounds of provisions. He was two hours in making the trip of not much more than a mile.

numb that they could not feel and had to be knocked into the water so that they could reach them. They were standing close together in the attic of a house, and so severe had been their experience that their minds gave way under the strain. They cannot recover.

A Mrs. Anderson and her year-old baby have been for three days in a tree in plain sight of people who were powerless to rescue them. The mother clasped her child close to her arms and managed to brace herself against a limb in a reasonably secure position. For three days she kept up the battle for life. At 4 o'clock her rescue was effected, but she lost consciousness. Both mother and child fell into the water and were drowned, being immediately drawn under by the current.

Harvey Parsons, local newspaper man, had a thrilling experience. He took a boat Friday night and made his way to a house in the hope of making some rescue. A woman and her baby, almost unknown, were in the house, and Parsons took them into his boat. They had proceeded only a short distance when the boat capsized. Parsons contrived to get himself and the other two up into the tree and there remained until 3 o'clock this afternoon, when rescued. They were brought to a place of safety but will probably never be active.

Two small steamboats were put into service at 4:30 this afternoon, one from Ottawa and the other from St. Joseph. By this means the work of rescue was greatly facilitated. The boats brought 15 people over and landed near the desiccating plant. They floated down half a mile and became lost north of the Main bridge. This was before the flood had reached its height. Fourteen people had entered a stranded street-car but soon had to seek the roof. Standing in this untenable position for hours, their condition was desperate until they were taken off at 4:45 with the aid of the big cable.

R. L. Wise, ex-city engineer, was dragged from the roof of the car. He was unconscious and numb from cold, but soon revived.

Without Food for Hours. By aid of the small steam and gasoline launches 40 men in South Garfield Park were rescued. They had been in the street in trees. They had had nothing to eat for 24 hours. These men were in a fenced grove where they could not keep a close watch of the situation. All were rescued, however, and many of them about among the trunks of the trees. One of the men said they could not hear each other speak above the roar of the water.

Patrick Beline, his wife and three small children were taken from the roof of their small cottage. The parents were obliged to hold the two younger children constantly in order to keep their heads above water. They were nearly starved and probably cannot recover.

Miss Annie Noble, operator at the Union Pacific Railroad headquarters in North Topeka, was forced to leave the building when the roof gave way. She was with her mother and young sister. The plucky young woman took up housekeeping quarters in an abandoned horse-car. This was good enough shelter until the roof of the floor of the car, but there they had to stay until today, when they were included among the rescued.

Near the Rock Island depot a passenger train of 10 coaches was stranded in the flood. The train came in Friday night. The Rock Island "Y" washed out, as did also most of the land on which the track was laid, and the west-bound train cannot be made out here for two weeks, or more after the flood subsides. About 150 passengers are on the train. They have not at any time been in real danger, but are very uncomfortable and very pleasant. They are well cared for by the road and most of them have remained on the cars.

Slight Fall at Des Moines. All the Roof-Dwellers Have Been Taken to Shelter. DES MOINES, Ia., May 31.—Once more hope has been inspired in the breasts of the 600 flood refugees by the report that the river has begun slowly to recede. After rising all night a fall of two inches was noted at 6 o'clock and the condition of the sufferers has been slightly alleviated by the better organization of the relief forces. But isolated instances of rescue were few. The people who are living in rain-soaked tents have nearly all been removed to places of comfort in public buildings.

The need of food covering is still imperative. Not a wheel is turning in the factory district and no effort is made to open any business houses. Boats afford the only means of communication between North, South and East Des Moines and the main part of the city. This is extremely perilous. So far as is known but seven authenticated fatalities have been reported. Reports of scores or more have been received from that section of the city that is cut off from communication, but cannot be verified.

The Northwestern operated one train out from the city limits today, mail being conveyed to it by boat. The Rock Island is trying to get trains through to the West. The main line is tied up. The electric light and power plants are still running, but it is only by the employment of several hundred men to man the pumps and work on the levees.

For over two days it has rained constantly and the mercury has stood close to the freezing point. Scores of men, women and children have spent hours at a time in soaking wet garments, and loads of provisions were started to them. They had not yet reached the elevator, after engaging in a hard battle with the waters for an hour.



SWEPT BY FIERCE FLOOD

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strong, that all that can be done now is to rescue those in the buildings surrounded by water. It will be at least three days before the correct number of dead will be decided upon.

Launches Picking Up Survivors. The work of rescuing the victims of the flood is being pushed forward with vigor. Better results have characterized the efforts of the organized forces since 4 o'clock this afternoon than during the preceding 24 hours.

Large contributions have already been received for the benefit of the sufferers. The amount given by Topeka citizens alone will aggregate \$20,000. To this is to be added an immense quantity of clothing, provisions and general supplies. Outside towns have generously offered aid, among which is Galveston, Tex.

SCENE OF DESOLATION. Expanse of Water Dotted With Wrecks. TOPEKA, Kan., May 31.—A representative of the Associated Press walked out on the pontoon bridge to the Main arch bridge, where a satisfactory view of the flood situation was obtainable. Looking to the north as far as the eye could reach was one expanse of water, dotted here and there by badly wrecked or dismantled buildings. The half mile from Second street to the Main bridge was covered with water six to 12 feet deep, through which a mad current was flowing.

On the other side of the pontoon bridge were brick business buildings, 63 in number, which are completely ruined by high water. The loss in this respect in money will aggregate \$20,000. This is the district in which all the wholesale commission houses were located and immense amounts have been lost by the commission men. All this is on the south side of the river.

The reporter ventured out into the stream in a boat as far as the running current would allow, and there it was ascertained that the burning buildings were somewhat overgrown. Last night the whole northern part of the city seemed to be a flame. Closer investigation this afternoon revealed the fact that only about one-third of the buildings on the north side were destroyed by fire. Fully half the remaining buildings are so damaged by the water that they are absolutely useless.

There is not a house in the entire north part of the town that has not been seriously damaged. When the value of the stocks of merchandise destroyed is considered the loss in a financial way assumes enormous proportions.

The railway companies have abandoned all efforts to keep their tracks in shape. The water washed away the sandbags as fast as they sank them. It is simply a waste of funds to continue the work. As soon as the water goes down so that the tracks can be reached, hundreds of men will be placed at work repairing the damage.

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY. Swift Current Makes Trips of Supply Boats Hazardous. TOPEKA, Kan., May 31.—For the convenience of the public and flood sufferers the public buildings remained open all day. All grocery stores, meatshops and dry goods stores also kept open to furnish supplies. The physicians, at a meeting this afternoon, advised the authorities to establish a camp on high ground near the city for the flood sufferers.

Wichita and other cities which can be reached will be called on for provisions tomorrow. Already there is a scarcity of meat and vegetables and staple groceries are getting low.

KNOWN BY THE COMPANY SHE KEEPS.



UNCLE SAM: "YOU CAN'T COME IN, LITTLE GIRL, UNTIL YOU PART WITH YOUR FRIEND."

HAULED TO TOWN AND AGAIN SENT ON A SIMILAR TRIP.

Buildings in the submerged district continue to collapse. Notwithstanding the strenuous efforts of the relief forces, hundreds held religious services today in the buildings where they were confined. Tonight 50 or more of the flood sufferers are living in passenger coaches on the Rock Island tracks. Water surrounds the cars, but there is no danger.

The Associated Press has reports from Manhattan, Abilene and other points to the effect that the water is falling slowly. There is no probability that the river in Topeka will go any higher.

DEAD ESTIMATED AT 200. Few Bodies Are to Be Seen While Water is High.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 31.—At 5 o'clock this evening people were quartered in North Topeka as follows: In B-street Church, 600; in Topeka Woolen Mill, 100; in Case's flour mill, 94; in an elevator, 56; in the fire station, 34. A boat was sent to the woolen mill with 1000 feet of half-inch rope, which was to have been used in making a life line.

At 5 o'clock the first sight of floating bodies was seen; 14 bodies were seen passing by the North Topeka fire station. Soon after this it was definitely ascertained that the following were drowned: KARL RUPP. G. H. GARRETT'S 5-YEAR-OLD SON.

Other contributions have already been received for the benefit of the sufferers. The amount given by Topeka citizens alone will aggregate \$20,000. To this is to be added an immense quantity of clothing, provisions and general supplies. Outside towns have generously offered aid, among which is Galveston, Tex.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 31.—Among other messages was one from the Galveston Tribune, reading: "If we can do anything at all in the aid of your city please feel free to call upon us."

Messages from Kansas towns authorize the commission here to draw upon individuals for stated sums, and as soon as the mails arrive a great number of contributions from outside towns are expected to be received.

Topeka is doing nobly by her sufferers. The wealthiest city of Kansas is proud to acknowledge that no calls on outside help need to be made. It will be necessary to raise a great fund for relief work. Weeks must elapse before order can be restored from the present chaos. Hundreds of houses will have to be rebuilt entirely.

Needs Supplied for the Present. TOPEKA, Kan., May 31.—To all offers of aid from outside the county the Commercial Club is sending the following reply: "Situation is very grave and it is impossible at this time to estimate the loss of life or property. We thank you sincerely for your offer of assistance, but we are not willing to accept aid from the outside unless it seems an absolute necessity. The city and county and our own citizens will provide for the present needs."

St. Louis Will Have a Stage of Three Feet. WASHINGTON, May 31.—The following special flood warning was issued tonight by the Weather Bureau: "The flood situation in the Lower Missouri appears to be grave. Warnings for a stage of 28 feet at Hermann and 20 feet at St. Louis have been issued. The danger line at the last-named point is 30 feet."

WATER RISES VERY FAST

RESIDENTS FORCED TO TAKE TO SECOND STORIES.

Train Service Cut Off and Waiting Passengers Seek Higher Ground Further Uptown.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 31.—The greatest flood in the history of Kansas City, Kas., and the bottoms of Kansas City, Mo., prevails here today, and millions of dollars loss will result. A great body of water coming from the west swelled the Kansas River at Kansas City, Kas., this morning, causing a most alarming rise. Waters rushed with terrific force over the outlying railroad tracks and the crowded wholesale districts of the West bottoms, and finally into the Union Depot. At 10 o'clock a mile of big wholesale houses, elevators and freight depots were entirely surrounded, basements that yesterday were partially submerged were now in the water. Within 15 minutes the track entering the western end of the Union Depot were entirely submerged, and at 11 o'clock the water had reached the second story of the thousands of delayed passengers were making preparations to leave for the high ground up town.

Unlabeled elevators on the Blossom house and numerous smaller hotels, restaurants and stores are located, in a running stream. The water rose so fast in the vicinity of the depot that many persons were forced to ascend to second floors, and preparations were made hurriedly to remove the passengers up town. Trains that have been waiting in the depot for hours are now being held up, perhaps not for several days. Trains from the East also are late, many apparently having met the flood now being carried by the various railroads east of here. The Santa Fe passenger from Chicago, due at 10:30, is not expected until this afternoon.

Loss in the Millions. The losses in the wholesale district will aggregate well into the millions, and the losses to the various retail houses nearer the river will be tremendous. The street directly in front of the big Armour packing plant is under five feet of water. Armour & Company have a force of 300 men working at pumps trying to keep the rising water out of the buildings. At the superintendent's office it was stated that the plant will continue to operate with a full force unless the water goes much higher.

All of the hundreds of smaller concerns, near the ordinary banks of the Missouri River, which depend upon the river for power, are under water, and they will be forced to suspend until the river recedes, throwing thousands of men out of employment.

The entire stockyards, situated on the State line, are submerged. Many of the pens are five feet deep in water. The stockyards are a fine example of a packing plant in under five feet of water. The stockyards are a fine example of a packing plant in under five feet of water.

Police Rescue the Imprisoned. Three-fourths of Armourdale was submerged under an ocean of water, the packing-houses on the Kansas River here were entirely surrounded and 15 feet of water surrounded the buildings. The Kansas City police spent all night rescuing persons.

Chicago and Alton and Missouri Pacific Suffer Damage. KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 31.—High water and much damage to crops and railroads are reported from the Missouri River east this morning. In Saline County the Chicago & Alton and Missouri Pacific have suffered from washouts and high water. Many fields of corn and wheat are flooded, and thousands of acres of corn and wheat lands in the bottoms in Cooper and Howard Counties are under water.

Two steamers were engaged last night and today in removing families and livestock from the islands above and below Boonville.

BORNE DOWN BY CURRENT. Husband and Wife Separated, the Former Drowned. KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 31.—Notwithstanding the reports of great loss of life, very few of the stories could be substantiated tonight, and it will be several days at least before there is any accurate information in this regard. William Healey, 25 years old, is known to have been drowned near his home in the West Bottoms this afternoon. In company with his wife, he started to leave his home, and both of them were borne down. Mrs. Healey managed to grab a bit of floating wood.

VERY LOW RATES EAST. O. R. & N. Offers Big Inducement to Travel—Lowers Trip Limit and Stopover. Many Portland and Oregon people no doubt will take advantage of the very low round-trip excursion rates to the East offered by the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, the following being the figures: Portland, Ore., to Chicago, Ill., \$12.00; Memphis, Tenn., \$15.00; New Orleans, La., \$18.00; St. Louis, Mo., \$10.00; St. Paul, Minn., \$12.00; St. Petersburg, Fla., \$15.00; Tampa, Fla., \$12.00; Jacksonville, Fla., \$10.00; Mobile, Ala., \$12.00; Savannah, Ga., \$10.00; New York, N. Y., \$15.00; Boston, Mass., \$12.00; Philadelphia, Pa., \$10.00; Washington, D. C., \$12.00; Baltimore, Md., \$10.00; Cincinnati, Ohio, \$12.00; St. Louis, Mo., \$10.00; Kansas City, Mo., \$12.00; Omaha, Neb., \$10.00; Denver, Colo., \$12.00; Salt Lake City, Utah, \$10.00; San Francisco, Cal., \$15.00; Portland, Ore., \$12.00.

ONE MAN KNOWN TO BE KILLED, AND SEVERAL INJURED. WELCH, La., May 31.—A tornado started about three miles south of here last night and swept everything before it for a distance of two miles. The two-story house of S. E. Carroll, with all its out-buildings, was completely wrecked. Edward Burgess, a hired man, was killed, and Carroll and his wife seriously injured. The daughter was slightly injured also. It is reported that two white men and a negro were killed by lightning west of here.

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sidewalk and hung to it until help arrived. Her husband was unable to fight against the current and was drowned. It is estimated that 250 people were rescued from buildings in the West Bottoms during the day.

Among those who are said to have seen people drowned was Sergeant Coughlin, who is stationed on the Twelfth-street viaduct. From his station he saw, some distance away, a woman and three children float on the roof of a small cottage. Suddenly the wreckage gave a lurch, and he saw the occupants of the roof move. A boat containing five men capsized later near the same place, but whether the occupants perished or not is not known.

FOURTEEN REPORTED DROWNED. Identification of Dead is Not Possible. KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 31.—Fourteen persons have been found in the West Bottoms during the day. Because of the difficulty of recovering the bodies, identification of most of the dead is impossible. The list as reported are as follows: James Doerman, drowned on Osage avenue. Unknown man, with two children, drowned at Mill and Deane. Unknown woman, dead in a mass of drift. William Herbert and two other persons, drowned at Second and Osage. Two men and three women, drowned by the capsizing of a boat near the Union Pacific bridge. A man on a Belt Line engine, which was surrounded by water, was seen to disappear.

WEST SEVEN WITH BRIDGE. Twenty-seven Men at Work Are Drowned. KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 1.—A message to the Times from Kansas City, Kan., by way of Leavenworth, at 2 o'clock today, reported that 27 men at work on the Union Pacific bridge when it went down were all drowned. It is stated that many persons saw the men drowning.

FARMERS CALL FOR HELP. Imprisoned in Their Homes by the Rising Water. LINCOLN, Neb., May 31.—Flood waters in some of the swollen streams began receding today, but the conditions remain practically as bad as before. Salt Creek, near Waverly, and Oakland, overflowed yesterday, and the high tide of yesterday at Lincoln reaching those villages today. Help was asked to rescue farmers imprisoned by the waters.

GOVERNMENT WILL AID. Orders Have Been Given Major-General Bates. WASHINGTON, May 31.—The War Department will assist to the extent of its power in efforts to alleviate suffering in the flooded districts of the West. Orders to this effect have been given to Major-General Bates, commanding the Department of the Missouri, with headquarters at Omaha.

WATER IN OTTUMWA HOMES. Des Moines in Return to Unprecedented Height. OTTUMWA, Ia., May 31.—All records for high water here were broken today, the water in the Des Moines River standing 4 1/2 feet above the highest tide of yesterday. The work of rescuing the victims occupied the day and it is reported that all have been rescued.

TONIGHT. Just before retiring, if your liver is sluggish, out of tone, and you feel dull, bilious, constipated, take a dose of Hood's Pills. And you'll be right in the morning.

INDIGESTION CAUSES CATARRH OF THE STOMACH. For many years it has been supposed that Catarrh of the Stomach caused indigestion and dyspepsia, but the truth is exactly the opposite. Indigestion causes catarrh. The mucous membrane lining the stomach, as it exposes the nerves of the stomach, thus causing the glands to secrete mucus instead of the juices of natural digestion. This is called Catarrh of the Stomach.

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