

FLOOD STILL HIGH

Kansas City Waters Are Stationary.

ANOTHER STORM BREWING

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CITY IN ABSOLUTE DARKNESS

Situation in the Kansas City of the Same Name is Equally Appalling—Twenty Thousand Are Homeless.

MIDDLE WEST STORM.

The situation at Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan., shows no change. The water continues to hold its own, and the strong current prevents the rescue of many sufferers. Thousands are homeless, and are being cared for by the relief committees. At Topeka, the flood is subsiding, and normal conditions will soon prevail. However, the situation is still serious, and a general epidemic of virulent diseases is feared. In Iowa the rivers are receding rapidly.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 1.—With gas an electric lights extinguished and the water works shut down the city is practically at the mercy of the first fire that shall break out. With railroad transportation feeble and uncertain Kansas City may, if the waters do not recede within the next two or three days, be compelled to fight for her very life. And tonight the skies are dark and lowering. The rain is falling heavily, more stormy weather is sweeping up from the West, and the inevitable river is holding its own. It is practically stationary tonight, but what the flood has it keeps, and there is no certain promise of when it will recede.

The stage tonight is 34.5 against 35 feet this morning. Chief Connor, of the Weather Bureau, says that while the outlook is for continued rains it will necessitate a very heavy fall if the present high water is to continue, and whether this will come or not is something he cannot tell.

In Kansas City, Across the River. The first authentic information from Kansas City, Kan., was received tonight. In that district 20,000 people are homeless. A number which cannot be estimated have been drowned, and the property loss has been heavy. The situation there is a parallel to the situation here, apparently no better and no worse. There is no great probability that there will be further loss of life if the river does not rise very suddenly. It is likely that the number of fatalities in the city will approximate 30.

Many Wave Flags of Distress. Down in the wholesale district people at dusk tonight were waving white cloths to attract attention. The condition of some of these is pitiable. They have been held prisoners for two days, threatened with death by drowning at one time, by fire at another, and are now perishing without food. Every effort is being made, and they will be saved tomorrow unless the water rises more, and this seems improbable.

Financial damage is about as great now as it is likely to become, unless the water rises much higher than at present.

City Is in Absolute Darkness.

Tonight the city is in absolute darkness. There is not the glimmer of a gas jet or the flame of an electric light, the buildings which have their own electric light plants excepted. Steam for these is supplied from water hauled from the river. Power for the three street-car lines that have resumed operations is furnished by water pumped from a small stream in one of the valleys. In all the buildings in the city elevators have been discontinued. The newspapers have been compelled to discontinue the use of their printing machines, and are "sticking" type in the old ways. In the hotels, all of which are crowded to their utmost capacity, the most elaborate care is taken to prevent the waste of water.

Mayor Closes All Saloons.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 1.—At noon Mayor Road issued an order for the closing of all saloons in Kansas City. Within an hour the order had been carried into complete effect. The Mayor's action was due to the large influx of refugees. Hundreds of people are being fed at the convention hall.

FOOD SITUATION IS ALARMING.

Only Canned Goods After Tomorrow.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 1.—The food supply is rapidly becoming a question of vital importance. There was a run on every retail grocery store and meat store in Kansas City this morning. Persons almost overran the stores, and the shelves were rapidly run to bare. There is but one wholesale grocery store in the city that is not under water. The employees of this establishment were almost swept from their feet today by the rush of buyers. Merchants consider the food situation alarming. Their supply is limited to two or three days in everything except canned goods. Doubtless much of the wholesale supply will have been destroyed, and no provisions can be bought until railroad communication is re-established. Butchers have only a limited amount of fresh meat on hand and few hams and sides of bacon.

No Danger at Omaha.

OMAHA, Neb., June 1.—The Missouri River continues to rise at Omaha, but is expected to reach its maximum when it is about 15 feet, or three feet below the danger line. There was an appreciable fall at Sioux City today. Bottoms are being flooded at many points between Sioux City and St. Joseph. Falls City, Neb., is entirely cut off from outside communication, but one train having arrived there in the evening.

You get more for your nickel, Mr. Smucker, when you smoke Opia.

FLOOD IS RECEDING

Topeka Now Fears an Epidemic of Disease.

CHILDREN HAVE DIPHTHERIA

Hundreds of Refugees Are Huddled Together in Places the Physicians Are Unable to Reach—Provisions Becoming Scarce.

TOPEKA, Kan., June 1.—At 6 o'clock tonight the water in the Kansas River had gone down 14 inches, and was falling at the rate of half an inch an hour. From Manhattan, up the river, comes the report that the water there is slowly falling. At Wameka, the same condition prevails, and it is now reasonably certain the water here will steadily recede. At this time there are 34 known dead. The distress of the sufferers is being relieved as far as possible by the city. Topeka is being supplied with food, and they are in practically no danger unless it be from sickness. One of the most distressing features of the situation now is the possibility that there will be a spread of contagious diseases. People of all classes are huddled together in houses not large enough for them, and on all sides are suffering from lack of food. Doctors and medical relief cannot reach sufferers to any great extent.

Several Diseases Among Children.

This afternoon a case of diphtheria was reported from the wooden mill in North Topeka, where there are many children. In addition to the adults, it is easy to see what may result from this. There is also a case or two of scarlet fever among the refugees on the North Side. Hundreds of cases of measles are prevalent among the children, and on account of the exposed condition of the patients the disease will result fatally in many cases.

Provisions Are Becoming Scarce.

Provisions of all sorts are becoming scarce in Topeka. No freight trains have entered the city for several days, and as large quantities of groceries were destroyed in North Topeka there will not be enough for the people to eat if this situation lasts much longer. It is charged that certain relief trains have formed a combination for the purpose of controlling the prices of provisions, but they deny the truth of the charge.

Trains to Handle Thieves.

It will be at least a week before freight trains from the East can enter Topeka, and perhaps longer, but an effort will be made to secure a stock of provisions from the smaller towns. It was learned tonight that a Rock Island relief train reached North Topeka last night in the vicinity of the Reform School. The train brought 60 boats and two steam launches. Experienced boatmen are being employed to do the work of taking flood victims to places of safety. The Chief of Police at St. Joseph and eight officers accompany the train. A long train of Rock Island passenger cars was also brought in and these coaches will be placed at the disposal of the sufferers. The cars will be taken to places further up the river where the refugees will be provided for.

W. O. Neville, Chief Clerk in the Office of the Rock Island General Superintendent, reports that the situation is as follows:

"For nothing, looking to the North, there was no water. Our relief trains succeeded in getting in on the North Side of the city near the Reform School."

Much Railroad Track Up on End.

"Cutting of the Rock Island tracks was washed out and much of the remaining tracks is up on end. These trains loaded of material for rebuilding the tracks have been sent from Chicago."

The Relief Committee Is Making an Extraordinary Effort in Behalf of the Sufferers.

The facilities of their shops here are at the disposal of those wishing to make a statement of their needs. The officers have caused a pumping apparatus to be constructed, and they are now sending a supply of water through the mains in the east portion of the city. Up to the present time the relief committee has had no trouble to supply what clothes are necessary and feed all hungry. Purchases of this sort are being taken. The people are not permitted to stay at the auditorium any longer than is necessary. As soon as they are brought in and given dry clothing most of them are sent to the houses of South Side residents.

THE DEAD AND MISSING.

Rescued Parties Report Many Sad Cases of Drowning.

TOPEKA, Kan., June 1.—Those known to have lost their lives in the flood here are:

Henry Jordan, colored.

Ward.

Five-year-old son of Fireman G. H. Garrett.

Katie, teacher.

Mrs. Kutas.

Louise Zeava.

Stories.

Infant of Storey.

John L. Adams.

Unidentified dead: Unknown family of seven seen by rescuer Smith in West Side house. The second family to be rescued while crossing the railroad bridge, four seen to fall from trees by watchers at Sardsou bridge, east approach. Mrs. Jackson, a widow, who lived at Third and Van Buren, was caught in her home without means of leaving and is thought to have been drowned.

Last Seen Hanging to a Tree.

Henry Ludwig, who lives in Oakland, was last seen hanging to the branches of a tree in the eastern portion of North Topeka Sunday morning. It is thought he has been drowned.

John L. Adams, who lived on Madison street near the river, was rescued and taken to the hospital. With his family he had taken refuge on the roof of his home. Rescuers took the family out early, but the boat was unable to reach the shore. When the party returned for him he had vanished.

Dr. H. C. Minor and his son-in-law, Dr. C. Keating, are missing. The remains of the family were found in the water and children on the first boat. When they returned the doctor could not be found. They lived in an east-story house.

Mrs. Ida Montgomery, who lived back of the Citizens Bank on Kansas avenue, is reported drowned. She was in her room Sunday morning, but rescuers were unable to reach her. There is no one there now.

Andrew Drenzel, a market gardener, living east of Oakland, is among the missing, and his friends think he was drowned.

A man named Smith, who was in one of the rescue boats on the North Side last night, reported seeing several bodies floating in the water on the second floor of a house in North Topeka. He did not know who had lived in the house. The Munsey family, who were caught

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As has been announced, the stock of pianos and piano players, and the assets of the firm of Gilbert Bros., Bankers, who recently went into bankruptcy, has been turned over to Eilers Piano House, and will be closed out without regard to cost or profit.

Everything must be sold within ten days, and in order to accomplish this end every one of these instruments is offered for sale at 50 cents on the dollar, or one-half their actual value, to say nothing of freight and drayage charges.

Every instrument will be fully warranted by Eilers Piano House—money will be refunded to the purchaser if the instrument is not perfectly satisfactory, and found as represented after delivery, thus making a customer absolutely secure in his purchase.

A great commotion was caused in the courtroom by the accidental discharge of a rifle of a sentry outside the Courthouse, who was loading his gun preparatory to going on duty. The bullet struck the wall of the Courthouse without injuring any one. Colonel Williams immediately ordered the soldier under arrest.

Wound by Assassin Is Fatal.

WOOSTER, O., June 1.—Professor John A. Hicks, assistant biologist of the Ohio agricultural experiment station, died today from wounds received by a bullet fired by an unknown man late last night as he was leaving the home of his fiancée, Miss Mary Gill, of this place.

YOUNG CLARK UNDER FIRE

Copper Company Wants to Know If He Tried to Bribe Judge.

NEW YORK, June 1.—The stockholders of the Amalgamated Copper Company held their annual meeting in Jersey City today. The board of directors was re-elected, with the exception of Robert Bacon, who was succeeded by George Church, Herman Graves, representing 600 shares of stock, asked for details of the litigation, in which the company has been involved. Mr. Graves wanted to know the facts of the alleged offer by Charles H. Clark, son of United States Senator Clark, to pay Judge Harvey \$25,000 for certain purposes, and of the alleged attempt to bribe Judge Harvey by two attorneys of the company.

Wins Suit Against City Tax.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—The case of the Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Company, practically the entire Western Union Telegraph Company, against the City of Philadelphia, involving the taxation of the telegraph company's wires and poles by the city government, was decided by the United States Supreme Court today in favor of the telegraph company.

This is about all the advertising you will ever see about Opia. Merit talks.

Square Deals in Squares

We must also get out of the way at once two square deals among them: Steinway for \$17; another for \$25; a Weber in excellent condition for \$28; another for \$30; a Huppa for \$7; a Heiler for \$78; Peter Lynch for \$85; and various others ranging as low as \$28. All on payments of \$5 to \$8 per month, if so desired.

Why Not This Baby?

A very choice little baby grand, just the thing for a child, with a beautiful tone, \$255. This little beauty is slightly damaged in case work, owing to careless handling by the railroad company. It is a lovely perfect, however, with the exception of these slight bruises. Fanciful markings on the case, and could not be obtained for less than \$250. Here is a clean saving of \$25. Pay \$15 down and \$10 a month—square deal.

No matter what you want in a piano, you will find it here. We have a large stock of time payments will be made to suit any reasonable buyer.

We have a large stock of productions of the famous KIMBALL factory, the largest and most responsible in the world.

"The oldest in America and the best in the world," which for purity of tone and quality is unequalled.

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