

## BREAKING OF LEVEE AT CAIRO IS FEARED

### Town's Sudden Silence Is Ominous.

## MILITIA REGIMENT ON WAY

### Illinois Governor Takes Personal Charge of Situation.

## REFUGEES FLOCK TO CITY

### Shawneetown Also in Alarming Predicament—Residents Moving to Hills—Other Points Telegraph for Aid.

CAIRO, Ill., March 31.—(Monday.)—All the levees about Cairo are holding at 2 o'clock this morning and those directing the fight against the flood express themselves as confident that a stage of at least 57 feet on the Cairo levee can be successfully combated. The gauge now shows a stage of 51.4, a rise of two-tenths of a foot since 7 o'clock last night.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 31.—(Monday.)—Illinois is fast becoming the center of flood distress. Startling messages telling of danger have been received by Governor Dunne and Adjutant-General Dickson, indicating that Shawneetown and Cairo are in imminent danger of being inundated. Other towns are in distress.

At midnight Governor Dunne received word that telegraphic communication with Cairo had suddenly cut off. The Governor fears that the breaking of communications means that the levee has collapsed.

### Governor Mobilizing Troops.

The Governor personally is directing the mobilization of troops to go to the scene and the rushing of supplies.

Just before midnight the Governor had received a message from Cairo saying that the water was within one foot of the top of the levee which protects the city and that the river was still rising.

In talking over the telephone with Governor Dunne, Mayor Parsons, of Cairo, said that despite flood warnings, advising residents to move to higher ground, the number of those who had taken this advice had been offset several times over by thousands of refugees from all along the river who had been rushing into Cairo.

### Shawneetown in Peril.

Adjutant-General Dickson and Colonel S. O. Tripp will leave early today for Cairo to take charge of the troops there. In a message received before midnight it was said that conditions at Shawneetown were alarming and that a break in the levee was feared at any time.

Many of the residents have moved to the hills back of the town, but a break in the levee would cause large loss of life and property.

Ten thousand Army rations have been sent to Cairo by express and will reach there some time today.

Adjutant-General Dickson arranged to start the Seventh Regiment from Chicago at once. Sixty engineers of the Chicago naval reserves have been ordered to take with them six power boats to Cairo.

Bernard Lamb, of Junction, Gallatin County, has telegraphed for 100 tons of refugees. E. C. Fletcher, of Mounds, has telegraphed for 50 tons for homeless people there.

### Appeal Sent to Wilson.

The Cairo Executive Flood Committee late at night sent a message to President Wilson a request for Cairo and surrounding towns. The message in substance is as follows:

"The worst flood ever known in the Ohio Valley and the Mississippi is now expected. All previous high water records from Cairo south may be broken in a few days. We are making every effort in our power to take care of the local situation, but the river communities near us should have assistance. Boats, sacks, food and other supplies are needed. May we not have the help of your great office for this district?"

### RAIN CONTINUES AT PULLMAN

Palouse Streams Swollen, but No Fear of Floods Had.

PULLMAN, Wash., March 30.—(Special.)—Rain continues to fall throughout the Palouse country, melting the snow and raising the streams to the highest point reached this Spring. There is no fear of a flood, because most of the snow is gone, but on the north slopes there are drifts 10 feet deep in places that are packed as solid as ice.

The rain is welcomed by farmers, for it means that the snow will be taken off and that before long farm work can be started.

### MILITIA GUARD PARKERSBURG

Bellefonte Reported Wiped Out, and Marietta Has Thousand Homeless.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., March 30.—The crest of the Ohio River flood reached here late today with a stage of

## SUMMER CAPITOL TO BE IN HILLS

### WILSON TO SEEK REST AT CORNISH, N. H.

Winston Churchill's Estate, With 600 Acres of Farm Land, Brick House and Cottages, Secured.

CORNISH, N. H., March 30.—President Wilson has chosen the home of Winston Churchill, the novelist, to be his Summer capitol, according to a telegram received here today from Mr. Churchill, who now is in Santa Barbara, Cal. The message contained instructions for getting the place in readiness for the President's occupancy.

Haris E. Enden House, as the Churchill property is known, is a two-story brick structure, situated on a hill three miles beyond Windsor, Vt. It commands a view of the Connecticut River Valley and of the Green Mountains.

Between 600 and 700 acres of rolling farm land and fragrant pine groves give the estate the seclusion the President desires.

On the estate are two seven-room cottages, where the executive offices can be established and where the President's attendants may live. A tennis court adjoins the mansion house.

## WOMAN EXAMINER IS HOME

### Miss Vivian Flexner Returns From Duty in Chicago.

Miss Vivian Flexner, appointed by Judge Wolverton, of the United States District Court, as a special examiner to take testimony in the "Innocent purchaser" cases and prepare it for presentation to the attorney-general, has returned to Portland from Chicago, where she spent several weeks on the work.

The cases arose out of the fact that the Oregon & California Railroad Company had sold certain lands granted to it by the Government in violation of the terms of the grant. Those who bought the lands from the company argued that they had acted innocently, and asked to be allowed to purchase the lands. Under the act of Congress of August 20, 1912, they are allowed to purchase the lands in question for \$2.50 an acre, direct from the Government.

Miss Flexner took testimony in eight cases while in Chicago. The idea of sending her to Chicago as a special examiner was to save expense for the land claimants.

## RAILROAD WORK TO START

### Construction of Mount Hood Line Awaiting Fair Weather.

SANDY, Or., March 30.—(Special.)—It was announced here Saturday by Engineer Walter Inch that work will be resumed on the Multnomah Central Railroad between this place and Cottrell, on the Mount Hood line, as soon as the weather moderates.

Two by Bros. have the contract for grading six miles between Cottrell and Sandy and they will start grading as soon as some surveying has been made. Their grading plant will be moved to Cottrell.

Right of way has been secured over all the roads attending from the Clackamas County Court and has been cleared preparatory to grading and track-laying. Residents here are hopeful of getting railway connection with Portland during this year.

## BANKER'S WIFE WILL LIVE

### Young Highwaymen Admit Attempt to Hold Up Automobile Party.

LOS ANGELES, March 30.—Mrs. C. A. Walker, wife of a wealthy Salt Lake City banker, who was seriously injured Saturday night by being thrown from an automobile when her chauffeur attempted to run down two highwaymen, will recover, according to physicians attending her.

## ELECTION RESULTS IN TIE

### Cottage Grove to Again Vote on \$40,000 School Bonds.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., March 30.—(Special.)—The election held yesterday upon the question of voting \$40,000 bonds for a high school resulted in a tie, but the election was declared invalid because of an irregularity and a petition has been presented to the school board for a second election.

Because of bad weather the vote was not a large one, and those in favor of the bonds feel certain that there will be a comfortable margin at the second election.

## SULPHUR BALKS FIREMEN

### Fumes Render Fighters Helpless Until Oxygen Helmets Arrive.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—Efforts of firemen to fight a blaine in a sulphur works were balked today by the fumes, which kept them at a distance. The fire started when a ton of sulphur in a retort exploded and it was still burning at a late hour tonight.

## MORGAN ADMITTED TO BE GRAVELY ILL

### Patient's Pulse Becoming Weaker.

## ALL NOURISHMENT REFUSED

### Utter Silence One of Distressing Symptoms.

## DEEP CONCERN IS FELT

### Physicians Abandon Effort to Concoct True Situation—Narcotics Given for Insomnia Affect Heart Unfavorably.

ROME, March 30.—J. P. Morgan is in a most serious condition. This was the official announcement today by the attending physicians. He has been unable to take any nourishment for several days and his weakness has given rise to the gravest apprehension. Up to Saturday night, Mr. Morgan's son-in-law, Herbert L. Satterlee, and the physicians made every effort to concoct Mr. Morgan's true condition. The bulletin issued tonight, however, indicates that the worst is to be feared unless a reaction speedily sets in.

### Nerve Specialist Summoned.

Dr. M. Allen Starr, of New York, a noted nerve specialist, was summoned from Naples. Dr. Starr had already made an examination of Mr. Morgan. He reached here last night and has visited Mr. Morgan three times since then.

Professor Giuseppe Bastianelli and Dr. George A. Dixon also were in attendance. The physicians, who are in complete accord on the diagnosis, issued the following bulletin: "A week ago Mr. Morgan was persuaded to go to bed and remain there, to conserve his strength. Until Wednesday afternoon he did not sleep well without the aid of drugs, but took a satisfactory amount of nourishment."

### Strength Wanting Rapidly.

"Wednesday afternoon he began to refuse food and since then it has been impossible to nourish him. He has lost weight and strength rapidly. His nervous system is showing this, and it has added to the strain seriously. Mr. Morgan has not developed any organic trouble, but he is so exceedingly weak that his present condition must be considered most critical."

"G. BASTIANELLI,  
"M. ALLEN STARR,  
"G. A. DIXON."

The only nourishment the patient has been able to receive for several days has been through injections. Dr. Starr was startled at the change in Mr. Morgan's appearance since he saw him a short time ago at Naples and was much concerned again today over the change which took place last night. There are four trained nurses from

## INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS

The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 45 degrees; minimum, 43 degrees. TODAY'S—Occasional rain; southwesterly winds.

### Foreign.

J. P. Morgan's illness admitted to be grave. Page 1.  
Bulgarians leave 1000 dead in battlefield. Page 1.  
Mexico protests to United States against permitting arms to reach rebel. Page 3.

### Flood.

Forty thousand in need of care at Dayton. Page 2.  
Relative here get little news from flood centers. Page 9.  
Ohio River towns flooded and facing famine. Page 2.  
Breaking of levee at Cairo, Ill., feared. Page 1.

### National.

Senator Lane moving with great deliberation in considering Oregon appointment. Page 1.  
Details of tariff legislation depend on President Wilson. Page 2.  
Summer Capitol of President Wilson to be in New Hampshire hills. Page 1.

### Domestic.

David Eccles' will attacked in suit to be filed at Salt Lake. Page 8.  
Omaha will raise relief fund by tag day. Page 1.  
Pacific Northwest.  
Rains let up and fears of flood vanish. Page 5.

### Sports.

Beavers defeat Quincy 11 to 1 in final season game. Page 8.  
Purses for season's races total over \$385,000. Page 8.  
Wolves, aided by umpire, defeat Colts. Page 8.

Portland will send three bowling teams to Vancouver, B. C. Page 8.  
Portland defeats Bend and Vancouver in trap shooting events. Page 8.

### Portland and Vicinity.

Methodist Episcopal parliament opens. Page 7.  
Grand opera season will open tonight with "La Traviata." Page 14.  
Matches responsible for death of two children which week. Page 4.

Broadway bridge opening plans assuming shape. Page 9.  
Portland Symphony Orchestra scores success in closing concert. Page 10.  
Opera stimulates Portland hostesses. Page 14.

"Hungry Gulch" committee adds features to Saboteur programme. Page 10.  
Weather report, data and forecast. Page 7.

## WILD FLATCAR INJURES 4

### Loaded Derelict Runs 3 Miles Down Grade and Demolishes House.

OAKLAND, Cal., March 30.—Four men were probably fatally hurt today when a loaded flatcar running wild, after traveling a distance of three miles down grade, struck a streetcar. Besides reducing the car to debris, it demolished a one-story frame structure and stopped only after it had embedded itself into the foundations of a residence.

The motorman suffered a crushed hip bone and minor injuries; one man has a fractured skull and the other two were badly cut.

The flatcar was laden with wooden ties. A workman seeing it going boarded it, but was unable to work the hand brakes, so he leaped.

## KING TO VISIT SALONIKI

### Action May Mean That Greece Intends to Hold to Spoils of War.

ATHENS, March 30.—Immediately after the funeral of the late King George, which will take place Wednesday, King Constantine will go to Saloniki and remain there until peace has been declared.

As in the case of King George, Constantine's presence may be taken as a notification to Bulgaria that Greece intends to hold Saloniki as part of her spoils of war.

## LANE IN NO HURRY TO FILL OFFICES

### Senator Taking Time to Deliberate.

## APPLICATIONS PILING HIGH

### Chamberlain Impatient to Get Matter Off His Hands.

## OFFICES TO BE DIVIDED

### Probabilities Are Senior Member Will Name Portland Postmaster and Let Colleague Select Successor in 1917.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 30.—The United States Senate is reported to be the most deliberative body in the world, and Senator Lane, of Oregon, bids fair to be the most deliberative member of that deliberative body—at least so far as the dispensing of Federal patronage is concerned. This is not what Senator Chamberlain says, but it is what he thinks, and his opinion is concurred in by others who have watched the genial junior Senator leisurely considering the thousands of applications and endorsements from Oregon Democrats.

Senator Chamberlain has been wanting to make up and submit the Oregon patronage slate for the past three or four weeks. He was ready to confer with Senator Lane regarding all vacant offices on March 5.

Meanwhile, the junior Senator has never shown the least uneasiness or concern over a single one of the Federal offices in Oregon. He has refused to be hurried, and has insisted on having a complete compilation of candidates and their endorsements before even conferring with his colleague.

### Protest Cause Further Delay.

Naturally, as Senator Lane has deferred action, he has been in daily receipt of additional applications and endorsements, and lately he has received protests against some of the candidates, thus further delaying his conference with Senator Chamberlain. The seekers after office continue to multiply as the days go by, and the longer a conference is delayed the more candidates must be considered when the pie-cutting begins.

The probabilities are that when the two Oregon Senators do find they are unable to agree, they will divide the offices, each taking half, on a salary basis, and the Senators will then join in recommending all candidates. Some such plan will be necessary, for all the appointments soon to be made will have to be confirmed by the Senate, and no appointee can be confirmed who is objectionable to either Senator.

Although it is not so announced, it is likely that in the apportionment Senator Chamberlain will have the right

## TORNADO TAG DAY OMAHA FEATURE

### LADIES OF CITY WORK TO SWELL RELIEF FUND.

### Hundred Thousand Sightseers, for Whom Railroads Make Special Rates, Visit Ruins.

OMAHA, March 30.—Omaha was the Mecca for about 100,000 sightseers who came in from the surrounding country today to view the district devastated by last Sunday night's tornado. All railroads entering the city ran special trains with excursion rates for the benefit of the visitors. Brown-clad militiamen were on guard at all intersections of the tornado zone, keeping the crowds in check and constantly on the move. Rehabilitation and relief work was kept up all day.

The ladies of the city held a "tag day," and in this manner swelled the relief fund. The tags, according to reports, brought from 10 cents to \$5, and gave the visitors an opportunity to help the sufferers from the storm.

One of the novel sights to arrest the attention of the outsiders was the service in the Trinity Methodist Church at Twenty-first and Blinn streets. This church had a whole side literally sliced off by the twister, but the enthusiastic parishioners patched it up with tarpaulins and boards and the organ's peal was heard there today as on every Sunday.

Appeals for help have been promptly met by the relief committee. They hope to raise a sufficient fund to give all in need a new grip on life. Work goes on slowly in the storm-swept area, and it will be some time before it assumes a normal status.

## ARMY INCREASE CERTAIN

### Germans, However, Will Increase Tax Burden on Well-to-Do Classes.

BERLIN, March 30.—The suggested increase of the German army will be voted practically without opposition, according to the general opinion expressed by the newspapers here. The government's financial proposals to cover the necessary expenditures, however, will be subjected to severe criticism.

The imperial parliament, it is argued, will demand radical modifications of the new tax proposals to place the burden more heavily on the well-to-do classes.

After the passage of the army bill the land forces of Germany on a peace footing will comprise 33,800 officers, 118,000 non-commissioned officers, 651,176 privates and 15,000 one-year volunteers. The remainder of the total of 370,000 will include medical, veterinary and pay officers, the hospital corps and other non-combatants.

## WILLIAM DUMARS IS DEAD

### Former Manager of Western Union in Portland Dies in San Francisco.

Word was received from San Francisco yesterday by W. A. Robb manager of the Western Union Telegraph company, that William Dumars, formerly manager of the Portland office for 15 years, died yesterday morning. He was well known on the coast and particularly in Oregon, where in addition to his Portland residence he spent 18 years as manager of the Salem office.

After leaving Portland on account of poor health he took the Sacramento steamer but finding that there was no improvement he secured a transfer to San Francisco.

Mr. Dumars was a native son of California and about 60 years of age.

## STATE SENATOR ARRESTED

### California Solon, Accused of Speeding, Doesn't Plead Exemption.

SACRAMENTO, March 30.—State Senator George W. Cartwright, of Fresno, was arrested today for violation of a city ordinance regulating the speed of automobiles. Members are exempt from arrest while the Legislature is in session, except for treason, felony or breach of the peace.

The Senator, however, did not plead exemption and was released on his own recognizance.

## TOWN BURNING IS RUMOR

### Unverified Reports of Fire at Huntington, W. Va., Are Received.

PITTSBURG, March 31 (Monday).—Reports reached here this morning from various West Virginia points that Huntington, W. Va., was afire. All are believed incorrect. Huntington, however, has been cut off from all communication since midnight.

Shortly before 12 o'clock last night Charles W. Val, was in telephone communication with Huntington. At that hour there was no fire in Huntington.

## TAFT LEAVES FOR YALE

### Ex-President Goes to Take Up Work as Professor of Law.

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 30.—Ex-President Taft, who has been at his Winter cottage here since March 5, left today for New Haven, Conn., where he will take up his duties as professor of law at Yale.

## POPE RESUMES AUDIENCES

### Indications Are Pontiff Has Recovered From Recent Illness.

ROME, March 30.—The Pope resumed his audiences today, indicating his recovery from his recent illness. The pontiff appeared to be in excellent spirits.

## 1000 BULGARIANS KILLED IN BATTLE

### Turks Victorious at Biyuk Chekmedye.

## FIGHT WAGED WITH BAYONETS

### Offensive Action at Tchatalja Believed to Be Ruse.

## DEFENSE IS STRENGTHENED

### Fall of Adrianople Depresses Foreigners All Safe in Captured Stronghold—Sutari Civilians to Be Allowed to Depart.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 30.—The Bulgarians left 1000 dead on the field after the engagement yesterday west of Biyuk Chekmedye, according to an official report. The Turks also found 400 rifles and large quantities of trenching tools. Since this engagement all has been quiet along the Tchatalja lines, as well as at Bulair.

### Battle Waged With Bayonets.

The Bulgarians hurled 20,000 men against the Turkish advanced position in the darkness carried it with bayonet, the Turks retreating on their main position. At daylight the Turks bombarded the captured position and prevented the Bulgarians from entrenching. Subsequently the Turks delivered a counter attack, 6000 infantry storming the position with the bayonet.

The Turks flung themselves on the Bulgarians and a desperate bayonet fight ensued. The Bulgarians were driven down the slope on the opposite side. The Bulgarian attack on the west wing near Tchatalja also was repulsed.

### Turks Suspect Ruse.

The Turks believe the Bulgarian offensive action at Tchatalja was intended to prevent any Turkish demonstration during the attack on Adrianople, and that the Bulgars will not attempt to pierce the lines, which recently have been strengthened by the addition of heavy siege guns.

The fall of Adrianople has caused a feeling of deepest dejection in all sections, which has tended to increase the unpopularity of the government.

### Foreigners All Safe.

A message from the British Vice-Consul at Adrianople says that all the Consuls and foreign communities are safe and well. His report says that the Bulgarians took only 15,000 prisoners, the rest of the garrison being in hiding.

The porte has instructed the commander at Scutari to permit the departure of the civilian population. It is expected that the note of the powers on the subject of mediation will be presented to the porte tomorrow.

### POWERS MAY BLOCKADE PORT

Stubbornness of Montenegro Makes Austria-Hungary Impatient.

LONDON, March 31.—(Monday.)—The stubbornness of Montenegro in continuing the bombardment of Scutari, contrary to the wishes of the powers, and the persistence of Serbia in withdrawing her troops beyond the frontier of the future Albania, if not overcome by more peaceful measures, will lead to a demonstration and blockade of the Montenegrin coast and the ports of Albania occupied by Serbia.

Austria-Hungary is losing patience with her little neighbors and is urging the powers to take action to enforce their demands.

Serbia has expressed her intention of complying with the powers' demands to evacuate Albania, but has made no movement in that direction. Austria insists upon the immediate removal of the Serbians from the country.

A Vienna dispatch to the Daily Mail says: "Austria has three army corps on the Herzegovina frontier ready to enter Montenegro should the pressure from the powers, which it is intended to repeat and intensify, be ineffectual."

Montenegro will reply in the negative to the representations of the powers made collectively today that an envoy of the powers would convey a cipher message to Esad Pasha, the Turkish commander in Scutari, containing the porte's orders to permit the civilian population to depart.

This information, which comes from an authoritative source, gives as a reason for this decision that King Nicholas on three different occasions has offered to allow the consuls and all the foreigners to leave the city, but each time the commander of the town rejected the suggestion.

### SERBS LAUD COURAGE OF TURK

Wounded Soldiers Tell of Gallant Defense of Adrianople.

BELGRADE, March 30.—The first train to bring wounded Serbians arrived here today from Adrianople. Their story shows that the fighting which preceded the capture of Adrianople was the most terrible of the war. The Turks fought with the courage of despair, but the perseverance of the



PA AND MA ARE GOING TO THE OPERA TONIGHT.