

## SCORE OF TOWNS IN ARKANSAS FLOODED

Sixteen Are Dead, Thousands Homeless as River Pours Into Widening Flood.

### WATER STILL IS RISING

Greater Damage Feared if Mississippi Continues Encroachments on Levees—Many Who Ignored Warnings Die.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 6.—The rapidly widening lake in Southeastern Arkansas, formed by the flood waters of the Arkansas River pouring through breaks in the levees, had engulfed a score of towns tonight, leaving several thousand persons homeless, taking a toll of 16 lives and doing damage estimated at many thousands of dollars.

Still greater damage is feared if the Mississippi continues to rise. Predicted stages at Arkansas City threaten a break in the Mississippi levees, which would precipitate the greatest calamity.

All day 700 men who remained in Arkansas City toiled in an effort to strengthen the levees and tonight they were hopeful that the town would be saved.

#### Levee Only Land in Sight.

The narrow strip of levee is the only land in sight there. On one side is the great river, swollen until its surface is 15 feet above the level of the town. On the other side is a great flood lake, nearly 40 miles long and 20 miles wide. From it only the upper stories of buildings in Arkansas City protrude. At the levee are three steamboats ready to carry the plucky fighters to safety should they lose their battle with the flood.

The river rose two-tenths of a foot today, to the level of 52.7 feet at Arkansas City and was still rising.

Telegraph service with the town still is maintained and the last word from there this evening was optimism.

"We'll win the fight," flashed the operator.

#### Hundreds Without Shelter.

At Galesburg Landing, four miles north of Lake Village, 400 persons were on the levee tonight without shelter.

In Clarendon, on the White River, where the levee broke last night, water today was six feet deep in the highest portions of the town. The river had attained a stage of 37.4 feet and still was rising.

Little is known of conditions in the rural districts of the flooded area, but there seems little doubt that many who refused to leave their homes in face of repeated warnings have perished.

The present flood has been the most disastrous in the last 40 years of Arkansas history, so far as loss of life and suffering are concerned. The property loss has not been so great because there are now no crops to be destroyed.

### COUNT SHORN OF TITLE

San Francisco Court Takes Action as Austrian's Own Request.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—Rudolph Fustel de Tolma, known throughout America and Europe as a wealthy Austrian Count, obtained the right in the Superior Court here yesterday to be shorn of his title by law and to be restored as a citizen of the United States.

The decision came at the end of a long legal fight by De Tolma for the restoration of records of his naturalization, which, he said, took place in 1890, and the records of which were destroyed in the fire of April of the same year.

The court's decision also gives De Tolma a chance to recover a villa near Paris, France, and a steam yacht, both of which were seized by the French government at the beginning of the European war on the ground that De Tolma was an Austrian subject.

### VILLA PUZZLES PURSUERS

Will-o'-Wisp Rebel Reported in Two Places at Once.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 6.—The whereabouts of Francisco Villa is proving a puzzle to Carranza authorities in Northern Mexico.

While several detachments of troops were scouring the country for 30 miles east of Juarez, where Villa was reported advancing toward the international border, advice from Madero, Chihuahua, today reported Villa in the Santa Clara district, west of the Central Mexican Railway. Carranza cavalrymen were dispatched to the Santa Clara region today.

#### Old Cottage Grove Resident Dies.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Carl Robert Rudolph, who died here February 3 and was buried yesterday, was born in Germany 41 years ago. He came to the United States in 1883, living in South Dakota until 1889, when he came here. Surviving children are: Mrs. Elizabeth Schenck, Mrs. Agnes Gabel, Herman, Hugh, William and Paul Rudolph, of Cottage Grove; Mrs. Roberta Anlauf, of Portland; Hanne Rudolph and Mrs. Hana Kaboritz, of South Dakota.

#### Ashland Criticizes Spring Name.

ASHLAND, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The Springs Commission, as far as its persuasive goes, has renamed the mineral water project here "Oregon's Famous Spa." It is placed in "The Caribbea of America," as at first adopted. Both designations are widely criticized. "Ashland Lithia Springs" is favored by many who desire a specific name which will link both town and waters in a distinctive manner.

#### 'Veteran Dies at Soldiers' Home.

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Lewis Parrish, aged 74, and a member of the Soldiers' Home since September 21, 1912, died last Friday. He is survived by a son, Claude, and step-daughter, Miss Laura Kahke. Mr. Parrish was a native of Indiana and a veteran of the Civil War. It is probable that the body will be taken to Tillamook for burial.

#### Roseburg Wants Triple Truck.

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Roseburg fire department, held today, articles were framed recommending to the City Council the purchase of a triple combination truck. It is understood that the Board of Fire Commissioners will ask reimbursement of the purchase of this type of a truck at Monday night's meeting of the Council.

YOUNG ARISTOCRAT, WHO IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED AS EX-HOTEL CLERK, AVOIDING CAMERA, AND HIS \$15,000,000 BRIDE, FORMERLY MRS. "SILENT" SMITH.



MR. AND MRS. JEAN HAROLD EDWA RD ST. CYR.

## ELITE ARE AGHAST

Mate of Former Mrs. "Silent" Smith Is "Exposed."

### LAD ONCE WORKED, RUMOR

Mr. St. Cyr, Who Married Two Rich Widows, One Worth \$15,000,000, Said to Be Texas Lad and ex-Clerk in Hotel.

PALM BEACH, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Tumbling the ultra-elite colony of this winter resort all over themselves, as to speak, came the social bombshell which had as its aim the exposure of Jean Harold Edward St. Cyr, the youth whom the beautiful widow of James Henry (Silent) Smith was wed April 12, 1915.

Society is highly engaged with the rumor of rumor that now says young St. Cyr is none other than Jack Thompson, until a few years ago an obscure small-town romantic lad of the aristocratic youngster behind the hotel counter, where he is said to have asked his existence as recently as 1907. And while the people of the circles in which he has been moving recently are engrossed with the gossip of his previous social obscurity, Mr. St. Cyr is put to his most energetic limits warding off the fusillades of shots directed at him by newspaper photographers. When on the beach here he uses a towel as a shield against the cameras.

#### Youth Inherits \$1,000,000.

Young St. Cyr and Mrs. Smith were wed at White Sulphur Springs, Virginia, in 1915. Her first marriage was to William Rhineland Stewart, from whom she was divorced, her marriage to "Silent" Smith soon following. Mr. Smith died while on his honeymoon in Japan in 1907, the same year that young St. Cyr is said to have been employed as a clerk in a hotel. Mrs. St. Cyr is a sister of Mrs. Anthony Drexel, with whom she and her young husband spent a part of their honeymoon.

#### First Wife's Will Contested.

A contest of the will of the first Mrs. J. H. St. Cyr, formerly Mrs. Redfield, is being fought by the widow of the first Mrs. St. Cyr, who has married since the widow of "Silent" Smith. According to a story published in New York, St. Cyr really is J. H. St. Cyr, of Waco, Tex., who came to New York some years ago without money and worked as a hotel clerk and money and theatrical business. St. Cyr is said to be his "professional" name. A man named Robert Brown, son of working people in Trenton, was living in the home of Mrs. Redfield, widow of a Connecticut banker and a woman of wealth. Through Brown, St. Cyr, or Thompson, met the widow, went to live in her home and eventually married her, though she was nearly twice his age.

On her death he went to Palm Beach, where Major Edward Peniston, of Philadelphia, introduced him to Mrs. Smith, and he devoted himself to her, following her to White Sulphur Springs, where they married on short notice. Brown meanwhile continued to live in style and for a time was the constant companion of St. Cyr.

St. Cyr denies the story and asserts that he was born in France of the well-known St. Cyr family and that he can prove it when the war is over.

#### Beggar to Day Sight.

WEBB CITY, Mo., Feb. 1.—To buy back his eyesight, to own a humble

## WATER POWER IS UP

Bill Scheduled for Senate Consideration This Week.

### TREATIES COME UP, TOO

Shipping Bill, Philippine Independence and Hearing on Brandeis' Nomination Also Features on Early Programme.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Conservation legislation, the Colombian and Nicaraguan treaties, the Government ship-purchase bill, Philippine independence and the inquiry into the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the Supreme Court are the subjects of immediate interest before Congress for the coming week while completion of the National defense programme is being awaited. Water-power bills are to be considered in the open Senate this week.

#### Beginning Wednesday, public hearings are to be held on the Brandeis nomination before a Senate judiciary sub-committee. Protestants against confirmation of Mr. Brandeis are to be heard first, and witnesses have been summoned to testify regarding statements filed with the committee relative to Mr. Brandeis' connection with the United States Shoe Machinery Company, the 5 per cent rate case and several private litigation cases in which he was interested as counsel.

In the House tomorrow Speaker Clark will recognize Representative Padgett, chairman of the naval committee, to call up the Navy Department's bill to increase the number of the midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy. Under the existing law 1169 midshipmen are maintained at the naval academy, with an average attendance of 900. The proposed bill would increase the maximum to 1704. House and Senate military committees plan to conclude hearings on Army reorganization during the week. Strong opposition has developed to the Jones bill or proposal, and there are indications of a conference soon between Congressional leaders and legislative officials to talk over the feasibility of dropping the Continental Army plan and substituting an increased standing Army and an enlargement of the National Guard plan.

#### Philippines Up to House.

Philippines legislation, which has occupied the floor in the Senate so long, soon will be debated in the House. The House committee on insular affairs already has pending the Jones self-government extension bill, while discussion in many respects from the bill passed by the Senate. The committee will probably meet next Tuesday and determine whether to report the Jones bill or the Senate measure. The Senate bill passed Friday.

#### As soon as the Indian appropriation bill is passed sponsors of the immigration bill usually occupies a couple of weeks' discussion. It carries \$250,000,000 and proposes to change the long-standing practice of paying railroads according

#### German Aeroplanes Burned.

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#### 500,000 TIES ORDERED

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CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad has just awarded a contract for 500,000 ties for use in early spring operations in maintenance of way. In the contract the Milwaukee specified numerous varieties, which will mean work in the Northern as well as the Southern states.

Inquiries received in the market some time ago called for bids on Northern white cedar, hemlock, cypress and yellow pine, as well as mixed hardwood ties. The ties will be assembled at shipping points in Wisconsin, Michigan, Tennessee, Kentucky and Arkansas for immediate delivery.

Reports received from the South indicate a slackening in the demand for yellow pine during the last 10 days, although the local retail yards report good call for all building items from the contractors. Wholesalers also report numerous inquiries and orders from the country yard men.

#### SMITH HIDES TREASURE

\$20,000 STOLEN IN WEST VIRGINIA FOUND IN TEXAS.

Owner of Shop at San Antonio Held as Robber of Mail Car Containing \$100,000 in October, 1915.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 6.—From under the dingy floor of a blacksmith shop, Government detectives unearthed yesterday a fortune in unsigned National banknotes. When the mass of green and yellow paper was counted they said they had recovered \$20,000 of the money stolen October 8, 1915, when three men robbed a mail car at Rock Cut, W. Va., and obtained \$100,000 in currency shipped from Washington for the use of banks in Illinois and Indiana.

John Harrison, owner of the blacksmith shop, was arrested several days ago and is being held for transfer to West Virginia on a charge of having placed in jeopardy with a weapon the mail clerk on the train, and also of having stolen currency in his possession.

A fruit jar containing \$1755 in National banknotes had been unearthed previously.

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Administration officials still are urging early action on the shipping bill, and next Tuesday Secretary McAdoo and Redfield, by invitation of Chairman Alexander, will appear before the House merchant marine committee. Major-General Goethals, Governor of the Panama Canal Zone, will appear before the House interstate commerce committee Tuesday to advocate the bill to legalize the Panama Canal rules respecting tolls, with particular reference to deckloads of ships passing through the big waterway.

A. P. Thom, counsel for the Southern Railway and representing for the occasion other railroad interests, will be heard by the House interstate commerce committee next Thursday on the Rayburn bill for Federal regulation of the issue of stocks and bonds by railroads. This measure passed the House at the last Congress, but died in the Senate.

## WILSON URGING SPEED

EARLY ACTION ON DEFENSE PROGRAMME IS ASKED.

Advisers Not Wholly Satisfied With Philippines Bill as Amended, and Changes Are Probable.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Efforts to speed up the work of Congress on the Army and Navy bills will be continued this week by President Wilson. He will see a large number of members of the Senate and House, and will impress on them his belief that it is necessary to dispose of the preparedness programme as quickly as possible, so work may be begun on the shipping bill, the tariff commission bill and revenue legislation.

On the result of his interviews with members of Congress, as well as on the outcome of the Lusitania negotiations, will depend whether the President will make another series of speeches. He has not learned yet whether his tour through the Middle West has had a definite effect on members of Congress.

Mr. Wilson will confer tomorrow with Chairman Jones, of the House insular committee, on the Philippine bill passed by the Senate last week. It is understood that some of the President's advisers in the House are not satisfied with all of the provisions of the bill, and that there is a likelihood that amendments will be offered in the House. The President is understood, however, to have approved the general features of the bill as amended in the Senate, with its provision for giving

independence to the Philippines within two to four years unless circumstances make a change in policy necessary.

### DOUGLAS FLOOD PREDICTED

Roseburg Reports Continuous Rain, Melting Snow, Rivers Swollen.

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—High water is predicted in different parts of Douglas County unless the present rains soon cease. Rain began falling here Saturday and continued into Sunday, and the rivers and streams are swollen, but there is no immediate danger for alarm. In the mountain districts the snow is reported melting rapidly.

The Southern Pacific tracks are being patrolled in the vicinity of Wolf Creek to guard against accidents. In some places there the roadbed is said to be quite soft. Late today the Umpqua River was rising at the rate of a foot an hour.

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### FREEWATER FEARS FLOOD

Snowfall Is 26 Inches on Level and Stock Suffers.

FREEWATER, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The snow has fallen to a depth of 26 inches on the level. Snow plows are used to break the roads and streets and many men are engaged shoveling snow from the roofs of buildings.

Stock is suffering severely. Quail and Chinese pheasants have been found dead in a number of places. A rapid thaw, with floods, is feared.

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