

OHIO VALLEY FLOOD CAUSES BIG DAMAGE

Rise of Several Rivers is Reported to Be the Highest in Many Years.

SUFFERERS FLEE TO THE HILLS.

Boat Invades Flooded Cornfield to Save Farmers and Stock—Sickness Follows Privation.

The flood throughout the Ohio valley, caused by heavy rains and melting snows, is reported to be the highest since 1876. Lives have been lost, homes, bridges and fences swept away, and crops and roads ruined. Hundreds of families have been flood-bound in the overflowed areas.

The Monongahela, Allegheny, Ohio, Wabash and smaller streams have all contributed to the destruction which has moved down the Mississippi toward the Gulf of Mexico.

Pittsburg, perhaps, has been the greatest sufferer from the flood which has been sweeping down the Ohio valley. Any one acquainted with the location of the Smoky City knows why Pittsburg is annually, and sometimes several times a year, a victim of high water. The Monongahela and Allegheny rivers, uniting to form the Ohio, each flows through a narrow ravine and when the waters of the mountains and highlands come down in unusual quantities, owing to prolonged thaws or persistent rains, the flood of necessity must overflow the narrow point between the ravines, thus inundating more or less of the city.

In the vicinity of the junction of the Ohio and Wabash rivers flood sufferers abandoned their homes to the raging waters and fled to the hills. Here they have been quartered in huts, sheds and deserted buildings and as a result of the exposure and privation pneumonia has become prevalent.

People along the lower Ohio River have prepared for the siege in store for them. Nearly a hundred families on the Indiana side, opposite Uniontown, Ohio, were removed. The big Ohio River steamer City of Spottsville cut across a cornfield and brought out several families, with 200 hogs, eighty mules and fifty cattle. The rescued flood victims had spent two nights in terror and fought incessantly to keep their stock from drowning. Residents at Shawneetown, Ill., are apprehensive, as the levee has been weakened by the excessive rain and the three floods of last year. A constant watch is being kept of weak places.

The Evansville and Terre Haute Railway Company has been anxious about the safety of its embankment which parallels White River, and thousands of bags filled with sand have been placed to strengthen it. This place is

THE WEATHER THAT'S PROMISED AND THE WEATHER WE GET.



Fair and Mild.

Cold Wave.

Warmer Weather.



Rain and Warmer.

Snow and Colder.

Hot and Sultry.

VICTIMS OF IGNORANCE.

Doukhobors of Canada Preparing for Another Outburst.

Reports received at Ottawa, Ont., indicate that the coming spring will see the 7,000 Doukhobors leave their Northwest communities and go on another wild pilgrimage. All accounts agree that the fanaticism of the sect has no parallel in modern times.

Doukhobor leaders have been particularly busy issuing decrees since the beginning of winter, and each new promulgation seems to have been drafted with a desire to outdo the preceding ones in inflicting hardship and suffering on "the faithful." Children are said to be dying for want of proper food. The people are paupers. They have obeyed an order to sell all their cattle and sheep.

All products of the land go to the sect leaders. All chickens have been sold in obedience to a decree. Tea, coffee, sugar and pancakes have been tabooed and the general diet has been narrowed to raw potatoes, onions, carrots, turnips and a few other vegetables. Among the latest decrees have been those abolishing timepieces and looking glasses. Agents of the leaders



Cabinetmakers' Union, of St. Paul, and Minneapolis, Minn., have formed a district council.

Minneapolis, Minn., Trades Assembly represents about 13,000 members of labor unions in Minneapolis.

For the first time in its history, Mexico is to have a great central labor body similar to the American Federation of Labor, and exercising all its functions.

In Germany the strongest trade union affiliated with the general federation is that of the metal workers, which at the close of 1906 had a membership of 345,075.

Detroit (Mich.) Lodge of Shipmasters' Association has adopted a resolution, urging Washington as a permanent meeting place for the annual winter sessions. All lodges along the lakes will be asked to support this plan.

Efforts are being made to organize a branch of the independent labor party in Toronto, Canada. Fees and applications

TRY IT ON THE DOG.

Food Expert Wiley Deems Refrigerated Meat Unsafe.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, Uncle Sam's wizard in chemistry, believes that refrigerated meat is unsafe. Meat and other foods, if appearances are to be accepted, may be kept in cold storage for long periods without any apparent degradation in their nutritive value or quality. But between the time they are removed from the refrigerator and the time that they are prepared for eating, ptomaine or alkaloidal bodies may develop that would make them fatal if taken into the human stomach. The meat, poultry, game and other articles that have been in Dr. Wiley's ice-house for the last two years will not therefore be fed to the poison squad. Their condition will be tested by the chief chemist and his assistants in other ways.

When put in the refrigerator plant in the first instance the tissues of the meat were carefully measured and have since been re-measured at frequent intervals. Every change in texture has been carefully noted from time to time. In the final examination of the refrigerated foods they will be tested by Dr. Wiley and his assistants and their odor will serve as a guide in determining whether or not they are sound, nutritious and wholesome after being for a long time behind closed doors in an ice cold atmosphere. In



Celery Salad.

Cut crisp celery into small pieces, add to it a little grated onion and two hard-boiled eggs chopped fine; beat well and stir in one-half cup of cream, a teaspoonful of salt, three teaspoonfuls of sugar, half a teaspoonful of mustard made smooth in a little water. Melt half a cup of butter in one cup of vinegar, add the other ingredients, and stir over the fire in a double boiler until it becomes creamy. Whip the whites of the eggs and pour gradually into the dressing, and when ready to serve pour over the celery, which has been kept crisp and cold. This dressing is also very good for cabbage or plain lettuce.

Bread.

Chop a tablespoonful of shortening into a quart of flour, wet with a quart of warm water, add a tablespoonful of sugar and a half yeast cake, dissolved in a gill of lukewarm water. Beat steadily for ten minutes, then cover and set aside in a warm room over night. In the morning work in two quarts of salted flour and knead for fifteen minutes. Return the dough to the mixing bowl and set to rise until twice its original size. Put the dough on a floured board and knead again for ten minutes, form into loaves, kneading each of these, and set to rise in pans until light, then bake.

Pineapple Shortcake.

For the cake make rich but soft paste; divide into equal parts; press one-half into a buttered pie plate; spread liberally with butter, and place the other half of the paste on top. Bake in a quick oven. Several hours before serving take a ripe, finely flavored pineapple, peel and shave it in thin slices. Sprinkle with sugar and the juice of one or two lemons, then cover it closely. When it is time to serve the shortcake, split the cake in half; spread the prepared pineapple between the layers and on top of the cake, and serve with sweetened whipped cream.

Vanilla Blanc Mange.

Boll a pint of milk with a heaping tablespoonful of sugar. When boiling thicken with two even tablespoonfuls of corn starch dissolved in cold water. Stir continuously. When thick remove from stove and beat in ten drops of vanilla. Have ready six after-dinner coffee cups, rinsed out with cool water. In the bottom of each put three preserved strawberries dried of their juice. To the blanc mange add six crumbled macaroons and pour into the cups to form. When cold turn out and serve.

Keeping Broilers Clean.

Almost every one who broils steak in a gas oven has experienced no small amount of trouble in keeping the broiler spotless and shiny. An easy way out of this is to place the steak on the broiler, and instead of leaving the pan underneath dry, place cold water in it to the depth of two inches. The fat drops into the water and is purified, and may then be skimmed off and used. By this method the pan is never allowed to dry and burn, and the oven is kept free from grease.

Watered Milk.

A simple and effective test to determine whether water is present in milk may be made with an ordinary knitting needle if the needle is bright and well polished.

Dip the needle into the milk and quickly withdraw it in an upright position. According to Suburban Life, if the milk contains only a small quantity of water this will prevent even a drop of milk adhering to the needle.

Beef Loaf.

Take two pounds of round steak and half a pound of suet, both chopped fine. Add two eggs, one cup of bread crumbs that have been softened in cold water, one small onion chopped fine, one-half cup of sweet milk, three teaspoonfuls of salt and one-fourth teaspoonful of pepper. Mix all together and shape into a loaf. Bake in a moderate oven an hour or more, basting frequently.

Baked Beans.

One quart of beans washed over night, one pound of pork, three spoonfuls of molasses. Cut the pork in little pieces, put in deep pot or pan, roast brown like pot roast, then put in the beans, the molasses, pepper and salt and enough water to cover the beans well. Let it cook for four hours, adding water at intervals.

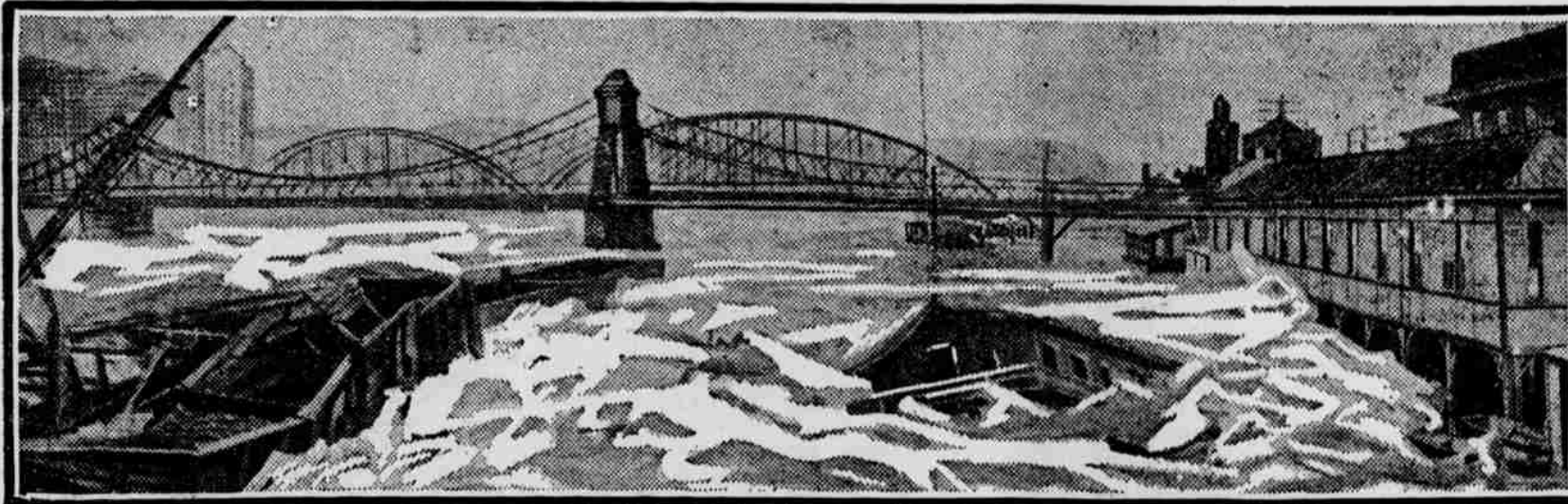
Cleaning Beanpots.

If a bean pot is hard to clean, put a little ashes in the bottom, fill with water, set in the oven and in a few hours the pot will wash easily.

Cover Frying Eggs.

If a cover is placed over eggs when frying they will not stick or need any turning.

FLOOD RAVAGES PITTSBURG AND HUNDREDS ARE MADE HOMELESS BY SWELLING WATERS.



This picture of the February flood, which threw 20,000 people out of work and rendered thousands homeless in Pittsburg alone, shows the scene at the river's worst stage. On the right is the North Side B. & O. station. On the left is a coal tipple wrecked by ice and carried down the middle of the stream. A wrecked houseboat is shown in the ice floe.

now known as the "Black Hole" because of the disappearance of a train some years ago. All efforts to fill this hole have been futile.

Aliens Took \$110,000,000.

According to figures compiled by the North German Lloyd line, \$110,000,000 was taken out of the United States last year by aliens returning to their former homes in Europe. This computation is based on figures furnished by steamship agents, money changers and others in a position to be informed, and is made on the assumption that the average amount carried by returning foreigners is \$200, and that 550,045 immigrants returned to their native land. It is estimated that this \$200 will maintain him in absolute idleness for a year or more, and when the money is gone he will return. A peculiar fact is that the returning alien will not accept anything for his American savings except the gold of his own country.

have taken away from the people about \$7,000 worth of clocks and watches.

The Doukhobor wheat is handled by a committee, which does what it pleases with it. This committee controls pretty nearly everything in the way of labor. The gangs which work on the railway and in the community brickyard pay over their wages to the committee without receipt. But when it comes to be laborers getting their meager food allowances from the committee they are compelled to give a receipt for every ounce.

In one district 500 persons are living in two houses. Each adult is allowed a sleeping space of four feet wide. All have to climb into their beds over the footboards. The younger men are stowed away in the garrets of the houses after the fashion of canned sardines.

from several hundred labor men have already been received, and it is expected to have at least 5,000 names before the end of the year.

The union barbers of Washington, D. C., are waking up. They have appointed a business agent and organized to push the organization and strengthen its ranks. The Central Labor Union and American Federation of Labor will aid the local in its work.

The new Alabama child labor law recently went into effect. It forbids the employment of children, under twelve years of age in cotton mills and other industries, and children between the ages of twelve and fourteen are not allowed to work full time.

In the Clyde shipyards the shadow of the threatened strike has been removed, the men having accepted a reduction of 5 per cent on piece rates, the masters having on their side agreed to forego the proposed reduction of one farthing per hour on time — 100.

taste and odor the refrigerator meat will be compared with fresh beef. Then the beef will be fed to the department dog, who has waxed fat these many days on foods generally regarded by the world at large as hurtful to health.

While Dr. Wiley absolutely declined to comment on the lessons taught by the experiments about to be conducted, there is reason to believe that he will report to Congress that it is in all probability unsafe and doubtless dangerous for one to eat foods that are kept in cold storage for periods exceeding three months. This applies particularly to meat, game and poultry. What Dr. Wiley himself thinks of eggs that have been on ice from summer until late in the winter he refused to say. When the subject was mentioned he merely held his nose.

Three miniatures of children of the King and Queen of England which were recently stolen from a London studio, were recovered.