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## VERITABLE SEAS ENGULF EAST ST. LOUIS IN CHAOS

### Women Praying From House Tops--Many Cottages Deserted And None Have Knowledge As To Whereabouts Of Former Occupants.

### District Practically Under Martial Law, Guards Having Orders To Shoot River Thieves--Families Separate Amid The Most Pathetic And Heart-Rending Scenes.

St. Louis, June 10.—Almost two-thirds of East St. Louis is under water from two to 15 feet. Between twilight last night and dawn today, eleven lives were lost and damage which no man today attempted to estimate, was done to property. Since Thursday morning 1500 men, with little rest and food snatched at intervals, had toiled unceasingly in East St. Louis strengthening levees, building them up, erecting additional safeguards, and doing everything in the power of man to save the city, but it was a fight that so far has terminated half in victory and half in defeat.

Not a wheel of industry is turning in East St. Louis. The vast railroad yards are made more apparent by hundreds of half submerged cars and locomotives. Huge grain elevators are surrounded by a veritable sea. To the south, beyond the railway yards, are thousands of homes, the greater number of them being humble cottages of laborers, submerged to the eaves.

In northern East St. Louis destruction is repeated, but not on so large a scale. The business portion of the city, and the district containing better residences, are still intact.

Broadway, running from Eads' bridge east to Limits, a wide street built of sand and walled with stone 15 feet high, divides the city in halves. Over 10 feet of water is pressing against Broadway from the south and in many places is sweeping through its streams as thick as a man's body. All along the river front to the west a water levee of sand hangs from two to six feet high and two miles long shuts the river out. When the embankment broke last night, the alarm spread like wild fire

and whistles were blown, bells rung, shots were fired and cries of warning were sounded, but even with all the pandemonium, a majority of the inhabitants aroused failed to leave their homes. A wall of water rushed onward and within an hour houses stood in water with only their roofs visible. Although rescue boats found many people in second stories and on house-tops there were rows upon rows of cottages that did not show a sign of life. It is not known what became of the occupants.

It was currently reported today that seven negroes caught looting houses on the north side last night were all shot to death. They were on a raft and were surprised by guards who shot them down and threw their bodies into the water.

United States District Attorney Dyer has issued an order to confiscate temporarily all boats seen in and about St. Louis and rush them to East St. Louis. Four companies of military arrived for guard duty tonight and they have orders to kill river thieves on sight.

As wives entered boats they became too filled to carry husbands, and as children were sent ahead of their parents, they wept and clasped each other in one another's arms, fearing that some calamity might separate them. Mothers knelt on house-tops with hands lifted in audible prayer for safe voyage as their children were taken away from them.

Martial law has not been officially proclaimed but East St. Louis is practically being governed under such conditions. Commissaries have been established and the homeless and destitute are being fed.

### SAMUELS MUST ANSWER CHARGE OF BURGLARY

Detected in House by Plucky Woman, Who Drove Him Away with Well-Directed Shot.

Eric Samuels was bound over in Clatskanie yesterday to the grand jury on a charge of burglary.

Samuels entered a house in Clatskanie the preceding night, arousing in the process two women that were the only occupants. He was moving about in the kitchen, when one of the women approached him, and pluckily ordered the intruder to clear out at once. Samuels refused, and the woman picked up a revolver, fired and hit the man in the forehead. This proved sufficient argument, and he decamped, being later captured in the vicinity.

At his hearing yesterday Samuels attempted a defense by saying that he had gone to the house to ask the way to a logging camp where he expected to get work. As the women say that he was hunting around in the kitchen for some time, his story does not appear to be in harmony with the facts of the case.

Samuels' wound is slight, the bullet having merely grazed his forehead.

### DECIDED HE WAS SANE

After an Insanity Plea, Prisoner Admits Guilt.

Chicago, June 10.—"Gentlemen, I ought to go to the penitentiary," said William Gardner, to a jury in Judge McEwan's court yesterday. "I am no more crazy than you are."

The jury agreed with the prisoner and sentenced him to state's prison for 15 years for the murder of Walter Osborn on February 2. Gardner's admission that he deserved punishment came after an elaborate "insanity de-

### ALLEGED MURDERERS SAFE

Late Special States They Have Arrived in St. Francis Under Escort.

Denver, June 10.—A special to the News from St. Francis, Kan., says Chauncey Dewey, Claude Wilson and W. J. McBride, charged with the murder of several members of the Berry family near Colby, Kan., arrived here tonight under military escort. This ends one of the most remarkable marches of troops in peace time.

### BREACH OF PROMISE SUIT.

Miss McCarty Awarded Big Money in United States Court.

Portland, June 1.—The jury in the United States court tonight awarded Miss Birdie N. McCarty, a school teacher, of Wayne, Mich., \$22,500 in a breach of promise suit against a wealthy stockman of Lake county, Oregon. Judge Bellinger stated that he considered the verdict excessive and that he would set it aside. Miss McCarty sued for \$70,000.

### TIE-UP ENDED.

New York, June 10.—A great building tie-up was practically ended today when the lumber and brick yards throughout Greater New York were thrown open for business. By the end of the week it is expected that between 100,000 and 150,000 men now idle may be at work.

### SOLDIERLY AMENITIES.

Ex-Confederate Writes an Appreciative Letter to Root, and is Answered in Same Strain.

Washington, June 10.—After the close of the Confederate Reunion at New Orleans there was an exchange of letters between General John H. Gordon, president of the Confederate Veterans Association, and Secretary Root. General Gordon wrote:

"My dear Secretary: Please accept from me and the United Confederate Veterans whom I represent the assurance of our sincere appreciation of your generous course in urging the provision for a roster of all ex-Confederates as well as of ex-Union soldiers. The readiness of all Confederates to co-operate with you was also fully expressed."

Secretary Root, under date of June 6, replied as follows:

"My dear General Gordon: I thank you for your kind letter of May 28, advising me of the gratifying way in which the Confederate Veterans look upon my course in regard to the publication of a roster of ex-Confederates and ex-Union soldiers. I beg you to believe that I fully appreciate and highly prize this expression. I think, next to the splendid fighting which was done on both sides in the Civil war, the re-establishment of friendly relations and common sympathies between the two sections within the lifetime of the very men who fought so desperately against each other is a high title to respect for Americans by all the world."

### INCITE TO VIOLENCE.

Roumanian Press Urge Native Priests to Massacre Jews.

Venice, June 10.—Two hundred Roumanian Jews have arrived here on their way to America. They assert that the conditions in Roumania are daily growing more and more perilous. The anti-Semitic press is openly inciting the people to follow the example of the Russians at Kischineff. The Vocea Tut-orel, Berlat, Roumania, concludes an article on Kischineff as follows:

"The orthodox Russian priests have done their duty. It is your turn, Roumanian priests. Raise the cross and begin the battle here against the wretched Jewish horde which has brought the Roumanian people to beggary and your reward in heaven will be greater."

### FIGHT OVER WOMAN.

One Italian Killed and Others Wounded in Scrimmage.

New York, June 10.—Giacomo Santalillo, a butcher, was shot dead in Mulberry street last night. His cousin, Decco Simbalco of Newark, had his lower jaw shot away and will die. Clementine Almo, Giovanni Confonzo and Frank Calland were shot in the legs. Simbalco, who cannot speak, wrote that Raffalo Cosigone, a collector, shot him. Cosigone was arrested. The men fought over a woman.

### BERLIN'S JACK THE RIPPER.

Cowardly Murders Committed by Mysterious Person.

Berlin, June 10.—The Tageblatt, commenting on the recent increasing number of horrible murders of little girls in Berlin, expresses the opinion that the city harbor has a "Jack the Ripper." It points out the similarity in the Berlin methods of the perpetrators of the murders and that the Berlin miscreant, like his London prototype, disappears into impenetrable mystery.

### THOUSANDS FOR NEEDY.

New York, June 10.—A committee appointed by Mayor Low to solicit relief for the food sufferers has distributed by telegraph \$10,000 as follows: Topeka, \$4000; Kansas City, \$4000; Gainesville, Ga., \$1000; and Spartanburg, S. C., \$1000.

### BOURKE COCHRAN ENGAGED.

New York, June 10.—Bourke Cochran's engagement to Kathleen, youngest daughter of Lord Chief Justice Mathew of the English supreme court, may be announced shortly, according to a World dispatch from London. Mr. Cochran is now in Ireland.

Lord Chief Justice Mathew is a nephew of the Apostle of Temperance, Father Mathew. His eldest daughter is the wife of John Dillon, M. P.

## ARMED MOB IN PURSUIT

### Enraged Farmers Determined To Avenge Murder Of Their Neighbor.

### A CONFLICT IS IMMINENT

### Company Of Militia, With Prisoners In Charge, May Be Cut To Pieces.

Bird City, Kan., June 10.—Persistent rumors of a conflict between the company of Kansas militia guarding the prisoners accused of the murder of Daniel Berry and sons, and 200 farmers, are heard in town today. The first word was brought in by a young settler. He said the fight took place shortly after daylight and before the camp was thoroughly organized for the day's march. Later other arrivals from the ranges and farm districts told similar stories.

The people of the town are inclined to take the stories as greatly exaggerated, though the number of the variety of them seems to indicate a battle has taken place. The militia is, so it is said, here, making no effort to reach St. Francis tomorrow, the time set for trial. The continued lack of news from them would cause no uneasiness if it were not for the rumors.

Lincoln, Neb., June 10.—Specials received from towns in the northwestern part of Kansas indicate that a great deal of uneasiness is felt regarding the safety of the company of militia which has Chauncey Dewey, Clyde Wilson and J. G. McBride in charge. The three are accused of the murder of Daniel Berry last week on the Berry ranch, near Atwood. They are being escorted overland to St. Francis for trial, and a mob of farmers numbering about 200 has been seen along the trail of the escort. This morning Bird City, Atwood and St. Francis, Kan., reported that rumors of conflict between the militia and farmers were frequent, but lacked confirmation. The continued non-appearance of the party, which was due to arrive in St. Francis last night, gives the rumors strength.

The settlers claim to have been crowded out of much land by the operations of the Dewey Cattle company, and the murder of Daniel Berry, who was unarmed at the time and more than 60 years of age, has aroused them to a determination to kill or drive out the employes of the Dewey company.

### LABOR UNION ELECTION.

Denver, June 10.—Official ballots have been printed for distribution among local branches of the American Labor Union for a general election. The election is to be conducted according to the initiative and referendum method, each union holding an election. The candidates for president are I. L. Hughes, Spokane, and Daniel M. Donahue, Butte.

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