



OHIO FLOODS

Most Disastrous Floods in East for Years.

RIVER ON A RAMPAGE

Many Thousands of Dollars Worth of Property and Homes Destroyed.

MILES OF LAND FLOODED

A Number of Bridges Are Washed Out, All the Railroads Are Tied Up, Mills and Factories Closed and Many Homes Are Under the Ice Waters.

Pittsburg, March 21.—Pittsburg is threatened with one of the worst floods for years. At 11 o'clock tonight, Forecaster Ridgeway predicted that the water would be between 30 and 35 feet above normal. Tonight about 59 miles above Pittsburg the Monongahela is rising at the rate of eight inches an hour and at the harbor here the gauge shows a rise of nearly three inches an hour. Already a number of mills have been shut down and 200 men are in idleness.

Hundreds of houses on the north side and in McKeesport and other suburbs of the city are surrounded by from two to three feet of water. The occupants are living in the second stories. In some places the water has entered the upper rooms and the homes are being abandoned for the time being. No fatalities are reported.

The weather bureau has issued the following warning: "Preparations should be made immediately for what will possibly be the greatest flood in years. The Monongahela river shows unmistakable signs of reaching a very high stage and heavy rains are falling along its tributaries."

An ice-laden torrent is inundating the low lands throughout the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio river valleys. All factories located on the bottom lands of Pittsburg and Allegheny City have been closed and many of them are flooded.

All three rivers are from 35 to 40 feet high and rising hourly. From all ravages by the flood, the destruction of property, the washing out of bridges and railroads and the carrying away of countless homes.

At Wheeling, W. Va., the Ohio river at 10 o'clock was 39 feet and rising at the rate of four inches an hour. The damage to property has been immense. Within 50 miles of Wheeling 10,000 homes have been inundated. All railroads are tied up and mills closed.

At Parkersburg, W. Va., at noon the river was 35 feet and rising rapidly. The banks at Parkersburg are steep and but little damage was done in the city, although lowlands adjacent are flooded for miles.

In Cincinnati at noon the river was 35 feet and preparations being made along the waterfront for higher stages of the flood. Part of Water street is flooded and the lower streets in Covington and Newport, Ky., across the river, are under water.

Reports from Warren, Pa., show that high water exists throughout the entire length of the Allegheny. Little damage is reported at Warren, but at Franklin and at Kittanning and also at Freepport factories have been closed, farm lands flooded and houses inundated.

Heavy rains throughout Pennsylvania are causing other rivers to rise and a flood tide is sweeping down the Monongahela. All streams are filled with floating ice and in many places jams are reported causing the water to back up until carried away, sweeping all bridges and railway tracks away.

The Ohio at Marietta, O., passed the 31-foot stage today and is rising six inches an hour. Forty feet is expected by Wednesday noon. This would inundate the entire business portion of the city. It has been raining steadily for 29 hours.

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SAN DOMINGO.

Apprehension Felt as to Action of the European Powers.

Washington, March 21.—Projected reorganization of the force of American custom collectors in San Domingo were based upon the expectation that the senate would approve the pending treaty before adjournment has been indefinitely postponed and it is impossible that any changes will be made in the near future beyond the relief of commander Leize now acting collector at Monte Christ. Lelper has been ordered north to put his ship out of commission at the Boston navy yard. The collector at Monte Christ and Puerto Plata will therefore be under Mr. Abbot's direction for the present. Some powers that have claims against San Domingo and it will not surprise the officers here if some attempt will not be made to secure joint action by these powers to seize the custom revenues of some Dominican port.

STORM IN ALABAMA.

Eight or Nine Lives Are Reported to Be Lost.

Roanoke, Ala., March 21.—Reports have reached here of one of the most disastrous storms that has ever visited that section, which swept across the southern part of Randolph county late last night. Eight or nine lives are now known to have been lost and damage amounting to thousands of dollars has been done to property. Details of the storm are difficult to obtain on account of the wires being down.

Salary Too Small.

New Haven, Conn., March 21.—Prof. Frank K. Sanders, dean of the divinity school of Yale university, has resigned because of limitation of the income of the school and will become secretary of the Congregational Sunday school and publishing society.

STANFORD REMAINS

Funeral Will Take Place Friday at Palo Alto.

IN STATE AT THE RESIDENCE

Special Train Bearing the Body of Mrs. Stanford Was Transferred to From Steamer to Menlo Park and Conveyed to Stanford Residence.

Stanford University, March 21.—A special train bearing the body of Mrs. Jane L. Stanford and relatives and university representatives arrived at Menlo Park depot today from Honolulu and were transferred to a hearse which led the procession followed by eight carriages to the Stanford residence on the university campus. The entire party, consisting of C. G. Lathrop and other relatives, President Jordop and faculty and representatives of the students, accompanied the body to where it will lie in state until the funeral services, which will be held on Friday. In accordance with the wishes of those in charge of the funeral, no attempt was made on the part of the students or others to meet the body in a formal way, and with the exception of a few onlookers no one was at the depot when the body arrived.

Henry Williams Alden.

New York, March 21.—Henry Williams Alden is dead at his home in Paterson, N. J., aged 85. He was a direct descendant of the puritan colonist, John Alden. Henry Walden went to California in 1849 and afterward founded an extensive mercantile business in Stockton. He was the first treasurer of San Joaquin county.

Wallace Shillito.

New York, March 21.—Wallace Shillito, oldest son of the late John Shillito of Cincinnati, a leading merchant of that city, is dead at his home here. He was president of the company founded by his father until his retirement from active business a few years ago.

KUROPATKIN

General Tenders Emperor His Services.

THEY ARE ACCEPTED

Will Assume Command of the First Manchurian Army Raised.

PARTING WITH HIS SOLDIERS

The Change Exactly Reverses the Old Order of Affairs When Kuropatkin Was Supreme Leader and Linevitch Directed the First Army in the War.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—The Russian army in Manchuria is still to have the services of Kuropatkin. Sinking all feeling of personal bitterness because of his suspension and all the old-time enmity between himself and General Linevitch, and in a patriotic desire to be of service to his fatherland, the former commander-in-chief volunteered to remain in any capacity with the army which he so long commanded. The tender was accepted by the emperor and gratefully received by the new leader of the grand army.

The change exactly reverses the old order of affairs when Kuropatkin was the supreme leader and General Linevitch directed the first army. The authoritative news of this remarkable step was known in Manchuria much earlier than in St. Petersburg. Kuropatkin having paused on his journey homeward at Harbin, and started southward this afternoon, March 20, amid a most remarkable farewell from the residents of Harbin and soldiers on the way to fill the depleted ranks of the army. The retreat is apparently progressing uneventfully. No dispatches of any moment were received today.

At the departure for the south of General Kuropatkin, crowds of thousands of civilians and soldiers gathered at the station and gave him a great ovation. Above the thundering hurrahs were heard cries of "God send you happiness," "Good-bye, brother," "Good-bye, father." As the train started soldiers rushed forward in the surging crowd and grasped the hand rail of the general's car, throwing their caps in the air and running some distance with the car. The scene made a deep impression on Kuropatkin, down whose cheeks tears streamed. Removing his cap, he saluted again and again and stood bareheaded on the platform as long as the train was in sight. The residents of Harbin are uneasy and many of them are leaving. The Chinese are withdrawing deposits from the banks.

BOMB THROWN.

Six Soldiers Wounded at Warsaw by Bomb.

Warsaw, March 21.—A bomb was thrown from a window in a house in Volk street tonight and exploded amidst a passing patrol of police and infantry. Six soldiers and two policemen were dangerously wounded. They were removed to the military hospital. The assailants escaped.

BROCKTON DISASTER.

No Chance to Recover Additional Bodies in the Wreck.

Brockton, Mass., March 21.—The police are satisfied that there is no chance for recovering any additional bodies from the ruins of the R. B. Grover Company's shoe factory and the search was abandoned at 11 o'clock tonight by the small army of volunteers after 37 hours of constant toil. Although the police and medical examiner, Mr. Paine, felt that they had removed from the debris all the remains that were not reduced to ashes, a second search will shortly be instituted to satisfy relatives and friends of the victims. The

little band that besieged the morgue since the first body was taken from the ruins reluctantly turned their steps homeward tonight, satisfied that their missing ones occupied pine boxes inscribed "unknown."

A revised list given out by the police at 11:20 o'clock tonight is as follows:

Bodies recovered, 55; identified, 14; missing, 45; reported escaped, 283. It seems possible that but 14 bodies will be buried with their identity positively established.

SORRY THEY STRUCK.

Interborough Strikers Want Their Jobs Back.

New York, March 21.—August Belmont has consented to meet a committee from the Central Federated Union, whose members want to make an appeal to him in the interest of the striking employees of the Interborough company. The men do not want to demand anything, but simply wish to appeal to Mr. Belmont to take back the old men. They do not want new men who know how to run trains discharged. In their request for the meeting they admit they made a mistake in going on strike.

SKY PILOT SINCHED.

A Gambling Preacher Fired Out of the Church.

Wilmington, Del., March 21.—Rev. Charles S. Baker, tried on charges of stock gambling, high imprudence and unministerial conduct by a convention of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal conference, has been found guilty and his dismissal from the ministry recommended.

American Bark Arrives.

London, March 21.—Cable advices to Loyds received today from Port Natal report the arrival there of the overdue American bark Pauko from Bellingham. The date which the vessel reached port is not stated.

NORWEGIAN TRADER

Gives Interesting News of Russian Recent Defeat.

CHAMPAIGN ROUBLE A BOTTLE

At Tie Pass the Cossacks Looted the Booths of Traders, Got Drunk and Smashed Everything Unsaleable and Left Their Guns and Ammunition.

Kaopantza, March 19, evening, via Tientsin, March 20 (Delayed in Transmission)—A Norwegian trader, accompanied the Russian retreat to Tie Pass and with a single companion passed over to Yagoman, following the water courses to avoid the Russian patrols from Hungbutzu.

The Russians left Mukden with five columns of infantry in the center of which were two lines of commissariat, with artillery flanking the body, and cavalry acting as screens further afield.

The demoralized troops discarded their boots and equipments and abandoned their transport carts, left guns and carriages, using the horses to save as many as possible.

All the last day at Tie Pass the Cossacks looted the booths of traders sold champagne at a rouble a bottle and smashed and burned everything unsaleable. They caught a Japanese spy who upon resisting was killed. The guilty Cossacks were shot a quarter of an hour later.

Lieutenant General Mischenko, with 6000 rural Cossacks, some European naval railway and two batteries of artillery, is now operating on the Russian extreme left.

Major General Kukushima has visited Hsinmintun and perfected arrangements for the installation of a Japanese garrison there and it is probable that in the future that town will be considered within the war zone, and all persons arriving there will be requested to have a pass.

Eight Hour Law.

Denver, March 21.—Governor McDonald today signed the limited eight-hour bill, passed by the legislature.

PORT RECEIPTS

Italian Government Wants Its Money.

CRUISER IS PREPARED

Calabria in the Port of San Domingo in the Interest of Italian Claims.

LIEN ON THE PORT RECEIPTS

United States Minister Informs the Italian Representatives That Their Claims Will Be Paid, Provided the Treaty is Ratified by Congress.

New York, March 21.—The Italian cruiser Calabria has been in the port of Santo Domingo, according to the Herald correspondent there, since Tuesday, on a special mission to ascertain if the American protocol sufficiently guarantees the Italian claims aggregating a large sum secured by a previous lien on the port receipts.

If a satisfactory assurance were lacking the Calabria was prepared, the correspondent continues, to take the custom house of some port, collect the revenues, and liquidate the claims.

The commander of the Calabria, Marecodi Moriondo, aide on the staff of Prince Tomas di Savoia, uncle of the king and grand admiral of the Italian navy, informed the Italian charge d'affaires, Luigi di Cambiaso, of the character of the mission, but dealt directly with the American minister, Mr. Dawson, and Senor Sanchez, minister of foreign affairs, who referred to article one of the protocol as evidence of the just purpose of the American convention.

Minister Dawson regretted he was unable to give more explicit assurance and expressed the belief that the Italian claims would be safeguarded if the convention were ratified. Vicini, Bancalari and other Italian claimants are satisfied with the American plan.

Commander Moriondo has cabled a report to Rome expressing his belief that the assurances are satisfactory. The Calabria wants a reply from Rome permitting the ship to proceed to Havana, thence on a tour around the world.

MERCILESS CREDITORS.

Syrians Ordered to Leave Port au Prince.

Washington, March 21.—The state department is informed by Minister Powell at Port au Prince that a proclamation has been issued that all Syrians must leave the republic April 1.

The Syrians are extremely obnoxious to the natives, as they have managed to obtain control of most of the retail business of the country and are reputed to be merciless creditors.

STILL STRIKING.

Agitators Succeed in Stopping Work in Russia.

Luzon, March 21.—The workmen in a number of factories struck again today. One policeman was shot and severely wounded. The assailant escaped.

BEEF TRUST.

Secret Service Men in Chicago Guard Witnesses.

Chicago, March 21.—Fifteen secret

service men have been brought to Chicago to guard the witnesses who will appear and testify before the special grand jury which begins investigations tomorrow of the transactions of the so-called beer trust. So great is the desire of the federal officials to maintain secrecy in the investigation and every witness who testifies before the inquisitorial body will be closely guarded to prevent his being approached by newspaper men and agents of the packers.

CHINESE SPIES.

Yiao Yang and 23 Relatives Confess to Being Spies.

London, March 21.—A Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that the Chinese governor of Liao Yang and 23 of his relatives have confessed as acting as Russian spies since the outbreak of the war. Ominously announced, the correspondent adds, that they be punished according to martial law.

ORDERED TO LEAVE.

Syrians Ordered to Pack Up and Vamoose the Ranch.

Port au Prince, Hayti, March 21.—Public notice has been made in the official Moniteur today that the Syrian traders must settle their affairs, cease trading and leave the country by April 1. Their delegation must designate the liquidators.

Against Open Shop.

New York, March 21.—Several hundred cap makers who went on strike three months ago against the open shop in all the factories of New York Cap Manufacturers' Association, have returned to work, having settled with their employers and gained recognition of the union.

Jules Verne Dying.

New York, March 21.—It is announced from Amiens, cables the Herald's Paris correspondent, that Jules Verne, the novelist, is dying. He is 77 years of age.

WORD WONT QUIT

Election Promises Don't Bother Multnomah Sheriff.

NOMORE GAMBLING . . .)

I Have Closed Gambling and Put the Temptation Out of the Reach of Hundreds of Workingmen Who Now Pay Their Bills, Says Sheriff.

Portland, March 21.—On the plea that further hostilities in the North End district would injure the great fair, certain persons who are said to be shaking the political plum tree have made overtures to Sheriff Word for an armistice until after election.

Without heeding the significance of the time limit Sheriff Word replies, "Not on your life!"

Elections do not interest Sheriff Word at present.

"They have been after me," said Sheriff Word, "and they have tried to make me a thief, but I never took a cent of blood money in my life and I never will, I'll starve first. I have closed gambling and put temptation out of the reach of hundreds of workingmen who are now paying their grocery bills and providing food and clothing for their families, and I intend to keep it up as long as I am in office. I have partly altered the notorious North End dives and removed a blot from the reputation of the city, and I intend to keep at it until I feel that I have done my duty. I will let up for no man or number of men, election or no election. They tell me my policy will hurt the fair, but it isn't going to hurt the fair half as much as an open town would hurt the city."

The argument is advanced that an aggressive campaign against the evils of the North End would tend to force the people there to combine against the best candidates in the coming city election, and they might be able to wield a great influence. But to all this the sheriff says he will turn a deaf ear because he knows not of it.