



BIG FLOOD IN EAST

Losses Will Run Into Millions of Dollars.

FOURTEEN MEET DEATH

Three States Involved—Many Flee From Pittsburgh City.

HOTEL GUESTS USE SKIFFS

Worst Conditions in Pittsburgh Ever Recorded—Hundreds of Business Houses Flooded, Waters Reaching Even to Second Stories of Buildings.

PITTSBURG, March 14.—Serious flood conditions prevail tonight in western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and eastern Ohio. At seven o'clock the water reached the stage of 34.6 feet at Herrs Island and 33 feet at Market Street and at headwaters. The rivers are now stationary. The crest of the flood is expected to reach here about night when 35 feet will be recorded. This stage is 13 feet above danger mark. At four o'clock this afternoon, the ice gorge at Parker Penna., broke and is moving toward the city. The immense ice gorge in Clarion River has also started down stream. Conditions in Pittsburgh are the worst ever recorded. The whole town district is flooded, in some places several feet. Hundreds of business houses are flooded, in some cases the water being almost up to the second floor. The Belasco, Alvin and Bijou theatres are surrounded by water and will be unable to open for several days.

Guests at several hotels are compelled to use skiffs to go and come from the buildings.

Thousands of people are taking trains for the suburbs and neighboring cities. Within the past 36 hours, 14 fatalities have been recorded, all directly due to the flood.

The damage to perishable goods and property in Pittsburgh alone will amount to \$1,000,000. At Connellsville the damage done to the coke region is estimated at \$2,000,000 and over 100,000 persons in that district are out of employment. The flood directly affects over 2,500,000 persons.

CLEVELAND, March 14.—Many Ohio points are experiencing disastrous floods. Dispatches to the Associated Press from many places tell of swollen streams and of death, damage and privation as a result of the flood. At Zanesville, where three persons were drowned today, the Muskingum river is rising tonight at the rate of one and a half inches an hour and is near the high water mark of 1898, when the most disastrous flood known in this section occurred.

In Springfield and vicinity more than \$100,000 damage has resulted to property and two hundred families have been made homeless by a sudden rise of Mad River and its tributaries.

WHEELING, March 14.—Wheeling is in the midst of the worst flood since 1884. Tonight the mark shows 44 feet an day rising of four inches an hour with the expectation that the top notch will be reached tomorrow noon and will be between 47 to 48 feet. This completely isolates the city, every railroad and trolley line having been suspended. In Wheeling and surrounding towns it is estimated that fully three thousand houses have been wholly or partially submerged and nearly 15,000 people driven from their homes or to upper floors. The villages of Marietta and Vienna in Wheeling Creek

valley are reported to have been wiped out by a sudden freshet early today.

INTERNAL CONFLICT.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 14.—Another relationship between British Columbia and the Dominion has arisen with regard to the delimited area in Peace River Valley selected under the settlements act of 1884 and consisting of 3,500,000 acres of land. The Dominion holds that the act vests all rights in the land which includes practically all the arable lands of the Peace River valley and in addition to the valuable coal lands of that section. The province contests this claim, holding that all mineral rights belong to the province and will refuse to give crown grants for anything more than the surface rights, reserving all else.

WANT CABINET CHANGED.

BUENOS AYRES, March 14.—Rumors are afloat to the effect that former President Roca, who is expected here shortly, will take sides with the authorities of the several provinces against the Federal Government in insisting upon the change in the cabinet. The former President's arrival here is awaited with great interest. He has expressed the desire that no demonstrations be made in his honor.

PREPARE FOR STRIKE.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 14.—The workmen of Moscow are preparing for a strike if there appears to be any likelihood of Parliament being dissolved when the opposition begins its campaign against Premier Stolypin's outline of the policy of the government. It is said the Premier's speech will be held within the bounds of a recapitulation of legislation enacted by the government since Parliament closed and the laws it expects the present to that body to enact.

COPPER STOCKS FALL

Boston Brokers Flooded With Orders to Sell.

SHARP DECLINE IN PRICES

Leading Coppers Fall From Five to Twenty Points—Trinity Among the Last to Feel the Decline in the Copper Market.

BOSTON, March 14.—Panicky conditions prevailed in the local market for copper stocks today. Brokers were sent declines from ten to five to sharply closing at the lowest. Rates on money rose generally to ten percent. Declines from fifteen to five to twenty points were made in leading copper shares. Trinity was one of the features of local market. It withstood the storm until about noon and then declined nearly seven points, recovering fractionally at the close. The issues suffering most were Osceola, off 20; North Butte off 15 3-4; Copper Range off 9 1-2; Utah off 12; Quincy off 4 1-2; Tamarack off 11; Butte Coalition off 7 3-4.

SIGNS WITH BROOKLYN.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Willis Jordan, first baseman of the Brooklyn National Baseball Club, who made a reputation last year by making more runs than any other player in either of the big leagues, has finally signed to play in Brooklyn again the coming season. Jordan has been holding out for a large salary increase.

RECEIVES APPOINTMENT.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—Professor Edward B. Clapp, head of the Greek Department of the State University, has been appointed professor of Greek in the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. He will shortly leave for Athens.

DISPUTES INSANITY

Allenist Declares Thaw Was Not Insane.

FIRST DOCTOR OF SIX

Answers Same to Hypothetical Questions of Delmas and Jerome.

LATTER'S QUESTION LONG

Allenist Flint of Opinion That Thaw is Liable for Murder in First Degree—Trial Will Last Out the Month of March.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Answering the same hypothetical question in response to which the alienists had declared Thaw was suffering from an unsound mind and did not know the nature or quality of his act when he shot Stanford White, Dr. Austin Flint, first expert called by District Attorney Jerome in rebuttal, declared it to be his opinion that Thaw did know the nature and quality of his act and knew that the act was wrong. When the court adjourned Delmas had not begun his cross examination of Flint, who was the first of six of the alienists to be called by Jerome.

After receiving Flint's answer to the Delmas hypothetical question, Jerome had read to the witness the prosecution's hypothetical question, which contained some fifteen thousand words and which required one hour and 18 minutes in its reading. This question contained a history of the case and the events leading up to the night of the tragedy, including Thaw's courtship of Evelyn Nesbit; her account of her maltreatment by White, the trip of Thaw and Evelyn to Europe before they were married, when they traveled as man and wife; the testimony of James C. Smith as to Thaw's conduct on the night of the killing before Thaw shot White, and of conversation between Thaw and alienists at the Tombs prison.

When the question was finished, Jerome again asked Flint if Thaw knew the nature and quality of his act and if he knew the act to be wrong, and Dr. Flint again said without qualification that Thaw knew his act was wrong and is therefore liable for murder in the first degree under the statutes of the state of New York. Delmas indicated that he would cross examine each expert searchingly.

Jerome's sanguine prophecy that the taking of testimony would be concluded tomorrow night has been abandoned and those concerned in the case again look to April 1 as the earliest moment of closing the trial.

NEW YORK, March 14.—A crucial point in the trial of Harry K. Thaw has been reached. It revolves about the affidavit which Lawyer Abraham Hummel has in his possession and which is said to have been dictated by him at the instance of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw. The legal fight to admit this testimony began yesterday when District Attorney Jerome made the most impassioned address yet heard at the trial, in which he pleaded eloquently for its admission. The fight will continue when the trial is resumed today and Lawyer Delmas for the defense will argue against its admission. It was to give the defense time in which to study precedents and to otherwise prepare for the fight that court adjourned yesterday, after a session lasting less than two hours.

The importance of the contents of

the affidavits was brought out by Mr. Jerome in his address yesterday. He told of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw's story on the stand, which she said she told to Thaw in Paris, and the district attorney said if the jury believes this story it would carry weight in their minds and seriously affect them in determining the question of whether Thaw's reason was unblinded.

"If, on the other hand," he said, "I am allowed to show that Evelyn Nesbit did not tell Thaw that White had drugged her and attacked her; if I can show the jury that there is grave reason to doubt the story, will not that be a fact which the jury should weigh when they retire for their final deliberation in determining whether this man was of unsound mind, when he killed White?"

Mr. Jerome declared that in this affidavit Evelyn Nesbit Thaw swore that she had never told Thaw in Paris the story about her ravishment by White. Furthermore, she swore that Thaw had tried to induce her to sign papers in proceedings to get White put in jail, using the story as a basis, that she told him it was not true and that when he insisted that she sign some papers and she refused, he stripped her and beat her—lashed her with a whip until her skin was lacerated.

Thus the importance of the legal fight over the affidavit and its bearing on the case, if admitted, can readily be appreciated. There is hardly a doubt though, that even if the affidavit is admitted the defense will attempt in its turn, to discredit Lawyer Hummel and this, in view of his past record, may be accomplished. It will get down to the question, then, who the jury will believe, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, or Lawyer Hummel.

RATIFY BOUNDARY TREATY.

BUENOS AYRES, March 14.—Paraguay and Bolivia have ratified the boundary treaty which was signed here January 12.

RAILROADS BLAMED

Arguments Advanced to Check Legislation Causes Panic.

HARRIMAN ADMITS CHARGE

Attitude of Federal Government Not Cause of Panicky Conditions on Wall Street—President and Cortelyou Flooded With Appeals For Aid.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—For more than forty-eight hours the White House and Treasury Department have been flooded with appeals for President Roosevelt and Secretary Cortelyou to take some action to avert the "tremendous disaster" in the financial and railroad world. It can be stated however, that the president will not change his attitude toward the railroads, though it is admitted that the administration has no intention of entering on any extremely radical attack on railway corporations. While it is known that the apparent failure of J. P. Morgan's appeal to the President last Monday night to issue a reassuring statement to the country in regard to the administration's attitude toward railroads has much to do with the panicky conditions which swept over Wall Street today.

President Roosevelt has repeatedly stated that he is not an enemy of the railroads and that those which obey the laws have nothing to fear from the government. While it is not definitely decided the President may issue a statement outlining his attitude after the meeting with railroad presidents which will be held early next week. The administration is firmly convinced that the great unrest in financial circles have been brought on by the arguments advanced by the railroad interests in various states is trying to prevent "hostile legislation" and not by the attitude of the Federal government has taken to enforce the laws regulating common carriers.

WALL STREET DEMORALIZED

Decline in Stocks Nearly Causes Panic.

LITTLE BUYING DONE

Wildest Trading Since Days of the Northern Pacific Flurry.

WORST NEAR CLOSING TIME

Slowing Up Would Mean Curtailment Stocks For Day Ranging Up To Nearly Twenty One Per Cent on Par—Market Without Support.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Under the effect of 25 percent money and a general pessimistic sentiment, developed as the result of the recent heavy decline, trading on stock exchange today reached a stage of demoralization bordering on actual panic. The worst period of the day was shortly before closing, although there was an extremely violent falling off in price between twelve and one. New low records for the year and in some instances for several years were established on speculative issues under precipitate selling, with a market apparently without other buying orders than those of bears to cover their short contracts and realize their profits. Closing quotations showed the following decline for the day in leading shares: Amalgamated Copper 17 3-4, American Smelting 16 1-8, St. Paul 13 1-8, Consolidated Gas 7, Delaware and Hudson 19 1-4, General Electric 9 1-2, Great Northern 5 1-2, Minneapolis St. Paul and Sault Ste Marie 6 7-8, Missouri Pacific 7 1-4, National Lead 5 3-4, New York Central 6, Norfolk and Western 7 1-4, Northern Pacific 8, Pennsylvania 6 1-2, Reading 20 3-4, Southern Pacific 5 3-4, Twin City Rapid Transit 5, Union Pacific 20 3-4, U. S. Steel 2 1-8 and U. S. Steel.

In most instances even these figures do not show the extreme declines as Reading closed two points above the lowest quotation and Union Pacific 4 1-2 above the lowest of the day. Business on Exchange started rather quietly, apparently influenced by better prices in London, but before eleven o'clock a heavy selling movement was in progress and prices lost from one to four points. Later prices steadied after which there was a falling off in business and the market remained relatively quiet until between twelve and one, when the bears centered their attack on Union Pacific, Reading and Amalgamated Copper. The whole list was affected by the rapid selling and the falling off in these shares, and the scene became one of the wild confusion.

There seemed to be absolutely no support to the market, the trading becoming demoralized. This downward movement seemed to spend its force in a short time only to be succeeded about 1:30 by the wildest trading that has been known since the Northern Pacific panic of 1901. All three stocks, Union, Amalgamated and Reading suffered heavily and traders thought the worst of the day was over but more sensational scenes were to come just before the close. Brokers who had called on their customers and had not received satisfactory responses threw over their stocks almost without regard for the prices received. After the most urgent selling had been accomplished, there were sharp rallies in a number of shares, most of the leaders closing one to three points above the lowest point reached during the day.

NORTHERN VOLCANO.

Active Eruption On Island Off Coast of Alaska.

SEATTLE, March 14.—Word has been received by the Post-Intelligencer, from Valdez, Alaska, that the volcano on the island of Akutan, off the peninsula of Alaska and not far from Unalaska, was in active eruption when the steamer Dora passed the island at 2 A. M. February 23. All the passengers on the Dora were aroused to witness the sight, which is said to have been a magnificent one. At about the same hour, a severe earthquake occurred at Unalaska, although it did no serious damage. The natives of the Aleutian Archipelago are becoming frightened believing part of the islands will sink.

BRYAN IN NEW YORK.

Stops in Metropolis on Way to Make Speech in Boston.

NEW YORK, March 14.—W. J. Bryan will pass through this city today on his way to Boston, where he is to speak tonight.

Mr. Bryan will be met at the train by William Hoge, H. W. Walker and other managers of the Bryan headquarters in this city. They will escort him to the Manhattan hotel, where he will breakfast. He will then receive a delegation from the Brooklyn Democratic Club, whose invitation to attend its Jefferson dinner on April 13 he has accepted.

NEW YORK, March 14.—The Hamburg-South American Company, bought the four steamers of the Ribert Sloman line, the Guthrune, the Gunther, the Siegmund, and the Fleglinde. The Sloman line plies between New York and Brazilian ports. The Hamburg-American also announced that there will soon be a passenger service between Hamburg and Galveston, Tex.

LOGGERS SATISFIED

Columbia River Men Do Not Favor Portland Tie-Up.

MAY BE STRIKE-BREAKERS

Said To Be in Ugly Mood Because Strike Has Cost Their Jobs, and May Go to Work in Portland Mills to Take Places of Strikers.

PORTLAND, March 14.—No signs whatever of yielding are shown by the either striking sawmill operatives or their engineers. An effort is being made by Mayor Lane of this city to bring the contesting parties together, but he declined to say what, if any, his success had been. From what information can be gained, it is believed the Mayor made little or no progress, for the contestants were more firm, if possible, today in their assertions that they had nothing to arbitrate. What may eventuate in a rift in the cloud, is an assertion made by one of the largest loggers in the Columbia River district. This man says the men employed in the logging camps in that district were not in sympathy with the present strike; that they were satisfied with the wages they were getting and are inclined to be in an ugly frame of mind because the strike has caused a shut down of the logging industry. There are about a thousand hands employed in the district and he says he believes that after a week or ten days the laborers will come to Portland and offer their services to sawmills.

CANAL WORK PLEASES.

PANAMA, March 14.—All the members of the Congressional party headed by Speaker Cannon expressed great surprise yesterday at the work that has been done on the Panama Canal. The party visited both La Boca, on the Pacific side and the famous Culebra cut.