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EAST ST. LOUIS ENTIRELY UNDER WATER AND THOUSANDS OF LIVES ARE IN GRAVE PERIL

ABJECT TERROR POSSESSES UNFORTUNATE THOUSANDS

Never Before in the Known History of the Great Mississippi Valley Has Such an Appalling Disaster Visited the People of That Section.

At New Orleans There Is Fear That the Fate of East St. Louis May Be Repeated—Preparations Are Being Made for the Worst.

ST. LOUIS, June 10.—The entire City of East St. Louis is doomed. Before nightfall every portion will be under a torrent of mad rushing water. Fifty thousands of men, women and children will be all but helpless. Nearly all will be homeless.

Appeals from there this afternoon say that not less than 10,000 lives will be imperiled. The scenes are too awful to be accurately described. Cries of horror from the hopeless people, who are hemmed in without a chance of escape, are heart-rending.

Men, women and little children are endeavoring to escape to places of safety. Some of these terrified people have hardly clothing enough upon them to cover their nakedness.

District Attorney Dyer ordered in the name of the United States Government, that the Wiggins Ferry Company seize every boat available regardless of ownership and with them, hasten to the scene of the terrible floods.

Persons who refuse to work are instantly shot. Militiamen are arriving at the flooded district and are forming cordons around the devastated districts. The East Broadway embankment has given way and this disaster cuts off all means of escape. When the dike went out 30 people, who were working to save it, met death by drowning.

(Journal Special Service.) ST. LOUIS, June 10.—After a desperate but futile struggle against the greatest flood which unfortunate thousands were ever forced to combat, East St. Louis is this afternoon in a woful condition. Ten thousand of the homeless are threatened with destruction. Whole families are penned up in garrets and on roofs and 2,000 half-clothed men, women and children who sought refuge in the school and church buildings are now almost helpless prisoners. The city has appealed to St. Louis and signals from across the river say that the cries for help are being responded to by every available means at command. Here no flood has ever been so great; no conditions so terrifying; no outlook so hopeless.

AWFUL CALAMITY AWAITS THE PEOPLE

The swift surging water stands from three to 30 feet deep over all the eastern half of the city. Houses are constantly weakening and falling. At 8 o'clock this morning the flood had swept clear through to the river in swirling whirlpool currents. At 9 o'clock it was cutting its way under the East Broadway embankment and threatening the northern half of the city. The destruction of Broadway cuts off all means of escape. A conservative estimate places the number of drowned when the embankment gave way at 20. Other estimates reach 100. A thousand men were working on the dikes when the break came last midnight. Forty feet of the embankment were swept away in a minute. Many persons were compelled to swim to points of safety lower down where women and children were filling sand bags to place on the levee. The terrible concussion when the break came makes all estimates of the loss of life uncertain. The bodies of John Kollish and three of his children, who were drowned last night while trying to escape in a skiff, were recovered today. The mother escaped injury.

EAST ST. LOUIS IS NOW A DOOMED CITY

ST. LOUIS, June 10, 2 p. m.—The entire City of East St. Louis is doomed. Before nightfall it is certain that every portion of the town will be under the torrent. Fifty thousand people will be rendered all but helpless and nearly all will be homeless. At least 10,000 lives will be imperiled.

Imperiled. Boats, skiffs and every available floating thing are being rushed across the river. It is just learned that two negroes were shot and killed before the west break last night. One of the men had been working several days and demanded immediate pay and threatened to break the dike did he not receive it. Seven men fired at him at once. Another negro on the Illinois Central levee who refused to work was shot by the guard and killed. In marked contrast to these accords, Theodore Day, another negro, drove his horse into the raging flood repeatedly and rescued many people. While making a further attempt both horse and the dark driver were swept away to destruction.

HUNDREDS FLEEING FOR THEIR LIVES

EAST ST. LOUIS, June 10.—At 10 o'clock there are four feet of water over the entire residence section of East St. Louis. Hundreds of families are fleeing for their lives. Two hundred and fifty militiamen had arrived and others are to be sent. East Broadway is declared unsafe. Militiamen are thrown around the scene, keeping the crowds of people from attempting to return along the treacherous embankment in order to save their belongings. The water is rising rapidly at this hour. United States District Attorney Dyer, in the name of the United States Government, has just telephoned the Wiggins Ferry Company, ordering it to seize all available yaws and boats regardless of their ownership and rush with them to the stricken city. The river stage is now over 22 feet, the highest ever known in the history of the city.

GREAT INDIGNATION FREELY EXPRESSED

The greatest indignation is felt over the disaster, as the people had ample warning of the impending danger, but being ignorant they were lulled into false security by a coterie of business men, who issued vigorous denials of the danger, as they were fearful that the effect of the warning would have a depreciatory effect on property values. They are charged with going even so far as to assault a St. Louis newspaper man sent to describe the flood, and broke all cameras of persons taking pictures.

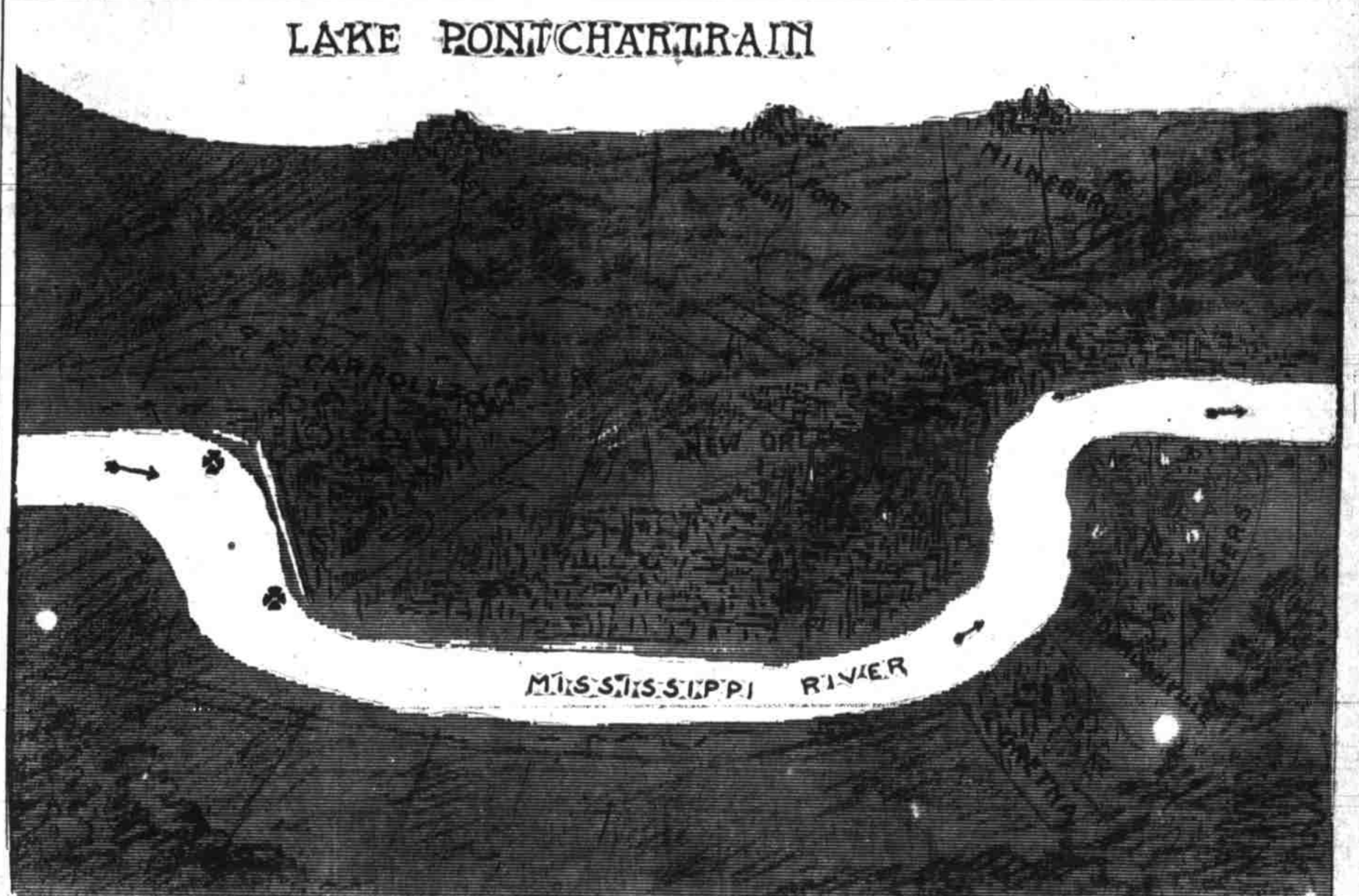
(Journal Special Service.) SPRINGFIELD, June 10.—On request of the Mayor of East St. Louis,

ARMOURDALE APPEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

Mayor Williams received this morning an appeal from stricken Armourdale, Kas., on behalf of the many people rendered homeless by the floods. The Mayor will receive contributions and will forward them to the relief committee. The appeal is as follows: "Armourdale, the south side of Kansas City, Kas., has met with an appalling disaster. The Kaw River has overflowed its banks and swept away the town. Sixteen thousand people are homeless. They have lost their furniture, clothing and everything. Their houses have been carried off or totally wrecked. The good citizens of the town have been able to care for the refugees temporarily, but the effort to keep them here and provide homes for them is a perplexing problem. To do this will overtax us and we appeal to you for help. Money raised from this source will be expended for their relief by giving them material to build their own houses. Three thousand families must be helped to homes in this way, so that they will be better able to help themselves when the great rush of rebuilding the city is going on. Contributions should be sent at once to the Armourdale State Bank of Commerce, the Kansas State Bank, or the Home State Bank. This movement is made by the Armourdale Flood Association for building homes, which has been organized by the business and professional men of the town. (Signed) "JACOB L. KLEIN, Postmaster, President. "J. B. HIPPLE, Publisher of the Press, Sec'y."

NEW ORLEANS IS IN GREATEST SUSPENSE

(Journal Special Service.) NEW ORLEANS, June 10.—So grave is the apprehension felt here today concerning the approach of the terrible floods that are wrecking East St. Louis and towns and hamlets along the river, that an order has gone forth, warning people of the impending calamity that must result when the crest of the mighty waters sweep down the Mississippi into this city. Men will be put to work on the levees with the object of strengthening them in places of weakness. Even at this time men of all occupations are handling in their names to the city committee, asking that they be called upon when the time of danger comes. That the occurrence may not be repeated which happened at East St. Louis when certain business men denied that danger existed, an order has gone out from the Mayor to arrest any person or persons who may attempt to persuade the ignorant people that no danger will occur. This afternoon there is no other subject being discussed than that of the awful reports of death and destruction at St. Louis, and what is likely to transpire when the mad torrents reach this city. Already are there hundreds and even thousands who have deserted their homes in places likely to be flooded. All militia companies are being held in readiness to do active service, and the Police Department will be increased by many hundreds of special officers at a moment's notice.



New Orleans will probably suffer more from the flood than St. Louis. When the deluge strikes the bank of the river at Carrollton it may go over the levee and sweep across the main city.

MACHINE NOT YET IN POWER

Jack Matthews' Political Machine Still is Unable to Name President of the Port Commission Board.

The Supreme Test is Expected to Come at the Meeting to be Held at 4 O'clock This Afternoon.

New Deals May Be Made Before That Time, but Four Members Out of Seven Are Believed to Oppose Willis.

At the meeting of the Port of Portland Commission to be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon the ballot for president is expected to disclose whether the Jack Matthews political machine has sufficient power to control the future actions of the board. The result, therefore, is being awaited with considerable anxiety by all those who have the real interests of the Port of Portland at heart. The fact that 13 ballots were taken yesterday without election is not considered by those who have carefully watched the Matthews machine's machinations as being indicative of an actual deadlock, few having expected that the full strength of either the political plotters or those opposed to them would be developed at the first session of the body. Today a change is looked for, and it is believed that P. L. Willis, the Matthews candidate for president of the commission, will receive at least three votes that number being considered the full Matthews strength unless new combinations can be formed before 4 o'clock today. The Opposition. Opposing Mr. Willis for the presidency, C. F. Swigert and G. B. Thomas are considered the two most prominent candidates, although Archie Pease and C. E. Adams received votes yesterday. Pease is counted a Matthews man and it is thought the two votes which Willis received yesterday may this afternoon be sought by the one given to Pease. For the opposition to the machine, Thomas yesterday had two votes, Swigert one and Adams one, and if this total of four can be concentrated upon any one candidate it will be possible for the Matthews combination to still be prevented from consummating the scheme it labored and strove and juggled with the Legislature to put through. It is claimed that the hitch in the plans of the political apparatus came when, working in hot haste to get in its finishing strokes before the exposure of its designs by The Journal had put a moment's notice.

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KNOCKED MAN CLEAR OF COMING DEATH

A quick brain and a strong, ready arm saved L. E. Juston, the restaurant man, this morning from being maimed or killed under the wheels of an electric car. Had the unknown possessor of the brain and the arm been a second slower than he was nothing but a miracle could have saved Juston from at least serious injury. Juston attempted to board the inbound car at Woodlawn. He signaled to the motorman and the latter reduced speed according to custom. Just as he grabbed the iron bar and started to swing himself onto the platform the motorman turned on the current and the car was given a sudden forward impetus. Juston had grabbed the rear bar of the forward car, to which was attached a "trailer." The sudden increase in speed made him lose his balance, swinging him off his feet and throwing him around toward the rear car. Other passengers turned pale and held their breath, expecting to see him fall under the wheels of the rear car. But one among them, more ready of wit than the rest, did exactly the right thing at exactly the right second. This man, whom Juston does not know, leaped out from the platform and just as Juston's frantic grip on the iron bar was broken, shot out a strong arm, backing an open hand, and half shoved, half knocked the falling man clear of the cars. Much shaken, but otherwise uninjured, Juston found himself in a pile of sand several feet from the car track.

CHARGE GRAVE FRAUDS

Committee of Bankers Trying to Get at the Bottom of Unusual Condition of Things—Books Tangled.

Big Grain Failure Now Assumes the Aspect of Gigantic Frauds is the Open Assertion Now Made.

One Member of the Firm Said to Have Run Away and Others to Be in Hiding—False Entries Charged.

(Journal Special Service.) SAN FRANCISCO, June 10.—If statements of relatives are true, Jacob Eppinger fled from this city the day of the failure of his grain house, and other members of the firm are in hiding. All reporters are absolutely denied information at the homes of the bankrupts. Talk of legal proceedings is loud and the charge of fraud is openly made for large amounts of grain were not stored in warehouses upon which receipts were issued and loans secured. District Attorney Byington says it is the duty of the creditors to come forward and disclose any violation of law, and if they won't do it, he will see what can be done to bring the matter before the courts. Peck Eppinger has already gone through two fortunes and says his mother told him Saturday that she had laid something away for a rainy day to keep the wolf from the door. A committee of bankers is trying to get at the bottom of the condition of things. The books are hopelessly tangled as Ache, the attorney, refused examination for fear report of the country warehouses will show that no grain was in them. It will be several days before the actual amount of the liabilities is known.

FATHER BEATEN BY SONS

Aged Parent Claims that Young Men Abused Him Because He Refused to Furnish More Money to Squander.

After Dividing With Them the Small Fortune Left By Their Mother They Make Still Further Demands.

Expended Their Portion in Riotous Living in North End—Threaten to Kill Unless Wishes Are Granted.

With tears in his eyes, and frightened because of the threats of his sons, George Kilduff, a gray-haired patriarch, came into the Municipal Court today and begged that warrants be issued immediately for the arrest of his two boys, Lawrence and George. "They will kill me and their sisters unless they are arrested," sobbed the aged father. "For they declare that they will do so unless I board and lodge them, and turn over to them all my money, which was left me by my wife when she died." Warrants were issued and placed in the hands of officers for service. The arrest of the brothers is expected to take place this afternoon. The story related by the aged father

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ARIZONA ASKS FOR REGULARS

President Roosevelt Instructs the War Department to Order Troops to the Scene of the Strike at Once.

Three Thousand Men Are Heavily Armed and as They Are Mostly Foreigners the Militia is Inadequate.

The Department of the Colorado Will Rush the Soldiers Forward in Command of Discreet Officer.

(Journal Special Service.) WASHINGTON, June 10.—The Acting Governor of Arizona today wired President Roosevelt that 3,000 men, mostly foreigners, were on strike at Morenci, Ariz., and that they were fully armed and a riot was impending. He says the militia has been ordered out, but the force is small and is composed of undisciplined men. The number is inadequate. There is no possibility of restoring order except by the presence of regulars. He asks to have troops ordered from Fort Grant immediately. The War Department at once wired the Department of the Colorado to have troops rushed forward under the command of a discreet officer with instructions to avoid violence if possible.

LIBAN VICTIMS BURIED

(Journal Special Service.) MARSEILLES, June 10.—A public funeral of 15 of the victims of the steamer Liban disaster was held today. All flags are at half-mast and thousands walked bareheaded in the cortege.

MARRIED IN LONDON

(Journal Special Service.) LONDON, June 10.—Designer Warren of Shamrock Yarns was married to Miss Loveland this morning. Mr. Thomas Lipton and Lord Dunsareen were present at the ceremony.

CIRCULATION STILL GROWS.

In less than six months the circulation of The Journal has more than doubled.

In the past 30 days the percentage of increase has been greater than at any other period of the paper's existence.

If the present increase keeps up The Journal will have at the end of six months, the largest city circulation of any newspaper published in Portland.