

FLOODS IN THE EAST

Ohio River on the Rampage and Property Loss Is Immense.

MANY THOUSAND HOMES ARE UNDER ICY WATERS

Bridges Washed Out, Railroads Tied Up, Mills and Factories Closed, and Low-Lands Flooded for Miles.

(Journal Special Service.)
Pittsburg, March 21.—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 points in the valley comes news of 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 this morning was 29 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 28 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 28 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 Freeport 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 21-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 24 hours.

14 DEAD, 43 MISSING, 53 INJURED IN FIRE

Work of Searching Ruins of Brockton Factory Still in Progress.

(Journal Special Service.)
Brockton, Mass., March 21.—The work of searching the ruins of the Grover shoe factory proceeded slowly today. The body of Engineer Rockwell was found this morning in the engine room. This makes the sixteenth body identified and the fifty-fifth recovered. A full list of the employees cannot be obtained until the fire-proof vault is reached, which will probably not be opened for 24 hours.

The identified dead this afternoon are Mrs. Emma Tallman, Mammie O'Connell and Granville Hartwell, making 14 in all. The missing are 43 and the injured 53.

WRECKED FOR LOOT

Robbers Are Suspected of Causing Fatal Accident on Rock Island.

RAILS REMOVED FOR THREE HUNDRED YARDS

Believed That Bandits Were Frightened Away as No Attempt Was Made to Rob Passengers.

(Journal Special Service.)
Des Moines, Ia., March 21.—The Rocky Mountain limited, on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway was wrecked near Homestead, Ia., at 12:15 o'clock this morning. Railway officials assert that the wreck was the work of robbers. Part of the train was derailed and thrown down a 15-foot embankment. Two trainmen and a mail clerk were probably fatally injured and several passengers also injured. Engineer Hotchkiss will die.

The train was going at 50 miles an hour last night when it was wrecked. The bolts and spikes had been removed from the rails and 300 feet of track torn up. The engine, mail car, composite car and the Denver and Colorado sleepers left the track at this point and were badly damaged.

No attempt was made to rob the passengers or the express car, which was heavily loaded. It is believed that the robbers were frightened away in the vicinity yesterday by a section crew, and it is presumed that the wreck was caused by him. The work was done between darkness and midnight and was evidently accomplished by some one familiar with railroad construction.

As soon as word was received of the wreck a special train left here with physicians and wrecking apparatus and the injured were brought to this city. None of the passengers are fatally hurt, but Engineer Hotchkiss is suffering from internal injuries, from which he cannot possibly survive.

A reward has been offered by the Rock Island for the information leading to the discovery of the wrecker, and detectives are busy tracing all clues.

WOMAN IS CANDIDATE FOR CITY TREASURER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Wardner, Idaho, March 21.—Miss Hester Kirkpatrick, who was a candidate for the nomination on the citizens' ticket for city treasurer, has filed her petition and will make the race for the office independently. Miss Kirkpatrick is the bookkeeper in the Baker Clothing company's store and has had considerable experience in handling the city's money. Her opponent on the citizens' ticket is A. H. Rambo, of the Wardner Mercantile company. This is the only office this far to be contested for and the chances here are about even.

LEAVES A SHORTAGE OF OVER QUARTER MILLION

(Journal Special Service.)
Boston, March 21.—It is learned that Charles F. Berry, a lawyer, who is missing from this city, leaves a shortage of \$200,000. Berry left his office three weeks ago, and was last heard from in Chicago a week ago. He is thought to have gone to California. Berry is about 55 years old, has a family and lived quietly so far as known. His friends say they knew nothing of his speculations.

FATALLY INJURED BY TAMPING DYNAMITE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Cheney, Wash., March 21.—Charles Bangrove was fatally wounded in an accident while working on a telephone line between this place and Spokane Saturday. Post holes were being dug. A hole had just been blasted and Bangrove thinking the entire charge had gone off, commenced tamping with a rod when the rest of the charge exploded. He was struck in the face and on the head by pieces of flying rock and both of his eyes were injured.

CASHIER SPEARS TO BE TRIED FOR CONSPIRACY

(Journal Special Service.)
Cleveland, March 21.—It has been decided that Charles Spears of the defunct Oberlin bank shall be tried in the federal court at the April term on a conspiracy indictment.



Group Photograph of Senator and Mrs. Stanford and Their Son, One of the Late Mrs. Stanford's Cherished Possessions.

BRIDE AND GROOM BECOME BURGLARS

Newly Wedded Los Angeles Couple Confess to Stealing Typewriters to Sell.

HUSBAND SHIELDS SELF; CAUSING WIFE'S ARREST

Another Case Where Playing the Races Leads to a Prison Cell.

(Journal Special Service.)
Los Angeles, March 21.—Within 24 hours two young couples, neither of whom had been married a year, who have been arrested in Los Angeles on charges of burglary, have confessed.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Malouf were arrested for a series of room burglaries. Tonight Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Allen, arrested on a charge of burglary, confessed.

Allen formerly held a responsible position in the employ of the Southern Pacific company and had a mania for playing the races. Last Thursday night he induced his young wife to assist him in breaking into the commercial department of the Los Angeles high school.

With her assistance he stole four new typewriters and took them to a room a block away. His wife broke the window, opened it and assisted her husband to enter. She took the machines as he passed them out to her.

When arrested today he tried to shield himself, blaming the entire crime to his wife, which caused her arrest. She asserted that she had committed the whole crime unassisted, but finally told the whole story.

Her husband had told her that he had an infallible means of beating the races if he could command \$100, and suggested burglary. She, believing he could replace the stolen goods, consented to assist him, and they robbed the place that night. Neither is more than 22 years of age.

GIRL'S HAIR SET AFIRE BY DECORATIVE CANDLE

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, March 21.—Miss Laura Swan, daughter of Mrs. Elisha Dwyer, is under physicians' care at her home, 27 West Fifty-sixth street, suffering from burns caused by a singular mishap during supper at Sherry's last evening.

Her hat, a Paris creation of pink tulle and other light inflammable material, caught fire from one of the ornamental gilded candles, which decorated the corners of the table. The fire was extinguished, but Miss Swan's hair and hands were badly burned. Serious results were averted only by the coolness and presence of mind of Robert Goetz, a wealthy society man. After he found it impossible to smother the flames by napkins and handkerchiefs, he secured a goblet of water, which extinguished the blazing hair and headpiece.

CONTRACTORS' POOL MAY EXIST HERE

District Attorney Manning Now Has a Splendid Opportunity to Expose Ring.

THOMAS BRIBERY CASE POINTS TO ROBBING CABAL

Mr. Manning Should Investigate Charges That Builders Combined to Rob People.

"Did anyone pay money to contractors to withdraw bids for doing the construction work on the Portland drydock?" This question is asked officially by District Attorney Manning, and, in an effort to get it answered he is to examine witnesses tomorrow forenoon. He has issued subpoenas for Joseph Paquet, a shipbuilder, Sidney Smith, a contractor, and others, who are expected to testify on the allegations that money was paid to induce contractors to withdraw from the competition, and allow Wakefield & Bridges to get the work at their low figures.

MRS. STANFORD'S BODY ARRIVES FOR BURIAL

Steamer Alameda Reaches San Francisco With Philanthropist's Remains.

(Journal Special Service.)
San Francisco, March 21.—The steamer Alameda, bearing the remains of Mrs. Jane Lathrop Stanford, arrived from Honolulu this morning. The vessel was met at the Golden Gate by two revenue cutters with representatives of Stanford university and relatives of Mrs. Stanford on board. As the Alameda passed up the bay, flags on all vessels in the harbor were half-masted.

As soon as quarantine officials finished their customary task, the Alameda docked and the steel casket containing Mrs. Stanford's remains was taken off and placed on a special funeral car, which bore it to the Southern Pacific depot, where it was placed on a special funeral train and conveyed to Palo Alto.

Detectives Reynolds and Cullandun, who were sent to Honolulu to assist in the investigation of the death, were passengers on the Alameda and, brought with them all papers in the case gathered at Honolulu, and portions of Mrs. Stanford's organs, which will be analyzed.

The detectives were met on board by Chief of Police Spurne, the captain of detectives and an attorney for the Stanford estate, and a conference was immediately held.

It was nearly noon before the casket was brought from the hold by six stalwart seamen and amid silence and a general baring of heads was placed in a hearse heaped with flowers.

BEAUTIFUL NEW GEYSER IN YELLOWSTONE PARK

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Butte, Mont., March 21.—A new geyser has made its appearance in Yellowstone National Park. It has been named "Skyrocket," on account of the peculiar appearance. It plays three times a week and spouts boiling water to an immense height. It is said to be the most beautiful geyser in the park. The initial discharge was witnessed by a troop of cavalry who were attracted by the terrible noise.

VAGRANT, RED HOT METEOR FALLS HISSING ON STREET

Detached from some celestial body a vagrant meteor fell at the corner of First and Oak streets this morning, within three feet of Special Policeman Childress.

It was red hot, and burst into fiery fragments on coming in contact with the pavement. One large piece fell into a puddle of water, where it hissed for some time and sent up a shower of steam.

The meteor weighed about a pound. Though Childress was startled by the sudden and unannounced visit of the celestial fragment, he was soon dominated by curiosity.

It was 5:30 o'clock when the meteor fell, and as no assay office was open, the various pieces were gathered together and carried to the police station, where they were viewed in wonder by members of the force.

Later in the day Childress took a piece of the meteor to the assay office of Paul Baumel, 228 1/2 Stark street, where it was weighed and subjected to various tests.

The weight of the fragment was 7 1/2 pennyweights. Analysis showed it to be crystallized quartz, white in hue, with a part of the surface "feathered" by heat; that is, perforated so finely as to resemble pumice stone.

ULTIMATUM FORCED TO CASTRO CAPITULATE

United States Demands Arbitration of Venezuelan Issues.

REFUSED, WILL PURSUE ITS OWN COURSE

Threat Taken to Mean That Government Will Seize Castro's Ports—Many Nations Involved.

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, D. C., March 21.—It was learned today at the state department that 10 days ago Minister Bowen was instructed by this government to demand formally of President Castro of Venezuela that the questions at issue between his country and the United States be submitted to arbitration. In case of refusal Bowen was to inform Castro that the United States "would pursue its own course."

The department has not been informed of Castro's reply. The seizure of customs ports will probably follow his refusal.

The affairs of Venezuela are rapidly nearing a crisis. It is impossible that the present condition can last more than a few days. The French minister at Caracas by instructions of his government has notified President Castro that there must be no further proceedings on its part toward the cancellation of the French Cable company's franchise or interference with its property.

The Dutch government has lodged a very serious complaint with President Castro against the treatment of its citizens, and it may join with France in coercive measures.

COAST LEAGUE NOT TO BE OUTLAWED

Bert Says War Is Not Declared—Southern League Will Not Fight American.

(Journal Special Service.)
San Francisco, March 21.—President Bert of the Pacific Coast Baseball League unqualifiedly denied today that war had been declared on major organizations as implied in the signing by Los Angeles member of the American association, Griffiths and O'Neill refused to talk today.

President Kavanaugh of the Southern league at Atlanta announced today that his league would not engage in a war with the American association. Griffiths and O'Neill refused to talk today.

PRESIDENT APPROVES OF CANAL SHAKE-UP

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, March 21.—The president has written a letter to Secretary Taft approving the latter's recommendations for a change of personnel in the Panama canal commission and a rearrangement of the duties of the members. The purpose is to avoid further delays in getting supplies to the canal zone and facilitating the work of construction. The canal commission will be reduced to one or not more than three members.

Horace G. Burt of Omaha, ex-president of the Union Pacific, now traveling in Europe, is reported to have been offered charge of the construction work of the Panama canal by President Roosevelt at a salary of \$100,000 a year.

It is stated that under the Panama commission there has been no real executive head for the government's work. Admiral Walker has been nominally chairman, but each of the other five commissioners have exercised as much authority as Walker, and the result is a bad tangle of commission affairs. There has been a superabundance of red tape and too much meddling on the part of commissioners with the chief engineer.

RAILWAY FRANCHISES SEIZED BY CHICAGO

(Journal Special Service.)
Chicago, March 21.—By a cleverly executed coup the city of Chicago last night threw the Chicago Street railway property into the state court and repealed all its franchises.

The city railway company was planning to throw the 99-year franchise controversy into the federal courts, which would have taken the traction company's affairs out of the hands of the citizens of Chicago.

A meeting of the council was hastily called and the plans of the railway company outlined by Mayor Harrison. Action was ordered begun against the company and all franchises and ordinances repealed, on the 20th of March, 1906.

Believed Rennenkampf's Division Has Arrived at Tie Ling.

RETREATING RUSSIANS AT SUNGARI CROSSING

Linevitch Reorganizes His Command, Making Drastic Changes—Bridges Blown Up by His Forces.

(Journal Special Service.)
London, March 21.—(Bulletin)—Based on the report that cannonading was heard yesterday seven miles south of Tie Ling the belief is expressed in military circles that General Rennenkampf's division, which was separated from the main army, has just now arrived at Tie Ling, which place was appointed as a rendezvous for all the Russian divisions in the case of a retreat. Consequently, Rennenkampf is surrounded and will probably be forced to capitulate.

(Journal Special Service.)
St. Petersburg, March 21.—A dispatch from Linevitch states that he has established headquarters for the present at Chen Chia Watsu where the railroad crosses the Sungari river. From here he is directing the retreat of the three armies and disposing of the fresh troops of the fourth corps now arriving from Russia.

When the passage of the Sungari has been accomplished the bridge will be blown up and the retreating army will be safe from pursuit. The second army is stated to be falling back along the line of the railroad. The first and third armies are retreating along the Mandan road to Kirin.

The Japanese are destroying all the bridges and roads as they pass over them and completely denuding the country. A rear guard action is in progress continuously with the pursuing Japanese. The Japanese are believed to be retreating along the Mandan road to Kirin.

All the advices from the front indicate that the retreat is being conducted uneventfully. The Russians are neglecting to precautions to impede the pursuit of and hamper the construction of permanent Japanese lines of supply. Notwithstanding optimistic reports given out by the war office, a feeling of gloom prevails in St. Petersburg and rumors are current that the Russian forces have been cut off by the Japanese and will be compelled to finally give back or surrender. The secrecy maintained by the Japanese is believed to indicate that a move of great importance is in progress and that until maneuvers have been finally carried out no news will be had from Japanese sources.

It is reported that the decision of the Russian government to raise an internal loan of \$100,000,000 has caused a panic in the stock exchange. It is currently reported in St. Petersburg that Russian soldiers are deserting to the Japanese side by thousands.

A Norwegian trader who has been with the Russian army on its retreat from Tie Ling says that the demoralized troops cast away their equipment and in many instances even their clothing. The youth has proclaimed himself a Finnish patriot. The abandoned transports and left guns and cartridges were later shot by the guilty Cosacks.

At Riga today in a conflict between the Cosacks and the mob, many of the latter were wounded by the Cosacks firing on the populace. Eighty rioters have been arrested.

GOVERNOR SHOT.

One-Armed Patriotic Youth Attempts Assassination of Finnish Oppressor.

(Journal Special Service.)
St. Petersburg, March 21.—Governor Misacrodoff of Viborg, a seaport province of Finland, was shot and seriously wounded yesterday by a 15-year-old, one-armed boy, who fired three shots at him. The youth has proclaimed himself a Finnish patriot. The governor has been very active in the Russification of Finland.

The Lithuanians have demanded a restoration of their ancient privileges and equality with Russian inhabitants in the purchase of land, the freedom of religion and the recognition of Lithuanian language.

IMMENSE LOSS.

Several fishermen near Astoria, Ore., were lost in a storm on the coast of Oregon. The fishermen were rescued, but the catch was lost.