

BIG FLOOD CAUSED BY CUTTING DOWN FORESTS

Receding Waters Leave Streets of Pittsburg and Allegheny Full of Mud.

DANGER OF DISEASE FOLLOWS HIGH WATER

Losses Aggregate Many Millions—Hundreds of Thousands Homeless and Out of Employment—Machinery in Factories Coated With Mud.

- Maximum stage of the river, 45.5 feet.
- Damage to property and business interests is variously estimated up to \$20,000,000.
- Idleness of 33 blast furnaces causing the curtailment of 25,000 tons of pig iron a day.
- Fully 20,000 workmen made idle, pending receding of water.
- Electric light service suspended throughout Allegheny county.
- Railroad and traction service demoralized for 24 hours.
- Waterworks suspended and fires rage unchecked on south side.

ington) were entirely submerged, fire broke out in the business part of the ward and for a time threatened the entire hill with destruction. Not a drop of water was available for domestic purposes and the fire had full swing until the remedy of dynamiting was resorted to. Several houses were thus destroyed and the progress of the flames stayed, but not until property to the value of nearly \$200,000 had been destroyed.

Flood Caused by Destroying Forests.

The flood situation in Pittsburg engaged the attention of Gifford Pinchot, United States forester. Talking of the cause of the flood, he said:

"The great flood is due fundamentally to the cutting away of the forests on the watersheds of the Monongahela and Allegheny mountains, which are high and steep and receive a heavy rainfall. Originally these slopes contained a growth of forest, the trees a heavy undergrowth and thick cover of leaves on the ground and the roots of trees and shrubs so held back the water that dangerous floods seldom occurred. The ruin of the mountains by cutting the timber is now accomplishing the ruin of the valley."

RIVER STILL RISING

Crest of Flood Has Not Yet Passed Cincinnati.

(Publishers' Press by Special Leased Wire.)

Cincinnati, March 16.—Late this evening Government Forecaster Basler, who has declared for two or three days that the flood would reach or go beyond the 45-foot stage, modified his views slightly.

"I now have doubts that the river will go quite to the last January high water mark, 45 feet and 3 inches, but it may. It will, however, go over 45 feet. By Monday night all danger should be over and the waters receding."

At 5 o'clock this afternoon the stage, as regularly taken at the city waterworks department, was 45 feet 9 inches, and the rise is continuing as it has for the past 24 hours at a fraction over one inch an hour.

Flood Claims First Victims.

All passenger trains are arriving and departing on all the railroads. The first death as a result of the flood was that today of Thomas Flinn, foreman in a Pennsylvania railroad gravel pit at a suburb who was killed by a landslide. Strangely enough, Flinn had just left the hospital after recovering from an injury received in a similar way during the January flood.

The general relief committee has ample funds for the relief of sufferers. Covington and Newport, Kentucky, conditions, although discharging in the flooded districts, will not be as bad as in January. Many people who were forced to move during the January flood, and did not move back.

Refugees in Schoolhouses.

In Newport the city relief committee today placed two large barges with four boards on each and a number of small boats in commission to relieve or serve flood sufferers in any way feasible. Schoolhouses are being occupied by refugees tonight, one room at a time, as applicants appear.

POOR ARE SUFFERING

Crest of Flood Passes Parkersburg, Leaving City in Darkness.

(Publishers' Press by Special Leased Wire.)

Parkersburg, W. Va., March 16.—The crest of the flood stage on the Ohio river was reached here at noon at 51 feet 4 inches, just two feet less than in 1844. Parkersburg is isolated tonight. Streetcars stopped running Friday night and the town is in darkness. The poor are suffering. All the churches and public places have been turned into relief quarters. Thousands are homeless and without food. The bodies of John Francis, his daughter and son, who were drowned, have not yet been recovered.

Arguments for Manual Training in Schools

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Salem, Or., March 16.—The movement for the introduction of manual training in the public schools of the city received a new and fresh impetus this afternoon at the meeting of the Salem Woman's club, when Mrs. Alice H. Todd spoke of the importance of "vocational work in the Public Schools." Superintendent J. M. Powers of the city schools and Principal George W. Jones of the blind school gave their views on the benefits of manual training. Professor H. H. Herdman of Portland spoke on English literature.

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NOT RAILROADS, BUT POLITICS

Object of Roosevelt's Conference With Governor of Illinois Was Presidential Question.

RECOGNIZES ILLINOIS' POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Both Refuse to Discuss Purpose of Conference—Teddy Boosts Taft for President—Denon Gets Gunboat for State Naval Militia.

(Heart News by Longest Leased Wire.)

Washington, March 16.—Governor Denon and Attorney General Stead of Illinois, who came here last night prepared to talk railroads and the railroad situation with the president, met through appointment today at 2:30 at the White House. Before that time they had seen the city from an auto and visited the navy department, where Governor Denon put in a plea for a warship for the Illinois naval militia. There is no doubt that the request will be granted, although a vessel has not yet been designated. The state authorities prefer one of the historical vessels captured from Spain at the battle of Manila, such as the *Isla de Luzon*. If that can be done the navy department will send for one of the vessels to the Philippines.

Politics, Not Railroads.

Governor Denon, as indicated last night, has not come here solely for the purpose of talking railroads. The state of Illinois is an important one in the presidential contest, and the strength of Cannon is not known there. There are chances for other candidates, and it is practically certain that the president will make his headquarters in Illinois today. Secretary Taft's friends are now figuring on Illinois as surely as on Ohio. The president is credited with being a Taft booster, and the report is he killed two birds with one stone when he sent for Governor Denon and Attorney General Stead. The governor had a conference last night with Senator Cullom.

Governor Denon before going into the conference with the president repeated that he knew only in a general way what was to be talked about, and that he would maintain that the president should make a statement. No one has been able to fathom yet why the president sent specifically for a representative of the middle west to talk over the railroad situation.

The Chicago & Alton case, as revealed by Harriman is one for the interstate commerce commission and the department of justice, and if they cannot find a federal law, it would have to be sent for the president to have directed the federal attorneys at Chicago to take the matter up and find out what they could in conjunction with the state authorities without doing for the governor and the attorney general.

Not Like Japanese School Case.

Such action was not taken in the California case. In that case the president simply sent orders to the federal attorneys who to do. The visit here of the school board was simply a spectacular incident.

Governor Denon and Attorney General Stead on emerging from the White House this afternoon said they would not make a statement in regard to the conference. They went over to their hotel and left for Chicago at 5 p. m. They intimated, however, that the president would give out a statement. At the White House it is not admitted that a statement was to be given out or would be given out. Mr. Stead declined to say anything about the Chicago & Alton, or anything else.

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