

## WATER FLOODS ARE ABATING

General Situation is Relieved, Great Distress is in the Wake of the Waters.

ST. LOUIS IS ALARMED AND IN GREAT DANGER. Entire Families in Iowa Were Evicted by Their Homes Collapsing After They Were Cooped Up Days—Gigantic Task of Cleaning the Slime-Smeared Cities Will Begin.

St. Louis, June 4.—The Mississippi continues to rise, a stage of being shown at 7 a. m. This rise of 1 1/2 feet during the past 24 hours is expected that 32 feet more will be reached some time today. In some places all along the river, both here and in East St. Louis, preparations for the big flood, however, are being made and government officials think that the water will be held back by levee railroad tracks by day and officials of the different levees affected are placing filling stock where it will be needed. Weather Observer Bowie says the situation is as follows:

The river at Kansas City is 10 miles wide. Whatever the delay of the arrival of the water from the flood stage, the river becomes more encouraging. The Mississippi below is completely low, which means that the water at present in the St. Louis district will move out rapidly, thereby permitting the Kansas City levee to reach here Friday. Saturday at a time when most of the food from the Des Moines and upper Mississippi will have been here.

At the northern end of St. Louis the residents are moving their houses across the bluffs and are preparing to follow it with their household furniture if the river continues to rise. Large lakes have been formed in the low section. North of St. Louis from Eads bridge the water has been extending back over the land between that place and St. Louis, forming a veritable sea. The same condition prevails at East St. Louis.

Entire Families Drowned. St. Louis, Ia., June 4.—The work of the 5,000 destitute flood victims is still taxing the local committee to the utmost, but the committee has affirmed that there is no outside assistance. Ten thousand dollars has been subscribed in addition to a large quantity of food.

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Falling at Kansas City. St. Louis, Mo., June 4.—The water is falling rapidly. A hundred and thirty sergeants were sworn in this morning to compel all real-estate owners to clean up their yards. Thousands of workers at all the available points are being sent to the bottoms to commence work of cleaning. It will be three days before any one is permitted to return to the flooded district.

Rising at St. Louis. St. Louis, Mo., June 4.—The river rose today proceeding 10 inches this morning. Two hundred men were driven from their homes by the water. Hundreds of men are working on strengthening the levees.

Break Near Warsaw, Ill. St. Louis, Mo., June 4.—The flood situation is still serious. The levees south of St. Louis broke, cutting off the service. Hundreds of acres of land are destroyed. The river is eight miles wide and the land is abandoning the low-lying areas.

FIRE AT OTTAWA. Mills and Lithographers Burned Out. Ott. June 4.—The David-son Mills, the Mortimer Lithography establishment, and 10 additional buildings burned today. Loss, \$100,000.

## BRILLIANT FETE IN FRANCE.

Edmund Rostand Ushered Into the Academy With Great Enthusiasm. Paris, June 4.—The reception of Edmund Rostand at the Academy today was a Parisian event of the first order. According to what academicians say, for many years past, or not since the reception of Paul Bourget, there has not been such a crush or such a demand for tickets. It was before a party of well-dressed ladies and literary celebrities that M. Rostand made his entry between his pair of sponsors.

At the president's desk were seated the Vicomte Melchior de Vogue, M. Gaston Boissier, the secretary, and the other officers of the academy. There was quite a full complement of members of the institute. The other four sections, which, with the academy proper, constitute the Institute of France, were also well represented.

M. Rostand began to read his address in strong, well-pitched tones and his remarks were frequently interrupted by applause. He touched upon literary matters in general and after a superb eulogium of literary profligacy he took his seat amid a burst of applause.

The sitting was brilliant for M. Rostand, who scored a great success. He succeeded in making all that possibly could be made out of the literary personality of his predecessor, M. Henry de Bornier, and created a superb piece of oratorical literature.

## KENTUCKY VENDETTA.

Another Shooting Narrowly Averted by the Militia.

Jackson, Ky., June 4.—An open clash between Marcum, brother of the murdered lawyer, and ex-Senator Hargis was averted by two militiamen this morning, who separated the men as Hargis made a motion to reach for his gun. Marcum, unexcited, looked deadly. Hargis has announced he would spend his last dollar to free White and Jett, whose trial continues.

## Canal Treaty Will Be Ratified.

Washington, June 4.—Senator Herman, of the Colombia legation, today received word that peace is fully re-established in that country. The canal treaty can now be ratified by the Colombian congress.

## THIRTY NEGROES WERE KILLED

## WHOLESALE SLAUGHTER IN A CAROLINA RAILROAD WRECK.

Loaded Excursion Train Goes Into a Washout—Conductor Also Killed and Many Were Injured.

Charleston, S. C., June 4.—An excursion train on the Atlantic Coast line was wrecked near Sumter this morning, the engines, baggage cars and three coaches plowing headlong into a deep washout. Conductor Clements and four negro passengers were killed. Thirty-three were hurt, eight seriously. The engineer and fireman are among the injured. The excursion was returning from Nicholas to Columbia.

## Fatalities Will Reach Thirty.

Augusta, Ga., June 4.—The Atlantic Coast officials announce this morning that they had received a message saying that seven bodies had been taken from the wreck near Sumter, and it is believed the fatalities will reach 30. The injured are being taken to Sumter.

## Sunday Baseball Unlawful.

Lincoln, Neb., June 4.—The Nebraska supreme court today decided that Sunday baseball is unlawful.

## GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by Coe Commission Company—R. L. Boulter, Local Manager, 120 Court Street.

Minneapolis, June 4.—Wheat—Cables came fairly strong this morning in view of our rather dull market yesterday, showing an advance of 1/4. Our market opened practically unchanged from yesterday's close, but on the issue of the Missouri state crop report, which was of a bullish character and on predictions of further rains in the Southwest, the market took on a very strong tone. Cash demand continues good. We see nothing to sell wheat on as yet, and believe it should be bought on all slight recessions.

	Opening.	Close.
Chicago, June 4.—		
July	74 1/2	75 1/2
Sept	72 1/2	74
Corn—		
July	47 1/2	48 1/2
Oats—		
July	34 1/2	35 1/2
Minneapolis, June 4.—		
July	77 1/2	78 1/2
Sept	71	72 1/2

# DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN PENDLETON LAST NIGHT

### Five Firms Are Put Out of Business by a Conflagration in a Wooden Row.

#### Fire Starts in the New Steam Laundry, and There Is Nothing to Indicate Its Origin—Sample Rooms of the Hotel St. George Are Destroyed—Considerable Loss to Danner, the Photographer.

The demon of fire swooped down upon sleeping Pendleton last night, and this morning has left behind a memento of his visit, a half block of smoldering ruins, representing a loss of property of from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

An entire half block, at the corner of Webb and Cottonwood streets, was consumed by the flames with the entire contents of the business houses located there.

## Fire Started in Laundry.

At 10:15 last evening a passerby noticed tiny flames licking the shelving in the middle of the Pendleton Steam Laundry's sorting and ironing room. He raised the cry of fire, but before the citizens on the corner of Main and Webb streets could make the half block to the scene of the fire the entire interior of the building was a roaring mass of flames. Within five minutes from that time the entire building was afire, sending long tongues of solid fire high into the air, and quicker than it can be written, the surrounding buildings were burning furiously.

## Progress of the Fire.

From the laundry the flames spread to the cigar factory of A. Rohde and the office of the Daily Guide, and the bakery of Otto Hobach. On the other hand it was swiftly eating its way against a slight breeze into the new sample rooms of the Hotel St. George and the Danner photograph studio.

By this time the department was on the scene and water from five lines of hose was being played upon the flames, but with little effect. The buildings were old wooden structures and as dry as the continual heat of the laundry and the machinery within, and the summer sun without could make them, and they burned like powder in a pan. All the fire boys could do was to keep the fire within bounds and to protect the surrounding buildings.

## Narrow Escape for Other Buildings.

The brick walls of the big East Oregonian building, only 50 feet away were soon hot to the hand, and only the iron shutters and the thickness of the walls saved the structure from damage. Had the Danner photograph gallery caught, the building would at least have been scorched or warped by the heat, even if the interior had not caught fire. It was a late hour this morning before the fire was entirely conquered, and the weary firemen could seek their beds. The department boys made heroic efforts to save the buildings, but it was not possible with the apparatus at hand.

## Extent of Losses.

Commencing at the west side of the fire the losses run from the minimum to the maximum.

## Danner's Loss Not by Fire.

The Danner studio was not damaged so much by fire as it was by the water and the efforts of the rescuers to save the stock. The furnishings are a total wreck, and the accumulation of valuable negatives are cracked and scattered and broken beyond repair.

Mr. Danner estimates his loss at from \$250 to \$300.

## Darveau's Sample Rooms.

Next in line was the Darveau sample rooms, and they are almost totally destroyed. Blackened walls and sagging beams mark the foundation of the new structure, only painted last week. The addition to his building recently constructed, cost \$700, and the old building was worth as much. The basement of this building was filled with property belonging to Mr. Darveau, stored from his hotel, and he estimates his loss at \$2,500 with \$1,000 insurance. The rooms were filled with drummers' goods, which were mostly saved by the united efforts of the drummers and the citizens.

## Loss to Stevens & Jordan.

The next building and the place where the fire originated, was the Pendleton Steam Laundry, recently opened by Stevens & Jordan. Here the fire was first seen, and the supposition is that the flames had their beginning in the drying room. This room was heated by a large stove, used also for heating irons used at the ironing tables. The proprietors are at a loss as to how the fire started, as they were certain everything was safe when they locked up late in the evening. It is not known whether the fire originated from a defective flue, or from fire falling from the stove, and it perhaps never will be known, for the building is nothing but a pile of ashes. The damage to the laundry is estimated at from \$2,500 to \$3,000 with \$1,200 insurance.

## Cigar Factory Destroyed.

The cigar factory of A. Rohde was a total loss, with its large stock of cigars and raw tobacco. The proprietor estimates his loss at from \$1,600 to \$1,800 over and above the insurance of \$1,200.

## Office of the Daily Guide Gone.

The Guide office was destroyed with its presses and large supply of type. The editor, Mr. Deubar, was on the way to enlarging his plant, and had a printer contracted for to come and help him. He was also about to install a motor to furnish the power to run his press. His loss is estimated at \$1,800 with \$300 insurance.

## Hoback Bakery Destroyed.

The bakery of Otto Hoback was destroyed completely, together with the stock of flour and bread he had on hand. His loss is estimated at \$300.

The buildings occupied by the bakery, the cigar factory, the Guide office and the laundry were owned by R. Martin of this city, and were worth \$1,300, with \$700 insurance. The sample rooms were the property of George Darveau and were worth about \$1,200.

The fire was blown long distances and roofs as far as three blocks away caught from the cinders and flying sparks, while the dwellings were only saved by the prompt action of the owners.

# ROOSEVELT IS ENDORSED AT COLUMBUS

Columbus, O., June 4.—Chairman Hanna called the nominating session of the state republican convention to order at 10:30 this morning. Foraker was named as permanent chairman. The harmony arrangement made last night, proved to be effective.

Hanna and Foraker appeared side by side on the platform and were wildly applauded. Foraker, in his speech, complimented Hanna and predicted his re-election to the senate. Then followed a long tribute to Roosevelt.

## Resolutions Indorse Roosevelt.

Mr. Dick presented the report from the committee on resolutions, unqualifiedly indorsing Roosevelt for the presidency in 1904, and promising the

support of the party for Hanna to re-election to the senate.

The platform concluded by saying that monopolies are directly amenable to penalties provided by republican legislation, and their vigorous enforcement in the courts. No worthy interest is imperilled, but whatever will work public harm is restrained, and that too without recourse to the democratic plan of destroying all American industries through tariff revision or otherwise.

If further legislation is necessary, the republican party can be depended upon to enact and enforce with equality and safety.

## Ticket Nominated.

Myron Herrick was nominated for governor, and Warren Harding for lieutenant-governor, by acclamation.

## ED SPENCER SENTENCED.

Must Serve Thirteen Years for Murder of Ella Mundt.

Spokane, June 4.—Ed Spencer was this morning sentenced to serve 13 years in the state penitentiary, for the murder of Ella Mundt, in this city last January.

The case was stubbornly fought, and even Spencer was surprised at the mild verdict of manslaughter returned against him last Saturday.

It was proved beyond a doubt that Spencer was crazy by drinking absinthe, when he committed the crime, and to that fact is probably due his escape from the gallows.

Under ordinary circumstances the murder was unprovoked and inexcusable, as he deliberately loaded a pistol and went to where the unsuspecting girl was working as a domestic and instantly killed her, afterward making a half-hearted attempt at suicide. Experts were called to testify to the awful effect of absinthe on the human system and mind, and on the strength of this evidence the crime was fixed as manslaughter.

## TRAVELING FREIGHT AGENTS.

Cincinnati the Scene of a Great Gathering of Transportation Agents.

Cincinnati, June 4.—Nearly every railroad of prominence in the country is represented among the 300 delegates who are here for the annual convention of the National Association of Traveling Freight Agents. The convention, so far as the attendance is concerned, is the most notable ever held by the association.

A brief opening session was held this morning, following which an adjournment until tomorrow was taken to enable the visitors to enjoy some of the entertainment features arranged by their Cincinnati brethren. The convention will close tomorrow with the annual election of officers, George W. Bensus of the Queen & Crockett and W. I. Laird, of the Chicago & Great Western are prominently mentioned for the presidency in succession to T. F. Sweet, of the Illinois Central.

## Lynchers Sent to the Penitentiary.

Carthage, Mo., June 4.—Samuel Mitchell, who recently led the mob that lynched a negro in Joplin, was today sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary.

## POPE LEO A VERY SICK MAN

## PONTIFF'S CONDITION IS CAUSING MUCH CONCERN.

Postponement of the Consistory, at Which Two American Cardinals Were to Have Been Appointed.

Rome, June 4.—The pope today suffers with a severe attack of diarrhoea, which is causing anxiety. His physicians say they have no fear of complications, but his advanced age and weak condition makes the attack dangerous.

It is believed the consistory, which has already been postponed several days on account of the pontiff's condition, cannot be held for several days yet. The appointment of cardinals, of whom two are expected to be Americans, is one of the important affairs to be looked after at the coming consistory.

## IN THE CATTLE COUNTRY.

## Seven Men Killed in a Fight in Kansas.

St. Francis, Kan., June 4.—In a battle yesterday near here, between Farmer Berry and his four sons on one side, and 20 cowboys on the other, all the Berrys and two cowboys were killed.

The Berrys were returning from a visit to a neighbor, and in order to make a short cut, pulled down a wire fence on the Dewar cattle ranch. The cowboys charged and a fusillade commenced and continued until the Berrys barricaded themselves in a cabin. The cowboys rushed and the Berrys killed two. The cowboys then fired the cabin, and when the Berrys emerged all were shot down.

## INSANE BY FLOOD NEWS.

## Topeka Man's Mind Becomes Unbalanced From Excitement.

Los Angeles, June 4.—George Madden, of Topeka, a passenger on a Santa Fe train, became a raving maniac at Barstow yesterday after reading flood news from Kansas. He attacked passengers and was locked in a car. He was taken from the train at Needles.

## Children Played With Matches.

Union, Or., June 4.—Fire destroyed the barn of Ed Turner, causing a loss of about \$600. The fire was caused by one of Turner's children playing with matches.

# NEW ENGLAND FOREST FIRES

### Greatest Territory Now Being Flame Swept in the History of that Region.

## PALL OF SMOKE OVER MANY LARGE STATES.

Fires Have Also Broken Out Anew in the Adirondacks—The Worst Fires Ever Known Are Raging in New Brunswick—Bath, Maine, is Surrounded by Fire—One Town Entirely Destroyed.

Nasau, N. H., June 4.—The wires state that all New Hampshire is now darkened by the smoke of immense forest fires. Groveton people are fleeing to Berlin, which is entirely surrounded by flames. All the farm-houses in the vicinity of Meredith are destroyed. Ashland is threatened.

The flames last night did much damage to the famous Corbin Park, within whose preserves are innumerable deer, 1,000 elk, 150 buffalo and countless wild boars.

## In the Adirondacks.

Glenns Falls, N. Y., June 4.—Adirondack fire conditions are again most serious. The Cedar river section is ablaze with a big fire sweeping near Catlin lake. Long lake and Catamount range, near Lake George, are also flame swept.

## Pall of Smoke Over New York.

New York, June 4.—The city is covered with a pall of smoke from the terrific forest fires sweeping throughout the New England forests and northeastern portion of this state.

## Smoke All Over Massachusetts.

Springfield, Mass., June 4.—Ashes are falling here from the forest fires in Eastern Massachusetts, and the sun is completely obscured by the dense smoke.

## But One House Left.

St. Johns, N. B., June 4.—The town of Briggs Corner was destroyed by fire yesterday, only one house being left. New Brunswick is suffering from the worst forest fires ever known. Bonn river is reported burned. St. George is in constant peril. Nothing but a change of wind can save the town of Stanley.

## Vast Forests Burning.

Millinocket, Me., June 4.—Thousands of acres of heavy spruce between here and Mekahdin are swept bare. It is reported here that Sherman is destroyed. All communication is cut off over entire sections. The following towns are said to have been wiped out of existence: Crystal, Grindstone, Stacyville. Confirmation is unobtainable, but if true, there is probably considerable loss of life.

## City of Bath Surrounded.

Bath, Me., June 4.—The city is almost completely surrounded by tremendous fires. The fire department is constantly busy.

## WEALTHY STOCKMAN KILLED.

## Ending of a Fatal Quarrel Near Boise—Surrender of the Survivor.

Boise, Idaho, June 4.—James Emmons, a wealthy stockman of Laredo, was shot and instantly killed yesterday by a man named Baird. The Boise county sheriff left this morning to get the prisoner, who has given up.

## SHOT UP THE SALOONS.

## Attempt to Enforce Prohibition in a Texas Town.

Houston, Texas, June 4.—Fifty masked men rode into Brookfield early this morning and destroyed three saloons. A thousand shots were fired and all the fixtures were riddled, but none was hurt. The saloons continue to operate, despite the prohibition law.

## SEATTLE THUGS IN BUSINESS.

## Man Beaten to Death, Robbed and Put on Railroad Track.

Seattle, June 4.—James Montgomery, aged 25, was beaten with a slung shot and killed, the purpose being robbery, near Auburn last night. The body was placed on the interurban track, where it was struck by a train and slightly mangled. The authorities are investigating, but have no clue.