

KANSAS FLOODS STILL CONTINUE

Rivers Are Highest at Kansas City Since 1903.

Railroads and Stockyards Are Under Water—Convention Hall Shelters 15,000 Homeless People—Ten Feet of Water in Some Streets, but Worst is Over.

Kansas City, June 11.—All calculations of the weather bureau and river experts as to the duration and extent of the flood at the junction of the Kaw and Missouri rivers were upset yesterday by the continued rise of the Missouri river, due to heavy rains in Dakota and Nebraska. At 5 P. M. the Missouri river was 27.2 feet above low water, a rise of 2 since noon.

The Kaw has overflowed most of the railroad yards, the stockyards and the residence and manufacturing district of Armourdale. Ten feet of water is running through Kansas avenue, the main street of Armourdale.

The flood is the highest since that of 1903, but the water is more than seven feet lower than in that year.

Eight lines out of Kansas City are now tied up.

Convention Hall has been opened to shelter refugees. At least 15,000 persons have been driven from their homes.

The overflow is bound to cause trouble east of here as far as St. Louis, it is predicted, as it reaches into the Mississippi and north along the banks of the Missouri as far as Omaha.

Mines and Smelter Closed.

Butte, Mont., June 11.—A dispatch to the Miner from Great Falls states that the electrolytic smelter of the Boston & Montana, one of the Amalgamated Copper Company's mines, will be closed down for two months, during which time the Boston & Montana mines in Butte will remain closed unless arrangements can be made to handle the ore of the company at Anaconda. Five thousand men are affected by the shut-down.

The road between Great Falls and Helena, it is said, will not be repaired within two months. The only method of travel out of Great Falls at the present time is by stage.

Great Northern is Clear.

Spokane, Wash., June 11.—Great Northern officials announced yesterday that the whole main line is clear and ready for traffic between St. Paul and Seattle. The Montana Central branch is still tied up. Further washouts have occurred on the Northern Pacific west of Missoula, and that city cannot be reached from the west before tomorrow at best.

GOVERNMENT AFTER REBATERS

Southern Pacific May be Indicted for Violation of Law.

San Francisco, June 11.—The federal officers are maintaining the greatest secrecy concerning a hearing that was begun Tuesday afternoon by the federal grand jury that may lead to the indictment of the Southern Pacific railway on 250 counts for rebating.

The hearing was conducted by H. B. Duncan, of Washington, an attorney for the interstate commerce commission, and is the direct outcome of the evidence taken here last fall by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Franklin K. Lane. Three witnesses were called Tuesday, C. B. Seger, auditor of the Southern Pacific company; T. G. Brewer, freight claims agent, and Alford H. Rising, chief clerk of the freight department.

The investigation started Tuesday has particular reference to shipments of pine box lumber from Verdri, two miles outside the state line in Nevada, to points in California at the same rate charged for shorter hauls within the state. Over 200 violations of the law in this connection are said to have been found out by Duncan.

Another violation of the law is said to be in reference to shipments of wool from California points to Stockton, Cal., at reduced rates and from there to other states at interstate rates.

SUBMARINES PUT INTO COMMISSION.

Vallejo, Cal., June 12.—The submarine boats Pike and Grampus have been put in commission, with Lieutenant Castle in temporary command. The crews for the two divers assembled at the navy yards yesterday and will leave on the boats some time this week. The submarines will leave for the lower bay to make tests near San Francisco. The torpedo boat destroyers Farragut and Preble have arrived here from their visit to Portland.

SUBMARINE BUILDER INVENTS AIRSHIP

New York, June 12.—Plans of the new style airship, invented by Simon Lake, the submarine boat builder, were made public yesterday, together with the information that preparations for the building of the ship were already fairly under way. The airship is to be constructed by one of the best-known students of aerial navigation. The new ship is to be a combination of aeroplane, dirigible balloon and helicopter.

ANCIENT TOWER TOTTERS.

Venice, June 12.—The campanile of Santo Stefano Church, a Gothic structure of the 14th century, which contains the tomb of the Doge Francesco Morosini, threatens to fall like the campanile of St. Marks, which collapsed in 1902. The question of demolishing it is under consideration.

FORM NEW STEEL TRUST.

London, June 12.—According to the Iron and Steel Trades Journal, there has recently been effected a great combination in the British steel trade, with a capital of \$375,000,000.

KANSAS FLOOD FALLS FAST.

Kansas City, June 12.—The Kaw and Missouri flood, which has been exceeded in height only twice since the country was settled, is falling more rapidly than it rose. Owing to the Missouri's permitting free outlet from the gorged Kaw, the financial loss has been small, and within a week scarcely a trace of the inundation will remain.

TWO BIG FLEETS.

Admiral Evans Wants 24 Vessels on Each Coast.

New York, June 12.—Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, who left for Lake Mohonk yesterday to spend the summer, said much of the criticism of the American navy was unwarranted. "Americans can go to sleep every night satisfied that, ship for ship, they have a navy able to hold its own against vessels of equal age," said he. "But we must have more ships if we want to keep on the safe side."

Asked his opinion as to the most formidable battleship, the admiral said: "The ship that is to carry the battery that will win a fight must not be less than 25,000 tons. The 20,000-ton battleship is not big enough."

"Are you still in favor of a greater fleet?" he was asked.

"Indeed, I am," he replied. "We want 24 battleships on each coast."

KAISER IS DISPLEASED.

Regards Anglo-Russo-French Entente as Threat of War.

St. Petersburg, June 12.—It was learned here yesterday from a competent source that the recent meeting between King Edward and Emperor Nicholas at Reval and the rapprochement between Great Britain, Russia and France has been made the subject of grave representations on the part of Germany, who has met the threatened birth of a new "triple alliance" with a display of the "mailed fist."

After the announcement of the Reval meeting, Russia was given to understand at Berlin that the conclusion of a formal entente among these three powers would be regarded as a measure hostile in tendency or, to quote the exact term used by the informant of the Associated Press, as a "krigsgebrodend."

Whether such a development was originally contemplated from the meetings between King Edward and the president of France and King Edward and the emperor of Russia is not stated, but the immediate result of the representations made in Berlin was the publication of an obviously inspired article in the official Russia, which speaks warmly of the meeting between King Edward and Emperor Nicholas, but declares that the suggestion of new groupings of the powers at the present time was impossible.

BIG WHEAT CROP.

Rain Fell at Right Time for Farmers of Northwest.

Portland, June 12.—It is estimated by the traffic department of the O. R. & N. Co., from reports received throughout the inland empire, that the condition of the wheat crop at this time is even better than it was last year at the same period, and that there is every indication of a bumper crop of wheat in the grain areas of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

In nearly every section of the interior country there have been rains at times when they would do the most good to the wheat crop. Sherman county prospects are excellent, and Gilliam county is in good condition. The Morrow county crop is generally favorable, but rain is needed in the northern portion. A late cool spring is said to have had unfavorable results in the valley of the Powder river, but there will be some grain and hay. In the Grand Ronde valley, the Palouse country and around Walla Walla conditions are excellent.

So far as heard Central Oregon will come to the front this year with good grain crops. The Crook county region gives favorable indications, and in higher altitudes where the late spring has held back crops the hot summer days are expected to bring everything forward rapidly from this date. It is believed Oregon will this year produce one of its greatest wheat crops in the history of the state.

WHEELER IN OFFICE.

Washington, June 10.—William R. Wheeler of California has taken the oath of office as assistant secretary of the department of commerce and labor, to which place he was recently appointed by the president. He formally entered upon his new duties.

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NEWS NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL CITY

ALDRICH CALLS MEETINGS.

Senate Committees on Currency and Finance to Assemble.

Washington, June 11.—Senator Aldrich, chairman of the senate committee on finance and also of the general currency commission, has called a meeting of the sub-committee appointed to devise a plan of operation for the commission and also a meeting of the sub-committee of the finance committee, which will have under special consideration the tariff question, both of which meetings will take place at the Plaza hotel in New York today. The currency commission will probably be in session for several days, but the understanding here is that the tariff committee will not be held there for so long a time. The tariff committee is authorized under the law to employ government experts in preparing for its work and this meeting is expected to lay out work for them. It is expected Senator Aldrich will go to the currency meeting with a prepared general outline of action.

TEST BOAT WITH TORPEDO.

Demon of Destruction Will be Sent Against Monitor Florida.

Washington, June 9.—Sacrificed for the benefit of naval construction, the monitor Florida, shot two weeks ago with the heaviest naval gun, will, on Saturday, June 13, be punctured beneath her waterline armor by the most powerful American Whitehead torpedo.

The first demonstration was to test the respective strength of armor plate and explosive shell, also to show the effectiveness of a new design of fighting mast. The torpedo is to be sent into the Florida that it may be definitely known whether a water-tight bulkhead, specially constructed within her, designed with all the most modern ideas of construction, can be depended upon to save a ship from destruction against this dangerous method of attack.

Secretary Metcalf has invited Secretary Taft to witness the test.

MALEVITCH'S VIEWS APPROVED.

New Russian Ambassador to Tokio Developing Peaceful Relations.

Washington, June 13.—The administration officials unofficially have been made acquainted with the essential features of an important interview recently had by the representatives of a Moscow newspaper with Mr. Malevitch, recently appointed Russian ambassador to Tokio, which touches upon Russia's policy in the far east. The views expressed by the ambassador, it is said, meet with the hearty approval of the Russian foreign office. The tenor of Malevitch's observations are pleasing also to the administration, and to the diplomatic corps here, as it indicates a desire and intention on the part of the Russian government to develop the peaceful relations established with Japan. The Russian ambassador took the view that with the conclusion of the treaty of commerce the fisheries convention entered into between Russia and Japan during the past year, the peaceful aims of the policy of Russia with regard to Japan have definitely been established.

HYDE-BENSON CASE NEARS END.

Washington, June 12.—The defense in the Hyde-Benson land fraud cases announced yesterday that it had completed its case except the testimony of handwriting experts. It is expected that the case will go to the jury one week from today. Several character witnesses from San Francisco testified for Dimond. Schneider took the stand and testified that with Attorney Zabriskie, who is now dead, he had an interview with Agent Holsinger of the general land office at Tucson, Ariz., and at that time Schneider said he stated the part he had played in securing Oregon land titles for Hyde. Schneider gave the details of several interviews with Holsinger and told of meeting Dimond when he was sent east by Hyde.

GIRL TO PRACTICE IN SUPREME COURT.

Washington, June 10.—The whole Beggs family has been admitted to practice before the United States supreme court. They are from New York City. The Beggs comprise Miss Helen, Alexander and Roderick. Miss Beggs, a handsome girl, is the twenty-seventh woman to be admitted to practice before the supreme court. Among the other twenty-six is Belva Lockwood, former candidate for the presidency, who stands first on the list.

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LIBERIA ASKS FOR HELP.

Black Republic Says France and Britain Encroach on Territory.

Washington, June 12.—Booker T. Washington called on the President Wednesday and arranged for a conference between the President and Secretary Taft and J. J. Dose, vice-president of Liberia; G. W. Gibson, ex-president of the republic; James Dunbar, a lawyer of Liberia; and Mr. Washington.

Mr. Washington declined to discuss the subject of his interview, but it was learned that the representatives of Liberia assert that England and France have encroached upon their domain and they wish the moral, if not the active support of the United States to maintain the integrity of their territory.

WORK OF TRUST LAWYERS.

Gompers Condemns Memorial on Integrity of Courts.

Washington, June 10.—Indignantly denying that the American Federation of Labor had attacked the integrity of the courts, state or national, President Gompers of that organization Monday night declared that the Federation would wage a fight in Chicago on the memorial of New Yorkers, asking for an insertion of a plank in the platform of the Republican party, affirming confidence in the integrity and justice of the courts and insisting on preservation of their independence and full constitutional prerogatives. The executive council of the Federation will hold its regular meeting in Chicago during the time the convention is held. Mr. Gompers will leave here Thursday. He declared that most of the signers of the resolution of protest were attorneys or other representatives of great corporations. He said that in Chicago "we will assert our rights, with the hope that the great gathering of Republicans will not be inensible to them."

"I believe in the courts," he added. "Organized labor does. We have not attacked their integrity, but that the right of injunction has been abused no one can deny."

GOVERNMENT GETS MANY CIGARS.

Washington, June 10.—The internal revenue department has planned a series of prosecutions for alleged infractions of the internal revenue laws all over the United States. Officers of that department made seizures Thursday at two local drug stores on the ground that they were selling cigars in contravention of the internal revenue laws. The tops of boxes to which the majority of the stamps were affixed have been removed, thereby leaving the packages unprotected by proper stamps. The government contends this is prima facie evidence of the non-payment of the taxes, and cigars not protected by stamps must be declared forfeited to the United States.

APPOINTS BOARD TO INSPECT SHIPS.

Washington, June 12.—Secretary of the Navy Metcalf has announced the designation of the following board of naval officers to inspect the ships, Shawmut and Tremont, which are to be purchased by the Isthmian canal commission to be used for transportation of supplies from the United States to Panama. Captain Charles T. Perkins, Commander Stacy Potts, Naval Constructor John D. Beuret, Lieutenant-Commander Oscar W. Koestner and Lieutenant Earl T. Jessop. The ships are in Pacific waters.

HARPS ON SAME OLD STRING.

Washington, June 11.—With news from Chicago all indicating Taft's nomination, Senator Bourne becomes more persistent in his "second-elective" crusade. The Washington Star Tuesday cartooned him as an attenuated troubadour playing a second-elective tune on a banjo, under the window of the white house, where Roosevelt and Taft sit smiling over a telegram from Chicago. A white house policeman is shown trying to drive Bourne away.

WILL DECIDE AFTER JULY 1.

Washington, June 9.—It is doubtful if the decision of the interstate commerce commission in the Pacific Coast lumber rate cases will be rendered much before July 1. Several weeks' work remains to be done, although every effort is being made to expedite these decisions. It is proposed to announce simultaneously the decision in all the Pacific Coast lumber rate cases, as the points involved are practically the same in all.

INQUIRY WILL BE ORDERED.

Washington, June 9.—The accident on the armored cruiser Tennessee, in which four men were killed and several injured, was caused by the bursting of a steam pipe which the vessel was off the California coast, and will be thoroughly examined into by a board of investigation appointed by Admiral Sebree. Admiral Sebree has wired a report containing practically the same information as the newspaper dispatches.

"PEACEFUL BOB" EVANS.

Washington, June 13.—Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans has gone to his summer home at Lake Mohonk, N. Y., where he says he is going to play the part of "peaceful Bob" with the kids and the toy boats on the lake. The ranking rear-admiral of the navy has had much attention since his arrival here from San Francisco after taking the Atlantic fleet around the Horn, and he went away in high good humor.

ROOT GOING INTO TRAINING.

Washington, June 10.—Secretary Root will leave here June 20 and spend several weeks at a training establishment and then go to his farm near Utica for the rest of the season.

NO NEW TREATIES.

Announced in Connection With King Edward's Visit to Russia.

London, June 10.—Foreign Secretary Grey's announcement in the house of commons that no negotiations for new treaties would be initiated during the king's visit put an end to talk of a probable triple alliance between France, Russia and Great Britain, but it did not affect the hope of those Englishmen who are desirous for closer relations between these three powers that important diplomatic consequences will result from the meeting in Russia yesterday of King Edward and Emperor Nicholas and their respective foreign advisers.

No secret is made of the fact that the presence of Sir Charles Hardinge and M. Osolsky at Reval is for the purpose of discussing questions that have arisen out of the convention which put an end to the recriminations between Russia and Great Britain over Persia and Tibet and Afghanistan, more particularly the present unsatisfactory state of affairs in Persia.

The good effects of this agreement already have been shown in the speedy ending of the threatening frontier war on the Indian border, a situation which in the old days of suspicion and enmity between Great Britain and Russia might have led to an Afghan war.

Following so soon upon the visit of King Edward to Reval, the foreign office says that too much significance must not be attached to this visit, but that the usual official policy during such negotiations.

ST. PAUL NOT BADLY HURT.

Little Damage Done to Roadbed by Montana Floods.

Butte, Mont., June 10.—R. A. Harlow, vice-president in Montana of the St. Paul, said little damage was done to the Montana roadbed, but that he believed considerable damage was done east of Saratoff and that it will be four days before traffic is resumed. Northern Pacific officials have no idea when they will resume service westward and there is no change in the Great Northern.

The Northern Pacific tracks east of Butte are open, though the railroad company is still having considerable trouble with rock slides in the mountains near the continental divide. A number of stalled trains of the east arrived yesterday and departed south over the Oregon Short Line bound for the coast via the Oregon Railway & Navigation Line.

General Manager Gillie of the Amalgamated Copper Company said yesterday that the damage to the Boston & Montana smelters at Great Falls is not so heavy as was first thought, that so soon as ore can be shipped the Boston & Montana mines here will resume.

COREANS BUTCHERED.

Japanese Troops Kill 113 Insurgents Within Four Days.

Tokio, June 10.—A dispatch from Seoul dated yesterday (June 9) received at army headquarters reports that from June 3 to June 7 the government troops had twenty-six engagements with the insurgents. In these engagements 113 insurgents were killed and twenty-five taken prisoners. The recent transfers of Korean cabinet ministers were due to the fact that during a conference of provincial governors a number of cases of negligence of the governors to present the actual facts concerning the attitude of the Korean government towards the insurgents were overlooked, also neglect in failing to correct false and malicious reports concerning Japanese policy, thus tacitly encouraging the insurrection. In consequence the minister of agriculture was transferred to the home department, and yesterday the new home minister announced the removal of seven provincial governors, showing a determination to effect most sweeping changes in local officials.

MAY REVEAL BIG DEALS.

New York, June 10.—The extent to which the great European banking house of Rothschilds was interested in the merger of the transportation lines in New York City may be discovered in the municipal court, probably June 19. Walter Lutzten, confidential adviser to August Belmont, who was called as a witness yesterday in the suit in connection with a deal in Metropolitan stock, was ordered to appear again on June 19 and produce all the correspondence the Belmont firm had exchanged with the Rothschilds bearing upon the merger.

BURGERS GET POLL BOOKS.

Des Moines, June 10.—A sensational disclosure was made yesterday in the congressional contest in the Seventh Iowa district between S. F. Prouty and J. A. T. Hull when it was discovered that the results in the county auditor's office containing the poll books used in the recent primary election had been entered and the books tampered with. According to the unofficial figures both candidates claimed the nomination by very narrow margins.

DEATH QUESTION OF HOURS.

New York, June 10.—At 12:30 this morning the watchers at the bedside of Oliver H. P. Belmont were waiting for the end. Since early yesterday afternoon Mr. Belmont has been unconscious and all hope of his recovery has been abandoned. His death, his physicians think, is now only a question of hours.

SHIP GOLD TO GERMANY.

New York, June 9.—Goldman, Sachs & Co. yesterday announced an engagement of \$1,000,000 gold for export to Germany, and Heilebach, Ickelheimer & Co. took \$600,000, also for Germany. This makes a total of \$1,600,000 on the present movement.

NO ADVANCE IN NEAR FUTURE

Old Freight Rates Stand During Present Unsettled Conditions.

Presidents and Operating Officials of Railroads Fear Stagnation Would be Increased by Move Now—Better Business May Remove Necessity for Advance.

Washington, June 9.—No general increase in freight rates is likely to be made by the railroads of the country in the near future, if it is to be made at all. At a recent meeting of presidents and operating officials of important railroads in New York it was the consensus of opinion that it was undesirable to put into effect at this time an increase of freight rates.

It was pointed out that the proposed increase in a time of depression would tend rather to increase freight stagnation than to stimulate freight movement. Such a result would be of only additional disadvantage to the carriers, the opinion being general that it would not induce increased revenues.

Most of the officials who attended the meeting indicated a belief that railway business conditions were improving. The freight revenues—and the passenger revenues, too—show a notable increase in the last month over the preceding three months, and a general revival of business in all industrial branches was reported from every part of the country.

The judgment was expressed that if business conditions did not continue to show improvement it would be necessary for the railroads to adopt some method for protecting the interests of their stockholders. Only two methods are suggested—an increase of freight rates and a decrease in wages of employes. It is quite certain that neither will be resorted to before the first of next October, and some of the officials believe it will not be necessary even then to resort to either of the methods named.

In some unaccountable way, the report became general among shippers, especially in the middle west and the south, that the president and the interstate commerce commission had given their approval to the suggested increase in freight rates. The members have spent a good deal of time trying to get their correspondents right on the matter.

While the commission has no power under the law to prevent the establishment of such rates as the railroads see fit to put into effect, unless after due hearing the increased rates should be found to be excessive, unreasonable or unjust, it would be equally impossible and inappropriate for it to give its approval to any proposed increase in rates.

NORTH TOPEKA IS ABANDONED.

People Flee Before Great Overflow of Kansas River.

Topeka, Kan., June 9.—The crest of the rise in the Kansas river is expected to reach here some time tonight. The government weather bureau says the water will reach a maximum height of about 28 feet. It now registers 26.9 feet. If the rise exceeds two feet above the present level the city waterworks will be in danger.

North Topeka is practically deserted. Boat patrols were busy all afternoon taking those people from their homes who had delayed. Much of the contents of the houses has been moved over and the warning has been given to everybody.

The water is deeper in the streets than at any time since the big flood of 1903. From the Union Pacific tracks to Soldier creek, Kansas avenue, the main street is all under water. The current is beginning to sweep away outbuildings and thousands of ties from the Union Pacific tie plant are pounding their way through the town. Train service is practically at a standstill.

ALASKA MINE SELLS WELL.

Juneau, Alaska, June 9.—F. L. Underwood, who promoted the overhead trolley system at Chicago, has closed a deal in New York for the Ebner mine at \$1,500,000. The deal was handled by George Bent, a noted mining engineer. The new company announced that 200 stamps will be immediately installed to be followed by 200 more early next spring. The property was owned by B. M. Behrends, William Ebner, C. W. Young and eastern associates, and has been a steady producer for seventeen years. It is situated one mile from Juneau.

DEATH LIST INCREASED.

Omaha, June 9.—Reports from the scene of Friday night's storm in Southern Nebraska indicate that the conditions are even worse than at first reported. The death list will doubtless reach 25 or 26, while 50 persons have received serious injuries, some of them being dangerously hurt. The monetary loss may reach \$500,000. Eight Nebraska towns suffered from the effects of the tornado. Geneva, Fairfield and Carleton being the worst wrecked.

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