

VIEWED WITH ALARM Mississippi Situation Most Serious

ENGINEERS PREDICT HIGHEST WATERS IN HISTORY OF THE RIVER

Refugees Leaving Flooded Districts in Distress--New Orleans Not in Imminent Danger

Memphis, March 10.—The river situation is now viewed with great alarm, and veteran river men consider that serious danger now threatens.

At 9 this morning the river was one foot and seven tenths above the danger line and still rising slowly.

Heavy rains fell at night, and are continuing today. Engineers predict that the water will go to 38 feet, the highest ever known and 4 feet higher than at present.

Refugees are constantly arriving and some are in sore distress.

New Orleans, Mar 10.—A break which

occurred in the levee yesterday at Bayou La Fourche afforded temporary relief. The waters today show a rise of only three inches. The most dangerous places now are at Concordia and Paris where the engineers say a break is about to occur.

All ships are running under slow bells and levee inspectors are patrolling the banks all night to prevent a violation of this order.

The river is now at 18 3/10. It is not believed that the city will be imperiled until it reaches 21 feet.

A Pope Related to a Sultan.

We learn from a Swiss writer of the seventeenth century that Pope Alexander VII, whose pontificate extended from 1655 to 1667, was related to the sultan Mohammed IV. The connection between these two contemporary sovereigns is traced to one of those occurrences which in the times of Moslem invasion and predatory aggression often led to strange blood relationships between representatives of Christian and Mohammedan houses.

The story is told by Wallichius, a contemporary of Alexander VII and Mohammed IV. Some Turkish corsairs attacked and pillaged the castle of the Marsilia in 1525 and carried off Margherita, the daughter of Nani Marsili, and this fair lady was reserved as a present for the Sultan Solyman, who made her one of his wives. By this union she became the mother of Selim II, ancestor of Mohammed IV.

From the same noble family Alexander VII was lineally descended on the maternal side. Leonardo Marsili, brother of the captive Margherita, had a son, Cesare, whose daughter, Laura, married into the Chigi family and became the mother of Fabio Chigi, known on the roll of pontiffs as Pope Alexander VII.

Raleigh and the Potato.

It was Sir Walter Raleigh who brought potatoes into Ireland at the same time he brought the other American product, tobacco. Sir Walter was busily engaged in impressing the people about Cork, so naturally, when he planted the potato on his estate at Youghal, near Cork, the people were suspicious of it despite its palatableness. Cobbett cursed the root as being the ruin of Ireland, declaring it a device of Satan ingeniously brought into their midst to tempt and eventually to weaken them. Sir Walter ate quantities of potatoes himself before he could assure the people of their harmlessness. Now, with commendable gratitude, the tourist is shown the very spot in the garden where Sir Walter planted the potato root. Close by it is another historical bit of ground. There, it is claimed, Sir Walter rested under the shade of a tree smoking his first pipe of tobacco when his servant deluged him with a pail of water under the impression he was on fire.—What to Eat.

A Silkworm of the Sea.

Silk is obtained from the shellfish known as the pinna, which is found in the Mediterranean. This shellfish has the power of spinning a viscid silk which in Sicily is made into a regular and very handsome fabric. The silk is spun by the shellfish in the first instance for the purpose of attaching itself to the rocks. It is able to guide the delicate filaments to the proper place and there glue them fast, and if they are cut away it can reproduce them. The material when gathered (which is done at low tide) is washed in soap and water, dried, straightened and carded, one pound of the coarse filament yielding about three ounces of fine thread, which, when spun, is a lovely burnished golden brown color.

Settling a Bill.

When Andrew Jackson lived at Salisbury, N. C. he once attended court at Rockford, then the county seat of Surry, and left without paying his bill, which was duly charged up against him on the hotel register, which seems to have been the hotel ledger at that time, and so stood for many years. When the news of the victory of the 8th of January, 1815, was received in this then remote section the old landlord turned back the leaves of the register, took his pen and wrote under the account against Andrew Jackson, "Settled in full by the battle of New Orleans."

Too Careful.

"One can't be too careful in this world," said the man who regards himself as remarkably wise. "Yes, we can," answered Mrs. Cornfossel. "If Josh hadn't of been stoppin' every ten or fifteen minutes to count his money while he was in town, that gold brick man wouldn't of seen how much he had."—Washington Star.

Something Better.

"Doctor, a week ago you gave me something that you said was good for dyspepsia." "Yes." "Well, now, suppose you give me something that's bad for it. It's been humored enough, sir."—Baltimore News.

As She Saw It.

A little three-year-old going to church for the first time was much surprised when he recognized one of his father's friends taking up the collection. "Look, mother, look," he said. "There's Mr. Bronson. I didn't know he was the—the conductor!"

The Difference.

Clara—What's the difference between a pessimist and an optimist? Clarence—Oh, a pessimist thinks people who owe him won't pay him and an optimist believes they will.—Exchange.

Don't censure the man who scolds his wife in public. He doesn't dare do it at home.

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NO TRAGEDY AFTER ALL

Pickled Digits Cause a Flurry of Excitement

Some excitement was caused over Sunday by reports of the finding of various parts of a human body out near the cemetery, and guesses at a dark tragedy were rife. When the reports were simmered down they resolved themselves principally into fingers and thumbs, and it finally developed that the articles had come from the office of one of Marshfield's physicians. They consisted of members which he had severed from their original owners in the earlier days of his career as a surgeon, when that sort of thing was more of a novelty. He had put them away in alcohol. Some time ago he had his office renovated, and one of the workmen employed was a young Boer who had fought several years in the South Africa war. A few severed fingers or hands cut no figure with him, and he evidently fired them out with the rest of the trash. The first article discovered was a thumb which was detached from a Curry county man about 20 years ago, and it seems that the small boy has found other treasures of the same kind, later.

Unnatural Women

It is a great misfortune of many of the sufferers from womanly diseases that they have accepted the idea that such diseases are a part of woman's natural heritage. The reason for this wide acceptance of womanly suffering as natural and necessary is twofold: On the one hand the number of women who suffer is so great that the woman who is exempt from womanly weakness seems to be anomalous, a contradiction. On the other hand, the general failure of local practitioners to effect a cure of womanly diseases leads to their acceptance as incurable.

The first thing that a woman needs to realize is that womanly disease is unnatural and in general unnecessary. It would be as reasonable to suppose that the natural type of man was the man dwarfed, misshapen, crippled and deformed, as to suppose that the natural condition of woman was one of misery and suffering. Disease is unnatural. Where there is one woman who stands free from the diseases which so commonly afflict her sex, she is the standard of natural womanhood. Every woman should be like her. Almost all women could be like her if they used the right means.

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When a boy is lonesome, it helps a good deal if you feed him.—Atchafalaya Globe.

MORE FOOLS DEAD

Crowd Watches Burning Oil Cars

Until Explosion Scatters Them

New York, Mar 10.—At least 20 persons were burned to death by blazing oil on the Erie railroad near Orlean N. Y. last night.

A train of oil tanks broke in two, and the sections collided. One tank burst open and its contents caught fire.

The fire attracted a crowd, and other cars exploded. The blazing oil was scattered far and wide over spectators many of whom were burned to cinders.

Quick Change Artist.

"Maria," began Mr. Stubb, "last night I played poker, and"—

"Played poker?" interrupted Mrs. Stubb. "How dare you spend your money gambling, sir?"

"As I was saying, I played poker and won enough to buy you"—

"You did? Oh, John, you are so good! I knew those sharps could not get the best of you."

"And just as I was about to quit I dropped it all and fifty more"—

"You brute! To think I should have married a gambler!"—Chicago News.

Impertinence.

Mr. Todgers—Why have you sent Maria, the servant girl, away so suddenly? You told me yesterday that she was the best girl you ever had.

Mrs. Todgers—She's an impertinent busy. I wanted to borrow her go-loshes, and she said she was afraid I couldn't get them on!

It may be observed that Germany does not find any general disposition on the part of Europe to encourage her to try to smash the Monroe doctrine regardless of consequences.

FIRE FIEND AGAIN

Visits Oregon's Metropolis

Damage Reaches Nearly Half a Million

Victoria Dock is Swept Away

Portland, Or., March 10.—A terrific gale is blowing and the velocity of the wind is 40 miles an hour.

The fire department has been fighting all day and is still at it at 4:30. A whole block on the east side went and the damage is \$60,000, leaving 30 families homeless. The \$10,000 Faber residence was utterly consumed and \$10,000 worth of jewels were lost.

The Victoria dock on the East side has been utterly wiped out, and with three residences the loss will be a quarter of a million.

The firemen are fighting desperately and every appliance in the city is in action.

It is now known that the damage will reach three quarters of a million. The Victoria dock was full of supplies. A fire bug was seen running when the fire was first noticed.

The fire was out at the hour of 3 p. m.

From Killarney.

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