

MISSISSIPPI 50 MILES WIDE AT CAIRO

LEVEES HOLD SAVING CAIRO FROM FLOOD

All Night and Day Labor Tells—River Not Expected to Exceed 54 Feet Height—Loss Accruing to Farmers is Staggering.

Militia Guards Flooded Portion From Vandals—Houses Swept Down Downstream—Memphis in Danger.

CAIRO, Ill., April 3.—With the crest of the flood water not expected to exceed 54 feet the situation here this afternoon is more favorable and it is now believed the city will be saved from a flood disaster. The water in the Mississippi here today reached the high water mark of 51 feet and seven-tenths inches and the levees show no signs of giving away. The all night work of the citizens in strengthening the dykes is now telling and it is predicted the levees will be able to withstand the 54-foot stage, which the weather bureau says is sure to come.

Loss is Staggering.

The loss accruing to farmers in this district and in the Reel Foot Lake district in Tennessee is staggering. Both districts are under several feet of water and all seed corn has been washed away.

Millionaires and laborers are working side by side here today strengthening the dykes in an effort to prevent the city from being flooded by the raging waters of the Mississippi river which threaten to burst the levees. Both above and below Cairo the river at several points is 50 miles wide, completely swamping the lowlands. Farmers declare that it will require years for the bottomlands to dry out sufficiently be tillable. A company of militia from Springfield is guarding the flood stricken city, upon request of citizens to the governor.

All night long citizens of all stations in life worked at the job of filling bags with sand and carrying them to the levee walls. Women assisted the men by packing bread and coffee to the all night toilers.

Houses Swept Down Stream.

Early today several houses were swept past Cairo, but it is believed the occupants escaped. The sewage has left considerable water into the city but so far a flood has been averted.

More than 200 women and children were sent from the city last night on a special train but the majority of the women refused to go, preferring to remain behind and help their husbands save the city from threatened destruction.

The steamer Three States returned here today with \$15,000 worth of livestock picked up in the river. The loss of wheat and other grains will run into the millions, while all seed corn is lost.

The condition of Hickman, Ky., is critical, the town being flooded with ten feet of water. More than 2,000 persons are homeless there.

Memphis Threatened.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 3.—The flood situation here this afternoon became acute when the overflow waters of the Mississippi put the gas plant out of commission. It is now feared that the water pumping station will be flooded and a new menace arise by the city's water supply being contaminated by the polluted waters from the Mississippi.

Hundreds of persons living in the law lying district are homeless and it is a common sight to see houses and barns being washed down the river.

DE LA BARRA RETURNS TO DISTRACTED MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, April 3.—Refusing as yet to state whether he is in sympathy with the rebels or the upholders of the regime of President Madero, former Provisional President De La Barra is on his way to Mexico today after an extended sojourn in Europe. He is due to arrive in Vera Cruz tomorrow.

RAILROAD TO BLUE LEDGE PROFIT PAYER

Amount of Tonnage Offered by Mine Would Justify Railroad in Opinion of Engineer Called in by Committee Named by Mass Meeting.

Excursion to Blue Ledge District is Planned for Near Future to Allow Citizens to Inspect Mine.

That the amount of tonnage offered by Robert S. Towne would justify building a railroad to the Blue Ledge mine and return a good profit upon the investment is the opinion of Wm. Gerig, chief engineer of the Pacific & Eastern, who was called into consultation Wednesday by the citizens' committee named at the mass meeting Monday night. The committee is satisfied upon this point.

Another point upon which the committee seeks information is the available ore at the mine, and some well-known mining engineer will probably be selected to make a report upon this feature.

An automobile excursion of citizens to the mine is one of the moves contemplated by the committee for the near future, probably next week. But few Medford citizens have seen the district, and as many have expressed the desire, the committee will arrange the excursion.

Work was resumed Wednesday afternoon in the formulation of a proposition to Mr. Towne and the citizens of Medford.

TWO PRISON SENTENCES UNDER TWO NAMES

SEATTLE, April 3.—J. E. Harcourt is under sentence today of from ten to fifteen years and O. R. Blystone is under sentence of fifteen to twenty years in the penitentiary for forgery. Blystone and Harcourt are the names used by the same individual. He worked under at least a dozen aliases, it is believed, and is one of the cleverest criminals on the coast. He has served before in both Walla Walla and Oregon penitentiaries. His recent convictions here followed his arrest in San Francisco. His scheme was to live in fashionable hotels and cash big checks with prominent merchants.

FISHER GOES TO PROBE CHARGES AGAINST FREAR

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—That Secretary of the Interior Walter L. Fisher will leave here within the next few days for the Pacific coast en route to Honolulu to investigate the charges recently preferred against Walter Frear, governor of Hawaii, by Delegate Kalaniannole, is announced here today.

The charges were filed in December, 1911, when Kalaniannole alleges that Governor Frear was not in touch with the people of Hawaii and that his sympathies were with the sugar trust and other special interests.

EVERY BODY'S DOIN' IT!

Doing what? Registering so as to vote at the primaries April 19. Any justice of the peace, any notary public or any deputy county clerk can register you.

You can register in Medford at Postal Telegraph office, or at Mail-Tribune office.

Do It at Once—It's Important.

JAP COLONY FOR MEXICO ONLY RUMOR

President Madero Emphatically Denies That Any Arrangements Have Been Made for Securing Coaling Station at Magdalena Bay.

Coast Congressmen Indignant Over Alleged Plot to Secure Military Base—Attempt is Unjustifiable.

NEW YORK, April 3.—In a telegram to the United Press today President Francisco I. Madero of Mexico emphatically denies that Japan has made any arrangements with his country whereby a Japanese colony is to be formed in the vicinity of Magdalena Bay. The telegram says: "The report is completely incorrect. My government has made no such arrangement with Japan."

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Congressman Sulzer, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs said of the Magdalena Bay reports: "I have heard that the Japanese are seeking a naval base in Mexico and also the story that they are massing veterans in Hawaii. I can state that such reports are absolutely baseless. Mexico and America could and would prevent such a foreign invasion."

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—Discussing the resolution of Senator Lodge which asks President Taft to at once make public details of an alleged plot by Japan to secure a military base at Magdalena Bay, Congressman Needham of California today said in an interview with the United Press:

"There is absolutely no justification for an attempt by Japan to get a coaling station in North America. If Japan tries to get a foothold here in time of peace, the United States should investigate. In the event of ultimate American intervention in Mexico, possibly Japan might join endeavoring to get in Magdalena Bay and seeking a clash with the United States we would find a big job on our hands if we attempted to straighten out the international affairs of Mexico."

ARMY TENTS RUSHED TO DELUGED TOWN

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—President Taft today ordered 300 army tents rushed to New Madrid, Mo., the town which was submerged yesterday in the Mississippi river floods which still continue to threaten that section. The Red Cross society will probably forward money for the aid of the suffering from their headquarters here.

FOURTEEN POUNDS LOST IN FIRST WEEKS FAST

SEATTLE, April 3.—Dr. Linda Burfield Hazzard, lost exactly 14 pounds in the first week of her fast. Her weight was taken officially by Thomas G. MacDonald, physical director of the Seattle Athletic club. She looks thin and pale, but feels exceptionally well and cheerful.

SUICIDE ADDS TRAGIC CHAPTER TO SCANDAL



Mrs. Phillip S. Hichborn and her son. Mrs. Hichborn killed herself at the home of her sister, Mrs. Martha Hichborn Pearsall. It added a tragic chapter to the scandal which started Washington last year, when Mrs. Hichborn eloped with Horace Wylie. Mr. Hichborn was a son of the late chief constructor of the United States navy. Mrs. Hichborn is now abroad.

BRITISH MINERS CONTINUE STRIKE, 35,516 MAJORITY

LONDON, April 3.—By a majority of 32,516, members of the Miners' federation have voted to continue the strike in the British coal collieries which already has resulted in untold suffering to hundreds of thousands of persons as well as crippling other important industries. The counting of the referendum vote as to whether the men should accept the minimum wage bill ended at 6 p. m. today. The vote stood:

Against resuming work, 189,622; for resuming work, 157,107.

Despite the outcome of the balloting, officials of the federation are seriously considering ordering the men to return to the mines.

MEXICANS HOLD FIFTY AMERICANS

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—Congressman John J. Esch of Wisconsin is today urging the state department to investigate the reported capture and detention of Harry Conklyn and 50 other Americans at the Lluvia De Oro mine near Chiofax, Chihuahua. Ambassador Wilson has been ordered to probe the alleged arrests.

It is reported that Conklyn and his companions are being held as hostages against possible intervention in the present Mexican situation on the part of the United States government. A search for the alleged prisoners is to be started today.

AMUNDSON ARRIVES AT SIDNEY, AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY, N. S. W., April 3.—Captain Roald Amundson, the Norwegian sea captain and discoverer of the South Pole arrived here today en route after accomplishing his mission in the ant-Arctic seas. He was given a great ovation here.

COMPLICATIONS WITH MEXICO SEEM LIKELY

American is Arrested and Hustled Away—Consul Intercedes But Without Result—State Department Takes Hand—Execution Feared.

Fighting Between Rebel and Federal Forces for Possession of Parral Continues.

EL PASO, Texas, April 3.—Complications with Mexico are threatened today by the arrest in Juarez three days ago of Powell Roberts, an El Paso citizen and former policeman. Roberts is held incommunicado.

The charges against Roberts were preferred by Jenaro Ceniceros, secretary to Colonel Ponce, jefe d'armas of Juarez, who alleges that Roberts stole \$500 while searching his home for arms. After being held for two days, Roberts managed to smuggle out a note. When this note reached El Paso, Mayor Kelly, Chief of Police Davis and Sheriff Edwards formally demanded that Roberts be released. Colonel Ponce refused.

United States Consul Edwards interceded for the prisoner, but his efforts were unavailing. Edwards today telegraphed the facts in the case to the state department at Washington and to Governor Colquitt of Texas, asking for immediate action.

A report from Juarez today said that rebel troops carried Roberts to Ciudad Chihuahua last night. Friends of the prisoner here fear that he may be executed, and at their request Mayor Kelly and other prominent residents of El Paso today telegraphed to General Orozco, commander in chief of the rebel forces, demanding that Roberts be released.

Fighting between the rebel and federal forces for possession of Parral continues today. Reinforcements were sent from Juarez today to assist General Campa, who is attempting to drive General Francisco Villa and his federals from the city.

CLUBBING I. W. W. AT SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 3.—There are a number of sore heads in San Diego today as the result of a fierce clash between the police, citizens and I. W. W.'s, on a prominent street last night.

According to the authorities, the trouble was started by the I. W. W.'s who saw Policeman Langford passing in citizen's clothes. They are alleged to have attacked Langford, who backed up against a wall and defended himself with his fists, having no club. Four marines from the cruiser Maryland came to his rescue and were fighting side by side with the policeman when the police reserves arrived. Jumping into the mobs, they used clubs right and left, driving the big crowd for a block.

Chief Wilson declared today that his men had been too lenient with the I. W. W.'s.

"If they are looking for trouble they will get it," Wilson declared.

WINTER TO WINTER IS SLOGAN FOR FAIR

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3.—"Winter to winter" will be the slogan of the Panama Pacific exposition, according to announcement made today by the fair directors, that the exposition will open Saturday, February 20, 1915, and close Saturday, December 4, 1915.

This means a run of 41 weeks for the 1915 show—a record for world's fairs as far as time is concerned.

LA FOLLETTE LEADS 2 TO 1 IN WISCONSIN

Little Bob Easily Defeats Taft and Secures Entire Delegation From Badger States—Woodrow Wilson 22 Delegates to Clark's 4 Delegates

Favorite Son is Second in Race Now and Leaves to Conduct Campaign in Pacific Coast States.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 3.—With Senator Robert M. La Follette leading President Taft by two votes to one in all Wisconsin republican presidential primaries, and in some districts four to one, and with Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey having won 22 out of 26 of the delegates over his democratic opponent, Speaker Champ Clark, advocates of the "people's power" movement here today see nothing but success ahead for the progressives in the coming campaign.

Incomplete returns at noon today indicated that Senator La Follette would have a solid delegation from the state, while Woodrow Wilson will have 22 of the 26 delegates from Wisconsin, and Champ Clark two each from the second and ninth districts.

The counting of the ballots for the presidential delegates is delayed by the socialist tickets in many of the important counties of the state.

Second in the Race.

"This makes me second in the race," is what La Follette is quoted as saying in a message from Washington when the result of the election became known there. "I have received a message from my law partner saying that I carried the state by about four votes to one, and that a 'certain candidate' was not in the race at all. The vote did not surprise me, but the ratio did. The victory is all the more gratifying because I have not made a speech in Wisconsin for four years.

"The Wisconsin delegation will bring my total up to 36. Watch things from now on."

Senator La Follette will leave Washington for the west this afternoon. He is due in Chicago tomorrow and will go from there to Nebraska for a five day's tour of that state.

Returns from the rural districts are coming slowly, and it is doubted if the entire vote will be counted before tomorrow.

Bigger Plurality Than Ever.

State Senator Blaine, leader of the La Follette forces here said today: "Reports from every district indicate that Senator La Follette has carried the state by a larger plurality than ever before. Some of the districts voted four to one in his favor. Considering the fact that there was no active speaking in Wisconsin in his behalf, and that the entire campaign cost was about \$100, the results are significant."

RIVAL CLAIMS OF CANDIDATES

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Statements yesterday from the political bureau of President Taft declare that the president has 274 delegates pledged for the national republican convention in Chicago, against 30 for Roosevelt and ten for La Follette.

With the delegates from Wisconsin led by La Follette as a result of the primaries yesterday, the Wisconsin senator thus passes Roosevelt and jumps into second place in the race.

The Roosevelt bureau is claiming 62 delegates for the colonel to date, and states that he will control 112 other delegates already chosen.