

THOUSANDS HOMELESS MILLIONS PROPERTY LOSS IN MISSISSIPPI FLOODS

Appeal for Aid Sent From Stricken District—Eight Persons Drowned—River at Memphis Reaches 43 4-10 Feet.

Water Pouring Through Large Gaps in Levee Above Cairo—Nine Thousand More Acres Flooded.

Damage From Flood.
States affected—Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee and Kansas. Eight persons known to have been drowned. Towns flooded or threatened—Cairo, Ill.; Memphis, Tenn.; Fulton, Columbus, Hickman, Tiptonville, Ky.; New Madrid, Mo.; Marion and Earle, Ark.

A thousand families are homeless at Hickman alone, where a food famine is also threatened.

Six thousand are homeless at other points along the Mississippi. The river at Memphis has reached a stage of 43 4-10 feet. The weather forecaster declares a 44 foot stage would flood the entire St. Francis basin area as large as Delaware, with a population of 250,000.

HICKMAN, Ky., April 4.—For God's sake ask congress to appropriate \$500,000 to relieve suffering here. The conditions are critical and pitiful. A thousand families are refugees. Every penny in the city treasury has been expended.

This message telegraphed by Mayor Dillon to Congressman Olin James gives but faint intimation of the suffering caused at Hickman by the flooding waters of the Mississippi. More than 1,000 families are homeless and near starvation. Hickman itself is buried under fifteen feet of water and its inhabitants are encamped on the hills.

Scores of homes in the inundated district have collapsed like paste-board structures as a result of the raging waters. The announcement that the river is expected to rise 20 feet within the next 24 hours has caused consternation, many fearing that the entire town will be washed away.

City officials today expressed great indignation at the government shipping 200 army tents here without paying the express charges. The expressage amounted to \$120 and the city was compelled to borrow the money from a bank to pay the charges.

All churches and stores in the hill districts are packed with helpless people. The plight of the children is pitiable through the inability of parents to supply them with food.

Twenty-three persons were rescued from house-tops yesterday by means of a gasoline launch.

CAIRO, Ill., April 4.—Members of the Boy Scouts organization here are assisting in the work of strengthening the levee. The railroad tracks along these dykes are so weakened that they will not hold heavy engines, and citizens are forced to push along flat cars loaded with sand.

The water is pouring through huge gaps in the two bursted levees north of here and the situation is becoming more serious hourly.

Four hundred men working on the Big Four levee were marooned for several hours when it gave way. They were rescued by a steamer.

Nine thousand additional acres north heretofore immune from the flood waters, were inundated today. Seven manufacturing plants in addition to 220 lumber yards, are also submerged.

ALTON TRAIN HITS TROLLEY, TWO WOMEN, BABY, KILLED

CHICAGO, April 4.—Two women and a baby were killed and fifteen persons injured when a freight train on the Chicago and Alton railroad struck a trolley car at 38th and Kedzie streets at noon today.

Government Niggardly About Aiding Sufferers—Congress Holds Up Appropriation—Red Tape Prevents Shipment of Relief Supplies.

Fearful Levee Opposite Memphis Will Collapse—Red Cross Opens Its Coffers to Flood Victims.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—In spite of many appeals from congressmen that the matter be taken up at once the ways and means committee in the house of representatives today postponed the hearing of a bill appropriating \$250,000 for the relief of sufferers in the flooded districts of the Mississippi valley. The committee expresses the hope that the water will subside tomorrow, making the appropriation unnecessary.

It is feared that the levee opposite Memphis, Tenn., will collapse, inundating Helena, Ark.

The quartermaster general discovered this afternoon that his supply of tents and blankets is running low. By a recent congressional order the war department is required to hold back 12,000 tents and blankets, which are to be issued at the Confederate veterans' encampment at Macon, Ga., May 1. Unless the order is revoked, red tape will tie up the use of these tents, and the department will be unable to send either tents or blankets to the flood sufferers.

The Red Cross society, it was announced here this afternoon, plans to open its coffers to the flood victims.

President Taft ordered the quartermaster of the United States army to furnish rations to the Mississippi river flood victims today wherever food is needed. The order followed a conference with Senator James of Kentucky, who presented an appeal for help from the mayor of Hickman, Ky.

Men from the quartermaster's department at St. Louis will be sent to the flooded districts to investigate conditions.

OROZCO SEEKS OREGON RECRUITS

PORTLAND, Ore., April 4.—That agents of General Orozco, the Mexican rebel leader, are busy in Pacific coast cities, enlisting men to join his army at Jimenez, was reported here today. One young man is known to have gone from here to report to General Orozco at Jimenez and he is said to be one of a large party. His expenses were paid and it is thought a number of other men are being enlisted in Seattle, Tacoma, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

NEGLECT CAUSED CANADIAN STRIKE

Failure to Enforce Health Act, Uninhabitable Camps and Unpalatable Food Cause of Walkout of Eight Thousand Laborers Building New Railroad—Strikers Maintain Order in Camps

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 4.—Had the government of British Columbia enforced the provincial health act in the camps on the Canadian Northern railway right of way between Hope and Kamloops, the first walkout of railroad laborers in the industrial history of Canada would never have taken place.

There has been no strike in the Fraser canyon—no strike in the regular sense of the term. It was a case where 8,000 men bolted from camps they considered uninhabitable and from food they considered unpalatable, even to railroad "wags."

LA FOLLETTE SPEAKS HERE ON APRIL 18

Little Giant of Wisconsin to Make Principal Talk for Southern Oregon at Medford Two Weeks From Today—Whirlwind Campaign Planned.

Mrs. La Follette to Campaign for Woman's Suffrage While Her Husband Works for Nomination.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 4.—Although a complete detailed itinerary cannot be announced for a few hours, Thomas B. McCusker, state campaign manager of Senator Robert M. La Follette, today gave out a list of the Oregon cities it is expected the Wisconsin senator will speak in during his whirlwind tour of the state in furtherance of his efforts to obtain the republican presidential nomination.

Senator La Follette is expected to arrive in Oregon April 13, speaking in the following cities in the order named: Baker, La Grande, Pendleton, The Dalles, Mosier, Hood River, Portland, Salem, Albany, Eugene, Roseburg, Medford, Ashland, and possibly Grants Pass.

He will begin speaking on the day of his arrival and will finish his tour the following Thursday.

The itinerary will not be absolutely certain till McCusker hears from Senator La Follette by wire, which he expects to do in a few hours. His principal speech in southern Oregon will be at Medford.

McCusker said, at Medford April 18. He will speak but a few minutes from the train at Ashland, according to present arrangements.

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NEUHAUSEN IN 15-ROUND FIGHT

PORTLAND, Ore., April 4.—Through 15 gore-streaked rounds with a referee to call time and break them in the clinches, Thomas B. Neuhausen, ex-United States secret service agent and timber dealer, who assisted Francis J. Healy in his Oregon land fraud prosecution several years ago, and J. H. Beckley, a prominent real estate man, fought with their fists over an alleged insult to Mrs. Neuhausen, in Beckley's office in Irvington, at East 15th street and Broadway, this morning.

While the combatants hotly pommelled each other, surged back and forth across the "ring," Mrs. Neuhausen sat calmly in her husband's "corner" and urged him on. When a bystander, one of a large audience, sought to interfere, she bade him desist and let them fight it out.

When both men were so exhausted that their blows lacked steam and they could hardly stand, after nearly three quarters of an hour of savage mauling, the referee called the fight. It was mutually decided to call it a draw.

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majority of them are sleeping under the stars. They are men of all nations—Canadians, United States citizens, Italians, Russians, Swedes, Hungarians and Finlanders.

Yale is absolutely in the hands of the strikers. A squad of rough men from the camps patrol the streets. Charles Nelson, a Swedish American, has assumed the role of magistrate. So far there has been no disorder and little drunkenness.

AVIATOR DROPPED TO DEATH FROM MID AIR



CALEBRAITH P. RODGERS

RODGERS KILLED IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE SEAGULLS

The death at Long Beach of C. P. Rodgers makes 127 aeroplane fatalities since aviation began. He was the twenty-second American aviator to be killed. Lullenthal was the first aviator to meet death. He was killed August 10, 1896. Six birdmen have been killed in California.

LONG BEACH, Cal., April 4.—Inability to elevate his planes following a simple dip toward the water is believed today to have caused the death of Calbraith P. Rodgers, the first trans-continental aviator.

Rodgers was about to conclude a sensational flight in which he had grazed the roofs of several buildings and cut startling figures eight in the air, when the fatal drop occurred. Gliding toward the beach from a height of 275 feet, he attempted a 100 foot elevation to raise his forward plane to ease the jar of landing. The mechanism apparently failed to respond and the aeroplane continued its earthward rush at an angle of 45 degrees.

Just before he struck, Rodgers was seen to cover his face with his arms. The machine fell 60 feet from shore in shallow water. When the aviator's body was disintegrated from the wreckage and carried to a beach hospital it was found that his neck and back were broken, and death probably had been instantaneous.

Witnesses to the accident say that at the beginning of the last glide Rodgers dipped his aeroplane to avoid several seagulls flying across his path. Many believe that to this humanitarian impulse the loss of the aviator's life may be attributed.

FLORETTA WHALEY VISITS HER HOME

HEMPSTEAD, N. Y., April 4.—Floretta Whaley who eloped from here six years ago with the Rev. Jere Cook rector of St. George's Episcopal church here, returned home today. The girl has been living with Cook in San Francisco. She and Cook left the coast March 25 and came to New York. The girl came to see her grandmother here and the former preacher remained in New York. Miss Whaley will soon inherit \$250,000 from her father's estate.

BANKER HAM GIVEN TWELVE YEAR TERM

MEXICO CITY, April 4.—Twelve years imprisonment is the sentence imposed today upon George I. Ham, president of the defunct United States Banking company, for misappropriation of the funds of the institution. Ham has been confined in the federal district prison since the failure of the bank in January, 1905.

SIDNA ALLEN REPORTED SHOT BY DETECTIVES

Leader of Bandits and Wesley Edwards, His Nephew, Remaining Members of Allen Clan Said to Have Been Killed by Detectives.

Rumors Unconfirmed as Few Telephone Lines in County Are Working—Communication is Uncertain.

ROANOKE, Va., April 4.—Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, his nephew, the two remaining members of the Allen clan of bandits not captured, were killed today in a fight with detectives, according to a telephone message received here from Hillsville. It is also reported that a number of the detectives were wounded, two fatally.

Another report said that both outlaws had been captured after killing two of their pursuers. Both reports are unconfirmed.

BARREN SPRINGS, Va., April 4.—All efforts to confirm the reports that the bandits, Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, were killed in a battle with the detectives have failed here today. But few telephone lines in this vicinity are working and communication with the mountain districts is uncertain.

MOUNT AIRY, N. C., April 4.—Posses pursuing Sidna Allen and his nephew, Wesley Edwards, the two remaining fugitives of the Allen gang of bandits, today discovered that the two men have been separated. Allen is known to be near here, but Edwards' whereabouts are unknown.

MEXICAN REBELS MEET DEFEAT

JIMINEZ, Mexico, April 4.—Decisively defeated by General Pancho Villa in his efforts to wrest possession of Parral from the federales, General Campa and his rebel force today are hurrying to the revolutionary base here.

General Campa expected to find but a handful of defenders in Parral, but instead was met by a deadly fire and a force of government troops numbering fully 2000. The rebels opened the battle at dawn yesterday. When Campa attempted to press closer he was met by a terrific fire and at once retreated with a loss of three killed and 12 wounded, according to his own reports.

The tide of battle has apparently turned and instead of the rebels attacking Torreon, it appeared today that the revolutionists would have their hands full to retain Jimenez, their present headquarters.

The defeat of General Campa is the first big victory won by the federales in northern Chihuahua.

VIGILANTES RUN I. W. W.'S AWAY

Armed Poses of San Diego Citizens Escort Hoboes Out of County, Stop Trains and Ship Away Invaders—Agitation to Be Stopped at Any Cost, Assert Police Backed by Townspeople.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 4.—San Diego's fight against the I. W. W.'s reached a climax today. With scores of determined citizens patrolling the county boundary and others ready to "railroad" the "disturbers" from the city in automobiles, excitement in the city is unlimited.

A scope of automobiles, heavily loaded with armed citizens and I. W. W.'s left the city last night. The vigilantes carried rifles and once the county border was reached, the prisoners were turned loose. The I. W. W.'s were taken in custody by the police yesterday. Under cover of darkness they were turned over to the vigilantes, who loaded them into automobiles and quickly left the city.

BRITISH COAL STRIKE CALLED OFF BY CHIEFS

Miners' Leaders Order Men to Return to Work Despite Referendum Vote to Continue Strike, Basing Action Upon Two-Thirds Rule.

Special Meeting of Federation Called for Saturday to Endorse Action—Minimum Wage Bill Satisfies.

LONDON, April 4.—The great strike of coal miners which for weeks has virtually paralyzed trade throughout England, Scotland and Wales, causing untold misery to thousands upon thousands of the poor, was called off today by the leaders of the miners, despite the fact that a majority of the men voted against acceptance of Premier Asquith's minimum wage bill, as a cure for their grievances.

In explanation the leaders declared that as a two-thirds vote of the workers was required to authorize a strike the same rule was applied to the referendum to continue the strike already in existence, and as there were not two-thirds opposed to the resumption of work, peace must be declared.

The miner's executive committee later called a special meeting of the Miners' Federation for Saturday to endorse their action. It is expected an order then will be issued for a general resumption of work on Monday.

I. W. W.'S ORGANIZE STRIKE IN TACOMA

TACOMA, Wash., April 4.—Beginning at 9 o'clock when the I. W. W.'s blew the whistle at the mill of the St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber company and took away 127 men, mill hands have been leaving their work by dozens today until nearly 200 are now out. The I. W. W. men are organizing the strikers and declare they will close every mill on the coast if necessary to win the strike at Grays Harbor.

The men at the St. Paul mill say they might as well starve while idle as to work and starve. They are getting \$1.65 a day, from which is subtracted \$1 per month for hospital fees and 3 per cent to reimburse the company for money paid into the state employers' liability and insurance fund. They demand \$2.50 a day as a minimum. The company also forces as many single men as possible to board at the company's boarding house and in private houses owned by the company and the married men are forced to buy groceries of the company.

PARIS, April 4.—Leaping on an expressman's wagon and stealing the driver to death, four bandits robbed the wagon of many valuables about six miles from Paris today. No trace of the robbers has been found.

LATEST FIGURES FROM WISCONSIN

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 4.—Practically complete returns today from the presidential primary election confirm the earlier reports of the overwhelming victory of Senator La Follette over President Taft for the state republican delegation and of Woodrow Wilson's capture of the majority of the democratic delegates from Speaker Champ Clark.

The latest figures show that La Follette carried the state by two votes to one, meaning that the entire republican delegation will go to the national convention pledged to support him. The adherents of Governor Wilson elected 22 of the democratic delegates, 4 going to Speaker Clark.

CHAMP CLARK NOT TO RUN IN JERSEY

TRENTON, N. J., April 4.—Champ Clark today notified the secretary of state here that he would not run in the New Jersey primaries. This gives Woodrow Wilson a clear field in his home state.

LISTS CLOSED FOR ELECTION ON APRIL 19

Large Number of Candidates Qualify for Nominating Election—Every Office except Treasurer and School Superintendent, Contested.

Four Men in Race for County Judgeship—Fight Expected to Grow Warm.

The lists have closed—one period of the campaign has passed. The mentioning of names for office is at an end for this year unless some independent comes out and makes the race. And candidates are legion. When the time for filing declarations and petitions closed at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, forty-one had qualified as candidates at the primary election to be held April 19. A complete list of candidates follows:

County judge—George W. Dum, rep.; Ashland; F. E. Merrick, rep. Medford; J. R. Neil, dem.; Jacksonville; F. L. Tou Velle, dem.; Medford; R. F. D. No. 2.

County surveyor—T. W. Osgood, rep. Medford; Frank Grises, rep. Gold Hill; M. McCown, rep. Medford; H. C. Stockman, rep. Medford; R. P. Cowgill, rep. Medford.

Coroner—A. E. Kellogg, rep. Gold Hill; H. C. Stock, rep. Ashland.

Representative—J. A. Westerlund, rep. Medford; John H. Carlin, rep. Medford; G. E. Barkdull, dem.; Medford; H. L. DeArmond, dem.; Medford.

County assessor—Martin McDonough, dem.; Medford; W. T. Grieve, rep. Central Point; J. C. Bernard, dem.; Ashland.

County treasurer—Jas. Cronmiller, rep. Jacksonville.

Supt. of schools—J. Percy Wells, rep. Jacksonville.

Commissioner—W. C. Leever, rep. Central Point; J. C. Smith, rep. Woodville; W. Daley, dem. Lake Creek; George Lyman, rep. Gold Hill. Sheriff—W. A. Jones, dem. Ross Lane; August D. Singler, rep. Medford; Emmet Beeson, rep. Talent.

County clerk—G. A. Gardner, rep. Talent; W. F. Quisenberry, rep. Medford; M. L. Narreagan, rep. Eagle Point; W. H. Miller, dem.; Gold Hill.

County recorder—Fred L. Colvig, rep. Medford; Chauncey Florey, rep. Eagle Point; Robert L. Taylor, dem.; Medford.

Joint representative—C. E. Whisler, rep. Medford.

District attorney—H. K. Hanna, rep. Jacksonville; H. A. Johnson, rep. Grants Pass; E. E. Kelly, dem.; Medford.

Justice of the peace (Medford, G. O. Taylor, rep.; H. A. Cannady, rep. Constable (Medford) John Bellinger, rep.; Rankin Estes, dem.