

# City Flooded -- 10,000 Imperiled

## Thousands of Acres of Grain Gone

Venice, Newport, Granite City and Other Places Submerged

DEATH LIST GROWING AND DAMAGE MILLIONS

Thousands Imprisoned on House Tops and in Trees and Without Food

St. Louis, June 10.—After a desperate but futile struggle against the greatest flood it was ever forced to combat, East St. Louis is this morning in a woeful condition. Ten thousand are homeless and threatened. Whole families are penned up in garrets or on roofs. Two thousand, who sought refuge in the school and church buildings, are now prisoners. The city has appealed to St. Louis for boats. Many must be rescued this morning. The water stands from three to 30 feet deep all over the eastern half of the city, and houses are constantly weakening and falling. At 3 o'clock this morning the flood had swept clear through to the river in a swirling whirlpool of currents. At 9 o'clock it was cutting its way under the East Broadway embankment, and threatening the northern half of the city. The destruction of Broadway will cut off all means of escape. Conservative estimates place the drowned, when the embankment gave way at midnight, at 50. Other estimates reach 100. A thousand men were working on the dikes when the break came last night. Forty were swept away in a minute, and half as many were compelled to swim lower down, where many women and children were filling sand bags. The terrible confusion, when the break came, makes all estimates of the loss of life uncertain. The bodies of Kofish and three children, who were drowned last night, while trying to escape in a skiff, were recovered this morning. The mother escaped.

Entire St. Louis is doomed. Before night every portion will be under the torrent, and 50,000 will be rendered all but helpless. Nearly all will be homeless. Appeals from there this afternoon say that not less than 10,000 lives are imperiled. Boats, skiffs and every available floating thing is being rushed across the river. It is just learned that two negroes were shot and killed just before the break last night. One had been working several days and demanded immediate pay, and threatened to break the dyke. Seven men fired at him at once. Another negro, on the Illinois Central levee, refused to work, and was shot by the guard. In marked contrast to these, Theodore Day, another negro, drove his horse into the flood, repeatedly rescuing people. While making further attempts both horse and driver were swept away.

At 10 o'clock there was four feet of water in the residence section of East St. Louis, and hundreds of families are fleeing for their lives. Two hundred and fifty militiamen have arrived, and others will be sent. East Broadway is declared unsafe. The militiamen are thrown around the danger zone, keeping the crowds of homeless people from attempting to return along the embankment, in order to save their belongings. The water was rising rapidly at the same hour. United States District Attorney Dyer, in the name of the government, telephoned the Higgins Ferry Company, ordering them to seize all available yaws and boats, regardless of ownership, and rush to the stricken city. The river

stage is now over 38 feet. Great indignation is felt over the disaster, as the people had ample warning, but the ignorant were lulled into false security by a coterie of business real estate men, who issued vigorous denials of danger, as they were fearful of the effect it would have on property values. They even went so far as to assault St. Louis newspaper men, sent to describe the flood, and broke all their cameras.

**Flood Brevities.**  
The river was 37.7 today, the highest official record known.

Reports are coming in from Madison, Gralate City and Venice which indicate that the death list may be larger than first estimated. At least 20 people have been drowned in that vicinity. A report was received today from Newport, a small town three miles from Granite City, that a school building in which were sheltered 50 children, was tottering, and threatened to collapse at any moment. Appeals are being made for assistance, but there was no way to reach them from St. Louis or East St. Louis, the only places that can render them aid.

City Attorney Hagneur, of Venice, is reported by his relatives to be missing, and they fear he perished when the city was overwhelmed. Deputy Coroner Ballhorn, of Madison county, and his son, who lived at Venice, have been given up as lost. William Anchor and Mrs. Clifton and her infant have been missing for several days, and it is thought they have perished.

In one party of refugees near Edwardsville, four cases of smallpox developed today. The officials of Madison county are doing all in their power to isolate the cases, and prevent a spread of the disease.

Numerous families, penniless and having no friends to whom to go, refuse to leave their flooded homes. In many cases the people are actually starving, and food will be furnished them by men in skiffs.

**Militia Ordered to East St. Louis.**  
Springfield, Ill., June 10.—On request of the mayor of East St. Louis, five companies of militia were ordered to the scene of the flood on a special train this morning.

## Dykes are Breaking Everywhere

East St. Louis at the Mercy of Raging Torrent

FORTY ARE DROWNED BY BREAKING LEVEE

Government Has Seized all Boats in Neighboring Towns, for Relief Purposes

St. Louis, June 10.—The pressure of the flood forced a passage through the Illinois Central railroad embankment, in the southeastern portion of East St. Louis, shortly before 1 o'clock this morning. The break speedily widened until a torrent 100 feet wide and 25 feet in depth was pouring through, threatening East St. Louis and the village of Centerville, adjacent. Precautionary levees that had been erected for just such an emergency were swept through, and the flood spread onward. Just before the break a no-

gro employed on the levee demanded his wages on a threat to cut the water barrier. Without parley, he was shot dead. The shooting served to arouse the citizens, who scarcely slept away, owing to the flood tension, and when the rush of water came soon afterwards they were not caught in their beds. Runners tore through the streets shouting a warning, and soon people, half mad from fright, were fleeing for their lives. About 20,000 people live in that part of the city which is in the

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## HE SAW JETT SHOOT

Witness Was With Marcum, When He Was Killed

Jett Came Out From Behind Door and Deliberately Shot Victim The Second Time

Jackson, June 10.—The court began taking evidence in the Jett-White trial this morning. The first witness was Ewen, who was in conversation with Marcum when he was shot. He saw Marcum fall, shot through the back from behind a door, and saw Jett walk out with a smoking revolver and fire a second shot through the prostrate man's head. Jett stood and watched his victim for a few seconds, to make sure that he was dead, and then leisurely walked away. Ewing turned and ran, being afraid Jett would shoot him. There is considerable excitement, as it is rumored the town will be placed under martial law. This would give the soldiers the right to make arrests, and the Hargis faction would be shorn of much of its power.

## ARIZONA MINERS STRIKE

Governor Orders Out Militia but Finds it Weak

Asks President for Regulars -- Strikers Mostly Foreigners, But All Are Armed

Washington, June 10.—The acting governor of Arizona today wired President Roosevelt that 3000 miners, mostly foreigners, were on strike at Morenci, Arizona, and were mostly armed, and a riot was impending. He says the militia has been ordered out, but the force is small, undisciplined and inadequate. There is no possibility of restoring order, except through the presence of regulars. He asks to have troops ordered from Fort Grant and Huachuca immediately. The war department will have troops rushed forward under a discreet officer, to avoid violence, if possible.

## Fear the Reservoir

Trinidad, Colo., June 10.—Residents in the lower section of the city are in a state of terror tonight, caused by the high water in the Las Animas river, and the report that the city reservoir, above here, is in a dangerous condition, and liable to break at any moment. Fully 1000 people have deserted their homes, and are spending the night on higher ground. Great damage has been done by the floods of today, and all railroads are practically tied up.

## Arizona Has Cloud Burst

Bisbee, Ariz., June 10.—News reached here late tonight of a cloud-burst near Clifton, which occurred this morning. A wall of water eight feet in height rushed down Chase creek without giving the inhabitants warning. Several dead bodies have already been recovered, and it is believed the number of drowned will reach 20. Chase creek is mostly inhabited by Mexicans, employed by the Arizona Copper Company. The smelter situated on the north side of Chase creek, closed down at present on account of the miners' strike, sustained a heavy loss. Wires are all down to Clifton.

## Fired Times Correspondent

London, June 10.—The Evening News asserts the government has taken a hand in the expulsion of the Times' correspondent from St. Petersburg, and has instructed the British ambassador to furnish a detailed account of the incident.

## Yacht Builder Gets Married

London, June 10.—Designer Watson was married to Miss Lovebond this morning. Lipton and Dunraven were present.

## Stock Market Demoralized

New York, June 10.—There is no let-up in the demoralization of the stock market today. Stocks are now lower than in five years, and many large speculators are hard hit. There is no weakness in the banking business manifested, but the cause is attributed to loss by food, fire and unfavorable weather.

**Oranges and Lemons Lost.**  
Los Angeles, June 10.—Estimates show a hundred cars of oranges and lemons were lost in the Kansas and Missouri floods.

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