

A WOMAN WRITES ABOUT THE FLOOD

Daughter of J. C. Battey, of Salem, Writes Him Some Little Details of the Big Storm.

The following letter taken from the Decatur Republican, Iowa, was written by Mrs. Edna Battey Holmes, a daughter of Mr. Z. C. Battey, of this city, giving her experience in the Paducah flood.

Paducah, Ky., April 10, 1913. Your most welcome letter came yesterday and I was truly glad to get it as we have had no mail since the water came up but I believe most of the trains are running now. I hardly know where to begin in describing to you what we have been through, but it has been a great experience and one I do not care to repeat.

To begin with, I had some sort of a nervous spell the first of March when I could neither sleep nor eat and could hardly walk. I just lay around and I could hardly raise my hands to my head, though I had neither an ache nor a pain. Well, just when we all thought I was nearly done for, the flood warnings began to be issued and we were told to get ready for the greatest flood Paducah had ever known. Of course, the city official ridiculed the idea and the papers took the ground that Paducah was "high and dry and unafraid," as the News-Democrat expressed it. Mr. Holmes said it would not hurt us, but Mary had better move in, which she did, and put the cows across the street, and for a few days we thought we were all right. Of course, I began to brace up at once; all I needed probably was a little exercise.

began to get so strong that I could hardly keep my feet. Finally I waded up to Uncle Jim Gray's and hired his lot to put them in, carried them all there and the next day they were surrounded by water, but had a little dry place to stand and have been there ever since. Mary has had an equally hard time with her cows and now they are on the front porch. Well, I kept up pretty well until the water began to come in the house; then I thought high Hesper is. We sat and watched it come; just poured in from all sides until it was about six inches deep. About this time a levee gave way at Hickman below here and let some of the water out, which was all that saved Paducah from being washed out of existence. When you see any statement in the papers that Paducah was not injured, it is just plain lies and I would like to destroy the News-Democrat and the Sun for their misrepresentations. They have tried to prevent any reports of the flood getting out and the city council forbade any photographs being taken or any telegrams being sent out and all such nonsense.

The actual truth is that there are thousands of homeless people in Paducah and many hungry ones. There are hundreds of families in the school houses and factories. Business, of course, has been at a standstill as it was impossible for people to shop or for things to be delivered. The most of the wholesale houses are under water and there are hundreds of pounds of eatables washed out and floating on the streets.

The water is falling a little now and is off our floors, but just level with the second step of our porch. When it was deepest, it was just below my shoulders at our back door. We have had plenty to eat, but nothing fresh, of course, as there was no place to buy any, though Mr. Holmes made several foraging expeditions in his boat. The water plant has been operated right along and Mr. Holmes had worked day and night. One of the water company owners told him benevolently that he deserved great credit, and Mr. Holmes told him it was not credit he wanted, but cash.

I don't know whether I can give you any idea of the depth of the water except by saying that row boats came right into our house and tied to our stair post, that gasoline launches were running all over town and that steamers came up as far as Third street. Sunday Mr. Holmes came out and took Mary and I down town in the boat and then we took a launch and went around the business portion of town. We went right over Mrs. Herring's fence to her porch, but it did not get into her house. We spoke to her and then went on. Everything was moved upstairs in the retail stores, but Kirby, being enterprising, did differently. Their counters were all up on barrels, the clerks all in rubber boots and the windows full of ten-cent bathing suits.

We passed many houses of which we could just see the ridge pole in the roof and the water was deep enough on Fourth street for us to float down without rowing. One day we saw a dwelling house floating down Fourth street. I have not been undressed or dry for over a week until last night, when we

all bathed and walked on a dry floor. I have complained of many things, but now I think of the floor will just be dry I will be perfectly happy. One day when I was wading to the dry lot through the alley with a large fat hen in each arm, Mrs. Bell came out and said, "Oh, Mrs. Holmes, ain't you wet?" and I said, "No, how would I get wet?"

Now I think I have told most about it and anyway it is time to wade out and feed the chickens. When the water is only to my hips I think it is very shallow. But I am dreadfully tired of boots. I have a pair that come to my hips but I need some made like a union suit.

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The O. A. C. team may play Willamette university this week. Arrangements have not been perfected, but it is not unlikely that a game will be arranged and staged on Willamette field. The O. A. C. team is a fast one and Willamette will be given a hard game if the boys meet. Willamette lost to the University of Oregon by a small score, but the boys feel that they can put up a better game now than at that time.

W. L. P. National League.

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JOLTS

Another sad piece of news is that from Washington which tells of the sale of a poker table owned by former Speaker of the House Joseph G. Cannon, for \$16. Mrs. Ruth McCormick, wife of the former ambassador to France, was the purchaser and the table will not be idle.

If Glrice Bowman, captain of the Washington university track team, is to be relieved, Dr. Stewart, of the Oregon Agricultural college, has shown poor sportsmanship in canceling an agreement to meet Washington with 12 men. It is suggested that the O. A. C. manager decide his lads would have no show against the Washington boys.

O. A. C. FROM CONFERENCE

University of Washington, Seattle, May 13.—Incensed over the attitude displayed by Dr. E. J. Stewart, athletic director of the Oregon Agricultural college, members of Washington's track team, headed by Captain Clair Bowman, will attempt to have O. A. C. ejected from the Pacific Northwest intercollegiate conference.

Washington was scheduled to meet O. A. C. in track events yesterday at Corvallis, but because of Dr. Stewart's alleged attempt to "railroad" his entire squad into the events, despite a verbal agreement to allow each institution 12 men, the meet was called off.

"This recent action of Dr. Stewart caps the climax," said Captain Bowman yesterday. "Nearly every institution in the conference is complaining of the treatment accorded them at Corvallis. Members of the athletic team at the University of Oregon have assured us that they will back us in our efforts to have O. A. C. ejected from the conference, provided that institution does not make some radical changes regarding treatment of visiting athletic teams."

Corvallis was surprised to see us on Saturday," said Dr. D. C. Hall, track coach and physical director, "and the first thing Stewart did was to declare that he was going to enter his entire squad. He said that he did not care for the meet, but merely wanted a workout in preparation for his engagement with Oregon. "I called his attention to the fact that when we had a meet with them in

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Seattle two years ago, there was no contract, but we entered only 12 men against them. He said that made no difference with him, the whole squad against our 12 men or no meet. This action of the Oregon Aggies likely will come up for discussion at the next meeting of the student board of control, with the view of investigating the charges made by the Washington authorities. PEEVISH CHILDREN SUFFER WITH WORMS

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