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MEMPHIS IS MENAGED. Mississippi May Cut a New Channel for Itself. BIG FLOOD ON THE RIVER. A Break in the Levee--The Tennessee City May be Left High and Dry. Storms Throughout the West.

The Mississippi river at Memphis, Thursday night, registered 84.2 feet. The danger line is 33 feet, and it is thought that the water above will run the river to 90 or 92 feet, which will, so experienced river men say, overflow Arkansas as far as Crowley's Ridge, forty miles from Memphis. The most serious feature of the present size of the river is the possibility of it cutting out a new bed for itself through Crittendon county, Ark., and leaving Memphis high and dry, or at least leaving her on a shallow lake. Should this happen the \$2,000,000 bridge which stands across the Mississippi will end at the new Eastern bank of the river. About five miles above Memphis the Neely plantation is partly overflowed because of a break in the levee. The current through the plantation is very strong and river men say that unless the heavy timber along Four Mile Bayou breaks the current, so that it cannot cut out a new bed for itself, the current through the Mississippi will change its course and run through Four Mile Bayou, coming into the main river again about eight or ten miles below Memphis, and leaving a long narrow island between Memphis and the river. The high waters have already reached a critical stage. The ferry steamer Bryn, now makes daily trips to Marron, Ark., which ordinarily is three miles inland. All along the route to Marron submerged houses can be seen and some stock has been drowned. There has been a rise of seven-tenths of a foot since yesterday morning. The height at this point now being 42.5 feet, which is 4.7 feet above the danger line. At Vicksburg the water stands at 38.3 feet, a rise of five-tenths of a foot within twenty-four hours. The danger line at this point is 41 feet.

Blockade Threatened. The greatest snowstorm of the season is still raging over the eastern portion of Minnesota. The weather is cold, the snow is drifting and a general blockade will be the result. All trains under an authority of an act of the Senate are suspended. There is a probability that the storm and accompanying blockades will tie up the roads for another week.

WRECKED BY THE FLOOD. Fate of a Train on the Evansville and Terre Haute Road Near Hazelton, Indiana--Five Lives Lost. The Louisville and Nashville train, limited, southbound from Chicago, was wrecked Thursday at a point one mile south of Hazelton, Indiana, and thirty-seven miles north of Evansville, on the Evansville and Terre Haute road. Five men were killed and two seriously injured, as follows: Killed, Hersey Allen, Evansville, head janitor of the State House, caught in the smoking car and drowned; Jos. Boleman, of Evansville, locomotive fireman; John Sears, of Terre Haute, conductor; two unknown men. Injured, Brakeman Hausen, of Evansville; J. B. Henderson, brother of ex-State Auditor Henderson. Both are seriously injured, but will recover.

Defunct Colored Banker. The total loss by the insolvency of the Lexington Savings Bank, Baltimore, and the defunct of its president, the cashier, Everett J. Waring, colored, who disappeared last Saturday night, will be about 17,000. Of this loss the defunct depositors will bear \$5,000, the stockholders \$5,000, and the bank's creditors \$7,000. Waring lent the bank money, \$4,000, and was lost on a speculation. The remainder is supposed to have been carried away with him.

Big Grain Fire. The Ryan Elevator, Buffalo, N. Y., was burned Thursday. It was an old structure with a capacity of about 140,000 bushels, and contained about 4,000 bushels each of wheat and oats. The loss on the elevator is probably \$50,000 and on contents \$100,000. Ryan and Clark were the owners. Alongside the stationary elevator was a floating elevator, also owned by Ryan & Clark and lost in the fire. This too was destroyed.

News Item in Court. A sensation occurred in court at Gadsden, Ala. The case of Danforth & Armstrong, against the Tennessee & Coosa Railroad for money due on contracts, \$150,000, has been in court several years, and carried to the supreme court four times. Each time the verdict has crept up. The railroad attorneys moved to dismiss the case, alleging a conspiracy between the plaintiffs and Dr. Baker. It is the general impression that there is a conspiracy in this to corrupt justice in the other cases. An official investigation will be made and other sensations may follow.

NEWS ITEMS CONDENSED. Southern Pencil Painters. Tramps attacked a train on the Seaboard Air Line near Kilby, Va., and Conductor J. C. Jenkins was shot in the arm and Walter Blackwell, a tramp, mortally wounded.

Bud Brooks and Grady Reynolds, the murderers of M. C. Hunt, were taken to Atlanta from Jackson county, Ga., for safe keeping. They would probably have been lynched had they not been removed. The California Mortgage, Loan & Trust Company, at San Diego, broke yesterday. Liabilities, \$200,000; assets, said to be \$280,000. Hailstorms as large as hen eggs fell at Nashville, Tenn., doing considerable damage.

Proceedings have been instituted in the Circuit Court at Chattanooga, Tenn., against the Southern Railway in suits for civil damage, aggregating \$225,000. The plaintiffs are the several administrators of the Woodard family, killed by a Southern train a few months ago. Mr. H. Clay Evans, of Tennessee, has been tendered the office of Commissioner of Pensions and in all probability will accept the appointment, which is one of the most important in the departmental service at Washington outside of the cabinet offices.

The Seaboard Air Line will have connection with New Orleans. Hon. W. B. Bryan's visit to Nashville was the second occasion. He addressed 8,000 people. The Kentucky legislature meets in a few days and the old senatorial fight of the last session will be renewed. Fire destroyed more than a million feet of lumber in the South Norfolk (Va.) lumber yards. Loss \$25,000. Major Nathaniel R. Chambliss of Selma Ala., died suddenly of heart failure in the cathedral at Baltimore.

By means of contesting seats of Senators the silver men hope to prevent the organization of the Kentucky Legislature. William Kilpatrick, the oldest man in Georgia, died at Cartersville, aged 108 years. He enlisted in the Confederate army when he was 72 years old and fought through it. A Louisville & Nashville northbound fast mail train was held up by masked men three miles from Calera, Ala., and a number of valuable packages secured. The passengers were not molested. Near Augusta, Ga., Tip Uray shot and killed his brother, Cal Uray, in a dispute which occurred at a dance.

John Wall, one of Lynchburg's wealthy citizens, died suddenly while waiting for a train at a depot in that city. B. M. Walton, an architect, of New Decatur, Ala., was found dead in his bed at the St. Nicholas hotel, New York. Governor Bloxham, of Florida, appointed Col. John A. Henderson, of Tallahassee, United States Senator to fill the vacancy, pending an election by the Legislature, which will meet in April.

All About the North. At Dubuque, Ia., the Iowa Iron Works have gone into the hands of the sheriff. Albert Zeimer, a Cleveland, O., merchant, was fatally wounded by shots fired at a fleeing burglar. At St. Paul, Minn., yesterday, Wm. Dawson, United States Senator to retire, was president of the broken bank of Minnesota. Because his wife refused to return to his home, Robert J. Powley, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., shot and killed her. William Roeber, a New York coal dealer, who made an assignment recently and disappeared, was found dead at Coon Island.

WEEK'S REVIEW OF TRADE. Continued Activity and Fairly Steady Prices. Bradstreet's weekly review of trade says: "Continued activity in various industrial lines, based on an expanding consumptive demand, fairly steady prices for staples, further improvement in railroad earnings and widespread confidence that the volume of business will expand materially in the near future, constitute the trade features of the week. Jobbers at Chicago and St. Louis do not find the activity expected at this time, but report a fairly steady request by mail order and, as a trade barometer, point to a temporary check to the tendency to increase noted earlier in the year, the week's total, \$926,000,000, being 3 per cent. less than last week and 2 per cent. less than the second week of March, 1896. February gross railroad earnings tend to improve, all comparisons with that month being 3 per cent. less than last year. Earnings of 116 railroads for February, this year, aggregated \$34,165,901, a decrease of 7-10 of 1 per cent. from the total of February, 1896. This is a better showing for the month than in any month since September. The coalers, trunk lines and the Southwestern roads all show gains in February over a year ago."

There is no doubt that the money markets continue especially favorable to industrial recovery, and there is no such speculative epidemic as to look up an excess of stocks of any kind. Cotton is not active, though a sixteenth higher, for the curtailment of consumption by many mills does not yet help prices in the market for the product. Cotton cloth reports, and dealers so generally hold back orders for other goods that the tone is weak. Iron furnaces, March 1, were producing 7,000 tons weekly, 7,027 tons a day, or 4 per cent. more than Feb. 1, and although visible stocks have increased 30,024, the increase in four weeks, still more furnaces have started this month. The demand for finer water more cheaply than last year, and the price of pig iron, except in the great steel works whose stocks are not reported, but their orders without doubt cover the full production of the month. The price of pig iron is a shade lower, but no other change in quotations appear, and there is a gradual increase in the demand for plates, sheets and all the wire family of products. With the extent of spring without, and outdoor work, much more business is expected. The starting of the Maryland Rail Works under contract with the Carnegie Company, in order to make shipments by water more cheaply than by rail, is a significant feature of the month. The volume of business shown by clearings is but 1.8 per cent. smaller than last year.

The figures for the past week have been 250 in the United States, against 300 last year, and 61 in Canada, against 60 last year. NEW SOUTHERN INDUSTRIES. Remarkable Record of a Week--Money Being Invested. The Manufacturers' Record's weekly report of Southern business interests shows that industrial and financial matters are receiving increased attention, and that the indications throughout the South generally point to a marked improvement in business affairs. During the week the Georgia Railroad and Banking Company has sold \$1,000,000 5 per cent. bonds to retire 6 per cent. bonds; the Seaboard Air Line has sold \$500,000 5 per cent. bonds to retire 8 per cent. bonds; the details have been completed for the building by leading cotton manufacturers of New England of a \$600,000 cotton mill in Alabama; contracts have been let for the construction of the buildings for the steel plant in Birmingham, thus definitely assuring the establishment of large steel works in that city; a company has been organized to develop a \$5,000,000 power near Gainesville, Ga., for electrical transmission, to include in its operations a 10,000 spindle cotton mill and street railway; in August the cotton mill will build a 20,000 spindle mill in addition to the present plant; a \$150,000 cotton mill company has been organized at Douglasville, Ga.; a Michigan manufacturing company will move to Gadsden and establish a large plant. There are but a few indications to illustrate the diversity and extent of the industrial enterprise reported during the past week. In all parts of the South, and in all lines of industry, as well as in railroad construction, the indications for increased business seem to be more promising than for many months. There is no great rush, but a steady, gradual improvement that indicates a solid and substantial growth with increasing activity in the near future.

Seventy-two Miles an Hour. The Plant System has broken the 100-mile fast record in the South with a special train, which made the run between Savannah and Charleston, 108 miles, in 90 minutes. The average speed was 72 miles an hour. The special was run for Rittenhouse Moore, a large contractor, in order to reach Charleston to put in a bid for government work. Given Five Years. Boney Fulton, a young white man, was tried in the Hastings Court at Danville, Va., on an indictment charging him with attempting a criminal assault on Tassie Lee, the eleven-year-old daughter of a woman of unsavory reputation. He was found guilty and sentenced to a term of five years in the penitentiary.

A Long Strike Declared. The great strike of the mine workers of Leadville, Col., which has been in progress since June 19th, last, has been called off unconditionally by the miners. For several months there has been much dissatisfaction among the union men with the way the strike has been conducted. Gentry will be Hanged. Jas. B. Gentry, the murderer of the actress, Madge York, in Philadelphia, is to be hanged on April 23.

TRUMPET CALLS. Ram's Horn Sounds a Warning Note to the Unrepentant. THE devil changes his coat every day. The truly great are those who conquer themselves. In what we can do best, only God can be our teacher. When duty is a hard, remember that Jesus never shirked. If there is good in us, it will bring out good in others. Every sallow-keeper has the devil for his business partner. Some people look hapless when they have bad news to tell. The man who controls himself may hope to reform other men. We will always find good when we look for it with a good heart. We have done too little, when we have not done our prayerful best. Self-righteousness never has any mercy on itself or anybody else. The hotter the fire, the sooner the enemy will be out of ammunition. It is a step toward heaven to come under the influence of good people. The man who would be wise must sit at the feet of those who are wise. Many children go to the bad, mainly because God is misrepresented to them. There are no emergencies with God. No surprises for which he is not prepared. The devils Jesus cast out always were the most fust just as they were going. The Christian should not become discouraged because the devil is still working at his trade. Do all you can find to do for the Lord at home, and you will soon believe in foreign missions. How many fathers and mothers make religion such a cruel thing that their children hate it. Every good man is a lamp which God spares from heaven for a while, to help give light to the world. God has declared that the man who brings wicked devices to pass will soon be out of that business. If you are poor, it may be that the Lord wants to show you how rich he can make you without money. No matter what happens, the Christian should insist on believing that God is still doing all things well. The devil has never been able to make any man dissatisfied with his lot, who had perfect faith in Christ. The man has a hard place who has so much religious work on hand he never has time to pray in secret. One reason why the world gains knowledge so slowly is that every child must find out for itself that fire is hot.

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