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TERRIBLE FLOOD NEWS

Towns in Mississippi Inundated and Situation Growing Worse.

People Abandon Their Homes and Flee for Safety.

Railroad Traffic Suspended Over a Large Territory.

Houses and Cattle Floating on the Raging Rivers.

LOSS OF LIFE WILL BE HEAVY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE ENORMOUS—TRAVELERS WATER-BOUND AT NEW ORLEANS—THE RAIN SHOWS NO SIGNS OF CEASING.

New Orleans, April 20.—New Orleans has ceased to regard the flood situation as a temporary inconvenience. As the full scope of the disaster which visited this section in the excessive rains which began in the early days of the week, and still continue, has been learned, the conviction has been irresistibly brought home that a calamity of appalling magnitude has been experienced, and that instead of the worst being over the evil has just begun.

There are now within the city no less than 500 water-bound travelers, who are not only unable to return to their homes but do not know when they will be able to leave.

Partial reports of the damage incurred in the storm belt have run the figures up into millions. The Illinois Central system has incurred damages which will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars, figuring loss of business, and the end is not yet. Not only was this road tied up yesterday, but there is no telling when trains will be able to run. The trains are still rising and the rain continues to fall. The tie-up is complete both on the Illinois Central and the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroads.

The New Orleans and Northeastern is in a bad fix. It has been unable to move any trains since Monday, and does not know when it will resume operation. The East Louisiana railroad has shut up operations and the Mobile and Ohio is paralyzed. Business is at a standstill owing to lack of mails, which have been stopped over the roads since Monday.

In the vicinity of Enterprise, Miss., the waters of the Chickasawhaway are raging. The water is five feet deep in the main streets, and throughout last night cries for assistance filled the air. Shubuta and DeSota, Miss., are completely inundated. The rise of the Chickasawhaway is in the neighborhood of thirty feet and the torrent is still rising.

New Orleans, April 20.—Advices today from Pearlinton say the Pearl river has reached the highest mark since 1874. Today timber booms commenced breaking up and thousands of dollars' worth of timber has floated to the sea. All business on the river is at a standstill. Sawmills had to discontinue operations.

Water has reached the first floors of all stores along the river. All steamboats are lying at the wharves in the neighborhood of Pearlinton with steam up in case of emergencies. Traffic is suspended and the water is still rising. Every bridge from Pearlinton to Logtown is swept away. Water in the public roads is deep enough to swim a horse.

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are forced to abandon their homes and flee to the Mississippi side for safety. Hundreds of head of cattle and hogs are drowned. Deer and other game are swimming across the river at every available point. All farms and gardens will have to be replanted.

Meridian, Miss., April 20.—The flood situation is growing worse with every report. The town of Hickory is in a distressing condition. A special says it is completely surrounded, the waters rising as a result of the heavy rainfall last night. Hundreds of cattle are drowned and all fences are swept away.

The town of Enterprise and surrounding country are devastated. The waters having been swelled last night six miles above the town by the driving way of the water, cotton mill dam enclosing 100 acres of water averaging a depth of fifteen feet. Buildings in the path of the waters were swept from their foundations and lost.

In Chunky river swamps the number of lives lost is unknown, but is supposed to be heavy. Property damage is incalculable. A two-foot rise of the waters around Meridian was noted this morning.

Jackson, Miss., April 20.—The flood situation during the past twelve hours has shown no improvement. Railroad traffic is still badly crippled by washouts and missing bridges and it is feared the worst is yet to come. The partial schedule of the Illinois Central is suspended on account of track trouble at Camolback, south of Jackson, and no trains will get through before late this afternoon.

A heavy rain fell last night and the situation in Jackson is growing very serious, a large section of the southern part of the city being flooded by back-water of Town creek, and numerous families have been compelled to remove from their homes. Their household goods were carried out in boats.

To the east of here Pearl river has spread over the country for a distance of six miles and the waters are now lapping the flooring of railroad and wagon bridges in Rankin county. The stage of the river is the highest ever known and the water continues to rise at a rapid rate.

A GIRL LEAPS FROM THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE.

Had Lost Money and Friends—Will Recover in a Few Days.

New York, April 20.—Marie Dinse, a German girl, having lost all her money, jumped from the Brooklyn bridge today and was not hurt enough to keep her in bed more than three or four days. She became conscious three hours after taken from the river and told the hospital surgeons she did not remember jumping from the bridge. She added that in Germany she had lost all her money and friends to jump from a bridge if she wanted to.

EXPOSITION'S PROGRESS SLOW.

Americans are About the Only Foreigners There—Hotel Rates High.

Paris, April 20.—The exposition is not progressing toward completeness with anything like the rapidity one would like to see. The chief cause of delay in the foreign section is the fact that the customs officers refuse to break the sealed cars after an early hour in the morning. The commissioner-general of one of the leading sections complained bitterly on this point this morning, and all the commissioners find it most vexatious.

The streets of Paris never were fuller than now, but this is largely due to the spring weather coming after so many weeks of cold. Except for the Americans, who did not get word in time as to the state of the exposition is in, there are few foreigners here. All are waiting for fair weather and a lowering in the prices charged by the hotels. It is hardly worth while waiting for the latter.

The question of the international jury of award is now beginning to claim the attention of the official world. Each country wishes to get as many honors as possible and each commissioner will endeavor to put forward his country's strongest and ablest representatives for jury service. An effort is being made to have some women serve on behalf of the United States, and Mrs. Potter Palmer naturally is championing this idea and earnestly urging its adoption. It is rumored, however, that France's exposition authorities will oppose this radical innovation. This is the first time women have taken or attempted to take any prominent part in connection with a European exposition, and it is one more innovation that may be credited to the influence of the Chicago World's Fair.

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FIGHTING IN FREE STATE

Strong Indications That Roberts Has Begun His Advance

Boers Said to Have Driven Back a Small Force.

The Censorship Restrictions Are Increased.

Fever Reported to be Decimating the Mafeking Garrison.

BOERS SOUTH OF BLOEMFONTEIN RETREATING—RHODES WILL LEAVE ENGLAND FOR CAPE TOWN TODAY.

Pretoria, via Lorenzo Marquez, April 20.—Advices just received here from Hoopstad, Orange Free State, are to the effect that a sharp engagement has taken place north of Boshof between General Delarey's advance, consisting of 150 Boers, and a British force. The latter were repulsed. The British left twenty dead on the field.

REPORT OF FIGHTING. London, April 20.—The report of fighting at Karoo siding, collected in a special despatch from Bloemfontein today, may be the first news of the progress of the British advance on Pretoria, but even if this were only an unimportant skirmish, there are many indications that Roberts is either starting or has already started for the northern goal.

Censorship restrictions have been increased owing to the movement of the troops.

The Boers south of Bloemfontein are reported retreating. Large commands were seen April 19 near Thaba N'Chu moving to the north. Progress was slow, however, owing to the terrible condition of the country.

By way of Pretoria comes the report that fever is decimating the Mafeking garrison, and a letter from the mayor of Mafeking says Roberts has asked Baden-Powell to hold out until May 20.

Cecil Rhodes returns to Cape Town tomorrow. The announcement of his departure was unexpected. It is learned the so-called "empire maker" came to England purely on business connected with the British Chartered South Africa company and the De Beers Mines company. He has accomplished his object, and having inaction suddenly determined to return to South Africa. Rhodes absolutely refused to be interviewed, though he privately expressed scathing comments on several generals still holding commands at the front.

Lady Gatacre will be a fellow passenger of Rhodes. She is going as far as Madeira to meet her husband, who has been sent back to England.

BULLER'S SUCCESSOR.

London, April 20.—What Lord Roberts proposes to do regarding the commands in South Africa is a question of supreme interest in England at the present moment. It is generally conceded that the commander in chief would not have criticized General Buller and his subordinates so freely if he had not intended to make important changes in high places.

Britishers think if General Sir Redvers Buller was not strong enough to assert his authority at Spion kop he is not strong enough to command the British army in Natal during the critical operations of the immediate future. They also feel that Lord Roberts should promptly relieve from duty the men he has seen fit publicly to condemn; but unless there are other officers ready to take their places it is feared that evil results as regards the discipline of the force in the field will ensue.

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fully appreciated, but the opinion is held that if his executive strength was not equal to Spion kop it is unsafe to trust him with future operations bearing in an important way on the result of the war.

SITUATION GROWS WORSE.

Accra, Gold Coast Colony, April 20. Governor Hodgson wires from Kumasi that other tribes are rising and asking assistance. The loyal Bekuis have been attacked by Ashantis and 500 killed. It is feared this will compel the Bekuis to join the rebellion. Evidently the situation is extremely serious and reinforcements will be sent before it is too late.

YOUTSEY DENIES COMPLICITY IN GOEBEL MURDER

Bitterness Engendered by Reports of Indictment of Gov. Taylor.

Frankfort, April 20.—Youtsey was brought into court today and denied the charge of complicity in the murder of Goebel made against him in the indictment and moved for bail. The case was set for April 30, the day on which all parties under arrest will be arraigned.

The publication of the indictment of Governor Taylor has caused much bitterness among republicans. Taylor has been in Washington, but is expected here tonight or tomorrow. An attempt to arrest him here would bring on a conflict between his soldiers and the arresting officers. No warrant will probably be issued or attempt made to arrest him until the indictment is made public at the conclusion of the term of court.

CANNED BEEF.

Washington, April 20.—The war department has been compelled to resort to the use of canned roast beef for subsistence of the army in the Philippines. This is due to the fact that it is absolutely essential, that the soldiers shall be served with fresh meat, and because of the impossibility of providing refrigerator beef or cattle on the hoof under existing conditions.

FEW BUT DEMOCRATS VOTED.

New Orleans, April 20.—Full returns from the Louisiana election held Tuesday give Hearns a plurality over Caffery as 45,376. The legislature stands overwhelmingly democratic for the first time in the history of Louisiana. The democrats carried every parish in the state except Ascension and St. James, and elected every state and local officer except two sheriffs, four police (jurors) and three justices of the peace.

VATICAN OBJECTS.

Rome, April 20.—An influential prelate of Rome says that Archbishop Ireland's letter to the British Catholic union urging a united Anglo-Saxon propaganda is distrusted at the Vatican, where it is regarded as an effort to revive the liberal movement which passes under the designation "Americanism."

ADDED ONE FIGURE TO A CHECK.

Charlotte, N. C., April 20.—Will Snyder, the young white man who was arrested yesterday for raising the amount of a check, was tried today before Mayor McCall and bound over under a bond of \$150 to appear at the next term of the criminal court. Snyder was paid a check of \$1.25 by the Seaboard railroad and taking the check he altered the amount to \$61.25. Nearly all of the money was recovered.

LEAGUE GAMES YESTERDAY.

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CANAL BILL ON CALENDAR

Nicaraguan Project to be Considered in House May 1 and 2.

A Compromise on the Hepburn Measure.

Progress of Work on Naval Appropriation Bill.

House Adopts Committee's Proposition For New Warships.

REFUSAL TO ESTABLISH AN ARMOR PLATE FACTORY—THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE ANNAPOULIS ACADEMY.

Washington, April 20.—Mr. Hepburn, in charge of the Nicaragua canal bill, announced today that a definite arrangement had been reached by which the bill would be considered by the house May 1 and 2 and passed. The house committee on interstate and foreign commerce today made an important change in the Hepburn bill, striking out the provision for "fortification," and thus providing what is expected to be a compromise, which will aid in bringing the measure to early consideration. The amendment was proposed by Barham, of California.

In the house today Mr. Cannon asked unanimous consent for a modification of the language of the amendment adopted yesterday relative to the naval academy. The proposed modification made only one substantial change in the amendment, authorizing the secretary of the navy, after plans had been approved, to contract for all or a part of the improvements at Annapolis within the six million limit. The amendment was agreed to.

This was the day devoted, under the rules, to the consideration of war claims, but the naval affairs committee desired to go ahead with the naval appropriation bill. Mr. Foss moved to proceed with the consideration of that measure but his motion was contested by the committee on war claims, and the roll call was ordered. The naval committee won, 100 to 97, and consideration of the naval appropriation bill was resumed.

Mr. Dinsmore, of Arkansas, made a point of order against the section to increase the active list of surgeons to 55 and assistant surgeons to 110, and providing that assistant surgeons who served in the war with Spain now in the navy might be given permanent commissions without limitation as to age, also providing that assistant surgeons in the navy rank with assistant surgeons in the army. Mr. Dinsmore criticized the latter provision, which would raise the old difficulty between line and staff. He afterward withdrew it and the paragraph remained.

The house this afternoon knocked out all amendments and adopted the committee proposition for two battleships, three protected cruisers and three armored cruisers, all to cost \$28,000,000 with hulls and ultimately to cost with armament \$50,000,000. Mr. Kitchin protested against it without avail. The house also refused to establish an armor plate factory, against Kitchin's advice, and adjourned.

The senate spent nearly all day on the Hawaiian government bill. A long discussion took place over the provision requiring payment by residents of Hawaii of a poll tax of \$5 before voters could be registered. This provision was opposed by Messrs. Tillman, Teller, Jones, Stewart and others. Mr. Cullom said that if it was sent back to conference he would favor the elimination of the poll tax provision.

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