

WATERS SWEEP OVER BIG AREA

New Madrid, Mo., Columbus and Hickman, Ky., and Part of Memphis Inundated by Flood.

PRIVATE LEVEES GIVE WAY AT MANY POINTS

Government Embankments Are Topped and Further Disaster Is Feared—500 Memphis Families Homeless.

Places most seriously affected by the Mississippi river flood are Hickman, Ky., Memphis, Tenn., New Madrid, Mo., and Columbus, Ky.

Lives lost total four; total property damage to date, \$1,000,000; number driven from their homes 8000 to 9000.

The volume of water is six to 10 feet above the danger line between Cairo, Ill., and Arkansas City, Ark.

The crest of the flood will possibly be reached in the district affected between April 14 and April 18.

With four Mississippi river towns seriously affected by invading waters caused by the greatest rise recorded in the river's history, the flood situation today assumed more serious aspects in widespread distress, heavy financial loss and impairment of business facilities. Two thousand persons, driven from the factory districts of Hickman, Ky., are being cared for by the townships at great personal sacrifice.

A levee broke opposite Hickman yesterday at Dorson, Mo. A thousand residents were rescued, many from the tops of their homes, and taken to Hickman. Hickman's food supply is diminishing and trains bearing tents and provisions cannot reach the flooded town because of a railway wash-out.

Fourteen to twenty blocks are submerged in North Memphis and 700 to 1200 persons have been driven from their homes. The water continues rising in Exton Gayoso, the small levee protecting which gave way Monday.

Near Vicksburg, Miss., the water is rising and farmers are leaving their lowland homes, taking their goods and livestock, after the example set by thousands of persons in Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas.

Memphis, April 3.—With water pouring over the levees through half a dozen gaps in private levees south of Cairo and lapping the main embankments at several points, the flood situation along the Mississippi river this morning is grave. Officially it is predicted the stage at Memphis will reach 45 feet. At 7 o'clock this morning the gauge showed 42.6 feet, a rise of three-tenths of a foot since 7 o'clock last night. Government officials are still optimistic that they will hold the river within bounds.

No far all the main levees are intact, although several points are regarded as dangerous. The government embankment immediately west of Hickman, Ky., which protects the Kentucky lake basin and several west Kentucky counties is giving great concern. Breaks in private levees at Bird's Point, near Commerce, Mo., and at Hickman, relieved the situation at Cairo and threatened flooding here probably will be avoided.

At Hickman, the factory district, where the levee broke Monday night is inundated to a depth of 15 to 20 feet and the business district is almost covered with water. New Madrid, Mo., and Columbus, Ky., are flooded.

The gas plant and sewerage pumping station in North Memphis went out of commission last night and early today the gas supply was cut off. Until the water recedes Memphis will be without gas. The flood area in the northern section of the city is rapidly increasing. It is estimated 500 or more families were driven from their homes and practically all industrial plants have suspended operation.

Hickman, Ky., April 2.—The government levee west of Commerce, Mo., protecting the Redfoot lake basin held firm through the night despite the river's sharp rise. Experts said this morning they were sure it would withstand further pressure. Suffering is felt among 2000 refugees. Tents and supplies are on the way here from several points but washouts delay the movement of trains bearing supplies.

New Madrid, Mo., April 3.—Every street is submerged and boats are the only means of conveyance in New Madrid, which is suffering from floods. The cotton belt railroad today abandoned service into New Madrid. Several small homes have been swept away and many are moving their belongings to highland.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Leader Underwood Says It Will Be Confined to Appropriations and Supply Bills.

Washington, April 3.—Majority Leader Underwood today announced that the legislative program from now on would be confined to appropriation and supply bills.

TAFT AND CLARK LOSE WISCONSIN

Primary Vote Instructs Almost Unanimously for LaFollette and Wilson.

Milwaukee, April 3.—Returns of Wisconsin's presidential election yesterday show LaFollette has a lead over Taft on the republican ticket and that Woodrow Wilson is a sure winner over Champ Clark. Wilson apparently leads Clark in every district.

Milwaukee, April 3.—United States Senator Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin, according to incomplete returns at hand, defeated President Taft on the republican ticket and Woodrow Wilson defeated Speaker Champ Clark on the democratic ticket in the state's first presidential preference primary held yesterday.

Although available returns were scattered, E. J. Philip, manager of President Taft's primary campaign in this state, conceded to Senator LaFollette 23 out of 26 delegates to the republican national convention.

In Superior LaFollette defeated Taft by a vote of 1487 to 278. At Oshkosh and throughout Winnebago county LaFollette defeated Taft by a two to one vote. Similar returns were received from Eau Claire, Appleton, LaCrosse, Racine, Madison and a number of the other larger cities of the state.

Gov. Woodrow Wilson's lead on the democratic ticket apparently equaled that of Senator LaFollette on the republican ticket.

Colonel Roosevelt's name did not figure to any extent in the presidential preference primary, as his supporters did not have his name printed on the ballot. Although Roosevelt's name was written on the ballots by some voters returns from a majority of the counties show no considerable vote for him. No presidential candidates other than those whose names are on ballots received any support.

DETECTIVE CHIEF GOES TO CONFER WITH MANN

Posse Returns to the Search Today—Allen Repeatedly Seen Lately.

Hillsville, Va., April 3.—Refreshed by a badly needed night's rest, Detective Posse went back into the mountains today to continue the search for Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards. Fanny and Topsey, the state's famous bloodhounds are being given another chance at the outlaws. The dogs are handicapped by heavy rains which washed away all tracks, but the officers are staking their hopes upon the dogs' work. Searches are satisfied the outlaws are running back and forth in the section of the mountains that has been guarded for the past week. Sidna Allen has been seen several times within the past two days.

Detective Felts, who has been directing the hunt for the outlaws, went to Richmond today to confer with Governor Mann.

A BRIDE OF ONE WEEK IS SLAIN IN HER HOME

Married Boarder, Infatuated With Her, Commits Crime and Attempts Suicide.

Chicago, April 3.—Mrs. Emily Shaw, a bride of one week was murdered in her home today by Clarence Carr, a boarder, who later attempted to commit suicide. Carr has a wife and two children.

Carr's infatuation for the woman was the motive.

POSTPONE FUNERAL

Train Delay Causes Taylor Ceremony at Nashville to Be Deferred—Burial Friday.

Nashville, April 3.—Owing to delays in Virginia of the train bearing the body of Senator Robert Love Taylor, the ceremony planned in Nashville for today will take place tomorrow. The body reaches here tonight and will lie in state in the capitol tomorrow. The funeral takes place in Knoxville Friday.

Bristol, Tenn., April 3.—After standing 36 hours behind a freight wreck between here and Pulaski, Va., the special train bearing the body of Senator Taylor, members of his family and delegations from the house and senate, reached Bristol at 10:30 o'clock this morning. The body goes direct to Nashville, where it will lie in state until Friday. Burial will be at Knoxville.



New York Herald and The Gazette-News.

SECOND THOUGHT

INQUEST IN DEATH OF MRS. LORILLARD

Note Strangely Found—Suicide's Theory Adhered to—Despite Much Gossip.

New York, April 3.—A preliminary inquest into the death of Mrs. Beckman Lorillard, the wealthy young society woman whose body was found hanging in the Holland house on Fifth avenue on March 16, was held by Coroner Feinberg yesterday. Mr. Lorillard was not present. The coroner said that there was no doubt in his mind but that Mrs. Lorillard hanged herself. This was his announced belief at the time of the tragedy.

The only new development regarding the circumstances of Mrs. Lorillard's death was the testimony of a hotel maid that on the day after the tragedy she found a note underneath a bath tub in the Lorillard rooms, apparently written by Mrs. Lorillard. It was on the inside of an envelope bearing the postmark "Sydney, Australia," and addressed to her. The note, according to Coroner Feinberg, asked that no one but herself be blamed for the act and stated that she was "tired of it all."

The coroner said he would obtain depositions from Mr. Lorillard and from Mrs. Lorillard, his mother, who "reached the Holland house shortly after her daughter-in-law's death."

In the circles in which Mrs. Lorillard moved it was doubtful that she committed suicide is entertained. The latter bearing the Sydney postmark is supposed to have been received by Mrs. Lorillard from her husband when the latter was in Australia. It was at Sydney that Mr. Lorillard was taken sick with typhoid fever, and on his recovery he left that city direct for the United States. How the note came to be under the bath tub is, of course, a matter of speculation, but it is believed that Mrs. Lorillard wrote it in her bedroom.

While there has been much gossip regarding the Lorillard suicide, it is generally accepted that the young wife took her own life in a fit of despondency superinduced by neurasthenia. It is pointed out that her manner during the hours preceding her death gave no indication that she contemplated taking her own life.

Causes Surprise Here.

Mrs. A. B. Doyle, Mrs. Lorillard's mother, is now in Asheville. Mrs. Doyle's son-in-law, Thomas W. Doyle, said that the news of a re-opening of the case was not understood here; the action not only was not taken at the instance of the unfortunate family, but they did not even know it was contemplated. They had supposed the statement of the coroner in New York, on the day of the tragedy, that it was clearly a case of suicide, disposed of the matter. They were therefore greatly surprised last night when the local representative of a New York paper telephoned to them for information.

Heart Shock Kills Cyclist.

New York, April 3.—Joseph Orlando, the crack quarter-mile cyclist was found dead in a bath tub here today. Orlando became overheated, took a bath and died from heart shock. He was 30 years of age.

Dryan to Speak at Des Moines.

Des Moines, April 3.—William J. Bryan will be the principal speaker tonight at the Jefferson club banquet. After the banquet Bryan leaves on a speaking tour through the east.

Tells What "Tube" Skirt Costs Cotton Interests

New York Exchange's President Says Manufacturers Have Lost the Sale of 12 Yards of Cloth to Every Woman who Followed Fashion's Edicts.

Washington, April 3.—Twelve yards of cotton goods for every woman who followed the edicts of fashion is the price the cotton interests of the world paid for the "tube" skirt and its accompanying lack of undergarments, according to George W. Neville, president of the New York Cotton Exchange, addressing the American Cotton Manufacturers' association here today. Neville was applauded when he announced that "the maulers of feminine fashions now have decreed that ladies shall wear more yards of cloth in their garments."

"One of my friends of a mathematical turn of mind figured the scanty attire of the fair sex cut out at least 12 yards of finished goods per adult female inhabitant of the civilized world," said Neville, "and this scant attire cut a large figure and was a contributing factor to the small demand for finished goods in the past two years," he declared.

Neville said the New York Cotton exchange was criticized and threatened for not adopting government cotton standards.

"Government standards to be complete," he said, "should be made from upland and Atlantic States cotton which is the basis of all cotton traded in for future delivery on all cotton exchanges, and is the quality quoted in all markets the world over where American cotton is bought and sold."

"We are willing to meet criticism and have no fear of the judgment of the cotton people in the position we have taken on this question. We have always stood for uniformity in classification, but just for uniformity's sake we are not going to adopt a standard that does not represent the quality of cotton traded in on any cotton exchange in the world."

Sanitary improvement in southern cotton mills constitute one of the most important changes in cotton mill construction, declared J. E. Shirine of Greenville, S. C., who addressed the association. Sanitary plumbing, drinking fountains and healthful working quarters are taking the place of unhealthy surroundings, he said.

SLAYER DECLINES TO BE INFORMED

Negrees Tells Officers Bloody Orgies in Louisiana Will Continue.

Lafayette, La., April 3.—Clementine Barnabet, self-confessed slayer of more than half the 35 negro victims of the "mercenary axe" in Louisiana and Texas today refused to tell officers the names of other members of the "cotton cult" who helped her in the bloody orgies. The negroes warned the officers that the killings would continue as long as members of her "church" kept faith in their "mercenary" laws, which are supposed to accord them from "persecution."

Cult members claim a person "sacrificed" by the axe gains thereby immortality.

"Clementine Barnabet is rational and I believe her confession is true," said the sheriff today.

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COL. ROOSEVELT GETS GUILFORD

MILWAUKEE TURNS DOWN SOCIALISTS

Non-Partisan Ticket Sweeps Them from Office by Overwhelming Majority.

Milwaukee, April 3.—With a flood of non-partisan ballots Milwaukee voters yesterday swept from office the city's socialist administration, installed a non-partisan mayor, board of aldermen and county board of supervisors and probably eliminated every national political party from participation in future municipal elections in the state of Wisconsin, because as a result of the non-partisan victory in Milwaukee the state legislature at a special session soon to be convened is expected to pass a distinctly non-partisan city election statute. The socialists defeated such a measure at the last session of the legislature, but yesterday's rout was said to have practically killed socialist strength in the state and general assembly.

Nearly complete returns from the 146 precincts in the city show that Dr. Gerhard A. Bading, non-partisan candidate for mayor, defeated Mayor Emil Seidel, socialist incumbent, by a majority of about 17,000. From the head of the ticket down through the common council and county board of supervisors, the voters piled up equally large totals for candidates on the non-partisan ticket.

At a late hour last night the totals at hand indicated that the next council will be composed of 28 non-partisan aldermen and nine socialist aldermen. The present council is composed of 23 socialists and 14 non-partisan members. The next council will be larger through a recent reapportionment and the creation of two new wards in the city.

The widespread interest in the fight to unseat the socialist administration was indicated by the heavy total vote of nearly 50,000. The highest previous total vote cast in a municipal election was 29,434 at the time Mayor Seidel was elected two years ago.

UNWRITTEN LAW FREES MRS. ZEE RUNG M'KEE

Opelousas Woman Who Shot Garland Acquitted of Manslaughter Charge.

Opelousas, La., April 3.—Mrs. Zee Rung McKee, who has been on trial accused of manslaughter in connection with the killing of Allan Garland, a Tulane university student, was acquitted today. The jury was out all night. Mrs. McKee said she shot "to protect her honor." At her previous trial, charged with murder, a jury failed to agree.

The Garland family has been well known in Louisiana for several generations. Mrs. McKee is the wife of a southwestern railroad official. Garland was killed in the McKee home last fall. While Mrs. McKee's lawyers pleaded the "unwritten law" for her, the prosecution attempted to refute this defense by calling witnesses who told of alleged intimate relations between the pair for a long time.

BALLOT INDICATES STRIKE OF RAILROAD ENGINEERS

Voting on Question of Walkout on Eastern Lines Proceeds Rapidly.

New York, April 3.—The brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' officials today announced that balloting among the engineers of 50 eastern roads upon the question whether they will strike if necessary to support their demands for increased wages is proceeding rapidly. Ballots received so far indicate the men favor a strike.

KILL THEIR FATHER

Boys, Aged 13 and 15, Admit Crime, Saying They "Were Tired of Being Bored."

Los Angeles, April 3.—"Because they were tired of being bored," Frank and Roy Yates, aged 15 and 13, today admitted murdering their father, George Yates, a rancher near Compton. The boys concealed themselves on a roadside as their father approached, firing the fatal shot. After rifling his pockets, the boys loaded the body on a sled, hauled it home and told their mother some enemy killed him. The youths later revealed the truth.

Primaries Instruct Practically All of the Votes in the Republican County Convention for Him.

ROOSEVELT SENTIMENT STRONG IN THE STATE

Four Counties Which Have Held Conventions Declared for Him—Mass Meetings Disclose Strength.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Greensboro, April 3.—Predictions that Roosevelt supporters would be in control of the republican county convention here Saturday were fulfilled last night, when reports of primaries held in the city and county began to come into headquarters here. At 10:30 o'clock results from nearly every precinct had been sent in, these showing that of the 124 votes in the county convention from 112 to 118 are instructed for Roosevelt.

Leaders of the Roosevelt movement declare that in every precinct, with the single exception of Friendship, there was absolutely no effort to override the strong feeling for Roosevelt. Stanley, Davidson, Mitchell, Avery and Gaston counties have already held their conventions, and all disclosed a solid Roosevelt sentiment. Roosevelt mass meetings have been held in Wilkes, Alamance and other counties and the reports from these counties and the reports from these meetings—they are all for Roosevelt.

STRONG IN VERMONT

Roosevelt Leaders Claim the State for Their Candidate—Result of Town Caucuses.

Burlington, Vt., April 3.—Surprising strength was shown by the Roosevelt forces in the second congressional district at the town caucuses held Saturday. The east side of the state gave the colonel two delegates in the national convention.

Governor Meade thinks Roosevelt will have the two delegates in the second district, and Taft the other six from this state.

Both the Taft and Roosevelt leaders, after a canvass of the result of the caucuses on Saturday, claim the Vermont delegation. The Taft managers declared today that the two district conventions and that the state convention the next day would take similar action.

Judge Ernest W. Gibson, of Brattleboro, chairman of the Roosevelt committee, was equally sure that the second district convention at Montpelier would choose Roosevelt delegates, that the state convention would also favor his candidacy and that there was a fighting chance in the first district convention at Burlington.

DIXON TO VERMONT

Claiming State for Roosevelt He Goes to Prevent "More Political Burglary" by Taftites.

New York, April 3.—With the object of preventing "more political burglary," as he termed it, Senator Joseph M. Dixon, manager of the Roosevelt campaign, has gone up into Vermont to get into personal touch with the situation there.

Both Senator Dixon and Judge Duell, who is in charge of the New York Roosevelt headquarters, declare that the Roosevelt forces have carried Vermont and that the Taft machine would not be permitted to steal the state. Senator Dixon gave out a statement while here, declaring his intention to prevent repetition of the kind of work done in Indiana and New York.

"We have won Vermont by fair means," the statement reads, "and we do not propose to have the state stolen from us nor have the tactics practiced there that were practiced in Indiana and New York city. We are going to see that there is no more political burglary. The Roosevelt leaders in Vermont report that they have carried the state, but that the Taft people are desperate, and will stop at nothing. It is about time that the American people awake to the realization of the deplorable methods that are being pursued to get control of the national convention."

"Despite the absurd claims from Washington of the Taft people that they have carried Vermont," said Judge Duell, "we have information that six of the delegates will be ours, and in all probability the entire eight."

130 PERISHED

Finding of Wreckage. It Is Believed, Sinks Fate of Persons on Wrecked Ship.

Perth, Western Australia, April 3.—Wreckage picked up off the coast today appears to seal the fate of 50 passengers and 80 men of the crew of the British steamer Koomboom, missing since a disastrous typhoon off the northwest coast last week.

Noted Physician Dead.

Philadelphia, April 3.—Dr. John H. Mummer one of the country's most noted diagnosticians, died from heart disease today at the age of 83 years.