

HIGHER WATERS MENACE TEXAS

Continues in Center of State Adding to Immense Damage—13 Lives Lost.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE RENDERED HOMELESS

But No Serious Relief Problems Presented—San Antonio is Reached By Flood.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 4.—Rainfall continued today in the flood districts of central Texas, adding to the menace of high waters which already have cost thirteen lives and about \$1,000,000 property damage.

The area of overflowing rivers spread rapidly last night, the most important new point affected being San Antonio. The floods today covered portions of nearly every county from San Antonio northward almost to the Pan-Handle and from this point eastward to include all the important cities of North and Central Texas.

Houston, Beaumont and Galveston alone were not threatened. The homeless numbered thousands but inasmuch as they were divided in small groups throughout the immense flood territory no serious relief problems were presented.

At Belton, where part of the town was cut off by water, baskets of provisions were dropped on telephone poles to flood victims. Bonanza, near Waco, reported that the rice which did not reach there yesterday came in a wall of water.

One hundred and seventy-five passengers on a Houston and Texas Central railroad train were marooned all night near Marlin. The flood water rose over the mills until occasionally it lapped the lower steps of the coaches.

The Marlin overflow in from the Brazos river bed. It is estimated that the Brazos is 10 miles wide at some points. Marlin is five miles from the river.

At Waco, where several thousand persons were driven from their homes by the Brazos flood, no loss of life had been reported. Inundation of the cemeteries stopped burials throughout the city. Planting mills turned out scores of boats to rescue the marooned and salvage property.

At Fort Worth in the Trinity river where there was apparent relief from flood conditions in from this morning when a dangerous new rise set in. The flood's death list is:

At Belton: Five members of the Poik family.
At Brownwood: D. Lytan.
At Dallas: R. F. Lacy.
At Grand Prairie: — Manley.
At High Bank, near Marlin: Two negroes.
At Austin: Three unidentified men.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 4.—Floods which have driven thousands of persons from their homes in other parts of Texas reached San Antonio today, when the river here went out of its banks and inundated several sections of the city. Rescuing parties, hastily organized, began carrying the marooned to safety. The damage to property was considerable. No life loss has been reported here.

Floods Recede.
After several hours the flood began to recede almost as rapidly as it had risen, saving the city from imminent danger of having its supply of water for domestic purposes shut off by flooding of the pumping plant. Soldiers from Fort Sam Houston helped police and firemen rescue people in the lowlands.

AMERICANS ORDERED RELEASED BY REBEL

Washington, Dec. 4.—Immediate release of W. S. Windham, an American and a companion named Dunn held for ransom near Mazatlan has been ordered by Governor Felipe Riveros, commander-in-chief of the constitutionalists in Sinaloa, according to dispatches to the state department. Windham formerly was cashier of a bank in Pasadena, Cal., and is now superintendent of a ranch.

Today's dispatches which confirm the capture of Victoria by the rebels, say both Monterey and Tampico are threatened. Nearly all the Americans, many foreigners and hundreds of Mexicans have fled from Monterey to Texas.

REBELS SUPREME IN NORTH MEXICO

Leaders Consider Days of Fighting There Are Almost Over.

Jaures, Dec. 4.—While looting by isolated bands or confiscation of property by the Mexican rebels may continue, the days of fighting in northern Mexico are numbered, so far as the rebellion is concerned, according to expressions made by rebel leaders today. General Francisco Villa's assertion that there was not much more to fight for in the north because of the bankrupt conditions of the federal army which caused it to evacuate so important a city as Chihuahua has spread among the rebels.

What most immediately concerns the so-called constitutional party now is the elaborating of its civil government. This embraces a more systematized customs to be enforced along the border. The rebels hold all the important border towns except Nuevo Laredo and Piedras Negras, opposite Eagle Pass.

There remains also to be put in force a uniform currency system, for now rebel and federal currency are in conflict, one kind being acceptable in one place and another kind in another. Rebel postage stamps already are in use. Many governors and state officials are to be selected.

The settlement of the civil questions is one reason why Villa has asked General Carranza to meet him at Chihuahua. Carranza, Terrasa, a newspaper editor in Chihuahua, who is not related to the wealthy Terrasa family, has been selected for Carranza to leave the task of establishing civil government, devoting himself to the military campaign southwards towards Mexico City.

ABANDONMENT OF FIGHT ON BARNES IS ADVISED

But Younger Members of Republican Conference Will Continue Attack.

New York, Dec. 4.—A conference of republican leaders in New York state over which Senator Ellhu Root will preside has been called for tomorrow to consider the situation confronting the party in state affairs.

A number of local leaders are said to have agreed at a conference last night upon a program to submit at the meeting tomorrow in advocacy of a direct primary law, doing away with state conventions and working men's compensation measure to offset the proposals made by the present democratic administration along these lines.

Opposition to the continuance of William Barnes as state chairman of the party has received considerable publicity of late, but it was said that local leaders at last night's conference had counseled abandonment of the fight against Barnes; and if on other ground than that factional strife should be discouraged at this time.

There are some of the younger leaders, however, who declare they will continue their attack upon Barnes and the outcome of tomorrow's conference of state leaders will be watched with interest.

ASHEVILLE SHINERS GO TO CHARLOTTE MEETING

Party of 25 Left This Morning in Special Car—Will Return Tomorrow.

Twenty-five Shriners of Asheville left this morning for Charlotte to attend the meeting of the Shriners there this afternoon and tonight. The party went down in a special car attached to Southern passenger train No. 18, leaving here at 7 o'clock, and will return tomorrow morning on No. 15, arriving here at 10:30.

CONSIDER HIGH PRICE OF EGGS

Conference on High Cost of Living Meets in Philadelphia—Reduction Campaign.

MANY HOUSEWIVES ARE UP IN ARMS

Investigation Started in Pittsburgh—Boycotts on Eggs Start in Many Sections.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 4.—Relations existing between the city and country with reference to the high cost of eggs was expected to be one of the topics considered at an agricultural conference which began here today to consider the cost of living and to plan a campaign to obtain a reduction of the price of food products.

Campaigns now being conducted in Chicago, Kansas City and Pittsburgh to reduce the cost of eggs attracted much attention among the delegates here today and there was much informal discussion of the subject in connection with the general high cost of food products.

Make-Up of Conference.
Farm experts, bankers, educators, merchants and other business men made up the conference which will continue three days. Various methods for increasing efficiency in marketing, transportation, farm and soil surveys, farm bureaus and corn shows as means of reducing prices would be advocated at the different sessions by speakers from several states.

Wholesale and retail dealers, cold storage men and railroad officials have been invited to participate in the discussions.

United States Senator Gore of Oklahoma was on the program today for an address on "The Inter-Relation of City and Country."

Others who have accepted invitations to speak include H. B. Fullerton of New York; G. F. Warren of the agricultural department of Cornell university; Dr. John R. Williams of Rochester, N. Y.; Dr. Carver, chief of the bureau of markets, United States department of agriculture; Emory R. Johnson, University of Pennsylvania; Joseph Chapman, jr., Minneapolis; and B. F. Harris, president of the Illinois Bankers association.

The conference was arranged by a committee representing agricultural, commercial, educational and business organizations under the direction of Charles S. Caldwell, as chairman. It is being held in connection with a corn show at which farmers from Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and New Jersey are competing for prizes.

Two thousand members of the Ohio Boys Corn club party, who are now in Washington, are expected to be guests at tomorrow's session.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 4.—In the face of the fact that agents of the department of justice are here to investigate the cause of the high price of eggs, quotations for "selected eggs," as the Pittsburgh butter and egg exchange terms them, were advanced today from 45 and 46 cents to 53 and 52 cents a dozen. Dealers declare this

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ARREST MRS. PANKHURST; NO DISORDER RESULTED

Militant Leader is Taken in Custody on Arrival at Plymouth.

Plymouth, England, Dec. 4.—Contrary to expectation there was no disturbance when Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant suffragette leader, was arrested on board the steamship Majestic, on her arrival from New York today. Mrs. Pankhurst was transferred to a tug which had been chartered by the police and was taken to Devonport dockyard.

SAYS DAIRYMEN PLAN A "STRIKE"

H. L. Nettles Declares They Will Not Submit to an Inspection Tax.

The Buncombe County Dairymen's association will hold a meeting in the county court house Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of deciding what further steps will be taken by them in regard to the milk situation in the city. It will be remembered that sometime ago several members of the association refused to pay the tax levied by the city on all dairymen doing business in the city, which was on the basis of \$1 per head. Then a friendly suit was entered by the city against H. L. Nettles, president of the association, and this was continued from time to time until during the last session of court it was heard by Judge Carter, who decided in favor of the city. The dairymen then appealed to the Supreme court of North Carolina, where the case is now to be heard.

In an interview with a Gazette-News reporter this morning Mr. Nettles stated that the dairymen are making arrangements to ship their milk to a creamery in Columbia in event they are forced to pay this tax. If these arrangements are carried out then it will mean that Asheville will be cut off from its present supply of milk. He went on to say that arrangements will be made whereby milk will be supplied to invalids and babies on doctors' prescription.

He went on to say that the dairymen objected to the tax from principle and from the fact that they thought that it was excessive; that the tax was imposed for the benefit of the people of Asheville and that the dairymen maintained that the city should stand the expense of the inspections and not let the dairymen pay it.

The dairymen claim that owing to the increase in the cost of feedstuff and labor, they were now losing money on the dairy business now according to Mr. Nettles. He said that he has operated his dairy at a loss for two years and could show this by his books.

He said while the cost of foodstuffs had advanced during the last few years at least 50 to 100 per cent that the price being paid for milk wholesale had not increased at all.

According to Mr. Nettles the dairymen, wholesale and retail, are willing to pay a reasonable wagon tax but will not pay the tax now levied against them. He wishes it to be clearly understood, however, that all the dairymen are willing to cooperate with the local board of health in carrying out its regulations as to inspections, sanitation, etc., and that they have gone to considerable expense to that end. He cited as an instance his own case, saying that to comply with the health board's suggestions he had made expensive improvements and employed additional help.

WILSON'S COLD BETTER BUT HE IS IN BED YET

President Unable to See Delegation From Suffragist Convention.

Washington, Dec. 4.—President Wilson's cold was a little better today but he remained abed. Dr. Cary T. Grayson, U. S. N., thought it probable the president would have to keep to his room tomorrow as well so engagements were cancelled. It was said at the White House that while the president was not suffering in any way the cold remained in his head and throat and Dr. Grayson thought best to guard against exposure.

Mrs. Modell McCormick and Mrs. Delsha Breckenridge, the committee of two appointed by the National American Woman Suffrage association to ask the president to see delegates, called at the White House offices and laid their request before Assistant Secretary Forster. Secretary Tumulty had gone to Jersey City to attend the funeral of a relative.

The committee was told that the president was ill today and they asked that they be received sometime tomorrow. They were informed that if the president had sufficiently improved tomorrow he might be able to receive them but that the matter probably could not be determined until later.

MRS. AGNES GURTH MURDERED; SWISS SOLDIER DISAPPEARS

New York, Dec. 4.—A former Swiss soldier who lived at the home of Mrs. Agnes Gurth and had been introduced as her second husband, had disappeared today and efforts to solve the murder of Mrs. Gurth centered in the attempt to find him.

ZABERN AFFAIR CAUSES CRISIS

Emperor William Takes Hand in Troubles Between Citizens and The Military Authorities.

PAPERS DEMAND THAT CHANCELLOR RESIGN

Declare His Explanations of Affair Cause of Resolution of Non-Confidence in Government.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—Emperor William today decided that the time had come for him to interfere personally with the full weight of his authority in order to put an end to the differences between the civil and military authorities of Alsace. His majesty this morning summoned the governor general of Alsace-Lorraine, Count Charles von Wedel, and the commanding general, Lieutenant General Berthold von Deiningen, to report to him immediately at Donaueschingen.

The strife between the military authorities and the civilians in the little garrison town of Zabern brought about over night a political crisis of the most acute order in Germany. Demands for the resignation of the imperial chancellor were voiced today by the "Tageblatt," the "Frankfurter Gazette," and other radical newspapers.

The unsatisfying nature of the explanation of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor, yesterday in the imperial parliament and the brusque statement of Major General Erich von Fabeunberg, minister of war, it was pointed out, had not only ensured the passage of the resolution expressing non-confidence in the government but had made possible a serious delay in considering the budget program.

It was thought not unlikely that the imperial parliament would refuse to proceed with the discussion of the budget until it received satisfactory guarantees that there would be no repetition of such incidents as those which have occurred at Zabern.

The imperial chancellor appeared in the imperial parliament at the opening of today's session. Taking the floor at once, he declared that Emperor William had expressed extreme displeasure over the occurrences at Zabern and had given the general in command strict orders that such violations of the law as the clearing of the streets by the military and the arrest of civilians should not be repeated.

Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg denied the existence of a secret inner-government in Alsace which overruled the decisions of the recognized authorities—as had been reported—and said he would resign instantly if such a thing were true.

"The present moment is a serious one," the chancellor said, "not because of the possibility of my resignation; but because of the danger that the Zabern incidents and the debates in the imperial parliament may lead to a permanent breach between the army and the people."

The imperial chancellor leaves the capital tonight to make a personal report on the Zabern incidents to the emperor at Donaueschingen.

A vote of non-confidence in the German government in connection with its attitude in regard to the troubles between the military and the civilians at Zabern, a lance was adopted in the imperial parliament today by 293 against 54. One blank paper was handed in while 49 members were not present.

SAYS DEBATE ON MONEY MEASURE IS A FARGE

Senator Cummins Charges Democrats Approached a "Near" Conspiracy.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Charges by Senator Cummins that the Democrats had approached "dangerously near a conspiracy against the rights of all the people" in taking caucus action on the currency bill marked the opening of today's session of the senate.

POLICE PROBE WILL BE BEGUN

Committee of Aldermen Decides to Investigate Allegation of "Leak" Before Serving of Warrant.

JUDGE CARTER TO BE OBTAINED AS A WITNESS

Indicates Willingness to Testify in Inquiry Precipitated by His Remarks in Court.

The police committee of the board of aldermen has called a meeting to be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in the council chamber at the city hall, as the result of Judge Carter's implication, made during the investigations he held recently in the alleged illegal traffic in whiskey in this city, that there was a "leak" in the police department.

The committee, consisting of R. L. Francis, chairman, W. R. Patterson and W. E. Johnson, will according to a statement made this morning by Mr. Francis to a Gazette-News reporter, issue subpoenas for Judge Frank Carter, Gay Green, John H. Lange and J. Bayless Hector, to appear before the committee tomorrow and tell what they know if anything about members of the police force, tipping off information to Vance Wells, so that he was able to leave the city before he could be arrested as a defendant in the investigation recently held by Judge Carter.

Mr. Francis stated this morning to a Gazette-News reporter, that if any charges are preferred against any member of the police force they will be thoroughly investigated and he further said that the committee does not want any man on the force who does anything else than his duty as a sworn officer of the law.

"I believe that the Asheville police force has done everything in its power to enforce the prohibition law and to uphold all laws," Mr. Francis said. "I am informed that seven out of the 19 warrants served during the recent investigations were served by members of the force and further that most all the information was secured from the police. This is the first intimation that we have had that any one thought that there were members of the police who were not living up to their oath."

On last Monday morning, just before starting the testimony in the preliminary hearings at the court house, Judge Carter said a few things in regard to rumors that had come to him in regard to "leaks" in the police department. He suggested that the police committee investigate the disappearance of Vance Wells, a defendant in the case. He said he was after the officers who were falling to do their duty as well as liquor sellers.

Following is a stenographic report of an interview between Chairman Francis and Judge Carter prior to the calling of the committee meeting:

R. L. Francis: "Judge, I would like to see you a few minutes."

Judge Carter: "All right, sir; but in view of what was said in the morning paper, I would like to have the stenographer take down what passes between us."

Mr. Francis: "The city wants to investigate these things, and if there is anybody working for us that is tipping off these things we want to get rid of them."

Judge Carter: "I am glad that such is the attitude of the city, and I wish you Godspeed in what you may undertake."

Mr. Francis: "When do you want the city to make this investigation?"

Judge Carter: "I have nothing to do with your investigation."

Mr. Francis: "I want to suit your convenience and mine."

Judge Carter: "I have nothing to do with the city's business."

Mr. Francis: "We would like to have you as a witness."

Judge Carter: "Have you come seeking information or to be pert?"

Mr. Francis: "I am seeking information."

Judge Carter: "If you start your investigation and subpoena me as a witness, I'll answer."

Mr. Francis: "All right, sir."

Judge Carter: "Is there anything else you want?"

Mr. Francis: "That's all."

Judge Carter: "All right, sir, I consider this interview as ended."

Mr. Francis: "All right, sir. Thank you very much."

CHICAGO IS HAVING WEATHER FOR BASEBALL

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Baseball was a popular pastime in Chicago yesterday as a result of warm weather. Coolies men and boys played two games on the diamond in Grant park. Employees of butcher houses facing the rack played the first game and message boys staged the second contest. Large crowds were attracted by the unusual sight of baseball in December.

INDIANS PREDICT THERE WILL BE NO WINTER

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 4.—The Indians of this vicinity are predicting there will be "no winter this season." Freak December weather prevails all over the Dakotas, with warm rains and the thermometers well above freezing.