

Mammoth Ice Gorges Check Missouri River

And the Work of the Ice is Saving Thousands of Acres of Land From Ravages of the Mighty Stream.

SOME LOWLANDS ALREADY SWAMPED

In a Number of Cities Persons Living Near the River Had to Leave Homes—Damage Will Be Heavy.

Omaha, Neb., March 24 (By the Associated Press).—Unprecedented mammoth ice gorges in the Missouri river and tributary streams near Vermillion, South Dakota, Sioux City and Omaha, Iowa, and Dakota City, Neb., have precipitated conditions which prevented a flood menace today for all the lowlands between Vermillion and Omaha, the flooding of thousands of acres of rich farm lands in the three states, destruction of hundreds of farm houses, and the inundation of at least part of Sioux City and smaller cities and towns.

An ice gorge reported to have attained a length of 11 miles, and width in places of 7 miles, near Brassfield Island at Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, south of Sioux City, is strangulating the mighty Missouri river. The stream, strengthened by thaws and spring floods, is engaged in a titanic struggle to break the deadly grip. In its grapple the river is dissipating its strength in overflowing into the lowlands.

20 AUTOMOBILES BURN IN FIRE AT WADESBORO

Loss is Estimated at Fifty Thousand Dollars, Partially Covered by Insurance.

Wadesboro, March 23.—One of the most disastrous fires in the history of Wadesboro destroyed the brick building owned by Hardison Brothers about 2 o'clock this morning. The building and its contents were a total loss. Twenty automobiles were destroyed, and the garage operated by Huntley and Baker.

Senator Nicholson Not Expected to Live

Denver, Col., March 24.—Hope for saving the life of United States Senator Samuel D. Nicholson, who is critically ill here from a tumor of the stomach, was practically abandoned here today when physicians attending him issued a statement announcing he was not expected to live twenty-four hours.

These Things Happen

When You Build or Buy Your Own Home

You save the RENT—DON'T HAVE TO MOVE—Furnishings Last Longer—YOU take pride in Improving—Life is Worth Living—YOU BECOME A CITIZEN OF CONCORD.

Cabarrus County Building Loan and Savings Association

OFFICE IN CONCORD NATIONAL BANK.

Textile Mills Increase Pay

(By the Associated Press.)

Leaksville, N. C., March 24.—Textile mills at Leaksville-Spray and Draper have announced an increase of 30 to 35 per cent in the bonuses paid their employees which, it was said today, means a net increase of slightly more than 10 per cent. The increase will add approximately \$250,000 annually to the pay rolls of the mills.

Workers Asked to Defer Action

In Conference With Textile Union Men, They Point to Conditions in the South.

Fall River, Mass., March 23.—The Cotton Manufacturing Association of Fall River today requested the textile council to withdraw its demand for a wage increase of 15 per cent, in 111 mills in this city.

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Political Pot Begins to Boil in This City Again

(By the Associated Press.)

While interest in the municipal election to be held here on May 8th has been almost wholly lacking so far, it was indicated today that the leaders of the Democratic party, which controls the city, are beginning to get the wheels in a row and coincident with this report comes an unofficial though reliable statement that Mayor Womble will be a candidate to succeed himself. With this seemingly authentic statement more interest in the election is expected to be created, and within another two weeks it is believed something definite will be known as to the candidates the Democratic party will offer.

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American Navy Fleet Should Be Modernized

Naval Experts Say Washington Arms Conference Agreement Demands That This Be Done.

Washington, March 24.—The 5-5-3 naval ratio, the foundation stone of all the naval agreements growing out of the Washington arms conference will be utterly destroyed unless the United States carries out its program to modernize the American treaty fleet, in the opinion of expert naval officers, as it has taken shape after a careful study of the whole subject.

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THE PIGGLY WIGGLY

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Republican Senator From North Dakota Joins in Demand for Inquiry

Washington, March 24.—A prediction that 1924 will contain important speeches for the old line political parties unless something is done by Senator Ladd, republican, North Dakota, in a statement joining in the demand for an investigation of the "sugar corner."

Old Spanish Trail Convention

New Orleans, La., March 24.—Preparations have been completed for the entertainment in New Orleans next week of the sixth annual convention of the Old Spanish Trail Association. In connection with the convention there will be meetings of the Gold Boulevard Conference, the Southern Transcontinental Road Conference, and the Parliament of Women on Highway Beautification. The program for the convention calls for addresses by Governor Neff, of Texas, Governor Parker, of Louisiana, and a number of other State and national officials.

John Drew's Golden Anniversary

New York, March 24.—Fifty years ago, on March 23, 1873, John Drew, illustrious descendant of a family famous on the American stage for several generations, made his first professional appearance at the Arch Street theatre, Philadelphia. Tomorrow the golden anniversary is to be celebrated with a dinner at the Hotel Biltmore in this city. The affair has been arranged by more than two score of Mr. Drew's friends, actors, writers, theatrical managers and business men.

Moonshine Hound is Latest Among Canines

Monroe, March 22.—W. D. Bivens, of Monroe, one of the county commissioners, owns a remarkable dog, and one that many a man would like to possess. This dog it is reported went to the woods and freed. He was barking so wildly that Mr. Bivens thought he would see what sort of a prize the dog had up the tree. This time though and was scratching desperately, trying to get it up. When he had finally scratched enough so that the "game" could be removed, it proved to be a two gallon jug of moonshine. Mr. Bivens is known by a l to be a teetotaler, and says he has no use for such a dog or such a find. However, bids are coming in to Mr. Bivens every day, and each day the bids are higher.

New Interest Quarter Begins April 1

IN OUR SAVINGS DEPARTMENT 4 PER CENT. COMPOUNDED QUARTERLY

The Concord National Bank Capital \$100,000.00 Surplus \$100,000.00