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Fair and warmer today.
Monday fair, colder.

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20 DEAD, PROPERTY LOSS \$15,000,000 DUE TO FLOODS

Fearful Havoc Wrought By High Water In Western Pennsylvania.

MANUFACTURING PLANTS ARE RESUMING WORK

More Than Ten Square Miles in Pittsburgh Alone Were Covered By Flood, Doing Enormous Damage—Extent of Loss Still Undetermined.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 16.—After three days of business stagnation caused by a remarkably rapid rise in the Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio rivers, which inundated more than ten square miles of this city, conditions have about assumed their normal trend and by Monday, at least, a complete resumption will be possible.

The water is receding even more quickly than it rose. With the exception of lowlands below the city, the water has subsided to its natural course. Since afternoon the water has fallen three feet, and by tomorrow a stage of a little over ten feet is calculated.

Several mills and manufacturing establishments began operation tonight, and an endeavor will be made to make up for the time lost. Within two or three days it is thought all the mills will have resumed.

Loss in Pittsburgh \$10,000,000.

The loss in the Pittsburgh district is estimated at \$10,000,000. Reports from up river points increase the damage done by the flood in Western Pennsylvania at least \$5,000,000 more.

The exact number of fatalities caused by the high water has not been ascertained. A score of persons are known to have met death in the flood, but to-day additional reports of many deaths were received by the coroner from surrounding towns.

The work of relief in Pittsburgh, Allegheny and McKeesport is being carried on in excellent shape. The councils of McKeesport appropriated \$2,500 to take care of the flood victims of that city, and this amount was greatly increased by private subscribers. In Pittsburgh and Allegheny the charities departments are caring for the sufferers. Electric light plants were repaired today and after two days of darkness street lamps were lighted tonight.

Street Car Service Resumed.

The street car service is almost in full operation with the assurance that a complete resumption will be possible by Monday.

The filtration plant, Pittsburgh's new waterworks now under construction at Aspinwall, a suburb, valued at several million of dollars, is said to have escaped damage. It was believed the plant had been seriously crippled.

River interests claim that their losses are not heavy, although a careful accounting will be necessary accurately to judge.

Coal shipments will be made tomorrow when several big tows of coal will start south. There were about 10,000,000 bushels of coal in the harbor during the flood, but no losses are reported.

LEGISLATURE DID ALL IT PROMISED SAYS GOVERNOR

Says Legislators Earnestly Tried to Do Duty as They Saw It.

DECLARES TIME WILL SHOW GOOD THEY DID

He Also Hopes that Railroads Won't Spoil Things By Refusing to Give New Laws a Fair Trial and Make Suit Necessary.

Raleigh, N. C., March 16.—Governor Glenn said today that in his opinion the last legislature was composed of patriotic men, who earnestly desired to do their duty as they saw it, and he believed that when all of their acts are carefully considered, that no legislature that has assembled in many years has come nearer to keeping the pledges made the people than this one.

They promised to care for the insane, to reduce passenger and freight rates; to enlarge the powers of the corporation commission; to help the old soldiers; to advance the cause of education, and to pass an antitrust law, and they have kept their pledge, besides doing much that was very good, to which they were not pledged.

The governor said that the antitrust law so much discussed, was in many respects a good one, and would afford great protection; that he felt that in that it failed to prevent unlawful agreements to lower the price of articles that the trusts desired to buy, that it did not give to the farmers the protection that it should, but that after studying the bill carefully, he believed that, reinforced as it is by the common law and the Holt supplemental bill, all such violations of the law could be indicted, and that if any such unlawful agreements should be found to exist in the state, he hoped it would be brought to his attention and to the attention of the solicitors of the various districts, to the end that parties making such unlawful agreements should be dealt with.

His idea, he said, of an antitrust law was one, that would in no sense injure or cripple any person, business, or corporation carrying on a legitimate business, but at the same time would reach every person or business corporation unlawfully making agreements to the injury of trade. That if people acted legally, they would not be hurt, and if they acted illegally they deserved to be injured and should be indicted, regardless of the class to which they belong.

Being asked if he thought the railroads would fight the reduction of freight and passenger rates, he said he hoped they would not, that North Carolina legislation on this subject was not nearly as drastic as that passed by other states, and that he hoped the railroads would at least give it a fair trial before they objected to the rates fixed, and if after giving it a fair trial it was seen and could be shown that they were greatly injured, the people of North Carolina are just and would give them relief; but that if the railroads went into the courts without giving it a fair trial.

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DEFENDANT ILL CAUSES A HALT IN HASTY TRIAL

Mr. Hasty in Hospital Threatened With An Attack of Pneumonia.

HOPES TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND COURT MONDAY

No Session of Court Yesterday and Jury is Excused Until Monday Afternoon—Several Witnesses Return to Their Homes.

J. W. Hasty, who has been on trial in United States District Court during the last week for alleged violations of the internal revenue laws, is confined to St. Leo's hospital with a severe cold, which threatens to develop into pneumonia. On this account there was no session of court yesterday and the trial of the case may be delayed several days.

Mr. Hasty had been suffering from a cold for several days, and while on the witness stand Friday morning broke down and asked the court to excuse him. This was during the cross-examination by Mr. Holton, which was not finished. He was unable to attend court Friday afternoon, but with consent of counsel four or five witnesses for the defendant were examined.

When court convened yesterday morning it was announced that Mr. Hasty was not able to be present, and Judge Boyd thereupon adjourned court until Monday morning at ten o'clock. Several of the jurors stated that they desired to go home and they were excused until tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock.

Mr. Hasty was quite sick during the day yesterday and his physician advised him to keep quiet. He hopes to be able to get to court tomorrow, but it is doubtful whether or not he will be able to do so. He and his attorneys are very desirous of trying the case at this time, and in order to do so went ahead through two of their most important witnesses were sick.

There are several witnesses for the defendants who have been summoned, but not examined. The government will probably not offer any more testimony. It is thought that if Mr. Hasty is able to return to court Monday the case can be given to the jury Wednesday or Thursday.

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STOCK MARKET TAKES ON ITS NORMAL ASPECT

Further Recovery From Thursday's Panicky Conditions Take Place.

FRIDAY'S SETTLEMENT NEXT LARGEST IN HISTORY

Clearing House Exchanges Rose to \$678,719,315, Which Figures Have Only Once Been Exceeded in the Annals of the Exchange.

New York, March 16.—There was a further volatile recovery in the stock market prices today from the depression of Thursday's market. An over-extended bear account was an influence in the ebullience of the late upshot. The day's business, however, showed a very large and confident absorption of stocks going on and confidence in the situation seemed to be restored.

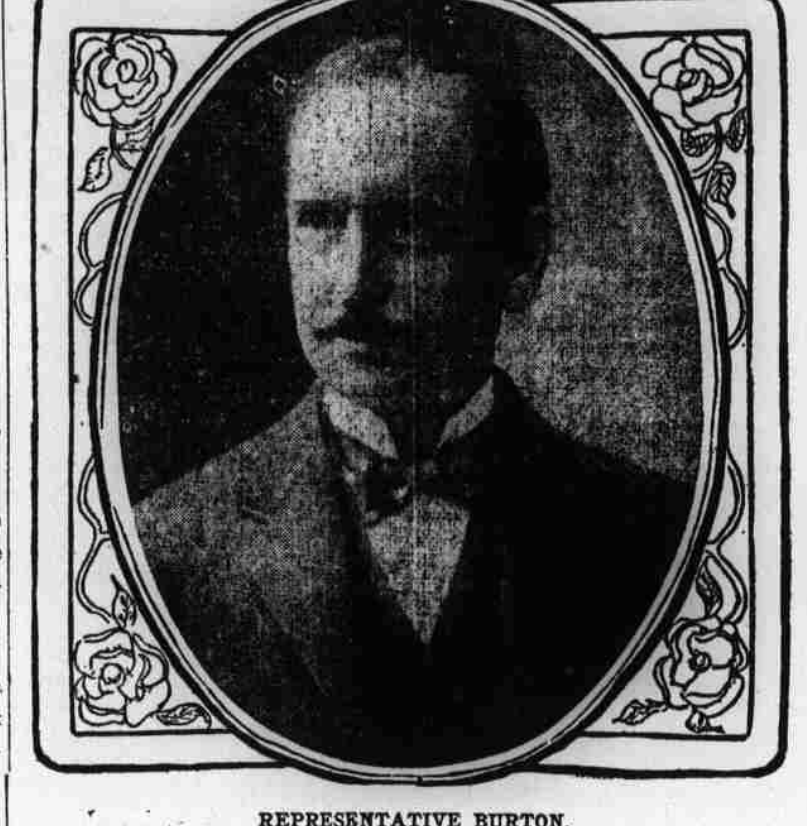
The complexion of the bank statement had something to do with this. The reduction of the deposit item by scaling down of loans proved sufficient to reduce the reserve requirements more than proportionately to the cash reduction, and so to conserve an addition to the surplus.

The dimensions of yesterday's money settlements are indicated by today's huge clearing house exchanges, which rose to \$678,719,315. The only time this figure has ever been exceeded in the history of the New York clearing house was on January 3, 1906, when the annual settlements resulted in exchanges of \$686,844,981.

Stippling exchange ruled at yesterday's level today, indicating the power of New York to withdraw gold from London, unless that step should be deemed impolitic. Funds were more freely offered in time loans today, with the restoration of confidence, and a rise.

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President Honors Theo. H. Burton



REPRESENTATIVE BURTON.

TO BELIEVE RAILWAY CONGESTION BY MEANS OF RIVER BETTERMENT

President Appoints An Inland Waterways Commission to Prepare Plans—Burton Is Chairman.

Washington, D. C., March 16.—Complying with petitions presented by numerous commercial organizations of the Mississippi Valley, President Roosevelt has decided to appoint and report a comprehensive plan for the improvement and control of the river systems of the United States.

Eight public men have been asked to serve on the commission and Representative Theodore H. Burton, of Ohio, chairman of the rivers and harbors committee in the last Congress, is to be chairman of the commission.

In a letter which he has addressed to each of these persons the President sets out that he is influenced in creating the commission by broad consideration of national policy; that the railroads are no longer able to move crops and manufactures rapidly enough to secure the prompt transaction of the business of the nation, and that there appears to be but one complete remedy the development of a complementary system of transportation by water.

Mr. Bankhead, of Alabama, one of the members of the commission, has just finished his tenth term in Congress from Alabama. The other members are General Mackenzie, chief engineer of the army; F. H. Newell, director of the United States reclamation service; Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the United States; Herbert K. Smith, commissioner of corporations, and W. J. McGee, an anthropologist and geologist, formerly in charge of the bureau of American ethnology and formerly president of the national geographic society.

DENEEN LIKELY TO ENTER THE RACE FOR PRESIDENCY

Called to White House for Conference With Mr. Roosevelt.

TAFT AND ILLINOIS MAN AGAINST FIELD

Indications Are That Governor or Secretary Will Have the Indorsement of the Administration as Against All Others.

BY JOHN E. MONK.

Washington, D. C., March 16.—Governor Charles S. Deneen, of Illinois, had a conference at the White House this afternoon that may prove of far-reaching and important political effect. Nominally, the Illinois executive was summoned to Washington by President Roosevelt for a consultation relative to railroad matters, but in reality it is said the prime object of the conference was to establish friendly relations between the President and the governor, looking to important moves on the political checkerboard within the next year.

As one result, Governor Deneen may appear in the list of candidates for the Republican presidential nomination. It has been well known among Deneen's close friends that he has harbored presidential aspirations, and that he has not looked with favor on the proposition to make Speaker Cannon the candidate from Illinois. Deneen does not look upon Cannon as a presidential possibility because of the speaker's advanced age, and he does not see why Illinois should merely compliment Cannon with the state's support if it is not expected that he will be nominated.

In a word, Governor Deneen is in much the frame of mind as was the famous Texas character, who kicked a jackrabbit out of his path with the ejaculation: "Get out of the way, and let some one run as can run." However, Deneen has felt heretofore that he has not enjoyed the consideration from the national administration to which he was entitled. His summons to Washington, it is understood, was to reassure him on that point.

The governor is regarded very favorably by the President, and it was made clear to him this afternoon that the administration will at least give him an even break so far as federal favors go in playing the game of politics.

By no means the least significant feature of the Deneen conference, however, is the fact that Secretary Taft and his brother, Charles P. Taft, of Cincinnati, were called in and presented to the governor before he left the White House. It was the first time Secretary Taft had met the governor of Illinois.

All this indicates strongly that Secretary Taft's interests as a presidential candidate will be linked with any activity by Deneen that may develop later. Deneen delegates from Illinois to the Republican national convention will be men who will vote for Secretary Taft once it is apparent that Deneen cannot be nominated. Or, in the event Deneen does not become an active candidate himself, he will see that his friends get on the Illinois delegation, and that, after the complimentary vote for Cannon, the delegation cannot be thrown to Fairbanks or any other candidate of the anti-Roosevelt wing of the party.

It has been hinted frequently that Speaker Cannon's candidacy was a mere

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IN PANIC CAUSED BY FIRE, EIGHTEEN AT LEAST ARE DROWNED AT FLOODED WHEELING, W. VA.

Screams For Help of Doomed Persons Are Heard by Thousands Watching Blaze a Mile Away—One Hundred Are Ferried to Safety by Men Who Decline All Offers of Remuneration.

Wheeling, W. Va., March 16.—Eighteen persons are known to have lost their lives in the early morning fire that occurred today at the plant of the Warwick Pottery Company, which is located in the flooded district.

Following is a partial list of those who were drowned: Mike Bretries, aged thirty, storekeeper; Rosa Bertas, aged twenty-three, single; Ellis Mitchell, aged eighteen months; Allen Bertas, aged two years; Frank Holmes, watchman at the pottery; Simon Elias, proprietor of a drygoods store; Julia Moses, aged seven years; Walder Moses, aged seven years; Charles Matthews, watchman.

Because of the water surrounding the burned district, it was impossible for the fire apparatus to reach the scene. The firemen pressed into service all the boats that could be secured and carried the lines of hose to the burning building in this way.

The crew of a boat that was moored across the river from the burning building manned a yawl, and rescued about 100 persons.

The men were offered all kinds of rewards and big sums of money for the work they had done, but they refused to accept a cent. At times the big yawl was filled to overflowing, and it was with difficulty that the rivermen prevented the frantic Syrians from upsetting the craft.

During the fire the scene was most frightful. The screams for help of those in the building could be heard as far as the steel bridge, a mile north, where thousands of persons, unable to lend any assistance, watched the blaze.

The work of rescuing the bodies of those who were drowned has been going on all day. The current has been very swift, and the impression is that more bodies will be recovered when the flood subsides. The buildings occupied by the unfortunates were not touched by the flames. No sooner had the report of the explosion occurred than people commenced leaping from the windows into the water. Not all of those who met death were drowned by jumping into the water. Five of them were drowned by the upsetting of a boat that was carrying them to a place of safety.

The majority of the persons living in the vicinity of the wholesale drowning are Syrians, and after the fire they refused to return to their homes. They are being taken care of in the city hall and county jail.

There is scarcely a family that did not lose a member, and the survivors are frantic.

WHEELING SUFFERED WORST FLOOD IN TWENTY YEARS

Wheeling, W. Va., March 16.—The waters of the highest flood this section of the Ohio Valley has seen for twenty years are receding tonight, leaving Wheeling covered with wreckage. The debris is so great that it will be days before business can be resumed.

It is estimated that the damage sustained in Wheeling will exceed \$5,000,000. So great has the damage been to local industrial plants that it will be weeks before they will be able to resume operations.

There is a great deal of suffering and prompt steps have been taken to alleviate this.

DEFENSE IN BEASLEY KIDNAPPING CASE SEEKS TO ESTABLISH ALIBI

Direct Examinations of Witnesses Ended in Trial at Elizabeth City.

WIFE OF ACCUSED ON STAND

Elizabeth City, N. C., March 16.—The defense in the trial of Joshua Harrison, charged with kidnaping and murdering Kenneth Beasley, the nine-year-old son of State Senator S. H. Beasley, of Currituck county, rested today.

Mrs. Harrison, wife of the defendant, testified that her husband was at home all day Monday, the day on which the boy disappeared. A large number of witnesses, testifying to an alibi for Harrison, said they saw him on the two days following, and other witnesses swore that the person in the buggy, seen riding away from the schoolhouse with a boy, was not Harrison, nor was the boy Kenneth Beasley.

Mrs. S. M. Beasley, mother of the last boy, called in rebuttal, testified that Mrs. Harrison visited her a week after the boy disappeared and gave as her reason for doing so that Mr. Harrison had been away all the week. The case then adjourned until Monday morning.

CASE AGAINST YOUNG FAIRBANKS IS DROPPED

Steubenville, O., March 16.—The indictment against Frederick Fairbanks, son of Vice-President Fairbanks, accusing him of swearing falsely to obtain a license on which he was recently married, was not pressed today by Judge Richards. The case is now considered closed.

THAW APPARENTLY IS GAINING CONFIDENCE AS TO RESULT OF HIS TRIAL

In High Spirits When Relatives Call Upon Him in the Tombs.

PLANS FOR THE NINTH WEEK

New York, March 16.—Attorney Delphin M. Delmas conferred with his associates in the defense of Harry K. Thaw today, mapping out plans for the rebuttal work at the trial, which on Monday will enter its ninth week. Applications were made today to the district attorney's office for several additional subpoenas for the defense, but just whom they were for could not be learned.

From the plans laid today, it seems that the better part of next week will be consumed by the defense, and that the case may not go to the jury until some time during the week beginning Monday, March 25.

When court convenes on Monday Mr. Jerome will present the last bit of evidence he has for the prosecution. He will renew his request of late Friday afternoon that Justice Fitzgerald admit in evidence the photographic and carbon copies of the affidavit Evelyn Nesbit is said to have made in Abraham Hummel's office. In it the young woman is said to have sworn that the stories concerning White were untrue, and that Harry Thaw beat her when she told him that there was no truth in the statement.

Justice Fitzgerald, having permitted Hummel and his clerk to testify as to

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TWENTY BURIED IN SEWER; NONE DEAD

FIVE MORE OR LESS SERIOUSLY INJURED BY FALL OF EARTH.

Chicago, Ill., March 16.—Five men were injured, one of them seriously, today by the collapse of a sewer in which they were working at the intersection of Evanston and Lawrence avenue. About twenty men were in the sewer, when about thirty feet of it fell in upon them. The majority of the men were pinned in by the debris, and when it was cleared away they were found injured. The five men who were hurt were cut about the head and severely bruised about the body.

For a time it was believed that all of the men who were in the sewer at the time the wall fell had been killed, and police ambulances were hurried to the scene in frantic haste.

SCISSORS, FOUR YEARS INSIDE WOMAN, REMOVED

LEFT IN ABDOMINAL CAVITY AFTER OPERATION, TAKEN OUT OF THIGH.

Wichita, Kan., March 16.—A pair of five-inch surgeon's scissors were taken from the thigh of Mrs. W. R. White, of Braman, Okla., at the Wichita hospital today. She was operated on for a tumor four years ago, and the scissors were left in the abdominal cavity.

The scissors worked through her body to the thigh, causing excruciating pain. They were discovered with the aid of the X-ray.

New General Agent for Mexican Central City of Mexico, March 16.—H. J. Snyder, was appointed general agent of the Mexican Central railway today, with headquarters at San Francisco.

HOME OF UPTON SINCLAIR'S COLONY IS BURNED

COLONISTS FORCED TO FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES, LOSING THEIR BELONGINGS.

Englewood, N. J., March 16.—Helicon Hall, the home of Upton Sinclair's colony, was destroyed by fire today. The blaze was preceded by an explosion which seemed to occur in the ballroom which was at the extreme end of the building from the boiler room.

The flames spread with such rapidity that the fifty-five colonists had to flee for their lives without having time to save any of their belongings. Some of the colonists were injured in jumping from windows. A workman named Briggs is said to be missing.

The Sinclair cooperative colony was established last October and included a number of educators and men and women engaged in literary pursuits.

DEPARTMENT HOPES TO IMPROVE MAIL SERVICE TO SOUTHERN CITIES

New Orleans Complains That Conditions Now Are Thoroughly Bad.

Washington, D. C., March 16.—Material improvement in the railway mail service for New Orleans, and, incidentally, for other cities in the south and southwest is projected by the postoffice department. Serious complaint has reached the department from business men in New Orleans both of the delay in the arrival of mail trains and in the handling of the mails after their arrival in the city.

Voicing this complaint, Representative Meyer, of Louisiana, in a letter to the department, said that "sixteen out of the twenty-four trains entering New Orleans daily arrive late on an average of more than an hour, and in some cases nearly an entire day, which has brought about a complete demoralization of the mails, subjecting every interest in New Orleans to heavy loss."

Postmaster-General Meyer said today the department had made a thorough investigation of the situation, and as a result it was found to be inadvisable to establish a new railway mail division.

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LARGEST CRUISER IN THE WORLD LAUNCHED BY ENGLISH BUILDERS

Bears Same Relation to Other Cruisers As Dreadnought to Battleships.

London, March 16.—The Indomitable, the first of the new class of armored cruisers of which the Inflexible and the Invincible are also nearing completion, and which compared with the old armored cruisers as the Dreadnought does to the older battleships, was successfully launched in the Clyde today.

She is of 17,250 tons, is 550 feet long, exceeding the older armored cruisers by 50 feet, has turbine engines and is expected to attain the high speed of twenty-five knots an hour. The armament of the new cruiser includes eight twelve-inch guns, almost equaling the main battery of the Dreadnought.

By special order of the admiralty the greatest secrecy is being maintained concerning the details of the construction of this, the largest cruiser in the world. The cost of the cruiser is about \$3,728,000. While ostensibly a cruiser, her actual status has not been definitely set forth, and it is believed she approaches nearer to a battleship in armament and armor.