

RIVERS ON RAMPAGE

Cottonwood and Neosho Rivers Become raging Torrents.

Neosho Five Miles Wide and in Some Places Twenty-five Feet Deep.

THE SANTA FE UNDER WATER

All Trains Were Tied Up for Twenty-four Hours.

Water Leaves River Bed, Cutting Across Country Does Damage to Crops.

Kansas City, June 7.—A special to the Star from Emporia, Kas., says: Both the Neosho and Cottonwood rivers are subsiding today. The former estimated loss of \$1,000,000 will adhere to, and now it is believed it may go above this. The Neosho has subsided enough to clear some fields, but all over the flooded country a sediment was left that will, it is believed, kill all crops, including alfalfa. The Santa Fe today is running trains over its main lines.

The Cottonwood river, which was at its height last night, has fallen three feet. Farmers along the Cottonwood are in as bad fix as those on the Neosho. Their crops are totally lost and many hundred cords of wood piled in the timber have been carried away.

Traffic was resumed on the Santa Fe this morning after an interruption of twenty-four hours, caused by floods in the Cottonwood and Neosho rivers in Lyon county near Emporia. The Neosho river, which usually carried four feet of water, was a raging torrent, twenty-five feet deep in some parts and on some parts of the Santa Fe the river was five miles wide. The track of the Santa Fe along the Neosho was under water for about a mile, the water covering the track to a depth of ten or twelve inches.

None of the bridges are gone, but both track and bridges are becoming weakened. About three miles of the Santa Fe track between Emporia and Reading were closed to traffic on account of the high water.

East of Emporia, where the Cottonwood joins the Neosho, farms for miles around are completely submerged in from one to six feet of water. No loss of life is reported yet, though loss of property will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. In several places currents, which were mighty rivers in themselves left the main course and cut across country, devastating hundreds of acres of corn and wheat in their paths. South of Emporia a swift current left the main course of the Cottonwood and joined Dry Creek, about three miles south, surrounding a territory of several square miles with deep running water. In some of the homes near the river bottoms families were rescued in boats.

Floods at Independence.

Kansas City, June 7.—A special to the Star from Independence, Kan., says: The highest water in seventeen years prevails here. All streams are out of their banks and crops will suffer. The Verdigris here is almost at a standstill, but water reached the pumphouse today and extinguished the fires under the boilers, leaving the city without water service. All trains are late.

Man Drowned at Salina.

Salina, Kan., June 7.—The high water in this county has so far been the cause of one death. Joe Bass, a farm hand, last night while crossing a slough which had filled up since the recent heavy rains, tried to wade from the boat to the land, but the water was deeper than he supposed and he was taken under the current.

Weather Indications.

Chicago, June 7.—Forecast until 8 p. m., Saturday: For Kansas: Showers tonight and Sunday; cooler tonight; variable winds.

Lord Braybrook (Charles Cornwallis-Neville) died suddenly this morning.

TWO STEAMERS WRECKED.

Go Down With Several of Crew Off the Duluth Canal.

Duluth, Minn., June 7.—The whale back steamer Thomas Wilson, Captain Cameron master, and the wooden steamer George G. Hadley, Captain Fitzgerald master, collided just outside Duluth canal today and the Wilson sank within less than a minute. The Hadley made a run for the beach and reached there none too soon. The life saving crew picked up several members of the crew of the Wilson, but several are known to have been drowned. None of the members of the night crew escaped.

The list of lost includes the cook, second cook, two oilers, the wheelman, the lookout, the fireman and three deck hands.

The Wilson was coming toward the canal and the Hadley going out, both loaded. Just before reaching the canal and when opposite the Wilson, the Hadley was given orders by a tug to go to Superior. Immediately she steered off for the Superior entry and crashed directly into the Wilson. The Wilson went down so quickly that it did not seem possible to save a life. One moment the boats were ploughing through the water two hundred yards apart, the next the crew of the Wilson could be seen jumping into the water. One man on the Wilson, with great presence of mind, threw a life preserver to several struggling in the water.

REBELLION SERIOUS

Boxers Have Withdrawn to the West and North.

HONORS FOR FAMILY OF LI

Viceroy Wants Several High Officials Degraded by the Emperor.

Pekin, June 7.—According to French reports the rebellion in the province of Kwangsi is serious. The American consul at Canton, Mr. McWade, telegraphs that General Su has left Lungchou, where he had long been encamped. The rebels have withdrawn to the west and north.

Yuan Shih Kai, viceroy of Chihli, has memorialized the throne, asking that several high officials, including a prefect, be degraded, one of them permanently, for complicity in the revolt in southern Chihli.

On account of the sacrifices made by the family of the late Li Hung Chang in order to contribute to the education of the Chinese, the family has been raised to the first of the hereditary rank. The sons of the late Chinese statesman have been promised further promotion in order to encourage others.

HARVEY COUNTY CONVENTION.

Dougherty Renominated for the Legislature by the Republicans.

Newton, Kan., June 7.—The Republicans of this county at their convention renominated Robert Dougherty for the legislature. The rest of the county ticket follows: Probate Judge, L. J. Patton; clerk of the court, C. F. Benfer; county superintendent, E. C. Willis; county attorney, H. C. Bowman; sheriff, C. D. Masters; county clerk, J. L. Caveny; treasurer, J. H. Hay; register of deeds, S. R. McArthur; corner, Dr. F. L. Abbey; surveyor, Q. P. Vaughan; commissioner, J. T. Patton.

GOMEZ WANTS NO PENSION.

Asks Friends to Defeat Proposition to Give Him \$6,000 a Year.

Havana, June 7.—General Maximo Gomez has published an open letter here, in which he refuses to accept the annual pension of \$6,000 provided for him in a resolution which is now before the Cuban house of representatives.

General Gomez asks his friends to defeat this resolution, saying it would be unfair to him to accept money so long as other Cuban soldiers have not been provided for. General Gomez asserts he has a bill against the government for war services which some day will have to be paid, but that he is willing to wait until such time as Cuba can pay all her soldiers.

FARRELLY LAW GOOD

The Supreme Court of the State Passes Upon It.

Case was Brought Against Secretary of the Kansas Grain Dealers Association.

SMILEY WOULDN'T TESTIFY

Investigation Will Probably Be Resumed in Reno County.

Jail Sentence and Fine Against Smiley Confirmed by the Supreme Court.

Topeka, June 7.—The validity of the Farrelly anti-trust law was upheld today in a decision handed down by the state supreme court in the case of E. J. Smiley, secretary of the Kansas Grain Dealers' association. Smiley was arrested for violating the law, convicted, fined \$500 and given a jail sentence. The case was appealed on the ground that the law was invalid.

The decision was written by Chief Justice Doster. The case was argued before the full bench and five of Doster's associates concur in the opinion. Judge Pollock dissents.

R. J. Smiley is secretary of what is properly known as the Grain Trust, and to test the act of 1897 he was arrested for violating it.

This case has been watched with a great deal of interest here. County Attorney Taylor brought a case of investigation in the Reno county district court to get at the facts of an alleged grain trust. The investigation was brought on the strength of charges made at Haven in this county. At the investigation, Mr. Smiley as secretary of the Kansas Grain Dealers' association, was brought in as a witness and refused to answer certain questions. He was placed constructively in jail for contempt of court, and on a mutual agreement the questions at issue as to regard to the constitutionality of the law, were taken direct into the supreme court.

As the law is upheld it will probably mean that the investigation will be continued here at the next term of the Reno county district court, and Mr. Smiley will be compelled to answer the questions asked before.

The case is being pushed, not to punish any one for their methods of doing business, but to settle the legality of the methods and to prevent certain practices should they be found to be in violation of the law.

HOW AGUINALDO LIVES.

His Prison Described as a Palace by Senator Buencamino.

Washington, June 7.—Senator Buencamino today continued his statement before the committee on insular affairs. Representative Jones commented on the fact that the witness, a former insurgent, who had changed his views, "enjoyed a fat office," while Aguinaldo was a prisoner.

Senator Buencamino in reply said that Aguinaldo had a palace for a prison. It was formerly occupied by Commissioner Worcester, and the government paid \$500 Mexican a month as rental for it. It is as large as the White House in Washington. The witness said Aguinaldo lived in this house with his family, with a physician at his disposal, a retinue of servants, a carriage and an allowance to provide food for the establishment.

HONOR FOR HONORE.

Son of Mrs. Palmer Meets Count and Countess Rochambeau.

Chicago, June 7.—The Count and Countess Rochambeau arrived in Chicago this morning and were met at the depot by Alderman Honore Palmer, representing the city. After a drive to the stock yards the ladies were entertained at luncheon by Mrs. Harrison, wife of Mayor Harrison, and a number of prominent ladies, while Count Rochambeau was a guest at the Chicago Club.

Representative Payne believes that Congress will be able to adjourn July 1.

MR. MORGAN IS HANGED

In Effigy by the Striking Anthracite Coal Miners.

Only Incident That Disturbed the Quiet of the Wyoming Valley.

ANOTHER BOY IS WOUNDED

Water Accumulating in Lower Levels of the Mines.

Strikers Regret That the President is Unable to Take a Hand.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 7.—The hanging in effigy of J. Pierpont Morgan in one of the streets of South Wilkesbarre by a crowd of men and boys was the only incident to mar the stillness of the Wyoming valley this morning. A crowd cheered and pelted the object with stones until the police dispersed them. All the mining towns surrounding here are very quiet.

The news from Washington that the President could not find his way clear to take a hand in bringing about peace between the miners and the operators was received with genuine disappointment.

President Mitchell said today that the strike of the engineers, firemen and pump men is practically complete. The mining superintendents say that so far as they are concerned there has been no change in the general situation in the past twenty-four hours.

Water is still accumulating in the lower levels of some of the mines, but the coal company officials seem to be indifferent regarding the flooding of the workings.

Another boy named John Short, aged 12 years, was seriously wounded here today, but his injuries were not received as a result of the strike. He was crossing a farm at Sugar Notch, near here, owned by the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company. Robert Hayden, the tenant, has been bothered by idle men and boys crossing his place, so he decided to put a stop to it. The lad, who works in a coal breaker, was shot in the back and his wound is considered serious. Hayden was arrested.

President Watches the Strike.

Washington, June 7.—The president today held a long conference at the White House with Senator Hanna on the coal strike. The president conveyed to Hanna the idea that he would like very much to do something to settle the strike. Nothing definite, however, was decided upon. The president also sent for Carroll Dwight commissioner of labor, to get his views on the situation and also as to what might properly be done by the government looking to a settlement of the controversy.

It is probable that other conferences will be held and the president kept advised of the situation. He will be in readiness at any time to extend aid if it is found that he can be of aid in settling the differences.

Burned Posses in Effigy.

Shamokin, Pa. A mob of strikers late last night surrounded the homes of sub-bosses Homer, Murphy and Raffler, and built a fire on which effigies representing the bosses were burned. The demonstration grew so vigorous that the non-union men promised not to go to work today. The firemen at the Luke F. Fiddler and Cameron collieries were stoned today.

AUTO KILLS BICYCLIST.

Machine Speeds Away and Escapes After the Slaughter.

Rye, N. Y., June 7.—Antonio Peerer, a contractor and expert bicyclist, met death today on the Boston post road while trying to get out of the way of a racing automobile.

The contractor was coasting down the Alls hill, when he saw a big red automobile containing two women and two men coming behind him at a terrific rate of speed.

TELLS OF A "SEAQUAKE."

Captain of British Ship Relates Strange Experience He Met.

Queenstown, June 7.—On the arrival here today of the British ship, Anaurus, from Portland, Ore., January 8, her commander, Captain Henderson, reported that on May 9, 10 p. m., in latitude 5 and longitude 43, a terrible vibration was felt throughout the vessel, the shocks making it appear as if the ship were bumping on rocks. At the same time the sea was violently agitated and the crew were in a state of semi-panic. The phenomena lasted half a minute. It was not until after relating his experiences that Captain Henderson heard of the Martinique disaster.

BOERS CHEER KING EDWARD.

More Than 1,500 Boers Have Already Surrendered to the British.

Cape Town, June 7.—The surrender of more than 1,500 Boers has already been reported, covering various points. Commandant Conroy's men, on hearing that peace had been concluded, threw their hats into the air, cheered for King Edward and sang "God Save the King." These incidents dissipate the fear expressed that those Cape Town would refuse to accede to the peace terms.

General Christian DeWet is personally superintending the surrender of the Boers in Vrededorf, the Orange River colony district.

BY COURT MARTIAL

Trial of Naval Officers Recommended by Court.

CROWNINSHIED OBJECTS

Says Evidence is Not Sufficient to Convict the Officers.

Washington, June 7.—The navy department this morning gave out the following statement concerning the court of inquiry which investigated the case of the American officers arrested at Venice.

"The court of inquiry recommends trial by court martial of Lieutenant John Dodridge, U. S. N., Captain Robert Wynne, U. S. M. C., and Assistant Surgeon Robert E. Ledbetter, U. S. N., on charge of unbecoming behavior in public and that no further action be taken in the case of Naval Cadet Jas. C. Kress, U. S. N., and Private Wilfred Langley, U. S. M. C.

Admiral Crowninshield has disapproved the opinion and the recommendation of the court of inquiry where it is adverse to the officers sufficient."

DOMESTIC TRAGEDY.

Husband Kills Himself in a Dramatic Manner.

Grand Rapids, Wis., June 7.—Albert Weisenborn, a well known resident, committed suicide by shooting. He had been despondent for several days. His wife was sitting in his lap, when he raised his revolver and shot himself through the heart, the explosion burning his wife's dress.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The Boers say if they are treated all right they will make loyal British subjects.

There is no truth in the report that Mr. Paul Kruger is ill. On the contrary, he is enjoying excellent health.

Mrs. W. H. Fox of Fort Scott was hurt, perhaps fatally, in that city last night by a team running away.

The plant of the Salina Herald, the only Democratic paper in the city, is to be sold at sheriff's sale June 13.

The Republicans of the Twenty-first district, which includes Fort Scott, Kans., have nominated D. F. Campbell for the legislature.

A boat containing eight Spanish artillery officers was run down off the coast of Spain this morning and five of the officers drowned.

It is rumored that Lieutenant Governor Harry Richter is to be appointed United States marshal for the Northern district of Indian Territory. Richter knows nothing of the matter.

Edward L. Glasgow, formerly a lieutenant in the Twentieth Kansas and afterwards captain of another volunteer company, who returned from the Philippines a few months ago and was appointed first lieutenant of artillery in the regular establishment, has been ordered to take an examination for further promotion.

IN REVIEW OF TRADE

Peace in South Africa Has Improved the Outlook.

Crop Prospects Really Brilliant and Railroad Earnings are Enormous.

NO CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT

Except the Labor Troubles in the Anthracite Region.

General Unrest Noticed Among Workers in a Number of Industries.

New York, June 7.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade today says:

"Peace in South Africa has greatly improved the outlook. Foreign industrial markets will quickly benefit by the development of that country, while a return to active gold mining will have a helpful influence in monetary circles. Owing to the present exceptional home consumption producers in this country may not be able to take advantage of the opportunity immediately, but even the indirect effects must be beneficial. Domestic conditions still have the one drawback of labor disputes, which have reduced the earning power of a large force. Outside the limits of this influence, there is little cause for complaint. Orders are large and distribution less interrupted by the shortage of cars. Railway earnings for May show an increase of 6.8 per cent over last year and 17.4 per cent over 1900.

"Crop prospects taken as a whole are really brilliant, railroad earnings are enormous, despite the small grain tonnage, bank clearings are quite heavy, notwithstanding the speculative dullness, and failures are fewer in number than in recently preceding years. On the other hand, the industrial situation, though improved by the ending of the blast furnaces and teamsters' strikes, is still a depressing one, owing to the prospect of the anthracite coal strike proving a long and bitter one, threats of a strike in the Virginia bituminous fields and the general unrest noted among workers in a number of industries. In connection with the industrial unrest, it is to be observed that many of the demands made now and for some time past have been based upon higher prices for food.

"Corn and cotton crop reports are positively excellent and in striking contrast with a year ago. Winter wheat is turning out better than expected in such places as Kansas, although recent rains have interfered with harvesting in Oklahoma. Fruit crops promise to be very large and a favorable reflection of this is already noted in sugar prices, which are firmer. Vegetables and other country products, shortened a year ago, promise a heavy yield. Oats, barley and hay are doing splendidly in the West and Northwest. Spring wheat advances are optimistic."

OPERATORS ORGANIZING.

Western Union Men Enlisting Under Federation of Labor Banner.

New York, June 7.—An experienced telegrapher, who might be expected to know what telegraph operators are doing, says that it is true that the telegraphers of the Western Union are organizing under the direction of the American Federation of Labor for protective purposes.

TEXANS PASSED BRYAN UP.

Platform of Fifth District Convention Ignores the Nebraskan.

Waxahatchie, Texas, June 7.—Democrats of the Fifth Texas district nominated John A. Beall of this city to succeed Dudley G. Wooten of Dallas. The platform is modeled much after the Indiana platform adopted yesterday. It makes no reference to Mr. Bryan and the Kansas City platform.

Representative Miller of Kansas occupied his seat in Congress yesterday, the first time since he left Washington to attend the Kansas Republican state convention.