



TORRENTIAL RAINS CAUSE MENACING FLOOD STAGES THROUGHOUT BIG SECTION

Susquehanna River Will Rise to 13 Feet by Tomorrow Morning, Demain's Forecast; Melting Snows in Upper End of State Swell Streams Throughout Valley; Downpour to Continue

Juniata 14 Feet Above Normal, and Many Are Rescued From Inundated Homes by Boat; Buffalo Threatened With Most Disastrous Flood in History of City; Hundreds Homeless at Columbus, Ohio

Torrential rains during the last forty-eight hours have caused menacing flood conditions in many sections of the country, driving many people from their homes, and causing heavy damage to property.

Much of the snow which has lain for several weeks in the mountains along the watersheds of the rivers, melted with the rising temperature, and flood stages are reported at many of the river stations in states in the eastern part of the United States.

No immediate danger of flood here is expected, although the river will go to thirteen feet before to-morrow morning, according to E. R. Demain, United States Weather Bureau forecaster.

State Water Supply Sends Out Flood Warnings; 15 Ft. to Be Maximum Rise Here

Three-quarters of an inch of rain fell in the city since early this morning and heavier rainfall in other sections of the State along the West and Juniata branches of the Susquehanna river caused a rise of four feet within the last twenty-four hours.

The stage will reach 15 feet to-morrow morning, according to the forecast. Rapid rises in the Juniata and West branches, due to the melting of much of the snow along the watershed, caused flood conditions at many points along these smaller streams, and in several places more than an inch of rainfall was reported at 8 o'clock this morning.

The storm which caused heavy rains in the eastern part of the country remains centered over the upper Ohio river valley, according to reports. The State Water Supply Commission report issued at 1 o'clock announced that should the rainfall continue along the Susquehanna and its branches, a flood stage may be reached at Harrisburg; otherwise the stage will not exceed 15 feet, which will be reached at noon.

Flood warnings were sent out this morning to a number of towns along the Juniata and West branches with the maximum stages to be expected at the various points.

Flood conditions according to the commission are expected at a number of points on the branches with the Juniata rising and the rain continuing. Flats on the opposite side of the river at Huntingdon on the site of the old fair grounds were inundated, and in the warnings sent out by the commission maximum stages were predicted as follows along the Juniata: 25 feet at Newport; 27 feet above low water mark at Lewisburg; 29 feet at Milltown and an approximate stage for Mt. Union.

The main stream and principal tributaries of the west branch along the river reached the reported rising with the following stages: Clearfield, 8.6 feet; Renovo, 15.4 feet; Williamsport, 16.1 feet. Maximum stages predicted on this branch by the commission follow: Renovo, 17 feet; Lock Haven, 12 feet; Jersey Shore, 25 feet, and Lewisburg, 29 feet. No exceptional stages were reported from stations along the North branch.

The United States Weather Bureau office at Pittsburgh furnished the Water Supply commission with a bulletin at noon predicting a stage of 24 feet at Pittsburgh to-morrow morning and 26 feet at Wheeling, W. Va., on Thursday evening.

EMPERESS OF MIDLAND SUNK London, March 28.—Sinking of the British steamship Empress of Midland is reported in a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam. The steamship Cromer, from London, arrived last night at Amsterdam, Holland, with all the crew of the Empress of Midland.

The Empress of Midland sailed from New York January 5 for Cardiff, Wales.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Rain to-night; Wednesday partly cloudy; not much change in temperature; lowest to-night about 38 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain to-night; Wednesday partly cloudy; moderate to fresh northeast to north winds.

River Substantial rises have occurred in the Susquehanna river and its principal tributaries in the last twenty-four hours and practically all streams are now rising. Stages near the flood point have occurred in the Juniata and the West branch and flood stages are likely to be reached and probably slightly exceeded within the next twenty-four hours at Renovo and Williamsport and probably at Clearfield. There is no immediate danger of flood stages in the North Branch, but under proper weather conditions they may occur within four or five days. A stage of about thirteen feet is indicated for Harrisburg Wednesday morning.

General Conditions No material change occurred in the disturbance over the eastern part of the country. It is 2 to 22 degrees colder over the eastern half of the country and in the Northwest.

Temperature 8 a. m. 38. Sun: Rises, 5:5 a. m.; sets, 6:22 p. m. Moon: New moon, April 2, 11:21 a. m. River Stage: 9.6 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 48. Lowest temperature, 41. Mean temperature, 41. Normal temperature, 42.

TWO VIEWS OF DR. WAITE'S FELLOW STUDENT



MRS. MARGARET HORTON

Mrs. Margaret Horton has explained to the New York County District Attorney that Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, now charged with the murder of his wife's parents, rented a suite in the Hotel Plaza, New York, as a studio for them. She said they wished to study languages. Later she said she believed Dr. Waite intended to kill both her and her husband.

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WASSON WORKING WITH BROWN UPON DELEGATE LISTS

He and Detrich Go Over Situation; Much Talk of Peace Is Heard

Although Henry G. Wasson, of Pittsburgh, Republican national committeeman, and A. Nevin Detrich, of Chambersburg, chairman of the Washington party State committee, were the attorney general's office to-day arranging details of the campaign for election of Republican national delegates, and it is suspected, committee, there were hopes expressed in other parts of the Capitol that there would be harmony in the selection of national delegates-at-large and district.

Governor Brumbaugh to-day received a number of visitors including

Suffrage Leaders Concede Another Defeat in Efforts to Get Bill Before House

Washington, March 28.—The House Judiciary Committee met to-day for final action on the Susan B. Anthony constitutional amendment for nation-wide woman suffrage with suffrage leaders conceding another defeat. The House failed to get the proposal before the House, but the assured of the support of only nine of the 21 members of the committee.

President Wilson's aid in securing congressional action will again be sought, it is announced, after suffrage leaders concluded their western campaign when they will also report to him the results of their trip.

House Fights Over Free Sugar Deal

Washington, March 28.—Reopening of the fight in the House over the repeal of the free sugar clause of the action of the Senate Democratic caucus last night in voting 23 to 7, to substitute for the House repeal resolution, a resolution extending the present duty on sugar. The struggle is expected to come when the Senate proposal is returned to the House for concurrence.

IMMIGRATION BILL TO PASS Washington, March 28.—The House to-day continued work on the immigration bill with indications that the measure, together with its literacy test provision intact, would be passed by an overwhelming vote during the day. This was forecast as a result of the house in committee of the whole yesterday in approving, 225 to 82, the literacy test.

ACCUSED DENTIST READY TO MAKE FULL CONFESSION

Dr. Waite Prepared to Make Clean Breast; May Have Administered Germs

New York, March 28.—The case against Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, accused of murdering his father-in-law, John E. Peck, is expected to be virtually completed when District Attorney Swann goes to Bellevue Hospital

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QUIET AT VERDUN; BITTER FIGHTING ON ITALIAN FRONT

Even Notable Artillery Fire in Vaux-Douaumont Region Has Slackened

The infantry continues inactive before Verdun and even the notable artillery fire reported for some days in the Vaux-Douaumont region east of the Meuse has slackened. The German guns have resumed a

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PENN HIGHWAY IS ASSURED AS MEETING ENDS

Promoters of Big Project Go Home Happy, Confident of Success of Project

Pennsylvania Highway Association was formed. The crowd far surpassed in numbers the fondest hope of the most ardent road enthusiast and from indications all that remains to be done is to carry out the purposes of the organization. With the election of a board of governors and officers yesterday and the adoption of the constitution and by-laws the

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WAR BRINGS BIG ORDERS TO MILL AT YORK HAVEN

Europe's Shipments of Paper to U. S. Cut Off; Causes Rush Output Here

York Haven, Pa., March 28.—Shortage of certain kinds of paper in all parts of the United States is beginning to result seriously but as long as wrapping paper can be used there will be practically an endless supply coming from the mills of the York Haven Paper Company here. G. C. Emigh, superintendent and general manager of the big plant, in an interview stated that because of the inability of many mills to get the raw

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FOUR DEAD AND 100 MISSING IN MINE EXPLOSION

Bluefield, W. Va., March 28.—An explosion occurred this morning in the east entry of the King Coal Company's mine at Kimball, near here. Four dead have already been taken from the mine, and it is feared a number of others have been killed. Soon after the dead had been located, rescuers found four other men, all badly burned, who were brought to the surface. Other rescue parties were quickly organized, and entered the mine. It was not known just how many men were in the zone affected by the explosion. The mine has been operated for about ten years and the workings extend fully two miles from the opening. Ordinarily some four hundred miners are employed, the vein of coal

being known as Pocahontas No. 3. No explosion ever occurred there before and open lights generally were used by the men. Volunteers hurried from other mines in the neighborhood. A hurried canvass of the town showed that about 100 miners were missing, and at the mine it was said they were probably trapped behind masses of coal and slate blown down by the explosion, as the section where they were employed was not thought to be directly affected. The afterdamp was said to be heavy, and constituted a danger from which they might not escape. Hundreds of persons assembled at the mine, among them many skilled miners who were tolled off in working squads in order that the rescue work might not be stopped for a moment.

MASKED MAN GAGS AND BINDS GIRL; THEN FIRES ROOM

Outrage in Which Two Lose Lives Follows White Slave Investigation

HOBBLES TO SAFETY

Midnight Prowler at Cleveland Successful in Second Attempt to Burn Building

By Associated Press

Cleveland, Ohio, March 28.—Fire which swept through an apartment house in Prospect avenue early to-day, causing the deaths of two persons and injuring more than a score of others, was of incendiary origin, according to police and detectives.

Police early to-day were holding three men and one woman at headquarters and had established a police guard at the bedside of Bessie Reimer at Huron Road Hospital.

All of the five were involved in a white slave investigation a few days ago, following which one woman was sent to the workhouse. In this case the Reimer girl was the alleged victim. Most of these injured were hurt by jumping from the third floor windows. Of these, three, Mrs. Albert Melchior, Dwight Emptage and an unidentified man are fatally injured. Fireman Ross and Lieut. Thomas Nestor were also injured so badly in attempting to rescue occupants of the building that they may die. Both fell from third floor windows.

The apartment contained 25 suites and more than a hundred persons were in the building at the time the fire started.

Masked Man Enters Room Fire started in the building on Monday morning in a closet in Miss Reimer's room and she was rescued by firemen and taken to a hospital. The fire was easily distinguished, but Miss Reimer was nearly suffocated. She revived in the hospital, however, and last night returned to her room. According to the story she told police this morning, a masked man entered her room shortly after 1:30 this morning, raised her hair and her hands, and after which he started a fire in the room with papers.

Second Attempt She managed to get to her feet and hobble out of the room, but not before the fire had spread and other occupants of the building had become

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PURSUIT OF VILLA MAY BE HALTED IF RAILROADS ARE NOT SOON MADE AVAILABLE

Bandit Fleeing Southward Is Meeting With Little Opposition; American Troops Experiencing Greater Hardships as They Get Farther From Their Base; Imperative That Mexican Lines are Turned Over

Tension Along Border Increases With Reported Raid on Ranch of Former Mayor of El Paso; Troops and Texas Rangers Fail to Find Traces of Bandits; Carranza Forces Dissatisfied

El Paso, Tex., March 28.—The pursuit of Francisco Villa may be hampered if not actually halted, unless Mexican railroads are made available as the main line of communication for the American army in Mexico.

Military men expressed that view to-day after studying dispatches from the front that Villa was still in full flight southward and meeting with little if any opposition.

The American forces are more than 200 miles below the border.

Every mile the Mexican bandit advances into the interior increases the difficulties of maintaining the already attenuated line of American communication. Motor trucks are being used to the army base at Columbus to help keep up the necessary movement of supplies to the field headquarters at a point near Casas Grandes. Every effort is being made to continue the line of transport in full operation over the Rocky and sandy trails until the de facto government gives permission to use the railroads.

Raid Is Reported There was a very noticeable increase in the tension along the border to-day following the reported raid last night on the ranch of C. E. Kelley, former mayor of El Paso, by Mexican bandits. The ranch is thirty-two miles east of here and a mile and a half from the border.

The alarm was given first by L. N. Barker, foreman of the Kelley ranch. Barker said he saw a number of mounted Mexicans cross the river and attempt to drive off one hundred head of cattle belonging to Kelley. He ran to a neighboring ranch house and called his employer on the long distance telephone here. In the meantime three of the raiders went to the Kelley ranch house and threatened the

Mexican assistant foreman with death if he interfered with them. Fail to Find Trace Word was immediately sent to the troops on post duty at Fabens, two miles east of the ranch, and to Yate, eight miles in another direction. Two detachments of the Eighth Cavalry, accompanied by four Texas Rangers, were sent in pursuit of the raiders. After three hours' search they returned to camp and Captain G. W. Moses reported to General Bell that nothing had been seen of the Mexicans and that he believed the whole affair to be a false alarm. Barker, however, insisted on the truth of his story.

The reported raid served to give a fresh start to the alarming reports about the attitude of the Mexicans and conditions in the interior which have kept residents here in a state bordering on hysteria ever since the American troops crossed the border. This feeling had seemed to be dying away for the last couple of days.

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R. BOONE ABBOTT COMES HERE

Reading, Pa., March 28.—The Reading Eagle this afternoon says: "R. J. Stackhouse, is made superintendent of material and supplies of the Reading Railway at Reading to take the place of James K. Witman, deceased; R. Boone Abbott superintendent of the Harrisburg division, taking the place of Mr. Stackhouse. Mr. Abbott was recently appointed superintendent of Shamokin division, succeeding J. E. Turk, made general superintendent. F. J. Hagner, trainmaster at Allentown, is appointed superintendent of the Shamokin division.

FIREMEN CALLED BY FALSE ALARMS

Fire companies in the central part of the city were called out shortly before 4 o'clock this morning to answer two false alarms.

GRANTS MOTION TO SQUASH INDICTMENTS

Youngstown, March 28.—Judge Anderson to-day granted the motion to quash the indictments recently returned against five steel companies, charging them with conspiracy to fix the price of labor and steel products.

COUNCIL APPROVES SCHEDULE

Aside from approving the schedule of the city tax extensions for 1913 as submitted several weeks ago by the city treasurer, and approving some recent contract awards City Council transacted little business to-day.

City Commissioner Lynch offered a new ordinance authorizing the construction of a 10-inch sewer in Briggs street from fifteenth to May. Bids approved included the following:

Construction of sewers in Herr's Lane and in Fulton street to Henry Opperman at his proposals respectively of \$587 and \$407.

Water department supplies as recommended for the year by City Commissioner Hary F. Bowman as follows: Castiron water pipe and special castings, R. D. Wood & Co.; brass ferrules, H. Mueller Manufacturing Company; iron castings, W. O. Hickok Manufacturing Company; aluminum sulphate and hypochloride of lime for filter plant, Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles Howard Lewis, Middletown, and Anna May Foltz, Royalton. Monroe W. Welker and Stella A. Enders, Caronville.