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FIFTY-THIRD YEAR.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TENDERS FEDERAL AID TO KANSAS.

President Roosevelt telegraphed today from Cheyenne to Governor Bailey of Kansas, offering the assistance of the federal authorities, if needed, as follows:

"Cheyenne, Wyo., June 1.—Hon. J. W. Bailey, Topeka, Kansas:—Am inexpressibly shocked at reports of dreadful calamity that has befallen Topeka. If there is anything the federal authorities can do, of course let me know.

The message reached the governor at 11 o'clock this morning.

(Signed),
THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Victims Will Not Exceed Twenty

Now Thought Lives Lost at Topeka Not Greater Than That Number—Burning Lumber Piles Were Mistaken for Houses—Kaw is Falling—Situation at Des Moines Improved—About Same at Kansas City.

Topeka, Kan., June 1.—It is now believed that the number of lives lost in the flood here will not exceed 20. No lives were lost in the fires and only eight buildings were destroyed by fire. Early reports were unavoidably exaggerated. The burning of lumber piles gave the impression that the whole of the north part of the city was going and no one was found who placed his estimate of the loss of life under the hundreds.

With the smoke cleared away, the boat falling and communication by boat less difficult, additional light on the subject was received this morning and the reduction in the estimated loss of life followed.

About 200 people are still at North Topeka, 150 of them being in the upper story of the wooden mills. They are well fed but extremely uncomfortable. The following is the list of the known dead:

Henry Jobban, colored.
Mr. Ward, aged man.
Arthur Silt.
Five-year-old son of Mr. Garrett.
Child of Mr. Storey.
Miss Louise Zahaven.
Mrs. Jackson, a widow.
John L. Adams.
Henry Ludington.
Mrs. J. H. Montgomery.
Mrs. and Amelia Rutt, both children.
Andrew Pretzel.

Among the missing are Dr. H. C. Minor and his son-in-law, A. C. Keating. The rescuers of the Minor family took the women and children on the first boat. When they returned the child was not to be found. They lived in a one-story house. Two miles down the river a shirt marked "A. C. Keating" was found. Only one railroad line can get in or out of Topeka today, and that is the Santa Fe by way of Emporia. A train was sent to Emporia at 5 o'clock this morning and another will be sent out at noon. From Emporia the train will go west via Ottawa on the Missouri Pacific.

The property loss from the best estimates now point at about \$1,000,000. The whole of North Topeka is still under water seven feet deep. While the 200 people penned up in the second stories of the mills are in great need of food, they are in great need of good drinking water, which is being supplied as rapidly as possible in barrels and cans.

A great fear at present is that some of the buildings in North Topeka may collapse because of their foundations being undermined. There is no immediate apprehension that the wooden mill date being reported at Boone in 12 hours. In Des Moines \$500 are home- less and are being cared for by the local committee. Provisions and clothing have been contributed in large quantities and it is believed here that the worst is passed and no further trouble will be experienced. From 10 miles up the river the bottoms are covered and frequently homes are under water. No lives have been lost and no fires reported.

BETTER AT DES MOINES.

Des Moines, Iowa, June 1.—The flood situation is improving and the Des Moines river has been falling rapidly. Little feeling being reported at Boone in 12 hours. In Des Moines \$500 are home- less and are being cared for by the local committee. Provisions and clothing have been contributed in large quantities and it is believed here that the worst is passed and no further trouble will be experienced. From 10 miles up the river the bottoms are covered and frequently homes are under water. No lives have been lost and no fires reported.

THE DES MOINES RIVER IS NOW BACK TO THE MARK WHICH WAS ITS MAXIMUM LAST YEAR and constituted the record prior to the present flood. The river is declining at the rate of an inch an hour and indications point to a more rapid decline from this on. The city authorities are now directing their efforts to guard against the collection of stagnant water and are preparing to cut through the remaining levees to channel the water to run to its normal channel.

Extreme cold continues and the flood victims are still without sufficient clothing. Pityful appeals are made for dry garments for women and children. The most alarming reports were received this morning concerning the epidemic of pneumonia and kindred diseases. Doctors are unable to get sleep so numerous are the calls.

The smallpox hospital was surrounded by water and the coal and food supply was cut off for two days, but the anxious inmates have been reassured by the declining of the water. The food and fuel famine that was threatened yesterday is now believed to have been averted.

ABOUT THE SAME AT KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, June 1.—The desolate aspect of the flood situation here showed no improvement this morning except that the fires which it was feared last night would spread, were put out by

there being a more complete prostration of railway traffic than exists at the present time. West, southwest and north of Kansas City. The approach to the bridge of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul at Sheffield, ten miles east of Kansas City went down this morning although the bridge proper is intact and is high enough to stand any possible stage of water.

The full of the approaches to this bridge leaves the Santa Fe bridge at Sibbey, twenty miles from here, the only structure of the kind still standing. At the office of the Santa Fe it was said this morning that one train, west, for the west. The Washburn for the time is out of business. The Union Pacific has abandoned all efforts to run trains west.

One Chicago, Burlington & Quincy train out for Chicago at 9:30 this morning. Another train over this road came from Chicago during the night, and it is expected to send out another tonight. No trains went west.

The Missouri, Kansas & Texas is operating the usual number of trains. Rock Island officials reported no traffic in that direction. The Chicago Great Western has had no trains for two days and sees no prospect of any. The Chicago & Alton ran trains out of Independence, Mo., last night with Kansas City passengers.

MISSISSIPPI NEAR DANGER LINE. St. Louis, June 1.—The danger line on the Mississippi at this point will be reached tomorrow. This morning the gauge registered 27.8 feet, less than three feet below the danger line. Rain is falling today and this, added to the heavy precipitation of the last two days with the flood coming from the Missouri and other tributaries north is causing the river to rise rapidly.

Farther along the banks along the shore lake reported their crops ruined, and that they will probably have to evacuate their premises today. Their rice fields are under water and more than 30 feet and as a consequence a general exodus of the farmers of the lowlands is expected today.

Around Galveston Island, Chautau Island, and on the bank of the Mississippi from Venice to Alton, and also below East St. Louis, people are arranging for a general movement tomorrow. In three or four days farmers have already lost cattle.

At St. Charles, where the Missouri river is rising at an alarming rate, the high elevations of the city give it security, but great damage has been done to farms in the valleys and on the islands.

Missouri Point is also in great danger of a general flood.

TERRITORY AFFECTED. Manhattan, Kansas, June 1.—Not since the Galveston flood has water created such terrible havoc and wrought such destruction of lives and property as has just been experienced in the Kaw valley of Kansas. The territory affected stretches from Brookville, Kansas, to Kansas City, a distance of 100 miles. The entire territory is submerged in water from one to 10 feet deep. It is impossible to ascertain the number who have perished or are yet in danger. The loss to cattle, homes, barns, fences and crops will run into the millions.

Boatmen who have reached here report that persons missing in the flood are persons who were drowned in the country around here.

Manhattan is in the very center of the flood's fury. The blue water is rising and the Kansas river is rising, west, which carries the waters from the Republican, Saline and Smoky rivers besides several large creeks, meet at the city of Manhattan.

Ten miles of water surround Manhattan in every direction. The high railroad banks alone save the city from being completely submerged.

Men, women and children have been carried in boats and wagons to the hills. There are reports of a general evacuation of the city. The water is rising and the Kansas river is rising, west, which carries the waters from the Republican, Saline and Smoky rivers besides several large creeks, meet at the city of Manhattan.

Over 1,500 people are housed in the Kansas agricultural college buildings. Four births were reported to have occurred during the night, one of the babies being discovered in the engine room. Every business store is filled with water from one to 10 feet deep. Care of the railroads.

PHILADELPHIA SENDS AID. Philadelphia, June 1.—Mayor Weaver of this city has sent the following telegram to Mayor Burchenal of Topeka:

"Mayor of Topeka, Topeka, Kas.—Philadelphia sends sincere sympathy for your people suffering from flood. Send me word at once if we can help you."

(Signed) JOHN WEAVER.
"Mayor of Philadelphia."

NINETY THOUSAND OPERATIVES OUT

Philadelphia, June 1.—An additional strike of textile workers was inaugurated in this city today involving about 90,000 operatives. Of the 600 firms engaged in the textile industry here, 47 have closed the doors of their plants and their plants, employing about 15,000 hands, are in operation. All of the 130 large cotton mills are idle, affecting directly 100,000 hands and 150,000 hands in other departments. All of the dyers who are said to control the situation are on strike with the exception of those of the Berksville mills in the northwestern section of the city which has conceded the 25 hour week and increased the wages of the men from \$12 to \$13 a week.

The grain cart weavers are striking besides the 55-hour week a 10 per cent increase in wages. The mill of John and James Dollison, employing 2,000 hands was closed indefinitely today. The workers were notified that they could return to work at the present rate of wages. Otherwise the mill would remain closed.

Thirty-nine branches of the textile trade are affected by the strike and the capital invested in the mills is estimated at \$100,000,000. The daily loss in wages will amount to \$125,000.

A number of the manufacturers' executive committee said: "The large manufacturers are a unit almost in opposing the demands of employees to the extent of keeping their mills shut down for a year if necessary and as this is the decision there is no particular need of making any move."

A BIT SARCASTIC. "Wonderful wisdom," exclaimed the speaker at the great strike. A mighty climax to a great strike, it was said. A most lame and impotent conclusion; as lame and ridiculous as the failure of the mountain laboring bringing forth a mouse. If my voice could reach the reverend gentleman I would inform him that there was nothing new or novel in his scheme, that it has been tried many times before, and that it has failed every time it has been tried. I might tell him, too, that I remember, for deep down in the innermost recesses of my consciousness, I do

Roberts on the Prebysterians.

Delivers Good-Natured and Stinging Sermon in Which He Fails to See How Mormonism is to be Crushed, as a Speaker at the Los Angeles Conclave Said it Must Be—Will Force Be Used, He Asks.

Elder B. H. Roberts delivered a good-natured but decidedly stinging sermon at the conference of the Mutual Improvement Association in the Tabernacle yesterday afternoon. The congregation was a very large one and appreciative in the highest degree. There were many non-Mormons present, and they apparently enjoyed it quite as much as the "Mormons" did. In fact, several of them wanted to applaud the speaker for his utterances, and only the day and occasion prevented them from doing so.

Elder Roberts prefaced his remarks by the statement, that, as the printed program would show, President Joseph F. Smith, was to have been the next speaker. "But," said he, "President Smith insists that another name shall take the place of his, and mine is that name. I did all I could to persuade him not to make the change but he was firm in his request and as he has the final say so I must ask you to forgive your disappointment and give me your faith and prayers that something of benefit shall be said of our holy religion. I shall, I think, venture the selection of a text—one not chosen from the Bible, but one that I have thought out in my own mind. It is brief, very brief, just a single word—How. Having announced that I shall read another."

The speaker then proceeded to read from Doctrine and Covenants. A number of the Elders were preaching in Ohio and vicinity. They wanted to know the will of the Lord. It was communicated in a manner most marvelous in its plainness. It had reference to things that had been, to things that were and to things yet to be. It made clear their duty, both as individuals and as a church. It was a word of comfort and encouragement to the faithful. It was a word of warning to the disobedient. It was a word of promise to the obedient. It was a word of power to the faithful. It was a word of life to the dying. It was a word of hope to the despairing. It was a word of love to the world. It was a word of truth to the false. It was a word of justice to the unjust. It was a word of mercy to the merciful. It was a word of grace to the graceless. It was a word of glory to the gloryless. It was a word of life to the lifeless. It was a word of power to the powerless. It was a word of wisdom to the foolish. 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