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A GREAT WAVE

Sends the Floyd River Over its Banks and Inundates the Surrounding Territory.

THE DAMAGE WILL REACH ONE MILLION AND A HALF.

The River Still Rising at St. Louis.—Railroad Tracks Washed Out.—Other Damage.

By Telegraph to the News.

THE FLOODS

A Great Wave Sweeps Down the Floyd River.

OMAHA, May 18.—A *Bee* special from Sioux City, Ia., says: Early this morning a great wave came down the Floyd river. The water spread over its banks to the depth of three feet and in a few minutes had risen above the first floors, and several thousands of people had to flee to the higher grounds in haste. Warning was given but a short time before the flood came, and only a few of those in the low ground received any intimation. The water reached its height in an hour and a half and continued to rise steadily, and is still rising. Probably one thousand people are now on the bluffs which are overflowed. The rise was so rapid that numbers were unable to escape, and the work of rescue is nearly carried on. At 12 o'clock eleven persons were reported drowned, and there must be many others. The following are the probable so far are: Nellie West, Mrs. Louisa Forner and two children.

All the tents in the lodgehouses on the Sioux river are being used to save life and property. The stockyards and packing houses, situated at the confluence of the Missouri and Floyd creeks, are inundated. About 2000 head of livestock were drowned. Many carcasses are also floating down the Floyd. The railroad yards are in deep water, the roundhouses and railroad property are enormously damaged. The roundhouses at the Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis are damaged to the extent of $40,000. No trains left Sioux City today. The Illinois Central and the Sioux Northwestern company's building are surrounded by water.

The Union depot was cut off at 8 o'clock. It is estimated that 4000 people were driven from their homes.

The Chamber of Commerce has organized the relief work and by noon the ladies had served soup and lunch to over one for the sufferers. The loss is large, but as yet it is impossible to estimate it.

A later dispatch to the *Bee* says that the damage will reach $1,500,000. The loss to the Sioux city Northern is $200,000. The sewer along the edge of the water is pitiful. The loss of life is very large, although difficult in the confusion to keep the count. At Springvale a woman stood in the second story of a house 100 yards out, holding a baby up over the waters and our will there as it is 6 o'clock tonight. Two men have been already drowned in the attempt to rescue her. A gale of wind added greatly to the misfortunes of the city. Homes are being broken up all the time, and there is neither gaslight nor electric light, both plants being under water.

THE FLOODS AT ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, May 18.—The river is still rising and the danger and consternation is growing, though today no marked accidents were noticed. From above and below come stories of additional area overflowed. Two persons are known to have been drowned at Alton by the capsizing of a skiff today. The town of Alton is cut off from railroad communication with St. Louis and mail is sent by boat. The damage in American bottom is almost inconceivable. In Monroe county alone not less than 65,000 acres of land are ruined for the season, entailing a loss of not less than $1,000,000.

Many residences in that section are still in water. The surrounded homes are dependent on such help as is sent them. Nearly all the farms are abandoned, and thieves are taking advantage of their opportunities.

In east St. Louis the water is higher and still rising. The break at Sandbar is yearing wider into Madison and the washout in Clover Leaf tract is giving Venice a thorough washing. Appreciation is felt for money the inhabitants mere remote from the village.

It was reported today that R. H. Chamberlain, and wife and two children were drowned at Cahokia, Ill. The lumber companies in North St. Louis have been compelled to cease business with exceptions. The Farmers' Elevator company's building is thirteen feet under water, and operations are suspended. The river is encroaching upon the banks, washing away a large section and necessitating hard work to prevent serious consequence. In the vicinity hundreds of poor people living in the low lands are compelled to move. Along the levee from the city down to Mineola is working its way higher into the first floors of buildings, and all business is dismissed by boat to the second floors except in some salooons, where the patrons stand on rafts. Boats are still able to take in cargoes, but if the rise continues, business will be suspended entirely.

Houses and other light material are floated about by the rising water. The Missouri Pacific Southern Division are in serious danger, and all manufacturers at the South End have shut down. The work of relief undertaken by the organized *Post-Dispatch* relief "navy" is progressing, and the Albatross relief committee estimates that the expenditure has been the means of saving a hundred livestock Sunday. In addition to human life, much personal property and live stock was reached.

COUNCIL BLUFFS FLOODED.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., May 18.—As a result of last night's storm the waterworks reservoir embankment gave way, the debris completely blocking the street. The low parts in the suburbs of the city is completely covered with water.

TRAFFIC HEMMED.

OMAHA, May 17.—The heavy rain that came last night have kept up ever since. The heavy rain clouds swept in from the west today and indications are that the Burlington & Missouri River running south.

THE SITUATION AT DES MOINES.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 18.—The situation here is serious tonight. The Des Moines and Raccoon rivers are both rising rapidly and hundreds of people are moving out. Reports from points above Des Moines show heavy inches rise. With the amount above, the river is apt to rise another foot before morning. If it does that or less, the result of the business portion of the city will be surrounded by water. The mail and water is flooding hundreds of basements, and the residents on the bottoms are fleeing panic-stricken. The damage alone to property is enormous, and all hope of cultivating the bottom lands is abandoned.

RAILROAD TRACKS WASHED OUT.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., May 18.—A fearful wind and rainstorm has been raging here for the past twelve hours. The river Sioux has risen two feet and still continues to rise. From 5000 to 10 feet of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul track is washed out at a creek two miles east and the entire country along the river is inundated. Thousands of people fled to the higher grounds in haste. Warning was given but a short time before the flood came, and only a few of those in the low ground received any intimation. The water reached its height in an hour and a half and continued to rise steadily, and is still rising. Probably one thousand people are now on the bluffs which are overflowed. The rise was so rapid that numbers were unable to escape, and the work of rescue is nearly carried on. At 12 o'clock eleven persons were reported drowned, and there must be many others. The following are probable so far are: Nellie West, Mrs. Louisa Forner and two children.

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