

Receding Waters Leave Scenes Of Desolation At Pueblo

WITH MORGUES CROWDED TO OVERFLOWING PUEBLO FINDS IT IMPOSSIBLE TO ESTIMATE NUMBER DEAD FROM GREATEST FLOOD KNOWN IN HISTORY OF COLORADO; THE PROPERTY LOSS MOUNTS INTO STAGGERING MILLIONS

GLADIATORS OF SQUARED CIRCLE IN FINE FETTLE FOR BIG EVENT

Carpentier Feels Confident; Dempsey Breaks Training When Wound is Reopened By Blow.

Manhasset, N. Y. June 6.—A battle campaign, such as Georges Carpentier's illustrious countryman, Marshal Foch, might plan, is being carefully mapped out at the camp of the French boxer.

"After all," said Georges, "the theory of military strategy may be boiled down to good use in a fight of this sort. Imagine, for instance, that Dempsey, my foe on July 2, is an opposing army, and he laughed at the comparison.

"We are cognizant of the strength of the foe and the battle ground will be fought as, familiar to us. We might say that it will take something beside direct assault to defeat the foe. So it simmers down to a battle of speed, endurance and strategy.

"Our scheme is to show more cleverness than the enemy and to throw our forces into the battle in such a manner that he will be able neither to strike direct and early blow that always spells defeat nor launch at any time a felling attack."

Comparing Dempsey's punches to big guns, he says:

"Big shells are no danger when they go over your head; rifle bullets kill when they hit the mark."

The challenger laughs again when he is reminded of the assertion by many sportsmen:

"Dempsey is too big for Georges."

"And they said Willard was too big for Dempsey; David slew Goliath; George Washington whipped the British; a submarine can sink a battle ship."

And Manager Descamps ended the talk with "You see my Georges, he has the superior intelligence."

Superior Injured in Workout

Atlantic City, N. J., June 6.—Boxing gloves were laid on the shelf in Jack Dempsey's training camp today.

All work with the gloves was ordered dropped from the training program yesterday in a windup of the hardest day's work he has indulged in since training was started here three weeks ago. The halt in boxing was ordered by Jack Kearns, manager of the champion on the advice of a physician who took a stitch to close the wound last night.

The cut was first opened ten days ago when Dempsey's head collided with Jack Renault's, his sparring partner, during a mixup. It was healing nicely but was ripped open yesterday when Larry Williams, in awkwardly attempting to evade a right hand punch, butted the champion. Blood spurted out of the wound profusely and Dempsey's face was a carmine smear when he left the ring.

Previous to the injury, which occurred in the fifth round of a six-round workout, Dempsey had set a terrific pace for his sparring partners. Renault was all but knocked out in the first round. Dempsey caught him flush on the chin with a left hook and Renault's body stiffened as if he had been electrocuted. He fell into the waiting arms of Teddy Hays, the trainer.

Dempsey's left arm is under the care of a physician. A nerve in the arm caused the champion to experience a slight numbness during his workouts, but it is rapidly responding to treatment.

Corporation of Tulsa Business Men Will Rebuild "Little Africa"

Tulsa, Okla., June 6.—Negro homes destroyed here by fire during race rioting last week probably will be rebuilt by a corporation with a capital of several hundred thousand dollars subscribed by the business men of Tulsa.

The reconstruction plan in its preliminary stages was outlined today by Judge L. J. Martin, chairman of the citizens' welfare committee, who declared that the business interests must get together at once and erect houses for all the homeless negro population now that emergency work has been fully perfected.

Judge Martin suggested the proposed building corporation put up the number of houses required and then give individual negroes a long term, 20 or 30 years, in which to pay for homes they occupy.

About 30 business men composing a finance committee met this morning and discussed the proposition of raising a fund of about \$25,000 to cover relief work, which would be paid back by the city in about 90 days through a bond issue.

Preparations for the grand jury investigation of the riots, which begins Wednesday, took form today. Several hundred witnesses are expected to be called to testify. Attorney General Freeland, who will conduct the state's investigation had not arrived here at noon.

A large force of men was put to work this morning to prepare the city water plant against possible damage from the flood waters coming down the Arkansas river.

WESTERN UNION WINS IN "TELL-IT-TO-UNCLE-SAM" SUIT FOR DAMAGES

Washington, June 6.—Contentions of the Western Union Telegraph Company that it cannot be held liable for damages caused through errors in transmitting messages while its lines were under government control, were upheld today by the supreme court. A decision of South Carolina courts awarded damages to S. B. Poston, a cotton dealer, on this ground, was reversed.

PRESIDENT TALKS TO LARGE BODY OF NEGRO STUDENTS AT LINCOLN SCHOOL

TELLS OF HOPE DEPLORABLE AFFAIR AT TULSA WILL NEVER BE REPEATED ANYWHERE IN UNITED STATES.

Lincoln University, Penn., June 6.—President and Mrs. Harding, motoring from Valley Forge, Pa., to Washington, stopped at Lincoln university, shortly after 10 o'clock today and were cordially greeted by the Rev. John M. Rendall, president of the institution, and 400 negro students. In a brief speech, the president expressed his pleasure at the reception.

The president was shown the granite arch erected in memory of negro soldiers who died in the World War and in his talk said the colored soldiers earned this honor. The president also spoke of the great benefits of education, in furthering the welfare of the negroes and contrasted the fine scene presented at the university with those enacted in race disturbances.

The president, in his address, deplored the recent race riot at Tulsa, Okla., and all similar outbreaks of race feeling.

"God grant," he said, in referring to the riot, "that we may never have another spectacle like it."

MANY VISITORS AT CAMP TURNER ALL DAY SUNDAY

Camp Turner, Arbutuck Mountains, June 6.—(Special.)—Sunday was visitors day at Camp Turner, the Boy Scout camp in the Turner Falls Park, and a great many parents and friends of scouts were in camp during the day. The majority of those who visited the camp expressed themselves as greatly pleased, while quite naturally a few found fault, offered criticisms and some were kind enough to make suggestions for the betterment of the camp.

Camp Turner has not yet reached the high ideal toward which the Camping Committee is striving—to make it one of the very best camps for boys in the entire country—but it is making great progress along that line and is a camp of which Ardmore people can be proud.

The presence of so many visitors in camp of course interfered seriously with the regular camp schedule, resulted in numerous mild cases of home sickness on the part of the boys, and made it impossible for the visitors to see the actual everyday working of the camp. However, visitors were wanted, in order that Ardmore folk could get an idea of what the Camping Committee is striving for, and what they are providing for the scouts of Ardmore.

It is impossible at this time to give the names of those who were in camp, nor of the men of the city who have been in camp for one or two days to help with the program. Good work has been done on the part of these men, and more of it will be done during the week.

Those expecting to go out, or wishing to send mail out to the boys, are requested to leave letters or information with Don Cochran, as the headquarters office is closed until Wednesday on account of Miss Benton being in camp to help bring the camp records up to date.

GET YOUR TICKETS TO THIS "PRIVATE" AUCTION; IT IS TO BE WELL WORTH WHILE

New York, June 6.—Uncle Sam will soon hold the greatest auction of wet goods in the world. About \$30,000,000 worth of bonded liquor, confiscated in New York since the Volstead act became effective, will be placed under the hammer. If \$5,000,000 is realized the government will be happy.

But this auction will be a semi-private affair. The man with a throat, regardless of the condition of his pocket book, will not get an opportunity to participate, except possibly in the role of a mournful spectator on the sidelines. The only bidders will be persons duly licensed to deal in alcohol or have it in their possession. Some of the liquor may be given away to hospitals if there are no bidders.

The principal reason for holding the auction is that the big warehouse where the liquor is now stored, is crowded to capacity. In this storied bar room is stored every kind of intoxicant known in the dry era. There are something like 35,000,000 cases of rare old whisky, brandy, gin and wine; more of the same in 5,000 barrels, to say nothing of hundreds upon hundreds of demijohns, bottles and flasks.

Marshall (Big Tom) McCarthy has been designated as auctioneer.

Visiting Friend In Ada.

Miss Mildred Reed has gone to Ada to visit for brief time with her friend, Miss Dorothy Duncan.

GENERAL PERSHING BUYS FLOWERS FOR FUND TO AID WARRIORS' WIVES



General Pershing was very much interested in the success of the American Legion's Poppy Sale Week. He is shown here buying a Flanders poppy in Washington from Miss Beatrice Evelyn Wilson. The plan was to have everybody wear a red poppy on Memorial Day, as the poppy is the characteristic flower of those fields in Flanders and France where so many American soldiers fell. The proceeds of the sale go to the French-American Children's League, an organization of men and women in both countries and will be used to aid the children of the war-torn area.

Kirk Dyer Named City Manager of Ardmore at Salary \$3,900; Selection Temporary Pending Future Action of Commissioners

FUNCTIONING FOR FIRST TIME UNDER NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT, EXECUTIVES COMPLETE ORGANIZATION

Washington, June 6.—Authorization for the expenditure of a second \$50,000 out of the national disaster relief fund for flood relief was wired to the Red Cross chapter at Pueblo last night by national headquarters here.

FIFTEEN MEMBERS OF THE ANNOINTED TOY WITH LIBERTY

Leavenworth, Kans., June 6.—Fifteen I. W. W. members, prisoners in the federal penitentiary, changed their minds today and decided they wanted their own liberty more than they desired the continued incarceration of three brother I. W. W.'s who, they say, are traitors to the "I. W. W. cause."

The trouble arose Saturday with the arrival of a blanket bond for \$10,000, providing for the release of all 15. The 15 refused to sign, unless the names of the three were stricken from the bond and the three announced that, as much as they desired freedom, they did not want it on a bond furnished by the I. W. W.

Today, the 15 informed Warden W. I. Biddle they had reconsidered and were willing to sign the bond. The warden told them he had sent the bond back to Judge Walter Sanborn, of the United States circuit court of appeals, at St. Paul, Minn., and that until he heard from the judge, he could take no further action in the matter. The three "backsliders" have not decided yet whether they will accept liberty or not, if they get another chance at it.

SCIENCE MAY MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES TO DISTILL THEIR OWN GASOLINE

Boston, Mass., June 6.—A prediction that automobiles within a few years would carry individual stills to produce fuel for their operation was made last night by Thomas A. Edison Jr.

Discussing carburetion at the graduation exercises of the Knights of Columbus automobile school, the son of the inventor said he had himself been seeking a substitute for gasoline for 10 years. The problem would be solved, he said, by the manufacture of individual distilleries to be attached to cars, the stills to be operated by the heat and motion of the motor and to produce from petroleum and other ingredients a combustible mixture supplied as electricity as current is generated by electric cars while in motion.

A car of average power, in his opinion, could be equipped to produce sufficient fuel to run itself and enough by-products to pay its maintenance.

Sequoiah.

The Sequoyah Fire Girls will meet at the Convention Hall, Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, from where they will go to Whittington Park to skate.

On Friday afternoon, Sequoyah will give a candy sale in the Simpson building.

EYE WITNESSES TELL GRAPHIC STORIES FLOOD DEVASTATIONS

WOMEN AND CHILDREN SWEEPED TO DEATH THROUGH WINDOWS OF TRAINS AND FROM CRUMBLING HOUSES.

(By The Associated Press)

Colorado Springs, June 6.—Frank Ducray, sheriff of Mesa county, whose home is at Grand Junction, arrived here last night with one of the most thrilling and graphic of the survivor and rescue stories coming out of Pueblo. Sheriff Ducray was a passenger on the Denver and Rio Grande train No. 3, which arrived in Pueblo on Friday night at 8 p. m.

The train, the sheriff said, was comfortably filled, and he stated as a guess that it contained about 200 passengers. Just as the train pulled up to the bridge over the Arkansas river, leading into the union station, it was stopped, he said.

"We were left there. On the next track was a Missouri Pacific train," he related. "We had been there only a short time when we heard the roar of waters and the flood rising rapidly. The coach seats and began rising rapidly. It was soon running through the cars. Some of us went up and down in the cars queuing the passengers, many of whom were screaming and moaning and praying.

"A young girl was sitting in her seat crying. I stopped to reassure and comfort her. She said she was from Chicago and sobbingly called out:

"Daddy, daddy! She was on her way to the coast. I told her we would look after her and she cheered her. But—well, I saw her swept away as the water rushed into the coaches and carried us out through the windows and doors.

"An old lady sat in her seat, smiling, just before the water flooded in on us. She declared that if it were her time to go, she was prepared and kept smiling. I reckon she died in her seat.

"I saw a young man in superb health with his mother, consoling her. She was praying.

"In the water, we clung to the coaches of the train which were swaying back and forth with the waves and striking the coaches of the Missouri Pacific train.

"On either side of us, houses and barns and other buildings were swirling down. Many people were clinging to them. I saw two women on the top of a house. The structure cracked, the bridge and crumbled like an eggshell. I saw their white hands a moment in the water.

"Morning came. The waters had been receding. Those of us who were left—about sixty—were able to reach the ground and walk around in water above our knees.

"Some of the unconscious women and children were left in the dark. It was a scene of devastation and death: It was awful.

"I cannot say what the loss might be. I know it must be far over a hundred lives, for at least that many, I am sure, were lost off our two trains."

A sergeant of the United States army said warning was given throughout the district Friday night and that many persons laughed at the warning, refusing to leave. Later in the night, he aided in clearing back crowds from the vicinity of the river as the water swept into the bottoms. Cries of persons trapped in their homes could be heard, he said, but no one could assist them. They told how men could be seen running ahead of the waters, breaking windows and looting. A large part of the dead, he believed, represented persons who declined to heed one flood warning or who did not understand the gravity of the situation.

The search for bodies interrupted late yesterday by rising waters, was resumed early this morning.

With the exception of a relief train over the Colorado Southern from Trinidad yesterday, there has been no resumption of train service.

Reports received here today from Lake Charles, 15 miles south, told of the probable drowning of a hermit, who had lived for years in the cave, which was on the high bank of the St. Charles river. The swirling waters obliterated the cave and the occupant is still missing. It was near the same spot, Lake Charles reports said, that a woman and four children were drowned.

ADD EYE WITNESS 24 P ONE

H. E. Leigh, contract clerk of the Arkansas Valley Railway Light and Power Company, First and Main street, gave an account of an attempt made by himself and six other employees to save property and ledgers of the company Friday night.

"At 7 o'clock, we went into the electric company building with the intention of saving ledgers and property. At 10 o'clock Friday night, there was 8 feet of water in the first floor, at midnight, 12 feet.

"We were surrounded by floating burning rafters. A fire occurred across the street. Two men in the building

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Thousands of Homeless Suffer from Effects of Exposure; Hospitals Crowded; Disease Breaks Out.

ALL LEVEES WASHED AWAY ON ARKANSAS

BASEMENTS FILLED WITH MUD DEBRIS, DECOMPOSING BODIES; WEEKS OF WORK AHEAD.

(By The Associated Press)

Pueblo, Colo., June 6.—After a night of quiet, Pueblo awoke this morning to find the waters in the low-lying sections of the city receded to below the five foot mark and still going down.

The flood is at its lowest stage since its sudden onslaught last Friday night.

Today the work of removing the bodies from The Grove and Peppersauce bottoms district began.

Col. Flat Hamerock in charge of the military, announced that the situation was well in hand and that order was rapidly being brought out of chaos.

All during the night, the devastated areas were patrolled by a heavy guard of Colorado soldiery, while the state rangers in automobiles and armed with riot guns, patrolled the streets of the residence districts.

After mid-night reports of looting in the flooded areas began to come in. The guards brought between 15 and 20 men to military headquarters for questioning and investigation, but in almost every case it was found that there had been a mistake.

The Associated Press correspondent accompanied Colorado rangers in an automobile trip through the flooded Main street, over the Union Avenue bridge into South Pueblo.

Water had receded from the lower part of Main Street, leaving only mud which was about a foot thick. The rangers said the condition of the river looked better than at any time since early yesterday afternoon, just before the first heavy rain.

When the first flood struck the city, the south side was separated from the remainder by a gulf of churning water.

Through the efforts of a southside undertaking establishment, a number of bodies were identified, the list included:

Dorothy Metz, Pueblo; T. Hall, Pullman porter, Denver; Doris Seaber, Pueblo; Frank Erwin, Pueblo; Evans, Kansas City, Mo.; Pullman conductor; John Ferreros, E. C. Hames and Henry Miller, all of Pueblo.

Homes, schools, and churches were used to house the refugees and a soup line was established while lunches were served in the high school building.

Dawn was breaking over the city as the trip was made back from the south side and showed a strange sight. A baby buggy was left standing by itself in the center of the bridge, away from any obstruction. A few feet away was a Morris chair and heavy trunk.

A boiler had been left on the bridge when the flood receded and a log lay in the mud beside a pile of driftwood.

Pueblo, Colo., June 6.—Flood stricken central Colorado today surveyed the havoc of the most disastrous ravage of waters in the history of the west. An accurate estimate of the loss of life and property damage is impossible at this time. With morgues crowded to overflowing, hospitals turning to improvised relief stations and thousands homeless or suffering from exposure, every effort was being directed today toward alleviation of the suffering. The work of checking up the destruction and plans for rehabilitation was left to the attention of outside forces now en route to the almost prostrate community.

Danger of repetition of the flood seemed to have passed, but restoration of the city to any semblance of normal conditions is a matter of weeks. Every dam in the Arkansas and Fountain rivers from which damage might be expected, is gone and the levees about the city are so riddled that they will have to be repaired before even the business section can be cleared of water.

Three times yesterday, came a renewal of the flood. At 4 o'clock in the morning, water rose several feet when the crest of the flood from the breaking of the Stratton Park dam near Colorado Springs reached Pueblo. In the middle of the afternoon, breaking of the Skagway reservoir and Beaver Dam near Victor, coupled with a heavy downpour of rain in the Arkansas river watershed and in Pueblo, caused another rise. Again, last night, followed another heavy rain storm. In none of the floods of yesterday, however, did the waters reach the level of Friday night.

An exact figure as to the number of bodies recovered was impossible. Morgues have been established at many places and not all of these could be reached. Dr. J. M. Heller of the Red Cross, placed the number of bodies found at approximately one hundred, basing his estimate on reports made to him and upon personal investigation of the devastated area.

The number of persons in temporary hospitals as a result of the flood

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CORRESPONDENTS COURT DEATH GIVING NEWS TO OUTSIDE WORLD

REPORTERS WAIVED THROUGH MUD AND DODGED INNUMERABLE PERILS TO GET STORIES PUEBLO DISASTER.

Denver, Colo., June 6.—News from isolated Pueblo was obtained and forwarded to the outside world under conditions that were as trying and in some instances as hazardous as those which the suffering people of that city themselves underwent.

The first news of the disaster came to Denver over the Associated Press leased wire and a Western Union Telegraph company wire, almost simultaneously. A few minutes after the Associated Press wire left Pueblo, the last Western Union operator to brave the rush of the waters wired to the Denver office:

"I am going to beat it, the water is around my feet."

That was Friday night.

After that it was hours before communication between Pueblo and the rest of the country was restored. Then it was over one Western Union wire.

The first outside newspaper men to reach the flooded city were two Denver correspondents. One of them was an Associated Press staff man and the other a staff correspondent of the Denver Times. They went together early Saturday morning in an airplane from this city.

Later two more Associated Press correspondents and an Associated Press telegraph operator went to Colorado Springs from Denver by train and from Colorado Springs to Pueblo by automobile and on foot.

Trains could not get within miles of the business section of the stricken city and automobiles that managed to get around washouts on the roads had to stop at the city limits.

News in Pueblo was obtained under the greatest of difficulties. Local newspapers, the police, the fire department, the military and the Red Cross were the first sources of information as the high water and the strict vigilance of military guards made it impossible to get first hand information until the necessary military passes had been obtained and provisions made for getting around through the mud, water and fires that overwhelmed the city. Correspondents had to work in relays to keep in contact with the lone wire—and an uncertain wire at that—which connected Pueblo with Denver.

From the tops of buildings, newspaper men in Pueblo witnessed much of the disaster. They also used boats. Boats were in fashion.

The military wig-wagged information when distance made it impossible to hear.

Fire whistles and church bells also played their part in transmission of emergency information. Intrepid swimmers, served as couriers.

BOYS WILL HAVE HEARING BEFORE JUDGE WINFREY

Eddie Davis and Robert Taylor, both 12 years old, were arrested Sunday on charges of having stolen an automobile. They are being held in the county jail pending hearing before Judge M. F. Winfrey in the county court, Tuesday afternoon.

Both boys admitted according to Mrs. Effie Wilkes, county probation officer, that they had "appropriated" the Dodge roadster, which figured in an accident on the Berwyn road Friday night and resulted in injuries to two men. The automobile was driven by young Davis, it was reported, and was precipitated into a ditch about three miles this side of Leawyn. The automobile was slightly damaged, but neither of the boys were hurt.

The injured persons were riding on the running board of the automobile, having been offered rides by the boys. They were William McNamara, 43 years old, of Connorin, Wis., who sustained serious injuries to his face, and a negro, who sustained a fractured skull. Both were rushed to the Hardy sanitarium directly after the accident.

Miss Reed Home For Vacation.

Miss Katherine Reed, who has been teaching in the city schools of Tulsa has arrived home and is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reed, at 316 D street southwest.

WEATHER

Oklahoma: Tonight and Tuesday part cloudy, probably thunder showers.