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THE MISSOURI RIVER.

Navigation on This Great Waterway Has Been Abandoned.

Navigation on the Missouri River the third greatest waterway in the world, has been practically abandoned. This is the meaning, in plain words, of a statement from the report of the Lighthouse Board, published last week, which says:

"The lights in the Missouri River were not shown during the fiscal year, as no boats were navigating that river."

While it is generally known that the amount of traffic on the river has been light for a number of years, the fact that it has been completely abandoned and that the Government has even ceased to keep its beacons lighted will cause genuine surprise.

The last boat that attempted to make regular trips up the Missouri River was the Fowler, which made three trips in July, 1899, and then sank at the mouth of the Osage. The year before that the Benton tried to make regular trips, but was wrecked on the Omaha Bridge. There was no navigation on the river between the times that these two boats attempted to keep up a service and the chances are that when the light-house report for the next fiscal year makes its appearance it will tell the same story about the abandonment of navigation on the Missouri.

Millions of dollars have been spent on the Missouri River to make it more navigable. The channel has at times been deepened in places and money has at times been lavishly spent. But at the same time that the Government was attempting to improve the river with one hand it was destroying navigation thereon with the other hand by issuing permits for the construction of bridges and other artificial obstructions.

Owing to the determination of Congress to make no river and harbor appropriation this year, however, practically all improvements on the Missouri will be stopped for many months. All work of whatever kind will have to be dropped until an appropriation is made. An attempt has been made during the past ten years, to confine the waters of the river within its banks, and much labor and money have been expended to this end. Now, all this will have to be stopped for a year at least, and between 200 and 400 men will be laid off. The probable result will be that the work already done will go to ruin and that within a short time the river will become a wild, unattended stream, unfit for navigation and a menace to the territory through which it flows.

The last important movement to keep up navigation on the Missouri was some eight years ago, when Kansas City capitalists constructed three boats at a cost of \$105,000 for the St. Louis-Kansas City trade. They were the L. Mason, the State of Kansas and the Missouri. They ran most of one season, when the Mason was wrecked near the mouth of the Osage and the other boats were put on to the Mississippi trade.

The real cause of the abandonment of navigation on the Missouri, according to well-posted river men, is the fact that the river has been made unnavigable by artificial obstructions. This is clearly shown by Captain Isaac M. Nixon, who is familiar with the history of navigation for many years back. His statement will be of interest not only to river men, but to American citizens generally, who cannot conceive that any set of men would be so shortsighted as to allow obstructions to be built across the Missouri or any other river to the exclusion of navigation. Here is what he has to say on the subject:

"If I am asked what has caused the abandonment of navigation on the Missouri River I answer advisedly and with out hesitation, artificial obstructions. The obstructions are principally bridges, so constructed as to make the river too dangerous to enable it to be navigated with profit."

We have been approaching this condition rapidly during the past decade. The case which perhaps might be called the final one was that of Captain David Silver, whose boat (the Bright Light) was wrecked on the Boonville Bridge, I think, in 1892. He sued the bridge company, and the case was fought so long and the cost of attorneys' fees and other expenses so great that he didn't have the money to replace the sunken boat. Whatever he may have secured by a compromise or other wise was eaten up by the costs of litigation.

Because of the danger caused by these bridges the rate of insurance on high-grade goods is so great that merchants cannot afford to ship on steamboats to carry them. All that the boats can get is such stuff as nails and low-grade commodities. The result is that there is no money in the business, and so it has been abandoned.

Outside of these artificial obstructions the Missouri River is just as navigable as it ever was. Of course, taking the boats of the river has made some difference in the depth of the channel, as boats continually passing up and down increase the depth of the channel probably a foot. But there is just as much water in the river as there was years ago, when there were as high as forty boats in the Missouri River trade, carrying California passengers.

And what has happened to the Missouri is slowly happening to the Mississippi. It may not come in my day, but come it will, if the same policy is kept up that has prevailed for a few years past. I am asked why the War Department grants so many permits for the construction of these obstructions. I cannot tell. I have been going to Washington in the interest of the rivermen for forty years and I expect to keep going as long as I live. I know what the river means to St. Louis. Without it St. Louis would be naught. The more it is protected the better it is for the city.

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An Unembarrassed Young Man Astonishes Some Passengers.

The bridal couple boarded the train at Suspension Bridge. He was a smooth-faced, well-set-up young man and she was a sweet, pretty girl of a bride. There was a large, very hilarious company of wedding guests to see them off, and as the pair struggled from their carriage to the sleeping car they were almost lost to view in showers of rice and flying old shoes. Even this demonstration was not considered adequate, and a dozen or so young men followed them to their seats and poured streams of rice over them and down their backs until the train pulled out, while the crowd on the platform howled joyfully.

The young couple stood the ordeal with great courage, and after the train had started did so well that before long the rest of the passengers in the car left off watching them and began turning in.

The next morning the interest in them again, when section after section of the car was made up until the bridal couple's section stood alone with its curtains still drawn. This was the stage of things at 8 o'clock, and at 8:30 there had been no change. Nine and a quarter past came round, and still there was no sign of life from the bridal section. When shortly after half past 9 a slight, mysterious movement was apparent behind the curtains, almost a sign of relief went up from the rest of the car. The movement continued, increased, until suddenly, after an especially violent agitation of the curtains, they parted sufficiently to let a young man slip between them into the aisle. His hair was rumpled and his coat collar turned up, and he carried a travelling bag and various articles of wearing apparel to be donned in the wash room. As the young man hurried forward he seemed somewhat puzzled by the almost smiling interest of the rest of the car, but of embarrassment he showed not a trace.

When he had disappeared the car settled itself to await the egress of the bride. But if she was about to make her appearance she showed no signs of it. Neither was there any motion was discernible from the recesses behind the curtains. In a little while the young man came back showing the freshened effect of cold water and hair brushes, and moved the bottom of the curtains aside sufficiently to show his face. As he rose to his feet and his feet again, the car saw that he was looking down reflectively at the cargo of rice which covered the floor. He continued to regard it for some time, fixedly. Then he raised his eyes and surveyed the car. There was a more or less unexpressed smile on every face, but the young man still showed no embarrassment. His eyes travelled down one side and back the other, and they were filled only with a calm thoughtfulness. Then he arranged the folds of the heavy curtains with elaborate solicitude, and finally went forward again and whispered something to the porter. The car, to a passenger, would probably have gladly paid double fare to have heard those half-drawn whispers.

The pretty mystery was assuming proportions. But the porter only said: "Yes, suh." And then the young man went over and sat down gravely in an end seat from where he looked across into the face of every soul in the car.

By this time it was no longer interest that moved the inmates of the car; it was palpitation of the heart. The air was crisp with expectation.

The next moment the porter came down the aisle toward the bridal section. He was a fat and very black porter. For an instant he paused before the silent curtains. Then a thrill of horror ran through the car, and several men, not half way to their feet, pulled the curtains wide apart and were thumping and pulling at something within! Another instant, and horror crept into the faces of the car. He had given way to amaranthine became inside of the nervous immediately became visible to all who cared to see. The porter was making up the section. The bride had vanished!

The car turned swiftly to the hapless bridegroom on the front seat. A expression of Arcadian simplicity was still with him. But for the first time across his face there glimmered a faint thoughtful smile.

The half dozen male passengers and the porter held a moment's consultation in the middle of the car. Then they came forward, and one of their number said something in a low voice to the young man on the front seat. The young man rose to his feet still smiling thoughtfully.

"I see," he said softly. "I don't care if I do."

As the crowd filed toward the buffet car some one in the rear of the procession began to whistle. Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." Then the passengers in the seats began to laugh.

He Spoke Advisedly.

"Right ahead of us," resumed the traveller who was narrating his experiences, "yawned the mountain pass—"

"Do you know," artlessly interrupted one of the younger women in the company, "that seems very queer to me? How can a mountain yawn?"

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Stung by the tones of her voice no less than by her words the young man flushed deeply.

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he exclaimed. "Do you remember how you said you would be true to me, though thousands of miles of ocean might roll between us?"

"O, yes, I remember all that."

"Have you forgotten how you said at parting 'O, Cyrus, it breaks my heart! I cannot give you up.'"

"I think I did make some such remark."

"I think you did. Have you forgotten how you bade me think of you, in camp or on the battlefield, when the bullets of the enemy were flying thick and fast around me, and let the thought that you were praying for me cheer me in that dark hour?"

"I think I do recollect saying something of the kind."

"You think you do? And when I was wounded you wrote me to get well as soon as I could and come back to you! Do you have a dim recollection of doing something like that?"

Now that you mention it I believe I did."

"You have changed then," he said scowling darkly. "You are not the same girl!"

"You have changed more than I have Mr. Barker," coldly she answered. "You are not the same man."

"You still insist," he went on, with exceeding bitterness, "that I remove my arm."

"I do."

"So be it then." Calmly the young man arose, unscrewed his wooden arm, placed it at her feet and turned to go.

"I hope, Miss Ashcraft," he said, "you are satisfied."

But Miss Angelina Ashcraft had fainted.

Much of the Employment.

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