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COURSES MEET THEIR DEATH SWOLLEN SOUTHERN WATERS.

Kansas and Missouri Submerged, Property Loss is High in the Millions.

Clinging to Perch in the Tree-tops Men, Women and Children Pass Terrible Days Before Rescue, and Too Late in Several Cases.

Kansas City, Mo., May 31.—The greatest flood in the history of Kansas City, Kansas, and the bottoms of Kansas City (Mo.), prevail here today and millions of dollars' worth will result.

By a flood, is burning. Many people have been burned to death. The victims have been driven from their homes by the flood and have undergone severe suffering.

A great body of water coming from the west swelled the Kansas River at Kansas City (Kan.), this morning, causing a most alarming rise. Waters rushed with terrific force over the outlying railway tracks and the crowded wholesale districts of the West bottoms, and finally into the Union depot.

Every foot of North Topeka inhabited by 10,000 people is under water. The current is so swift that no boat can live in it. Seven thousand people have escaped to the south side and are being cared for as well as possible.

NORTH TOPEKA IN FIRE FIEND'S CLUTCH.

Topeka, Kan., May 30.—The whole of North Topeka, which for hours has been separated from the main part of the city

BRIGHT WITH HOPE, THEN PLUNGED IN DESPAIR.

Topeka, Kan., May 31.—There is ground for hope that the worst has passed. The receding Kansas river appears to be slowly receding tonight and the five mile wide stream is settling back into its right channel.

Floating bodies seen, 20. People missing, 200. Houses burned, probably 200. Banks collapsed, two; wholesale stores flooded, two.

PROBABLY HUNDREDS OF LIVES ARE LOST.

Leading men have made a careful examination of the flood and all its conditions, and give 250 as the probable number of lives lost. The number of dead is merely a matter of guess.

an abandoned street car north of the bridge and have been there for thirty hours, but will be rescued. Eighteen were rescued this afternoon from a house in North Monroe street.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY KNOWN DEAD.

One hundred and twenty are known to be dead and many missing at North Topeka. The entire city is covered and it looks as if practically all the buildings in the north section will be swept away.

constantly to keep their heads above water. They were nearly starved and probably cannot recover.

DESOLATION IN NORTH TOPEKA.

North Topeka is a scene of utmost desolation. Not a square foot of land can be seen in any direction; there is but a small chance of any of the residences being left standing at the end of the flood period.

North Topeka Becomes an Island and Fierce Fires Add to the Horrors.

Many Lives Taken by the Fire Fiend—Rescue Work Amidst Great Difficulties—Pathetic Scenes Mark a Memorable Sunday in the South.

increase the total very materially. Armourelle with a population of 16,000, is deserted and its site marked only by the tops of buildings and a number of fires.

depot and Toad-A-Loup, a settlement near Armourelle. It is impossible to reach any of the fires as communication is cut off.

IOWA AND NEBRASKA ARE SUFFERING, TOO.

St. Louis, Mo., May 31.—At Jefferson City, where the Missouri is bank full and spreading over the bottoms, a continued rise can only mean the destruction of thousands of dollars' worth of growing crops.

AID FOR SUFFERERS COMES FROM MANY PLACES.

Large contributions have already been received for the benefit of the sufferers. The amount given by Topeka citizens alone will aggregate \$100,000.

LIVES SNATCHED FROM GRIP OF FLOOD.

Chief of Police Goff and his family are among those not yet accounted for. They may be among those on the tops of the buildings but this is hardly likely as their house was in the path of last night's fire.

THE PORK PACKERS ARE HEAVY LOSERS.

The financial loss has been increasing all day and bids fair to continue. The heaviest loss is at Armourelle, where the losses to the packing industry and others is placed conservatively at \$2,500,000.

EIGHT FIRES IN THE FLOOD REGION.

The Santa Fe railroad's loss is very heavy. The railroad has 100 miles of track in the Argentine yards and several miles of freight cars stand abandoned.

ACADIA COLLEGE ANNUAL SPORTS.

The Seniors Beat the Sophomores for the Third Year in Succession—Banquet of Graduating Class.

Wolfville, June 1.—(Special)—The annual field sports of Acadia University took place in the college campus this afternoon and resulted as follows:

THE TELEGRAPH'S PULPIT.

Heb. xiii.—8: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."

Did it ever occur to you as a strange thing that nothing is given us in the Holy Scriptures regarding the physical appearance of Jesus? We have somewhat told of others: Esau, a hairy man; Jacob, smooth skinned; Moses, fair to look upon; Saul, from the shoulders up taller than any of the people; David, ruddy complexioned.

His mission among men was purely one of loving interest in men. Speaking of this mission He on one occasion said: "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and give his life a ransom for many."

judgments of God on the part of men. He showed the Father to be man's friend instead of his enemy; that He loved men—Jew, Gentile, all—with an exceeding great love, and that He stood ready to forgive and save men if they would only believe it, and trust Him.

In the course of His ministration in behalf of humankind, Jesus manifested His own wonderful sympathy and friendship for men amid the sin, ignorance and misfortune of life. Behold Him standing by the grave of Lazarus, weeping with the sisters. Behold Him on Mount Olivet as, looking forth upon the rebellious and wayward city, He cries: "Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often I have gathered you as a hen gathereth her brood beneath her wings, but ye would not."

But I must not spend more time in speaking of the Christ of yesterday. We have seen He was all that could be desired. But what of the Christ of today? It is with Him we have to do. Do you observe that the Sacred Writer says what He was He is. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."

As in the days of His earthly ministry He bore men's sins and carried their sorrows upon His great compassionate heart.

and privations and sin of their fellows so much that they almost seem their own. Such an one we have seen Jesus was and such He is. The prophet looking down the vista of time beheld him "a man of sorrows and one acquainted with grief."

"Depth of mercy can there be; mercy still reserved for me. Can my God His wrath forbear? Me the chief of sinners spare. I have long witnessed His grace; long provoked Him to His face; Would not listen to His calls; grieved Him by a thousand falls."

Brother, sister, believe the message of the gospel. The Father loves you still. The friend of publicans and sinners still lives thy friend and still is seeking by His goodness to bring thee to repentance that He may pardon and save thee.