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Disaster Spotlight on Ottumwa for Second Time

Desolate City Waits Tensely

Ottumwa Ready for Second Flood In Week

By J. KNOX CRAIG
OTTUMWA (AP)—This sandbagged southeastern Iowa city, sections of it still desolate from the last high waters of the Des Moines river, waited tensely today for its second flood in a week.

With the river expected to rise rapidly today, cresting at 20 to 20.5 feet tomorrow noon, preparations were nearly complete for protecting the 32,000 residents, many of them still homeless after the river reached a record 20.24 feet last Saturday.

Evacuation centers have been established in the high school and grade schools, which are stocked with food. Some residents in the low areas moved in Friday.

The army, navy, coast guard and Red Cross were set up in the city to provide aid. Five generators for use in strategic centers in case of power failure were flown in by the army from Ft. Sheridan, Ill. The army also brought in 15 mobile kitchens.

Hundreds of volunteers, including sailors from a nearby navy base, and employees of the John Morrell meat packing plant, where operations were slowed down by the new flood threat, worked through the night erecting nearly a mile long barricade along flood-torn Church street.

Herschel Lovelace, flood director, said the sandbagging was primarily to slow up the fast water when the river rises. Swift currents made rescue operations perilous during last week's flood and claimed the lives of at least two persons.

Joe Griffin, Red Cross disaster chairman for Ottumwa, estimated that nearly 1,000 persons are homeless now. Most of them victims of last week's high waters unable to get back into mud-filled, smashed homes.

Griffin said approximately 8,000 persons were evacuating their homes in the section where a 20.5 foot crest will send water swirling through residences and business buildings.

"We are stocking two schools in south Ottumwa with food to last them 10 days, in case they are cut off from the rest of the city by high waters," Griffin said.

In Des Moines, D. N. McElrath, Red Cross state public relations officer, said 460 persons were housed in Red Cross shelters at Ottumwa. Some of the evacuees had been housed by the Red Cross since last week's flood. Other evacuees were living in tents in an Ottumwa park, Griffin said.

Meanwhile, Main street in north Ottumwa, location of some of the city's largest retail business houses, took on an almost deserted air. Show windows were empty. Sand bags were stacked in front of stores. The city had not regained many of its normal services knocked out by last week's disaster. Power was provided only on a limited basis, with street lights out and elevators not running. Drinking water was being hauled in from neighboring communities and the only public meals being served were by the Red Cross and Salvation Army.

WILL MOVE UP IN CITY AFTER EARLIER DROP

Crest of Monday May Surpass Previous Top, Officials Indicate

Though the Iowa river continued to fall here Friday night and today, the expected return of high water still will come Sunday night or Monday, the Iowa Institute of Hydraulics reported today.

The river is expected to begin its second rise in a week sometime this afternoon, officials of the institute said, and will reach a crest equal to or exceeding the 17.3-foot peak of last week possibly by Monday.

Highway No. 213 was clear of water today north of the City park bridge where run-off water from Thursday night's storm had covered a section of it Friday. Highway No. 6 also was open today between Iowa City and Coralville.

To Be Covered Again

Both these sections of highway, closed last week during the height of the flood, are expected to be covered with water again late Sunday or Monday when the river, swollen by heavy rains in the north central portions of the state reach this vicinity.

The river this afternoon stood at a level of 11.1 feet, falling slightly from the 11.3-foot stage of Friday night.

The Davenport weather bureau today also warned that the Iowa river may reach a crest of 17.5 feet at Iowa City Monday or Tuesday after rising rapidly Sunday and Monday.

The Iowa river was reported falling at Marshalltown this morning.

Up At Anama

The river rose rapidly at Anama during the night and was reported still rising today, though it had not yet reached the levels of last week.

At Curtis bridge this afternoon the river was reported rising and residents in that area were preparing for higher water than last week when Highway No. 218 was covered in that area.

Mayor Merritt A. Ewalt of Coralville said today no special predictions are being made yet to meet the second expected flood. The levee erected last week to hold the flood still is standing and can easily be filled in to check the new flood, he said, unless it rises considerably higher than last week.

Maintenance officials at the University of Iowa were preparing for a repeat performance of last week's flood by repairing pumps and filling sandbags for use in university buildings that might get water from the swollen river.

To Be Evacuated

The Red Cross reported that four Johnson county families who had returned to their homes as last week's flood receded will again be evacuated. Ten other families had not yet returned home and will remain in emergency quarters.

One additional family, Mrs. Emma Holt and son, Carter, of 7 Cherry Lane, will be moved into the national guard armory in Iowa City.

It was also reported that four local nurses have been recruited and sent into the Ottumwa flood area.

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Mother Duck Does Double Duty At Park



About the only creatures at the City park during the continuous series of floods of the last couple of weeks that have been comparatively unharmed have been the park's collection of ducks—numbered among which is the over-size family pictured above. This mother duck has been doing double duty. The big batch of ducklings in her convey are the hatch of two hens. The park earlier had two broods, 12 in one and seven in the other. The hens frequently battled, then for some reason the smaller group of ducklings joined up with the other 12 and began operating as a single unit. (Press-Citizen Photo).

Fear All 50 on Plane Killed

Search Plane Finds Wreckage On Top of Mountain in Virginia

LEESBURG, Va. (AP)—The splattered wreckage of a Capital Airlines plane, missing since Friday night, was located on a mountain top northwest of here today and there appeared no hope any of the 50 persons aboard had survived.

James Franklin, maintenance director for the airlines, sighted the wreckage from a small search plane.

"It looks as though it exploded and was torn all to pieces," he said. The wings are imbedded in the mountain.

As for survivors, Franklin said, "I don't see how there could be."

Rescue parties were making their way through the bushy, rugged country to the scene but it was expected to be hours before they could reach there and return.

The ship, flying from Chicago to Washington on a murky, rain-swept course, went silent late Friday after making a routine radio exchange with a station at Martinsburg, W. Va.

Search All Night

As the hours passed without further word, hundreds of men were alerted in a night ground search throughout this area on the Virginia-West Virginia border.

At daybreak, as these parties still scoured the hills, Franklin took off in a light plane from Winchester, Pa., and found the liner by following its normal course.

The big ship was a four-engine plane of the type known to commercial flyers as a DC-4. Like two other planes which crashed with heavy loss of life in the last 17 days, it was a former army plane—a military C-54 converted to civilian use.

Forty-two persons died May 29 in the fiery crash-off of a similar plane taking off from the LaGuardia Field, N. Y. The second day another plane of the same type crashed near Port Deposit, Md., killing 53.

Investigations of both those crashes still are underway. Some indications developed that a structural failure in the tail assembly caused the Port Deposit disaster and the army and navy ordered their C-54s temporarily grounded pending inspection of this assembly.

47 Passengers

Aboard the Capital airlines ship were 47 passengers—one a 10-month-old infant—and a crew of three, pilot, co-pilot and hostess.

Among the passengers was Dr. Courtney Smith, for the past two years medical director of the American Red Cross. He was returning to his home in Washington from the Red Cross national convention in Cleveland.

Another was David P. Godwin, 55, chief of fire control for the U. S. forest services.

Also among the passengers were a honeymoon couple, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Marko, Cleveland newlyweds, and a 17-year-old girl, Margaret Kuipers of St. Paul, who was taking her first airplane ride as a high school graduation gift from her parents.

The pilot, Capt. Horace Stark, 48, was a veteran of 26 years and 2,500,000 miles of flying. He was the inventor of several navigational aids to airmen, one of them the Stark position finder, an electronic device used by most air-

A Super Dog Whistle May Be a Weapon

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—Weapons as terrifying as the atom bomb—super sounds that would upset the nervous systems of whole populations, light waves, and shooting clouds out of the sky to control rainfall—were raised as possibilities today in any war of the future by an American air-force commander.

Gen. George C. Kenney, head of the strategic airforce, cited the dog whistle as an example of the effectiveness of sound waves in warfare. He said that the use of an address by technological graduates.

"An airplane equipped with a sort of super dog whistle," he said, "could conceivably fly around a city for awhile and upset the nervous systems of the whole population."

"I believe we need to do some research along this line. It may be just a fantastic dream. It may not."

Light waves, he said, offered a similar field.

"Below the infra reds and above the ultra violet rays there may be weapons of future warfare as devastating as the atomic bomb," he asserted.

General Kenney said that at present clouds could be broken up and start rainfall at a specific place on a limited scale, and added:

"Instead of allowing rain clouds to drive past arid and semi-arid sections, we should be able to shoot them down and put the rain where we need it. If we can extend this process we can stop rain from falling where it has been falling for ages."

"It is not inconceivable that the nation that first learns to plot the paths of air masses accurately and learns to control the time and place of precipitation will dominate the globe."

"The change of a few inches of rainfall a year in many parts of the world would mean as the difference between normal crops and starvation."

ACTION ON TAX BILL MONDAY

Truman Will Send Message to Congress Whatever Decision

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House announced today that President Truman will act "sometime Monday" on the tax reduction bill. He will send a message to congress, a secretary said, regardless of whether he vetoes or signs the measure.

Mr. Truman has until Monday midnight to act. Unless he acts by then, the bill automatically will become law.

Eben Ayers, assistant press secretary, told reporters about the president's plans to send a message but was mum as to what it will say.

Ayers said communications received by the White House on the labor bill, on which the president must act by June 30, have now exceeded the half million mark. There are 140,000 letters, 460,000 cards, and 20,000 telegrams.

"A vast majority of these urge a veto," Ayers added.

Missouri River at Highest Level in History at Rulo

RULO, Nebr. (AP)—Swollen waters of the Missouri river reached their highest level in history here today as thousands of additional farmland acres went under water.

Farm land was covered with water as far as the eye could see. There are no population centers in the inundated area and farmers had evacuated as much of their livestock as they could, but crop and farm property damage was great.

The Missouri reached 29.90 feet at 8 a.m. and still was rising slowly. Before the current flood the record level was 20.59, set in 1944. Over the rest of Nebraska tributaries were in most part receding.

Des Moines, Cedar, Iowa River Valleys Brace for New Floods

DES MOINES (AP)—The flood spotlight swung again today to Ottumwa and the lower Des Moines river valley as residents rushed final preparations to meet new flood crests at best only slightly less severe than those which ravaged the valley last week making thousands homeless.

Meanwhile, cities on the lower Iowa river and the Cedar river, eastern Iowa tributaries of the Mississippi, also braced to fight off new flood waters. Several hundred families in many communities have been forced from their homes.

A small army of volunteer workers, national guardsmen, navy and coastguard personnel worked feverishly setting up temporary sandbag dikes in Ottumwa, scene of the most disastrous flood in the Des Moines river history.

Highway Report

DES MOINES (AP)—The state highway commission reported the following Iowa highway conditions today:

U.S. 218—Closed in LaPorte City. Traffic is going through at Iowa City but expected to close there tonight or Sunday. (The road was completely free of water at 1 p.m. today.)

U.S. 6—Open today but expected to close at Iowa City tonight or Sunday. (The road was completely free of water at 1 p.m. today.)

U.S. 42—Closed north of Des Moines and Indianola. Open between Indianola and Davis City, but closed at Davis City. Kansas City traffic should take U.S. 169 to Kansas City from Waterloo.

No. 28—Open.

U.S. 138—Closed north of Winnebago, south of Waterloo to Kansas City.

U.S. 21—Open.

U.S. 21—Closed by washout three miles east of U.S. 71, west of Corning, and also at Red Oak.

No. 2—Closed west of Shenandoah and east of Sidney.

U.S. 25—Closed at Hamburg.

No. 42—Closed at Riceville.

No. 42—Closed north of Farragut.

U.S. 20—Closed west of Parkersburg and east of Winona.

No. 136—Closed south of Independence.

U.S. 131 and U.S. 64—Closed at Anamosa.

No. 136—Closed south of Cascade.

No. 62—Closed northeast of Maquoketa.

No. 113—Closed north of Spragueville.

No. 21 and 312—Closed north and south of Moline.

U.S. 42—Closed north of Tama.

No. 11—Closed north of Marshall and between Monroe and Knoxville.

No. 92—Closed between Knoxville and Oshtemo.

No. 137—Closed at Edenville.

No. 43 and U.S. 31—Expected to close at Ottumwa tonight.

No. 101—Closed west of Randolph.

No. 23—Closed north of Hickoria.

No. 30—Open.

No. 163—Open.

Higher at Tracy

The weather bureau reported that a crest of 26 feet, 2 of a foot higher than last week's record level, was reached this morning at Tracy, 20 miles upstream from Ottumwa. Flood stage at Tracy is 14 feet.

The 32,000 residents of Ottumwa were warned to expect a crest of 20 to 20.5 feet about noon tomorrow. The all-time Ottumwa high of 20.24 was set last week. Flood stage is nine feet.

Midway between Tracy and Ottumwa the town of Edenville became a deserted place for the second time in a week as its 1,000 residents evacuated when waters began moving in from all sides.

Independence Hit

At Independence, a city of 4,400 on the Wapsipinicon river, residents spent a night without electric current after flood waters ran through the municipal power plant to a depth of four feet at 8:45 p.m. Friday night. Alternate power from a private firm was to be hooked up late this afternoon.

A residential area approximately three blocks wide and 10 blocks long was flooded in the north central part of the city and several families were evacuated. Water in city mains also was off for a time but was flowing again today through an emergency arrangement with the Independence state hospital.

The Wapsipinicon was receding at Independence AFTER REACHING A GREATEST SEVERAL FEET HIGHER THAN IN 1922. A bridge over a small creek on highway 150 south of the city was washed out but the Wapsipinicon bridge just outside of town was holding firm although its approaches were water-covered.

Situation Eases

In Waterloo the situation had eased after the Cedar river dropped to 20.35 feet after cresting at 21.35 during the night.

Waterloo was without power for an hour during the morning when an exciter motor failed at the local plant. Care of Waterloo evacuees was proceeding smoothly.

W. B. Perrin and Craig Kennedy, co-chairmen of the Waterloo Red Cross disaster committee, said 243 persons were in Red Cross shelters.

The Racoon river, Des Moines river tributary which brought flood waters to Des Moines after a record rainfall of nearly six inches at Van Meter, was down 2.7 feet from its record crest of 21.7 feet. Several hundred families evacuated at Des Moines were homeless.

At Red Oak a few families started going back to their homes after the East Nishnabota receded. The river was falling slowly, however, and many did not expect to be able to return home until early next week. Evacuees not cared for in private homes were being housed in the armory. City water was being boiled.

Flood Crests Pass

In southwest Iowa, hard hit by flood waters of the Nishnabota and Nodaway rivers, the flood crests appeared to have passed at Red Oak, where the Nishnabota drove 100 to 150 families from their homes Friday, and at Shenandoah, where a record crest on the Nodaway was recorded.

C. O. Tucker, government weather observer at Burlington, predicted that by the end of next week a 100-mile stretch of the Mississippi river from Keokuk to Louisiana, Mo., would experience its greatest flood in history. He said he based his prediction on the torrential rains in Iowa Thursday night.

The Nishnabota river brought the most disastrous flood in history to Hamburg, in the extreme southwest Iowa. All rail service was disrupted and all highways

Iowa Floods Cut Rail Service

But Some Lines Are Expected to Resume Operations Tonight

DES MOINES (AP)—Railroad service remained bogged down south of Des Moines and around Waterloo and Marshalltown today although some lines were expected to reopen by evening.

Waterloo continued without rail service, as Great Western, Illinois Central and Rock Island trains were blocked by flood waters of the Cedar river and Black Hawk creek.

The Great Western run between Des Moines and Kansas City again was stopped by a bad washout west of Cumming and Des Moines-Chicago service suspended because of high waters between Waterloo and Reinbeck. Great Western officials said schedules to Chicago might be resumed tonight.

The Rock Island expected to clear its main line from Des Moines to Omaha sometime during the day. Slides and washouts between Des Moines and Atlantic were causing the trouble. Rock Island trains have been using Chicago and North Western tracks to Omaha. Water still covered Rock Island tracks between Des Moines and Carlisle, halting the Des Moines-Kansas City runs. The Des Moines-Waterloo line was still out and the situation was described as "getting worse."

The Rock Island is operating regularly to Chicago and north to Minneapolis.

The Burlington main line between Omaha and Burlington was interrupted by washouts near Emerson, west of Creston.

Two work trains concentrated on washouts and slides between Des Moines and Albia on the Burlington, with service expected to resume on Monday. A bad stretch of track continued to halt Des Moines-to-Omaha trains.

By using detours through Okaloosa, the Burlington road was able to resume freight runs between Burlington and Des Moines this morning.

Some hope was held by Washab officials that the southern route to St. Louis via Moberly, Mo., could be opened by tonight. A washout near Rummels and a slide eight miles south of Des Moines continued to block traffic.

The Milwaukee's main line from Des Moines to Chicago was broken by a washed-out bridge west of Tama, but service was resumed between Des Moines and Spencer this morning.

Milwaukee operations have gone back to normal on the Des Moines-Herndon and Des Moines-Madison routes.

Train service on most lines was suspended in the Marshalltown area.

Detours were frequent, but most of the bus lines were running to all points today.

The Burlington buses were forced to make a wide detour on its Des Moines-Albia route because highway No. 34 was closed at Tracy.

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