

FEAR EPIDEMIC IN WAKE OF THE PUEBLO FLOOD

Citizens Face New Battle in Efforts to Avert Disease.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Resolutions, providing \$1,000,000 for Federal aid for the flood districts of Colorado were to be introduced in Congress late today by Senator Phipps and Representative Hardy of Colorado. This action was decided upon after a conference between the President and Senator Phipps and Representative Hardy.

PUEBLO, Colo., June 7.—After four days of terror and suffering, Pueblo was astir today in an optimistic mood.

The city and its citizens' nerves have been restored, as all fear of further floods has been allayed.

As the raging, angry waters of the Arkansas and Fountain Rivers subside, buoyant courage prevails.

For the first time since Thursday night citizens' slumber was not disturbed by alarms of floods. The churning, rushing waters of the eddying currents was replaced by the hum of motor patrols and the buzz of attempted business resumption.

The total number of bodies recovered and identified is thirty-one, but estimates of the dead still range from 200 to 500.

NEW MENACE NOW THREATENS.

The day broke fair and warmer and despite the favorable effect these weather conditions had on the people, it opens up another menace that may prove more disastrous than the floods themselves. Disease, contagion and epidemic are threatening.

An anti-disease campaign has been started, but it is almost a hopeless battle. Dead animals are buried under wreckage in many parts of the city and stench from these carcasses is already pervading the community, severely handicapping the cleanup work.

The water supply is still inadequate and water is being used only for cooking and drinking; it being necessary to boil the latter.

SANITARY EXPERTS ARE AT WORK.

Sanitation experts of the United States Public Health Service are putting forth every effort to prevent the outbreak of epidemics. Smallpox, diphtheria and typhoid fever are reported from several of the states.

John P. Cornell, in charge of sanitary work, expressed the hope that the threatened epidemic could be averted, but he said that the debris, decaying vegetation and massed wreckage under which were hundreds of dead animals, may be too much for his men to cope with.

Willis H. Parker, city commissioner, stated that the property loss in the flood will reach in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000, and the loss of life is impossible to estimate. He believes, however, that at least three hundred perished. Hundreds of persons were trapped in the rush of water.

Parker stated that the present urgent needs of the city are gas, water, lights and communication service, though the latter was rapidly being restored.

RIVER RAPIDLY RISING AT DENVER

DENVER, Colo., June 7.—Reports from watchmen in the Platte River flooded areas here at noon said the river was rising rapidly and that a widespread inundation of the city's lowlands is feared. Railroad bridges were washed away and houses in a vast area were warned to leave their homes.

A heavy shower was falling and reports from towns north of Denver said a steady rain had fallen there all day.

Joe Richter, 40, was drowned in the swollen stream when he attempted to cross it.

MILITIA BULLET CAUSED DEATH

PUEBLO, Colo., June 7.—An inquest was held today in the shooting of E. E. Wither, prominent citizen, last night. The steel bullet which killed Wither is regulation militia ammunition.

Captain Denis, of the Rangers, and Colonel Hamrock of the militia were subpoenaed.

Some citizens are loudly decrying Wither's death, while others attribute it to his failure promptly to stop his automobile when ordered to halt. The coroner's jury is thought likely to find that the killing was defensible under martial law.

RILEY RIVAL OF THE 'SPEED KING'

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eff to ratify a contract for the merger of the Indianapolis Telephone Company and the Central Union Telephone Company and never did succeed, sits in the audience looking on, possibly with admiration.

According to Mr. Riley the contract is the same as that which the State employment service has with the cities of Hammond, Ft. Wayne, Lafayette, Muncie, Evansville and Terre Haute. If this is true Mr. Riley's opportunities to extend patronage are greatly broadened. But, he said, it is his intention to fill the positions in the Indianapolis bureau, which is to be opened as soon as suitable quarters are found, with men and women whose chief qualification is fitness for the job.

A budget presented to the councilmen as a matter of information by Mr. Riley shows that he expects to hire one man examiner at \$2,000 a year, two assistants at \$1,200 each, one woman examiner at \$2,000, one assistant at \$1,200 a year and in all other cases, at the request of other party on payment of their bills.

The contract, which is drawn under Section 5 of the employment bureau act of 1919, binds the city to pay annually for the use of the State in the Indianapolis bureau, not to exceed \$6,000, in installments as directed by the State.

The instrument says the city is to furnish quarters, heat, light, telephone, postage and janitor service, and that the State is to have the right to "select, employ, discharge and control the work of such persons as it may determine necessary for the proper operation of such free employment agency, to determine the salary of persons selected and employed and the manner of their payment."

In addition to its appropriation equalizing that of the city, the State binds itself to provide furniture, forms, and other articles which are already has on hand and, if possible, to furnish for one or more of the employees in said office franking privileges for mail and telephone.

The Indianapolis bureau, Mr. Riley said, is to be made a clearing house for the six other bureaus in the State and attempt to make it get a co-operative working agreement with bureaus in other States.

Appropriation of \$2,500 by the city for expenditure by Mr. Riley's State employees during the remainder of 1921 would fall under the class of illegal appropriations under the interpretation of the State tax law made by Attorney W. V. Rooker, in Circuit Court last Saturday. Mr. Rooker contends that no appropriation not listed in the budget is illegal.

The appropriation of \$2,500 for Riley's cause is not listed in the budget. When it is listed next fall, in the 1922 budget, if it is, citizens will have an opportunity to remonstrate against it.

Organize County Board of Review

Special to The Times.
SHELBYVILLE, Ind., June 7.—Organization of the county board of review was completed Monday and the board was seated for the first meeting of its thirty days session. Steve D. N. Russell, county assessor, was chosen president of the board and Walter W. Leslie, treasurer. Mr. Leslie is auditor of the county. H. E. Lutherbeck, a representative of the State board of tax commissioners, met with the board of review today to consider several important matters that were before it.

PLANS TO LIFT CITY'S BAN ON PUBLIC DANCE

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\$500 each and remuneration of them and George C. Hutsell, city clerk, and ex-officio members of the board, for services as the board of canvassers, is put at \$500 by the second resolution presented.

The meeting in a closed conference, and it was settled that City Controller Bryson and City Clerk Hutsell had a heated discussion that they were too high. The board members got \$300 each four years ago. Some persons at the meeting who learned of what happened suggested that Mr. Bryson, in showing opposition to such payments, was reflecting the sentiment of the Negro Indianapolis, of which he is a prominent member, and which has been facing the bitter truth since the primary election that Thomas C. Howe, their candidate for nomination for mayor, was beaten by Samuel Lewis Shanks in an election kept cleaner than any primary Indianapolis has seen for many years by the efforts of the election commissioners. The News-Jewett leaders might feel that such service to the community ought not to be highly rewarded.

The following were promoted from lieutenant to captain:

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TALK CIVILIAN TRAINING HERE

Roosevelt, Galbraith and Others to Make Addresses at Circle Meeting.

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Receives Vail Medal for Rescuing Boy

A Theodore N. Vail bronze medal has been awarded by the committee of award of the Indiana Bell Telephone Company to the son of a Calcutta, India, Bell telephone lineman for bravery in rescuing from drowning a 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Zoll, of Bluffton, last spring.

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