

Swimming Pool Plays Host as White River Goes Visiting



This is a case of a swimming pool taking a swim. Above is the latest full-length portrait of Northern Beach, six miles upstream from Broad Ripple, as it played host to White River. The river is in an expansive mood.



Ice, trees, stumps and debris! Those were the freight carried yesterday by White River as the picture shows. During the night the jam broke, and ice and debris went over the Broad Ripple dam, erasing the flood threat.

'WE'VE GOT A SECOND STORY,' REPLIES RAVENSWOOD WOMAN TO BID TO QUIT FLOOD SCENE

She Finds Being Marooned in Home 'Thrilling'; Times Reporters Replenish Smokes for Robert Magill, Who Won't Budge.

BY ARCH STEINEL
Mother Nature today, although chilled, shook a crumpled dirty-white tablecloth—an ice jam—on Indianapolis and Marion County. Abetted by the swift tan fingers of White River, she flooded lowlands and threw an estimated 70 families out of their homes.

The ice jam, which looks like a crumpled tablecloth, is composed of slabs of ice as high as a house's side down to door-mat hunks.

The pile up, now only a quarter of a mile long, cracked and broke into bits, and frozen chunks banged over the Indianapolis Water Co.'s Broad Ripple dam to the delight of hundreds of sightseers.

Here's What It Did
Breaks were described by one spectator as, "Ice slabs upended and almost standing in air like some magic hand twirled those slabs on wires."

Here's what the ice jam did: It made Ravenswood look like a prehistoric ice age. Residents, accustomed to the song "River Stay Away From Our Door," hummed "ice please melt" as porches, yards and business buildings were surrounded by hunks of ice.

The beer parlor of Frank Arens was iced by the river. Roy Good-pasture, grocer, moved canned goods and staples into his upstairs bedroom. The town's dance hall was a good swimming pool.

One Refuses to Leave
While Deputy Sheriffs Ralph Randall and Elmer Stewart, aided by townsfolk and other deputies, evacuated homes using rowboats as free taxis, the word rippled with the White River current that "Magill won't leave. He's the only one who won't budge from his home. We've gone down there twice to get him out."

And so two Indianapolis Times reporters went to see the only man who wouldn't leave. They found three families and two dogs braving the swift currents eddying around their porch-steps.

In a canoe, ducking under clothes-lines and passing the town's gas station with water half-way up the pumps, we persuaded the peddler over his "I wouldn't go to Magill's for love or money."

Smiles at Trouble
We saw a smiling woman standing at a doorway in one of the newer two-story resort homes. She looked down at water 18 inches from her door.

Steering clear of a rose-bower we nosed to her doorstep. Ice cakes nudged each other in her backyard. Mrs. Hibbert Swift was quick to smile and say, "This is a thrill we're getting. We're not moving out. Water was on the floor but now it isn't. We always can move to the second story. Food? Why, we always can open another can. There're my husband and me, my daughter and her child, and oh! yes! the neighbor's dog. We rescued him. "You wouldn't care to stay for supper tonight? All right."

Sidling with the current through front-yard bushes, scraping yard swings, circling a car marooned in the street, we found Robert Magill, 70, who won't leave his home.

No Place to Go
Magill, former town marshal, "batches" with his dog "Brownie." He asked the gondoliers "What should I move for? Where would I go?"

The question unanswered, he tilted his cap off his round, quizzical face and beamed on his visitors. Just to prove the water was not as high as in the past he measured his doorstep for a "16 inches to go."

He said he still had his kitchen table top and the roof yet to "go" if he needed it.

"Coal—I've a bucketful. Had to get that by wading in three feet of water, barefoot. I ordered some coal but I guess they won't bring it," he said as he eyed the water eddying at his doorstep.

Cigaret Supply Low
"I've got groceries enough to last two days. I've no telephone, but some one will get me if it gets too bad," he added.

He admitted his cigaret supply was low. It was replenished and,

Compromise Government Predicted by Observer

Neither Militarists Nor Liberals Will Win, Says Vaughn.

A new compromise "national" government, in which the army will have larger representation, probably will be formed in Japan as result of yesterday's revolt of young army officers.

BY MILES W. VAUGHN
(Copyright, 1936, by United Press)
NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—A decision as to who is to govern Japan in the immediate future probably will be reached in a series of conferences started in Tokyo today.

The outcome still is decidedly uncertain and the conferences probably will last through tomorrow—possibly longer.

History would indicate that a compromise is probable, although either the extreme militarists, who assassinated five of the emperor's leading statesmen, or the parliamentarians, who were able to command the support of Emperor Hirohito, the navy, and part of the army, seems to want one.

The extreme militarists unquestionably would like a showdown fight. The parliamentarians, equally, would like to down militarism once and for all.

But neither seems to have sufficient strength now to risk the virtual civil war a showdown fight would entail.

Await Verdict of Elders
Japanese procedure generally is based on the family system in which important decisions are reached only after a debate by a council of elders. All those interested in the decision to be made are allowed to present their arguments, then the elders decide.

That seems to be what now is taking place in deciding what group shall control the destinies of the island empire.

The elders of the army and navy are meeting in one section; the elders of the parliamentary groups in another. When each has reached its independent compromise the heads of the two groups probably will come together, under the guidance of the chief advisers of the Emperor, for an effort at final compromise.

This final compromise probably will be to form a new national government, possibly with one of the senior generals or a senior admiral as premier and key ministers selected from lists approved by the armed forces.

Open Dictatorship Likely
Such a government would be pledged to carry out at least some of the reforms demanded by young army officers leading the revolt. These include immediate relief to the distressed agricultural populations; a tax program designed to

OFFICIAL WEATHER

United States Weather Bureau

—Feb. 27, 1936—

Sunrise 6:22 Sunset 5:34

TEMPERATURE

7 a. m. 15 1 p. m. 21

6 a. m. 27 10 a. m. 23

8 a. m. 22 12 (noon) 27

9 a. m. 22 1 p. m. 28

BAROMETER

7 a. m. 29.93 1 p. m. 30.06

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending at 7 a. m. .43

Total precipitation since Jan. 1 4.53

Deficiency since Jan. 1 0.94

OTHER CITIES AT 7 A. M.

Station Weather Bar. Temp.

Amarillo, Tex. Clear 30.14 32

Bismarck, N. D. Cloudy 30.18 32

Boston Cloudy 28.82 34

Chicago Snow 28.82 18

Cincinnati Cloudy 28.86 26

Denver Cloudy 28.82 26

Helena, Mont. Cloudy 28.88 28

Jacksonville, Fla. P.C. 30.08 60

Kansas City, Mo. Clear 30.24 44

Little Rock, Ark. Clear 30.22 44

Los Angeles Clear 30.28 56

Miami, Fla. Clear 30.08 72

Minneapolis Clear 30.00 38

Mobile, Ala. Rain 30.10 36

New Orleans Cloudy 30.10 36

New York Cloudy 29.78 36

Oklahoma City, Okla. Clear 30.24 42

Omaha, Neb. Clear 30.00 38

Pittsburgh Cloudy 29.78 36

Portland, Ore. Rain 30.16 48

San Antonio, Tex. Cloudy 30.20 50

San Francisco Clear 30.32 48

St. Louis Clear 30.12 26

Tampa, Fla. Cloudy 30.10 62

Washington, D. C. Rain 29.86 40

DICTATORSHIP IN JAPAN FORECAST

Army Chiefs Maneuver for Rule After Compromise With Insurgents.

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ly acute rivalry of the army men who believe they ought to be supreme and the civilians, more and more attentive to the idea of democracy.

Officers to Stand Trial

Whatever the outcome, it was indicated that the young officers who led the revolt would submit to formal arrest and stand trial, perhaps long imprisonment, for their coup. They had foreseen this, as had many of their predecessors who gave their lives for their ideals.

It was not so clear what the immediate political result would be as regards formation of a permanent cabinet or a possible council of state.

All Japan was under the rigid martial law while the leaders discussed the country's future after the bold attempt by young army extremists motivated by a vow to eliminate liberal leaders, at a coup by mass assassination.

Army, Navy Chiefs Confer

At the Army Club assembled the army and navy chiefs. It was held significant that among them were Gen. Kunishige Tanaka, president of the Mei-Rin-Kai, right-wing organization, and Admiral Kanji Kato, "elder statesman" of the navy, the senior officer and successor in prestige to Togo of Russia-Japanese war fame.

(The Mei-Rin-Kai, formed after the Manchurian campaign of 1931, is regarded as a wildly nationalistic organization, the epitome of Japan's own type of Fascism.)

Both Tanaka and Kato were invited to give their views regarding a new government to succeed that of the late Premier Katsuo Okada, one of five high Japanese assassinated by the rebels.

At the other meeting were surviving cabinet ministers of the Hirohito group and other political leaders.

Hirohito Consults Brothers

Acting Premier Fumio Goto, home secretary, was among them. He offered his resignation, along with his colleagues, yesterday when it was decided to impose martial law, but at the Emperor's request, he retained the temporary prime min-

istry pending formation of a formal cabinet.

While the national leaders discussed their country's fate, Emperor Hirohito became active at his imperial palace.

First he talked to Prince Chichibu, his younger brother, then to Prince Takamatsu, the third brother, then to Field Marshal Prince Nashimoto, head of the royal house of Nashimoto.

The suggestion was made at once in well-informed quarters that the Emperor might be considering the formation of a council of state, composed of royal princes, army and navy leaders and political leaders, to govern during the next weeks instead of a cabinet.

Stock Exchange Closed

It was recalled as Chichibu arrived from Aomori, where he is on duty with an army division, that until 1932 he was a company commander in the Third Infantry of the First Division and is still its honorary colonel-in-chief. It was the Third Regiment that participated in yesterday's uprising.

Police and soldiers—always inimical and unfriendly—co-operated in maintaining order in the capital. The rebel remnants were being fed, pending a solution of the crisis, by government agencies.

Banking and foreign exchange activities were conducted as usual, here and throughout the country, but the Tokyo stock and other exchanges were closed and will remain closed, it was announced, until Monday. The great Osaka cotton market was open.

The trial of Lieut. Col. Saburo Aizawa for the assassination of Gen. Tetsuzan Nagata, former inspector general of military education, last August, was postponed because of the political crisis.

Takahashi's Death Revealed

This post which Nagata held is one of great importance to the clashing factions disputing as to policy. Nagata was killed last August; his successor, Gen. Jotaro Watanabe, was one of the men assassinated yesterday. Both were killed because they were regarded as over-liberal. Another former inspector general, Gen. Jinzaburo Mazaki, regarded as of the right wing, has been reported as likely to be prominent in the next few weeks.

The story of what happened in the bloody hours of yesterday morning was becoming known bit by bit.

It seemed certain that five of the country's greatest men were killed: Premier Okada, Gen. Watanabe, Admiral Makoto Saito, lord keeper of the privy seal; Admiral Soroku Suzuki, grand chamberlain, and Korekiyo Takahashi, 81-year-old finance minister and the chief target of the assassins because of his stout opposition to big army appropriations.

It was only today that Taka-

hashi's death was announced by the finance ministry, but his death was announced yesterday by the foreign office. Hours later the war office announced that he was merely wounded. The finance ministry statement said he died soon after the attack on him. The announcement was not made until the banks closed this afternoon.

4 KILLED, ONE HURT AS SQUAD CAR CRACKS UP

"Memphis" Patrol, Chasing Speeder, Rams Third Auto.

By United Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 27.—Four persons were killed and another seriously injured today when a police squad car, in pursuit of a speeding motorist, crashed into a third automobile at a downtown intersection.

The dead are Patrolman G. W. Ham, 25; Eugene P. McNamara, 24; Lawrence S. Cleary, 23, and Don Coburn, 21. Patrolman Bert Hatch, Ham's brother officer, suffered broken ribs and possible internal injuries.

PLEA FOR GEN. HAGOOD TURNED DOWN BY DERN

Congressmen Ask Reconsideration in Case of WPA Critic.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—A congressional delegation called on Secretary of War George H. Dern today and unsuccessfully urged reconsideration of disciplinary action against Maj. Gen. Johnson Hagood, critic of WPA.

Earlier, the War Department had said Hagood was relieved of command of the Eighth Corps Area because of his "wisecracking" methods of criticism, not only in reference to WPA but on other occasions.

REDFERN STORY FALSE, WASHINGTON IS ADVISED

Legation Told Alfred Harred Is Arrested After Confessing.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The Netherlands legation received word today that Alfred Harred, who recently claimed he found Aviator Paul Redfern in the jungles of South America, has been arrested following an alleged confession that his stories were false.

The legation advised that the police to whom he is alleged to have made the confession.

Redfern has been missing for almost nine years after reaching the South American coast on a projected flight from the United States to Brazil.

\$500,000 FUND TO FIGHT FLOODS ASKED

Indiana WPA Makes Plea for U. S. Money.

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Biddle's Island at Logansport by Boy Scouts, firemen and police. The body of Mrs. Thomas Penn, 43, mother of five children, was swept under a wall of water and ice on Eel River yesterday, was recovered last night.

The Carrollton bridge on the Wabash River, five miles north of Delphi, was damaged slightly when it was struck by a section of the Lockport bridge, swept away early yesterday.

Mayor C. W. Hunter of Delphi supervised removal of 400 families out of lowlands after the river rose two feet in 15 minutes.

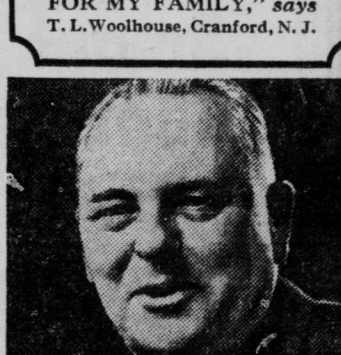
Sugar Creek left its banks at the north edge of Crawfordsville, and forced six families from their homes.

The Wabash was above flood stage from Bluffton south to Terre Haute. The river swept through a Wabash residential section forcing 15 families from their homes.

The State Highway Commission reported today that seven flooded state roads have been closed.

They are Roads 43 north of Lafayette; 14, between Silver Lake and Akron; 25, north of Delphi; 1, one mile south of Road 20 and between Butler and Road 8; 221, south of Lancaster, junction of 63 and 254, and 9, north of Columbia City.

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