

NEW 20-BLOCK AREA HIT

Red River Rising Slowly At U.S. Border

Hopes, Fears Mix In Valley

Southern Manitobans looked to the week-end with mixed feelings. Earlier, indications that the flood's worst might be over had been partly offset by still rising waters — but the rise was slow.

Equally slow was the drop of .3 of a foot in Red flood levels at Grand Forks. Levels there are an indication of what can be expected here.

Hopes were that the flood, rapidly assuming Noah-like proportions in the minds of many, would not worsen. Emerson expected a crest Sunday or Monday — meanwhile, the town's emergency organization worked smoothly and efficiently.

With 65 inches of water lying in their streets, the border towns did not expect levels to rise more than a few inches. But Saturday's record showed a 2.5-inch rise during the 24-hour period.

Supplies were being regularly received — freighted by boat from Canadian Pacific trains which get to within two miles of the town.

For the first time Emerson residents were using water from a rail tank-car — the one remaining well had been closed off. The tank supply would last a week.

In most of the flooded valley towns livestock evacuation got top priority. Many animals had died. Livestock barges

Special barges had been built in some areas to transport the stock from danger areas to marshalling pens.

A new one-way traffic measure, 20 by 12 feet and could handle nine head for the trip to Lowe Farm.

In all the flooded towns and villages damage to homes and other buildings mounted as increasing flood water-pressure saved in walls.

At Morris, the water level rose again during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. Saturday—but only three-quarters of an inch.

In Winnipeg the increase was three inches in the same period. St. Jean Baptiste levels were up an inch. About 75 men were left in this deserted French settlement.

They salvaged stock and property and kept watch on the abandoned dwellings and business places.

Garson Here, Claxton Due For Parley

Hon. S. S. Garson, minister of justice, arrived in Winnipeg Friday evening to confer on the flood situation with Premier D. L. Campbell. He will be followed to the city Saturday by Hon. Brooke Claxton, minister of national defence, and five Manitoba members of parliament.

Mr. Claxton, Ralph Maybank, Winnipeg south center; W. G. Weir, Portage la Prairie; J. S. Sinnott, Springfield; J. E. Matthews, Brandon and W. J. Ward, Dauphin, were scheduled to leave Ottawa for Winnipeg Saturday afternoon.

Departure time of the plane depended on the weather. It was raining in Ottawa Saturday. The members of parliament will come here to see for themselves flood havoc caused by the Red.

This will be Mr. Maybank's second visit since the flood began. Alistair Stewart, Winnipeg north, has also been here to view the flood.

REPORT DESERTION HONG KONG, May 13 (AP)—A Chinese despatch reported Communist troops had gone over to the Nationalists at Sungmen.

Man Parks Car In Pond, Gets \$2 Auto Wash, Free

One Winnipeg motorist is going to keep clean, disassembled or high water.

In fact, water was just what he needed Friday evening as he drove his new gray car into a foot of the wide pond which is spreading over Wellington Crescent.

In slacks and rubber boots, he fished out a long handled mop, and proceeded to give his vehicle a sound cleaning. Great; saves two dollars, and what fun paddling about in the water.

SHOCK IN ECUADOR. GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, May 13 (AP)—A strong earth shock was felt here at 7:34 p.m. (6:30 p.m. CDT) Friday night. There appeared to be no damage.

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Framed against a cloudy sky the still, dark figure of a nun is seen beside the earthen dike surrounding St. Boniface sanatorium. Sister Blais of the order of the Grey Nuns of Montreal was one of the defenders who stayed behind after patients were removed from the hospital. The building now stands on a tiny island. All around there is water as far as the eye can see. (See other photos on page 18.)

St. Vital 'Voyage' Shows Desolation On All Sides

It was beautiful—but terrifying. It was unbelievable to ride along St. Mary's road in St. Vital, in a "ship" with full navy crew, hourly checking their gain in sea time.

"boarded ship" on the solid pavement in front of the legislative building for a cruise on board an RCN-manned army duck to the St. Boniface sanatorium and the surrounding district. The "cruise" was advertised as a two-hour affair, but I did not get back to Winnipeg until well after dark.

A final clearance for the voyage was given by wireless from HMCS Chippawa as we rounded the corner of Broadway and Main, passing the Union station advertising special summer vacation rail trips. The good ship "DUKW" cleared "Port of Winnipeg," as we sailed gaily OVER Main street and Norway bridges and out onto the open waters of Norwood and on to "Lake" St. Vital.

Rush Food Supply Within half a block, we were called "ashore" by a naval officer who had emergency medical supplies and food rations to be rushed to St. Boniface sanatorium, and an urgent call for a "ship" to pick up some 200 dozen eggs from a large poultry farm on St. Mary's road.

We were soon under way. There seemed little possibility of an Assiniboine flood at Portage la Prairie.

Backwaters from the east had pushed the river's level up only .05 of a foot during Friday night. This is the river being watched most closely by American flood experts in their efforts to predict what will happen next.

George Velleit, pumping station engineer at Portage, stated there was no danger there of an Assiniboine flood "unless there was a heavy run-off from the west."

"In any case, he added, the river here must rise another 10 feet before becoming dangerous."

Assiniboine River—What Will It Do?

Official fear has been expressed that the so-far docile but unpredictable Assiniboine river may yet strike out at Manitoba.

If it does the flood situation here and in the valley would worsen considerably. American Flood experts keep hourly watch over the river's course through this province.

They have warned of the potential dangers to all in so far flooded areas and others in those that would be affected by an uncontrolled Assiniboine.

At Brandon Saturday Peter McDuffe, water works superintendent, told the Free Press he believed the Assiniboine would behave itself this year at least, and give Winnipeg evacuees a respite from flood conditions while they are guests of Brandon.

The Assiniboine remained at 13.5 feet above datum at Brandon Saturday morning, more than 4 1/2 feet below flood level. Mr. McDuffe stated "There are no indications of a flood coming down the Assiniboine."

But I certainly would not say it couldn't happen. Brandon encounters floods usually after May 15, and early in June.

Mr. McDuffe thought, however, that any possibility of an Assiniboine river flood had already "flown away." Any flood condition would result from the run-off from the Riding and Duck mountains, he said.

One Span Left To St. Boniface

Hundreds more Winnipeg homes were given up to the flood waters of the Red and Assiniboine rivers early Saturday when army flood control abandoned the fight to reopen Norway bridge, vital link between the city and St. Boniface.

At 6 a.m. residents of Fort Rouge in the vicinity of the Winnipeg approach were urged to evacuate their homes. By 8 a.m. orderly evacuation of some 20 blocks of residential and industrial property was almost completed.

Army officials said there was no break in any dike but that water seeping through might reach as far as Osborne street.

Only one transportation link now remains between Winnipeg and St. Boniface—the temporary bridge over the Seine river on Marion street.

Other major developments in the flood situation are: River level at 11 a.m. was 30.1 feet above datum, a rise of only .2 feet in 22 hours.

Four carloads of Bailey bridges were expected to arrive in Winnipeg Saturday afternoon to span weakened arteries to St. Boniface, it was learned Saturday.

The bridge parts, shipped by Canadian Pacific railway cars from eastern Canada will be sent direct to Carriquet Barracks for checking and assembly.

An Army engineer told the Free Press he did not know the exact quantity of parts sent. He declined to say where exactly in the flooded areas they would be erected.

Already Sent One shipment of parts had already been sent, the engineer said, but there was still considerable checking to do and the engineering section was waiting for the remainder of the order before beginning work.

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Manitoba Flood Relief fund now in operation in Winnipeg.

No limit is being set to the appeal for funds for post-flood relief and rehabilitation, an official spokesman said Saturday.

"We have no way of knowing how great the need will be," he explained.

Already 130 subscribers have sent a total of \$5,200 in fund officials. The largest contribution so far has been of \$1,000 from J. H. Ashdown company.

One cheque for \$5.15 arrived Saturday from a Canadian student at International house in Chicago.

Another for \$5 was the gift of the grade seven students of room 10 in the Parkdale school in Edmonton.

Through Any Bank M. A. O'Hara, honorary treasurer of the fund, said Saturday that arrangements were being made for payments to be possible through any bank in Canada. He stressed that all contributions would be deductible for income tax purposes.

Following a meeting of fund officials in the legislative building Friday, the names of those appointed to the executive committee were announced.

Here is the list: H. C. Ashdown, P. A. Chester, Mrs. Garnet Coulter (honorary secretary), Mayor W. R. Forrester of Emerson, Man.; S. Hart Green, Joseph Harris, J. P. Johnson, J. A. MacAlay, R. S. McCardick, Hon. J. S. McLeod, W. G. Manson, A. W. Mossella, Andrew Murphy, Mr. O'Hara (honorary treasurer), W. J. Parker, Forbes Rankin, Mrs. J. A. Richardson, H. E. Sellers, Victor Sifton, Dr. P. H. T. Thorlakson and A. H. Watson. Col. G. H. Aikins was appointed advisory counsel.

In a story dealing with the setting up of the fund which appeared in Friday afternoon's Free Press, an error was made in referring to the United States representative among the honorary chairmen. This should have read W. H. McKinney, United States consul-general.

Chairman of the fund is H. W. Manning.

See Flood pictures on pages 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 18.

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Traffic Arteries

LATEST REPORTS

ELM PARK — Closed and condemned; weighted with steel. LOUISE — Open to trucks and emergency vehicles only. MAIN — Closed except to military and naval vehicles. MARIAN-SEINE — Under military control; open to all traffic. MARYLAND — Westbound lane carrying southbound general traffic and northbound buses; other northbound traffic diverted. NORWOOD — Closed to all but amphibious vehicles. OSBORNE — Open to all traffic; diking and pumping in progress.

PROVENCHER — Work on ramp continuing; bridge may be open Sunday. PROVENCHER-SEINE — Closed to all traffic. REDWOOD — Open to all traffic.

ANNABELLA — Closed and barricaded. ARLINGTON — Open to all traffic; pumping in progress. BERGEN CUT-OFF — By-pass open to essential traffic; army in control. EWIN — Open to all traffic. HIGGINS-SUTHERLAND — Open to emergency vehicles. McPHILLIPS — Closed and barricaded. MAIN-HIGGINS — Open to all traffic. OSBORNE — Closed and barricaded; detours possible. PEMBINA — Closed and barricaded; by-pass under army control. ROSS — Open to all traffic. ST. JAMES — Open to emergency vehicles; situation deteriorating and may force complete closing; dike broke Friday night and pavement is cracking. SHERBROOK — Open to high frame vehicles. TECUMSEH — Open to all traffic.

ARCHIBALD — Open but rough. ASSINIBOINE — Flooded from Fort to Kennedy. BALMORAL — Flooded from Whitehall to Broadway. BELL — Flooded and barricaded from Main to Wood. BROADWAY — Flooded from Osborne to Colony; diked at Osborne. OSBORNE — Gradually flooding Broadway intersection and south to old Brydges street on the north side of the Osborne stadium. EASTGATE — Flooded. HARKNESS — Flooded from Mayfair to Bell. JUBILEE — Water up to crown of roadway between Riverside and Daly. MAYFAIR — Flooded between Main and Harkness. MIDDLEGATE — Flooded. RIVER AVENUE — Flooded from Main to Wood. ST. CROSS — Flooded from Atlantic north. SUTHERLAND — Flooded from Disraeli to Higgins. WHITEHALL — Flooded from Osborne to Balmoral. WOLSELEY — Flooded from Chestnut to Evanston and from Newman to Raglan road; diking in progress. PARKER — Rough but passable between Pembina highway and Cambridge.

DIKE NEWS

Austrian Radio Tells Of Flood

Winnipeg's flood is rating the air waves even in Vienna, Austria. A former Winnipegger, Mrs. J. K. Reuter, learned of the break in the Wildwood dike last week-end when the news was broadcast over a station in the mid-European city.

Mrs. Reuter had a special interest in Wildwood. Her brother Gordon Hunt, lived there until flood waters forced him out of his home. His sister sent an immediate message inquiring about his safety.

Mrs. Reuter had been formerly Miss Kathleen Hunt of 359 Oxford street.

Temperatures

Table with 3 columns: Location, Min., Max., Prec. Rows include Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Swift Current, Saskatoon, Regina, Brandon, Winnipeg, Toronto, Fort William, Montreal, Halifax.

ODEON HEAD DIES TORONTO, May 13 (CP) — J. Earl Lawson, 59, president and managing director of Odeon Theatres of Canada, limited, and one-time minister of National revenue in the Conservative cabinet of the late Viscount Bennett, died Saturday. He had been in hospital more than a year.

Small Talk



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Sunday Paper

At the request of flood control authorities, the Winnipeg Free Press will again publish a special Sunday flood edition to assist the public in information regarding flood conditions. The special edition will be published on a Saturday schedule and will be distributed free of charge in the Greater Winnipeg district only.