

Scattered Rain
Mixed With Snow
Tonight, Saturday

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Some Evacuations, 24-Hour Dike Watch

Cold Weather Slows Upper River Melt

May Mean Longer But No Higher Mississippi Crest

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The Weather Bureau said today that cold weather has slowed the snow and ice melt on the upper Mississippi River system and will delay crests on the river at Minneapolis-St. Paul until about Tuesday.

This means several more days of high water than expected earlier, when crests were forecast for today. And, workers must be ready to brace dikes for a longer-than-expected hold against the river.

Flood expert Joseph Strub of the Weather Bureau said he is sticking with earlier crest forecasts for downriver points, including an 18-foot mark at La Crosse, Wis., by next Wednesday.

The cold weather delayed movement of tributary waters from the Rum River north of Minneapolis-St. Paul, Strub said. The Mississippi inched up to 25.9 feet in St. Paul this morning with the 27-foot crest now due late Tuesday. Flood stage is 14 feet. The worst previous flood was in 1952 when the level was 22.2 feet.

The Minneapolis level was holding at 19.7 feet with a 21-foot crest due Tuesday. Flood stage is 16 feet.

Riverside industrial areas of Minneapolis-St. Paul are the worst affected, although several hundred lowland homes have been evacuated.

The reinforced and raised dikes at St. Paul were leaking in scores of places. The railroad freight yards and the downtown city airport were under two to six feet of water.

ing lower St. Paul with Navy Island, a federal training station in the Mississippi, collapsed into the water and wedged under a railroad trestle.

At Hastings, where the flooding St. Croix River joins the Mississippi, a mile-long sand dike at an Army lock and dam was threatened with breaks. Any serious break would cause flooding and cripple equipment used to operate the locks. Boat and barge traffic on the upper Mississippi is dependent on the locks.

The Mississippi's stage at Hastings was over 24 feet today, nine feet above flood stage. Its crest is expected to be 25 feet tomorrow.

Downstream, at Red Wing, the river was about two feet under the 20½ foot crest expected tomorrow. Flood stage is 14 feet. Reinforced dikes at Red Wing leaked water heavily and the sewage disposal plant was flooded out of operation.

At Lake City a crest of 22 feet was expected Sunday, one foot above the earlier prediction, and at Wabasha, a 19 foot crest is expected, about 1½ feet above previous estimates. Both communities were fighting dike leaks and spillage and parts of the cities already were under water.

The Mississippi at Winona stood at about 19.1 feet today, 6 feet above flood stage and the revised crest was estimated at 21.5 feet Tuesday.

Volunteers used loggers' pikes to fend ice away from an eight-mile dike so that the Mississippi would not flood over the dike and create a new channel through the city of 25,000 persons. Hundreds of workers filled sandbags to raise the dike.

At La Crosse, Wis., the revised crest was listed at 18 feet, six feet above flood stage. Some of the lower sections of the city were flooded.

The St. Croix River was seeping through and over a mile-long dike at Stillwater, east of the Twin Cities, and authorities banned all pedestrians and vehicles from the town's main thoroughfares and business section today. Only by special police permit would any citizen be permitted into the closed off area. The town of about 8,000 persons is partly flooded and some 150 families have been evacuated in the area.

The St. Croix at Stillwater stood at 17 feet above flood stage today.

Dozens of highways and many bridges remained closed to travel throughout the state because of high water. A 24-hour watch was in force on many Twin Cities bridges over the Mississippi to prevent ice jams and debris damage.

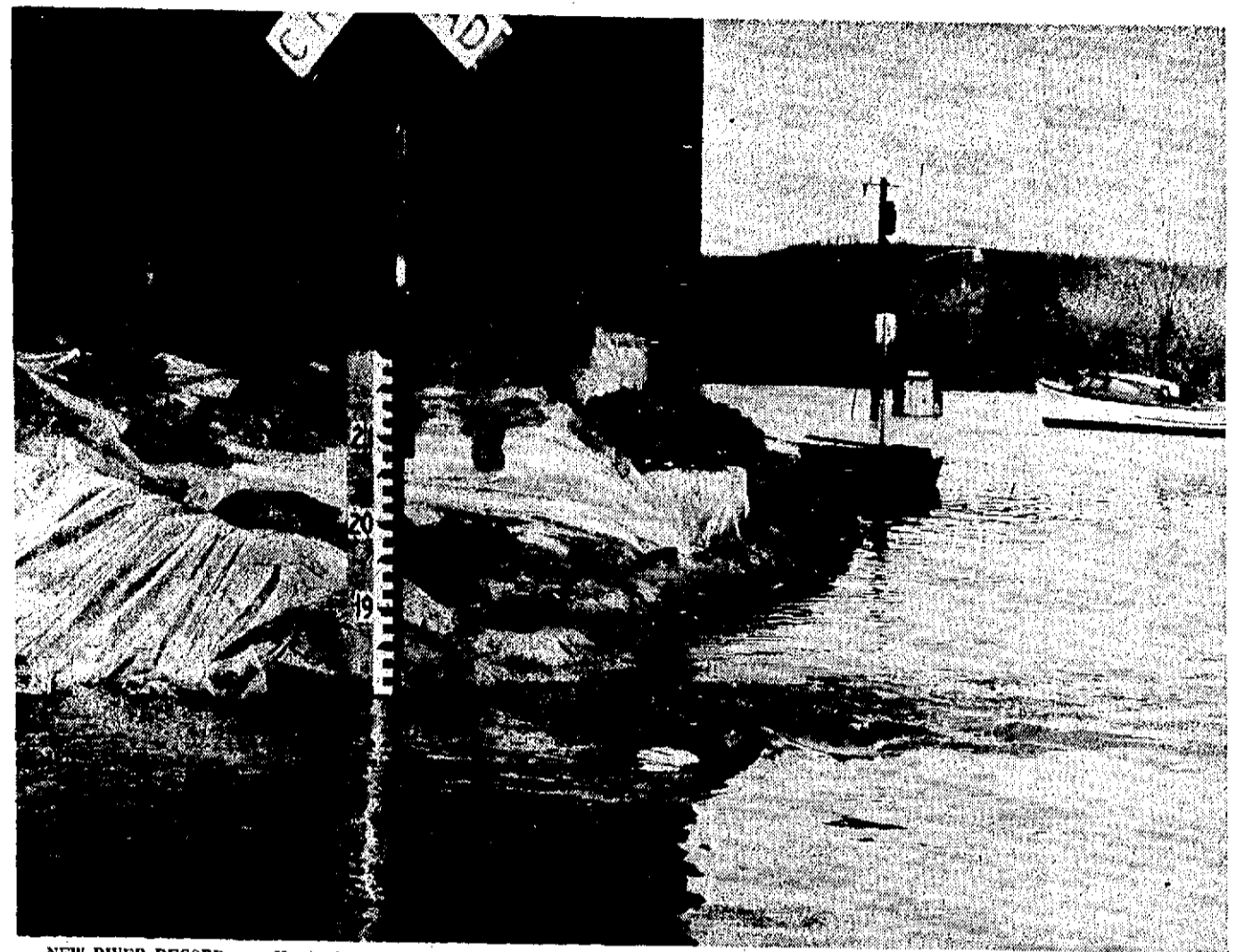
The Farmers Union grain elevator, holding five million bushels of grain valued at \$10 million, was maintaining a crew of 60 workers to hold back the Mississippi at a sandbag and plywood dike.

Snowplows were used at Elk River to remove huge chunks of ice which had been heaved from the Mississippi onto U.S. 10.

An atom powered electric plant at Elk River was ringed with sandbags to hold back the Mississippi from flooding the basement.

The Red River of the North, which flows between Minnesota and North Dakota, continued surging over thousands of acres of farmland in both states. About 125 families have been forced from their homes by high water in the Grand Forks, N.D., area on both sides of the river.

At Valley City, N.D., the Sheyenne River was at 15 feet today, four feet above flood stage, and expected to crest late today at 18 feet. Hundreds of volunteers piled sandbags on dikes that held back the river in the city.



NEW RIVER RECORD . . . Here's the temporary gauge at the foot of Johnson Street passing the 17.94 flood record which has stood since the last high water, April 20, 1952. This picture was taken at 4:30 p.m. Thursday. At noon today the water was at the 19-foot mark and rising steadily to an expected crest of 21½ feet on Tuesday. The small concrete structure in the background is the permanent river gauge which goes under at 16.20 feet. The sandbagged building is the Municipal Water Works. It is not in operation for the duration of the flood. (Daily News photo)

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Concern mounted visibly among city residents today as Mississippi River levels reached new peaks with each passing hour.

Large-scale evacuations in at least two sections of the city began, even though there has been no official advice by governmental agencies.

Homes are being vacated in the vicinity of Lake Winona, from Franklin to Lake Street. Another widespread movement is in progress along 2nd, 3rd and 4th streets, from Wilson to John Street. All these areas are low-lying and would be submerged beneath three to eight feet of water, if dikes were to break at currently high river stages.

WITH OLD MAN River setting records every hour an unceasing watch on the dikes is now under way, City Engineer James Baird announced today.

Watchers are not lacking on the dikes, he added, since about 1,500 workers are filling sandbags, operating earth-moving machinery, driving trucks or performing other necessary tasks. Nevertheless, attention must be constantly given to the landward side of the dikes, he warned, so that impending trouble can be spotted immediately.

Sandbag facings along much of the eight-mile dike system was progressing steadily today. Mayor R. K. Ellings said the city now has on hand or on order an estimated one million burlap bags. The cost of this many bags would be \$135,000, he noted. Unused bags, priced at 13½ cents, can be returned for a refund of 3½ cents.

"I'd rather have 100,000 too many bags than have 10,000 too few," Mayor Ellings commented.

ONE BOIL already has occurred, Baird said. The rupture came at the Crooked Slough dike near Olmstead Street Thursday. Using techniques shown Wednesday night in a Corps of Engineers film, workers quickly neutralized the danger. The boil was enclosed in a "chimney" of sandbags and when the water reached the river level outside the dike, it stopped rising.

The breakthrough prompted construction of a secondary sandbag barricade on 5th Street, from John to Wilson Street. The new six-foot dike, an "insurance policy," cuts across low portions between the flanking areas of high ground.

Baird said residents outside the temporary dike had protested at not being included. The line is the shortest possible, he said, and is to protect large residential areas behind it and hopefully keep water from reaching Lake Winona, should a major break occur at Crooked Slough.

Work began about 1:30 p.m. Thursday and was largely finished by today.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS officials said today the lower half of Dam 5-A dike is being raised about two feet in an emergency precautionary action. Equipment and men began Thursday afternoon on the project which Arthur Johnson, resident flood control engineer, said he hoped would be finished today. Work area is that between Minnesota City Boat Harbor and the dam.

With this addition, the dike will be brought to a 29-foot elevation. Johnson said the higher gradient is relative, since the fall of the river averages one foot per mile.

Dirt for the addition was being taken from a pit near Minnesota City.

An opening was made today in the north bank of the LAKE WINONA OUTLET DITCH. This will allow water to spread out of the ditch, across low land in the old city dump area and back toward the new emergency dike, now protected by sandbag facing.

Baird said the breach was deliberately made, well downstream along the ditch, to forestall possibility of a quick overflow and a resultant heavy wave crashing into the new dike.

The north end of this dike is crossed by Milwaukee Railroad tracks, Baird noted, and this portion will be sandbagged to effect a closure if necessary.

THE ENGINEER emphasized that if primary dikes should fail, there will be an interval of one or two hours before waters reach secondary dikes. Therefore, he said, the latter are not being patrolled, nor will they be unless a primary break brings them into service. A ring of sandbags is being (Continued on Page 9, Col. 7)

Miami Beach Hotel Holdup Nets \$250,000

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Two armed men invaded the Sterling Hotel today, cleaned out all the safety deposit boxes, and escaped with loot that police said may amount to \$250,000.

The Sterling is a favorite hotel of Northerners here to celebrate the Passover season. It was booked to capacity. The deposit boxes were bulging with property of guests paying a minimum rate of \$100 a day for double rooms.

The robbers held up night clerk Timothy Hayes and bell captain Charles C. Jernigan and trussed them with adhesive tape. Then they spent half an hour punching the locks out of the boxes.

Hayes and Jernigan were marched into an office behind the reception desk and bound at gunpoint.

"We could hear them exclaiming over what they found in the boxes," Hayes said. "They said things like 'Look what I've got,' and 'Just take a look at this one.'"

One hysterical woman claimed to have lost a \$100,000 bracelet and other guests sobbed in the lobby over the loss of savings and jewelry.

Flood Control Paying Off at Dubuque, Iowa

DUBUQUE, Iowa (AP) — When the mighty Mississippi River ravaged Dubuque 13 years ago city officials vowed they would never be caught off guard again.

They immediately drew up plans to hem in the river the next time it went on a rampage. Those plans have paid off as an even higher crest than in the 1952 flood heads for this northeast Iowa city of 57,000.

A crest of 24 feet is expected next Friday and preparations for the highest water in history are nearly completed.

A dike four to eight feet high has been thrown up to protect northern sections of the city. There is no way to prevent flood waters from covering low industrial and business areas in south Dubuque.

Plans have been made to evacuate families living in low areas of Dubuque and across the river in East Dubuque, Ill. Preparations also are under way at Iowa river cities downstream.

At Clinton, a state of emergency has been declared. Volunteers have started erecting a mile-long dike 1½ to 3 feet high.

An estimated 50,000 sand bags will be needed to complete the dike, which Mayor Harold Domsalla says will be finished by April 23, three days before the river is expected to crest.

Boy Scout executive Don Winter says nearly 1,000 Boy Scouts in Clinton can be mobilized in about 30 minutes if needed.

About 2,000 persons are expected to leave their homes in the Davenport-Rock Island area before the river crests there April 26.

Girl Scouts in Davenport are making surveys of the needs of families who will be moving out. Sixty thousand sand bags have been delivered to Davenport.

At Keokuk, where the Mississippi River leaves Iowa after more than 300 miles of meandering around the state's border, three industrial plants, employing more than 1,000 persons, have closed because of high water and the crest is not expected for two weeks.

Rep. Paul Overgaard of Albert Lea introduced the sales tax bill, calling for a 3 per cent levy—all of which would be used to replace existing taxes. Overgaard said his bill provides a "sweeping reform" of the existing tax program and earmarks bulk of the revenue for replacing present taxes on homestead property, farm livestock and machinery, and business inventories.

Overgaard's bill would not apply to food and medicines but would apply to liquor and cigarettes. Local governments would get about \$10 per resident to replace existing taxes. A fourth sales tax proposal reportedly will be introduced Monday.

Rep. Richard Fitzsimons of Argyle, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said a tentative budget calling for \$120 million in new revenue has been worked out. Gov. Rolvaag asked for \$148 million in new taxes when he presented his budget in January.

Fitzsimons' estimate was based on cuts of \$15 million in Rolvaag's spending proposals and fresh revenue estimates predicting existing taxes will raise some \$13 million more than expected.

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New Chief Named at Air Academy

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (AP) — President Johnson approved today a shift in superintendents at the Air Force Academy. He also is sending a Negro to Korea to be the second highest ranking American general there.

The Texas White House announced that Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Moorman, now vice commander in chief, Pacific Air Force, will be the new superintendent of the Air Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo. He will replace Maj. Gen. Robert H. Warren, who is being reassigned to an as yet undisclosed spot.

Straightening Out Job

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OFF ON PRESIDENTIAL MISSION . . . President Johnson escorts Henry Cabot Lodge to the door of his office after a conference. Cabot came to the White House before leaving on a presidential mission to consult with six friendly governments in Asia and the South Pacific on the situation in Viet Nam. Lodge is a former U. S. Ambassador to South Viet Nam. (AP Photofax)

WHITE HOUSE CONFEREES . . . Prime Minister Harold Wilson of Great Britain, looks toward President Johnson as they met at the White House. Johnson and Wilson, along with top American and British government officials, conferred later at a luncheon at the Executive Mansion. (AP Photofax)

Site for Russ Missiles Being Built at Hanoi

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reports have reached Washington that a site for Russian anti-aircraft missiles is being built near Hanoi, the North Viet Nam capital.

There is no evidence so far, U.S. sources said Thursday night, that Russian missiles actually are in North Viet Nam. But it is assumed they would be sent in once the launching pads are completed. And Washington also is assuming that Soviet personnel are in charge of the sites.

The introduction of Soviet missiles could have a monumental effect on the war in Viet Nam — both politically and militarily.

For one thing, direct Soviet intervention in the conflict would give the Soviet Union a greater stake in the outcome. For another, the missiles could cause a revision of U.S. bombing strategy.

The missiles that reportedly will defend the Hanoi region are SAMs, a surface-to-air rocket that can be fired to an altitude of 80,000 to 100,000 feet.

The Russians installed 24 such sites in Cuba and it was thought to be a SAM missile that brought down Francis Gary Powers when he flew high over the Soviet Union in a U2 spy plane in 1960.

The United States has been bombing targets in North Viet Nam since Feb. 7, gradually intensifying the attack and moving closer to Hanoi. But raids on the capital have been avoided.

Even before the U.S. air attacks began, Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin told a rally in Hanoi that Moscow was ready to give North Viet Nam all necessary assistance if aggressors encroached upon its territory and sovereignty.