

Minnesota—Increasing cloudiness, rain or snow in west portion late tonight or Sunday and in east Sunday; somewhat warmer in south-west tonight; somewhat colder in west Sunday.

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Hauptmann Admits Seeing Condon Before and After Abduction

Hoffman To Visit Condon

Trenton, N. J.—Bruno Richard Hauptmann, whose execution has been set for 8 p. m. March 31, admits that he had seen Dr. John F. Condon, intermediary for the Lindbergh kidnaping, both before and after the abduction, C. Lloyd Fisher, chief of the defense counsel, revealed today.

The revelation came as a formal announcement set the hour for Hauptmann's death. Gov. Harold G. Hoffman, who has pushed an investigation into alleged discrepancies in testimony since last fall, was said to believe the statement, if true, would break Condon's story that he had never seen Hauptmann before the kidnaping.

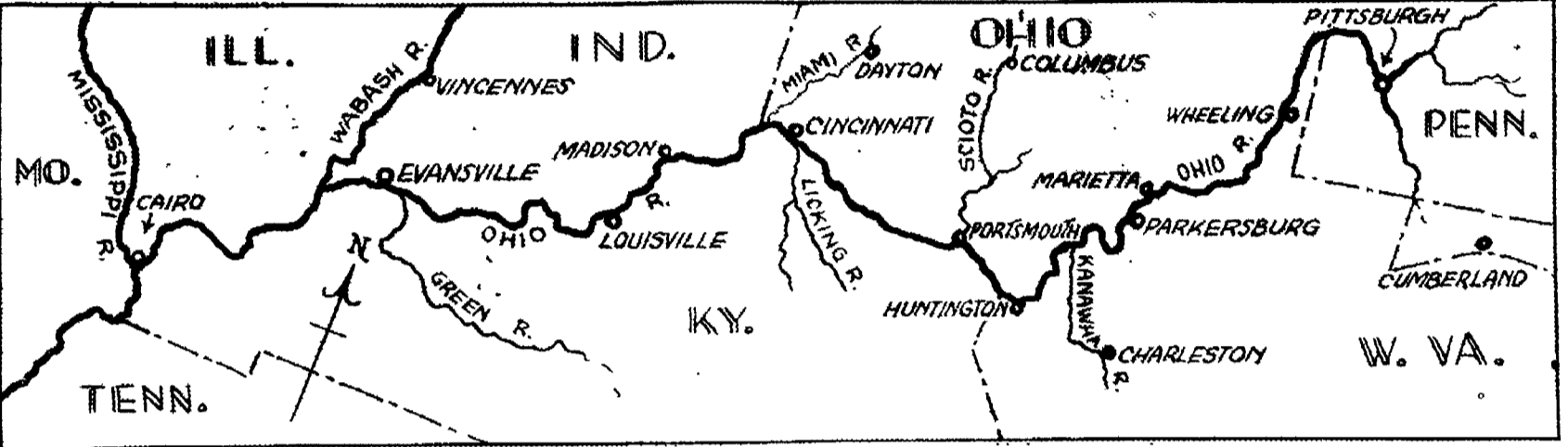
POLITICAL STAGE CENTERS ON F-L MEET NEXT WEEK

St. Paul — Political interest in Minnesota centered today on the Farmer-Labor convention which opens in St. Paul next Friday, facing a fight over Communism, indorsements and simplification of a platform.

What's on Inside! PICTORIAL survey of stricken sectors showing destructive force of floods. ARMORY BEGINS to take form but construction operations still ten days behind schedule. POET'S CORNER featuring works of Minnesota authors. 'CRUISE TO NOWHERE,' new serial, in first installment. REGIONAL CAGE tournament of WPA at Pine River Sunday.

CITIES LOWER OHIO 'READY FOR WORST'

Where Thousands Prepare for Disaster



\$10 Acre Benefit Payments to Farmers Under SCP Outlined

TRIM LITTLE SHIP, "FINE FICTION," EMBARKS ON THE CRUISE TO NOWHERE

The good ship, "Fine Fiction," today embarks on the CRUISE TO NOWHERE. Numbering among its passengers some 20,000 readers of 5-000 families, subscribers to THE DAILY DISPATCH, the trim little schooner conjured in the minds of lovers of good fiction is bound for the Caribbean tropical ports with Jane Weston, petite stenographer who dreamed of a listless life in the tropics and lived to see her

Aimed at Removal Thirty Million Acres from Intensive Cultivation for Soil Conservation

Washington — Benefit payments averaging \$10 an acre were offered farmers today for removal of 30,000,000 acres from intensive cultivation under the new soil conservation program replacing the AAA. Details of the program, announced by Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace, provide expenditure of \$400,000,000 in conserving the nation's soil fertility this year, the first of the two year temporary program.

Passing westward from deluged Pennsylvania lowlands, the waters of the rising Ohio river are threatening the territory shown on this map. To the overflow of the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers, that unite to form the Ohio at Pittsburgh, hundreds of streams are adding their swelling waters, and menacing the bordering cities for a distance of more than 600 miles from Pennsylvania to the Mississippi. Though warned of the advancing flood, and preparing as best they can to check it, inhabitants of cities and towns along the way still wait in fear of what the rising waters may bring.

MRS. LA DU NOT TO BE REAPPOINTED BY GOVERNOR OLSON

St. Paul—Mrs. Blanche L. La Du, first woman president of the American Prison Congress, member of the state board of control for 15 years and once its chairman, will not be reappointed by Gov. Olson when her term expires April 6.

MRS. SCHALL HITS PACT WITH NATIONS

Washington — Charges that the reciprocal trade agreement act had adversely affected Minnesota agriculture and manufacturing industries were made today by Mrs. Thomas D. Schall, widow of the late senator from Minnesota, who is candidate for the Republican senatorial nomination.

TALK PLANS TO END STUDENTS' STRIKE

Minneapolis—Parents of striking high school students in St. Louis Park today discussed meeting with the school board to arrive at a means of ending the student unrest.

ETHIOPIA CLAIMS SWEEPING VICTORY

Addis Ababa—A sweeping victory by Ethiopian warriors over Italian troops on the northern front north of Amba Alagi was claimed today in reports received here. Emperor Haile Selassie was reported to have participated actively in the fight.

Evacuate Homes Path of Onrushing Waters

FIGHT AGAINST DISEASE PUSHED IN STRICKEN AREAS

The treacherous "hump" in the turbulent Ohio river moved southward today over a corkscrew course spilling its muddy waters several feet deep into the towns of Pomeroy, Gallipolis and Ironton in Ohio, and Point Pleasant and Huntington in West Virginia.

Flood Situation in Brief

High lights of the flood situation today: Heavy rains bring fresh peril to stricken New England. More rain and gales predicted. Connecticut river still rising in Hartford; 50 square blocks of city and much of outlying area under water 25 feet deep in places.

NEARLY ONE-THIRD RED CROSS QUOTA FLOOD RELIEF REACHED AS BRAINERD RESPONDS GENEROUSLY TO APPEAL

Honor roll donors to flood relief fund. Citizens of Jenkins, \$20; the Rev. E. A. Valiant, \$1; D. C. Gray, \$1; James Friary, 50c; George Trent, \$2; F. E. Elmer, \$1; H. L. Jones, \$3; Grace Van Arman, \$1, N. G. Nelson, \$1, Martin Swanson, \$1; the Rev. M. C. Olson, \$1; E. J. Cook, \$2; M. and Mrs. John Cuddeby, \$1; Louise Barrett, \$1; Navajo Friendly Indian club of the Y. M. C. A., \$1.05; James I. Davis, \$1; Mrs. Edie Lively, \$1, E. C. Sullivan, \$2; B. B. Lee, \$1; Caniff family, \$5.

WITHOUT DRINKING WATER

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Military and civil authorities worked against time under terrible handicaps today to restore Pittsburgh's water system before epidemic disease gained headway in the havoc left by flood.

FIGHT DISEASE EPIDEMIC

Harrisburg, Pa. An entire city worked today as a militant unit to prevent epidemic diseases from following floods that in six days drove scores of communities back to living conditions of the middle ages.

Compromise by Powers on German Plan Seen

Copyright 1936 by United Press. London Prospect of a world conference on economic and financial matters as part of a peace consolidation program faded today into the most remote future.

Spring Tonic Spreads Cheer But Memory Winter Lives in Records

Springtime entered its second day for 1936 in Brainerd today with thermometers far above the freezing point, bringing smiles to Brainerdites as they hark back to the dreary days of January, February and even back in December, 1935, when mercury in thermometers sank lower than a snake's stomach.

conserving he will get an average of \$10 an acre on up to 15 per cent of the base acreage, computed on 1935 planting. If that acreage is planted in legumes or other soil building crops which he plows under to build up soil fertility he will be paid another \$1 an acre. The \$1 an acre also applies to pasture land under certain conditions.

Compromise by Powers on German Plan Seen

Prospects for a compromise among the Locarno powers on the proposals made to Germany by British, France, Belgium and Italy increased materially today.