Mississippi rises.

The Mississippi Valley is threatened with one of the worst floods in many years. The weather bureau predicts that the water will continue to rise for five days and that the country will be flooded for three weeks. The levees have already given away in several places, and many towns are twenty feet under water. The main embankments near the three cities have as yet remained intact, but they may give away at any moment. They are in better condition than they have been for a long time, and this may avert more serious trouble. The rivers are stopped up by back water and in flowing through the streets.

An Illinois Central locomotive that was sent out to test the tracks at Pottsville, Ky., fell by a 50-foot embankment and three men were drowned. Twenty lives have already been lost in the floods.

The government engineers are working their hardest to strengthen the levees. At Cairo a five-foot embankment has been raised over the levee, and this has kept the water out of the town so far. If the work can be completed before the flood raises a foot and a half more it is believed that the attacks of the water can be beaten off. Breaks in the embankments further up the river have relieved the pressure a little.

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