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 Commander W. H. Brownson, U.S.N., called for Southampton on the American liner steamer "St. Paul" to-day. He said in a report: "I am going to England under orders direct from the Navy Department, not from the President. My mission is to prepare for the exigencies of the situation and to see what can be had and done in case of war. I shall report by cablegram."
 "Are you empowered to secure options on ships?"
 "I certainly am not going over for my health," the Commander replied.
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 Forestalling Spain.
 London, March 10.—The indications are that the United States Government will not wait for the arrival here of Commodore Williams H. Brownson in order to purchase warships. Definite offers have already been made for ships building here, with the view of forestalling Spain, which is supposed to be bargaining for the same vessels.
 The Montgomery at Havana.
 Havana, March 10.—The arrival here of the United States steamship Montgomery was very quiet, it being generally understood that she comes to replace the coast survey steamer Fern as quarters for the United States Commission. Commander Montgomery is a high authority on explosives, and his advice will be useful to the court of inquiry.
 After the usual salutes, the Montgomery was moored in the principal harbor, between the wreck of the Maine, and in the centre of a circle of Spanish ships.
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 Through Two Garden Spots of Ontario AND CAUSING IMMENSE DAMAGE.
 Breakwater at West London Collapses—People Have to Flee for Safety—The Grand River Vies with the Thames in Doing Harm at Galt and Brantford—Particulars.
 London, Ont. March 14.—The River Thames burst through, Sunday afternoon, the breakwaters and flooded the suburb of West London. Thousands of dollars worth of property was destroyed, and many people narrowly escaped with their lives. At midnight the water was still rising and the full amount of destruction could not be ascertained.
 For many years West London has had annual battles with the river. A system of breakwaters has been built, which encircle the town, and was supposed to defend it from spring freshets. Friday the Thames rose several feet and Saturday night's rain raised the river still higher. Sunday heavy rains in the northern part of the country sent a huge volume of water down the north branch. Towards evening the water was backing up in the streets of West London, which are considerably below high water level. Some of the residents became alarmed and fled.
 All day yesterday 200 men with teams, under the direction of Mayor Wilson, had been dumping loads of earth along the breakwater to strengthen it against the waves. At midnight the water, which shortly after 7 o'clock a portion of the breakwater trembled. The water rushed at it savagely and tore out a section forty feet long, throwing men and horses to one side, as it poured through the met and horses scrambled to safety, as the torrent swept on and down the streets. In half an hour the whole of London West was submerged to a depth of five or six feet. A score of row boats were secured, and were penned up in the cottages below. From roofs and out of second-story windows women and children were brought to places of safety. Down every street towards the signals of distress. Forwarded, many, fearing the danger, had already left, so that the boats were able to remove all who wished, and by 11 o'clock all had been rescued.
 Four hundred houses were surrounded by six feet of water, and nearly 1,500 people were driven from their homes. Along the stream are several mills, the owners of which will suffer a large loss, while the damage to private property will run into the thousands.
 On the city side of the river the water rose eight feet since Saturday night, and should it continue it threatens to flood the city electric light plant and destroy hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property.
 For many years past the village of London West has been treated to a spring bath, but this year the river is higher than ever has been since the memorable water spout of July, 1883, when a score of people were drowned. Yesterday there was no loss of life, but the water has risen equally as high, and has reached many places that were supposed to be inaccessible.
THE GRAND AT GALT.
 Ice Jam Gave Way and Bridges and Trees Were Swept Down—Heavy Loss to Business People.
 Galt, March 14.—One of the largest and most disastrous floods in the memory of our oldest residents is passing down the Grand River through Galt. The river was considerably swollen above its normal condition at this time of the year and it is believed that the residents of Galt have to conclude that the spring is going to have a very mild experience in the matter of floods this spring, but their expectations were disappointed. Sunday morning about 7.30 o'clock the monster ice jam at Idley gave way and a frightful speed, carrying everything movable along with it in its almost irresistible force. Blocks of ice 18 inches thick and as large as the side of a house, whole trees, roots and brans, stumps, timber, loose boards, fence rails, and out-houses by the score were carried along in the rushing and roaring torrent. A great amount of damage to property has been done. The bridge to the smaller one near Blair Station on the public road leading to Preston. The next bridge to suffer was the upper bridge in the town of Galt. The stone span was carried entirely away and the other two carries are badly damaged as well as all the stone piers. Lost estimated at \$5,000. The flooring and stone piers of the Main street bridge and the lower bridge in Galt have been damaged to the extent of \$100,000. The wooden bridge known as the "foot bridge," about two miles down the river from Galt, was washed away.
 Factories and private residences located on the river banks suffered considerable damage. The volume of water in the river increased rapidly, and to such an extent as to overflow the whole of the low lying portions of North and South Water streets to the depth of two feet. The houses of several private houses had to be carried out to places of safety.
 The basement of Cherry Bros' flouring mill was full of water, causing damage to the stock of flour. The water was badly washed out. Basements of all the manufacturing establishments situated on the river are full of water and huge boulders, but damaged property was not sufficiently enabled the water goes down. An examination to be made. It is known, however, that the Galt Knitting Company will be heavy losers, as their drying works, a brick addition to the mill into the river, is completely wrecked and the first floor, occupied by the operatives, was covered with water two feet deep. The loss to the stock of over \$100,000. Traffic on the Galt branch of the Grand Trunk Railway, which runs parallel with the river, is at a standstill. No trains could get through the water on Saturday night. It is reported that the track is so badly washed out that it will require two weeks' work to put them into proper shape again.
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