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 The Final Skirmish—This diagrammed photo, taken the morning after, shows what happened the night of April 18 when the Grace Street Sewer erupted. Pressure of the flood water, backing through the bayou and into the sewer outlet (18 feet below the river surface) cracked the concrete tube and caused flooding of about one thousand acres. The battle went on all night before the break was brought under control.

AN INSPIRING EXAMPLE

Together with their friendly neighbors from hundreds of surrounding communities, the citizens of Omaha and Council Bluffs have waged and won a gallant battle against the river.

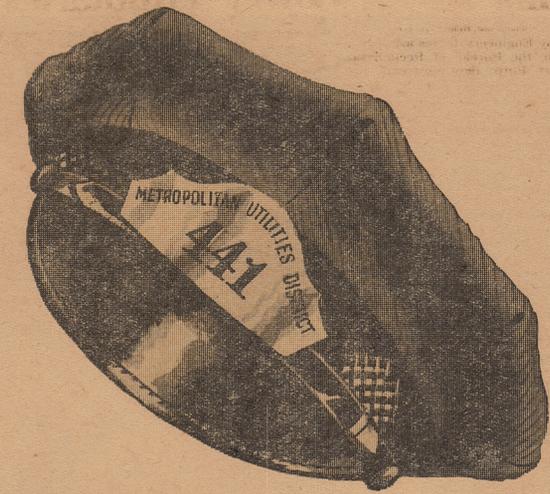
In looking back upon this tremendous effort, we marvel not so much at the final victory as at the indomitable spirit that made it possible. In the sandpits . . . on the levees . . . through every phase of the heroic fight . . . thousands of unsung heroes labored unceasingly and unselfishly in a common cause.

We are proud of the many organizations and individuals who played a part in this great midwest drama. And we are proud of our employees;—who came here from every one of our branches to aid in the fight.

From the inspiring example set by these splendid men and women, the entire nation may well learn a lesson in courage and capability.

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Our hat is off to YOU . . . and the uncounted others who fought to conquer the raging Missouri. It was work . . . hard, dirty, grueling, tense work. But who of us will ever forget the thrill of that memorable period of complete and selfless cooperation! America stood breathless while this momentous battle was fought to a finish.

Protecting your vital gas and water service was only a small part of the tremendous job accomplished by the joint efforts of thousands. So it is with humility that we report to you on the emergency work done by men and women of your Utilities District.

Fully a week before the crest was due, thorough precautions were begun at the Florence Pumping Station. Dikes were thrown up. Low level pumps at the river station were shut down and standby steam pumps in the main plant on high ground were put into service. Men carried over 300 tons of lead and sand to the floor of the river station to prevent it from floating in rising water. After rail entry was cut off, trucks brought supplies for purifying water.

To aid Omaha's sister city, men of your Utilities District . . . in a matter of hours . . . laid 6,000 feet

of 12-inch water main from 9th and Douglas, across Ak-Sar-Ben bridge to the Council Bluffs water works. This main stood ready to furnish 4,000,000 gallons of pure water per day to Council Bluffs if its water system became flooded. Similarly, the Utilities District spearheaded a temporary, gas pipe line from 9th and Douglas to supply Council Bluffs if necessary.

The Utilities District ice plant was turned over to the Red Cross for storage of evacuated household goods, and several tracts of land were made available for livestock refuge.

Through the entire crisis, the District cooperated fully with Civilian Defense and civil authorities whose help was invaluable. Every possible person was released for flood work on District installations.

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Utilities District especially salutes the District's men and women who worked so feverishly and valiantly through the long days of emergency. And we gratefully thank all our neighbors for their great assistance in the total job of preventing a major catastrophe.



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