

It is an awful sight to see the rescuing parties coming across the waves. You think every lunge will be the last one, but every one has been safe. A house with a man and woman on top went by about half an hour ago. The woman waved her hand and just then it sunk. They were not on it when it came up again. I did not see this as I did not happen to be looking that way until the crowd set up a yell when the house went down. I saw it come up. Lots of live horses have swum down stream.

All sorts of inducements have been offered for help in rescuing people, but so far nothing has been done for money. Selig offered Kansas City \$1,000 for a ship to be sent up and they would not let it go. He then telephoned back that any price they named would be paid if they would only send the ship to rescue our people. They replied that they would gladly do so, but their own people needed everything they had.

Provisions are scarce here. Every store in North Lawrence has washed away so that things have to be sent from this side. Ike Hughes loaded a wagon and sent it down to Graeber's launch. I hope they will get it across, but would hate to be in the party that goes.

As we don't have any mail, and there is no telling when we will have, there is not much use in sending this, but you may like to hear of it from an eye-witness after it is all over. What mails we have come by express from Ottawa, but that is uncertain.

Bill Bly is over there somewhere, but we can't hear from him. We hear of his being at work and know his family was rescued, but the last we heard he had gone back after his household goods. That was Saturday noon.

God bless you.

Good bye,
Lovingly
Dad.