

Reservoir Gives Way in Colorado, Flooding Land

Fertile Farms and Ranches in Southeastern Part of the State Are Badly Damaged by Water.

WORST FLOOD IN SEVERAL YEARS

A Wall of Water 10 to 20 Feet High Rushed Down the Valley When the Reservoir Gave Way.

Public, Colo., Aug. 23.—Fertile farms and ranches in the Ark Valley in southeastern Colorado experienced one of the worst floods in recent years last night and early this morning when an immense irrigation reservoir on the Apishapa River north of Fowler, cracked, and precipitated a great rush of water down the valley.

The reservoir, built two years ago by farmers of the valley, was more than 200 feet deep and had a storage capacity sufficient to store 20,000 acres.

A wall of water variously estimated to be 10 to 20 feet high rushed down the valley, the dam collapsed. The break had been foreseen, however, and telephone warnings had been sent out to residents in the path of the flood had time to escape to high ground. No loss of life has been reported early this morning.

It was reported from various parts of the valley that the loss of livestock was considerable, and great losses to farms, the farm buildings, crops and highways early today probably would reach \$1,000,000.

The famous Rocky Ford cantaloupe belt in the path of the flood and the crop which was just about ready to be harvested was practically destroyed.

Public, Colo., Aug. 22.—A large irrigation reservoir on the Apishapa river, north of Fowler, Colo., has broken, according to information received here, and a great body of water is moving toward another reservoir at Rocky Ford.

Telephone operators reported at 27-foot wall of water to be headed toward Manzanita. The river can stand only about a five-foot rise, observers said today.

Heavy rains last night raised the water and formed a lake five miles back of the river from the Fowler dam, which is half a mile wide.

The entire dam went out this afternoon and a wall of water is descending on the city of Rocky Ford, Manzanita, Rocky Ford and La Junta, Colo.

The Arkansas river into which this water will empty already is bank full and fears are felt for the safety of towns in the flood's path. Residents in all the lowlands are moving to high ground.

PITMAN CASE Greenville Man Suing the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association of State.

Greenville, N. C., Aug. 23.—Six witnesses testified in reprobation of the charges of G. H. Pittman, a business man of this county, that the tobacco growers' cooperative association did not fulfill its promises when the trial was resumed here today.

Mr. Pittman had charged that he did not get the contract because he believed the promises of the association, who, he said, told him that 60 per cent. of the value of the crop would be paid on delivery to the association, and the remainder would be negotiable warehouse receipts. The promises were not fulfilled.

On cross examination, attorneys for the association sought to show that Pittman was active in furthering the association, and that he had directed a campaign for additional members.

CHARLOTTE ENDS YEAR WITH \$11,000 SURPLUS City Budget For New Year Based on \$105,000,000 Valuation.—Rate is \$1.12.

Charlotte, Aug. 20.—The tax rate for 1924 will be the same for the fiscal year which began June 1, as it was for last year, namely \$1.12 per \$100.

GOVERNMENT READY FOR MINERS' STRIKE

Not Yet Ready, However, to Make Known Full Scope of Its Plans.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Although not yet ready to reveal the full scope of its plans, the United States government is preparing to move decisively to prevent serious consequences from the threatened suspension of anthracite production September 1st.

Not only will the railroads, the soft coal producers and the state governments be expected to do what they can to minimize sufferings and demoralization of industry, but federal officials and every agency from the White House down will stand ready to throw the weight of their authority into the balance if it becomes necessary.

There was no indication in any quarter today that further overtures for settlement between operators and miners is in prospect.

The general lines of the administration plan for supplying bituminous coal and reserve anthracite stock probably will not be revealed until the governors of the anthracite-consuming states meet with federal officials and railway representatives in New York next Tuesday.

Meantime it was learned that should any legal action become necessary on the part of the federal government, the Department of Justice would be found in a state of complete preparedness. There is no legal authority in the view of officials, for forcing a continuation of work after September 1, in the anthracite mines, but it is held that there is sufficient ground for any action which might become necessary to prevent disorders.

Justice department officials declined today to discuss the subject but there were indications that steps already had been taken to learn the exact state of affairs.

Many reports of a possible sympathetic strike on the part of the bituminous miners after September 1 had been circulated in the whirlpool of rumors and speculations that surround the preparations of the government here, but if such a development is in prospect the government has no authoritative knowledge of it.

It is considered unlikely by most officials that the union leaders of the bituminous men would sanction a walkout under the circumstances.

BALDWIN TO CONFER WITH FRENCH PREMIER

English Prime Minister Realizes That Nothing Can Be Gained Through the Notes.

London, Aug. 23 (By the Associated Press).—Recognizing the futility of further exchange of lengthy notes on the reparations issue, Prime Minister Baldwin has decided to meet Premier Poincare on the latter's return from Aix les Bains, it became known today.

The British Premier will not formally ask his French colleague for an appointment, but will make known quietly through second parties his readiness to discuss the whole reparations policy in the light of the French premier's latest note.

MELLON WANTS TAX REDUCTIONS APPROVED

Will Ask Next Congress For Reduction in Certain Income Surtaxes.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Secretary Mellon will new to the next Congress his recommendation for a reduction in the higher brackets of income surtaxes.

An announcement of his purpose, however, said he was uncertain whether the proposal would meet with favorable reception at the capital.

15 Years Given Negro Who Attempted Criminal Assault

Gastonia, Aug. 2.—In Gaston Superior court today Judge W. F. Harding sentenced Ira Davis, negro youth, charged with attempted criminal assault, to serve a term of 15 years in the state prison. The defendant had entered a plea of guilty, and his attorneys, A. C. Jones and B. Capps, made the plea that the boy was of subnormal mentality.

Fathers and grandparents of the boy were put on the stand and testified that he was not mentally bright. The state rebutted with testimony of several physicians who had examined him and stated that his mentality was about the average for his age and station in life.

PRESIDENT CONCERNED OVER IMMIGRATION

A Selective Policy Favored in White House, It is Said.

Washington, Aug. 23 (Capital News Service).—Proponents of selective immigration and restriction of alien entry to this country on a quality basis are much encouraged by President Coolidge's attitude on the subject.

He is said to be strongly in favor of an amendment to the immigration laws whereby a better class of immigrants will be admitted to the United States. It was indicated that the administration will urge upon Congress the enactment of a law to provide for inspection of emigrants at the point of embarkation.

This is what Secretary of Labor Davis believes should be practiced. Mr. Davis has just returned from a trip with a slogan, "selective immigration or none."

Some European countries, he declared, frankly consider America a dumping ground for their old and physically and morally unfit. Practically none takes any steps to save its nationals from the distress that befalls many who enter the immigration sweepstakes conducted by steamship companies under the immigration quota restriction law, and are turned back because their ships do not arrive until quotas have been filled.

Mr. Davis declared America could stop the "raze" between foreign governments and foreign steamship companies by adopting a selective system, handled by American consuls abroad.

"We could also thus prevent the division of families," the Secretary continued. "I believe that if an immigrant in America has a family abroad, he ought to be permitted to bring them in, if they are mentally, morally, and physically fit to enter into our national life."

He recommends the enrollment and selection of immigrants before they leave Europe, based on consular examination by immigration agents at the consulates abroad. As a further safeguard he would have all aliens registered as soon as they land in the United States and fix a five-year period of probation, during which an alien might be deported if found undesirable.

Mr. Davis declared he believed that there was basis for the statement that more than 1,000 aliens were "bootlegged" into America daily.

This attitude towards immigration receives unexpected impetus from a foreign official, Sir Aukland Geddes, British Ambassador to the United States, saying that in his opinion United States Consuls should be authorized to refuse visas to those who are unable to qualify when reaching America. He also believes that prospective immigrants should be finally approved or disapproved in their home lands by United States officers. The first reform he suggests is preliminary to the second.

PRESIDENT RECEIVES DELEGATION FROM STATE

North Carolinians Want President to Speak at Bentonville During October.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—President Coolidge received and took under consideration today an invitation tendered by a delegation from North Carolina to deliver an address at a dedication some time in October of a monument at Bentonville, near Durham, marking the spot where the last detachment of Confederate soldiers surrendered.

Members of the delegation who were presented to the President by Wm. Brannham, chairman of the republican state executive committee in North Carolina, said Mr. Coolidge expressed a wish to be present at the dedication, but asked that he be allowed a few days to consider whether his duties would prevent him from leaving the capital at the time.

The delegation included Col. Benjamin Cameron, of Hillsboro; Mayor Manning of Durham; Speaker Dawson, and Representative Everett, of the North Carolina House of Representatives; and Gen. Julian S. Carr, former commander-in-chief of the Confederate Veterans.

GOVERNMENT REPORT EXPECTED VERY SOON

Government About Ready to Resume Diplomatic Relations With Mexico, It is Said.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Arrangements for resumption of diplomatic relations between the American and Mexican governments have reached a stage where an official announcement on the subject may be issued shortly.

Meantime the state department has given information regarding its position to the governments of Great Britain, France, Cuba and Belgium and action may also be taken by them in the near future. The information transmitted is understood to have fully dealt with the matter and is concluded by John meetings recently concluded by John Barton Payne and Charles B. Warren, the American commissioners who represented the United States at the Mexico City conferences.

Another Baseball Scandal Brewing

New York, Aug. 23 (By the Associated Press).—Charges that Pat Duncan, center fielder, and Sammy Bohne, second baseman of the Cincinnati Nationals had St. Lawrence valley yesterday brought some of the coldest weather on record for August to the territory east of the Mississippi river today.

Highway Laws Made Public by State Highway Commission

Raleigh, Aug. 23.—Within the next fortnight 20,000 large posters and 50,000 pamphlets, containing a new series of state highway regulations passed by the state highway commission at a meeting July 30th under and by virtue of authorization given it by the last General Assembly, will be sent out over the State, the posters to be put up in conspicuous places and the pamphlets to be distributed among inhabitants of the State, it was announced at the highway commission's offices today.

It means that the people using North Carolina's roads will have to acquaint themselves with over a score of new road laws, which were supposed to have gone into effect last July 15th, but which are not generally known to the public as yet.

The new regulations are designed to prevent abuse of the state roads and to give better protection to users of the roads. Under Section 10, Chapter 100, Public Laws of North Carolina, session of the General Assembly of 1923, the State highway commission is authorized to ordain certain regulations it deems necessary in regard to State roads.

Prominent among the new regulations is one requiring pedestrians walking on the highway to keep on the left hand side of the road. Other noticeable regulations are several making it unlawful to drive certain treaded vehicles over the highways built and maintained by the State. Violations of these regulations are classed as misdemeanors.

The new regulations follow: "Section 1. No houses or other structure or substance weighing in excess of ten (10) tons shall be moved on or over the State highway, except by special and written permission of the State highway commission.

"Section 2. No lumber, logs, cord wood, or other material shall be placed upon the pavement roadway or shoulder of the State highway, nor shall any material be placed in any manner thereon that will interfere with the drainage of the highway or the maintenance thereof.

"Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any machine, engine or contrivance whatsoever, to move upon any State highway or bridge thereof which has a flange, rib, clamp, or other object attached to its wheels or made a part thereof and which is likely to bruise, injure or mutilate the surface of such road or bridge without written permission first obtained from the State highway commission. This section shall be construed to prohibit tire chains of reasonable proportions in vehicles when

required for safety and arising from conditions tending to cause such vehicle to slide or skid. "Section 4. No person shall throw or place or cause to be thrown or placed upon any highway or bridge any tacks, nails, wire, scrap, metal, glass, crockery, or other substance injurious to the feet of persons or animals or to tires or wheels of vehicles. Whoever accidentally or by reason of an accident, drops from his hand or a vehicle any such substance on any highway or bridge shall forthwith make all reasonable efforts to clear such highway or bridge of the same.

"Section 5. No logs, ground sleds, or other objects shall be dragged along or across any portion of the State highway without permission of the State highway commission. "Section 6. No trucks or other vehicles shall be operated on the State highway when the tires of which are worn to an extent to cause damage to the highways because of any defective or worn condition.

"Section 7. No log cart, or other similar vehicle using a tire of less width than four inches shall be permitted at any time on the State highway without first obtaining permission in writing from the State highway commission. And no person shall be permitted to transport discs, or other types of harrows, on the State highway unless ample protection is made to prevent the teeth from cutting or otherwise mutilating the road surface.

"Section 8. No vehicle shall be operated upon the State highway with two wheels on the edge of the hardsurface of any highway, and the opposite wheels on the shoulders thereof, for the purpose of retarding the speed of such vehicle. All vehicles shall be provided with sufficient brakes.

"Section 9. No motor truck or other vehicle shall be loaded on any road while standing on the roadway and while in a manner to interfere with the traffic thereon and the maintenance thereof.

"Section 10. No motor vehicle shall remain on the roadway while being served by a filling station, garage or other service station.

"Section 11. It shall be unlawful to repair any motor or other vehicle on the surface of any roadway and in a manner which may impede or otherwise interfere with traffic or maintenance of the highway.

"Section 12. No vehicle or other obstruction whatsoever shall be left standing in the roadway at night unless the (Concluded on Page Two.)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF STATE ARE MEETING

Business Session Held During Morning.—Address Made by Wythe M. Peyton.

Asheville, Aug. 23.—All counties in the State should follow the example and method set by the North Carolina Highway commission in constructing and maintaining roads. Wythe M. Peyton, former 9th district highway engineer, now engaged in private practice, told members of the State Association of County Commissioners in the principal address before the second day's session of the Commissioners' annual meeting here this morning.

Shortly before the session was opened by C. P. Aycock, of Beaufort County, president of the association, the working committees of the convention were nominated and elected. These committees are expected to make their reports late this afternoon.

This program consists of addresses by Governor Morrison, Mrs. Porter Ellis, Buncombe County Home Demonstration Agent; J. K. McClure, president of the Farmers' Federation; and L. D. Thrash; Buncombe County Farm Agent.

CONCORD ROTARY CLUB HELPS WORTHY BOYS

Rotarians Hear Reports From Boy Work Committee at Regular Weekly Meeting Yesterday.

Rotary's interest in boys was the keynote of the regular weekly meeting of the Concord Rotary Club at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday. The meeting was under the direction of President Sam Rankin and Prof. A. S. Webb was program chairman.

After reports of the committees Prof. Webb introduced David Price and Melvin Caddell, two young men of the city who attended State College last year and whose educational development is being sponsored by Rotary, and Osborne Miller, who will attend Trinity and Jesse Hamilton who will attend Wake Forest this fall as a result of the club's activities in boys' work.

The young men thanked the club for its efforts and pledged their efforts to justify the interest in their welfare.

A resolution that the club spend \$850 in boys' educational work the coming year was unanimously adopted. The money already has been appropriated.

Following the talks by the young men, Miss Mary Morrison rendered several vocal selections that were favorably received. The accompaniment was by Miss Nell Herring.

Rev. Dr. W. C. Alexander, former Concord citizen, in response to an urgent call, made a brief talk to the club in which he complimented the members for their interest in the welfare of the boys of the community.

During roll call the following guests were introduced: Robert E. Jones, by John M. Oglesby; Messrs. Strickland and Reid by Martin L. Cannon, and Rev. Dr. W. C. Alexander by C. F. Ritchie.

President Rankin appointed the following as a committee welcome the Roanoke Boosters: W. H. Gibson, E. H. Brown, A. R. Hoover, A. F. Hartsell and A. H. Howard.

Messrs. L. T. Hartsell and C. B. Wagner were appointed a committee to represent the Rotary Club at the meeting on Thursday evening for the purpose of establishing a modern and adequate hospital for the town and county. They will have charge of the program next week.

KILLED NEGRO WHO HAD RUINED HIS DAUGHTER

Clayton Submits to Second Degree Murder and is Given Short Jail Term.

Albemarle, Aug. 22.—R. L. Brown and O. J. Sikes, of the local bar, drove into the city with their client, E. C. Clayton, in custody, who pleaded guilty of manslaughter in the superior court of Yadkin county and was sentenced by Judge T. B. Finley, to four months in the common jail of this county. The attorneys turned over their prisoner client to the keeper of the Stanly jail and he is safely locked up.

It will be remembered that during the month of May, 1922, Clayton, who is a native of this county, but who has been living in Davie county, shot and killed a negro, Alvin Hudson, of the latter county, when told by his young daughter that the negro had ruined her.

Clayton was charged with murder in the first degree, but the circumstances were such that the defendant was fortunate to escape with a jail sentence of only four months. Clayton was himself well pleased with the result of the trial.

Judge Finley, after passing sentence, on the prisoner, ordered that his attorney be appointed to bring him to Albemarle and turn him over to the keeper of the jail, and faithful to their trust he was delivered in good time and in good shape.

TAR HEELS TODAY TO CALL ON MR. COOLIDGE

Will Invite Him to Attend Dedication of Civil War Memorial at Bentonville.

Washington, Aug. 22.—President Coolidge will be invited tomorrow by a delegation of southerners to deliver an address at the dedication in October of a monument at Bentonville, N. C., marking the spot where the last detachment of Confederates surrendered during the Civil War. The date of the exercises, the President will be told, will be arranged to suit his convenience.

Col. Benham Cameron, of Hillsboro, N. C., will head the delegation, which will include William Brannham, chairman of the Republican State executive committee in North Carolina; Mayor Manning, of Durham; M. E. Newsom, president of the Durham chamber of commerce; Speaker Dawson and Representative R. O. Everett, of the North Carolina house of representatives; Gen. Julian S. Carr, former commander of the Confederate veterans; Mrs. B. N. Duke, of Durham, and Professors Brown, of Trinity College, and Conner of the University of North Carolina.

First Carolina Bale Sold in Dunn District at 25 Cents.

CONCORD AND OTHER SECTIONS OF SOUTH

Temperature Here Dropped From 88 Degrees to 55 Degrees—No Change in Temperature During Day.

AUGUST RECORDS BADLY SMASHED

In Richmond Temperature Dropped to 49 Degrees, and Mercury Made Record Fall in Raleigh After Rain.

Concord today is in the grip of an August cold wave. The temperature during the day has hung around the 60 degree mark, and has risen but little since last night, when the mercury fell about 33 degrees within several hours.

The cold wave came unexpectedly to this city, and others in the State, where temperatures ranging from 56 to 60 were reported during last night and today. Before the rain yesterday afternoon the temperature here was about 88 degrees, and there was little change in weather conditions immediately after the rain. Persons remaining up until midnight state that there had been no decided drop in the temperature up to that time, but by 1 o'clock this morning the mercury had fallen several degrees, and between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning there was a drop to about 55 degrees. This was a drop of 33 degrees from the high mark of 88 shown during the day.

Greensboro, Raleigh, Charlotte, Richmond, and other cities in North Carolina and Virginia, report sharp declines in temperature following rains of yesterday afternoon. The Greensboro News reports that the temperature in that city fell from 91 in the afternoon to 56 by midnight.

Richmond experienced the coldest August weather in its history when the temperature dropped to 49 degrees last night. Records of the weather bureau there show the previous record of 52 degrees was established on August 22, last year. The maximum temperature for the day was 76 at 10 o'clock, but at 2:30 the temperature had dropped to 49.

In Raleigh following a rainfall of 1.47 inches early in the afternoon, according to official record, the temperature dropped from 81 to 59 degrees, a drop of 22 degrees in less than an hour.

And to cap the climax, the Weather Bureau is predicting more rains for late today and tonight, with still colder weather.

Weather Records Tumble. Atlanta, Aug. 23.—August weather records continued to tumble today throughout the South. Lower temperatures were general according to reports, some of the Southern states reporting decreases of approximately 32 degrees over that which prevailed in the fore part of the week. In a good many cases the drops were accompanied by rainfall. Atlanta's lowest temperature yesterday was 68. Early today the mercury was still falling and the coldest August weather in the history of Atlanta was predicted by the local weather man, who declared the temperature would probably descend as low as 60 degrees during the day.

According to reports, Virginia last night experienced the coldest August weather in history when the thermometer was said to register 39.

A 32 degree drop in one hour was reported in the Carolinas yesterday when the mercury dropped from 91 to 59.

Woman in New Orleans Has Turned Blue; Second Case.

New Orleans, August 22.—While scientists are endeavoring to solve the mystery of the case of Fred Walters, the man with the blue skin and organs, who died in a New York Hospital last Monday, specialists of New Orleans have announced the presence here of a similar case, according to a story published in a local newspaper.

The case is that of Mrs. Amelia Leopold, 73 years old, believed by local specialists to be the only woman in the world with blue skin, the story says. For more than 20 years, according to Abe Asher, her brother, Mrs. Leopold has been a mystery to scientists. Thousands of dollars have been spent in an attempt to determine the underlying cause of the change of her skin when 53 years old from a cream white to a deep blue.

A number of specialists who have examined Mrs. Leopold, according to her brother, believe that her blueness is due to a defect in one of the heart valves. However, they are not certain in this diagnosis, he said.

\$7,000,000 FOR FORD ADS

Motor Company to Buy Newspaper Space After Long Inactivity.

Detroit, Aug. 21.—The Ford Motor Company has decided to spend \$7,000,000 in advertising in newspapers throughout the country, and has reorganized its advertising department, after five years of inactivity, with Newton T. Brotherton at its head.

The new plan apparently contemplates display advertising to be charged directly to the Ford Company itself, presumably in addition to the dealer system of publicity.

The Long-Costello Advertising Company of Chicago has been handling the Ford display advertising and publicity. A representative of that company said today, that so far as he knew, his company would continue to handle that end.