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Death and Ruin Follow In Wake of Heavy Rain And Floods In Colora do

National Guardsmen Called Out to Handle Serious Situation at Puebla

GRAVITY HEIGHTENED BY SERIES OF FIRES

Continued Heavy Rains Today Give No Hope for Relief—Four Deaths Reported from Sections Inundated by Floods.

Denver, Col., June 4.—Continued heavy rains today in eastern Colorado gave little hope for relief from the flood which yesterday swept those sections. Meager reports indicated a loss running into millions with the heaviest loss at Pueblo, where a large part of the residential district and the business section was inundated by the Arkansas river. The known dead are four. The situation today was

Pueblo inundated and cut off from wire communication for hours. Private news dispatches placed the loss at about $1,000,000.

Marshall, a town of 300 inhabitants, threatened by break in the Marshall lake dam.

Louisville inundated, several houses and other buildings washed away.

Loveland dikes of lake broken and parts of town inundated. This is put out of commission electric power plant from which Weld county towns get their light and power.

A cloudburst near Seaville, 15 miles west of Pueblo at 8 o'clock two hours later and sent the Arkansas river on a rampage. By eight o'clock it had overflowed into the town, inundated the business section and forced hundreds of families to flee from the lowland. Eight families are reported to have been rescued by boat while from the federal building and post office several were removed when the waters rose three or four feet.

Damage to the postoffice alone was estimated at $500,000. Five feet of water was reported standing in the streets of Pueblo this morning.

Troops Called Out.

Pueblo, Colorado, June 4.—National guardsmen are patrolling Pueblo early today and permitting no one to enter the section of the city flooded by the rising waters from the Arkansas river, while several fires started by lightning are raging in several sections of the city inundated. All telegraph and telephone communication was lost at 10:15 o'clock last night when the flood filled many of the business houses to a depth of 6 feet.

Eighteen families were reported rescued from the housetops and one woman reported her husband had been swept from her sight in the flood waters while attempting to escape. The Pueblo Star Journal, the afternoon paper had four feet of water on the first floor, according to a printer who waded his way out. About 1:30 a. m. lightning set fire to another building, the identity of which could not be learned because of the flood. Several fires broke out last night of undetermined origin.

Denver, Col., June 4.—The first information that there had been loss of life at Pueblo in the flood there was received today. One report from railroad sources said there had been "considerable loss of life and property" while a telegram to the Denver Times contained a statement that "hundreds of lives have been lost." The Times announced it could not verify the report.

Floods Now Receding.

Denver, Col., June 4.—The flood which inundated parts of Pueblo, Col., last night when the Arkansas river went on a rampage due to heavy rains was receding today, according to word received here. Damage estimated at millions of dollars was done in eastern and central Colorado and meagre reports coming in from the affected district places the loss of life at 4. Early today rain was reported to be falling steadily throughout eastern Colorado. All wire communication out of Pueblo has been cut off since last night.

According to a message received at the office of the Denver and Rio Grande railroad company here from its operator at Larkspur, Col., water in the Union station at Pueblo, which stood at 9 feet 6 inches at 10 o'clock last night, had receded to 3 feet 6 inches at 4 o'clock this morning. The message said parts of Pueblo was piled with driftwood and derailed railroad equipment and that the down town section was covered with two feet of mud.

The first train to reach Denver from Pueblo today arrived at 8 a. m., nearly 12 hours late. It left Pueblo just as the flood waters were beginning to overflow levees and was held up at Colorado Springs. Passengers described the flood as the worst they had ever witnessed. From all over that part of Colorado lying east of the Rocky Mountains with the heaviest damage and loss of life were reported along with several fires burning today came messages telling of the terrible havoc wrought by the flood. Early estimates of the damage in Pueblo alone fixed the figure at more than $4,000,000. The message received at Larkspur gave the operator's opinion that there had been considerable loss of life and property at Pueblo.

At Frederick, Col., three feet of water in the main street was reported. At Brighton, Fort Collins and Loveland all wires were down and the towns were without electric power as the result of the flooding of the power plant at Loveland. Between Denver and Boulder a large area of farmland was inundated with the damage estimated at $500,000. Hundreds were swept away of farm cattle and hundreds of heads of livestock were drowned when Coal Creek went on a rampage.

At Marshall all night long the residents remained alert, planned in advance with bonfire signals arranged in fear that the giant dam of the Farmers' Reservoir and Irrigation Co., a mile above the town would break. Meager reports seeping in from small cities and towns between Denver and Pueblo indicate the belief that there has been loss of life in Denver is heavy rain poured early hours of last night turned the streets into raging torrents for a time, according to reports. The rains continued all night but damage in Denver was slight.

ENTERTAIN VETS AT BIG BARBECUE

Nashville Daughters Hold Exercises on Birthday Anniversary of Jefferson Davis

In keeping with the birthday anniversary of Jefferson Davis, the Robert H. Hicks, chapter, U. D. C., entertained the Nash County camp of Confederate Veterans at a big barbecue dinner at Nashville yesterday.

Appropriate exercises in memory of the Confederate president were held at the Nashville high school, afterwards during the morning. The exercises began at 10:30 with Miss Leyte Carter presiding. Rev. E. C. Feaster, pastor of the Methodist church, led in prayer and then delivered a splendid address in keeping with the day. The final event on the program was an address by M. O. Wood, of this city, a brilliant eulogy on the character of Jefferson Davis. The speakers were largely attended.

After the exercises the Daughters entertained the veterans, of whom about twenty were present, with sumptuous barbecue dinner, at which barbecue, pickles, slaw and lemonade were served. These ladies of the chapter who attended are loud in their praise of the entertainment given them.

No Plans For Tulsa Building Project Yet

Tulsa, Okla., June 4.—Homes for thousands of negroes made destitute by the race riot will be rebuilt by Tulsa business men but a general plan of reconstruction is still being sought, it was learned today. Judge Thomas J. Martin, chairman of the committee, declared that 1,000 Tulsa men should subscribe each to build a negro home. He said it would require not more than $1,000 for a home. The relief work among the negroes was thoroughly organized, food and most of them had left the detention camp at the fairground. White employers gave them shelter at their homes and business places.

Night Watchman At Hope Mills Killed

Fayetteville, June 4.—William F. McNeill, watchman for the cotton factories at Hope Mills No. 2, six miles south of Fayetteville, fell from a ladder last night and suffered a fracture of his skull. He was ringing an alarm for the burning of a neighbor's house when in some way he fell. McNeill was brought to a local hospital early this morning and died an hour and a half after arrival.

Cotton Market

New York, June 4.—Cotton futures opened barely steady, July 13.68; Oct. 13.45; Dec. 13.48; Jan. 13.97; March 14.22.

Unfavorable British labor news was considered partly responsible for an opening decline of 10 to 13 points in the cotton market this morning. Overnight reports indicated that wage negotiations in Manchester and broken down and according to a report from Manchester nearly half a million weaving and spinning operatives will be out next week.

EDISON PREDICTS CARS TO GENERATE OWN FUEL

Boston, June 4.—A prediction that automobiles within a few years would carry individual stills to produce fuel for their operation was made last night by Thomas A. Edison, Jr.

Discussing carburation at the graduation exercises of the Knights of Columbus Automobile School, the son of the inventor said he himself had been seeking a substitute for gasoline for ten years. The problem would be solved, he said, by the manufacture of individual distilleries to be attached to cars the stills to be operated by the heat and motion of the motor and product from petroleum and other ingredients a combustible mixture supplied as constantly as current is generated by electric cars while in motion.

Remains of Homer S. Proctor Arrive Today

The remains of Homer L. Proctor, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Proctor, of Nashville, arrived in the city early this morning, being met at the station by a special delegation and members of the American Legion. Private Proctor was a member of the 81st Division and died of pneumonia while stationed in a camp four miles behind the trenches in France.

The remains were carried to Nashville this afternoon and services in which the American Legion participated, conducted by Rev. E. C. Feaster at the Nashville Methodist church.

President And Party On Visit to Sen. Knox

Washington, June 4.—President and Mrs. Harding left here at 8:30 this morning by motor for a week end visit at the Potomac home of Senator Knox. Major Gen. George Sawyer, the President's physician and Secretary Christian also were in the party which planned a picnic luncheon en route on the banks of the Shenandoah river in Marshall.

Uphold City In Barring Meeting of Socialists

New York, June 4.—The appellate division of the New York supreme court decided today in Brooklyn that the city of Mount Vernon was within its right when it refused to allow a Socialist meeting to assemble recently. The court upheld the municipal action and asserted that the action abridged the rights of free speech.

Six Cases Are Heard In Municipal Court

Six cases comprised the docket before Recorder Lancaster for disposal at the regular session of municipal court this morning. The star performer of the session was Robert Hopkins, who was arraigned on charges of drunkenness, reckless driving and resisting arrest. For these things he was fined a total of $100 and put on the chain gang.

M. F. Wynder and B. J. Carter were arraigned on a charge of fighting. Each defendant was taxed $10.

In answer to a charge of being drunk and disorderly, William Greenwood was relieved of $10 by the court.

Kingley Battle was charged with having given a worthless check but judgment was suspended upon payment of the 45 cents in the case and the amount involved in the check.

Laura Deyes was arraigned on a charge of having whiskey in her possession for the purpose of sale. She was assessed to a fine of $35.

E. B. Bryan was charged with disorderly conduct and taxed $10. Appeal however, was taken in his case and he was bound for his appearance at the next term of Nash county superior court.

JUDGE DANIELS TO WAIT FOR VERDICT

Declares that He Will Hold Jury Until Verdict is Reached at Fayetteville

Fayetteville, June 4.—The case of the State against five or six members of the Law and Order league of Grey's Creek township being tried on a charge of assault on Earl McCaskill is in the hand of the jury. It has been out since the afternoon of Thursday. Judge Daniels says he will hold the jury until a verdict is reached. Criminal court continues for another week and the judge says the jurors will have ample time in which to consider the case.

McCaskill was injured in the head and was lodged in jail. He was released and tried in Federal court on the charge of violation of the prohibition law but was acquitted. He then brought suit against five or six members of the Law and Order league for assault. The case has excited great interest.

CHAMPION RENEWS DAILY GRIND FOR CARPENTIER FIGHT

Appears Greatly Refreshed and in Spirited Mental Attitude After His Brief Lay-off

REALIZES THAT FIGHT WILL BE HARD BATTLE

Carpentier Pitches Into a Training Program in Effort to Work off Listlessness of Yesterday—Will Attend Mass Tomorrow

Atlantic City, N. J., June 4.—Intensive training was resumed by Jack Dempsey today after a lay-off of four days. Refreshed and in a spirited mental attitude as a result of his vacation, he was eager to settle down to work. Jack Kearns, manager of Dempsey, said however that he may be obliged to call another halt if Dempsey reached the peak of his fighting condition too rapidly.

The champion resumed conditioning with Martin Burke, a New Orleans heavyweight, who is expected to set a pace here. Dempsey also will have Larry Williams and Jack Renault, heavyweights, and several lighter men as sparring partners. Negotiations are pending to have Mike Gibbons, the St. Paul middleweight, join the camp for the finishing drive.

"I am not going off half cocked in the notion that Carpentier will be ready," Dempsey said today. "I am going to take myself up for a twelve round night. Carpentier is a smart, tricky fighter from all I can gather, and I won't get myself into the best possible condition" he added.

NEW RECTOR COMES TO LOCAL CHURCH

Rev. Francis H. Craighill to Conduct Services At Episcopal Church Tomorrow

Rev. Francis H. Craighill, the new rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, will hold his first service at the local Episcopal church tomorrow at eleven o'clock, the regular morning hour of service. The church officials have asked all services that all members and friends of the church will be present.

Rev. Mr. Craighill comes to the community with the highest recommendations as a man of unusual ability and force. His father was a bishop, preacher in Virginia, being located at Suffolk for many years. The new rector comes from the town of Wythe-ville, Va., where he has been for the past twelve years with a fine record of usefulness. He is secretary of the diocese of Southwestern Virginia and highly valued by the bishop of that diocese.

Rev. Mr. Craighill has a family consisting of his wife and five children who will be heartily welcomed to the city.

GREAT RACE FOR BATTING HONORS

Cobb, Speaker and Sisler Are Pushing Heilman for Honors in American League

Chicago, June 4.—The American league batting race has developed into one of the tightest in many years with Harry Heilman, of Detroit, leading and Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker, and George Sisler, last year's champion, setting a terrific pace.

Heilman's average, including games of Wednesday is .435, ten points better than a week ago. Cobb and Speaker follow each with a mark of .408. Sisler has hit better than any of them in recent games and in the past four weeks has boosted his average more than 150 points. His mark is now .404 against .375 a week ago. Babe Ruth continues to poll out home runs, getting 16th of the season on Friday and incidentally establishing a new record for total home runs with 119. Chavath held the old mark of 117. His batting average is falling off, however, and he has a mark of .338 against .345 a week ago and .378 two weeks ago.

In the National League Rogers Hornsby, St. Louis, continues in a slight slump which gradually is pulling his average down but he still holds the leadership over men who have played in 25 or more games. Hornsby's average including games of Wednesday is .413 against .435 a week ago and .457 two weeks ago.

Cities of State Must Resort To 1919 Law Levy Taxes; Council Of State Approve Highway Plan

Supreme Court Affirms Decision as to Invalidity of 1921 Finance Act

CITIES ARE HARD HIT

Sentiment Strong For Extra Session of Legislature in Order that Error in New Municipal Finance Act May Be Corrected.

RALEIGH, June 4.—In affirming the decision of Judge George Connor of the superior court as to the invalidity of the 1921 Municipal Finance Act, the Supreme Court's opinion yesterday means that North Carolina municipalities must resort to the 1919 law to levy taxes for the present year.

While there is some sentiment over the State for a special session of the General Assembly to correct the error made by the legislative clerk in failing to record the vote on the bill in the Senate Journal, thus making the taxing features of the law unconstitutional, it is not known whether any effort will be made to persuade Governor Morrison to issue the call to the legislature. The municipal finance officials had not petitioned the governor today.

Unless Governor Morrison has a change of heart it is going to require and without to persuade him that a special session is necessary; he understands that the cities and towns are at a disadvantage by reason of the high court's opinion but he has not been convinced that they cannot travel the two-year course without legislative assistance.

Some of the cities are harder hit by the invalidating of the finance act than others, Raleigh being in desperate circumstances, local officials declare. They are very much interested in seeing an extra session of the General Assembly.

The Council of State has approved the plan of the State Highway Commission to allow the counties to finance roadwork in addition to the ten millions the State will spend during the year beginning June 1.

The resolution of the highway commission says: "Resolved that his excellency, the Governor, and the Council of State be and are hereby requested to permit the State Highway Commission to spend during the year beginning June 1, 1921, the sum of ten million dollars in the construction of State highways as provided by law in addition to the sums of money that may be furnished by the several counties to aid in the construction of certain portions of said highway system."

Money advanced by the counties for this purpose are to be repaid by the State later in installments or as the highway commission thinks best and equitable. The money advanced by the counties is not to be considered a part of the ten millions which the 1921 Legislature authorized spent annually.

Governor Morrison and the Council of State endorsed the plan of the Commission with the provision that "the total amount of the obligations of the State incurred do no exceed fifty millions."

By this plan the commission will be able to go ahead with roadwork that could not have been financed solely by the State.

The contractural relations of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Southern Bell Telephone and subsidiary companies are linked for the first time in the order issued yesterday by the State Corporation Commission allowing an increase of about ten percent on the North Carolina telephone rates.

Because of these relations the Commission did not grant the Southern Bell this 22.11 percent increase asked for since it was evident that the American Telephone Company which owns all of the stock of the Southern Bell, has been showing an increase in the amount put into its contingent fund, to its surplus and has shown a steady increase in its earnings.

In short, Commissioners Maxwell and Pell who signed the majority opinion take the view that the A. T. & T. Company has consistently "bagged" the earnings made by the Southern Bell. Chairman Lee, who dissented would have given the full 22.11 per cent increase which the Southern Bell asked for.

J. T. Harris, Ridgecrest merchant slayer of F. W. Monnish, wealthy Alabaman, who lost his appeal for a new trial before the Supreme Court, will take his case to the governor, who alone can save the man from the electric chair.

A date for the electrocution has not been set.

SON FOUND GUILTY OF MURDERING HIS FATHER

Orlando, Fla., June 4.—The jury sitting on the case of John R. Bryant for the killing of his father brought in a verdict at 2:05 this afternoon for murder in the first degree with a recommendation for mercy.

EDITORS MEETING UNDER WAY TODAY

Enjoyable Session of Regional Press Association Opened There Last Night

The northeastern Carolina regional meeting of the State Press association got under way at Nashville last night and will continue its session through this afternoon with Editor M. W. Lincke, of the Nashville Graphic, as host to the meeting and the entire citizenship of the Nash county seat cooperating in entertaining the visiting editors in most hospitable fashion.

The editors met in this city early yesterday afternoon and saw the Tar Heels trounce the Portsmouth Truckers at Tar Heel Park. After the ball game the editors were taken in especially provided cars over the new hard surface highway to Nashville where the first formal session convened in the reception hall of the Nashville Methodist church at 7:45. The meeting opened with a vocal selection by Mrs. Arthur Ross, with Mrs. M. W. Lincke as accompanist. Rev. E. C. Feaster, pastor of the church, offered invocation, after which greetings were extended the visitors by Editor Lincke. Hon. Leon T. Vaughan welcomed the editors in behalf of the town, J. L. Horne, Jr., of the Rocky Mount Telegram responding to his address.

Further welcome was extended by Judge F. S. Austin, of the Nash county recorder's court and Mrs. Leon T. Vaughn for the Nashville Civic League. J. E. Debnam, former of Nash county but for the past 15 years editor of the Snow Hill Laconic, responded to these two welcomes. Following a brief business session at which reports of the various officers and committees were received, the session adjourned to the church parlors where Editor Lincke was host at an informal reception at which delicious refreshments were served and the editors given an opportunity to meet the citizenship of Nashville.

The session reconvened at 9:30 this morning with invocation by Rev. E. E. White, pastor of the Nashville Baptist church, special music and a short address of welcome by Mrs. B. J. Downey. The program was then given over to a series of short discussions of present problems of the publishers, these being as follows: "The Relation of the Local Paper to its Town and Community," by A. J. Connor, of the Roanoke-Chowan Times; "How to Secure and Retain Local Correspondents," by J. A. Flythe of the Northampton Progress; "Advertising Rates" by Bignall Jones, of the Warrenton Record, "Co-Operative Advertising of Publications in Nearby Territory," by J. L. Horne, Jr. of the Rocky Mount Telegram. "A Closer Co-Operation of Publishers Generally," by J. C. Andrews of the Ayden Dispatch. "The Zone Postal Law," by J. C. Hardy of the Norlina Headlight; "Print Shop Recruits and How to Train Them," J. Ray Parker, of the Ahoskie Herald; "The Farmer as an Advertiser," by T. R. Walker, of the Littleton News Reporter.

Following this series of discussions, the session will hear suggestions as to the next meeting and any motions or resolutions that may be offered. Reports of committees and announcements will be made before adjournment at 12:30 when the visitors will be guests of the Nashville chamber of commerce at a barbecue and brunswick stew dinner. A final brief session will be held at 2:00 to dispose of any matters that may have been left unsettled. The session, however, will adjourn in time for the editors to motor back to this city and witness another fray between the locals and Portsmouth this afternoon.

Fayetteville Men Are Freed of Murder Charge

Fayetteville, June 4.—The jury in Cumberland superior court this afternoon returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Jess Odum and Jack Odum and Lincoln Cameron, the three men charged with second degree murder in connection with the death of Addison Hodges, jailor, here on November 4th last. The jury was out 15 minutes.

Stock Market

New York, June 4.—The strength of southern rails or cotton carriers was a noteworthy feature at the opening of today's stock market. Atlantic Coast Line rose 5 points and Louisville and Nashville, one of yesterday's few strong stocks, gained 1 1-2 points. Pierce oil preferred, which was under sharp pressure yesterday, rallied six points. Some of the other oils were heavy, however. Standard oil of N. J. lost 2 3-4 and Royal Dutch 1.

STRIKING SEAMEN BOARD VESSEL AND BEAT UP THE CREW

Raiders Visit American Steamer that Is Lying Off Sewell's Point

EIGHT ARE REPORTED SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

Attacking Party Made Appearance in a Launch—Wireless Operator Sends Out Alarm—Portsmouth Secretary Denies Attack

Norfolk, June 4.—Striking seamen early this morning raided the American steamer Mitchell lying off Sewell's point. Thirty men in the party boarded the ship, overpowered the guard and beat up 15 members of the crew. They made their escape in a launch which came alongside and headed in the direction of Newport News.

After their departure the wireless operator sent out a distress call and a naval relief party with a medical party hurried to the Mitchell. Eight members of the crew, including the watchman, were badly wounded. The other seven had bruises. Police of Norfolk and Newport News were given a description of the launch and all piers and docks have been patrolled since without a trace of the strikers being found.

Not Local Members.

Portsmouth, June 2.—Robert E. Gouellett, secretary of the Marine engineers Beneficial Association here, issued a formal denial this morning that any of the striking engineers of this section had any part in the attack on the crew of the steamship Mitchell off Sewell's Point. He would advance no theory as to who made the attack.

HICKORY YOUTH MEETS DEATH IN CATAWBA

Hickory, June 4.—George Raby, 13 years old, was drowned while swimming in Catawba river last night. His body has not yet been recovered.

Coroner's Jury Finds Wreck Was Unavoidable

Germans and Poles Are At Grips In Silesia

Oppelin, June 4.—Fighting between Germans and Poles continues in the vicinity of Schimischow. The castle owned by Count Stahwitz has been burned. The British are gradually reinforcing their troops in the plebiscite area, bringing in new troops and many tanks. The inter-allied commission for Silesia is reported to be considering the disposition of allied troops here so that clashes between the Poles and British may, if possible, be avoided.

New Market Opened In the City Today

The latest acquisition in Rocky Mount business circles is the Z. V. Jenkins market which opened for business this morning in the new store room next to Mr. Jenkins' grocery store on Sunset avenue. The new market is fitted out with the most sanitary equipment and refrigerating system, while the front part of the store room has just been built and the entire building is modern in every respect.

The new market is under the management of F. S. Gardner and will carry a complete line of fresh meats and country produce.

CORK MAYOR MAY HAVE LEFT U. S.

Government Officials Believe He Has Left—Irish Followers Make Denial

Washington, June 4.—Donald O'Callaghan, Lord Mayor of Cork, who came here six months ago as a stowaway to testify before the commission of the committee of on hundred investigating the Irish question, is believed by officials of the department of labor to have returned to Ireland. The Lord Mayor was given classification in this country as a seaman and allowed until next Monday night at midnight to leave the country.

In New York Yesterday

New York, June 4.—Donald O'Callaghan, lord mayor of Cork, believed by federal officials o have returned to Ireland, was in this city yesterday, it was said today at headquarters of the American committee for Irish independence. Representatives of the committee added, however, they did not know where he was today or what his plans were.