

FLOOD CLAIMS MORE VICTIMS

Reports Come to New Orleans of Heavy Loss of Life Where Levees Have Broken. NO BOATS TO RESCUE HUNDREDS IN PERIL Property Loss in Louisiana Alone Is Now Estimated at Over Eight Million Dollars.

New Orleans, La., May 7.—Unless boats are hurried to remote sections of the flood-inundated country in Pointe Coupee parish it is feared hundreds will perish. Word was received in Morganza this morning that great numbers of people are marooned south of the levee breach at Ferras.

Unofficial estimates place the agricultural loss from the flood in Louisiana at eight and one-half million dollars. Eight hundred and seventy-five square miles are inundated. Already considerable loss of life is reported.

Hundreds living in the "back country" received no warning of the flood until the torrent swept upon them and they took refuge in house-tops and in trees and rafts. For several days they have been without adequate food and shelter.

Heavy Rainfall. Hard rains fell yesterday all along the river as far north as Ferras. In the face of these conditions labor did not count vastly. Negroes refused to work in the rain until furnished with a generous supply of whiskey, and then they could do very little.

Refugees at Bunkie. Bunkie, La., May 7.—Refugees from the stricken sections of Pointe Coupee, St. Landry and Avoyelles parishes are flocking here on every train. The task of caring for the flood-stricken people is so taxing that outside aid has been requested.

MRS. GRACE COLLAPSES IN HER PRISON CELL

Physician, Hastily Summoned, Says Indicted Woman's Condition Serious.

Atlanta, Ga., May 7.—Mrs. Daisy Ople Grace, indicted yesterday on the charge of shooting her husband, Eugene Grace, collapsed in her cell early this morning. A physician was hastily summoned and stated that he found her in a serious nervous condition.

The statement was published this morning that Mrs. Grace stated after the grand jury returned the indictment that she was to become a mother.

WANTED: RHYMES. CASH WILL BE PAID FOR SAME.

The following are some of the different lines of business on which The Gazette-News wants rhymes for the Springtime Lyric contest: Banks, real estate, insurance, drugs, dry goods, men's furnishing, hardware, furniture, jewelry, shoes, millinery, groceries, bakery, laundry, confections, cigars, building and loan association, theaters, department stores, coal, plumbing, wall paper, paint, china, decorators, restaurants, creameries, tailors, pressing clubs, barber shops, electric supplies, book stores, meat markets—in fact every line of business in the city. Cover the entire line and as many on one business as you wish. The Gazette-News will pay 50 cents for each stanza accepted by the advertiser and publisher. Send or bring or mail your verses to the Springtime Lyric contest manager of The Gazette-News at once.

Day of Rest for Taft. Cincinnati, May 7.—President Taft for the first time in several weeks cast official cares aside for a day of rest and recreation. This morning he held a reception and this afternoon he has planned to attend a ball game. This evening he attends the opening of the Cincinnati May music festival.

BELIEVES PEOPLE FAVOR UNIT PLAN

Superintendent Reynolds Finds Much Sentiment for Uniform School Tax.

Superintendent A. C. Reynolds of the county educational department has, during the past several weeks, been canvassing the county to ascertain the sentiments of the people with reference to the voting of the special school tax of 30 cents on \$100 and 90 cents on poll for the whole county. He stated this morning that he thought the majority of the people are in favor of it. Polls have been taken in many of the districts and in most of them the patrons of the schools are in favor of the tax by a good majority.

Judging from what he learned by his trips over the county Superintendent Reynolds thinks that the educational mass meeting which is to be held in the court house Thursday morning at 11 o'clock will be well attended and that much enthusiasm will be shown in favor of the tax. Dr. J. Y. Jordan, state superintendent of education, will be present and will make an address.

There are 82 districts in the county that have no special school tax, and 28 that have the special tax.

The school board has issued a statement showing the condition of the financial side of the school affairs in response to a request from some of the tax payers. Yesterday about 1400 of these statements were mailed to citizens in all parts of the county, and 600 more will be given out by hand. A part of this statement was referred to in The Gazette-News a few days ago. The statement also shows the amount of money that is used in the schools under the present plan and the amount that could reasonably be expected from the special tax all over the county. The general school tax is derived from a levy of 30 cents on \$100. In the 28 special school districts 50 cents is also levied, but by the proposed plan this, too, would be increased by 20 cents on the poll.

The statement shows that the 28 special school districts receive \$9068 from the general fund, and \$15,117 from the special tax. It is estimated that under the special county tax they would receive \$38,539. This includes Asheville.

The other districts receive \$12,130 from the general fund, and it is estimated that they would receive \$27,165 from the special county tax. The figures for each district are given.

OROZCO WILL OPPOSE GOMEZ GOVERNMENT

Threatens to March on Jurez Unless the Provisional President Leaves.

Esailion, Mexico, May 7.—General Orozco today refused to recognize the provisional government established by Gomez at Jurez. Orozco, on the march southward, telegraphed Gomez threatening him and his associates unless they left Mexico.

TEXAS FOR COLONEL

Roosevelt Practically Swept the State and Lyons Claims a Solid Delegation.

Austin, Tex., May 7.—It is now definitely known that Col. Roosevelt virtually swept the state in the presidential primary conventions, although the early reports indicated that President Taft was in the lead. Col. Cecil Lyon, the Roosevelt manager, claims a solid Roosevelt delegation of 40 votes will be sent to the national convention.

Many precinct conventions did not instruct, but their delegations are said to be favorable to Roosevelt. Taft carried the tenth congressional district, due chiefly to the efforts of Gen. Webster Flannigan, United States internal revenue collector at Austin, in his behalf.

It is planned by the Taft supporters throughout the state to make another fight in the county conventions next Saturday in the hope of capturing some of the delegates to the state convention, which meets June 15. It is assured that many split conventions will be held, and these will be used as a basis to send a contesting delegation to the national convention by the Taft men.

In the democratic precinct primary conventions Wilson led Harmon, Clark and Underwood by receiving more instructed votes than all three of his opponents combined. Wilson carried every county in which United States Senator Bailey made a speech for Harmon.

Apathy in Mississippi Primaries. Jackson, Miss., May 7.—A democratic presidential preference primary was held throughout the state today. The names of Underwood and Wilson are on the ballot. There is apathy among the voters.

WOMEN READ STRIKERS' MOB

Men Working in Colliery Near Scranton, Pa., Badly Beaten—Police Report Assaultants.

MINE TRAIN IS HELD UP AT MOUNT CARMEL

Troopers Disperse Pickets on Roads Leading to the Shaft's—Men in Ugly Mood.

Scranton, Pa., May 7.—Enraged women this morning led a party of 400 men, women and children in demonstration against men engaged in repair work on the Dickson colliery of the Delaware & Hudson company. Several men were badly beaten. Police dispersed the gathering.

This is the first outbreak here since the miners' suspension five weeks ago. Mount Carmel, Pa., May 7.—Idle miners are in an ugly mood. Five hundred of them accompanied by many women sympathizers, today stopped a Reading railroad mine train near an Alaska shaft, preventing the company's hands from going to work. Pickets on the roads leading to the mine were dispersed by mounted troopers.

BLEASE SEEMS DEFEATED BY JONES FOR GOVERNOR

Incumbent Appears to Have Lost Control of Coming State Convention.

Columbia, S. C., May 7.—County conventions were held all over South Carolina yesterday to select delegates to the democratic state convention which meets here next week.

Nowhere was any instructions given for any other candidate than the New Jersey governor. With about half the conventions heard from so far, Judge Ira B. Jones, candidate for governor against Cole L. Blease, appears to have won a victory in the preliminary struggle for control of the state convention. Sixteen out of twenty-four delegates endorsed Judge Jones or elected delegates known to be his supporters. Five counties endorsed Blease or elected Blease delegates and in three no expression was had.

NEGRO PUT TO DEATH FOR SHOOTING WOMAN

Mob Captures Alleged Assailant of Wealthy Planter's Wife and Son.

Columbus, Miss., May 7.—George Edd, a negro, accused of shooting and wounding Mrs. Thomas Dea, a prominent planter's wife, and her son, Thomas, was captured by a posse yesterday and hanged to a tree. Mrs. Dea and her son were fired on from ambush Saturday night on the Dea plantation. Neither was seriously hurt.

RAILROAD EMPLOYERS REQUEST CONFERENCE

Trainmen, Conductors and Firemen Not in Accord With Railroad Management.

Philadelphia, May 7.—A committee representing the brotherhood of trainmen, the brotherhood of conductors, and the brotherhood of firemen today sent a letter to S. C. Long, general manager of the Pennsylvania railroad requesting that he meet them to discuss grievances. Thirty grievances are at issue, but questions of wages or hours are not involved.

The differences deal mostly with the company's interpretation of rules affecting the men. Twenty-five thousand men are involved.

RED CROSS MEETING

Delegates Representative of Practically Every Nation Assemble in Washington Today.

50,000 ATTEND MACON MEETING

Scene Spectacular, Yet Sad, as Warriors of the Sixties Gather in Muster of Peace.

SPEECHES OF WELCOME AND RESPONSE MADE

Gen. I. C. Walker Pays Tribute to Gen. Gordon, Claimed by Death Since the Last Reunion.

Macon, May 7.—The remnant of the gray-clad host that set the world a notable example of valor 50 years ago, answered roll call here today in a muster of peace. It was the annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans. In a great tented enclosure, 600 veterans with affiliated "sons" and "daughters" gathered and hundreds more are coming on special trains from all parts of the union. The camp is named in honor of Gen. John B. Gordon, Georgia's famous military leader.

While the stirring music of dozens of military bands and the thrilling call of the drum and fife corps were calculated to move the aged warriors to thoughts of spectacular scenes staged half a century ago, there were notes of sadness because of the disintegration of the "thinning gray line."

The convention was called to order by Gen. John W. Maddox of Rome, Ga. Col. Walter A. Harris of Macon, Miss. Grace J. Lumpkin, sponsor for Macon, and Mayor John T. Moore formally welcomed the veterans and visitors. Roland Ellis delivered the address of welcome to the Sons of Veterans. The response was made by Lieut.-Gen. C. Irvine Walker, commander-in-chief. Committee appointments followed. The convention then adjourned until 8 o'clock tonight, when the annual report will be delivered by Col. Wallace Screws of Montgomery, Ala.

Camp John B. Gordon is thronged with veterans. Every tent is flooded, the streets are paved with eluders and special preparations have been completed for the commissary.

The election of officers takes place Thursday. A warm contest is on for commander-in-chief between Gen. Walker of Charleston and Gen. Bennett H. Young of Louisville, Ky. Gen. Van Zant of Texas also will be nominated.

Gen. Walker's Address.

Gen. Walker, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, on behalf of the organization, delivered the response to the addresses of welcome at the opening of the annual reunion of the veterans here today. In beginning his address Gen. Walker paid a tribute to Gen. George W. Gordon, who died soon after his election as commander-in-chief of the Confederate veterans at the last reunion, and of whom the speaker said:

"A wise Providence has, since we last met, gathered to himself your commander-in-chief. My comrades, Gordon loved you, he treasured ever the sacred memories of a hallowed past; he was proud of the glories which cluster around this federation. May the memory of his life and work incite us to higher effort for the good of the United Confederate Veterans he so truly loved and faithfully served."

Asking the question, "What is it that brings to this meeting the 'boys' from the distant corners of our far-spreading land?" the speaker said:

"The principles for which we fought were buried under the shattered ruins of the confederacy. So their maintenance cannot be the reason for this great gathering. Our beloved confederate banner is but a cherished memory, but, oh how deeply cherished! We can never hope to unfurl it? We can gain nothing of material benefit by these reunions. Then what powerful impulse of our nature draws us here? It is surely some deep, vivid, imperishable sentiment. Is it not a proof of how much these old 'boys' loved that confederacy which

"Rose so white and fair, And fell so pure of crimes,"—

and of how they must have impressed that devotion upon their descendants. This strong sentiment is partly the happiness we anticipate and partly the good we hope to accomplish. It is a happiness to meet our dear old comrades and brothers, who stood by us, facing death, and who served their beloved country with unexampled devotion, unswerving courage and grievous sufferings. Confederate comradeship is the strongest bond between man and man. It is a great happiness to dwell lovingly upon the pathetic and the amusing incidents of our war experiences. It is a happiness to meet these fair daughters who gather around us and honor us and our cause.

"Now, what good can we expect? What the Reunions Accomplish. In considering this do not forget that whether we were right, as we will forever claim, or wrong, as our enemies assert, it is all now purely an academic question, one which cannot in the slightest degree affect our present prosperity or happiness. The greatest good to be obtained by these reunions is our vindication—a justification of the righteousness of the

Senator Root welcomed the foreign visitors in the absence of President Taft.

HAVE NO DOUBT HE IS GUILTY

Those Who Have Been Engaged in Investigation for State Say Negro Will Be Convicted of Murder.

A TRUE BILL IS FOUND AGAINST WES BREWER

Trial Date of Man Accused of Patrolman McConnell's Murder Will Be Set This Afternoon.

At this morning's session, the grand jury sitting in the May term of Superior court for the trial of criminal cases in Buncombe county found a true bill against Wes Brewer, alias John Huff, who has been held here for the past several months under suspicion that he shot and killed Patrolman E. C. McConnell last summer, on the Billmore road, after the officer had placed him under arrest for stealing a cow. The date for the trial will be set this afternoon.

Until recently, the prosecution was in considerable doubt as to whether the negro held here as Wes Brewer alias John Huff, alias Charlie Hill alias Jack Johnson, had ever been in this state prior to his bringing here under arrest. The evidence in hand appeared to be insufficient to prove even as much as that, let alone to fasten the crime of murder on him beyond a reasonable doubt. Since the preliminary hearing the state has made a thorough investigation in the effort to establish the guilt or innocence of the defendant.

It is now stated that the prosecution has traced the whereabouts of the negro continuously from January 11, 1911, up to and including the time of the killing and his course after the killing to his appearance at a point on the Savannah river, 20 miles below Augusta.

As a result of these investigations those conducting the case for the state have determined that the man held here is the murderer of E. C. McConnell and say they expect to prove their case clearly by quite a number of witnesses from South Carolina and Georgia, as well as in North Carolina.

COMPENSATION MEASURE GOES THROUGH SENATE

Amendment to the House Measure Only Increase Its Benefits.

Washington, May 7.—The workmen's compensation bill was passed in the senate yesterday 84 to 12, substantially as framed by the employers' liability commission and amended only to increase its benefits. The measure, sharply fought by some of the Democrats for several days, now goes to the house.

DEMOCRATIC FACTIONS FIGHTING FOR CONTROL

Each Wants Keystone State Organization—Both Have Indorsed Wilson.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 7.—Both factions of Pennsylvania democracy clashed today in convention for control of the state organization. The main fight will be over the position of permanent chairman.

Both factions indorsed Woodrow Wilson for the presidency. It is probable Wilson delegates will be named today.

REVOLT FOR T. R.

New York District Leads Break Which May Swing State for the Colonel.

Jamestown, N. Y., May 7.—Two hundred republicans of Chautauque county have signed a call for a convention of progressive republicans to be held in the city hall on May 11 to form a Roosevelt organization to cover the thirty-seventh congressional district. This district has elected Frank R. Smith of Angellie and Frank C. Anderson of this city national delegates without instructions.

T. R. AND CLARK GET MARYLAND

KILLING REPORTED IN YANCEY COUNTY

Deputy Sheriff Arthur Hall Shoots Dewitt Hunter—He Surrenders.

Information reaches the city concerning a homicide that occurred Monday night in Yancey county. It is said that Arthur Hall shot and killed Dewitt Hunter at Booneford, on the C. C. & O. railroad, near the Mitchell county line.

According to the information received, young Hunter was drinking, and at the request of his father, McD. Hunter, Albert Hall, a neighbor and deputy sheriff, was called into Hunter's store to take charge of him. At first, it is said, Hall went away but was again called by the father of the deceased. When he entered the store the second time young Hunter is said to have grabbed a shotgun and was attempting to put a loaded shell into it when Hall drew his pistol and fired, killing Hunter almost instantly. Hall then surrendered.

Both were prominent locally. Hall is about 25 years of age, and Hunter was not quite 20 years old, and his father, McD. Hunter, is one of the leading citizens of that part of the county.

MISSIONS SUCCESSFUL IN CHINESE REPUBLIC

Woman's Board of Methodist Church Relates Conditions in Foreign Lands.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 7.—The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church reported to the general conference today that good results had followed the development of the society into the home and foreign departments, the establishment of new enterprises; great increase in receipts, and the uniting of the society with women's boards of other denominations in establishing and maintaining union enterprises in the foreign field.

The report showed a total membership of 283,172 and receipts \$3,452,609 in the last four years. Much of the report was devoted to a review of the work in foreign lands. Of the China missions, the report says:

"The medical work with but twelve hospitals as centers, is gaining the respect of the people; 142,531 patients were treated last year. Chinese girls are gladly taking the medical course to become physicians or nurses. The revolution in China is giving the missionaries access to many who could never before be reached. It is elevating Christian men to official position and giving new influence to the women of the household."

Favorable comment is made on the mission work in India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Africa and South America.

INQUIRY HELD UP

Failure of Witness to Arrive Causes Delay of Investigation of Archbald Charges.

Washington, May 7.—The opening papers containing charges against Judge Robert W. Archbald of the Commerce court was again deferred when the house judiciary committee met today to begin its inquiry into allegations against the jurist. Edward J. Williams of Scranton, Pa., who it was said was associated with Archbald in the negotiations for the purchase of culm bank properties from the Erie road, telegraphed that he could not reach Washington for the committee's forenoon session. It was expected the committee would meet later in the day.

Allens Wore Armor in Court Says Witness

Deputy Sheriff Testifies He Fired at Floyd Point Blank Four Times Without Effect—Prosecution Still Developing Its Conspiracy Theory.

Wytheville, Va., May 7.—Several witnesses of the Hillville tragedy testified today in the trial of Floyd Allen, charged with murdering Prosecutor Foster, that shots were fired by members of the Allen clan before the court officers and others returned the shots. The commonwealth produced witnesses by whom the prosecution hopes to establish the fact that a conspiracy was formed by the Allens to shoot their way out of court in defiance of the law should Floyd Allen be sentenced to prison. All witnesses placed on the stand by the state have agreed that the shooting was started by the Allens. Two more witnesses testified today that they saw Floyd shooting in the court officers' direction.

Each Will Take a Solid Block of Sixteen Votes to the National Conventions.

ROOSEVELT DEFEATS PRESIDENT BY 4000

Gets 66 Delegates in State Meeting—Clark Has Substantial Lead Over Gov. Wilson.

Gazette-News Bureau, Wyatt Building, Washington, May 7.

The following statement was today issued by Senator Dixon, Col. Roosevelt's campaign manager, regarding the Maryland primary result: "Colonel Roosevelt won a smashing victory in the Maryland presidential preference primary yesterday and carries the solid delegation of 16 from that state to the republican national convention at Chicago. Despite unfavorable weather conditions, the primary vote was about 50 per cent of the total republican vote of the state, an unusually heavy vote for a primary. Colonel Roosevelt's majority over Mr. Taft is about 10,000."

"Maryland is the eighth state to elect delegates to the Chicago convention by presidential primaries. These eight states aggregate 248 delegates. Of these, Mr. Taft has only 39, two from Illinois district of Illinois, six from Pennsylvania, and 22 from Massachusetts, including the eight Roosevelt delegates voluntarily advised by Colonel Roosevelt to vote for Mr. Taft in accordance with the preference of the state. Colonel Roosevelt has 182 of these 248 delegates, approximately three times as many as both of his opponents combined. He defeated Mr. Taft six to one in delegates from the eight primary states. This is the complete answer from the republican voters themselves to the Taft candidacy."

Baltimore, May 7.—Late returns last night and early today from the Maryland primaries made no material change in the majorities indicated for Theodore Roosevelt and Champ Clark at the state conventions. Roosevelt has 46 delegates, more than is necessary for control. Although returns are incomplete from counties outside Baltimore, enough have been received to establish Taft's defeat. Democratic returns, still incomplete but apparently conclusive, give Champ Clark 72 delegates, Woodrow Wilson 44 and Judson Harmon 4. Estimates of the personal preferential vote of Maryland give Roosevelt a majority of 4000 over Taft. Clark's plurality in Baltimore city over Wilson approximated 13,000. The vote when completed in the counties probably will reduce this to 11,000.

Roosevelt and Clark therefore will each take from Maryland to the national conventions a solid block of 16 votes.

Says "Maryland Went Right." New York, May 7.—When Col. Roosevelt was informed that indications were he had carried the Maryland primaries over Taft, he smiled and said: "Maryland went right; I am pleased."

NO. 31 DERAILED

Southern's Washington to Jacksonville Train Leaves the Track Near Columbia.

Washington, May 7.—Southern railway headquarters here received today word that train No. 31 of the Southeastern limited, which left here at 2:00 o'clock last night for Savannah and Jacksonville, was derailed north of Columbia, S. C.

Later information at Southern railway headquarters here was that the engine, postal car, combination car and one coach of the train were derailed at Salswood, S. C. All the derailed cars remained upright. Ten passengers were injured and all the injured were taken to Columbia, where six were placed in a hospital.

The breaking of an axle of one of the driving wheels caused the wreck.

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