

DEVASTATION BY THE FLOOD

Extent of Disaster in Louisiana Indicated by the Plight of Thousands of Refugees. HUNDREDS ARE PICKED UP ALONG THE LEVEES Had Spent Days Without Shelter—Government Rations Are Distributed to the Starving.

New Roads, La., May 8.—It is believed by those in charge of relief work that practically all the flood marooned inhabitants of Point Coupee parish will have been rescued by the end of this week.

New Orleans, May 8.—Clear weather was reported yesterday at all points from the Torras crevasse south to the mouth of the river, and the most encouraging reports since the present flood began have been received from all those points up and down the river where the embankments were thought to be weak.

Tuesday brought sunshine and a diminution of activity in the New Orleans levee districts. Gangs of men totalling more than 1000 labored Sunday and Monday, many of them working by electric lights throughout the night hours in torrential rains, strengthening levees thought to be weakening under the enormous pressure and continual downpours.

Work has been practically abandoned in the third district of this city in the vicinity of the American Sugar refinery.

The hot sun yesterday baked the repair work done during the past three days and the engineers are once more cheerful, many of them believing that the worst has passed. The levees have been inspected and pronounced in good condition.

Major Martin Behrman issued an appeal yesterday for funds and supplies for flood victims of the northern and eastern portions of the state. The newspapers have taken up the task of raising funds in connection with the relief committees and several thousand dollars and car loads of supplies have been sent out from this city.

TURKS DEFEAT ITALIANS, CAPTURING 1000 MEN

Governor of Rhodes Telegraphs News of a Decisive Victory.

London, May 8.—The governor of the Turkish island of Rhodes, where Italian troops landed a few days ago, today telegraphed: "We won a victory capturing 1000 Italians."

RED CROSS MEETING

Delegates Representative of Practically Every Nation Assemble in Washington Today.

Washington, May 7.—Delegates from the Red Cross societies of the world, representatives of practically every nation, gathered here today for the opening session of the sixth international Red Cross conference.

REGULARS BEATEN IN PENNSYLVANIA

Reorganization Faction of the Democratic Party Captures Harrisburg Convention.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 8.—In the same hall where the regular republican organization of Pennsylvania was overthrown last week the regular democratic state organization was yesterday swept out of power by the "reorganization" faction of the party after a fight of nearly two years.

The "reorganizers," under the leadership of George W. Guthrie, former mayor of Pittsburgh; Vance C. McCormick, former mayor of Harrisburg, and Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer of Stroudsburg, named a complete slate ticket, elected 12 delegates-at-large, and 12 alternates-at-large to Baltimore and gave them binding instructions to vote for Woodrow Wilson "as long as his name remains before the convention;" selected six electors-at-large, adopted their own platform and ratified the selection of the "reorganizers" state committee in electing Mr. Guthrie state chairman.

The state ticket named is as follows: Auditor—General Robert E. Cresswell, Johnstown. State treasurer—William H. Berry, Delaware county.

Congressmen-at-large—George B. Shaw, Westmoreland; Joseph Howley, Allegheny; George L. McLean, Lancaster, and E. E. Greenawald, Lancaster.

Delegates-at-large, electors-at-large and district electors were also chosen. The platform indorses the initiative and referendum, but ignores the recall of judges and judicial decisions. It deplors "destruction of representative government through control of state and national legislation by agents of special interests."

Three great issues overshadow all others. Representative government must be restored; the judiciary must be restricted to its proper sphere; the evils of the tariff system must be corrected.

The work of the democratic house is praised, the claim being made that it has promoted economy in every branch of the government, paved the way for the election of the United States senator by the people.

"President Taft has defeated measures," declares the platform, "that would have reduced the high cost of living."

"The record of the democratic congress is referred to as 'startling contrast to the broken promises of the republican party in the state and nation.'"

"We share in the humiliation," runs a plank, "which all feel at the spectacle of the chief magistrate of our country lowering the dignity of the office by indulging in a petty personal quarrel with his predecessor, and withholding prosecution against great corporate interests."

It declares Roosevelt followed the same conduct in office as Taft, and states that the "recent events furnish conclusive reasons for an amendment to the constitution making a president ineligible to succeed himself, as well as for legislation which will prevent any executive from employing the great power of his office to fasten on the country a successor of his choosing."

Archibald Hearing Is Begun

Washington, May 8.—Hearings on charges against Judge Robert W. Archibald of the commerce court were begun this afternoon by the house judiciary committee.

E. J. Williams of Scranton, Pa., alleged to have conspired for Archibald with the Erie railroad for purchasing a prime real property to be sold at a large profit, was the first witness.



New York Herald and The Gazette-News. ON WHICH SIDE DOES OUR DUTY LIE?

BRYAN'S CHARGE STIRS UNDERWOOD

Reiterates His Statements That He Is Not Harmon's Stalking Horse.

Gazette-News Bureau, Wyatt Building, Washington, May 8.

The Baltimore Sun of this morning carries the following special from Washington: Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama, majority leader of the house and candidate for the democratic presidential nomination, today declared that his presidential candidacy was not in the interest of Governor Harmon nor of any other candidate than himself.

This explanation was made in reply to a statement of William J. Bryan in a speech at Chillicothe, O., last night that he had heard that the Underwood delegates chosen in Georgia and Florida were in reality Harmon men.

"It is impossible for a man in public life," said Mr. Underwood, "to keep up with all of the misrepresentations made about him, but I wish to say there is no warrant in fact for the statement made by Mr. Bryan. I am making the race for the presidential nomination with the honest endeavor to secure it for myself and my candidacy is not and never has been in interest of Judge Harmon or any other candidate."

"Georgia, Florida and Alabama declared for me in a presidential primary election and this was the expression of the desire of thousands of honest voters at the polls for me and not for any other man."

FIREMEN NOW DEMAND INCREASES IN WAGES

The Difficulties of the Eastern Railroads Are Further Complicated.

New York, May 8.—The demands of locomotive firemen on 59 railroads in eastern territory for increased wages, extra men on certain classes of freight engines and other working conditions comes up Wednesday for consideration by a conference committee of railroad managers. It is expected a reply will be drafted and sent to Grand Chief Carier of the firemen's brotherhood. This probably will be followed by a series of conferences to consider the demands in detail.

Prosecution Rests Case Against Floyd Allen

First Witness for Defense at Wytheville a Hillsville Juror Who Says Defendant Was Fired on Before He Began to Shoot.

Wytheville, Va., May 8.—With the examination of four witnesses this morning, the commonwealth rested its case against Floyd Allen, charged with murdering Prosecutor William M. Foster in the Hillsville courtroom last March.

WILSON DEFEATED IN MISS. PRIMARY

Oscar Underwood Carries at Least 65 of the State's 78 Counties.

Jackson, Miss., May 8.—Oscar W. Underwood defeated Woodrow Wilson by a decisive majority in the democratic presidential primary in Mississippi Tuesday, according to the latest figures compiled. Returns are coming in slowly. Figures in hand show Underwood carried at least 65 of 78 counties.

OUT-OF-TOWN WRITERS ARE SENDING IN VERSES

The Lyric contest manager is glad to see the out-of-town people responding to the request for rhymes on the contest. Quite a number of verses were received yesterday from out-of-town. It is hoped others will send in lyrics on all of the business firms of Asheville.

The contest will not start for several days and those who submit their verses now will stand a better chance of having them accepted on the first week of the contest.

Wilson Controls in Texas

Dallas, Tex., May 8.—Reports from all except 36 of 249 Texas county conventions held yesterday, show that Woodrow Wilson has more than enough votes to control the state convention held yesterday, show that Wilson 350, Harmon 149 and Clark 42. Three hundred and fifteen votes are necessary to control the convention.

PAY TRIBUTES TO THEIR DEAD

BULK OF FORTUNE TO VINCENT ASTOR

Youth of 20 the Chief Heir to 100 Million Dollar Estate.

New York, May 8.—Vincent Astor is the principal beneficiary under the will of his father, Colonel John Jacob Astor, whose estate of approximately \$100,000,000 is divided under the will which has just been made public.

This document was drawn last September, a few days after the colonel had married Mrs. Madeline Force, and seven months before his tragic death in the sinking of the White Star liner Titanic.

Under its provisions his own son, William Vincent Astor, generally referred to by his second name, becomes the head of the great house of Astor, and upon the shoulders of this slender youth of 20 is placed the mantle of his father.

The young widow, Mrs. Madeline Force, will receive the city house at No. 84 to Fifth avenue and its contents, with the exception of a few objects, and she will have the use of \$5,000,000 until her death or remarriage. Provision also is made for Ava Alice Muriel Astor, 10 years old, daughter of the first wife, Mrs. Ava Willing Astor, and for any other children who may be born, thus providing for a posthumous heir by the second wife.

When Colonel Astor and Mrs. Ava Willing Astor were divorced a substantial settlement was made upon her. She is not mentioned in the will. Various legacies amounting to \$276,500 are mentioned. There is only one public bequest, \$20,000, which is given to the St. Paul's school at Concord, N. H., where Colonel Astor prepared for Harvard college.

Lewis Cass Ledyard gave to the press a concise synopsis of the will which is soon to be offered for probate. Under it the colonel disposed of all the property, which he owned or over which he had power of testamentary disposition or appointment.

The interest of the disposition now centers about the son, a student in Harvard university, who in another year will assume the responsibilities of a great fortune. The clauses which concern him give him first all the lands and personal property at Rhinebeck over which the testators held the power of appointment under the will of his father and also the lands and property at this place which Colonel Astor subsequently purchased.

METHODISTS TO ELECT EIGHT NEW BISHOPS

At Least 100 Names Probably Will Be Voted on—Yesterday's Proceedings.

Minneapolis, May 8.—The approaching election of bishops is occupying the attention of the delegates to the quadrennial conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which began its second week today. On the first ballot there probably will be about 100 names voted on. At least eight new bishops will be chosen.

There will not be a final court of appeals of the Methodist Episcopal church.

This was decided at the business session of the quadrennial conference of the church in session here yesterday when the conference rejected the first paragraph of the report of the commission on judicial procedure, appointed at the last session of the conference in Baltimore four years ago.

The first paragraph of the commission's report which the conference eliminated consisted in the main of the sentence: "There shall be a final court of appeals." It was the great power granted to this proposed court to which most objection was made by the delegates and the church leaders state that the formation of a court of appeals with far less power than provided for the commission may be the result of the present system of the conference.

The afternoon session was given over to the hearing of the report of the work of the woman's foreign missionary society, addresses being made by Bishop Luther B. Wilson and Miss Jennie V. Hughes. A reception to the fraternal delegates of the Methodist Episcopal church south and Methodist Protestant church was held last night, addresses being made by Dr. Frank Thomas of the Methodist Episcopal church south and by Dr. Julius Cooper, representative of the Methodist Episcopal church in Japan.

FOUR FOR ROOSEVELT

Kansas Republicans Meet at Independence Today to Nounce Delegation-at-Large.

Annual Memorial Exercises Are Held at Camp Gordon by the Confederate Veterans.

CORONATION OCCURS OF REUNION'S QUEEN

Miss Mary Scandrett of Macon Crowned—First Ball of Reunion Takes Place Tonight.

Macon, Ga., May 8.—Thousands of United Confederate Veterans in reunion this morning paid eloquent tributes to their dead comrades and leaders. Annual memorial exercises held in the vast auditorium at Camp Gordon with Sons of Veterans, members of the Ladies' Memorial association and sponsors and maids in attendance. Especial tributes were paid the late General Clement A. Evans, honorary commander-in-chief, and General Geo. W. Gordon of Memphis, who died after his election as commander-in-chief at the Little Rock reunion last year.

This afternoon the veterans select their next meeting place. The fight until today was among San Antonio, Jacksonville and Chattanooga. Louisville is now an applicant, hoping it will secure the next reunion if a deadlock occurs.

The crowning of the queen of the reunion, Miss Mary Scandrett of Macon, was the chief social event this afternoon. The coronation took place on Coleman's hill, an eminence overlooking the city. The queen was escorted to her throne by maids selected from the state, principal cities and towns and by the state military and several veterans' organizations.

Tonight the first ball of the reunion takes place, this being tendered to the sponsors and maids by the Sons of Veterans. The ball will be held by the commander-in-chief, J. P. Norfield of Memphis, and Miss Mary Custis Lee, sponsor for the south, of Fredericksburg, Va.

Yesterday's Proceedings. A drenching downpour of rain which continued intermittently throughout the day did not dampen the ardor nor allay enthusiasm in the opening here of the twenty-second annual reunion of the United Confederate veterans.

Thousands of visitors and thousands of veterans participated in the first day's sessions of the reunion. Rousing addresses were delivered by prominent men and women of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans and other affiliated organizations.

Sons of Veterans Elect Officers. The convention of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans was concluded last night with the election of J. P. Norfield of Memphis, Tenn., commander-in-chief to succeed Walter G. Pritchard of Charleston, S. C.

It was also decided to change the name of the organization to sons of Confederate Veterans.

Commander John B. Gordon, the hotel lobbyist and headquarters are teeming with consultations over the three-cornered fight for the 1913 reunion, Chattanooga, Tenn., San Antonio, Tex., and Jacksonville, Fla., are exerting every effort for the honor.

Interest in the fight for the 1913 reunion was intensified by the published report charging that Secretary E. H. Hyman of the McGee chamber of commerce had offered to sell the reunion to Jacksonville, Fla., for \$500. Secretary Hyman is quoted as admitting that he is in the employ of the San Antonio delegation and that he was confident of winning the reunion for that city.

Members of the Florida city delegation are loud in their declarations that San Antonio is using unfair means to get the coveted prize. On the other hand the Texas delegation contends that the all-knowing exposure is a trick on the part of the Jacksonville delegation to gain votes.

A committee is appointed to investigate the charges against Secretary Hyman reported that he had acted without authority and disclaimed any intention on the part of the Macon chamber of commerce to take sides in the selection of the next place of meeting.

BRYAN STUMPS OHIO AGAINST GOV. HARMON

Toledo, O., May 8.—William Jennings Bryan started early this morning on his second day's speech-making tour of Ohio, opposing Governor Harmon's presidential nomination.

Loan Conventions Shifted. Washington, May 8.—The American and European loan guarantee conventions were shifted when the senate foreign relations committee by a vote of 5 to 3 failed to report them favorably today. The conventions were stubbornly fought.