

FLOOD REPORTS LESS ALARMING

The People Responding to Calls and Money Raised

ALONG MISSISSIPPI

The Remain Intact and Government Engineers Are Working On Them. Great Damage Done On The Mississippi Side—Slight Falls Are Recorded In The Vicinity Of New Orleans—Relief Work Among The Sufferers—Red Cross Societies Are Doing Noble Service.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, April 22.—An appeal for clothing for the flood sufferers in the Mississippi Valley was today sent by the American Red Cross headquarters here to five of the chapters in the Middle West and South. The appeal will be sent to other chapters as the demands increase.

Cincinnati and Cleveland, Ohio, St. Louis, Mo., Birmingham, Ala., and Atlanta, Ga., are the cities to which the clothing appeal was sent today.

Seven Red Cross nurses will leave Kansas City, Mo., today for various points in Arkansas, under orders from the Red Cross headquarters here.

A congressional investigation of the extent of the damage done and the money needed for the repair of the levees on the Mississippi river and its tributaries is proposed in a resolution introduced by Representative Bartholdt, of Missouri, offered in the house today.

Citizens of Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Tennessee Legislatures and members of the chambers of commerce of St. Louis and Chicago met here today with a view of urging additional appropriations for repairing the levees on the lower Mississippi river. They probably will be heard by the Senate Committee on commerce tomorrow.

Reassuring reports concerning the levees of the Mississippi river which still remain intact, were received at the office of the United States army engineers here today from a small boat stationed at all weak points south of Vicksburg. Another hard fight against increased high waters is ahead, however, and today Captain C. D. Sherrill, chief of the government engineers, began a concentration of his forces in the vicinity of the Red River landing, about 43 miles south of Natchez, at which point the flood waters which have been pouring through the crevasses on the west side of the river in Arkansas and northeast Louisiana for the past ten days will begin tomorrow to re-enter the Mississippi slightly.

At Mississippi river gauges, but another rise will begin when the crevasse waters begin to come back to the big stream and from one to three feet above the previous high record is predicted for all points south of Torras, La.

With the exception of the three negroes who are reported to have drowned yesterday when the steamer Concordia sank in a field 25 miles below Natchez, while engaged in rescue work in Concordia parish, there have been no reports of loss of life in Louisiana.

New Orleans Gives Much. The New Orleans relief committee's total cash funds for flood suffering today passed the \$15,000 mark. Clothing, cooking utensils, stoves, etc., almost equalling in value the amount of the cash secured, have been received by the committee. Cash and supplies are being forwarded as rapidly as possible to the relief camps in Louisiana and Mississippi. Funds collected by relief committees in small cities and towns in Louisiana and Mississippi probably will total \$15,000.

Today gasoline launches and skiffs are plying the flood waters in almost every section of the parishes of East and West Carroll, Madison, Tennessee, Calhoun, Richland and Comberd's already several thousand people have been rescued in this section of northeastern Louisiana, and removed to high points but there are yet many marooned, some of them without food.

Great Damage Done. On the Mississippi side of the river there has been even a greater devastation resulting from the crevasse water breaking. The suffering is intense in the Bogusphalia Valley, where a dozen small towns and large plantations are from four to eighteen feet under water. This crevasse eventually will inundate more than two million acres of the best lands and is estimated not less than 15,000 persons in that territory will be made homeless. Already about 1,500 have been rescued and removed to Federal and State relief camps, but as the water gradually makes its way toward the Sunflower basin, still others are driven from their homes.

The relief work amongst the sufferers on both sides of the river, victims of the storm and South crevasse is well organized. Maj. F. H. Lester, of the United States army, with hundreds of Vicksburgers, is directing the work and perfect harmony prevails between the State and Federal forces engaged in the humane work.

MISSISSIPPI MURDERED. Two Negroes Quarreled at Oven Game and One Killed. One Killed. Washington, N. C., April 22.—William Johnson, colored, was brought to this city this morning by Deputy Sheriff J. C. Duke and locked in jail, charged with the killing of Warren Johnson, also colored. From what can be learned of the affair the trouble arose over a game of craps, and while several negroes took part, near Vicksburg, this country, late last night, Johnson was shot and killed. It is claimed that he had won the game and a dispute arose over it with the result that Warren Johnson was killed.

REV. MR. MADDRY'S TWO VESSELS IN COLLISION

Preached Sunday a Striking Sermon

AT CHRIST CHURCH

Mr. Barber Preached a Men and Religion Forward Sermon Sunday; Spoke for Things Men Should Typify in Their Lives

Rev. Milton A. Barber's sermon Sunday morning at Christ Church, he discussed "The Men and Religion Forward Movement" and gave his congregation about as straight talk as it has had a long time.

Mr. Barber spoke of the several phases of religious indifference which give the Episcopal church trouble. The failure of the men to take active interest in the young boys in the Sunday schools, he found one of the really big shortcomings.

He mentioned some things that need the interest of the men of the church. He was bringing no charge against anybody, but he thought many pictures, especially those which throw a gleam over the actions of the violent, robberies, and their like, do great harm to young people.

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TIME TO GET BUSY IN GREAT VOTING CONTEST

Most Important Stages and Another Splendid Bonus Offer Will Soon Be Announced For Ambitious North Carolinians.

MAKE UP FOR YOUR NEGLECTED OPPORTUNITIES BY HUSTLING NOW

The Bulk of the Business Secured By Contestants Will Be Turned In Between This Time and the Close of the Contest and There Are Still Thousands of Opportunities For Securing Votes If Candidates Keep Up Their Work During the Next Few Weeks.

nothing to enter this contest and no obligations are involved in doing so. Send in your name or that of a friend, today.

2. Any white man or woman, boy or girl of good repute in the State of North Carolina is eligible to enter this Great Voting Contest.

3. Resolved voting certificates issued on subscriptions, a daily ballot good for a certain number of votes will be published in each issue of The News and Observer, unless otherwise announced. Each daily ballot printed will be limited and must be in The News and Observer office before the expiration of the date printed thereon.

4. Candidates are asked to be patient and to check up their accounts after the bonus certificate has been mailed. A rather peculiar thing about the contest business is that it is always the right time to do your very best work.

5. In this issue, and every other issue of the paper, a question and answers coupon will appear, unless otherwise announced. This coupon provides spaces for answering several questions each day. The questions are asked in the daily contest story and every question is covered by a numbered rule which will be found in the rules governing the contest, following the contest story each day the coupon appears.

6. The object of this feature is to educate contestants as rapidly as possible. The sooner contestants become familiar with all the rules, the easier it will become to secure subscriptions and take advantage of all special offers intelligently and without confusion.

7. The conditions are that ALL the questions for one day must be answered on the Questions and Answers Coupon sent in for that day. Three questions will appear in the daily contest story each day and unless ALL questions for that day are answered, no credit will be allowed on any coupon which will be credited to any one candidate any one day, and for every three questions properly answered, the Contest Department will add 300 votes to the published score of the contestant sending in the Questions and Answers Coupon.

8. This explanation is again made for the benefit of those who may not have seen prior explanations. All that is necessary to fill the blank spaces provided for that purpose on the Questions and Answers Coupon, with the number of the rule answering the questions asked in the daily contest story. Sometimes it will be found that one question is covered by more than one rule, but in these cases either rule applies.

9. Today's questions are: No. 1. What is meant by an "extended subscription"? No. 2. What is the longest period in advance for which a subscription will be taken? No. 3. Will votes issued to one candidate be transferred to the credit of another? Voting certificates are not issued for correct answers. The Questions and Answers Coupon is credited to the published score of contestants, just the same as the daily ballots, and the Contest Department makes no other acknowledgment of their receipt.

10. Candidates are not restricted to getting votes or subscriptions in their own particular districts, but may secure subscriptions in any part of the United States, and, if each candidate complies the order, regular voting certificates will be issued.

11. Candidates in one district are not competing with candidates in another district, except in the instance of the Grand and Division prizes. The division of districts as shown here-with, so equalizes competition that every candidate has an equal chance to win.

12. Voting certificates will be issued on each paid-in-advance subscription to The News and Observer, according to the following schedule: THE NEWS OBSERVER (New Subscribers.)

Term. \$ 4.00, One Year ..... 11,000 1.00, Six Months ..... 1,000 12.00, Two Years ..... 24,000 FARMER AND MECHANIC AND WEEKLY NEWS AND OBSERVER.

Term. \$ 1.00, One Year ..... 1,000 2.00, Two Years ..... 2,000

Acute Indigestion Successfully Treated. Many Cases Have Been Reported.

Acute indigestion called "dyspepsia" has been known to be certain quick relief from acute indigestion. Many cases have been reported where instant relief was obtained from its use. Dr. J. C. Warren's "Dyspepsia" is a powerful and reliable remedy for acute indigestion and other dyspeptic conditions.

About Alcohol? Go To Your Doctor

A Strong Tonic - Without Alcohol A Great Alternative - Without Alcohol A Blood Purifier - Without Alcohol A Family Medicine - Without Alcohol

Ask your doctor if a family medicine, like Ayer's Sarsaparilla, is not vastly better without alcohol than with it.

7.—Credit for one-half the above number of votes will be given on all the subscriptions.

8.—Votes will not be allowed on arrears, unless the payment is sufficient to bring the subscription account up to date and at least three months in advance of the date on which payment is made.

9.—On payments other than those scheduled, votes will be issued according to the scheduled amount next below the amount so paid.

10.—Ballots cannot be bought. They can be obtained only by subscribing and preparing a subscription to The News and Observer or by cutting daily ballots from the paper.

11.—To insure being counted, all daily ballots must be neatly trimmed to a uniform size, fastened together and sent in flat; do not roll the ballots.

12.—In sending in daily ballots it is unnecessary to fill out more than the top ballot of each package. Then write on this top ballot the total number of votes the package contains. Contestants who fail to comply with this rule must accept the count of the Contest Department as final. If your count is correct you will be credited with this number of votes in the next published score, together with any other daily ballots that have been sent in for that publication. If your count is incorrect you will be notified and the package of ballots held intact or returned to you for your inspection and recount. We do not acknowledge the receipt of daily ballots unless an error is discovered in your count.

13.—One nomination ballot good for 1,000 votes is placed to the credit of each candidate in the published score. Daily ballots are also credited in the published score. Votes are credited in the published score only if they have been received three days after the date of publication in which they have been added to the score.

14.—By the filing of votes all contestants must accept and agree to all conditions.

15.—Votes once issued to one candidate (Continued on Page Eight.)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS COUPON CONTEST DEPARTMENT. Please add 300 VOTES to my published score if the following answers are correct:

In your issue of ..... 1912. Question No. 1 is covered by Rule No. .... Question No. 2 is covered by Rule No. .... Question No. 3 is covered by Rule No. .... Name.....

Town or City..... District No..... TO RECEIVE CREDIT ON THIS COUPON it must be filled in by Contestants themselves and must not be mixed in among daily ballots. But ONE coupon will be credited to each candidate for each day's questions, and ALL questions for that day must be answered to receive credit for any.

Daily Ballot Five Votes For. Address..... District..... Subject to Rules of The News and Observer Contest. Must be received at The News and Observer Office by April 30, 1912.

NOMINATION BALLOT To enter the contest fill out this coupon and send to the Contest Department. Each contestant is entitled to one Nomination, good for 1,000 VOTES in the Great Automobile Contest.

I hereby nominate Mr., Mrs. or Miss..... Street No..... District No..... Postoffice..... State..... Signed..... Address..... Profession..... Date.....

Only one nomination will be credited to each contestant. Under no circumstances will the name of nominator be divulged. \$10 REWARD If We Don't Save You \$10.00 to \$25.00 On Any Motorcycle. We are distributors. We sell every Motorcycle manufactured. We understand everybody and ship machines everywhere, freight prepaid. We will sell you an Indian, Excelsior, Wagner, Harley-Davidson, Thor, or any other machine, and ship it to you free. Write for confidential price list. Order by mail. Satisfaction absolutely guaranteed. National Motorcycle Co. ATLANTA, GA.