

North and South Carolina: Local showers Thursday and probably Friday not much change in temperature.

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ASHEVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 4, 1922.

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Starvation in Homes Preferred To Life In Camps By Sufferers

DECLARES 41,000 PROPERTY OWNERS WHO WILL ULTIMATELY SUFFER FROM NEED ASSISTANCE MINERS TESTIFY

Excepting at Helena and Arkansas City Mississippi Now Falling

BACKWATERS STILL REACH NEW AREAS

Congressional Party Sees One Million Acres of Inundated Territory

NEW ORLEANS, May 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—With creases and back waters from the Mississippi river and its tributaries continuing to spread its destruction in eleven parishes of Louisiana, relief problems were augmented today as the floods invaded territory for removal and were spreading in the embankments of the great river.

Points in Rapides and Avoyelles parishes, 60 miles distant from the Mississippi river, reported that water coming through the crevasse at Ferriday had joined with back waters of the Red river and were encroaching upon rich farm lands in that territory.

Below New Orleans, water pouring through the break in the levee at Poydras has driven everything within miles of the levee north past the Lake Borgne canal at Violet tonight and is creeping up the flood. Five miles above the crevasse, near New Home backwater has encircled from the rear of that place and submerged the highway to Violet.

Every effort was being made to verify reports received yesterday that 400 persons driven from their homes in St. Martin parish were suffering from lack of food but up to tonight the report remained unconfirmed.

Relief parties working out of Harrisonburg continued today to bring in flood victims scattered throughout Concordia and adjoining parishes. It is estimated that over a thousand persons are being cared for at that camp. There are five hundred refugees at other camps established in the flooded areas affected by the Ferriday break and backwaters from the river in that part of Louisiana.

With the exception of Helena and Arkansas City which recorded a rise of one-tenth of a foot in the Mississippi river today, all points showed declining stages. At New Orleans the gauge registered 30.3, a fall of two-tenths of a foot compared with 24 hours ago.

Five hundred refugees from La Salle, Concordia and Catahoula parishes are being cared for by the Red Cross at the Rhinehart camp. About 1,000 others are at Harrisonburg, while several hundred others are living in the most part being those who were able to remove sufficient supplies before the flood to provide for their own wants for a short time at least. Still other hundreds are being cared for in the homes, living in the homes, in upper rooms, in barns or in cotton gins or in any sort of place that is above water. Many of them have no food, no clothing, no shoes, no blankets, no mules, pigs and hound dogs are lying in harmony, paying little heed to the torrential rains which are common throughout the flooded area just now.

The refusal of these people to leave their homes and go to the Red Cross refuge camps and the policy of the Red Cross in administering only to those in the camps has given rise to a conflict of opinion between officials of the relief organizations and certain parish officials. The problem of attending to the needs of these people, many of whom declare they would prefer to starve to death in their own homes than to be sent to a Red Cross refuge camp, has not been solved and the task is growing greater daily through the depletion of the scanty food supplies the flood victims had on hand when the water rushed into their homes.

ONE MILLION ACRES ARE NOW UNDER FLOOD WATER

WASHINGTON, Miss., May 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—Under cultivation— inundated to a depth of from three to 15 feet, water covered and rapidly disintegrating farm buildings, refugees housed in box cars, tents and railroad cars, here and there a more persistent householder sticking to his dwelling despite the lapping of the water against the thresholds, viewed from the windows of a special train which ploughed its way through more than two feet of backwater for a distance of 25 miles from Carey to Vicksburg, the congressional delegation surveying the ravages of the swollen Mississippi a vivid insight today to the tragedy of the river flood.

Today's journey, the third day of the tour began at Memphis Monday, was through the "back water" spreading over the Yazoo Basin, a part of Warren. In many parts of the area already overflowed, seed was planted several weeks ago.

Joseph C. Logan, Red Cross representative, who in directing relief

WHY WORRY ABOUT A MERE ORDINANCE?

By BILLY BORNE



MILLION DOLLAR HOSTELRY MAY BE ERECTED IN CITY

Noted Hotel Man Would Buy Stock and Lease Proposed Building

Plans are being formulated for the erection of a new million dollar hotel in Asheville by the noted hotel man who has just returned from a business trip to New York.

Archibald Nichols is chairman of a committee appointed by the Merchants' Association, and with E. H. McDuffie and W. M. Smathers has been working with a committee of the Chamber of Commerce composed of E. H. McDuffie, N. Buckner and others. Mr. McDuffie represents both organizations.

William Poor, of the Poor Hotel company, operators of the O'Henry Hotel, Greenboro, Cleveland and Spartanburg and who has leased the new Francis Marion hotel, Charleston, S. C., now under construction, has expressed deep interest in plans for a new hotel in Asheville and is expected to be an important factor in the proposed project.

WATER BLUNT ASKED WHETHER AIRPLANES DROPPED A PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION OVER THE MINERS' STRIKE

REDGEOCK WILL SET HEARING ON SATURDAY

GREENSBORO, May 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—Buell H. Redgeock, formerly cashier of the Home Savings Bank of High Point, charged with appropriating funds of the institution in the sum of \$37,000 or thereabouts will be given a hearing on Saturday.

BATTLE OF KILKENNY ENDS, CASTLE CAPTURED

KILKENNY, May 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—The battle in which a resolution authorizing the President to revive between the United States and Austria and Hungary was fought, ended today with the Austrian-Hungarian army being defeated and captured by the free state troops.

REVIVAL OF TREATIES BY SENATE APPROVED

Candidate Questionnaire Said Dangerously Loaded

Beveridge Wins Over New Who Concedes Race

Cordell Hull Says Defeat Emphatic Repudiation of Administration

INDIANAPOLIS, May 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—Victory for ex-Senator Albert J. Beveridge, of the republican nomination for United States senator at yesterday's primary election, was conceded tonight by Senator Harry S. New, who was a candidate for re-nomination.

For 3,137 of the 3,382 precincts in the state the vote was 179,934 for Beveridge against 161,701 for New. The missing precincts included 70 in Marion county (Indianapolis).

In a statement to The Associated Press Mr. New said there was no doubt of Mr. Beveridge's election and added he took "his hat off to the winner."

IS REPUDIATION FOR HARDING ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Cordell Hull, chairman of the democratic national committee, declared in a statement tonight "that the repudiation of Albert J. Beveridge over Senator Harry New in the Indiana senatorial primaries is a decisive majority tonight, is a plain and emphatic repudiation of the Harding administration."

PROMONCEMENT READ CONFERENCE BY BISHOP ATKINS

Calls For Stricter Adherence to Divorce Laws of the Church

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., May 3.—The 19th quadrennial session of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, was launched here today with formal organization and the address from the college of bishops making recommendations to the conference and with a review of the past four years. The address was prepared and read by Bishop James Atkins, of Nashville, Tenn., and is the official pronouncement of all the prelates of the church.

SUIT AGAINST GOVERNOR IS REFILED AT OXFORD

JACKSON, Miss., May 3.—Attorneys for Miss Frances Birkhead, a stenographer, who is suing Governor Lee M. Russell, her former employer, for \$198,000 damages, alleging seduction, today forwarded to the clerk of the United States District court at Oxford a duplicate of the bill of complaint filed here last January, and will seek to have the case tried in that division of the northern district. The case was dismissed here yesterday for want of jurisdiction.

WOMEN ARE ADMITTED TO NORTHERN DIOCESE

Reconstruction Plans For Reds Get Cold Reception; Rumor J. S. Protests To Property Policies

OPERATORS TURN DISARMAMENT UP FRANGE BACKING DOWN RESOLUTION AT WEDNESDAY'S BELGIAN SENATE FOR COAL PROBE PLenary SESSION TO SIGN PAPERS

Miners Would Call Upon Government For Immediate Investigation

MANY REASONS FOR ACTION ARE CITED

Coal Man Says His Side Is Not For Confusion of Situation

NEW YORK, May 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—The anthracite coal operators of the joint subcommittee on wage negotiations today refused to subscribe to a resolution offered by the miners, calling upon federal officials to begin an immediate investigation of the anthracite industry, from mine to consumer.

Several reasons were cited by the miners for calling upon the government at this time. They alleged that prices to the consumer were excessive; that reductions were essential to the public welfare; that profits in distribution and sale of the product were imperiling rights of capital and labor to fair returns; that freight rates were exorbitant; and designed to handicap the producers not owning railroads; that fair rates to tidewater would cut \$2.43 a ton from the price to the consumer; and that needless agencies for distribution added unwarranted margins of profit to retail prices.

The miners proposed that "an investigation should at once be made by the interstate commerce commission of freight rates charged for the transportation of anthracite coal with the end in view of ordering a reduction of such rates if they are found to be unreasonable and unjust."

The federal trade commission would have been called upon, according to the resolution to begin an immediate investigation of all agencies which have been established for the handling and sale of anthracite coal, extending from the mines to the consumers, with the end in view of recommending measures of relief from unwarranted costs and profits.

John Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, offered the proposal in behalf of the miners in a speech which was signed by Philip Murray, vice-president and through district president of organized labor in the anthracite region.

In refusing to sign the resolution, Samuel D. Warriner, spokesman for the operators declared they did not propose to join the miners in a course which would lead to confusion rather than clarify the situation, on issues, not within the jurisdiction of the joint committee of miners and operators constituted to negotiate a new contract covering wages and working conditions.

"To concern itself with anything else can only delay and complicate the solution of the issue which is at hand," he continued. "That is, the formulation of a fair wage scale and reasonable working conditions."

"The operators decline to be diverted from this task by proposals which whether desirable or not have no bearing upon the task of securing a basis for the resumption of anthracite production."

Fletcher Turns Loose Broadside Regarding Framing of Tariff

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Senate finance republicans were attacked today in the senate by Senator Fletcher, democrat, who asserted that the tariff commission was allowed to take no part in the hearings on the pending tariff bill and little part in the framing of the measure while representatives of the "specific interests were heard without end."

"His selfish appeals," he said, "evidently did not fall on unheeding ears, as a study of any of these schedules will show."

Senator Fletcher declared that conditions were not settled enough to permit of the framing of a definite and permanent tariff policy. Asserting that proponents of the measure talked as if they were not paying law now, the Florida senator referred to the Underwood law as providing revenue "and not affording opportunity to build up unconscionable monopolies."

An increased duty on rice was urged by Senator Broussard, democrat, Louisiana, who asserted that the Underwood law rates proposed for re-enactment in pending bill, the American market would be flooded by rice from the Orient.

RUSSIA OWES AMERICAN BILLION IS ESTIMATED

Tchitcherin and Rathenau Discuss Subject Obnoxious to French

PARTICIPATION BY U. S. IS MENTIONED

Lloyd George Declares Reconstruction Materially Promoted

GENOVA, May 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—A report was circulated here today that the American state department had instructed Richard Washburn Child, the American ambassador to Italy, to protest against the contents of Article VI of the economic conference's memorandum to Russia as affecting American holders of property in Russia.

NO DEPARTURE FROM U. S. POLICY, IT IS DECLARED

WASHINGTON, May 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—State department officials declined today to discuss reports of an American protest against the Genoa memorandum to Russia, but it was indicated that there had been no departure from American government policy of non-participation in the Genoa conference.

DISARMAMENT QUESTION LEFT IN PLenary SESSION

GENOVA, May 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—The disarmament question bobbed up today in a plenary session of the Genoa conference.

Foreign Minister Tchitcherin, of Soviet Russia, declared in a plea for general disarmament: "Only by a policy of peace can the nations balance their budgets. He said Russia must insist upon reservations to the report of the financial commission of the conference as it carried provisions concerning the league of nations, which Russia did not recognize. He said that Russia could not agree to renounce government control over exchange operations."

The report of the transport commission was adopted and then the session adjourned. It was reported by Richard Washburn Child, the American ambassador, was among the visitors at the session.

Except By Russian Question was not generally discussed except by the foreign ministers of both Russia and Germany.

The Russian question and other political subjects were not touched upon, but the necessity for American participation in any rehabilitation of Europe was repeatedly mentioned in debate. In connection with the financial report, Dr. Teitelbaum, of Philadelphia, said the need of obtaining American support for European financial reconstruction.

After the session Prime Minister Lloyd George, of Great Britain, declared that the two commissions as set forth in their report adopted today represented a very material contribution toward reconstruction of Europe. It was satisfactory to him, he remarked, the way in which all the powers had accepted, in such a rapid, business-like fashion the far-reaching resolutions of the two commissions.

BISHOP KILGO MAY BE SUPERANNATED SOON

CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 3.—Bishop Kilgo may be placed on the superannuated list by the Southern Methodist conference meeting in Hot Springs, Ark., according to an unconfirmed report which could not be verified at the home of Bishop Kilgo here.

Bishop Kilgo was elected to the bishopric in 1910, when he was president of Trinity college. He was made head of the Methodist educational institution in 1914 and served until 1916. Until 1917 he was president emeritus, but resigned in that year. He was licensed to preach in 1882 and held a number of pastorates before accepting the chair of philosophy at Wofford college, giving up the professorship to accept the presidency of Trinity college.

For some time Bishop Kilgo has been in bed, and it is believed that his health, coupled with his age, will be considered sufficient for his retirement by the conference. He has gone to Hot Springs to attend the sessions of the conference.

NEGRO FOUND GUILTY GETS A LIFE SENTENCE

Worthington Evans Terms Report Foundation of Future Finances

CREDITS TO SOVIET MEET OPPOSITION

Rathenau Warns That Ten Million People Must Be Helped

GENOVA, May 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—The soviet plenipotentiaries are "not delighted with the project of the power for the reconstruction of Russia. Such is the brief summary emanating from soviet sources of the bolshevik views on the memorandum on which Europe's statesmen have worked so laboriously.

The fact that the document does not mention recognition of the soviet government and ignores the suggestion of governmental loans is said to displease the communist leaders who are now conferring with Moscow. The memorandum was delivered to them only at 4 o'clock this morning, after a conference of secretaries had worked all night putting into final shape. It was rushed to Santa Margherita by automobile and delivered to M. Rathenau, who received it dressed in his pajamas.

Belgium has not signed the memorandum, and word was received here this evening that France had determined to stand by Belgium, but as yet there is no official announcement in Genoa of France's action. It is believed the conversations between Premier Poincare and M. Barthou, however, will have an important effect on the conference.

All the leaders expressed satisfaction at today's plenary session, believing that it embodied the inauguration of far-reaching efforts to improve the financial condition of the world. The financial code of the conference has been announced and declared Sir Laming Worthington Evans, chairman of the financial commission, and he believed would prove as important as the historic League of Nations pact, the basis of world jurisprudence.

The essential points are: limitation of the issue of paper money; fixing parity with gold, economic living in the use of gold and co-operation of gold. The United States said the chairman, with almost half the world's gold could be in the future of the world's problems without involving itself in political difficulties and could be used for the benefit of the world.

At the session M. Tchitcherin, of Russia, alluded to the rights of communism and declared that it was impossible for the Russian government to renounce its soviet character. He said the financial report characterized this control as "mischievous."

The financial report, like the memorandum of the powers to the Russian plenipotentiaries, should take the form of private, not governmental credits. Tchitcherin insisted on government loans and in this endeavor, the views of M. Rathenau, who had publicly declared that the soviet as the Russian government, expected a loan from the powers.

In conclusion M. Tchitcherin joined the conviction that it was only by economic reconstruction that two worlds whose policy is based on different economic systems, that mankind could move toward reconstruction and peace.

Dr. Rathenau declared that from the Genoa agricultural conference he not only expected these and theories, but hoped that the representatives of the great nations would give evidence of energetic, efficacious and immediate co-operation with respect to economic and social needs of great urgency. He voiced a warning that ten million people were without work and something had to be done for them.

NEW STEPS TO HURRY MUSCLE SHOALS ACTION

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Investigation by the senate agricultural committee of the private offers for development of the power and nitrate properties at Muscle Shoals proceeded today more expeditiously than at any previous time. In the suggestion of Senator Norris, committee chairman, the path was cleared for equally speedy progress by the committee until the investigation is concluded and a report on the offers prepared for the senate.

The committee decided to extend its sessions into the afternoon and work even while the senate was in session upon the proposals pending before it for study and report.

HERRICK AGAIN MISSES ACCIDENT NARROWLY

PARIS, May 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—Myron T. Herrick, the American ambassador, again narrowly escaped death today when a taxicab in the Avenue de l'Opera crashed into his automobile, badly smashing the car. Mr. Herrick, luckily, escaped without a scratch. His other narrow escape was when a bomb exploded in his residence October 19 of last year, only a few minutes before he arrived.

SENATE ACCEPTS THE AGRICULTURAL REPORT

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The senate today adopted the conference report on the agricultural appropriation bill and sent the measure to the President. As finally passed, the bill carries \$1,135,000,000, an increase of \$1,135,000,000 over the \$1,133,865,000 appropriated in the fiscal year 1922.