

Asheville and vicinity—Sunday uncertain, probably thunderstorms; Saturday's temperature: High, 74; low, 48.

ALLIES STILL FRIENDS IF GENOA BREAK COMES

PREVENTIVE, REMEDIAL FLOOD MEASURES URGED

Informal Hearings Are Held by Congressmen Making Mississippi Tour.

FLOOD COMMISSION IS BEING SOUGHT

Committee Off for Capital With Definite Goal of Protecting Lands.

NEW ORLEANS, May 6.—The need of preventive instead of remedial measures was urged upon the congressional delegation which completed an inspection of the Mississippi river flood conditions here today, after a combined boat and all trip from Memphis which began last Monday.

At a number of informal hearings members of the party heard the members of the boards, engineers and other interested parties give their views as to proper methods of corralling the outflow river when it goes on its annual "spree."

"Levee only" advocates, "spilling" advocates, and those advocating other measures were given opportunity to express their views.

Harold Newman, president of the Association of Commerce, and members of the local flood control committee, urged the delegation to advise President Harding to appoint a special commission to work out some plan to prevent the river from breaking through the levees.

Speaking for the congressional party, Joseph E. Ransell, senior United States senator from Louisiana, made the following comment:

"We have arrived at the end of a very strenuous, most constructive trip down the flooded Mississippi river. We have viewed the inundated country on both sides of this vast stream which is the very artery of the North American continent. All of us are carrying back to Washington a comprehensive idea of the flood time."

"Every member of our party was visibly impressed with what he saw on the down river trip. Above all they were impressed, I believe, by the magnificent industry behind the levees that must be protected. Therefore, we are taking back to congress a corps of champions that will work night and day for the proper expenditure of money and labor to throw a protection between these fertile fields and the unmanageable Mississippi whenever measures are introduced."

WASHINGTON SCENE OF TWO TAR HEEL WEDDINGS

WASHINGTON, May 6.—(Special Correspondent, The Asheville Citizen.)—The marriage of Benjamin Halle and Leonard T. Baker was celebrated today at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. H. Baker, in the city of Washington, D. C.

HEARBY DAVIDSON, RED CROSS MAN AND BANKER DIES

Director of Organization During War Dies on Operating Table.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Henry Davidson, member of the banking firm of J. P. Morgan and company, and directing head of the American Red Cross during the world war, died about 1:30 o'clock this afternoon of a brain tumor which surgeons were attempting to remove at his country estate in Locust Valley, Long Island.

The internationally known financier died as he had met the problems of life. Known on the street as one who never showed undue alarm, he took no formal farewell of his family and joked with his loved ones while he was preparing to leave with his close associates two requests in case he should die under the ether.

WHO IS WHO IN CHINA'S WAR AND WHAT IT'S ABOUT

(Special Correspondent, The Asheville Citizen.)—CHICAGO, May 6.—Who's who and why in "Chinese" war. Gen. Chang Tso-Lin, governor of Manchuria and a former bandit, was the chief opponent of the administration of General Chiang Kai-shek, who is very wealthy and who has been in charge of the government of the south China republic, which he set up. His capital is Canton.

POLITICAL UNITY IN CHINA SAID WU'S SOLE HOPE

Sweeping Governmental Changes Follow His Mastery of Peking.

PEKING, May 6.—(By The Associated Press.)—General Wu Pei-fu, victor over General Chang Tso-Lin in the struggle for military control in China declared today at a banquet that instead of striving for the position of head of the government he desired to devote his energies to unify China, create political harmony in the north and south, abolish militarism, revive industry and give the respect of the foreign powers.

He expressed himself as agreeing with the opinion of the powers set down at the Washington conference that China must put her house in order, free herself from vast armies, apply her revenues to pay her debts and build railroads.

COLUMBIA SCENE OF DUAL TRAGEDY EARLY SATURDAY

Superintendent of University's Grounds Kills Prof. Homes and Self.

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 6.—Prof. M. Goodie Homes, head of the department of engineering of the University of South Carolina, was shot and killed by Benjamin Halle, superintendent of grounds, of the university, who few minutes later killed himself by firing a shot into his brain. The double tragedy occurred in the treasurer's office of the university shortly after 10 o'clock this morning.

There were no eye witnesses but Dr. William S. Currier, president and Dr. Leonard T. Baker, dean, and the superintendent brandishing a revolver and both were ordered from the office by Halle, a shot being fired over the head of Dean Baker and the weapon being pointed at the president. Currier, although he was not fired upon, the action against the two officers of the university was taken after Prof. Homes had been slain and it is believed Halle killed himself a few minutes later to enter the room. A letter from Currier to the superintendent of grounds, written by Halle showing that the cause of the tragedy was the difference between the two men growing out of building operations at the university, it was not clear whether this letter was written before or after Halle shot Homes. Bitter feeling has existed between the two men it seems for six months or more. It began shortly after several anonymous letters were written the "Homes" position in connection with letting contracts for certain minor repairs at the university. These letters and the charges made were only be partially removed.

SIMMONS FILES MINORITY REPORT ON TARIFF BILL

Says Bill Should Be Called One to Mortgage Country to Monopolies.

MAINTAINS PROFITS NOT WAGE SCALE

Report Says Interests Hope for Embargo Benefits as in Wartime.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Development today in senate consideration of the pending tariff bill included the filing of the minority report attacking the measure, approval of the finance committee amendments increasing the duties on lactic acid and an informal discussion among republican leaders and by Commissioner Blair that of measures designed to speed up senate action.

Night sessions beginning next Tuesday with a view to forcing curtailment of debate were among subjects discussed by the leaders, but no decision was reached. Three roll calls were demanded by the democrats on the lactic acid paragraph, but the committee amendments under which the rates on this acid would be advanced from 2 cents to 9 cents a pound in place of the house duties of from 2-1/2 cents to 5 cents were accepted by substantial majorities on almost strict party votes.

The minority report on the bill was filed by Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, ranking democrat on the finance committee, who asserted that if properly entitled the tariff would be termed as "an act to mortgage the country and its resources to the protected and monopolized industries."

Declaring that the atmosphere of the capitol had been surcharged with protest with the "frenzied clamor of the protected industries for prohibitive rates," the report said these interests believed that embargoes and prohibitions would do for them what embargoes and prohibitions did for them during the war.

ONE MILLION IN BONDS PURCHASED BY DURHAM BANK

Is First Sale of School Issue Since Loans Held Constitutional.

RALEIGH, May 6.—The purchase by the Fidelity Bank of Durham of one million dollars worth of the five million dollar school loan bond issue was announced today by State Treasurer Lacy. This is the first sale of these bonds following the recent Supreme court decision validating the issue and clearing up doubt as to the constitutionality of the school loan funds.

WASHINGTON EXPERT FINDS TWO KINDS OF LIGHTS ON MOUNTAIN

WASHINGTON, May 6.—(By H. E. C. O'Brien.)—There are two lights on Brown mountain. One of them comes from a locomotive pulling Southern railway trains in the Blue ridge. The other, which has been explained or discussed by George R. Mansfield, expert sent to the state by the United States geological survey in a detailed report of his visit to the lighted region.

WHO SAID IT WOULDN'T HATCH?

By BILLY BORNE



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Two Men Killed as They Quit Work to Attend Nuptials

One Man's Body is Shipped Home on Train He Would Have Taken

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn., May 6.—William G. Byrd, lineman for the local electric company, finishing his work here today preparatory to leaving for his home in Maryville, Tenn., to marry a Miss Goddard, was instantly killed by coming in contact with a high voltage wire. With another lineman, he was connecting wires to a motor in a local theatre, when he caught a telephone cable while standing on a wire carrying 2500 volts. His body was shipped to his home on the train he intended taking to meet his bride. He was 23 years of age, had been an electrician for several years, but employed here only three months. He had just secured a position in Maryville.

NEW GINGER ALE WILL BE MADE IN ASHEVILLE SOON

"Landosky" Name of the Beverage Which Will Use Famous Asheville Water

Believing that Asheville's water supply has become as famous as the natural waters of many sections of the country that have gained nationwide recognition for rare qualities, Brown and Logan, operators of the local Chero-Cola Bottling company, within the next ten days or two weeks will place a new ginger ale on the market. The feature of the new product is that one of the chief ingredients will be water obtained from the city's supply.

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French Support For Belgians Brings New Crisis In Conference

\$12,000,000 Bill For Hospital Coin Passed By Senate

Congress Completes Action on That Phase of \$17,000,000 Program

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 6.—Through passage by the senate congressional action was completed today on the bill making immediately available \$12,000,000 for construction of hospitals for former service men as a part of a program calling eventually for the expenditure of \$17,000,000. The measure, which was passed yesterday by the house, was put through without a record vote and without debate within a few hours after it had been reported out by the appropriations committee.

MODIFIED BONUS SCHEME IS LAID BEFORE HARDING

President Has It Under Advisement—Will Consider Still Another.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—President Harding took under advisement today the modified house soldiers' bonus plan presented to him by a committee of senate republican leaders. He told the senate and the one to be presented early next week by Senator Smoot of Utah, ranking republican on the senate finance committee and would renew the discussion with them later.

Those calling at the White House were Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the republican leader, Chairman McCumber and Senator Curtis of Kansas, and Watson, of Indiana, members of the finance committee. The senators, who had given no formal intimation as to his opinion of the amended house bill but asked many questions concerning its provisions.

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RUSSIANS WANT BILLIONS OF FRANCS IN GOLD PAYMENT

French Will Not Stand in Way if Belgians Relax Their Demands.

REDS CONCILIATORY BUT NOT TO YIELD

GENOA, May 6.—France will stand with Belgium in opposing the part of the allies' memorandum to Russia dealing with the property in Russia of foreign owners. In consequence of this decision, which was communicated to Premier Lloyd George by M. Barthou, this evening, another crisis has arisen which endangers the conference and may or may not be settled before the British prime minister returns to London.

If the views of Belgium with respect to this article can be met, and it is considered that the Belgians may modify their demands to some degree, France will place no obstacle in the way of a settlement. The Russians, however, are still to be heard from. Barthou is busy trying to frame a formula on the question of property rights in Russia which would satisfy everybody and avoid a rupture of the conference.

"Even if a break comes," M. Schuman said, "there will be no reason for relaxing the bonds of friendship which have always bound and must bind the allies together." M. Barthou then saw Premier Lloyd George and gave him a detailed account of the circumstances which forced France to adopt her present position side by side with Belgium.

"Public opinion in France," said M. Barthou, "was deeply moved by the announcement of a separate Russo-German treaty and had even gone so far as to consider it possible that a new war with Germany might be, also with Russia, was imminent. This excitement was calmed down, but the incident made Frenchmen remember with all the more gratitude the help extended to France by Belgium, Mr. Premier, less willing than ever to part company with Belgium."

"The question involved is one of principle, and there is no reason why the relations between France and Belgium should be affected."

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