

Flood's Death Toll Was To-day Set At Twenty -

Hundreds of Persons Driven From Their Homes, Take Refuge in Tree Tops—Death List May Be Increased When All Reports Are In.

Heavy Rainfall Last Night—Conditions in North Texas Said to Be Improved—The Homeless Are Being Taken Care of.

By Associated Press. Dallas, Tex., Dec. 5.—Hundreds of persons driven from their homes by high water, were reported to have taken refuge in trees in the bottom lands about Hearne, center of the Texas flood district, today. Many more persons were reported in cotton gin houses awaiting rescue.

The flood's death toll today was set at 24, this number may be slightly increased because bodies have been reported floating in the swift muddy current at several points. Hundreds of head of livestock have been drowned and scores of homes carried away since rivers and creeks have overflowing their banks after terrific rain last Tuesday.

Despite last night's downpour at several points conditions in north Texas improved. In south Waco last night scores of persons who had returned to their homes after Wednesday's high water, were driven out by a second deluge caused by a heavy rain. Many flood victims were being taken into the town of Calvert, a few miles above Hearne today. Men who were directing the rescue work said they had seen bodies floating in the swollen Brazos river. A few towns are asking for tents for the refugees.

PROTEST AGAINST HANGING OF MRS. WAKEFIELD.

By Associated Press. Lacrosse, Wis., Dec. 5.—The Twentieth Century Club and the Woman's Club, composed of leading society women of Lacrosse, are organizing the women of Western Wisconsin to protest against the hanging of Mrs. Besie Wakefield, convicted of the murder of her husband in Connecticut. A petition containing many thousands of names asking for the commutation of her sentence will be sent to Governor Baldwin.

ENGINEER BRINKLEY KILLED.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 5.—Engineer Laurel Brinkley of Raleigh, was killed and one trainman slightly injured when a switch engine backed into a freight train in the Seaboard Air Line Railway yards here early today.

EFFECTS OF TARIFF ON TRADE WITH FRANCE

By Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 5.—Adverse comment in both France and the United States upon the effect of the new American tariff on the trade of the two countries has led the French foreign office to authorize Gabriel Chevalley, chief of the bureau for American affairs at the French office, to give expression of the government's view of the situation. Chevalley did this in an informal statement to Myron T. Herrick, the United States ambassador as follows:

You have personally what is the feeling and responsible opinion in this country toward yourself, your president and the United States. Nothing in the world can prevail against it. As regards commercial interests, the new tariff although it needs friendly legislation, has not produced any of the effects on the commercial relations of the United States and France. All more to France than it buys the exports from France to the United States have grown by nearly 100 per cent in the past five years and the imports from France to the United States by sixty per cent. No market in the world has received so much attention from the French market as this is reciprocal.

As all it must be borne in mind that the reasonable customs regulations of the two countries, the commercial rivalry of the two countries, fortunately America and France are unwilling to be antagonized from inside against each other.

OASIS TEMPLE PASSED IMPORTANT RESOLUTION

Oasis Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine yesterday afternoon went on record as endorsing the movement started by R. B. Babbington some time ago for the establishment and maintenance of an orphanage for the care of diseased, crippled white orphan or dependent children of the state. The matter came before the Temple on the reading of a resolution adopted by the Methodist Conference at its last meeting here, and was presented by Mr. Walter S. Liddel. As a result a committee consisting of Leake Carraway, of Charlotte, chairman, and Mr. Babbington, of Gastonia, and Mr. J. C. Braswell, of Whitakers, was named to draft resolutions of endorsement, a copy of which appears herewith.

Following the adoption of the resolution the Potentate of Oasis Temple appointed the members of the committee on resolution the permanent commission to deal with the matter with the commissions of other organizations.

The resolution follows in full: Resolved, That the members of this Temple be and they are hereby requested to endorse and heartily commend this enterprise to its members throughout this jurisdiction as a step toward alleviating the suffering which now exists in some quarters and which it is well nigh impossible to reach under existing conditions and circumstances, and

Be it Further Resolved: That the illustrious Potentate of this Temple be directed by this resolution and empowered by the same token to name a commission to co-operate with like commissions already appointed or to be named by various church and fraternal organizations of the state looking to working out plans for the securing of such an institution, and

Be it Further Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the press, a copy sent to the commission of the M. E. church, South, and a copy spread upon the minutes of this Temple and become a part and parcel of the records.

Adopted Dec. 4, 1913.

By Associated Press. Denver, Col., Dec. 5.—Denver awakened today to find every manner of traffic blocked by more than two feet of snow which covered the city and pedestrians made their way with difficulty. Railroad trains were unable to move from the station and service on most of the roads was abandoned. Practically all of the trades people of Denver were forced to stay downtown last night and were on hand at the opening of the business day but there were few shoppers. Schools were as desolate as in vacation. Snow continued falling this morning and with overcast sky it seemed that little abatement of the storm could be hoped for during the day. Towns from the central and southern portions of Colorado reported a continuation of one of the worst snow storms in the history of the state and what was true of traffic and business conditions in Denver was true of nearly every large town in the state.

SMASH THE EGG TRUST? EGGSACTLY!

Wives of Cabinet Members Join The Boycotting Hen Fruit—Mrs. Bryan Endorses The Movement and Joins.

Monster Petition Bearing Five Thousand Names to Be Presented to Congress—Fifteen Thousand Housewives Join Boycott.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 5.—Eggs are to be banished from the tables in the homes of nearly all the cabinet members whose wives have pledged their support to the egg trust, which is being waged to reduce the price. One of the first to give her approval and join the movement is Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, wife of the secretary of state.

Any subject that touches the home touches the heart of every woman, whoever she is," is what Mrs. Bryan told Mrs. Ellis Logan, a leader in the boycott movement here when she called upon Mrs. Bryan to obtain her support. Mrs. Bryan assured Mrs. Logan she was in thorough accord with the movement.

Following Mrs. Bryan's lead nearly all the other cabinet wives have joined the effort to bring lower egg prices. Pledges have been obtained from Mrs. Lindley M. Garrison, wife of the secretary of war; Mrs. Albert S. Burleson, wife of the postmaster general; Mrs. David F. Houston, wife of the secretary of agriculture, and Mrs. William B. Wilson, wife of the secretary of labor.

A monster petition is being prepared with which congress is to be stormed by Mrs. Logan and her co-workers. It is expected that by next Monday night more than 5,000 names will have been signed to the document.

Mrs. Logan declares that already 15,000 Washington housewives have joined the movement. It is planned, the club women say, to impress congress with the need for legislation that will bring about lower food prices.

SALISBURY GOES AFTER HORNER'S

Special to The News. Salisbury, N. C., Dec. 5.—Seventy-five leading business and professional men of Salisbury met last night in the county court house to meet Professor Horner and bring pressure to bear upon him to locate Horner's Military Academy here.

Free sites were offered and he was told that it was believed thirty to thirty-five thousand dollars could be raised in addition. One man offered to head the list with \$10,000.

Committees were appointed this morning to take the matter up and shape up a definite proposition to submit to Professor Horner.

Professor Horner left for Durham where he will hear a proposition from business men of that city who desire to locate his school in Durham.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast for North Carolina: Fair tonight; Saturday, partly cloudy. Moderate west winds becoming variable.

SOLICITOR TO MEET WITH CORONER'S JURY

Coroner Hovis, who has been engaged in the investigation of the murder of B. B. Carter almost continuously since last Sunday, without arriving at any definite conclusion as to the perpetrator of the deed, will call his jury together again this afternoon at 2 o'clock, at which time Solicitor George W. Wilson will be present. It is considered probable that, after consultation with the solicitor, Coroner Hovis will take definite action relative to Bredy McNellis and Nick Johnson, the only persons now being held as suspects, and will either release them or decide on what grounds they can be held.

No new evidence was obtained yesterday or last night that would tend to throw light on the mystery. No intimation has been given by any witness as to the identity of three men who went into Carter's room about 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, just as a prominent citizen of the county, an uncle of Carter's, was leaving the room. They were seen by another gentleman who accompanied Carter's uncle, but neither of them had ever seen the trio before and have not seen them since. The police and Coroner Hovis are trying to find a witness who could say who the three men were, where they live, what their business with Carter was, how long they stayed in his room, and whether Carter was still all right when they left. Until these three men are found or someone is found who can give some intimation as to who they were, there is likely to be no further progress toward the solution of the mystery.

For the reason that the authorities have exhausted every resource toward locating the three men, they now have with the murder, but are still not satisfied as to their exact connection with the case.

One of the difficulties of the case is that of accounting for the number of people that might have gone up to Carter's room and the apartments on Saturday afternoon without attracting attention. The one entrance to the upstairs apartments where the tragedy happened is by an outside stairway on the west side of the building and people could come and go all day without being noted unless there was something out of the ordinary to attract the attention of those employed in the stable, or living in the building, or if there were more people visited Carter's apartments between 3:30 and 7 o'clock than the three men who have been noted as going in at the same time and entering as a kinsman of Carter's came out of the room. The room occupied by Carter was in the first hallway encountered by one going into that part of the building, while the three rooms in which the stable and his family (with whom McNellis was staying) opened on the second hallway and were at the north end of that hallway.

Carter had had an office in the building since July, Mr. Grier, proprietor of the Grier Livery & Feed Stables, over which the apartments are located, having found him a good tenant. The only time previous to Saturday afternoon that Carter had been known by Mr. Grier to be drunk, the latter warned him that he would have to get out of the room, if he was going to get drunk and raise a disturbance. Carter promised that it would not occur again.

Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Nick Johnson came down to Mr. Grier's office, and the stable and reported to him that Carter was drunk, in his room, or that something was the matter. Mr. Grier, being very busy at the time, told her, he states, that he would look into the matter and have Carter give up the room Monday, as he had told him before that he must not indulge in drinking and causing disturbances in the building. Presently Mrs. Johnson reported again, it is stated, that there was still something going on in Carter's room and Mr. Grier told her and her husband to go to the room and to break the door in, if they couldn't get in any other way. They called a negro who works in the stable to assist them in breaking the door, and they went to Mr. Grier's instructions. They, as has been stated, found Carter with the four fatal wounds on his head.

While there may have been any number of people in the part of the building occupied by Carter, from 3:30 until he was found about 7 o'clock, there is no way, apparently, to find out if such was the case.

WHAT INCREASED WAGES WOULD COST.

By Associated Press. Philadelphia, Dec. 5.—Recommendation for increased wages for employees of the government printing office amounted to about \$33,000 a year is contained in the annual report of Cornelius Ford, public printer. It is contemplated to increase the pay of the compositors and book binders from 50 to 55 cents an hour and of the book-binder machine operators from 5 to 60 cents an hour. A general increase, however, is not recommended.

ELKS MAY BUY FINE PROPERTY FOR CLUB-HOME

Undersstood Local Lodge is Negotiating For Valuable McManaway Residence Site on West Trade Street Near Graham.

Location One of Best in City—Building Could Readily be Changed Into Modern Home And Club Headquarters For The Elks.

The News learns that there is a movement on the part of the members of the Charlotte Lodge of Elks to purchase the valuable property at Graham and to establish here a permanent home and club headquarters. The property which is now occupied by Dr. C. G. McManaway, who purchased the same a few years ago, is considered to be one of the most desirable locations in the city, conveniently located and having ample frontage on West Trade street.

It is said that the Elks, if their plans to secure this valuable property are successful, will remodel the large four-story brick residence building on the center of the lot for an Elks' home and club headquarters. It is pointed out that the building can be readily changed and remodeled so as to meet all of the demands of a modern club, there being plenty of room, and a substantial structure available which can be easily altered, changed and added to, the building being especially well adapted for conversion into an Elks' home.

The Charlotte Elks have for about five years maintained headquarters in the three-story building on Mint street adjacent to the Presbyterian hospital building. The local lodge is thriving and steadily growing in membership and there is a strong sentiment in favor of the purchase of the property referred to above on the part of Charlotte Elks who have always been noted for their progressiveness and alertness, and if the proposition can be satisfactorily arranged it is expected that the deal will be put through in a short time.

The property on West Trade has large grounds, which the Elks could use to good advantage in connection with the establishment of their new headquarters, and the location, it is generally conceded, would make most attractive place for the Elks and one of the best that they could procure in the city.

LIEUT. COL. DAVID D. GAILLARD DEAD

By Associated Press. Baltimore, Md., Dec. 5.—Lieutenant-Colonel David D. Gaillard, U. S. A., who directed the engineering work in the Culebra Cut, a division of the Panama Canal, died at Johns Hopkins hospital here today.

Lieut.-Col. Gaillard had been a patient at the hospital since August 17, last, suffering from a growth in the head, the result of several years of arduous labor in the tropical climate of the canal zone. He failed gradually, but steadily, and for the last two months had been in a state of coma due to the pressure of the cranial growth upon the brain cells. The physicians decided some time ago that an operation was useless and might hasten his death.

He is survived by his widow and a son, Lieut. David P. Gaillard, U. S. A. Both were at the bedside when the end came.

Lieut.-Col. Gaillard was born at Winstboro, S. C., in 1854. He graduated from West Point Military Academy in 1874, and since that time had won many honors in the engineering service. A bill was introduced in congress last month promoting him to the rank of colonel in recognition of his distinguished services which culminated in the great engineering feat in the Culebra section of the Panama canal.

When Culebra cut was flooded by the blasting of Gamba dike on October 10, last, Colonel Gaillard lay unconscious in his bed at the hospital here.

O. O. Carson Hit By Train To-day - Death Results

Was Knocked From Trestle Near Elizabeth Cotton Mills West of City—Tried to Reach Safety Platform on Trestle's Side Too Late.

Dead Man Was Visiting Brother in City And Expected to Return to Home in Colorado soon—Lived About Two Hours.

Mr. O. O. Carson, of Canyon City, Colorado, was run down and killed while crossing the Southern Railway trestle near the Elizabeth Mills, west of the city, about 10:20 o'clock this morning, the body being knocked from the trestle to the ground below, a distance of 30 to 40 feet.

Mr. Carson has been in the city some months visiting his brother Mr. Z. V. Carson, at 607 East Ninth street. This morning the two had started to the country west of Charlotte to spend the day on a farm owned by Mr. Z. V. Carson, and were crossing the trestle when train No. 37 was heading approaching from the rear. Mr. Carson, it is said, called to his brother to seek safety on one of the small platforms provided on the side of the trestle, but for some unknown reason the doomed man passed by the first of these platforms and was apparently trying to reach the second one when he was struck by the train and hurled to the ground below. It was said that the victim of the accident was slightly afflicted with deafness.

Mr. Carson was still alive when he was picked up. He was taken speedily to the Presbyterian hospital where he died about noon.

An examination showed that the skull had been crushed, an arm and leg fractured and the body badly bruised and lacerated.

The day's news was interested in coal mining in Colorado. He came to this city last summer to visit his brother, Mr. Z. V. Carson, and was expecting a letter calling him back home this week.

The deceased was over 60 years of age and unmarried. He is survived by three brothers, Mr. Z. V. Carson, of this city; C. M. Carson, of Shelby; and J. L. Carson, of Chattanooga, and by one sister, Mrs. G. W. De Priest, of Shelby.

The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

QUEENS COLLEGE CANVASSERS ARE DISPIRITED

"If this proposition falls through that we are now engaged upon it means simply that Queens College will have just about another year's existence and that when the doors close next spring they will stay closed." This was the frank but outspoken sentiment expressed today at the 1 o'clock luncheon at the Sewyn hotel, where for five days ago ten committees have been meeting daily and prosecuting a campaign organized for the purpose of raising \$100,000 for Queens College. The above statement was made by Capt. William Anderson, who is a member of the L. A. O. of the college and one of the committeemen who have been engaged in the campaign for raising the above-mentioned amount.

Immediate and vigorous assent to this opinion of Capt. Anderson's was made by Mr. John R. Pharr, who is also a member of the board of trustees of the college, and by Mr. W. S. Alexander, who is also a member of the board, except that Mr. Alexander was willing to concede that the institution must not have to close permanently so early as next spring, if this campaign failed.

These rather frank and non-optimistic statements came today as the luncheon closed the fifth day of the campaign, and it was decided to stop and review the progress made and ascertain just what the status of the campaign was. All agreed it was not as rosy as might be desired, although the workers have been holding up each other's hands so to speak, from day to day with an effort to impart a sense of optimism to the campaign. The campaign was launched to raise \$100,000 when at the close of today, the fifth day—only \$40,650 had been secured and the committees lingered long at the table devising plans whereby new life might be injected into the campaign for the five days yet remaining of the ten-day campaign.

Several of those present stated it as their frank belief that if the proposition to raise the \$100,000 from among Charlotte's 50,000 population failed, it would be expecting too much to believe that Col. Horner would consider Charlotte a good place to locate his school and that there would be any chance of a little chance of his accepting the proposition that, it is said, will soon be made him by Charlotte parties.

The feature of the meeting today was the outspokenness of almost all of the members of the campaign committees in their belief that something was needed to arouse the city of Charlotte generally and the patrons of Queens College particularly as to the urgent present need of their support in their present campaign. The committee will meet again at 2 o'clock tomorrow, by which time it is expected that some definite plan of action, probably different from that which has been pursued, will be decided upon.

The result of the campaign today and up to the fifth day follows: Following is the result of the campaign to date in the Queens College campaign:

Table with 2 columns: Committee Name and Amount. Includes Captain W. S. Alexander (\$1,625), Captain F. C. Abbott (200), Captain Scott, Captain Henderson, Captain P. S. Gilchrist (50), Captain Smith, Captain G., Captain Anderson, Captain Pharr (600), Captain Thies.

Total for fifth day ... \$ 2,475 Previously reported ... 28,175 Grand total to date ... \$40,650

BATTLE BETWEEN THE GUN AND THE ARMOR.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 5.—The never ending battle of supremacy between the gun and the armor of naval vessels has kindled into fresh activity. In his last annual report Chief N. C. Twining of the naval ordnance bureau, declares that in consequence of the tendency towards increased thickness of armor it has become desirable to increase the penetrative power of armor piercing projectiles. The bureau has begun experiments on that line after recording its judgment that an armor piercing projectile carrying sufficient explosive to detonate and completely fragment the projectile after penetrating armor is the best for the attack of armored vessels.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

Washington, Dec. 5 Senate. Met at noon. Ratification of democratic currency bill program delayed. Consideration of Hetch Hetchy bill resumed. Interstate commerce committee postponed consideration of trust bills. House. Met at noon. Hearings on LaFollette seaman's bill set for December 13. McGill-Dyer election contest set for hearing on December 15.