

Rehabilitation is Task Now In Stricken Areas

Planned by Burial of Their Dead, Persons in Tornado Regions Nevertheless Go to Work With Hope.

WORK FOR STRICKEN CITIES

Must Be Built Again While In Others Building Work Is One Demanding and Money.

March 23 (By the Associated Press.)—The greatest tornado disaster, the death of Southern Illinois and the damage to the main task of rehabilitation to which the survivors of last Wednesday's catastrophe will be returned to the same as existed before the storm. The injured have received medical attention and all homeless have been provided with temporary shelter. It was anticipated that four months or more would be required to clear hundreds of acres of ruins, rebuild factories and establish systems of sanitation.

Blown 210 Miles By Storm In Illinois. A car picked up in Murphysboro, Ill., 210 miles distant. H. W. Abbott, pastor of the Baptist church, which was blown by the storm, was the owner. On a book case in his study, a personage appointing the church, calling cards. The tornado struck the cars along with houses, telegraph poles, trees and other loose objects. Yesterday he received a telegram from a man at Palestine he did not know, and who said the cards had been found.

LANIER DEAD OF AUTO CRASH INJURIES. Charges Brought In High Point Against Sam Tucker.

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ALL DOUBT OF A STATE DEFICIT IS NOW GONE

Governor McLean Has Settled The Dispute In a Matter-Of-Fact Way. Tom Post in Greensboro News. Raleigh, March 21.—Doubt of the ancient deficit in State finances is now gone and the first matter-of-fact statement placing the debit balance at \$10,251,630.57, nearly two months after the perfunctory demonstration of former Governor Morrison that there is no such thing as a state shortage, settles it in a state way of doing business.

After two months of administrative work, during which time the collections naturally have been low, the deficit has climbed considerably more than half a million above the figures shown by the budget commission and accepted by the finance committee of the two houses. The March raid on incomes will help to bring down the balance against the state, but there is very little likelihood of lessening the grand total by July 1, 1925, when Mr. McLean deals with the situation in his own name.

The argument of former Governor Morrison was momentarily impressive. It was difficult to resist his appeal that revenues which were levied by him and accrued after his day should not go to the reduction of the deficit shown at the end of his rule. But when anybody asked a member of the finance committee why the state did not apply these receipts to the deficits, always the reply was that the state had no receipts and would have none. The present shortage seems to show that there is nothing which can reduce the whole.

It so happens that there was a state deficit four years ago, one eight, 12, 16 and so on. Each executive taking up government bean where it was left off by his predecessor and Mr. Morrison did the same thing. He picked up the Bickett administration where the retiring executive had left it and there was million dollar deficit caused by the state's taking something from the general fund when bonds went bad. But there was a cash surplus of \$800,000 and an account of \$1,900,000 which Mr. Morrison inherited. The state went on and now Mr. McLean takes over a \$9,617,000 deficit against which he can employ the accruals of the Morrison regime.

There will hardly be any more fury about the deficit. It is now big enough for everybody to see and after July the state will begin to handle it in an intelligent way.

SAYS INCOME TAXES SHOW STATE'S POVERTY

North Carolina Must Find New Resources Or It Will Remain Poor, Says Bailey.

Raleigh, March 19.—Rubbing it into the folks yet again that they are not rich and that the income taxes show it, J. W. Bailey today told the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce that the state is one of the poorest on the western hemisphere and that it must devise some way of increasing its income if it ever gets out.

The Raleigh lawyer had the recent figures of the University News Letter before him. There are more than 500,000 families in the state, but only 8,000 of them have income taxpayers. He could not imagine how people estimate themselves rich with wealth so poorly distributed that only 8,000 families state in it. The total taxes of the state will be around \$30,000,000, Mr. Bailey said, and the people will have 90 per cent of their net incomes to devote to taxes.

Speaking informally and unofficially before the meeting, Dr. W. S. Rankin stated that he saw no reason why Wake county should not share in the Duke memorial hospital fund to the extent of \$1 per charity bed, allowed under Mr. Duke's provision and possibly at the first appropriation for construction. Thirty-two per cent of the \$40,000,000 fund will be available for rural public hospitals, interest from which the next year will amount to about \$500,000. No funds will be available until next year.

TRUCK AND BERRIES TO BRING IN MILLIONS

Strawberries and Lettuce Soon to Start Moving in Wilmington.

Wilmington, March 20.—Several million dollars are expected to pour into this section within the next two months as a result of the lettuce, strawberry and truck crops that will be marketed within that period.

The strawberry crop will likely start moving within two weeks, and the lettuce crop is expected to move a week later. The fact that the South Carolina lettuce crop has already started moving is taken as a good indication that the North Carolina crop, the weather permitting, will be a success, although it is understood that about 25 per cent of the local lettuce that was planted was killed by unfavourable temperature.

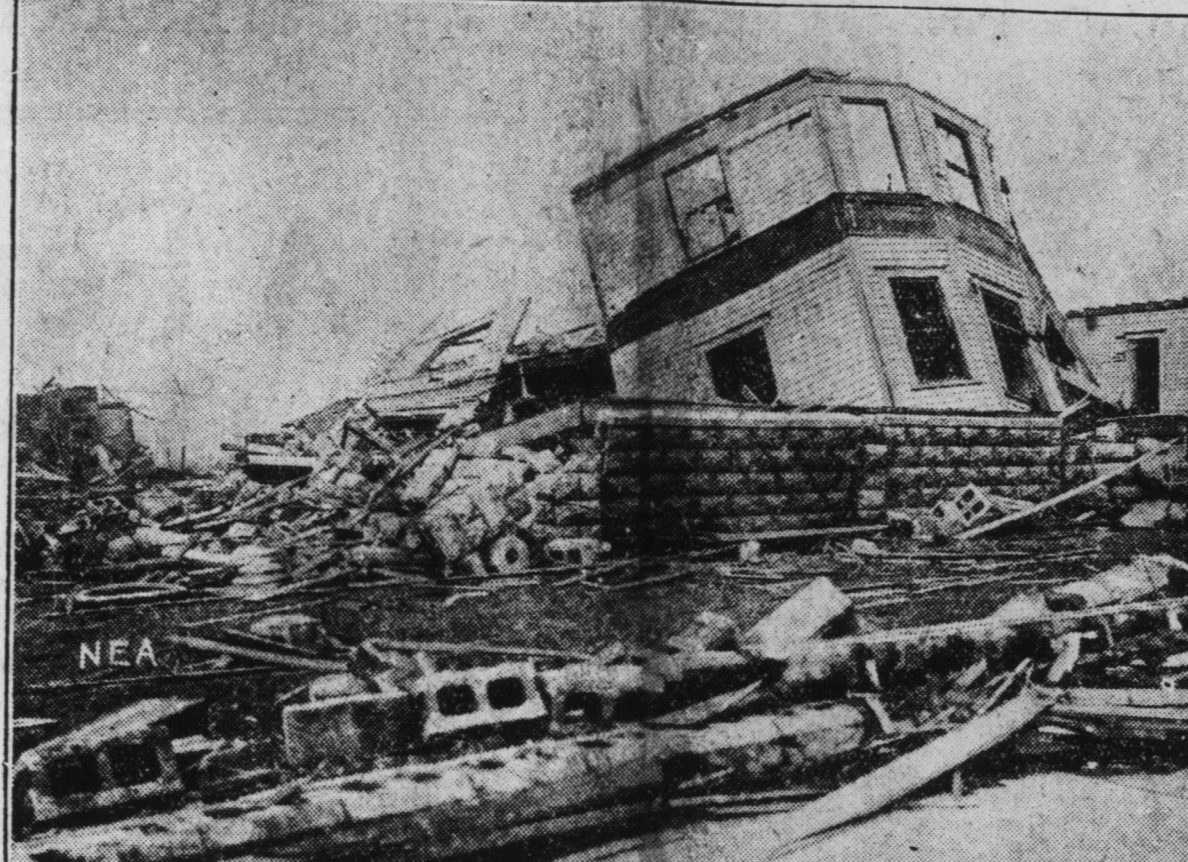
A few baskets of lettuce have already been shipped by local growers, according to J. P. Herring, county farm agent. However, it is expected that it will be fully three weeks before the lettuce movement assumes what may be termed regular proportions.

Another Job For Gen. Pershing. Washington, March 23.—Gen. Pershing has been appointed to supervise the Tacna-Arica plebiscite.

The White House today announced his selection as head of the commission which is to oversee the election under the recent Chilean-Peruvian arbitration award.

Another Diphtheria Epidemic for Alaska? Nome, March 21.—Dr. Curtis worked sole physician of Nome, who tonight and day during the height of the epidemic, has received word from Candle, 250 miles northeast of here, that an epidemic of sore throats with symptoms of diphtheria was spreading among residents of Buckland River.

Some Effects of the Storm at Murphysboro, Illinois



The efforts of a lifetime were smashed to bits by the tornado which crushed in houses like so many eggshells and left a trail of death and havoc in its wake. This picture, taken at Murphysboro, Ill., one of the town's heaviest hit by the twister, gives some conception of the tornado's fury. Note the solid concrete walls in the foreground snatched from their foundations and hurled far and wide.

KILLS MAN AND GOES ON HOME TO SLUMBER

Atlas Poole Asserts He Shot Dave Harris in Self-Defense Near Troy.

Troy, March 20.—Atlas Poole shot an instantly killed Dave Harris last night in the Onville section, about five miles south of here. The killing was done on a lonely path that leads from the Harris home to Onville, about 9 o'clock but local authorities did not receive the report until early this morning. They immediately went to the scene, and after a coroner's inquest was held found Poole at his home asleep.

He was taken into custody and brought here where he is confined in the Montgomery county jail awaiting a preliminary hearing. The cause of killing has not been definitely determined, the prisoner refusing to make any statement but that he shot in self-defense.

Duncan Parsons, a neighbor of both Poole and Harris, was an eye witness and he first gave the report. It seems that Poole and Parsons went to the home of Harris before dark last night and that all three men engaged in a drinking frolic. This ended about 8 o'clock with a quarrel between Poole and Harris. Harris left the home, following Poole and Parsons, and when about one mile from it was killed.

Harris was in his shirt sleeves when killed and his body only showed one wound, that being made by a shotgun fired at close range, the lead entering his body just a few inches below the heart.

He was a brother-in-law of Poole and was engaged in the sawmill business. He leaves a wife and four children. Poole is the son of Hart Poole, a prominent citizen of Montgomery county, and is about 32 years of age. He has been engaged in the mercantile business at Onville for sometime.

29 BODIES HAVE BEEN RECOVERED FROM MINE

Rescue Workers Still Hoping They Will Find at Least Two Miners Alive in the Mine.

Fairmont, March 23.—Rescue workers expected to learn definitely today whether there are any survivors among the 23 men imprisoned last Tuesday night by the explosion at the Barracksville mine of the Bethlehem Mine Corporation. The miners escaped death as they are believed to have been working in remote section of the mine when the blast went off. It was admitted at the same time, however, that there is no evidence any survivors will be found.

The removal of fifteen additional bodies yesterday brought the total of bodies from the mine up to 23.

A development yesterday was arrest by policemen of Chas. Grove, former employe for investigation. Three others are being held also for questioning in connection with the explosion. No date has been set for the official investigation that will be made.

REMARKABLE CLAIMS FOR NEW AUTO FUEL

Product Which Has as Basic a Solution of Sugar. Said to Give Fine Results.

Paris, March 21.—Remarkable claims are made for a new automobile fuel, named Iroline, after its discoverer fifteen years ago by Irene Laurant, daughter of a well known French chemist. The product, which is understood to have for a basic solution of gasoline, is said to cost less and go further than any other so-called substitute for gasoline.

A party of prominent automotive engineers who tested the new fuel on a long run in an ordinary machine are quoted as expressing themselves as astounded by the results.

Will Sentence Richard Next Week. Trenton, N. J., March 23.—At the request of defense counsel, Federal Judge Boone today deferred for one week imposition of sentence on Tex Rickard and others convicted last week of conspiracy in the interstate transportation of films of the Dempsey-Carpentier fight.

NEARLY \$80,000,000 FROM GASOLINE TAX

Practically Entire Revenue From This Source Collected Last Year Went Into Road Building.

Washington, March 21.—Motorists in 35 states and the District of Columbia last year paid \$79,734,400 in gasoline taxes, of which sum \$48,711,326 was used in state road maintenance and construction. Much of the remainder collected was turned over to county and local roads funds.

The department of agriculture, in announcing these figures, tonight, estimated that only half of the motorists in the country contributed to the fund, although all but 13 states levied a gasoline tax. The average amount paid annually where the tax was imposed was \$10.30 per vehicle.

California, with a 2 cent tax, collected \$11,993,222, of which \$5,990,611 was applied to state roads. Pennsylvania collected \$9,080,541, the second largest sum, with a 2 cent levy, but the department had no record of what part of it was used for highways. Wyoming's one cent tax brought only \$200,319, all of it being used for roads. The state has increased the tax to 2 1/2 cents per gallon.

Arkansas' 4 cent tax, the largest of all states, brought the state \$22,768,535, of which \$2,268,535 was applied to road work.

McLEAN IS BESEIGED TO APPOINT JURIST

Friends of Wright and Armfield Urge Them For Superior Court—Decision Delayed.

Raleigh, March 20.—Salisbury delegations storming Governor McLean this evening, and Concord and Union lawyers at it this afternoon, left Governor McLean in doubt whether he can name a judge to succeed the late Benjamin F. Long before Monday or not.

More hearings will be given Saturday. The Salisburyans were Senator Walter H. Woodson, Stable Linn and Cham Coughnour, who spoke for R. Lee Wright, of the Rowan bar. Former Senator Luther Hartsell and T. D. Maness, of Cabarrus, came for Frank Armfield, of the Cabarrus bar, and John C. M. Vann, former member of the general assembly and resident of Union, where Mr. Armfield lived most of his life, spoke for the Cabarrus candidate. There is no doubt that the Armfield friends have had a good impression on his excellency.

Governor McLean did not indicate who would do the further work for the aspirants, but he will hear them out. It is not likely that he will get to this appointment before Monday.

JURY OF MEN CHOSEN FOR ELLINGSON CASE

Sixteen-Year-Old Girl Goes on Trial for the Killing of Her Mother.

San Francisco, March 23.—Dorothy Ellingson, sixteen-year-old stenographer who shot her mother to death last October when her parents objected to the hours she kept with men friends, came into the Superior Court here today with one hope—that the jury which will try her on a charge of murder, will be composed entirely of men.

THE COTTON MARKET

Heavy General Selling Occurred at the Opening on Reports of Rain in Southwest Texas.

New York, March 23.—Heavy general selling occurred at the opening of the cotton market today owing to reports of rain in southwest Texas and relatively easy Liverpool cables. In addition to liquidation of old long accounts there appeared to be considerable pressure from southern and local sources.

After opening easy at a decline of 20 to 48 points, active months soon showed net losses of 30 to 49 points. May selling off to 25.21 and October to 24.88. The decline uncovered a good many orders to buy for trade account and this with covering of recent sellers checked the break, and prices rallied 10 or 15 points from the lowest by the end of the first hour.

STEPHEN E. WILLIAMS DIES IN CHARLOTTE

Prominent Citizen of Lexington Passes Away Suddenly in Hotel.

Charlotte, March 22.—Stephen Edwin Williams, of Lexington, died suddenly in his room at a local hotel at an early hour this morning, heart trouble being the cause of death. He was in his usual health yesterday.

Mr. Williams was of Lexington, but he had spent the greater part of his time in Charlotte for the last year as his daughter, Mrs. E. C. Sweeney resides here.

Mr. Williams was born February 28, 1857, in Yanceyville, Caswell county. Coming of a family of prominence and notable mentality he married Miss Louna Williams, of Marchmont, and they have two children living. Mrs. Williams resides in Salisbury.

ALBERT HOUSE, NOTORIOUS JAIL CRIMINAL, ESCAPES JAIL

Officers Express Belief He Had Outside Aid in Successful Effort to Law Out of Prison.

Tampa, Fla., March 23.—Albert House, said to be a notorious criminal, early today escaped from the Hillsborough County jail where he had been confined for one week. House in saving his way out of the institution, officers said, had been aided from the outside.

House is wanted by the Indiana authorities for murder, and a series of bank robberies, officers said, now being held here for having engineered the Hava Tampa robbery here a year ago in which \$24,000 was taken, and also several yeggman "jobs."

Two Measures To Be Ratified by People

Raleigh, March 21.—When the general assembly adjourned, it was found that it had referred only two measures to the people to be voted on in the next general election.

One of these is a proposed constitutional amendment designed to permit the governor to be inaugurated on the opening day of each biennial session of the general assembly instead of later on in the session.

CHATTANOOGA COURT IS READY FOR THE BENNETT CASE NOW

W. H. Bennett and Wife Go On Trial Charged With the Murder of Mrs. Augusta Hoffman Years Ago.

MURDERED WOMAN WAS KINSWOMAN

500 Prospective Jurors Summoned by Court as Case Has Attracted Such Interest—Elements of Mystery.

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 23. (By the Associated Press.)—Five hundred prospective jurors, 300 more than the usual number summoned, were called to Hamilton county court today for the trial of W. H. Bennett and his wife, Mrs. May Bennett, of Rome, Ga., indicted on a charge of murdering Mrs. Augustus Hoffman, aunt of the defendants.

Elements of mystery as to the details of the alleged crime were to be explained as the trial began. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett were indicted on the charge of murder in September, 1924, following the discovery of bones said to have been those of a woman under the house they had occupied at their residence of more than four years in Chattanooga.

The state claims the bones found by workmen while making repairs on the house were those of Miss Hoffman, whom the prosecution contends "disappeared" after coming to make her home with her nephew and family.

Jury Chosen

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 23 (By the Associated Press.)—Selection of a jury for the trial of W. H. Bennett and his wife, Mrs. May Bennett, of Rome, Ga., charged with the murder of Miss Augusta Hoffman, required only one and one-half hours in Hamilton county criminal court here today.

PALM BEACH LINKS TURNED INTO CAMP

Millionaires Seize Costly Rugs and Sleep Outdoors After Fire Razes Hotel.

Palm Beach, Fla., March 9.—Estimate of the loss here last night when the Breakers Hotel and the Palm Beach Hotel were destroyed by fire with damage to other property, was placed at \$7,000,000 today by Fire Chief Schultz. Previously the loss had been estimated at \$4,000,000.

Authorities continued to investigate rumors that the Breakers was set afire in a plot to loot rooms of jewelry and money. Police have arrested a score of persons charged with looting.

A checkup of hotel registers today failed to reveal that any lives were lost. Sleep on Golf Links.

Smouldering ashes were all that remained today of two of the most noted hotels of the playground of millionaires.

The city presented an unusual scene in the early morning light, as groups paused to view the ruins.

On the golf links groups of millionaires slept upon expensive rugs and draped themselves in the burning buildings. Some persons had found shelter in other hotels and cottages, but many informal picnics were held on the links last night.

The estimated damage to the Breakers, building alone, was \$1,000,000, and the Palm Beach Hotel one-fourth of that amount.

The Breakers would have been the last of the larger hotels to close, as it had been planned to continue it in operation a week later than the usual season.

Many guests from the Poliniana, expected to close March 29th, had moved to the Breakers. Several delegations of Rotarians attending a convention in Palm Beach, were also quartered there.

Many persons were understood to have made arrangements last night to leave today for their homes in the East. Homes in Palm Beach and West Palm Beach were thrown open today to persons left without shelter.

HUNDRED WITNESSES ON HAND FOR EDWARDS TRIAL. Both Sides Ready to Proceed With Case, and a Speedy Trial Is Expected.

ARGUMENTS NOW ARE MADE IN THE TEAPOT LEASE SUIT

Planned to Give the Case to Judge Kennedy Not Later Than Tomorrow Night.—Pomerene First Speaker.

LIMIT SPEAKING TIME OF LAWYERS

Court Is In Session But Four and a Half Hours Each Day and Only Few Speeches Are Scheduled.

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 23.—Attorneys in the Teapot Dome lease annulment suit started on the last leg of the trial today with a view of having the case submitted to Federal Judge T. Blake Kennedy by tomorrow, afternoon. A schedule agreed to by attorneys last night calls for the argument of Atlee Pomerene of government counsel, to occupy one and a half hours, beginning today. The rest of the day then will be occupied by J. W. Lacy, of the defense counsel, who will submit the technical argument.

The court day of four and one-half hours will be divided among Martin W. Littleton and Geo. P. Hoover, of the defense counsel, and Owen J. Roberts, government attorney, tomorrow. It is hoped the case will be completed before the close by Tuesday night.

THIRTEEN KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

Two Fast Southern Pacific Trains Collide During Fog; Five Are Injured.

New Orleans, March 22.—Thirteen persons lost their lives in a wreck early today when two fast mail trains of the Southern Pacific Railroad collided during a fog at Riochoc, La., between Franklin and Patterson. Four of the dead were white men, the others negro passengers. Five were seriously injured.

The official report said Engineer Matthews, of the eastbound San Antonio express, came through the fog and passed the switch at Riochoc, where he was scheduled to have put in for the west-bound mail. About 900 feet past the switch the two trains came together.

The baggage car and the front passenger coach of the eastbound train telescoped and the baggage coach of the westbound train was crushed.

The negroes occupied the coach, other also telescoped. Engineer Matthews telephoned railroad officials that he was badly hurt and too nervous to talk. He was said to have stated he became lost in the fog and did not know he had passed the switch.

BORROWED AIRPLANE FOR HIS FIRST TRIP IN AIR

Private at Bolling Field Started Home in Plane Without Permission to Use It.

Washington, March 23.—The commanding general of the district of Washington is endeavoring to figure out what should be done with a buck private who undertook to fly an airplane without previous experience.

Private Floyd B. Elfritz, of Bolling Field, borrowed a major's plane, made a beautiful take-off, circled the field and then headed to Washington. Officers say he explained later he was "going home," which understood to be somewhere on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Elfritz forgot, however, to open the radiator of the craft, and it got so hot as it reached the city limits that he turned back. When he landed, the entire personnel of Bolling Field assisted him from the wreckage. He was not injured.

Co-operative Training School Begun Sunday Afternoon

The Cabarrus County Co-operative Standard Training School for Sunday School leaders was opened yesterday afternoon at the Central Methodist Church at 3 o'clock. Following a short period of worship and opening remarks, the school was organized into classes.

Two class sessions were held, the first at 3:25 and the second at 4:20. Classes will be held tonight beginning at 7:30 and continuing on through 9:30. The school will end next Sunday. This school is conducted under the auspices of the Methodist and Presbyterian denominations of Cabarrus county.

Still Fighting For Shepherd's Release

Chicago, March 23.—A legal battle to obtain the release on bail of Wm. D. Shepherd, indicted on a charge of inoculating his foster son, Wm. N. McClintock, with typhoid fever, was resumed today.

At the same time a coroner's inquiry into McClintock's death was scheduled to come up with an announcement by Chief Justice Harry Olson of the municipal court, that he had subpoenaed new witnesses for the hearing. Their names were not divulged.

WHAT SMITTY'S CAT SAYS. Fair tonight and Tuesday, warmer Tuesday in western portion.

