

MISSISSIPPI RIVER GRADUALLY RECEDES

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NO NEW DANGER SPOTS DEVELOP

Bill Introduced in the House to appropriate one million dollars for benefit of the sufferers.

(By the Associated Press.) New Orleans, May 2.—While the Mississippi River continued its steady drop amounting to 3 of a foot at New Orleans in the last 24 hours, or 1.7 feet below the high record of 22.7 feet recently established, levee protection agencies today continued their work of preparing for higher stages than yet recorded.

Early reports from headquarters of the lower river hardly today state that no new danger spots have developed, and that the recent fall in the river has been of the greatest advantage to the approximately 20,000 men employed in strengthening the levees at danger points.

A \$200,000 Appropriation Is Rushed Through Both Houses.

Washington, May 2.—An additional appropriation of \$200,000 for work on the Mississippi levees to protect them against the flood, was made today by Congress, an emergency resolution being rushed through both branches without discussion.

The \$200,000 fund is to be devoted to the levees which are not under government control. Congress recently appropriated \$1,000,000 for flood work by the Mississippi River commission. The appropriations are available for work on the tributaries of the Mississippi.

ASK \$1,000,000 TO RELIEVE THE FLOOD SUFFERERS

Bill Will Be Rushed Through Both House and Senate, It Is Said.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 2.—Appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the relief of sufferers in the flooded areas of the Mississippi Valley is provided in a bill reported favorably to the House today by the agricultural committee. The measure introduced by Representative Hamilton, republican of Illinois, will be rushed through the House, and Senate leaders also have promised to give it immediate consideration.

THE COTTON MARKET Showed Renewed Strength and Increased Activity Today.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, May 2.—The cotton market showed renewed strength and increased activity during today's early trading. Buying movement which had been in evidence at the close yesterday, appeared to find further encouragement on reports of continued rains in Texas, firmness of Liverpool, and more favorable view of the European political conditions. First prices were firm at an advance of 10 to 17 points and the market soon sold 31 to 38 points above yesterday's close.

Cotton futures opened firm: May 18.50; July 18.20; October 18.40; December 18.45; January 18.30.

NO CONCESSIONS BY RUSSIANS MADE TO SHELL INTERESTS

Both the Soviets and Shell Representatives Flatly Deny It.

(By the Associated Press.) Genoa, May 2.—(By the Associated Press.) The Genoa correspondent for the London Evening News in a dispatch to his paper this afternoon quotes Col. Boyle, representing the Shell group of British oil companies, and the Royal Dutch interests here, as denying that an industrial agreement was signed here yesterday between this interest and the soviet government, as had been reported.

A Reuters correspondent says the Russians flatly deny having made any concessions to the Shell interests.

Paper pulp and strawboard are now made from old bails.

ANNUAL RECEPTION OF THE CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL

The Occasion Was One of the Most Enjoyable in the History of the School.

The annual reception on Friday evening by the Juniors in the Graduating Class of the Concord High School was one of the most enjoyable in the history of the school. This occasion is always one of great interest and pleasure to both classes and their guests, and anticipated with keen interest. Beautifully decorated cards of invitation have previously been issued to all teachers of the city schools, the parents of the two classes and special friends of the Graduating Class, and elaborate preparations made to make this a conspicuous one. The auditorium was transformed by artistic touches into a woodland scene, with its green and white coloring (colors of the Junior Class).

Fragrant flowers lent their sweetness to a charming scene of beautiful girls, lovely gowns and handsome young men, who comprised the charm by their refreshing youthfulness. The receiving line, composed of the teachers of the high school and the presidents of their respective classes, gave cordial greeting to the arriving guests. Mr. Jesse Hamilton, of the Junior Class, spoke the words of welcome which was responded to by Mr. Clarence Prupst, of the Senior Class. The presiding officer called Prof. A. S. Webb, who responded in a most happy manner; also Prof. Robertson, Mrs. Jarrett, Joe McChisick, Rev. C. C. Myers, M. H. Caldwell, J. A. Blackwelder, A. F. Hartwell, W. A. Foll, Mrs. Wolfe. All responded in a most pleasing and witty manner. The music was very good, both classes giving their songs, with two solos by Harry Propp. The seniors were requested to assemble on the platform and were presented with charming little favors by Miss Mary Elizabeth Blackwelder. These favors were quite unique, being miniature senoritas in cap and gown and carrying their fortunes as diplomats. These "diplomats" were read, creating much merriment.

Also so went down in history another "Junior Reception" with its beautiful treasures of youth, happiness and joy.

Delicious refreshments were served during the evening, the coloring scheme of green and white being carried out, while the seniors carried the colors of the Senior Class.

MR. ALLISON WRITES ON THE ROADS QUESTION

Favors the Old Road to Charlotte—Extension of the Concord-Sanford Highway.

There has been much said about our roads lately. Your editorials were good and should have been more heartily endorsed by the people. The Charlotte Observer threw some bouquets at our county in some of its editorials, in trying to keep favor with our good county and its people, but always holding Charlotte as the objective of all roads within a radius of one hundred miles.

We have had numerous road meetings and discussions, but in all of them there has been very little said from a Concord or Cabarrus county standpoint. We hear much of our county's allotment of road funds, but we don't seem to have much say in the disbursement of it. Last year a big road meeting was called at the court house. Some sections of the county sent good delegations, thinking it was for the whole county, but when a speaker from No. 10 started to place his claim of his section for a part of the funds, he was informed by the chairman that this meeting was to settle the route of the National Highway, so our county men went home with very little hopes of seeing much of that money. I believe in the National Highway, but not to the exclusion of all the other roads of the county.

Even the Highway was not located from a county viewpoint. The old Charlotte road is less than seven miles from the forks of the road below the depot to the county line, with a well graded road bed, and good bridges crossing all of the water courses, while the one selected is nearly ten miles from the same point to the county line, and will be nine when the changes are made. These changes mean nearly seven miles of new road, with two expensive new bridges, and one small bridge. I don't want to make extravagant comparisons, but common sense will show the latter a very much more expensive route. This difference would help the much needed roads in other parts of the county. The Monroe road through No. 10 township, will be a great boon to that section, even if it does take a few bales of cotton from our town. If Concord does not give as good market as the other towns then she deserves to lose. But Concord will soon see its mistake and rise to the occasion, as it always has. Then a new road from the Brafford Mill to Bethel via Flow's Store.

Then a road which I believe of more importance to Concord than any other, the extension of the Sanford-Albemarle-Concord road to Newton and Lincoln, and connecting with the road radiating from those towns to Blowing Rock, Morganton, Montreat, Asheville, Chimney Rock and Hendersonville. This will be the shortest and best route between these places and southeastern North Carolina and eastern South Carolina. This will be the half way place between these sections. The road is already first class to Concord from the east, and it will only require a new road from Poplar Tent Church to the county line. From there Meskeburg has a good road to the Catawba river, where there is a good bridge. This new part is only about three miles. By using gravel which is about the middle of this stretch of road from Concord to the county line, it can be made the equal of the concrete road with a cost far below.

Pardon a lengthy article, but the subject deserves much more. JNO. P. ALLISON.

THREE TRAINMEN KILLED

B. & O. Locomotive Blows up at Myersdale, Pa.—Boiler Burst Without Warning.

(By the Associated Press.) Myersdale, Pa., May 2.—Three trainmen were killed and a freight train on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was wrecked at Fairview, seven miles east of here today, when the locomotive blew up.

The locomotive, one of the most powerful on the Baltimore and Ohio system, was hauling a fast freight from Cumberland, Md., to Pittsburgh. Without warning the boiler let go, and all members of the crew on that portion of the train were killed. Ten cars immediately following the engine were thrown from the track, and catching fire, were destroyed.

Japanese Cabinet Resigns.

(By the Associated Press.) London, May 2.—(By the Associated Press.) The Japanese cabinet, headed by Takahashi, has resigned for the purpose of permitting a partial reorganization of the ministry, says the Exchange Telegram dispatch from Tokyo today.

MRS. HARRIS SPEAKS

At Get-Together Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Central Methodist Church.

A "get-together" meeting of the four circles of the Woman's Missionary Society of Central Methodist Church was held on Monday afternoon in the ladies' parlor of the church. Mrs. J. P. Dayvault, vice-president of the auxiliary, presided over the meeting and led the opening devotional service. Reports of the recent annual missionary conference at Salisbury were given by Mrs. D. L. Root, Mrs. L. D. Coltrane and Mrs. J. W. B. Long, who were representatives of the society at the meeting.

Mrs. W. H. Harris, of Asheville, the Conference Superintendent of the Young People's Work, was a visitor on this occasion and gave a talk on the woman's work, stressing especially the importance of the family altar, the value of the circle plan and the splendid results that come from the Inter-denominational Union of the Missionary Societies in our towns and cities.

Following Mrs. Harris' talk dainty and tempting refreshments were served by representatives from the four circles who were hostesses on this occasion.

It is always a pleasure of the members of the society to have Mrs. Harris, a former active member of the society, with them, and as an expression of their love for her she was presented with two exquisite bunches of roses—one of Marechal Nells, the other American Beauties. Mrs. Coltrane making the presentation.

NOTICES SENT TO ALL DEBTOR NATIONS

Washington, May 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—The American debt refunding commission has informed the French government it will be glad to receive the government's observations on what it has to offer concerning the payment of the interest on the French debt to the United States, and the amortization of the capital.

The matter will be referred to the minister of finance, who is expected to frame a reply to submit to the cabinet for its approval.

Formal replies to the notice have been received so far as could be learned today from none of the nations but Great Britain has indicated formally a willingness to proceed at an early date, and it is considered probable that preliminary negotiations with that nation will be entered into within a fortnight.

LADY ASTOR GIVEN GREAT WELCOME IN RICHMOND

Visits City in Which She Was Elected For First Time Since She Entered the British Parliament.

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., May 2.—Lady Astor, who was Miss Nancy Langhorne, and who was reared in this city, returned to Richmond today for the first time since she became a member of the British Parliament, and was accorded a great welcome. The John Marshall High School band played "Dixie" as she alighted from a train at Broad Street station. Flowers and kisses were bestowed on her by relatives and friends.

An idea of the stupendous cast may be gleaned from the fact that in one scene 65,000 people were employed. Most spectacular films resort to hokum for their effects.

This one tells a story with a careful fidelity to historical accuracy that grips and holds. One is transported back to the days of bloody tyrants and Roman orgies.

It is the kind of a film that will still the artistic sneer at the celluloid drama. There are moments of terrifying suspense, reminiscent of the days when Richard Mansfield gripped the imagination and sent the heart racing with fear.

There was a scene when the deplorable "Nero," in his lustfully cruel moment, actually brought a hiss—followed by a blush, of course—from a hardened New York dramatic critic who sat in the projection room at the private showing.

The burning of Rome sweeps the emotions with the same fervor that Nero plucks his lyre during the holocaust. The flames can be seen teeming their way while the thousands upon thousands of terror-stricken rush pell-mell to safety.

Then there is the storming of the tyrant's citadel by an angry populace. This is the scene where 65,000 people are filmed. It is mob fury at its worst. Buildings are torn down, statues toppled into the street and a havoc of destruction the like of which has never been seen before.

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John McCormack Sings For Ireland. New York, May 2.—John McCormack was so far recovered from his recent illness that he was a passenger today with his wife and family on board a liner bound for a rest and a visit to his home in Ireland.

THE FRENCH DEBT TO THE UNITED STATES

The American Debt Refunding Commission Is Ready to Receive French Government's Observations.

MATTER REFERRED TO MINISTER OF FINANCE

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"Nero" to Be One of the Most Spectacular Pictures Ever Made for the Screen.

New York, May 2.—Jaded movie fans are on the brink of the Big Thrill! Those who have watched with dog-like patience for the great American drama have looked in vain but the super-film has arrived. It has been the writer's privilege to be one among ten who attended the private showing of the greatest spectacular moving picture drama ever produced.

It is called "Nero" and the bloody reign of the last of the Caesars it is a peerless work of art, "shockingly thrilling." The picture was taken in Rome and vicinity, a few scenes are near Naples and in the Alps. An entire city was built on the outskirts of Rome only to be destroyed by torch.

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BIRTHDAY PROGRAMME

Of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church Observed Here.

Ten years ago during the month of May the Woman's Auxiliary of the Southern Presbyterian Church was organized.

A birthday programme, suggested by the Woman's Auxiliary Committee, was very interestingly carried out on Monday afternoon by the local Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church, Circle No. 1 had charge of this program, assisted by Circle No. 9, the teen-age circle. After devotional exercises Mrs. J. J. Barnhardt, chairman, gave a brief account of the organization and the purpose of the celebration, stating that the offering, which was about to be made, "a penny for every year you have lived or have to live"—was for Miss Dowd's School for homeless girls in Japan. She asked Mrs. Blain, home on furlough from China, who was present, to tell of her visit to Miss Dowd and her school. This was followed by the solo "I Gave My Life For Thee," and the offering.

After the offering the chairman said the birthday cake was complete without a birthday cake when two girls entered carrying a huge white cake, followed by eleven others in turn, the first with a short lighted candle, representing the first year of the Auxiliary's life. She told in a few brief sentences the work of that year. She was followed by "Candle No. 2," who told of the second year's work, lighted her candle from the first and placed it on the cake, and so on, each candle growing longer and brighter. Candle No. 11, the longest of all, represented what we have to do the coming year.

The young girls standing about the huge cake, with the eleven burning candles, sang "The Morning Light is Breaking," closing a most beautiful program.

A delightful social hour followed, the hostess circle serving angel cake and coffee.

ADA JONES IS IN A CRITICAL CONDITION

Is Suffering With Acute Bright's Disease in a Rocky Mount Hospital.

(By the Associated Press.) Rocky Mount, N. C., May 2.—Ada Jones, noted talking machine star, and maker of probably the greatest number of comedy records, is in a critical condition at a local hospital, suffering with acute Bright's disease, and her physicians entertain no hope for her recovery. Relatives have been summoned to her bedside. Miss Jones was taken ill here yesterday.

Miss Jones, who in private life is Mrs. High Flarety, wife of a well known comedian, makes her home in New York. She filled engagements as the leading member of the Ada Jones company at a local theatre Saturday night, and was in apparent perfect health Sunday, having attended church. On Monday, however, members of her company found her very ill and she was rushed to a local hospital, where her condition has grown rapidly worse.

Miss Jones has been on a tour since September 1921 under the direction of the Paramount Lyceum Bureau of New York.

CHARGES THAT DAUGHERTY RECEIVED FEE FROM MORSE

Repealed in Senate and Denied by Friends of Attorney General.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 2.—Reports that Harry M. Daugherty, now Attorney General, had received a fee of \$25,000 from Chas. W. Morse, New York shipbuilder for obtaining Morse's release in 1912 from the Atlanta Federal penitentiary were repealed in the Senate today by Senator Carraway, democrat of Arkansas and denied by friends of the present Attorney General.

The Arkansas Senator said the report was based upon public information. Senator Watson, republican of Indiana, said he had talked with Mr. Daugherty about the report and it was untrue. Senator Moses, republican of New Hampshire, broke into the discussion to say that Wm. G. McAdoo, former secretary of the Treasury, had received "large fees" from Morse in connection with the shipping contracts recently made the basis of indictments in Federal court here.

THE KNOX TRIAL

Cross-Examination of Roger Eastlake Completed Today.

(By the Associated Press.) Montross, Va., May 2.—Cross examination of Roger D. Eastlake, chief petty officer, United States Navy, was completed shortly after the opening of court today in the trial of Miss Sarah E. Knox, charged with the murder of his wife, Mrs. Sarah L. Eastlake. The witness was ordered, however, to hold himself subject to recall.

Silas D. Perry, chief of police of Fredericksburg, who then took the stand, testified to inspecting the house and surroundings where the murder was committed.

Want \$500,000 to Prosecute War Fraud Cases.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 2.—A request for a special appropriation of \$500,000 to be used in prosecution of war fraud cases was sent to the House today by President Harding. The budget communication explained that the fund would be used for investigating or prosecuting all cases, whether civil or criminal, growing out of the war.

Mrs. Overman Returns Home for the Summer.

Washington, May 1.—After spending the winter here with Senator Overman at the Powhatan Hotel, Mrs. Overman has returned to Salisbury for the spring and summer.

Alfred McLean, secretary to Senator Overman, returned today from the state.

Many May Day Casualties in Italy.

(By the Associated Press.) Rome, May 2.—Five dead and about 100 wounded make up the May Day roll of casualties in Italy. None of the disorders reached a degree of magnitude. Two socialist halls at Pisa were set on fire.

WORCEE ARRESTED FOR MURDER OF CHILD

Her Nephew, Two and a Half Years Old, Was Found Dead in Woman's Apartments Saturday Night.

WOMAN TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE

Attempted Suicide, It Is Said, As Result of Quarrel With R. C. Dunbay, of Atlantic City.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, May 2.—Miss Violet Duncan, a pretty 19-year-old divorcee, was arrested today charged with murder in connection with the death of her nephew, Hollis Boyd, 2 1/2 years old, of Alton, Park, Tenn.

The child was found dead in Miss Duncan's apartments last Saturday night.

Mrs. Duncan lay on the floor beside the boy, with three gas range jets turned on in full force. Mrs. Duncan was revived by a physician.

The attempted suicide was believed by the police to have resulted from a quarrel with R. C. Dunbay, Atlantic City business man, who upbraided the woman after she had ridden in a motor boat with another man.

A note addressed to Dunbay was clutched in Mrs. Duncan's hand, when she was found.

"Davy, send Hollis to sister for me. I'm 'so' tired. I don't want to live. I love you, Violet."

According to the police, Mrs. Duncan came to Chicago last February from Atlanta, where she met Dunbay after obtaining a divorce from Walter Duncan, of Chattanooga, Tenn. Dunbay returned to Mr. Duncan's apartment after their quarrel and smelled escaping gas. Neighbors broke into the apartment.

The boy died without regaining consciousness. His mother, Mrs. A. L. Boyd, of Alton, was notified.

PRESIDENT ASKED TO APPROVE NEW BONUS BILL

Differs from the House Bill Only in Minor Details.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 2.—President Harding is to be asked by the Senate Finance Committee to approve a soldiers' bonus bill differing from the House measure only in minor essentials.

This was decided at a conference of Senate Republicans and the Smoot plan of substituting a 20 year endowment life insurance plan for the adjusted service certificate was discarded without a record vote. The Smoot plan would have provided for no specific loan on the policies.

The measure to be taken to the McCumber plan is to be known as the McCumber plan, which would provide for immediate loan to the veterans equal to 50 per cent of their adjusted service pay at the rate of \$1 a day for domestic service, and \$1.25 a day for overseas service. At the end of three year the loan value to the certificate would be 80 per cent of the adjusted service pay, plus a 12 per cent interest annually.

Joseph S. McCoy, the government actuary, presented estimate to the committee showing that the cost of the McCumber plan for the fiscal year, as \$77,000,000; \$92,000,000 in the second year; \$73,000,000 in the third year; and \$376,000,000 in the fourth year, with the ultimate cost approximating four billion of dollars. These costs include payment on account of deaths, cash to veterans entitled to not more than 50 dollars; vocational training and farm and home aid. The land settlement option has been eliminated from the bill.

More Than 100 Converted.

Fayetteville, May 1.—With an inter-denominational meeting from which many persons were turned away, the Browning revival services came to a close here last night. The meetings, which have been held in the Hay Street Methodist church, have been attended by marked success, resulting in more than 100 conversions.

No Negro Notaries in State When Present Commissions Expire

Raleigh, May 1.—Governor Morrison has sat finally and firmly on the negro notaries public and when the commissions of those who now hold them expire there will be no more until a new governor comes in.

The administration of having the widest streets of any city in America is claimed for the city of Winnipeg.

The omnibuses of London travel about 85,000,000 miles a year.

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