

Four States Prepare To Fight More Rains And Swollen Streams

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NASHVILLE FOLKS FORSAKE HOMES

3,000 in That City Forced to Leave Because of the Rising Waters.—Much Corn Destroyed.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 28.—(AP)—With the known dead in three southern states at thirteen, and approximately 4,000 homeless as a result of flooded streams, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky today prepared for more rain. Property damage in the flooded areas has been estimated at more than a million dollars.

Six persons were reported dead in Arkansas, five in Mississippi and two in Tennessee as direct results of the flood. Three thousand were driven from their homes in Nashville when the Cumberland River overflowed its banks, and the crest had not been reached early today.

The product of thousands of acres of corn was being transferred from the lowlands of Kentucky and Indiana as a result of flood stage being reached in the Ohio River, with an expected further rise of five feet, as waters from the flooded streams pour into it before the crest is reached. Much ungathered corn has been ruined by flood waters in these two states.

Rain was forecast for every southern state today, and while the waters of many of the smaller streams had begun to recede, apprehension was felt in some sections over the prospect of further downpours. Tomorrow, however, will be generally fair over the South.

Only in a very few isolated places has relief work been hindered according to available reports. Train service has been badly crippled, with some schedules being entirely stopped, while others have been stopped by necessity of many detours. This is exceptionally true in Mississippi and Tennessee.

The larger rivers of Tennessee still were rising today but many of the smaller ones were reported as getting back to normalcy. The generally condition in Mississippi was reported as improving with the flood waters slowly receding. The worst of the floods which have caused six lives to be lost and hundreds of thousands of dollars in property damage in Arkansas was reported to have passed.

The lowlands along the Ohio River in Kentucky and in Indiana are just beginning to be badly flooded, dispatches from those sections say. Alabama has been hit by the floods in some sections but property damage was not estimated as great as in the other neighboring states. The greatest property damage was said to be in Nashville, where nearly 100 city blocks were flooded, hundreds of business houses and homes deserted, and great damage to crops and the outlying territory.

Most of the death reports have been due to highway traffic accidents. Scores of minor automobile accidents have been reported as the result of slippery roads. Many highways have been impassable for as long as a week. So far as is known, no great amount of suffering has resulted in ratio to the number who have been driven from their homes.

ASHEVILLE MURDER MYSTERY NOT SOLVED

Arrest of Negroes Does Not Entirely Clear Up Mystery of Nurse's Death. Asheville, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Asheville's most mysterious and gruesome Christmas tragedy was apparently little nearer final solution today than it was nearly four days ago when the mangled and lifeless body of Miss Mary McGuire, elderly hospital dietitian, was found by a negro laborer in the early morning hours of December 25th in mud and water at the entrance of Campbell's Wood under the bright rays of a street light.

Two negroes, William Avery and his wife, Adie, residents of the Campbell Woods section were placed under arrest about 1 o'clock this morning after they had been brought to police headquarters for questioning. They are being held in jail without bond on warrants charging aiding and abetting in murder, and as accessories after the fact. The arrests were made after several hours of questioning by the police. Avery and wife declare, however, they know nothing of the events in connection with the tragedy.

Receivers Named For Tanenhaus Stores. Charlotte, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Tanenhaus Brothers, credit clothing, a New York corporation, operating a string of stores in North Carolina and South Carolina, today was operating under a receivership. L. Tanenhaus, treasurer of the company, said that all of the stores would continue to operate with the present officers and personnel but under the direction of David Moshinsky and Percy Michaelbacher, of New York, who were named receivers last yesterday.

The company operates stores in Durham, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Asheville, Gastonia and Salisbury, N. C., and Columbia, S. C.

Aged Man Found Dead Beside Guilford Road. Greensboro, Dec. 27.—The body of an old man, found this afternoon a mile northwest of the Guilford battle ground, six miles from here, was unidentified here tonight. It is in an undertaker's establishment.

Heart failure is given as the reason for death. The old man had built a fire of twigs in a ditch by the roadside and was evidently crouched behind it when he toppled forward on his face in the ditch. He appeared to have been dead several hours.

CUMBERLAND RIVER IS STILL RISING

Weather Observers Think Crest of Flood Will Be Reached Sometime During Wednesday.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 28.—(AP)—With more than 2500 persons made homeless by flood waters in Nashville, but comfortably sheltered, weather bureau officials declared early today that there is likelihood of the Cumberland river which now stands at 51.5, still going to a higher mark and that the crest will probably be reached tomorrow.

Several towns upstream from Nashville, however, already had hit by the flood, reported the river rapidly rising with a steady rain falling. Rain was also falling in Nashville having started early last night, and was continuing at an early hour today. Weather officials reported it would take at least an inch of rain to increase the rise of the river here.

Forty-three of the 47 business houses of Bartlesville, Tenn., were flooded by backwaters from the river a mile away, and many families were forced from their homes.

Seventy-five houses at Celina, Tenn., are under water, and 25 of them are wrecked, while 75 others up and down the river were abandoned. Buffalo Valley, a town of about 200 people, is completely submerged, all businesses being suspended, and the population sheltered in nearby farm houses.

As Ashland City, Clarksville, Ga., and other towns along the river outside of Nashville were damaged by the rising water. The predicted rise here is expected to root more families from their homes. In nearly every instance families have been induced to move out of their homes before the waters reached them.

Albert Fall Seriously Ill With Pneumonia. Chicago, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Albert B. Fall, former Secretary of the Interior, who recently was acquitted in Washington with Edward L. Doherty on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the naval oil land leases, was seriously ill at his home here with pneumonia.

A bulletin issued by Dr. H. T. Safford said Mr. Fall was "resting easy" his condition showing little change. Although the former secretary's illness was described as serious, his physician said that unless complication develop recovery was expected. Mr. Fall is 65 years old.

Hunt is Renewed For Elusive "Kettlefoot." Boone, N. C., Dec. 28.—(AP)—The annual hunt for "Kettlefoot" is under way. For the past decade, hunters have gone forth into the Black Mountain district, but rarely have they caught even a glimpse of the famed creature.

"Kettlefoot" is a black bear. Hunters who declare they have approached near enough to take a shot at him say that he weighs around 600 pounds, is extraordinarily fleet, and possessed of an uncanny ability to avoid capture.

Herders and farmer of the Black Mountains know "Kettlefoot" intimately. Looted barnyards, devastated on roads, and trampled truck patches have been regarded as signs of one of his visitations. The big bear got his name from the peculiar shape of his track which is said to resemble an old-fashioned iron kettle.

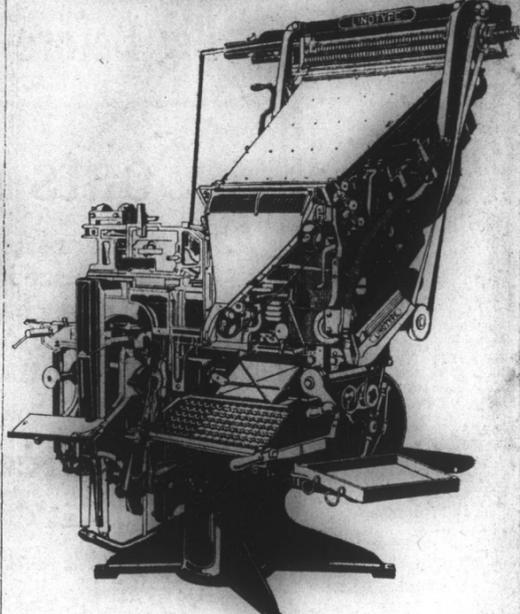
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New Linotype Machine of Latest Pattern Added to Our Equipment



The Tribune and Times Office has just installed a new No. 8 Linotype machine, which is the latest in Linotype construction. The machine has all the improvements up to date, with electric melting pot and equipped with three magazines. Our office is now equipped with four Linotype machines, two Model 14's, one Model 8 and one Model K.

ARREST TWO NEGROES IN ASHEVILLE MURDER

Negro Woman Tells Horrible Story in Connection With Killing of Miss McGuire. Asheville, Dec. 28.—At 1 o'clock this morning, 70 hours after Miss Mary McGuire's body was found at the entrance to Campbell's woods, the first step in what police believe will be the solution of Asheville's most puzzling Christmas murder, came in the arrest of William Avery and his wife, Adie, negroes, who are held without bond as accessories after the murder.

The warrants were issued just before 1 o'clock as the climax to a night of investigation by City Solicitor James S. Howell, Policemen Frank Hagan and Harry Nolan, and the Averages who had been brought to the police station for a grueling examination conducted by the solicitor and the officers were promptly lodged in the city jail to await preliminary hearing.

From the lips of Georgia Lee Henry, Hannah Robertson, her half sister, and the mother Lilly Jones, who live next door to William Avery came the story of a horrible drama played under the glare of city light at the entrance to Campbell's wood. It was this story which stood up under a grueling fire of questions that brought about the arrests which the police hope will mark the first step in the solution of the mystery.

"I was at a party on Hill street and went home to get some pickles to go with some chittlings," Hannah Robinson told the police. "As I passed by the corner I saw a car parked near the gate posts. I went on and got my sister, Georgia Lee, and we went back and then came on home. As we started up in our yard we heard a woman screaming and looked out toward the street. We saw a man with a long dark overcoat on leading a woman who was heavy set down the street. She was screaming. Her head wobbled from side to side like she was drunk or hurt and her coat collar was turned up like his so we could not see her face. The light made a shadow so we could not tell whether they were white or black. Then we got scared and went in the house. When we got in mamma called and asked us what was the matter, that she heard somebody screaming. We heard it too then and went to the door and looked through the glass. The woman kept on screaming out by the posts, then she stopped. Then we saw two men with flash lights run up on William Avery's porch."

Avery himself admitted that while the dance was in progress he sat near the front door and took the hats and coats of those that came in and hung them up.

"Did two men with flashlights come in that door just before word was brought by Clifton Yarbrough that there was a woman lying out there in the road?" he asked.

"No, I did not see any men with flash lights," Avery said.

"Did two men come in the door just before the body was found in the road?" he asked.

"What do you mean just before?" "Well, 15 minutes before." "No, nobody came in 15 minutes before." "Well one minute, or two, or three, or six, or eight?" "No, I didn't see two men come in the door."

"Do you deny that two men came in that door just before the alarm was given?" "I can't say, seven or eight came in, there was lots of them come in."

Georgia Lee Henry sat in another room at the police station and told the same story as that told by Hannah in regard to the events that happened at the street intersection during the early hours Christmas morning.

TANENHAUS BROTHERS ARE IN RECEIVERSHIP

Federal Court Judge at New York Places Receivers in Charge of Business. New York, Dec. 27.—David Moshinsky and Percy Michaelbacher today were appointed equity receivers for Tanenhaus Brothers, Inc., a New York corporation operating chain clothing stores in North Carolina and South Carolina. They were required to furnish bond for \$7,500.

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Only a few of the families in Knickerbocker society still use their own homes for dancing parties. The scene of daughter's debut has shifted to the fashionable clubs, restaurants and hotels, where the debutante of today makes her bow to a thousand guests.

Each year there have been more persons to whom the daughters must be introduced. Cutting-in became the vogue at dances and the young ladies, measuring their popularity by the number of young gentlemen who sought them out, insisted upon a "stag line" of as many eligible men as possible. Boy-friends from college and other friends of the invited guests increased the attendance.

Some of the older families, however, consider it unnecessary to include such a large representation of society at their parties, so they continue to use their homes for the affairs. They include Mrs. Cornelia Vanderbilt, the James A. Burdens, Mrs. Whitehead Reid, the C. B. Alexanders, the Otto H. Kahn and several others.

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PROHIBITION AGENT SUSPENDED FOR NOT FOLLOWING ORDERS

R. H. Lovelace is Said to Have Been Suspended for Firing on an Alleged Moonshiner.

ANDREWS GAVE ORDERS ABOUT THIS

This is First Agent in District to Be Suspended for "Promiscuous Shooting," It Is Said.

Charlotte, Dec. 28.—(AP)—R. H. Lovelace, of Elkin, prohibition raider of note, who gained some fame through his raids on mountain liquor strongholds, has been suspended by R. Q. Merrick, of Richmond, administrator for North Carolina and Virginia, on charges that he unlawfully shot an alleged moonshiner.

This was learned here today and confirmed from Merrick's office at Richmond, but details could not be ascertained. Mr. Merrick is in Asheville today, it was said at his office in Richmond.

This is the first suspension in this district since General Lincoln C. Andrews announced that prohibition agents "must cease shooting promiscuously."

The suspension was made, officials here said, on receipt at Richmond, of an affidavit signed by an alleged moonshiner, who said he would be willing to "make a clean breast of it all." He is said to have asserted he was running away when Lovelace fired, and managed to escape.

The Cotton Market. Opened Steady at an Advance of 5 to 8 Points.—March Goes to 12.90. New York, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 5 to 8 points on a continuation of yesterday's buying movement inspired by the relative firmness of the near months and reports of continued unfavorable weather for saving the balance of the crop in the South.

The advance to 12.90 for March and 13.28 for July contracts met considerable realizing, while there also seemed to be a little Southern selling. Prices ended off 7 or 8 points from the best of the end of the first hour. Buying was less active yesterday, suggesting that the short interests had been largely reduced.

Private cables said there had been continental buying of distant months in Liverpool, supplied by hedging and liquidation. Cotton futures opened steady: Jan. 12.71; March 12.90; May 13.07; July 13.26; Oct. 13.40.

With Our Advertisers. Eird's after-Christmas and before-stock-taking sale will commence Wednesday morning, December 29th, and last for four days, through Saturday.

The Standard Buick Company has seven used cars for sale or exchange. See list in ad. today.

See the new ad. today of the Forest Hill Cleaning Company. Phone 1755.

W. A. Overcash has reduced the price on 150 suits and all overcoats. Take Vinol after those winter coughs and colds. At Gibson Drug Store.

Telephone 670 for your lumber wants. The E. L. Morrison Lumber Company.

Big reduction in men's and boys' clothing at the Parks-Bell Company. You will find extra added price reductions in the dry goods department before taking stock. All left over toys to be sold at from 30 to 60 per cent. off.

Pre-Inventory Sale at Fisher's. No left overs at Fisher's—therefore everything must go. The Pre-Inventory Sale begins Wednesday morning and will continue all the remainder of this week. Dresses, coats and hats will be sold at from one-fourth to one-half off. Many other things are also included in this big reduction. Everything must go. Early goes get the choice. Read half page ad. today.

In the Spotlight of the News



JOHN W. LANGLEY



ANTONA SEMETONA

Pardon was sought for ex-Representative John W. Langley, of Kentucky, paroled after having been in prison for violating the Volstead act. Antona Semetona, former President, staged a successful coup, gaining control of Lithuania. Admiral Sah was in command of the naval forces of the South in the Chinese war. The United States is the only power without a constructive shipbuilding programme, R. Stanley Dollar, shipping magnate, said on his return from Europe.

WIMBERLY BROWN SEIZED ON CHRISTMAS EVE AS RESULT OF STATEMENT IN NEWSPAPER. Lyons, Ga., Dec. 27.—Tomb county, scene of numerous floggings, one of which resulted in the death of Willie Wilson last July, was the scene of another flogging Christmas eve, it has been generally known.

A crowd of 30 men said to have been hooded, rode into the town of Lyons, Christmas eve, at twilight and seized Wimberly E. Brown, prominent attorney here, who assisted the state in the prosecution of men accused of flogging Wilson.

Brown was carried some distance into the country stripped of his clothing and beaten, it is stated. He was then brought back to town and pitched into the street in front of the drug store, where he was seized. The spokesman of the floggers is said to have addressed Brown: "Now, when you write again for the damned Macon Telegraph be sure that you write the truth."

EMPEROR HIROHITO OUTLINES HIS POLICY. Had First Formal Audience Received About 300 Court and Government Officials. Tokio, Japan, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Emperor Hirohito held his first formal audience today, receiving about 300 court and government officials to whom he delivered an Imperial message.

The new Emperor enunciating the principles upon which he expects the leaders of the empire to base their actions, declared for simplicity instead of blind imitation, progressiveness, national harmony, beneficence for all classes, and international friendship. The Diet adjourned this afternoon after passing the funeral budget of 2,980,000 yen (nearly \$1,500,000) which will be spent on rites for the late Emperor Yoshihito. The Diet will re-assemble January 18th.

Odd Fellows Meeting at High Point. High Point, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Hundreds of North Carolina Odd Fellows are slated to gather here Thursday for the order's "Great Holiday Pet." The celebration will be limited to one day. It will begin with a parade at 1 o'clock and end with degree ceremonies at night. Preliminary initiatory work will continue throughout the day.

Repton Lodge No. 63, High Point, will act as host to the visiting Odd Fellows. A host of high officers, past and present are expected, among them being Grand Sire E. W. Bradford, Washington, D. C.; Grand Master R. L. Spaulding, Grand Secretary L. H. McBrayer and Grand Patriarch I. H. Paris.

Beats Husband for Sheriff. Greensburg, Kan., Dec. 28.—The next sheriff of Kiowa County will be a woman. Her husband will be the deputy.

Mrs. Frank Chase, the mother of four children, won the office which her husband has held for the last four years. Although the law disqualifies the present sheriff from holding the office more than four years consecutively, he may accept appointment as deputy.

Birds, Crippled by Frozen Tails, Swarm on Streets. Stanford, Conn., Dec. 27.—Residents of this city this morning found scores of starlings and pigeons hopping on streets, lawns and sidewalks, apparently unable to fly. The birds' tails were frozen, resulting from the sleet storms which swept this section of the state early today. Kind-hearted persons picked up numbers of the birds and carried them into homes where they were thawed out.

BELIEVE SITUATION IN NICARAGUA NOW IS MUCH IMPROVED

Meager News Dispatches and Official Reports Lead to This Belief at American Capital.

NEUTRAL ONE IS WELL PROTECTED

President Diaz Has Heeded Warning and Troops Are Recalled From Pearl Lagoon Zone.

Washington, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Termination of the situation which led Rear Admiral Julian Latimer to land American bluejackets and marines at Cabanas was thought to be nearer today by Washington observers after reading the news dispatches and meager official reports from Nicaragua.

They regarded as particularly significant in this respect the decision of President Diaz to withdraw the conservative government troops from the Pearl Lagoon fighting zone, and the spread of neutral zones established by Admiral Latimer for protection of Americans along the east coast which has been dominated for some time by the liberal forces.

Official accounts of the four-day battle at Pearl Lagoon in which the Diaz troops were defeated, were lacking in Washington, but a dispatch from Managua last night placed the liberal strength at 1,550 well armed against 1,300 in the withdrawing force, and quoted the American collector of customs at Bluefields as saying 300 Mexicans had been reported fighting with the victors.

It has been made clear to the Diaz authorities as well as to liberals that they must disarm if they enter the neutral zones, which have been extended to include El Bluff as well as Puerto Sabanas, the seat of the government set up by Juan B. Sacasa and recognized by Mexico, and Bluefields and Rion Grande Bar. Decision as to withdrawal of American forces rests with Admiral Latimer, who has command of the special service squadron maintained in the navy in Central American waters.

Washington authorities hold that the landing of naval forces at Puerto Cabanas and Rio Grande Bar does not amount to intervention in the Nicaraguan civil strife, but nevertheless agents of the fauna here and at Mexico City insist that it is intervention and have found that censorship the contention in La Nacion, published at Santiago, Chile, which said it was not necessary for protection of Americans, but "deliberate support of a government whose legality is as questionable as that of the government it opposes in civil war." The fauna agents also charged that censorship is preventing the public from receiving news of events in Nicaragua and is barring messages addressed to them.

COBB AND SPEAKER MEET IN CLEVELAND. Conferred With Attorney in Planning Defense Against Leonard Charges. Cleveland, O., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Tribes Speaker and Ty Cobb, arrived here this morning from their trip to plan their defense against charges of Dutch Leonard that they conspired to throw a game between Detroit and Cleveland September 25, 1919.

They were accompanied by attorney W. H. Boyd, representing Speaker, and immediately went into consultation. They would not discuss the case.

Cake and Candy Making in Stanley. Albemarle, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Stanley county women are perfecting the art of cake and candy making. Recently Miss Elizabeth Bridge, home agent, has been giving demonstrations at all club meetings—perfect attendance was nearly always the rule. Miss Bridge estimated that a large part of the confections prepared in Stanley county during the Christmas holidays were of the home-made variety.

Miss Bridge reported that a new woman's club had been organized in Baden. Officers have been elected committees appointed and a line-up of projects for the coming year completed.

The Care and Management of Forests. Whiteville, N. C., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Demonstrations in care and management of forests are being held throughout North Carolina. County agent J. P. Quinerly today made report of demonstrations in three communities in Columbus county recently. The meetings were in charge of R. W. Graeber, extension forester for the agricultural extension service at State College.

Mr. Graeber spoke to the local Rotary Club on the necessity of protecting the timber supply. More than 70 high school boys and farmers attended these forestry meetings.

MELLON WANTS TO GIVE BACK TAXES ILLEGALLY TAKEN. Washington, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Congress was asked by Secretary Mellon today to give the treasury authority to refund \$174,120,177, illegally collected in taxes for the fiscal year 1926, and prior years.

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Who Pays his Subscription a Full Year in advance. This offer may be withdrawn at any time, so we advise you to pay your subscription as early as possible.

ALBERT B. FALL CONFINED TO BED WITH PNEUMONIA. EL PASO, TEXAS, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Illness again has confined Albert B. Fall to his home here. The former secretary of the interior contracted an irritation of the lungs over the week-end, which yesterday was diagnosed as pneumonia. Although his ailment was characterized as serious, his condition today was reported as generally satisfactory.