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No Immediate Relief for Traffic is Promised—Mississippi Only Five Feet Below Flood Stage.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Little relief was felt over the flood situation in the South caused by the recent torrential rains though generally clear skies forecast for today brought hope to the areas affected.

The situation is most tense along the Tennessee, Cumberland and Ohio rivers where more than 6,000 have been driven from their homes as a result of back water from the streams.

The death list remained at thirteen today, though meagre reports from isolated sections indicated that this toll might be increased when full communications were established again.

Railroad officials would not predict any immediate relief for traffic which has been greatly hampered by the water. Some sections are entirely isolated from rail service, and many others were experiencing inconvenience from delayed trains.

River engineers announced that the Mississippi was little more than five feet below flood stage here, and expressed fears that the floods anticipated later when the snows begin to melt in the headlands, will cause much destruction in the lower basin.

The unusually heavy rains will add to the force of the big flood, they believe.

Several cities have issued appeals for funds with which to carry on relief.

Nashville, the most severely hurt of any city in the flooded area, had more than 4,000 homeless, with a crest on the Cumberland River not reached yet. The flood there was said to be the worst since 1882.

Because of inability of observers to reach the upper river goes an improvised gauge has been established on one of the flooded streets. No deaths had been reported there, but relief work will be hampered unless \$5,000 is given the sufferers.

Highway traffic in the flooded areas is practically at a standstill. Warnings are being issued in some cities, cautioning motorists who drive at night to be careful. Damage to highways in the South has been estimated into the millions.

Arkansas, which reported the first serious damage from the flood, was beginning to get back to normalcy last night, and today work on reclamation of highways was getting underway. Six of the known dead perished in Arkansas.

Mississippi, where five deaths were attributed to the floods, was experiencing clear weather today but the situation remains tense in some sections. Lowlands along the Pearl River were under water, and the Delta section was beginning to experience severe floods.

Tennessee, especially in the lowlands surrounding the Cumberland and Tennessee rivers, was preparing for the worst today as the flood waters continued to spread. Nashville, Chattanooga, and other large cities were providing for their citizens driving from their homes by the waters.

Kentucky, in the lowlands adjoining the Ohio river, found itself worse off today as a result of the high water than the day before, reports said. One possible death was reported in Kentucky when a man last seen walking along the railroad track had not been heard from in more than a day. Crop damage in this state was expected to be held to a minimum as farmers gathered corn in the lowlands keeping just ahead of the advancing water, to take their produce to high or ground.

Rivers in This State Rising. Raleigh, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Moderate overflows at low places along the Roanoke, Tar and Cape Fear rivers in eastern North Carolina were forecast in reports to the United States weather bureau observatory here today but no flood warnings had been issued.

Observers said that an average precipitation in the eastern part of the state during the last 48 hours of about two inches had caused rivers to rise, but no serious conditions were anticipated due to general low stages prior to the rains. The highest water mark was reported at Weldon where the Roanoke has risen ten feet, but was still ten feet below the danger line.

Rivers in the western part of the state were rising, but were far below flood stage. The majority of these rivers flow into South Carolina, where observers said the most serious damage would occur in case of overflows.

Forecast of fair weather and colder were issued from the local office today, which, it was explained, indicated the passing of any danger of flood conditions approximating those in the Mississippi valley.

Situation Grave at Nashville. Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 29.—(AP)—The most disastrous flood in the history

CHRISTMAS TURNED INTO HORROR AND SORROW

Man Lost Wife and Three Children in the Georgia Wreck. (By International News Service.) Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 29.—While all Atlanta was enjoying a happy Christmas season, a broken hearted man sat and cried at the bedside of his wife, critically injured in the disastrous wreck of the Royal Palm and Ponce de Leon, crack passenger trains on the Southern, at Rockmart, Georgia, early Thursday night.

His name is E. M. Hardy, of Miami, Florida. And on Christmas Day—a day set aside for tidings of joy—Hardy had gone through the ordeal of identifying his two little children—Flazel, 7, and Kenneth, 5—at an undertaking establishment here. They met their death in the wreck which took a toll of 18 other lives, and were so horribly mangled, that recognition was impossible to everyone except the broken hearted father.

This man whose Christmas had been turned into a day of tragedy, and sorrow indescribable—was torn between two emotions that tugged at his heart strings. He desired with his lifeless children on this Christmas Day. He had planned this many months ahead. But he wanted to be with his wife also. And they were separated now. That had not been planned. Fate had stepped into their plans—his wife's and his—and left great sorrow.

So the husband spent his Christmas and the day after, between the undertaking establishment where his only children lay in death, and the hospital where his wife is within the shadow of death.

And as Hardy sits beside his wife's bedside—dejected and broken of heart—he seems to be keeping vigil over his companion who bore his now dead children. He cannot stand the thought of the Grim Reaper taking his all in life.

He stands guard, therefore, at her bedside, with a prayer on his lips.

GOV. MARTIN SAYS A PIECE TO GOV. PEAY

Reply to an Idiotic Remark Made by Governor of Tennessee. Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 29.—I wonder what the kind Governor Austin Peay, of Tennessee, thinks about the wrath of the Almighty now that his own house has five feet of water in it," Governor John W. Martin declared to the Universal Review here tonight. Governor Peay, according to Governor Martin, said to the press just after the hurricane of September 18 that swept Southern Florida "The hurricane and devastation is a manifestation of the wrath of God visited in Miami for her wickedness."

The State of Florida is willing to help to help those in Tennessee who have been deprived of homes and food not only in remembrance for the help so recently given Florida, but because all humanity should respond to any call for help from such a disaster," Governor Martin said.

New Year's Eve Program at the Concord Theatre. A great program will be presented at the Concord Theatre on New Year's Eve beginning at 11:30 p. m. "Summer Bachelors," a most daring story, will be the feature. Also Mabel Normand will return in a comedy "Anything Once." Better get your tickets at the box office now.

Buddhism is the religion of 500,000,000 or a third of the human family of the Cumberland River is en route to Nashville. A stage flood of 55.5 to 56 feet will be reached by the Cumberland, here, breaking the 55.3 record of 1882 and all records since this section was settled by white men.

This forecast was made today by the local United States weather bureau. The gauge stood at 54.4 at 10 o'clock this morning, a rise to 55.5 feet before noon tomorrow is probable—almost certain. A rise to 56 feet by that time is considered possible.

The crest of the rise will be reached Friday or Saturday. The river is still rising at all points. The flood situation is unprecedented in the local weather bureau's annals, presenting problems in forecasting that have never been encountered before.

The river will not fall apparently before next Tuesday, it is stated. The rainfall was general throughout the upper river territory Monday night and Tuesday, but stopped at all points Tuesday afternoon. Gloomy wintry weather has today succeeded rain.

CHARGE THAT WILBUR REFUSED NAVY REPORTS To House Naval Committee is Made by Representative McClintic. Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The Pacific "war scare" that figured in the Fall-Doherty oil trial has come under inquiry by the House naval committee, and Representative McClintic, of Oklahoma, a Democratic member, said today that Secretary Wilbur had refused to give the committee confidential navy reports bearing on the subject.

American Steamer Foundered. Paris, Dec. 29.—(AP)—A telephone message by way of Berlin to the Paris Midi says the American steamer Astoria has foundered in the Black Sea near Kavarna, Rumania, with the loss of twenty-one lives.

Fall's Condition Improved. El Paso, Texas, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Albert B. Fall, who has been confined to his home here since Sunday with pneumonia, was reported slightly improved today.

From the seventh to the thirteenth century the year in England was reckoned from Christmas.

TODAY CONCORD THEATRE 10c to all 10c

FAMILY DAY SPECIAL TODAY ONLY AILEEN PRINGLE LOWELL SHERMAN CHESTER CONKLIN

"THE WILDERNESS WOMAN" IT'S A GREAT PICTURE

Goes to Work



Kate Colby, daughter of Bainbridge Colby, Secretary of State in the Wilson Cabinet, accepted a position in a Philadelphia steamship office.

IS IT A STATE LIBRARY OR JUST A BOOK MUSEUM

The State Does Not Permit Any of Its Volumes to Be Taken From the Library. Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel

Raleigh, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Just what is the State Library, a library or a book museum? Of what benefits are its 60,000 volumes of history, biography and everything but fiction, since the state does not permit any of its volumes to be taken outside the library itself?

These questions have been asked by book lovers and library users for some years, and lately the movement permitted to take a book out of the library, its use is confined very largely to a handful of people who drop in for an hour or so during the day to read an article in a magazine or glance over a newspaper, the books being rarely ever called for or used.

Thus the library is becoming in reality nothing more than a book museum. Yet the majority of the 60,000 volumes could be put into circulation if the public could only be permitted to make use of the library as others are used, and books could be withdrawn for a week or two weeks at a time. Miss Carrie Broughton, librarian of State Library, admits that the use of the books would doubtless be greatly stimulated should patrons be permitted to withdraw books, and although she says she knows of no state libraries that lend books as do public libraries, still she is not adverse to such a plan, should the legislature decide to liberalize the present regulations which make of the library little more than a storage vault for books.

At present members of the legislature are the only persons who are permitted to take books out—a provision that smacks very much of class legislation, expressly forbidden by the constitution.

SEVERAL PERISH WHEN PASSENGER TRAINS CRASH From Ten to Fifteen Persons Believed to Have Perished in Tunnel Wreck. Santiago, Chile, Dec. 29.—(AP)—From 10 to 15 persons are believed to have been killed in a train wreck in a tunnel near Lota yesterday afternoon. A train from Concepcion became stalled in the tunnel when it struck an animal. The other train from Lota crashed into the stalled train. Shattered oil lamps ignited the wreckage which burned so rapidly that the passengers had no chance to escape. Charred bodies were removed, but the exact number of dead was unknown today.

Salisbury Stage Star Will Appear in Show at Raleigh. Raleigh, Dec. 28.—Sidney Blackner, Salisbury stage star, will play Raleigh January 12 with Madge Kennedy in "Love in a Mist."

The young man, who has risen to Broadway fame in a few years, has been visiting his mother in Salisbury but has returned to his work in the legislature and is now in Washington. The visit to Raleigh is his first since the early days when he was the star of a college cast which did the state years ago.

Proper Dress Needed on Rio Street Cars. Rio De Janeiro, Dec. 28.—Current attire is required of street car passengers here and the rule is rigidly enforced. Men must wear a collar and tie, and on the first class cars, a coat.

A conductor recently stabbed a man who insisted on riding in violation of the collar-and-tie order.

Orders Broadway's Theatres Cleansed Of All Immorality. New York, Dec. 28.—Theatrical producers of the Great White Way here today that if their stages were not immediately cleansed of immorality with a theatrical broom, they would be scoured spotless with a legal scrubbing brush.

Summoned to City Hall by Mayor Walker, the producers were told of numerous complaints concerning current attractions and were informed that they themselves could take the corrective measures if they acted quickly.

Otherwise, they were told, the official censor would become an actuality to stalk the playhouses with a critical eye and with the power of law behind it.

Notables There. All the prominent producers called in by the Mayor attended the conference except Sam H. Harris, who is in Connecticut. George M. Cohan came down from Monroe, N. Y., to listen to the Mayor's ultimatum. Other producers present were Lee Shubert, Arthur Hopkins, William A. Brady, Daniel Frohman, Edgar Selwyn, David Belasco and John Golden.

After they had left, Mayor Walker admitted newspaper men and told them of his plans.

City Tax Notice A penalty of one per cent. will be added to your City Tax January 1st, 1927. Pay today, and save the cost. CHAS. N. FIELD, City Tax Collector.

NEW INVESTIGATION OF M'PHERSON CASE HAS BEEN ORDERED?

Los Angeles Times Says New Grand Jury Investigation Will Be Started There Tomorrow.

PLAN SUGGESTED TO SAVE TIME District Attorney Wants All Defendants Indicted Together So They Can Be Tried at Same Time.

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The Times says today it is learned from an authoritative source that a new grand jury investigation of the Alvin Karpis-McPherson disappearance case will be opened here tomorrow morning.

The newspaper declares that the Los Angeles county grand jurors will be asked to return a joint indictment against the Angeleno Temple evangelist, Kenneth G. Ormiston, former radio operator; Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, her mother; and other co-defendants on criminal conspiracy charges. The step will be taken by the district attorney's office, in order that all of the defendants may be tried jointly when their cases are set for trial in Superior Court.

LOUISVILLE FIREMEN DIE FIGHTING BLAZE William A. Fisher and Charles A. Webb Fatally Hurt While on Duty. Louisville, Ky., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Two firemen were fatally injured early today in combatting a \$75,000 blaze at the Kentucky Drug Company at 5th and Main streets here.

William A. Fisher, assistant chief of the fire department, went to his death when he slipped while standing on a small ledge of the third floor of the burning building directing his men. He fell to the ground from his ice-covered footing, and died while being taken to the city hospital. Chas. A. Webb, a few minutes later, fell from the same spot and he too was crushed to death by the fall.

SEVERAL GERMAN TREATY READY FOR SIGNATURE Certain No Political Clauses Will Be Included. Berlin, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The newly drawn Italo-German treaty of conciliation and arbitration scheduled for signature today contains no political clauses and conforms strictly with the spirit of the league of nations with which it will be registered shortly, a spokesman for the German foreign office said today.

The treaty provides for arbitration and the amicable adjustment of virtually all causes of disputes which may arise between Germany and Italy and follows closely the pattern for such treaties already negotiated by Germany with eight other nations.

Taylor Charges Given to District Attorney. Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The charges that Representative Taylor, Republican, Tennessee, solicited campaign funds from federal office holders has been referred by Attorney General Clegg to district attorneys for the district attorneys for such action as seem warranted.

Frisco railroad engine No. 103, in forty-five years, has run a total of 2,500,000 miles, equivalent to 100 trips around the globe. Mechanics say the engine is still good for 500,000 miles.

In Tragedy



Dorothy Papenhausen was expelled from Manchester College, North Manchester, Ind., for smoking. Joseph Tillman, who was suspended for giving her cigarettes, died a suicide.

THE COTTON MARKET Opened Steady at Decline of 3 to 4 Points With Business Quiet During Early Trading. New York, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at a decline of 3 to 4 points under realizing combined with local and southern selling, which appeared to be influenced by improving weather prospects in the South, and the rather easier late ruling of Liverpool.

A few more January notices were reported, but spot houses continued to buy January against sales of March at a difference of about 18 points. General business was quiet, prices holding within a point or two of the opening figures during the first hour.

Liverpool cables reported hedging in Liverpool had been absorbed by trade calling and Manchester buying, and that a fair demand for cotton cloth from India was pending.

Cotton futures opened steady. Jan. 12.55; March 12.75; May 12.95; July 13.12; Oct. 13.30.

REPORT IS TO BE SUBMITTED JANUARY 3RD The Educational Commission to Say Whether or Not It Will Recommend Eight Months Schools. Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel

Raleigh, Dec. 29.—Is the lengthening of the school term to a minimum of eight months going to be recommended to the Governor and the General Assembly by the Educational Commission, appointed by Governor A. W. McLean to make a study of school needs? Naturally, none of the members of the commission will give any indication, chairman, frankly says that he has no idea what action the commission as a whole will take on the question. And this same stand is taken by Dr. J. Y. Joyner, executive secretary, and Dr. Fred W. Morrison, the assistant secretary.

So although public opinion generally has largely taken it for granted that the commission would undoubtedly recommend the eight months term, it appears that there is by no means a unanimity of opinion among the members of the commission as to this question.

However, it is true that very little attention has been devoted to the subject of the longer school term by the commission as a whole, pending the submission of the report of Dr. Morrison, who has now for nearly six months been assembling material bearing on the longer term, and who will submit his final report to the entire commission at its meeting Monday, January 3. There is no doubt but that the submission of this report will bring the matter to a head, and that the commission will act on the eight months term question as soon as the report has been examined.

That the educational commission expects to give serious consideration to the eight months term was revealed as a result of two days session of the commission here last week, when consideration was given to the question of school financing and all the possible avenues of increasing revenue for school purposes. And since the chief obstacle in the way of obtaining the eight months term is the matter of financing it, the fact that the commission has already given serious consideration to the matter of school finances is taken as an indication that it also intends to consider the eight months term as a serious possibility. The attention which the commission is devoting to the financial aspects of the situation indicates to many that it realizes that most of the opposition to the longer term is due to the increased cost it would entail, and that the commission is going into the question fully realizing this fact.

For some time it has been the opinion of those neither definitely for or against the eight months term that if the general assembly does decide to submit a constitutional amendment to the people for an expression of popular sentiment on the question of an eight months school term, that if its adoption is to be hoped for, a definite plan for financing it must also be proposed at the same time, since the people will not vote to increase their school taxes until they know just how they are going to be increased, and how much. Evidently this sentiment has percolated to the ears of the educational commission, for it has been learned that in the report which Dr. Morrison will submit, and exhaustive investigation into the manner of financing the longer term has been made, and a number of tentative methods of providing the additional revenue needed will be suggested in the report.

Hence the feeling grows that if the commission decides to definitely recommend the longer school term as one of the outstanding educational needs of the state, it will be prepared to show how the longer term can be financed as well as give reasons why

Lays Hands



ROGER BABSON TO BE IN RALEIGH JANUARY 7TH To Advise With Southern Clients as to the Economic Trend. Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel

Raleigh, Dec. 29.—Facts concerning the economic trend in the South at present and especially in North Carolina which are expected to be almost startling in nature are expected to be brought out here in the course of a conference between Roger W. Babson and a hundred or more clients of his bureau on the morning of January 7. It was learned here today from one of those clients. At this conference many questions relating to agricultural, commercial and industrial conditions here in the South are expected to be brought up for discussion, and Mr. Babson is expected to advise his southern clients in the light of his vast knowledge of conditions over the country as a whole. Especially will the outlook with regard to cotton and tobacco be discussed.

The trend of prices, not only in cotton and tobacco, but in other lines as well, are very close to the peak now, according to the latest statistics available, and a turn downward is expected to develop at almost any time, especially in agricultural products. As a result of the large production of the last two years, and especially this year, in the light of the last crop reports just issued by the United States Department of Agriculture. Hence the interpretation placed upon these reports by Mr. Babson, especially in their relationship to the South as a whole and North Carolina in particular, will prove of great interest to those who have been interested in following recent developments.

And among the various questions that will be brought up perhaps none will be of greater interest than those relating to the probable cotton and tobacco acreage that will be planted this spring. Reports received from Texas indicate that approximately 86 per cent of the cotton farmers there are opposed to acreage reduction and do not intend to reduce their cotton acreage and reports from other states and from North Carolina tend to show that it is going to be very difficult to secure any appreciable reduction in cotton acreage, with continued low prices.

And much the same condition seems probable with regard to tobacco. With increased acreage likely throughout all the tobacco producing sections. An increase in tobacco acreage in North Carolina of more than 10 per cent has already been indicated, as reported by county agents recently, and this is likely to be increased further. Thus the probability of lower cotton and tobacco prices, even if confined to North Carolina alone, will have a far-reaching economic effect on commerce and industry in general, whether allied with the cotton and tobacco trade or not.

With Our Advertisers. Remember, there are no left overs at Fisher's—everything must go. Today is every day at the Concord Theatre, 70 cents to all.

A penalty of one per cent. will be added to your city tax if not paid before January 1st.

The clothing sale at one-fourth off at the Richmond-Fowle Co's, began Tuesday and is going good. It goes through January 10th.

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Vulcanizing is tire economy—see new ad. of the Concord Vulcanizing Co. Wren at Kannapolis, can work wonders with your clothes. Let him try it.

Convicted Robbers Sentenced. Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Sentences ranging from one to twenty-seven years were today given eight men and a woman involved in the robbery last August of a mail train of \$320,000 in bonds and currency near Rock Springs, Wyo., by Judge T. E. Keane Kennedy in federal court here.

It should be instituted, despite the fact that the state department of education and the state Teachers Association has carefully refrained from mentioning anything about its cost or how it could be financed, being content to advocate the longer term in the hope of its adoption, leaving the question of how to finance it up to the legislature.

While the action of the commission with regard to the longer term cannot of course be foretold, still it is becoming increasingly evident that much valuable material and pertinent data has been assembled which will go far toward clarifying the whole situation, when it is made public.

WEATHER FORECAST. Fair and slightly colder tonight; Thursday fair. Fresh norther winds.

Sacasa Forces Carry Battle To New Field After Latest Victory

The Liberals in Nicaragua Threaten Several Strategic Points as Result of Success in 3-day Battle. DIAZ TROOPERS GIVING GROUND

It Is Said That Several Hundred Mexican Soldiers of Fortune Are Fighting With Liberals. Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Victorious in a three-day battle at Las Perlas on the east coast of Nicaragua, the Liberal forces of Dr. Juan Sacasa are now threatening several strategic points leading to the interior.

The troops of the conservative government of President Diaz who has been recognized by the United States, were forced to retreat before the liberals. The latter's government under Dr. Sacasa is recognized by Mexico.

Advices from the fighting zone say that 1,000 conservative troops were opposed by 1,500 liberals, of whom 300 were alleged to be Mexican soldiers or officers.

The conservatives ran out of ammunition, and found their machine gun fire no match for the twelve pieces of light artillery in the possession of the liberals. A retreat was ordered, 400 men being told to cover the rear, while the main body retired to the neutral zone of El Bluff. Of the 400 rear guard many were killed while others were surrounded and captured. The main body reached El Bluff where they will be disarmed by the American naval forces who are maintaining the neutrality of the zone.

By their victory the liberals gained access to the Escondido River, captured Fruta de Pan, and began an attack on Monkey Ridge.

CHARLES H. REECE DIES OF INJURIES Was Hurt Christmas Eve When He Fell From Running Board of Automobile. Franklin, N. C., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Charles H. Reece, 24 year old taxicab driver, died here last night of a fractured skull received Christmas Eve when he fell off the running board of an automobile when it was unexpectedly started.

His was the second death in the Reece family from automobile accidents, his brother, Wiley, ten eight years old, having been killed when struck by an automobile in 1913.

Reece had made a trip to Sylva on his route home to Raleigh Penfield driving. The car developed motor trouble and Reece had gotten out to investigate. As he was getting into the rear, Penfield started, thinking Reece was on board.

Reece was paralyzed in one arm and it was due to the fact that he had only one hand that his fall was attributed.

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Star Theatre THURSDAY-FRIDAY "Marriage License" With Alma Reubens and Walter McGrail

Big Special Picture. Every Woman Should see This Picture Shows as They Start: 1 2:30 4 5:30 7 9 DONT MISS THIS ONE