

California Begins To Take Stock Of Havoc Resulting From Storm

At Least 21 Persons Killed in Various Parts of State Visited by Worst Storm in State's History.

SEVERAL TOWNS WERE DELUGED

San Diego Seemed Threatened For Time But Water Receded—Oil Fields Are Damaged by Water.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Despite the confusion and roar of high water, flood stricken southern California today turned an eye toward the growing totals of death and destruction as the result of the worst storm in its history, while thousands of its beleaguered citizens sought refuge from a menace still unabated.

With the known death toll standing at 21, property losses from rain, snow and wind, which has beset the southland with unprecedented violence for four days probably will total several million dollars. Up to an early hour today 5,000 persons had been driven from their homes.

A survey late last night made over reports received from limited lines of communications, showed at least 20 cities had been either partly or wholly deluged. Damages to bridges alone in Los Angeles was estimated at \$1,000,000.

San Diego for a time was in imminent danger of a catastrophic flood, but after several hours the waters began to recede. No estimate of San Diego losses could be made early today.

A survey of damage from a wind storm at Taft, which is out of the southern flood area, showed that nearly 100 oil derricks had been toppled over, indicating the loss there would run \$250,000 or more. San Francisco shippers claimed a loss of \$100,000 due to the weather.

Union Pacific railroad officials said equipment destroyed in the wreck of the Whittier Los Angeles-Chicago flyer at Whittier on Tuesday night would represent a \$150,000 loss.

Untold damage was caused to crops, orchards, highways and homes in the San Francisco Valley, where several towns were inundated.

The death toll in the snow slide in the mountains above Fresno reached 13 last night when coroner's reports had been checked. Two avalanches struck the camp of the Southern California Edison Co., there, causing twenty-four persons caught in the greatest tragedy of the storm, slides still are in hospitals, many of them seriously injured.

Besides San Diego and Los Angeles the badly flooded cities include Long Beach, where some 2500 persons were driven from their homes by high water, 64 city blocks having been flooded; Venice, where 600 or more were forced to flee; Anaheim, with 20 blocks inundated; and Fullerton where 40 blocks were under water.

The death list included one drowning at San Diego, four from traffic accidents in Los Angeles, 1 death at Taft, and 1 at Riverside.

SAYS WOMAN PARTLY TO BLAME FOR WRECK

She Failed to Tell Husband, Driving Car, to Blow Horn Or to Slow Down.

Charlotte, Feb. 16.—A strong champion of sex—six or seven of 'em—rose up today for that maligned woman, the lady who drove the car that ran over her husband and drove the family car, and caused him to growl in helpless anger and clash his gears. The law may require her to do it.

Such a contention was set up here today in an answer filed by lawyers for E. L. Goodwin, local cotton broker, to a \$10,000 ground suit brought by Mrs. Rowell, and his wife, Mrs. Maude Rowell, an action growing out of an automobile collision at Seventh street and Central avenue last November when the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Rowell was killed.

In answer to Mrs. Rowell's suit it was alleged that she failed utterly to tell her husband to blow his horn, to slow down his car, to hold out his hand as he turned and to keep a sharp lookout for approaching automobiles. Having failed to do that, it was alleged, she was guilty of contributory negligence and not entitled to damages.

As to Rowell's suit the answer sets up the contention that he contributed to the wreck by fast and reckless driving and by eating peanuts.

SNOW AND RAIN STORMS RESULT IN 3 DEATHS

In Addition Highways and Railroads Were Damaged by Storm in Rocky Mountain States.

Denver, Col., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Three persons are dead, several injured, and damage to highways and railroads was reported today following heavy snow and rain storms in the Rocky Mountain states.

Three dead were victims of separate snow slides which swept mining communities near Pries, Utah, yesterday. The slides occurred on both sides of Indian Summit, blocking all traffic into the Utah basin.

Gis Goodart, 65, and Moroni Mower, 30 years old, of Latuda, Utah, and Dana Grandview, 40, of Watts, Utah, were killed in the slides, while five others were injured, two probably fatally.

NO CHANCE FOR SMITH TO GET SEAT IN SENATE

Washington, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Any hope that Frank L. Smith, of Illinois, will be seated in the senate at this session of Congress disappeared today when the election committee was advised by his committee that illness would prevent the senator-designate from coming before the committee.

WILL POOLE BRING BILL UP ON MINORITY REPORT

Now You See It and Now You Don't.—Other Legislative Matters.

Raleigh, Feb. 17.—(INS)—Undaunted by the stinging defeat of the Poole evolution bill, revised edition of 1927, in the House Education Committee room, fundamentalist leaders today were preparing to bring the issue to the floor of the house for a battle royal.

Representative D. Scott Poole, Raeford editor, plans to bring his pet piece of legislation to the floor on a minority report. The vote by which the education committee swamped the bill was 25 to 11.

Meantime comes a warning from the fundamentalist ranks, that should the North Carolina Bible League's bill meet a similar fate, the proponents of the bill will be back two years hence with a more concerted movement.

This suggestion comes from Rev. McKendree Long, Statesville evangelist, and leader of the fundamentalist forces. Dr. Long is president of the Bible League, whose legislative program is included in the Poole bill.

There were rumors going their rounds today that the fundamentalist-modernist movement, should the anti-evolution bill fail to get through this session, would be injected into the 1928 campaign. At any rate, the fundamentalists have made it plain, they do not intend to stop with the threatened setback in the 1927 General Assembly.

It is believed, apparently, is not causing the majority of the members of the Legislature, serious concern. It is maintained outside the fundamentalist line that the Poole bill will not have even as favorable sailing in the House as it did in the committee room.

The bill's chances in the Senate are even more unfavorable according to opponents of the measure. All "unofficial" polls taken so far have evidenced overwhelming defeat for the "monkey" bill.

The supporters of the Poole bill will attempt to show the Legislature that the people of the state, or a vast majority of them, are in favor of the bill banning the so-called evolution theory.

They will present before the legislators "evidence" in the form of petitions signed by thousands of North Carolina citizens in support of the Raeford editor's proposal.

The petitions, it is claimed in reports from the North Carolina Bible League's headquarters, are signed by no less than 1,000 persons. From one county alone, it has been claimed, 1,000 signatures were obtained.

The 1,000 names the Education Committee was told, and the House probably will be informed, were obtained by the North Carolina Bible League in only ten days.

The Ebbs park bill, providing for the acquisition by North Carolina of half the acreage in the proposed Great Smoky Mountains National Park by the state, is being held up by the committee on the general traffic bill, both of which were set for hearing and possible action by the committee.

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Twelve Pages Today Two Sections

SENATE PASSES THE PARK BILL; HOUSE GETS THE MEASURE

While Senate Was Passing Park Bill, House Approved One for Bridge Over Cape Fear.

OTHER MEASURES GET ATTENTION

Senate Gave Approval to Measure Making "Old North State" the Official State Song.

Raleigh, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The legislature today adopted an official state song and sent two measures appropriating a total of more than \$3,000,000 on their way through the routine of passage.

"The Old North State" became the official song of the state with the passage of the House bill by the Senate. The Senate passed the \$2,000,000 Great Smokies National Park bill and sent it to the House, and the House passed the Cape Fear River bridge bill appropriating \$1,200,000, and sent it to the Senate.

The roads committee voted a favorable report on the bill for issuance of \$30,000,000 more for state highway bonds.

The National Park bill providing \$2,000,000 appropriation for purchase by the state of lands in western Carolina, supported strongly by Asheville citizens, passed the senate 46 to 1.

Senator Lawrence of the First District, sole negative voter explained his opposition was solely in opposition to voting more bonds.

The Senate concurred in the House bill of Representative Winston, of Bertie, and the song "The Old North State," becomes legally North Carolina's official song upon ratification which follows automatically.

Another final passage was the House measure which changes time for the judicial conference, while another house bill concurred in and which becomes law, would enforce judgments by execution a legal measure expressly to expedite justice.

Besides this, both houses passed a number of bills of lesser importance and a mass of bills were added to the calendar for consideration.

Third reading of the Senate bill requiring automobiles traveling side roads to stop before entering main highways was deferred, and recommitted to committee, while the third reading also was deferred on the measure providing recount in elections upon payment of \$9 per precinct.

The statewide game bill passed the second House reading, 83 to 20, carrying an amendment excluding rabbits and foxes from the game laws provisions. The amendment removed all season limit from the two. Graham, of Orange, said to exclude rabbits would defeat the whole bill's purpose. He did not object to the year round open season on foxes.

Bridge Bill Approved.—Raleigh, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The Cape Fear river bridge bill providing \$1,200,000 appropriation for the project near Wilmington was passed unanimously by the house today.

The Australian ballot bill, of Cleveland county, was set for argument next Wednesday morning.

Action on Bond Issue Postponed.—Raleigh, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The senate roads committee could not get a quorum this morning, so had to postpone action on the \$30,000,000 bond issue bill and on the general traffic bill, both of which were set for hearing and possible action by the committee.

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Pooler Withdraws Minority Report On Anti-Evolution And Fight Is Over

Tom Post in Greensboro News.—Raleigh, Feb. 16.—Editor D. Scott Pooler has withdrawn his minority report on the anti-evolution bill and the fight is over.

Mr. Pooler does not authorize the statement, the International News Service puts Editor Pooler in a most pugnacious posture, and Representative Turlington, of Iredell, floor manager of the Poole bill, was today telling friends that the minority report would probably not come up before next week. But both Mr. Turlington and Mr. Pooler have assured members who voted with Mr. Pooler that the end has come so far as the Poole bill, 203, is concerned. There will be no more aggression by Mr. Pooler.

Three members of the minority who signed up with the Raeford editor

authorize the Daily News bureau to say that they have been relieved of any duty to follow Mr. Pooler to the jumping off place. The Scotchman does not quit fighting easily, but his abounding good nature throughout has published his overwhelming defeat.

The demonstration last Thursday, a noisy stirring of celestial sabres, had a disastrous effect. Three members of the minority who signed the report, said today if the bill comes to the house floor, they will move its tabling and that having done their duty they will vote against it on the roll call.

The campaign of 1926 was convincing enough wherever the issue was raised and the frantic efforts of the Bible league, the committee of 100, and a few western Republicans to get the issue in politics, have been mercifully discounted.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Decline of 1 Point to Advance of 3 Points.—Prices Ranged Several Points.

New York, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at a decline of 1 point to an advance of 3 points, most of the active months being higher in response to relatively firm cables from Liverpool.

There was some southern and local selling as well as realizing but trade buying helped to absorb offerings, and while fluctuations were somewhat irregular, the market held fairly steady during the first hour. The price of May ranged from 13.99 to 14.02, the general market holding within a point or two of yesterday's closing quotations.

Private cables reported trade calling, with London and Manchester buying in Liverpool, and that demand for cotton cloths in Manchester was sustained, with manufacturers extending their engagements.

Cotton futures opened steady, March 13.79; May 14.00; July 14.22; Oct. 14.45; Dec. 14.63.

DRUNKEN MAN DRIVES INTO DANVILLE CROWD

Men Tossed Aside Like Straw.—Several Being Very Badly Injured.

Danville, Feb. 16.—Believing he was being pursued for violating the prohibition law, Walter Marshall, mill worker, running at top speed in a light car, plowed into a crowd of 200 farmers gathered around a mule on the street here today.

Marshall and E. J. Hyatt were taken to the hospital immediately by the city doctor, who was present, and he expressed his confidence that the men would be safely before the rest of the crowd could react. Both men are alleged to have been drunk.

The car was making 30 miles an hour when it struck a wagon and then glanced off into the crowd, which was looking the other way. The car plunged deeply into the crowd, men being tossed aside like straw. Painful scenes followed, with stunned and bleeding men lying about. Some screamed under the pain of fractured bones, and others sustained further injuries by stampeding mules.

Four doctors and two ambulances gave service. Three men were removed to a hospital with broken limbs. Most of the victims were farmers attracted by the sale. John Vaughan, of Reidsville, N. C. was among the injured.

FEAR HANGHOU HAS FALLEN TO CANTONESE

City Is Regarded as Gateway to Shanghai.—Troops Leaving Hangchow.

Shanghai, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Hangchow, regarded as the gateway to Shanghai, was believed tonight to have fallen into the hands of the Cantonese invaders. The troops of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, ruler of the province of Kinagou, of which Shanghai is the chief city, were reported evacuating Hangchow after their defeat by the Cantonese.

Fighting was taking place in the outskirts of Hangchow, city of 800,000 people, as early as last night, said a foreigner who arrived here by train. The soldiers of Sun were falling back then, demoralized before the Cantonese onslaught.

Some Incubator.

Clarksville, Tenn., Feb. 16.—The Smith-Norris hatchery has put into operation one of the largest incubators ever used in this section, and it is drawing admirers from adjoining counties almost daily.

The new machine holds three tons of eggs, requiring 35 cents each week to run it, until the total capacity of 47,000 eggs is reached.

Most Fair Film Stars Are Dark

Hollywood, Cal., Feb. 17.—(AP)—The debate on blondes vs. brunettes finds cameramen of the films prone to favor the darker side of the question.

For, whatever may be the preference of the cameramen of the studio lot, a survey of the featured women of the screen shows that 82 have hair dark enough to qualify them as brunettes while but 37 are blondes.

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The question of a new constitution for the body was deferred until the next meeting and the suggested nine year program of Dr. W. J. Martin, president, was referred to the executive committee for consideration.

Charlotte Publisher Talks By Radio Across Atlantic.

Charlotte, Feb. 16.—Curtis B. Johnson, publisher of the Charlotte Observer, today had a trans-Atlantic telephone conversation with Sir Thomas Lipton at London. The conversation lasted for three minutes and, for the most part, was comparatively clear.

Mr. Johnson, who has visited twice at the home of Sir Thomas in London, asked when the internationally known apartment would visit North Carolina. Sir Thomas said he hoped to come here soon. The Englishman was asked if he intended to try again for the Lipton yacht club, but the answer was indistinct. Mr. Johnson told Sir Thomas that he believed America would be glad to see him win the cup because "you have been so sportsmanlike in your previous efforts."

More Forces Ordered to Nicaragua.—Washington, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Concern for the safety of American lives and property because of the recently increased outbreaks in Nicaraguan civil war evidently has prompted augmentation of the U. S. naval forces in the Central American republic.

The additional forces included a company of 200 marines and a division of six airplanes marking the dispatch of aircraft to the Nicaraguan zone for the first time. Both units were ordered from San Diego to Corinto on the west coast of Nicaragua, and will be taken on the destroyer tender, Melville.

Mabel Normand Critically Ill.—Santa Monica, Calif., Feb. 16.—Mable Normand, noted screen comedienne, who was removed to a hospital here yesterday, was pronounced critically ill today following an X-ray examination which revealed an abscess on her lungs.

Nary a Pearl

Belgrade, Jugo-Slavia, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The death toll from earthquakes in Jugo-Slavia mounted today.

The populace had scarcely recovered from the tremors of Sunday and Tuesday when yesterday a violent shock virtually destroyed a small town, killing 91 persons.

The new tremors were felt at Sarajevo, where an avalanche caused by the quakes killed 12 persons on Tuesday. Inhabitants of southern Herzegovina were thrown into panic when a small river disappeared through a shift in the earth's strata.

It was believed today that at least 200 persons lost their lives in the three days' quakes, with the possibility of the figure going higher when communication with isolated towns is restored.

Little hope was held out by the Belgrade seismological station that the disturbances were at an end.

Various observatories throughout the world within the last 24 hours have reported that seismographs have recorded what apparently is a catastrophic earthquake. No word has been received as to where it may have occurred.

SPENCER GETS METHODIST DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Will Be Held There in April With Bishop Edwin D. Mouson Presiding.

Spencer, Feb. 16.—The congregation of Spencer Methodist church is making preparation to entertain the Salisbury district conference when it meets here in April with Bishop Edwin D. Mouson of Charlotte, presiding.

The presiding elder, Rev. Z. Parks, will, of course, have general charge of the conference, which is to last two days. The gathering was to have been held with another church but recent changes brings the conference to Spencer.

There are 28 pastoral charges in the district and each of the pastors with four or more lay delegates from each church will mean an attendance of about 200 for the Spencer gathering, including connectional officers from other states and from schools and colleges. A big program is being arranged and the community will be given a chance to hear Bishop Mouson at least twice during the conference, while a number of other well known speakers will also be heard.

Rev. R. O. Eller, pastor of the Spencer church, together with a large number of his workers, is now laying plans for an interesting time, and homes will be provided for the visitors while in Spencer.

With Our Advertisers.

You will find at Ehrlich's many new modes in women's, men's and children's footwear. These are everything you desire in style, leather, fabrics, comfort and workmanship. See big ad. today in both The Tribune and Times.

Staunch, durable leathers in footwear for the whole family at J. C. Penny Company's. This store will not buy inferior shoes at any price. Buy for 773 stores, Penny always insists on fine, long-wearing leathers, superior workmanship and the most modern styles. See half page ad. in both The Times and The Tribune today.

Until February 22nd the Concord and Kannapolis Gas Co. will allow \$1.75 for your old tank heater on the purchase of an Autokot heater. The terms are \$5 down and \$5 monthly. Installation free.

See list of new Columbia Records for sale by the Concord Furniture Co. Schloss Bros. Spring suits from \$25 to \$52.50 at Hoover's. New Scholastic and Stetson Hats from \$5 to \$8.

Let Zeb P. Cruse lift your moving worry. He always gives careful courteous attention to all calls and charges the lowest rates. Phone 865. Office and storage warehouse South Church street. See ad.

Clinic's Pharmacy has on hand the sensational aerial balloon, only 10 cents each.

You play safe with your films when you leave them with the Boyd W. Cox Studio to be developed. New shipment films Kodak and albumen.

Many beautiful 3-piece overcasted suits covered in elegant Jacquard velour and mohair. At Bell & Harris Furniture Co.

Hams weighing 90 pounds each were obtained from the world's largest hog, slaughtered recently near Hagerstown, Md. The animal weighed 1,400 pound alive and 1,235 pounds when dressed.

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