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14 PERISHED IN TENNESAS PARISH At Another Place Eleven Were Killed and Scores Hurt.—Rescue Workers Now in Stricken Areas.

New Orleans, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Thirty-three persons were reported dead, and an undetermined number injured today as rescue workers continued their search into the tornado-torn sections of Louisiana and Mississippi.

11 Dead at Pleasant Hill. Shreveport, La., Feb. 18.—(AP)—With 11 known dead and 18 seriously injured, relief workers today continued a search of the debris in an area a mile and a half long and a mile wide that was spent by a disastrous storm struck Pleasant Hill in Sabine Parish late yesterday.

Monroe, La., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Fourteen persons were killed and at least two more injured in a tornado which struck four plantations just south of Newellton, Tennessee Parish, at 7:30 p. m. Thursday. Reports reaching here stated that the toll of deaths, mostly negroes, would probably be increased before the end of the day.

Many of the injured were rushed to a hospital at Natchez. A doctor from Tallulah went to the scene last night and it was reported that he dressed the injuries in a check around returning. The storm struck almost without warning and flattened a number of houses.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady Today at an Advance of 2 to 6 Points.—May Goes to 14.15.

New York, Feb. 18.—(AP)—The cotton market today opened at an advance of 2 to 6 points, and showed net gains of 7 to 8 points in early trading on a flurry of covering and buying which appeared to be based on the continued firmness of Liverpool and the passage of the farm bill by the House yesterday. There was considerable realising, however, which held the advance in check around 14.15 for May and 14.50 for October at the end of the first hour.

Private cables reported trade calling, with continental and Bombay buying in the Liverpool market, and substantial sales of cotton cloths for shipment to India.

Cotton futures opened steady: March 13.87; May 14.10; July 14.32; October 14.53; December 14.71.

RECORD METHODIST CHURCH

Francis F. Prentiss of Cleveland Donates \$1,047,000 For Hospital. Chicago, Feb. 18.—The largest single gift ever made to a Methodist Episcopal institution, \$1,047,000, by Francis Flury Prentiss of Cleveland, was announced today by Dr. G. T. Notson, Secretary of the National Methodist Hospital and Homes Association, at the convention of that organization.

The sum was given to St. Luke's Hospital in Cleveland. Announcement also was made of a \$500,000 gift for a new home for the Palmer Memorial Hospital in Boston, recently founded to care for incurable cancer patients.

Raleigh to Have \$100,000 Pool. Raleigh, Feb. 18.—(INS)—North Carolina's capital will be a leading city of 100,000 population before it is likely to face another serious water shortage.

The Raleigh Board of Commissioners decided this when they laid plans here to look toward Swift Creek, with its 90.5 miles of unpolluted water, for additional water supply.

The approximate cost of the immediate development of the project will be \$400,000, it was estimated. Plans were made to issue bonds for the amount and to begin work on the project at once.

The tallest known ferns are found in the Hawaiian Islands, where they sometimes grow to a height of 40 feet.

China and India contain approximately one-half the total population of the world.

MORE TROOPS SENT TO NICARAGUA FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE

Fear of Further Fighting There Causes the American Government to Take Precautions.

AMERICANS WILL BE PROTECTED

All Troops There Will Be Under the Command of Rear Admiral Julian L. Latimer.

Washington, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Anticipating that an impending clash between Diaz and Somoza armies at Managua will jeopardize American lives and property, the government is concentrating additional forces in Nicaragua.

A force of 1,000 marines is being dispatched from four bases to the Central American republic to be placed under the command of Rear Admiral Julian L. Latimer in charge of the special service squadron in Nicaraguan waters. Their arrival will augment the marine troops in that country to 2,000 men, a detachment of 400 already being on duty at Managua, the capital.

Among the units ordered is a full regiment, 1200 strong, from the Quantico, Va., marine base, and 200 from Paris Island, S. C., while another 200 is to be taken on the cruiser Trenton from Guantanamo Cuba. The transport Henderson which is expected to sail today from Philadelphia for Newport, R. I., where 800 bluejackets recruit for the fleet at Guantanamo Bay, is to be sent to the port of Quantico and Paris Island units on her southern voyage. Under previous orders, 200 marines and a division of six airplanes are to be sent from San Diego.

NORTH CAROLINA VEGETABLES

Have a Value of Over Fifty Million Dollars Annually.

Raleigh, Feb. 18.—The vegetables grown in the farm gardens of North Carolina have a value of over fifty million dollars a year, according to W. B. Morrow, extension horticulturist at State College who has been making some thorough studies of gardens in North Carolina during the past year.

His figures are based on records secured during the year 1925 and his value are based on prices prevailing during that year. He was unable to get the acreage to gardens in 1926.

A family garden one-half acre in size will produce enough vegetables for the average family, stated Mr. Morrow. Being the prices which farm women have received at their country markets and valuing the vegetables supplied to the family at these prices, he finds that each half-acre garden will return \$275. More than 30 different kinds of vegetables were used in this study and the prices used represent what the housewife would have to pay for fresh vegetables at the curb market. Each acre planted to vegetables therefore has a value of \$550, finds Mr. Morrow.

In 1925, the covered gardens of North Carolina totaled 92,406 acres. The cotton acreage in the state during the same year was 2,017,000 acres. The money value of the gardens was \$50,350,300 as compared with \$102,423,260 for the cotton. In other words, Mr. Morrow finds that though only about one-twentieth of the land was devoted to gardens as was devoted to cotton yet the garden plots yielded a value of about one-half that of the cotton.

On an acreage basis, the garden produced \$550 worth of wealth while cotton produces only \$50.78 per acre. The garden acre is worth eleven times more than the cotton acre.

Mr. Morrow stated that the home garden does not suffer by comparison with tobacco. In 1925, North Carolina planted 547,000 acres of tobacco which produced a value of \$83,035,000. The per acre value of the tobacco was \$151.80. The per acre value of the garden is about three and one-half times this amount.

In making public this information, Mr. Morrow states that, some will probably be skeptical about these figures but that they are founded on facts and are true. The home agents and others have accurate records which show that farm women after feeding the family fresh vegetables throughout the year and giving away much produce to neighbors and friends have still sold enough vegetables to assure a fairly good income. Mrs. Amelia Davis of Elizabeth City did this and sold \$154 worth of produce. Mrs. George Price of Rocky Mount sold \$415 worth of produce. Mrs. J. E. Rowland of Vance County led a family of seven and the sold over \$400 worth of garden truck on the Henderson Curb Market. These are only a few and their records are duplicated by hundreds of other farm women who entered the State-wide year-round garden contest held by State College last year.

Eldridge T. Gerry Dead. New York, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Eldridge T. Gerry, lawyer, yachtsman, financier and active for many years as the guiding spirit in the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, died at his home here today in his 80th year.

Mr. Gerry was the father of Eldridge T. Gerry, United States senator from Rhode Island.

Niagara Boats Through Either For Radio Fans. Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Niagara Falls tonight took its place alongside the Liberty Bell, Big Ben in London, and the Pacific ocean in performing for the radio. The roar of the falls was broadcast as part of the ceremony incidental to the opening of the local studio of station WEAZ, which has its headquarters at Buffalo.

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Defeat Of The Bill To Make Compulsory School Age 16 Years

The Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel By J. C. BASKERVILLE Raleigh, Feb. 18.—The majority of the members of the house at least are not greatly concerned over the educational status of the state, and are perfectly willing that children should stop school at the age of 14 and go to work, even if they have not had the equivalent of four grades in school.

This at least in the interpretation generally placed here on the defeat of the bill that would have increased the compulsory education age limit from 14 to 16 years for those who have not completed the fourth grade in school. The vote was the closest yet taken in the house on any public measure, 55 voting against the bill and 51 voting for it. And those 51 who voted for it were indignant that the majority of the house should be willing to let children stop school at 14 and go to work, when they did not have even a fourth grade education.

However, the proponents of the bill feel that many of the members did not have a clear idea of the purpose of the bill, and that if they had, the vote would have been different and the bill enacted. As a result, it is understood that a substitute bill is being prepared which would require children to stop school at 14 and go to work, when they did not have even a fourth grade education.

"We feel that the cause of education and child welfare has been dealt a severe blow," said Dr. O. C. Abernethy, chairman of the legislative committee of the State Parent-Teacher Association, which has been actively sponsoring the bill. "At present North Carolina has no educational requirement in its compulsory education law although 33 other states have such requirements, and to give the children of this state more assurance of having some schooling, at least before having to go to work, we feel the bill was most important and greatly regret that it did not pass."

"The defeat of the bill that would have increased the compulsory school attendance age to 16 for those who have not completed the fourth grade in school is a decided step backward educationally," said A. T. Allen, state superintendent of public instruction. "The law would have been a good one, and I am sorry that it was not passed."

One of the principal objections raised against the bill was that it would have served to congest the schools with "repeaters"—those who do not have the ability to pass from one grade to another—and to keep these children in school year after year until they were 16, as long as they were not able to pass higher than the fourth grade. But this would not have been the case, according to Mr. Allen, since local school boards now have the authority to deal with those who are mentally incompetent to advance into higher grades.

"It is a shame and a disgrace," said Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, commissioner of public welfare, in commenting on the defeat of the bill. "There is no state where a law of this kind is needed more than in North Carolina. As it is at present, hundreds of boys and girls are going to work at the age of 14 with little more than a first or second grade education, many for more than a few weeks, and some not being able to even read or write."

One thing that militated against the bill was the bungling manner in which it was handled on the floor of the house, no one seeming to be quite familiar with it and no one definitely in charge of it. Thus it was bandied about until many became afraid of it and decided to vote against it.

The prevailing idea of those opposed to it seemed to be that the law would handicap farmers—and factory workers too—by compelling them to keep their children in school until they were 16 years old. However, this would not be necessary were the children had not already completed the fourth grade by the time they were 14 years old.

What will be the fate of a substitute bill, if offered, cannot safely be foretold in the light of the defeat of the present bill.

EFFORTS TO CONTROL THE FOREST FIRES

Intensified Efforts Have Led to a Number of Prosecutions. Raleigh, Feb. 18.—Intensified efforts toward controlling the forest fire situation in the eastern part of the state during the recent flurry of fires early in February and in the latter part of January have led to a number of prosecutions by the North Carolina Forest Service.

In Craven county alone fourteen prosecutions on charges of violations of forest fire laws were carried out in one day under the direction of County Warden Simmons. Of this number, 15 were found guilty, one being a prosecution by the superior court and the other paid fines assessed by the court, and one was found not guilty.

W. C. McCormick, assistant state forester, has directed an intensive campaign for the protection of the forests against fire, and for the enforcement of the forest fire laws. Recent rains and the activity of the warden force have largely cut down the number of fires.

As a result of the prosecutions more than \$150 have been paid into the school fund of Craven county, and many checks for expense of fire fighting are being mailed to the Forest Service office in Raleigh in lieu of prosecution. Sheriff Brooks of Craven county, who has made arrangements to have made include the setting of forest fires, carelessness in the handling of fire allowing their spread to neighboring woodlands, and refusal to aid in fighting forest fires.

SAVAGE ATTACK ON SHERIFF OF PERSON

Officer Has Almost a Life and Death Struggle With Negro. Roxboro, Feb. 17.—A daring and savage assault was attempted on the life of Sheriff N. V. Brooks by a savage negro man who has several names, but who is better known as Henry Progeye. The assault was made in the home of St. Winstead, a colored man whose home is in the Oak Lake section. Sheriff Brooks and Deputy W. E. Gentry had gone into the home of Winstead to make a search for some stolen property and while Deputy Gentry was busy upstairs making the search Progeye demanded of Sheriff Brooks an explanation and before anything could be done he had Sheriff Brooks looking straight down the barrel of a dangerous looking shot gun, advancing on him with a savage threat. Fortunately Deputy Gentry came down wrenching the gun from the negro before a shot was fired, there came what looked like a death and life struggle between Sheriff Brooks and the negro. In the scuffle the negro got hold of the sheriff's pistol and that for the lightning action of Gentry the negro would have shot him down with his own gun. Deputy Gentry cooled the negro with a heavy blow on the head after which he released his clinch on the gun as well as Sheriff Brooks. He was brought to town and given a hearing and placed in jail for safe keeping.

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While the Southern Part of State Seems Safe From Further Damage, Waters Rising Elsewhere. Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Southern California today was practically eliminated from the theatre of the fight against high waters along the coast, leaving 22 dead and property loss unofficially estimated at \$2,200,000, but Imperial Valley points along the Colorado River, were threatened with flood conditions, and northern California coast cities awaited an approaching storm center from the Pacific.

Man and horses were thrown into the fight against high waters along the Colorado River near Calexico to protect that district from a flood reported coming down the stream as the result of the recent unprecedented rains. A discharge of 55,000 second-feet of water was expected at Imperial and an additional flood was roaring down the Gila River from Arizona.

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