

Tornadoes, Blizzards, Cloudburst And Floods Result In 100 Deaths

In Dozen States Storms Within Past Five Days Have Killed Many and Injured Others. MORE THAN FIFTY PERISH IN TEXAS

Freak Storms and Tornadoes Wrought Havoc There While Rains Caused Damage Elsewhere. (By the Associated Press). Tornadoes, blizzards, cloudbursts and floods have brought the death list in a dozen states to upwards of 100 in five days, sent scores to hospitals, many with slight chance to recover, and left hundreds homeless.

Texans headed the casualty list with more than 50 dead and scores in hospitals. Rock Springs, in southeastern Texas, where 47 perished in a tornado, was hardest hit.

Upwards of 1,000 persons were forced from their homes at Fort Smith and Van Buren, Ark., where the Arkansas River concentrated torrents from Kansas and Oklahoma.

Little immediate relief for inundated Oklahoma points was forecast with Kansas watersheds feeding four large streams for the race southward.

ANNOUNCEMENT The 59th Series in this Old Reliable Building, Loan and Savings Association opened April 2nd.

WANTS COMMISSION TO STUDY NANKING RIOTS FOR RULING

This Proposal Made by Eugene Chen, Cantonesc Foreign Minister, in Reply to Five-Power Note.

CONTENDS CITY WAS BOMBARDED

Lays This Charge to United States and Great Britain.—Separate Note Sent to Five Nations.

Hankow, April 15.—(AP)—An international commission to investigate the Nanking incident proposed by Eugene Chen, the Cantonesc foreign minister in his replies to the recent five-power note demanding reparations and apologies for the outrages which followed the capture of the Yangtze city by the Cantonesc army.

In the replies to the United States and Great Britain, Chen says that they "bombed" defenseless "Nanking." In a separate note to the British and the French he makes reference to the bombardment of "defenseless Shamen" the foreign settlement at Canton. Otherwise the replies are identical.

While not admitting that national troops were responsible for the Nanking outrages, Chen, emphasizes that such incidents will occur as long as unequal treaties exist. In reply to the United States, he says the Cantonesc government will make reparation for all damage done to the American consulate at Nanking and that as far as personal injury to Americans it is ready to make "all reasonable necessary reparation" except where there is absolute proof that the injuries were "caused by the British and American naval bombardment" or by "northern rebels."

More Ships at Hankow. Washington, April 15.—(AP)—In the face of what appears to be a threatening situation for foreigners at Hankow, American naval authorities have taken steps to increase the naval force at that port.

Proposal Comes as Surprise. Washington, April 15.—(AP)—Suggestion by Eugene Chen, the Cantonesc foreign minister, in reply to the five-power note demanding reparations for the Nanking outrages, that an international commission be organized to investigate the affair, came as a surprise to Washington and prompted immediate speculation on the position the American government would take.

Judge Boyd's Condition Critical. Greensboro, April 15.—(AP)—Judge James G. Boyd, retired jurist of the United States district, today was in a serious condition following a hemorrhage last yesterday.

Aviator Breaks Height Record for Seaplanes. Washington, April 14.—(AP)—Lieutenant George R. Heuderson in a service type naval seaplane is believed to have established a new altitude record for seaplanes.

J. M. Matthews, Mecklenburg School Head, Is To Retire. Charlotte, April 14.—J. M. Matthews, superintendent of education in Mecklenburg county for the past several years, this afternoon announced that he would retire after the first of June.

First Picture Of The Siege of Nanking



Here is the first picture of the siege of Nanking. It was sent via fast trans-Pacific ship and relayed from San Francisco by wireless. In the foreground is shown a dead Chinese. Behind him are relief workers and the coffin in which the man will face his fathers. Who killed this particular Chinese may never be known. He may have been slain in the bombardment, or in the actual battle for control of the city. The capture of Nanking was marked by the slaying of one American and the looting of foreign property, and the firing by American and British gunboats on Chinese to force safe passage of beleaguered foreigners through the circle of Cantonesc arms.

Typhoid Fever Rate in State Has Shown Large Decrease

Tribune Bureau. Raleigh, April 15.—Is the death rate from typhoid fever in North Carolina decreasing, as the result of the operations of the various sanitary regulations of the State Board of Health, or is North Carolina in virtually the same position as in 1919, before any of these regulations were put into effect?

According to published statements of certain members of the North Carolina Farmers Union, North Carolina has made little or no progress toward the reduction of the typhoid death rate, despite the Sanitary Privy Law, and other of its sanitary regulations, and the cry is raised that the work done by the Board of Health along typhoid prevention lines has been wasted.

But a careful analysis of the United States Census statistics shows that the calculations of the Farmers Union have been based upon an incorrect premise, and that North Carolina, of all the Southern states, has made a greater advance toward the reduction and elimination of typhoid than any other state.

In 1919, North Carolina had a typhoid death rate of 17.5 per 100,000 population, and in 1925—the latest U. S. Census figures available—the rate had fallen to 9.8, the lowest for the entire southeastern group of states, and representing a decrease of 44 per cent from 1919 to 1925, while the majority of the other southern states registered big increases in typhoid deaths, instead of decreases.

This decrease is generally attributed by health authorities generally to the operation of the Sanitary Privy Law, North Carolina being the only state among the southeastern group having this law—and the only state in the group showing a steady reduction in the number of typhoid deaths. Thus the actual figures do not show that the Sanitary Privy Law has been ineffective in North Carolina.

It is generally recognized, of course, that typhoid fever is essentially a southern problem, particularly in the southeastern states. This was the case when the sanitary privy law was enacted in North Carolina in 1919, showed 21 states with typhoid death rate of less than 10 deaths per 100,000, with seven states with a rate of less than 5 per 100,000. Three states had a rate of from 10 to 15, and nine states had rates above 15.

Charlotte's George Ade Is Dead. Charlotte, April 15.—(INS)—Geo. Ade—not the famous humorist—is dead here.

Carroll's Condition IS SOMEWHAT BETTER

Theatrical Producer Was Semi-Conscious at Intervals During Morning. Greenville, S. C., April 15.—(AP)—Earl Carroll, theatrical producer, was semi-conscious at intervals this morning, hospital attaches announced. They said this is taken as a good omen by his physicians who believe he may soon emerge completely from the coma which seized him here early last Wednesday while he was en route to Atlanta federal penitentiary.

Governor Going Back to Wisconsin For Vacation. Raleigh, April 15.—(INS)—North Carolina's annual executive session probably will be in the wilds of Wisconsin.

Cold Causes Damage to Crops. Raleigh, April 15.—(INS)—This week's cold snap and frost in some sections has caused considerable damage to fruit and early truck crops in many parts of Eastern North Carolina, according to a survey today.

Named Second Lieutenant. Raleigh, April 15.—Samuel L. Davis, Jr., of High Point, has been commissioned a Second Lieutenant in Battery E, 22nd Coast Artillery Regiment, N. C. N. G. It has been announced by General J. Van B. Metz, state Adjutant General, Davis was formerly a private in the same company, but was granted a discharge and then given the commission as a lieutenant.

Fifty Summer Homes Burned. Holland, Mich., April 15.—(AP)—Fire which broke out in the summer resort of Macatawa Park near here destroyed between 50 and 60 summer residences and damaged a score of others before it was brought under control early today.

Child Dies From Hurts Received When Hit By Car. Salisbury, April 14.—Lucy May Eberhardt, six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. "Dock" Eberhardt, of Granite Quarry, is dead from injuries received late yesterday evening when she was struck by a car driven by Thomas Jackson, a negro. Jackson is being held for a hearing. The girl was struck on a street at Granite Quarry.

Want State Post in Georgia. (By International-News Service). Atlanta, Ga., April 15.—A new movement is being agitated here for a state post in Georgia. Its backers plan to begin revival of interest in the movement at a joint dinner-meeting Tuesday, April 12th, by the Atlanta Foreign Trade Club and the service committee of the Chamber of Commerce, at which Major General William L. Sibert, noted army engineer and chief of the \$10,000,000 Alabama port development, is to be the guest of honor.

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Ten Pages Today Two Sections

New Government To Be Established In China: To Eliminate Radicals

Wants Peace. (By the Associated Press). Numerous leaders of the public order in today's meeting of the Kowloon (the Cantonesc political party) at Nanking, Quo Tai-Chi, Cantonesc commissioner for foreign affairs, said was adjourned tonight.

Russian Among Those Wanted. Shanghai, April 15.—(AP)—Resolutions impeaching the Cantonesc government at Hankow were adopted at today's meeting of the Kowloon (the Cantonesc political party) at Nanking, Quo Tai-Chi, Cantonesc commissioner for foreign affairs, said was adjourned tonight.

Russia wants peace, Premier Rykoff declares, apropos of the dispute with the Northern forces of China.

With Our Advertisers. Canned vegetables at unusually low prices at the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company stores. Read ad in this paper for price particulars.

NO COTTON OR STOCK MARKET REPORTS TODAY. New York Exchanges Are Closed For Usual Easter Holidays.

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Oil Well Reported Near Knoxville. (By International News Service). Knoxville, Tenn., April 15.—Oil will be struck as soon as a depth of 1,000 feet has been drilled according to a statement of J. M. Whittle, general manager of the Golden Rule Oil and Gas Company here, in affirming his belief that land in this section contains oil.

Mr. Whittle was in the office of Postmaster John J. Graham, secretary of the company, discussing operations when he made the statement. The first well of the company has already been started at Dante station on the Clifton highway, in what is known as Hines Valley, and has passed a depth of twenty feet. A strata of hard rock has been encountered, thus making the drilling hazardous. This, however, according to Mr. Whittle, partly bears out a prediction which he made some time ago to the effect that if oil is discovered it will be in a formation of this rock.

John Winn, Slayed, Is Hanged. Chicago, April 15.—John Walton Winn, 40 year old hammer slayer of the elderly contractor Albert Nussbaum, was hanged today. One of his last acts was to write a farewell note to "Grandma" Eliza Nussbaum, who is serving a life sentence for complicity in her husband's murder.

90,000 On Strike. Shanghai, April 15.—(AP)—Ninety thousand persons were on strike today in Shanghai heeding the call of the labor leaders to leave their jobs as a protest against raids on labor unions by General Chiang Kai Shek.

JACK BURKE'S OH BOY CO HIGH CLASS CLEAN CLEVER VAUDEVILLE AND Corinne Griffith IN "THE LADY IN ERMINE" TONIGHT 25c—50c CONCORD THEATRE

Weather. Cloudy tonight and Saturday, with rain in extreme west and north on Saturday. Clearer in west and central parts Saturday.

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