

More Barriers Are Smashed By Surging Rivers Fed By Their Swollen Tributaries In West

ARKANSAS HARDEST HIT DURING NIGHT

Heavy Rains in That State Sent Streams Through Levees, Causing Thousands to Leave Homes.

CLARENDON SWEEPED BY HIGH WATERS

White River Smashed the Levees There and Flooded Business District.—Feared Lives Are Lost.

Memphis, April 20.—(AP)—While thousands fought desperately to hold the levees against the waters of three streams in the Mississippi Valley, in valiant efforts to save lives and property from the greatest flood in the nation's history, raging streams plowed through barriers at numerous points today, inundating thousands of acres and putting one town, Clarendon, Ark., under from two to twelve feet of water.

Waters of the White River made mockery of a drainage district levee at Clarendon, the last barrier against the flood early today, and in ten minutes the little Arkansas city was inundated. Houseboats and river craft were smashed against the court house in the town, numerous homes were washed away, and unconfirmed reports said many people were on the levee when it went out.

Miss Rose Gibson, a telephone operator at Clarendon, told the Associated Press over the telephone today that the water rushed through the town at the rate of 40 miles an hour during the first few hours, and that if any persons were in numerous houses in the poorer sections of the city, the speed of the water would make rescue impossible.

From a window in the telephone office she saw houses, animals and river craft being washed down the main business section of the town, she said. "Dozens of houses are completely covered by water, and every business building in the town is in water up to the ceiling," she said. "Hundreds of persons are marooned on Tom's Hill, a little mound about a mile from town without food and some of them almost without clothing. The raging waters struck the town during the early morning hours, and while all citizens in reach of telephones had been warned by five o'clock yesterday afternoon, we did not know whether all houses had been vacated."

"The waters are not rushing as fast as they were early today, but they are rising," the telephone girl said. She said she was working on the second floor of a building surrounded by seven feet of water. The break in the levee protecting the town following the smashing of another levee near the town of few hours before. While telephone officials heard of no loss of life, there were reports that dozens of negroes and whites in poorer sections of the town had not escaped because they were unable to leave their homes, or they believed the levee would hold. Cries and screams were heard from those sections of the town.

It was estimated today that 100,000 persons were suffering from the floods, and that 50,000 of these were refugees. More than 400 cars of refugees were moved to higher ground in Eastern Arkansas by the Missouri-Pacific train crews today, and nearly 400 box cars were being loaded with refugees out of Wynne and the Marianna districts. Calculations here placed the number of acres covered by water at a minimum of 4,000,000. The death toll of the storm probably will never be known.

Clarendon Flooded. Helena, Ark. April 20.—(AP)—The White River levee protecting Clarendon, Ark., gave way near the heart of the town at 2 o'clock this morning, according to information received from the manager of the telephone exchange there.

Wallace Graham, the telephone company manager, told the Associated Press that the water surging through the gap swept aside obstructions and

carried cabin boats from the river through the center of town. Graham said he believed there had been some loss of life. He was unable to leave his office six hours after the levee collapsed because of the swift current.

A number of persons were marooned in the county court house, and above the roar of the rushing water could be heard the screams of frightened women and children who sought safety in the building. "Everything is bad—very bad," Graham said. Clarendon is a town of about 3,500 population, the county seat of Monroe County.

Warned to Leave Homes. Pine Bluff, Ark., April 20.—(AP)—With heavy rains reported north of here last night, and all levees within 25 miles of Pine Bluff expected to be washed out today, all residents as far south as Dumas were warned to evacuate their homes immediately.

Grave danger lies near Varner, where the Cummins levee is reported to be weakening under constant strain, despite addition of thousands of sandbags. A break there would flood the most of Lincoln and Desha counties. At least one-third of city of Pine Bluff was under water today, varying in depth from several inches to six feet. Churches, the Y. M. C. A. and vacant houses were thrown open to refugees.

Mid-Summer Furniture Exposition. High Point, April 20.—(INS)—Plans have been straggled here already for the Mid-Summer Furniture Exposition here, which will attract hundreds of furniture manufacturers and dealers from all parts of the South. The exposition will be held by the Southern Furniture Market July 18-30, according to a decision which has just been reached.

Practically all space has been taken in the mammoth exhibition building here, according to C. F. Long, manager. There are at present 175 exhibitors having space, and three new exhibitors have just taken up. It is the market's policy to hold two shows each year. The last was held here in January, and was one of the biggest ever held in the furniture center.

In January there was some 1,500 furniture men in attendance at the two weeks' exhibition, and this summer it is expected that an even larger number of manufacturers and buyers will be present.

"Hen Likker" Makes Appearance. Mobile, Ala., April 20.—(AP)—"Hen Likker"—one drink and you lay—is the latest concoction to be introduced since the Volstead act went into effect—along with its premiere presentation here by two brave souls, they attempted to introduce cock fighting, only they happened to get hens instead of cocks.

John Reese and W. H. Williams, under the influence of "a little too much," visited the hen house of a negro woman and staggered forth with two hens, bent on staging a cock fight. But burly policemen nipped their plans in the bud and they received fines of \$25 or 20 days in jail instead of witnessing the rooster fight—between hens.

S. P. Engineers To Build Duke Plant. Durham, April 20.—(INS)—Unofficial but well-authenticated information here would indicate that the Southern Power Company engineers are to build Duke University's new \$20,000,000 plant.

W. S. Lee, chief engineer of the Southern Power Company, is setting up his residence here and will supervise the mammoth building undertaking, it was learned. The Southern Power Company erected the university's power and light plant last summer. Land is being cleared for the erection of the \$4,000,000 medical school unit.

South's Baptist Schools Show Fine Growth. Birmingham, Ala., April 19.—The education board of the Southern Baptist Convention, with headquarters here, will report to the convention at Louisville May 4th that during the past seven years the total assets of Baptist schools of the South have grown from \$22,837,389 to \$57,744,807, an increase of \$34,907,418, or 152 per cent. The assets include \$38,890,086 in physical properties and \$18,854,721 in endowment funds.

CHINESE REJECT DEMANDS MADE BY THE SOVIETS

Paris, April 20.—(AP)—Rejection by the Peking government of the demands of the Russian Soviet government in connection with the raid on soviet buildings in the embassy compound at Peking, is reported in a dispatch to the Indo-Pacific Agency. The raid on orders of northern Chinese authorities was carried out on April 6th.

THINK THREE NEGROES DROWNED IN YADKIN

River Near High Rock is Being Searched for Bodies of Men Who Fell From Boat. Salisbury, April 20.—(AP)—The Yadkin River at High Rock, Southern Power Company development, is being searched for the bodies of three negro workmen who were drowned late yesterday when the boat capsized. The negroes were Bill McCray, Clinton Jones and Dan Bohler. The boat, containing six workers, struck a rock at the coffer dam and capsized. Three of them reached the shore.

With Our Advertisers.

If you haven't paid your city taxes you will be interested in the notice of Charles N. Field, City Tax Collector, in this paper today.

Expert cleaning and blocking is done by M. R. Pounds. Also dry cleaning and dyeing of clothes. The Foy Fisher property between Concord and Kannapolis will be sold at auction Saturday, April 23, at 2 o'clock by Walter and Gurley Auction Co. Easy terms for lot purchasers.

"Phantom of the Forest," starring a dog, at the Concord Theatre today. Tomorrow "The Dark Angel," starring Vilma Banky, one of the newest stars on the screen. Vaudeville Friday. Washable silk frocks are being sold for \$9.95 at the Gray Shop. Only a limited number.

The J. & H. Cash Store is selling fine quality strawberries for 25 cents a basket. Also bargains in groceries. Cotton Week is being observed at York's which has thousands of yards of new cotton goods in crisp new patterns. Read ad for price particulars.

Try the Marvel Paint and Rug Cleaner sold by the Ritchie Hardware Co. Saves labor in house cleaning. Efrid's is offering unusual bargains in new porch and kitchen rugs. Grass rugs at prices lower than usual. These goods are on the second floor and price particulars can be found in new ad today.

The Sorke & Wadsworth Co., in a new ad today says the latest Good-year tire is a "kneekout." This company carries a complete line of Good-year tires in all sizes. Official Beer Tester Has Been Appointed For Tampa. Tampa, Fla., April 18.—The city of Tampa appointed its first official beer tester today and he went to work an hour later on a case of real "suds."

Joseph Lyles, formerly workman chemist of Birmingham, Ala., but his new job has nothing to do with water. He is on a fee basis and will not consider anything with less than a kick of one half of one per cent.

It will be his duty to analyze all beer and other liquor seized under the prohibition law and give scientific testimony.

THE STOCK MARKET

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price/Change. Includes Atchison, American Tobacco, American Smelting, etc.

WALL OF WATER IS SWEEPING DOWN ON NORTH LITTLE ROCK

Citizens of City Are Facing Wall of Water Eight Feet High Following a Break in River Levee.

WHISTLES GAVE FIRST WARNING

Rescuers in Boats Getting out the Inhabitants Who Did Not Recognize the Warning Given.

Little Rock, Ark., April 20.—(AP)—A wall of water eight feet high was sweeping down on North Little Rock from the northwest this morning, following a break in the Arkansas River levee northwest of that city. The break had flooded the town of Levy and a large part of the city north of Main Street.

Rescuers in boats were busy getting out inhabitants who failed to move when locomotive whistles shrieked a warning early this morning. More than four inches of rain fell here between 3 a. m. and 7 a. m. and the heavy downpour later was believed to have added another inch.

North Little Rock is a separate municipality and has no connection with the city of Little Rock. It is located on the opposite side of the Arkansas River, and has about 15,000 inhabitants. The chief industry is the Missouri-Pacific railroad shops which employ about 5,000 men. There also are a number of cotton seed mills and various other manufactures.

ONLY TWO JURORS FOR SNYDER-GRAY TRIAL

First Panel of 100 Talemans Exhausted With Only Two Jurors Accepted.

New York, April 20.—(AP)—The first panel of 100 talemans in the Snyder murder case was exhausted shortly after noon today and only two jurors had been accepted. The questioning went on and talemans continued to drop by the wayside.

Of fifty men examined on Monday, the first day of the trial, none was accepted. Yesterday the total rose to 87 and a foreman was secured. This morning Wm. B. Meisner, the 91st talemans examined, was selected as juror No. 2.

THE STOCK MARKET

Prices Displayed Firm Undertone at the Opening, With Several Blocks Changing Hands.

New York, April 20.—(AP)—Stock prices displayed a firm undertone at the opening today's market, with several large blocks of stock changing hands. United Drug and General Motors attained new record high prices, and Lehigh Valley showed a gain of 1-8 on the first sale. Commercial Solvents B opened 1-4 points lower.

Governor Smith Will Not Speak at King's Mountain.

Kings Mountain, N. C., April 20.—(AP)—Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, will not deliver the feature speech here October 7th at the celebration of the 146th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain.

This was decided by the invitation committee, unanimously, after considerable outside talk that the Empire State governor would be a most acceptable speaker. The committee decided to invite General John J. Pershing, commander of the American expeditionary forces in the World War, and Senator Thomas Heflin, Alabama, prohibition big gun, to do the oratorical honors of the occasion.

County Commissioners in Raleigh.

Raleigh, April 20.—(AP)—County commissioners from various sections of North Carolina met here today to discuss budgeting and related subjects. The meeting was called to order by J. E. Woodland, of Morehead City, president of the State Association of County Commissioners.

Fighting Reported.

Vienna, Austria, April 20.—(AP)—An unconfirmed report from Bucharest says there was fighting last night between Roumanian and Russian border troops with "many dead and wounded on both sides."

Cola M. Early Dead.

Richmond, Va., April 20.—(AP)—Cola M. Early, assistant prohibition administrator for Virginia and North Carolina, died today following an operation last Friday for appendicitis. He was a native of North Carolina.

Public Health Work in State Is Discussed By Dr. Laughinghouse

The Tribune Bureau Washington-Duke Hotel Durham, April 20.—Public health work is dependent upon the wholehearted and hearty co-operation of the medical profession, and without this co-operation neither the State board of health nor the members of the medical profession can hope to accomplish much, the members of the North Carolina Medical Society were told this afternoon by Dr. Charles O.H. Laughinghouse, secretary of the board of health and State health officer, in presenting the annual report of the State board of health to the society.

"Medical advancement has brought us to where there can be no parting of the ways," Dr. Laughinghouse told the society. "Preventive medicine and curative medicine, public health workers and private practitioners must all hang together or they will all hang separately. For this is the law of the jungle as old and as true as the sky."

The principal point stressed by Dr. Laughinghouse was to call the attention of the profession to the almost alarmingly rapid increase in degenerative diseases, such as cancer, heart, kidney and circulatory diseases, and to the fact that the treatment of these diseases has become almost an individual problem.

It is the aim of the board of health during the next year and from now on to wage war on these diseases through the promotion of annual, or still better, semi-annual health examinations—the only method through which these diseases can be reached and detected—and Dr. Laughinghouse asked the Medical Society not only to endorse the movement for these health examinations, but to co-operate with the board in promoting popular interest in these examinations.

"The board of health is converted to the opinion that physical examinations of the people of the state should be made by the physicians of the state and if the Medical Society approves it, purposes to give all publicity to the examinations."

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Advance of 3 to 5 Points, July Selling Up to 14.56.

New York, April 20.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 3 to 5 points in response to steady Liverpool cables, continued nervousness over the Mississippi Valley flood situation and the outlook for showers with lower temperatures in the western belt.

July sold up to 14.56 and December to 15.01 or about 5 to 6 points net higher, but these prices attracted no buying, while a little southern selling also was reported. Trading was active at the start, but tapered off somewhat after the first few minutes, the market showing reactions of 2 or 3 points from the best.

Pope Hands Off in Al Smith's Political War.

Rome, April 19.—The Vatican officially informed the Associated Press today that it has no information concerning the declaration made public yesterday in which Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, who is a Roman Catholic, defined his conception of the relationship between the Church and the State.

Five Men Killed in Two Crashes.

Eastchurch, Kent., Eng., April 19.—Four members of the royal air force, two of them officers, were killed today when a Vickers bomber crashed here.

Income Tax Collections Increase.

Raleigh, April 20.—(AP)—North Carolina income tax collections for 1927 today exceeded the total for the entire previous year. The total announced today from the State revenue department was \$6,094,245, as compared with total collections last year of \$6,089,000. The present fiscal year has two months and ten days to run.

Injuries Prove Fatal.

Salisbury, April 20.—(AP)—John C. Risher, 77, of East Spencer, died at a local hospital late yesterday from injuries sustained when hit by a truck while he was attempting to pick up a walking can he had dropped. The mishap occurred in Spencer at the intersection of Depot Street and the national highway.

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"SLOW" SIGNS BENEFIT TURKISH WATER CARTS

Stamboul, Turkey, Apr. 20.—(AP)—"Go slowly" signs are an innovation in the streets of Stamboul, indicative of the new day which has brought speed to a land where progress was formerly measured by centuries.

MRS. JERMAN SPEAKS TO METHODIST WOMEN

Urges More Practical Living of Principles of Christianity as Duty of Citizenship. Sanford, N. C., April 20.—(AP)—More practical living of the principles of Christianity as a primary duty of citizenship was urged by Mrs. T. J. Jerman, president of the North Carolina Legislative Council of Women, today.

LIGHTNING KILLS TWO PERSONS AT CAROLEEN

Mrs. Jas. Morrow and Mrs. Gen. Reavis, Mother and Daughter, Stricken in Home. Rutherfordton, April 19.—Mrs. James Morrow and her daughter, Mrs. George Reavis, both of Caroleen, were killed instantly last night during a severe electrical storm. Both were in the same house. Mr. Morrow was on the side of the bed ready to retire and spoke to his wife about letting down a window. As she turned toward the window a stroke of lightning came and Mrs. Morrow fell dead to the floor.

Gyped Mother of Former Cellmate

Atanta, Ga., April 20.—(INS)—Gyping his former cellmate's mother out of \$100 and trying to get money via telegraph wires, caused the arrest of Danny Adams, 22. He is being held at police headquarters pending further investigation.

Two Prisoners Killed in Explosion.

Raleigh, April 20.—(AP)—Two prisoners on the Pitt County convict gang were killed instantly near here today by a premature explosion of dynamite being used to blow up stumps. They were Jimmie Stokes, white, and Earl Thomas, negro.

Negro Sitting on Dynamite Blown to Pieces By Blast.

New Bern, April 19.—Roscoe Merritt, 17-year-old negro, was killed near here today when dynamite on which he was sitting exploded. His body was blown to pieces. The head was picked up some distance from the scene of the explosion.

Will Try Atlantic Flight.

Paris, April 20.—(AP)—Captain Charles Nungesser and Captain Francis Coli are planning to start Sunday morning on a trans-Atlantic flight from Paris to New York.

City Tax Notice

All property on which 1926 Taxes have not been paid will be advertised and sold after May 1st, 1927. Also all 1917 street assessments that expired December 1st, 1926, on the following streets: South Union, East Corbin, North Church, Franklin Avenue, North Spring, Buffalo, McGill, and North Kerr.

WEATHER

Probably showers tonight and Thursday, slightly colder tonight.

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