

Disaster To Lower Mississippi Area Grows More Grave With Reception Of Each New Report

GREAT STREAM YET SHOWING ITS WRATH

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ARKANSAS IS STORM CENTER

Cold Weather Adds to Perils of Those Who Were Driven From Homes With Little Clothing.

Memphis, Tenn., April 22.—(AP)—The greatest disaster to the lower Mississippi Valley in more than a hundred years was growing gradually more grave today with almost hourly reports of further widespread deaths, desolation, destruction and damage on the furious tide of the mighty Mississippi and its powerful tributaries.

With the known dead placed at 28, and belief that the toll will grow much greater, property damage estimated high into the millions, more than a hundred thousand homeless and suffering for want of food, clothing and shelter, the great giant of all streams continued to pour out its wrath with an unparalleled fury into the interior, the tributaries like great tentacles of a monster serpent wreaked their toll and cast on to pay homage to the parent stream.

The most serious situations arising out of the great flood today continued to center around practically the entire State of Arkansas, particularly the St. Francis valley and the Mississippi delta.

Bulwarks of man were being put to the greatest tests in an effort to hold the rushing waters. In a number of places the levees have been crushed by the powerful force of the elements.

With waters already piling into the fertile valleys through the state of Arkansas as the result of breaks in the barriers, new danger points threaten hourly to become casualties of the tide. Hickman, Ky., where thousands of refugees being cared for as a result of breaks in levees above them and across the river at New Madrid, Mo., today was barely able to hold the coursing current in its bed.

Just how long the hundreds of workmen there could hold the levee was a matter of conjecture, with everyone momentarily expecting the worst. A break at Hickman would mean disaster for the Reelfoot section of Tennessee.

The Mississippi delta has been called second only in fertility to the valley of the Egyptian Nile. Thousands have already been forced to flee from homes and possessions, many are paroled, cold, hungry and destitute.

The Governor of the state has called upon the President of the United States to send aid in the form of regular army troops. The need is immediate, Governor Murphree told President Coolidge.

Tales of appalling anguish are told by people coming in from the various areas where the waters have wandered so wantonly.

Pictures of young mothers mired in mud trying out to be saved from cold and starvation, with their new-born infants whimpering at this new world, clinging to their breasts were painted by incoming refugees. Stories of men, women and children who had climbed into treetops to save their lives were told in heart-rending terms, punctuated by descriptions of shrieks, cries and groans of agony from those who could climb but little higher to save themselves from destruction. A great engulfing pestilence was scouring the land.

Increasing danger came from several refugee camps where epidemics of mumps, measles and whooping cough had broken out and were increasing to alarming proportions.

In the state of Arkansas nearly every major feeder to the Mississippi was rising to spread over the lands further, no respecter of persons or property.

ANNOUNCEMENT
The 59th Series in this Old Reliable Building, Loan and Savings Association opened April 2nd. Running Shares cost 25 cents per share per week, matures \$100.00 in 328 weeks.

Little Rock reported her sister city North Little Rock inundated with several feet of water from the Arkansas River. Clarendon, where a break in the wall protecting the town from the waters of the White and Cache rivers had given way, was threatened with utter destruction as high winds fanned the rising water into a fury, and east small buildings against the larger structures where several hundred people were stranded.

Texarkana reported late last night that the Quachita River on its second rise of the year had inundated 800 square miles of Texas and Arkansas soil. Pine Bluff reported more than 1,000 persons were marooned in Jefferson County alone, from waters flowing through gaps in the Arkansas levee. Rescue work was slow, due to the high winds and many of the refugees were stranded out in the open where they were targets for the chilling blasts.

Port Smith, cut off from the use of wire communication to the east last night, was believed to be suffering from an increasingly dangerous situation. Scores of other smaller towns and cities in that section of the state also were cut off, and from which many reports of suffering were heard.

ALL PEACEFUL WITH STATE HEALTH BOARD

Trouble Expected at Durham Meeting Did Not Materialize and Things Passed Off Quietly.

The Tribune Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, April 22.—All is peaceful and serene within the confines of the State Board of Health, following the annual meeting of the Board and the State Medical Society in Durham at which some temporary unpleasantness threatened, but which was finally dispelled by a handshaking, instead of a fist-shaking, fest.

At present he is in New York again, attending to a few minor business matters, before returning to Raleigh. For the most part he has devoted himself to getting a complete change, with fishing and wood chopping his principal form of recreation. He feels much belittled as a result of the change he has had, his friends here have advised.

Although it was not generally known at the time, Governor McLean was in a much run down condition when he left here nearly two weeks ago, and he went virtually at the command of his physicians here. He had never completely recovered from the effects of the attack of influenza which he suffered during the general assembly. In addition, he had not been getting sufficient physical exercise as a result of spending from ten to 15 hours a day in his office, and the strain was beginning to tell on him. In fact, he was on the verge of a general breakdown.

Enroute to Wisconsin, he spent several days in the Mayo hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, where he underwent a thorough physical examination and diagnosis. While no report as to this diagnosis has been received, it is believed that it must have been favorable, otherwise the Governor would not be expecting to return next week. He was directed by his physicians here in Raleigh not to return in less than 30 days.

BOBBY JONES SIGNS FOR ARTICLES ON GOLF

Noted Amateur Champion Will Prepare Series of Articles for Newspapers.

Atlanta, April 22.—(AP)—Followers of golf are to read stories of the links under the signature "By Bobby Jones." The open champion of the United States and Great Britain, long the game's outstanding amateur, has amended a declaration never to profit financially from his reputation as a player, and is negotiating with a newspaper syndicate for a series of signed articles. His amateur standing is not to be impaired.

"I did not ask the United States Golf Association for permission, for I was quite sure there could not be the slightest objection in my writing for money," Jones told the Associated Press today.

THE STOCK MARKET

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

Says Garrett Will Run for Senate. Washington, April 22.—(AP)—The Washington Post says today that Representative F. J. Garrett, the Democratic leader of the House, has decided to seek the Senate seat now held by Senator Kenneth D. McKellar, also a Democrat. McKellar's term expires March 4, 1929.

White lies are apt to leave black marks on your reputation.

Attorney General Brummitt Gives Ruling on New Child Labor Law

The Tribune Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, April 22.—Children between the ages of 14 and 16 years of age may be employed as much as ten hours a day or 60 hours a week if they have completed the fourth grade in school; but if they have not completed the fourth grade, they cannot be employed for more than eight hours a day, or more than 48 hours a week.

This is the interpretation placed upon the most recent act passed by the 1927 general assembly relating to the hours of employment for children under 16 years of age, transmitted by Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt to E. F. Carter, secretary of the child welfare commission, who asked for an official interpretation of section 5033 soon after its enactment, and about which considerable controversy has been waged.

This new section sets forth that no child under 16 shall be permitted to work in any of the industries elsewhere enumerated in the laws pertaining to child labor for more than eight hours a day or 48 hours a week, or after the hours of 7 p. m. or before 6 a. m., or in any quarry or mine. Then a provision is added to the effect that this section shall not prevent any child between 14 and 16 from working ten hours a day and 60 hours a week, if the child has completed the fourth grade in school.

The controversy which arose was over this proviso, some contending that it was class legislation and worked against the child with the greater amount of education to the benefit of those who had completed the fourth grade. Others held that the limit of eight hours a day applied to all children, whether they had completed the fourth grade or not. This position was held by Assistant Attorney General Frank Nash in an unofficial opinion, and by many others.

But Mr. Brummitt does not agree in this, stating that if the section applied to all alike, then the proviso would have meant that the same without the proviso. He states that it is one of the settled rules "that a proviso is to be so construed as to give an effect different from that which it would have without the proviso."

In further emphasizing his contention, Mr. Brummitt quoted the Supreme Court decision by Rufin, J., in Pugh vs. Grant, 80, N. C. 47, in which Justice Rufin says: "Above all, it is not to be presumed that the legislature intended any part of a statute to be inoperative and mere surplusage." In continuing his letter, Mr. Brummitt states:

"It is clear that the general assembly intended to differentiate between children between the ages of 14 and 16 who had or had not completed the fourth grade in school. The body of the statute fixes 16 as the age at which the child may work more than eight hours a day. By completing the fourth grade at the age of 14 the minor is placed in the position of one who has attained 16 at the age of 16, insofar as hours or labor are concerned. When the child reaches the age of 16, he comes within the ten-hour limitation provided by C. S. 5034. When he has reached the age of 14 and at the same time has completed the fourth grade in school, he is likewise within the ten-hour limitation of that section."

The attorney general then gives a resume of all the law relating to labor by minors.

This section relating to the employment of minors under 16 was proposed after a bill sponsored by the members legislative council increasing the compulsory education age to 16, and making the completion of the fourth grade in school mandatory before leaving school at 16 to enter employment, had been defeated in the general assembly.

Less than 1,000 children between the age of 14 and 16 will be affected by this new section as now interpreted by the attorney general, according to E. F. Carter, secretary of the child welfare commission and who is in charge of the enforcement of the child labor laws in the state. More than 75 per cent of all children who are employed in the state have completed the fourth grade or more in school before entering employment, Mr. Carter's records show.

MARCH FIRE CASES.

Commissioner Wade Makes Another Plea For Care With Fire Insurance Rates.

Raleigh, April 22.—(AP)—Death of three adults in one residence fire, destruction of fifty mules in a construction camp fire and fatal burning of three children from open fires in North Carolina last month, caused Stacey Wade, state insurance commissioner, to take note of the "continual peril to life by not being eternally careful with fire."

Commissioner Wade's statement was incorporated in the regular monthly fire loss report of the insurance department which showed March fire losses to aggregate \$725,494 for 212 fires as compared with a loss of \$830,000 from 250 fires in March of last year.

"Every month," the commissioner stated, "these fire reports give warning to big businesses and property owners to be more careful, especially those operating woodworking factories and saw mills."

The March report showed unusually lax attention to "safety first" rules, the commissioner pointed out, citing 20 fires causing damage of more than \$5,000 each, and the bulk of that loss in industrial establishments.

The 20 or more disastrous fires brought total loss of \$612,200 while the total loss from the remaining 192 blazes was only \$113,294.

The major conflagrations in the state in March were: veneer plant at High Point, \$175,000; furniture plant at Ronda, \$75,000; planing mill at Louisville, \$25,000; cotton mill at Connelly Springs \$11,000; business block at Pilot Mountain, \$40,000; ginney at Coveville, \$31,000; which was lost at Evergreen, \$20,000; oil mill seed house at Moreboro, \$12,500; business buildings at Sparta, \$17,000; dwelling at Aydan, \$15,000; and a county store in Rockingham county, \$13,000.

Shingle roofs and defective flues drew the greatest number of assignments of cause with 80. Origins of 45 blazes was listed as unknown, and the other causes made up a score.

Chief classes of property at risk were: dwellings, 133; stores, 13; garages 11, and factories, 8.

Shad and Herring Season Good. Raleigh, April 22.—Shad and herring fishermen of North Carolina have had one of the best seasons which they have experienced in a number of years, according to C. W. Morgan, chairman of the board of county commissioners of Perquimans county and former assistant chairman of the old fisheries commission, who was attending the conference of county officials here in connection with the new county finance acts.

Catches of both of the fishes have been good and the price has been encouraging, said the Perquimans official. He declared that the fishermen have received an especially good price for herring, beginning with five cents each at the first of the season. The only drawback of any importance in the fishing industry, declared Mr. Morgan, was the storm in March, which destroyed many nets. Because of the storm, the fishing season was extended to May 10th.

Ford Plant at Charlotte Is Again on Full Time. Charlotte, April 21.—Operations at the Ford Motor Company's assembly plant were placed on full time today for the first time in three months.

SAYS GOVERNMENT WILL DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH EARLY

The Federal Government Has Disposition of Case, Is View of State Health Authorities.

CAPITAL NEWS BRIEFS GIVEN

Denial of Rumor That Governor McLean Is Ill.—Talks of the S. and W. Ruling.

Raleigh, April 22.—(AP)—The federal government has disposition of John Early, western North Carolina leper. Dr. Chas. Laughinghouse today said in a statement to the Associated Press, "In due course he will be returned to the hospital maintained for citizens who are unfortunately afflicted with this disease," he said, adding that the presence of Early "is not a cause for public alarm."

Early is reported to be encamped near Burnsville on the South Toe River. He recently escaped from the Federal Leprosorium in Louisiana, to visit his 80 year old father in Yancey county.

Page Discusses S. and W. Ruling. Raleigh, April 22.—(AP)—Chairman Frank Page of the State Highway Commission says he never asks an employee what his politics are or who his relatives are, but refrains from commenting further on the salary and wage commission ruling to the effect that no person related to a State official may be employed in any State department, to which ruling Frank Grist, commissioner of labor and printing, and Baxter Durham, State auditor, object.

Governor Not Ill. Raleigh, April 22.—(AP)—Governor McLean is expected back from his rest in a few days after signing the balance of the \$10,000,000 in bonds sold by the State. Chester B. Massell, New York bond attorney for the state, said the Governor had arrived in New York from Chicago yesterday, that he was not ill but resting.

Rules On Child Labor. Raleigh, April 22.—(AP)—Attorney General Brummitt holds children between the ages of 14 and 16 may work more than 8 hours a day if they have completed the 4th grade under the 1927 law.

Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, chairman of the Child Welfare Commission today said she would call a commission meeting to test the law in the courts.

With Our Advertisers. Coats are being sold at half price at the Gray Shop. Dresses at \$10 for Saturday's special selling.

Tonight At (Skinny) Candler and his vaudeville troupe at the Concord theatre in the best vaudeville on the local circuit. A complete change from Tuesday's program. Also "The Dark Angel," a feature picture.

Eight O'clock Coffee, recent gold medal winner, is sold by the local Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. stores for 35 cents per pound. New ad. today points out other features being offered at these stores.

Safety of depositors is the first consideration of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company.

No need to buy the boy new shoes to play in, says new ad. of Shepherd's Shoe Hospital. Have the old ones made over at this hospital.

Robinson's is offering new low priced on white goods, sheeting, linens and curtain goods. See new ad. for price particulars.

Dairy supplies, including cream separators, at the Ritchie Hardware Co. Call to see demonstration.

Saturday will be the last day of the Rosemary Pen sale at the Pearl Drug Company. This \$7 pen is being sold for \$1.98.

Copeland electric refrigeration units sold by the Concord Furniture Co. Old refrigerators taken as first payment. A year or 18 months to pay balance. Read carefully ad. in this paper.

Ninth Juror for Snyder Trial. New York, April 22.—(AP)—The Snyder murder trial jury was three-fourths completed just before the noon recess today. The ninth juror was Everett Vanriken 48 years old, secretary of a manufacturing concern.

After Easter Sale at Fisher's. Fisher's is offering many fine bargains in women's and misses' apparel in a big After Easter Sale.

Dresses, coats, millinery, hosiery, and many other articles in the store are being offered at unusually low prices during this sale. Read carefully new ad. today for further particulars.

Bealle Will Start Paper at Charlotte. Washington, April 21.—Morris A. Bealle, former Washington newspaper man, has gone to Charlotte, where he expects to establish a "time-labor" paper "to cover both Carolinas," he stated here before his departure. The first issue is expected to appear April 20th, he said.

Over Her RESIDENTS OF TWO TOWNS LEAVE WHEN WATER HITS THEM

New Madrid and Lilbourne, Mo., Virtually Abandoned as Result of Rise of the Mississippi.

SPECIAL TRAINS CARRY PEOPLE

Several Hundred Persons Left Stricken Towns on Trains and Others Had Already Made Getaway.

(By the Associated Press) President Coolidge today issued a proclamation calling for aid for the "more than 75,000 refugees from floods" and appointed four cabinet officers to co-operate with the Red Cross in its relief work in eight states.

Fair weather, absent so long in the Mississippi Valley, replaced rain, and cold of recent days.

Conditions became worse in Arkansas, and the Mississippi Delta as the flood waters moved out of the upper valley.

Three breaks within the past 36 hours of levees on the Mississippi and Arkansas rivers added its several hundred square miles to the inundated territory and drove additional thousands from their homes into refugee camps. Water was washing over the levee at Albemarle Bend, Miss.

Twenty-eight were known to be dead, and the fate of the government launch Pelican with 18 persons aboard was unknown.

Six thousand refugees and the 12,000 inhabitants of Greenville, Miss., faced short food supplies as the municipal levee broke, inundating most of the city.

St. Louis, April 22.—(AP)—The towns of Lilbourne and New Madrid in southeast Missouri were virtually abandoned today as the residents fled before the raging waters of the Mississippi.

Several hundred inhabitants left the stricken area aboard a special train late yesterday. Others previously had taken to places of safety. Lilbourne with a population of 1,000 is three miles west of New Madrid, the first to suffer when the levee broke before the torrent.

Nearly all of New Madrid county is covered with water, and large sections in Dunklin and Pemiscot counties are flooded.

Another Town Flooded. Greenville, Miss., April 22.—(AP)—A serious situation prevailed here this morning as the rapidly rising waters flooded through the business section of this city and put the waterworks plant out of commission.

The main levees are reported to be holding, and the water gauge at 7 a. m. registered 53 feet, a fall of 1.5 feet.

AIR MAIL PILOT IS KILLED IN CRASH. John F. Miletto, of Cleveland, Perished in Accident to His Plane.

Cleveland, O., April 22.—(AP)—John F. Miletto, Cleveland air mail pilot, was killed early today when his plane crashed one mile south of Topeka, Ind., as he was en route to Cleveland from Chicago, air mail officials here were informed.

Few details of the crash were received at the air mail field here. Officials said reports indicated Miletto was caught in the wreckage which caught fire when the plane crashed. The plane and its mail cargo were destroyed, officials said.

Condition of Col. Bingham Improved. Asheville, April 22.—(AP)—Col. Robert Bingham, who for the last few days has been critically ill here, was reported remarkably improved today. It was thought that he had passed the crisis of his recent attack yesterday. Judge Robert W. Bingham, of Louisville, Ky., and his two sons were at his bedside. Col. Bingham for many years head of the Bingham Military School here, which his father founded, in 1783, is 88 years old.

Auxiliary President Will Visit the State. Charlotte, April 21.—Mrs. A. W. MacCauley, of Indianapolis, president of the national organization of the American Legion Auxiliary, will go to Asheville May 27-28 for a meeting with State officers of the Auxiliary. It was stated here today at Legion headquarters.

Wilkesboro Woman Killed by Lightning. Asheville, April 21.—Mrs. Elsie Ora Deal, aged 39 years, who was killed by lightning at her home in the western part of Wilkesboro, one mile south of this city, shortly after 6 o'clock this evening.

Mrs. Deal was in the dining room of her home when struck.

Only a few of the people who go up in the air use aeroplanes.



A woman has caused the overthrow of the Japanese Cabinet. She's Madame Suzuki, head of Suzuki and Company, one of the largest companies in Japan. The Cabinet appealed to the Privy Council to authorize an advance of \$100,000,000 to aid the company, now in difficulties. The Council refused and the Cabinet quit.

SYSTEM OF TOLLS FOR NEW CHOWAN BRIDGE

State Highway Department Giving Thought Now To This Matter. Raleigh, April 22.—(AP)—The State Highway Commission is busily engaged at present in working on the system of tolls which will be charged on the new Chowan river bridge, it was learned today. While the schedule of tolls probably will not be completed for something like ten days, it was indicated that the tolls will be considerably less than the toll charged by the ferry at present, and that the charges will be held down as low as possible.

The fixing of the tolls to be charged on different kinds of vehicles is proving rather a knotty one, since it is impossible at present to figure definitely on the volume of traffic which will pass over the bridge. The commission does not want to make the mistake of fixing the charges too low, and then have to increase them if the volume of traffic does not come up to expectations. Neither does it want to fix charges that will be thought excessive. Thus much careful study and consideration is being spent in the making up of the toll schedule.

It is expected that the toll for automobiles will range from \$1 to \$1.50 depending upon the weight, size and number of passengers, while there will be a sliding scale for trucks, according to the weight of the truck and load, and a sliding scale for busses such on the same basis. There will also be specific charges for horses and wagons, even to a rider on horseback.

Construction of the bridge has been advancing rapidly, the Highway Commission reports, and it is expected that the bridge will be thrown open to traffic by June 1, although the bridge contractor says that it may be possible to complete the job by May 15.

WANT INSTITUTIONS FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL. Advantage of Co-operation With Duke Institution is to be Investigated.

Durham, April 21.—The grouping of a number of State institutions around Duke University's Medical School is a plan the feasibility of which is to be considered during the next few months by a special committee appointed by the State Medical Society, just adjourned here.

It is pointed out that there are numerous advantages to be considered in the locating of State institutions near the new \$10,000,000 medical school being built by Duke University, plans for which were described during the session here by Dr. Wilbur Cornell Davidson, the dean.

May Have Liquor Monopoly. New York, April 22.—(AP)—Proposals for formation by bonded liquor warehouse owners of a national whiskey monopoly with the object of providing "good whiskey at a reasonable price" for persons who are ill, are being considered by the government, Brigadier General Lincoln C. Andrews, assistant secretary of the treasury in charge of prohibition enforcement, said today.

TONITE ATT (SKINNY) CANDLER THE BEST VAUDEVILLE ON THE CIRCUIT

A COMPLETE CHANGE OF BILL FROM TUESDAYS ALSO "THE DARK ANGEL"

25c—50c CONCORD THEATRE

WEATHER Fair tonight, colder in central and east portions and light to heavy frost in central and west portions; Saturday fair, rising temperatures in west portions. Fresh northwest gales.