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Memphis, Tenn., April 23 (AP.)—The swollen Mississippi beat mercilessly today against man-made barriers of the lower valley, as the impounded waters pour on to the sea, ever widening the path of death, destruction and desolation.

More than 50 persons were known to be dead; more than 75,000 were homeless, while nearly 100,000 others were endangered as the torrent assailed the lower Mississippi delta, defenseless, or belched its deluge through gaps already torn in bulwarks erected to restrain it.

Huge but unestimated property damage through a wide area from Illinois and Missouri to Arkansas and Mississippi continually with the spread of waters over the fertile Mississippi Delta region, driven by the force of the Stops Landing crevasses into at least 9 counties of the Yazoo basin. Water spilled through great gaps in the Arkansas River defenses, and the flood loosed by the break at New Madrid, Mo., several days ago, and the White River overflow brought high waters to new towns and communities.

With the rush of the floods into the lower valley, extra precautions were taken from Vicksburg south to strengthen the levees. All the water from the major breaks above Vicksburg will course down tributary streams to find its way back into the Mississippi below Vicksburg, and with dykes in some places already weakened by high waters no chances were being taken as armies of men toiled on the levees with sandbags and shovels.

Their homes engulfed by the raging waters, thousands of refugees were in beleaguered cities and towns, or clung perilously to housetops, trees, small knolls and levee tops. Reports to the Mississippi River commission indicated that the refugee situation was most acute along a line from Bolivar to several miles below Greenville, Miss. All possible government equipment and many private boats have been sent to Greenville and also to the levees above the crevasses at Stops Landing to remove refugees to points of concentration.

From over the flooded area came the cry for boats. Suffering was said to be intense among hundreds marooned without provisions or sufficient clothing.

At Greenville, Miss., where 10,000 refugees from the lowlands in addition to citizens and the situation was described as desperate. Hundreds camped on the river levee and water and food were scarce.

The river commission learned that water was at least two feet deep in high spots near the levee, and about ten feet deep in outlying portions. Despite the fact that the river was falling at most points in Mississippi its waters flowed out into the delta, orders were given to levee guards to redouble watchfulness. The number of deaths from the break in the levee at Stops Landing will not be known until the waters subside. The Associated Press correspondent advised from Greenville last night that the bodies of negroes had been seen in the waters which were coursing through the city in a swift current.

Government engineers reported there were more crevasse waters in Greenville than ever in its history. The current was said to be greater than in the great floods of 1897 or 1903. Engineers estimated that approximately 1,000 square miles were under back water from the Yazoo river before the Stops Landing break poured its deluge into the basin. The waters extended over 2,000 square miles last night, they declared.

Governor Murpree, of Mississippi, said boats were needed to traverse the flooded areas in this state. "It is the plan of state authorities to remove from Greenville all the refugees and all other persons who threaten to leave the city," the governor said.

Across the swirling tide on the Arkansas side 2,000 refugees were reported hugging a levee top above Knowlton Landing, where the Mississippi broke through the dyke Thursday. The steamer Wabash engaged in relief went to investigate.

Throughout the Arkansas lowlands where the refugee work has been long organized and was augmented yesterday by scouting boats continued the work of removing refugees of lowlands and the first train in several days from Little Rock to Memphis left Arkansas capital at 10 o'clock last night.

Government seaplanes from Pensacola, Fla., have been sent to Little Rock area.

With the flood menace to Louisiana declared to be the greatest ever, bordering territory in southeast Arkansas faced new dangers today with breaks on two major levees on the Arkansas river declared imminent. Hundreds of men battled to strengthen a bulwark at Sarasa, six miles from Grady, Ark., and a loop at South Bend, Ark.

The Red River near Texarkana threatened to burst the levees in Homestead county, and armed guards are patrolling the embankment at Bowie levee twelve miles from Texarkana. Several hundred persons will be driven from their homes if the barriers fail at these points.

Refugees Reach Helena. Helena, Ark., April 23.—(AP)—The steamer Wabash arrived here this morning bearing 500 refugees from Knowlton's Landing, Ark., where they had been marooned while laboring on the levees.

The Wabash also brought two men who survived the Pelican disaster. They were picked up from trees where they swam following the foundering of the government launch on Wednesday. Their names were said to be Oscar Clemons and Julius Elder.

The steamer Chichester was due today with additional refugees from Knowlton Landing where reports last night said 2,000 persons were marooned on levee tops.

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.

OFFICERS SEARCH FOR NEGRO AFTER DEATH OF ANOTHER
Henry Howard Said to Have Killed John Miller.—Officers Unable to Find the Alleged Slayer.

What was described by county officers as one of the most cold blooded murders in the history of Cabarrus county resulted in the death this morning by John Miller, negro. Deputies are searching for Henry Howard, the alleged slayer.

The shooting occurred in No. 10 township, near Widenhouse's filling station. Miller is said to have been shot twice and his head beaten to a pulp.

Deputy Sheriff Carl Honeycutt, who investigated the killing of Miller, said after he returned to Concord that it was "the most cold blooded murder that I have ever heard of." The account of the murder as given by Deputy Honeycutt is as follows: "Miller and Howard had some trouble last Sunday and Miller asked Howard to leave his house. During the week they met and argued several times and this morning Howard came by the old Furr place where Miller was working. Howard was on a wagon and had a shot gun in the wagon with him. He drove on down the road and then left the wagon and, with the gun in his hand, came back to where Miller was and started arguing again.

There was a white man there, Fred L. Smith, who told Howard not to shoot Miller but he shot him twice in the left chest, directly over the heart.

As Howard started to shoot Miller jumped behind a tree and several of the shots entered the tree," Mr. Honeycutt said.

"Mr. Smith told me," the deputy continued, "that after Miller fell to the ground that Howard struck him over the head with the butt of the shot gun with such force that the skull was mashed to a pulp and the butt of the gun broken from the barrel. I saw the piece of broken butt near Miller's body."

According to Mr. Honeycutt, Howard got into his wagon and went on to a saw mill where he hitched his horses to a tree. Mr. Honeycutt found the horses tied but there was no sign of Howard and early this afternoon he had not been located.

Winston-Salem, Boy Elected President of Duke Students. Durham, N. C., April 23.—(AP)—Charles (Bohunk) Weaver, of Winston-Salem, has been elected president of the Duke student government, association in recent elections which required two days of elimination voting.

Weaver is first baseman of the varsity baseball team, and has played varsity football and basketball for two years at the quarterback and forward positions. In addition to his athletic achievements he is an exceptional student and leader in various other student activities.

James Truesdale, of Rock Hill, S. C., was named vice-president of the student government association in the same election. J. T. Carruthers, of Greensboro, was named secretary and treasurer, and Tom Eans, of Lexington and Robert Hatcher, of Winston-Salem, are to be representatives on the publication council.

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Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, April 23.—Indications are for a large crop of cotton boll weevils this spring and summer, as well as large numbers of potato bugs and Mexican bean beetles, according to Dr. R. W. Leiby, entomologist for the State Department of Agriculture.

Owing to the fact that the past winter was for the most part unusually mild, more insects of all sorts, including the boll weevil, have survived, and are beginning to emerge much sooner and in large numbers than last year.

According to the records kept at the entomology experiment farm at Aberdeen, and the State Department of Agriculture Test Farm in Edgecombe county, the percentage of emergence of boll weevils which have been kept in cages there during the winter, show that four times as many weevils have emerged between March 14 and April 15, 1927, than for the same period in 1926, showing a percentage of 2.3 between these dates this year, as compared with an emergence of 0.65 per cent in 1926, according to Leiby.

But this increase is just for the first month of the emergence period, and expectations are that the increase will be much more rapid through May, June and July, thus there is possibility that there may be from ten to fifteen times as many weevils this season as last. However, if the spring and summer is hot and dry, as was the case last year, the number will undoubtedly be greatly reduced. Heavy rain, if there is a moderate or heavy rainfall, the number of weevils is likely to be large. And in view of the fact that there have been two dry seasons in succession, indications are that another dry summer is improbable.

These insects hibernated during the winter in woods near to the fields, and bury themselves under piles of leaves and trash, and under dead weeds and grass along the sides of ditches. When spring comes the weather begins to warm up, the insects begin to come to life and to emerge, and by the beginning of summer, all that have lived during the winter have come out. When a winter is excessively cold, the insects freeze and burst, but a mild winter does not effect them.

In order to study the habits of the weevils, the entomologists put 500 weevils in each of 15 cages, filled with leaves, grass, pine needles and woods trash, and then in the spring they count those that are left, to see how many have lived. In this manner the average rate of emergence is learned.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Firm at an Advance of 5 to 19 Points, and Made Further Advances. New York, April 23.—(AP)—The cotton market opened firm today at an advance of 5 to 19 points in response to relatively firm Liverpool cables, prospects for favorable showers of rains in some of the western belt sections, and the Mississippi Valley flood situation.

Buying became more active and general after the opening, the market selling up to 15.25 to 31 points and 15.70 for December, or 27 to 37 points higher, and into new high ground for the movement on the new crop months.

Buying was attributed largely to increasing nervousness over the flood news. Private cables reported trade calling, with covering and continental buying in Liverpool.

Cotton futures closed: January 15.71; May 14.96; July 15.20; October 15.30; 14 December 15.69.

THE STOCK MARKET

Price Movement Again Lacked Uniformity at Opening of the Market. New York, April 23.—(AP)—Price movements again lacked uniformity at the opening of today's stock market. St. Louis-San Francisco common crossed 116 to a new peak despite reports of flood damage to its lines, while St. Louis Southwestern opened a point lower. Corn products opened with a block of 6,000 shares at 62, duplicating the year's high, while Marland Oil sank to a new low. By Products (Coke) opened 2 1/4 points higher, and United Fruit lost 3 points on the first sale.

Charlotte Bonds Bring Good Price. Charlotte, April 23.—The best price ever received by the city of Charlotte for its bonds was offered today by the People's National bank, of Rock Hill, S. C., and that institution was awarded \$800,000 in municipal bonds at a total premium of \$25,880. The bonds were offered at an interest rate of 4.50 but the premium paid by the bank materially reduces this figure, city officials said. The funds derived from sale of the securities will be used in municipal improvements. About 12 other banks submitted bids.

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PLANNING HYMN MEMORY CONTEST
Musical Programs Will Be Offered Throughout the Week When Several Stars Will Be Here.

Beginning Sunday, May 1st, and continuing throughout the week, Concord will join the rest of the nation as well as many foreign countries in the observance of Music Week, and during the festive season music lovers will have unusual opportunities to hear many attractive programs. Several interesting contests, which will enlist the best efforts of the young talent of the city, will be held at intervals during the week. During the last week in April, in preparation for the gala occasion, The Tribune will carry articles on musical subjects, written by some of the best writers of the city.

On Sunday morning, several ministers of the city and county will deliver sermons on the cultural and spiritual value of music and the choir of those churches will render special music. At 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon the choir of the First Presbyterian Church, under the able direction of Mrs. John F. Reed, will present an appropriate and attractive program. At the same church, at an hour to be announced later, will be held the Hymn Memory contest, for which the young people of the various Sunday schools have been busily preparing themselves for the past few weeks. The prizes in this contest are well worth working for. Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Sr., will give ten dollars in gold to the winner, while a second prize of five dollars in gold will be given by Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Jr. Any young person between the age of ten and nineteen may compete, and any one desiring further information regarding the regulations should communicate with the committee having the contest in charge of which Miss Ruth Dry is chairman.

On Monday afternoon the Kanawha band will give a concert on the lawn of the Y. M. C. A. In the ball room of Hotel Concord on Monday evening at 8 o'clock, the Kidd-Frix Music & Stationery Company will present Mr. Elliott, factory representative of the Brunswick Company, who will give a special concert on their wonderful new instrument known as the panatrope. This entertainment will be entirely free, and as it is said to be well worth hearing, it is hoped that all lovers of good music will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear this fine instrument which is something quite new in the field of electrical recording.

For several weeks past the high school students, under the direction of Miss Muriel Bulwinkle, of the department of English, have been engaged in writing essays on musical subjects. These essays will be judged prior to Music Week, and a prize of five dollars in gold will be presented by H. W. Blanks to the young person submitting the best essay, while a second prize of \$2.50 in gold is offered by Bell-Harris Furniture Company. These prizes will be awarded on Tuesday evening, May 3rd, at which time Harvey Bush, director of music of the public schools, will present his pupils in a recital at the High School auditorium.

The writer of this article is safe in asserting that a rare treat is in store for music lovers on Wednesday evening at the Presbyterian Church. The program committee has been fortunate in securing Edwin Steckel, director of the Gastonia public schools, who will give a lecture-organ recital. Mr. Steckel is not only a musician of unquestioned ability. He is also a humorist, and an entertaining speaker who can be depended upon to entertain his audience as long as he will speak to them. In 1925 when he lectured before the South Piedmont district of the North Carolina Teachers' Association, his part of the program was unfortunately placed at 10 o'clock, p. m., when his audience was quite weary of having sat so long in one position. In a very few minutes Mr. Steckel had gained their attention and interest to such an extent that they declared themselves ready to listen to him two hours longer, and expressed disappointment when the

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Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, April 23.—Indications are for a large crop of cotton boll weevils this spring and summer, as well as large numbers of potato bugs and Mexican bean beetles, according to Dr. R. W. Leiby, entomologist for the State Department of Agriculture.

Owing to the fact that the past winter was for the most part unusually mild, more insects of all sorts, including the boll weevil, have survived, and are beginning to emerge much sooner and in large numbers than last year.

According to the records kept at the entomology experiment farm at Aberdeen, and the State Department of Agriculture Test Farm in Edgecombe county, the percentage of emergence of boll weevils which have been kept in cages there during the winter, show that four times as many we