

Seeking Ways To Save New Orleans From The Rising Flood Waters

Engineers Realize Situation There Is Most Serious as Water From Flood Regions Rushes Back Into the Mississippi Before River Reaches That City.

LEVEE NORTH OF CITY MAY BE DYNAMITED DURING DAY

It Is Believed This Would Divert Much Water From Channels of River and Save the City From Overflow That Is Now Feared—Water Still Rising There.

Memphis, Tenn., April 26. (AP).—Having already wrought what officials describe as one of the worst calamities in the history of the country, the rushing waters of the Mississippi River and its tributaries now threaten the south's largest city, New Orleans.

So grave has the situation become that Governor Simpson of Louisiana has asked for official permission of the War Department to dynamite a levee to the south of that city in an effort to save it from a devastating flood that would follow breaks in the dykes to the north.

Army engineers in the valley section have made no secret of their apprehensions for the safety of New Orleans. They have estimated that a break to the north would flood that city with a depth of many feet in some sections, with a resultant loss of millions of dollars in property, if not in life.

Before the flood crests reaches the New Orleans district the Mississippi will have reabsorbed not only the flood waters it emptied into the Mississippi delta region, but also much of that from overflowed streams in Arkansas and Louisiana.

With such a tremendous volume of water tearing at the levees there has been doubt that they could hold. With the crest of the flood still between Memphis and Helena the danger to New Orleans was not regarded as immediate. Levees in that section have been strengthened and have been holding well.

The overflow waters from the great break at St. Louis Landing on the Mississippi, twenty miles north of Greenville, had joined today with the backwaters from the Yazoo River at Rolling Fork, Miss., forty miles south of Greenville. Rolling Fork was inundated.

The loosened floods from the Arkansas river inundated several more small towns today, and was sweeping across northern Louisiana seeking an outlet in the Red River and smaller streams in that state. Evacuation was taking place in many sections of both states, and there were reports as yet unconfirmed of additional loss of life.

Most of the people left Rolling Fork yesterday when they were advised the floods would overrun that town, but some tenants in plantations in sections north of the town failed to heed the warning and apprehension for their safety is entertained by rescue workers.

The bodies of a young man and woman are reported to have been found in a pile of driftwood at Stringtown, Miss., near Benoit, and ten miles north of the St. Louis Landing area. They have not yet been identified.

Wants to Smash Levee. Washington, April 26. (AP).—A telegraphic request from Governor Simpson of Louisiana, for permission to cut the Mississippi River levee below New Orleans in order to save that city from inundation was received today by Secretary Davis of the War Department, and referred to the District Engineer at Vicksburg for recommendations.

Big Demand For Goats. Pensacola, Fla., April 25. (INS).—Goats, long thought of in connection with tin cans and paper, are coming into their own in importance in this section, through a lively demand for them by buyers.

A carload, filling a 60-foot baggage car, were recently shipped from Santa Rosa county, the car being attached to the fast north-bound passenger train.

Buyers say the kids are finding ready sale and are willing to contract for all to be found in this section. For years the industry of goat raising has not been pushed, the animals being regarded as unprofitable. Activity has now been injected in goat raising that will doubtless recall the reclaiming of hundreds of head in the near future.

\$190,000. Record Price Paid For Exchange Seat. New York, April 25. (AP).—Sale of a membership on the New York stock exchange at the record price of \$190,000 has been arranged by officials, it was announced today. The identity of the purchaser will be made public on Thursday. The previous high figure for a seat on the exchange was \$185,000 earlier in the year.

State Offers Bonds For Sale. Raleigh, April 25. (AP).—The State today offered for sale \$20,000,000 in North Carolina highway bonds, on a 4 per cent basis. Governor McLean, back from a rest of three weeks in Wisconsin, was present at the opening of the sealed bids at noon. Tabulation was set to consume the afternoon.

Use Alabama Pine For White House. Riderwood, Ala., April 25. (INS).—Alabama long leaf pine will be used for part of the repairs on the White House in Washington. The lumber, milled at the plant of the E. B. Jackson Lumber Company, has been engaged in cutting long leaf pine timber from a tract consisting of 52,000 acres, has already been shipped from this Little Choctaw county town.

2 NAVAL AVIATORS KILLED WHEN PLANE DEVELOPED TROUBLE

Lieut. Commander Davis and Lieut. Wooster Lose Lives When Plane Stuck Up in Mud Marsh.

PLANNED FLIGHT TO PARIS SOON

Were Giving Plane Final Tests When Motor Trouble Forced Them to Make Hasty Landing.

Newport News, Va., April 26. (AP).—Lieutenant Commander Noel Davis and Lieutenant S. H. Wooster, naval aviators, were killed today in a forced landing of the giant biplane American Legion in what they had planned to attempt a non-stop New York to Paris flight.

They were on the last of the test flights planned for the big craft before it was to be taken to New York for the proposed trans-Atlantic dash for the Orteig prize of \$25,000 for the first such trip. Accounts of the accident differ somewhat.

The giant three-engine plane with a load of 17,000 pounds, took to the air at Langley Field this morning for a cross country road test. Commander Davis had expected some trouble in getting the plane off the ground with the heavy load, but once the machine had taken the air little difficulty was anticipated. The take-off, officers at Langley Field said, was perfect. The craft rose high in the air and straightened out for the cross country trip. It moved along slowly under the heavy load, and suddenly all agree apparently developed engine trouble.

Colonel C. C. Culver, commanding officer at Langley Field, said the air men brought the craft toward the earth and made a nice landing. They came down, however, in a mud marsh, covered by several feet of water, and as the machine started through this her nose was buried in the mud and water and she turned completely over. Commander Davis and Lieutenant Wooster, who was to have been alternate pilot on the proposed trans-Atlantic flight, were strapped in their seats.

They were drowned, Colonel Culver stated, before they could be extricated. W. J. Forester a Messick fisherman and the only witness of the actual crash, said he was standing so close to where the American Legion buried herself that he was forced to jump to escape being crushed. He said he saw the craft moving slowly at a low altitude, and then to go into a nose dive. The nose of the craft burrowed deep into the quagmire.

Says Men Were Suffocated. New York, April 26. (AP).—Commander Noel Davis and Lieut. S. H. Wooster were suffocated by gasoline fumes and not killed by injuries due to the crash to their plane, Richard R. Blythe, of the Keystone Aircraft Corporation, makers of the plane, told the Associated Press this afternoon.

Graduate of Yale. New Haven, Conn., April 26. (AP).—Lieut. Shannon H. Wooster, killed in an airplane crash with Commander Noel Davis today, was a native of New Britain and was in the Yale class of 1915, but did not graduate as he went to the Naval Academy at Annapolis from which he was graduated in 1917.

Justice Stacy To Speak at Davidson. Davidson, April 25. (INS).—Judge W. P. Stacy, Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, will deliver the annual literary address at the 91st commencement of Davidson College.

This announcement was made here today by Dr. W. J. Martin, president. He announced also that Rev. J. L. MacMillan, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Norfolk, Va., would deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

The dates for the Davidson commencement exercise are May 29-June 1. Judge Stacy will deliver his address on May 31.

Al Smith Pays Presidential Call. New York, April 25. (AP).—Democratic governor of New York paid his respects tonight to President Coolidge in his Biltmore hotel suite, but whether the 20 minute conference included a discussion of the presidential candidacy possibilities of either was not divulged.

Asked what transpired at the visit, Governor Smith, replied: "I called, of course, to bid him welcome to the city. I told him I do anything he wanted to providing he didn't get caught at it."

FREE TONIGHT VAUDEVILLE ONE LADY FREE WITH EACH PAID ADULT TICKET ATT (SKINNY) CANDLER ALSO NORMA SHEARER IN "UPSTAGE" AND "THE COLLEGIANS" 25c—50c CONCORD THEATRE

FLOOD FUND.

The local chapter of the Red Cross is collecting a fund to be forwarded to be used in the aid of the flood victims in the Mississippi Valley and anyone desiring to contribute to the fund may send it to L. D. Coltrane, Sr., at the Concord National Bank.

The National Chapter of Red Cross has stated that the quota for Cabarrus County is \$1,000, and the contributions received will be acknowledged through The Concord Daily Tribune and The Times:

Table listing donors and amounts for the Flood Fund. Includes names like Mrs. C. W. King, J. G. Parks, Miss Jane White, etc., with amounts ranging from 5.00 to 10.00.

Governor Sells \$10,000,000 of State Bonds in New York

By J. C. BASKERVILLE, Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, April 26. (AP).—Another score for the McLean administration was rung up when Governor McLean, in New York, personally negotiated for the sale of \$10,000,000 worth of North Carolina Highway Bonds Monday in the First National Bank of New York City, after a previous bid for only \$2,500,000 worth of the \$20,000,000 offered for sale, and by the same bank, had been rejected by Ben R. Lacy, state treasurer, with the advice and consent of the council of state.

Not only were the \$10,000,000 in bonds sold by the Governor to the same bank, but arrangements were made by him for a loan for the other \$10,000,000 on short time notice, also at 4 per cent.

This for the first time in six years, \$10,000,000 in bonds were sold at par at 4 per cent interest, and a loan of \$10,000,000 on short time notes also at 4 per cent, obtained on the balance. The lowest rate of interest previously obtained was 4 1/2 per cent when the last offering of the previously authorized bonds were offered. And when an opinion was granted until April 1 on the balance of \$10,000,000, bankers over the state shook their heads and prophesied that it would never be exercised. But it was, and now the same bank has taken \$10,000,000 more in bonds outright at 4 per cent, and loaned as much in anticipation of the sale of the rest.

When Mr. Lacy and the council of state refused to accept the bid for the \$2,500,000 loan, Mr. Lacy at once communicated with Governor McLean in New York over long distance telephone. The Governor at once got in touch with the officers of the bank there that was bidding on the bonds, and within a few hours called Mr. Lacy and stated that the bank had agreed to increase the bid to \$10,000,000, and to make a loan on the balance. This bid was promptly communicated to the council of state by Mr. Lacy, and immediately accepted.

The Corl Motor Co., has a number of used cars for sale. Read list in new ad today.

This is National Gingham Week and for the event Elford's is offering some unusual bargains. The gingham of this company is being sold from 10 cents to 29 cents. New ad. gives full particulars.

You can find just the coat you need at Robinson's, and the price has been cut in half.

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U. S. Building and Loan League to Meet July 18. Asheville, April 25. (AP).—The United States League of Building and Loan Associations will meet in Asheville July 18, 19 and 20, it has been announced by E. M. Bearden, convention secretary of the chamber of commerce. More than 1,200 delegates are expected to attend.

General plans for the meeting are arranged here by Herman F. Celarius, of Cincinnati, representative of the league. Mr. Celarius conferred, during his stay, with Mr. Bearden, J. H. Wood, chairman of the chamber of commerce convention bureau, and John H. Enwright, president of the Asheville Hotel Men's association.

Good Will Flyers at Wilmington. Wilmington, April 26. (INS).—Elaborate plans were under way here today for the reception of the Good Will Flyers, who are scheduled to arrive here from Florida on the final leg of their trip late today.

Flyers Leave Jacksonville. Jacksonville, Fla., April 26. (AP).—The Pan-American flyers hopped off at 9:52 o'clock this morning for Savannah, Ga.

WALTER BOOTHE IS HOLDING OWN WITH PARALYZED LUNG

One Hundred and Fourteen Hours Friends Have Kept Him Alive by Artificial Respiration.

"HOLDING OWN" IS NEW REPORT

Members of Youth's Family Have Lost Hope Despite Fact That His Condition Seems No Worse.

Roanoke, Va., April 26. (AP).—Walter Boothe "held his own" this morning in his battle with a strange affliction that has paralyzed his arms, legs, torso and lungs. One hundred and fourteen hours after a score of friends working in shifts of two, began administering artificial respiration to the 18-year-old farmer, whose lungs collapsed while he was being prepared for an operation for a dislocated vertebrae, hospital attendants made the following announcement:

"He is holding his own. There is no change that we can see."

Members of the youth's family have lost hope. But the boy lying flat on his back in an apparatus designed to relieve his suffering from the dislocated vertebrae fights on. It is a losing battle in the opinion of physicians, but only once has Boothe become discouraged.

With Our Advertisers.

One lady free with each paid adult ticket at Concord Theatre tonight. Vaudeville and pictures will be offered.

Don't forget the new series in the Citizens Building and Loan Association will open Saturday, May 7th. This association is interested in getting the attention of the "average American family" which wants to own its home.

You need never apologise for a Waterman's pen. Sold here by the Stames-Miller-Parker Co.

Spring and summer suits from \$15 to \$50 at W. A. Overcash's. Also straw hats from \$3 to \$5 and Panamas from \$5 to \$7.

The Ritchie Co., has a complete line of tennis rackets, balls, presses, covers, nets and court markers. They also restring old rackets.

Armour's Veribest grape juice at the Cabarrus Cash Grocery. Small size for 10 cents, pint 25 cents, and quart 50 cents. See ad for particulars.

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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 and South Spring, Buffalo, McGill and North Kerr.

CHAS. N. FIELD, City Tax Collector.

BAPTIST MISSIONARIES IN CHINA ARE SAFE

There is no cause for anxiety on the part of relatives and friends for the safety of any Southern Baptist missionary in China.

President Discloses Promise at Press Dinner—Analyzes United States Policy.

New York, April 25. (AP).—Mexico recently has declared she will not confiscate American property. President Coolidge disclosed tonight in a speech analyzing this nation's foreign policy particularly in respect to Mexico, Nicaragua and China.

Mr. Coolidge declared: "That it will surely be able to reach an amicable adjustment" with Mexico on the basis of this word, which was given to him at a conference with Ambassador Tello after the latter's return from a recent trip to Mexico City.

In his first public address since Congress closed, the President spoke before more than 1,000 newspaper editors and their wives at the dinner of the United Press association, commemorating the 20th anniversary of that organization at the Biltmore hotel.

Mr. Coolidge also was hopeful of this, which he said involved this country because its determination to protect American lives and property.

Giving considerable attention to the Mexican problem he saw "grave difficulties" in the way of the senate's proposal for arbitration of the difference with Mexico over the agriculture and oil land controversy.

The principle of confiscation was not open to arbitration, the president stated.

"We feel," he added, "that Mexico is threatening to disregard this great elementary principle by undertaking a retroactive application of their constitution to property of our citizens acquired long before their constitution was adopted."

Arriving in New York at 6 o'clock tonight, the President and Mrs. Coolidge were given a warm welcome at all turns, crowds of home-grown lining Fifth Avenue and other streets which were traveled from the Pennsylvania station by automobile.

At the hotel they found themselves only a few floors above Governor Al Smith, who called to give a formal welcome.

As a symbol of the G. O. P., a live elephant, provided by the young republican club, met the party at the station.

Several blocks were thronged for seven blocks by spectators, who saw the party whisked away to the Biltmore hotel in two automobiles.

The trip from Washington was made without incident. The President retiring to his drawing room for a nap after lunch, and remaining in seclusion during most of the journey.

Mrs. Coolidge was the guest of wives of executives of the United Press association, at a separate dinner, later entering the banquet hall to hear the President, Karl Riekel, president of the United Press, introduced Mr. Coolidge.

Plan for Merchants Meeting. Durham, April 26. (INS).—Preparations are under way here for the 25th annual convention of the North Carolina Merchants Association, which will be held here May 17-18.

The complete program for the convention is expected to be announced within the next few days by Paul Leonard, secretary of the Association.

One of the speakers who have been obtained to address the convention is Arthur C. Port, of Winston-Salem, director and sales manager of the P. H. Hanes Knitting Company.

J. E. Davis, of Concord, will lead a discussion on retail credit problems. Morris Lipinsky will discuss "Methods of Stimulating Sales of Slow-Moving Merchandise," and D. Holoman, of Raleigh, will talk on "Special Co-Operative Sales Promotion Events."

W. N. Nixon, of Winston-Salem, will speak on "The Necessity of Active Interest in Legislation by Business Organization."

Women Voters to Consider Changes. Washington, D. C., April 26. (AP).—More than 100 delegates from 44 States were on hand here today at the opening of the General Council meeting of the National League of Women Voters. The meeting, which will continue its sessions for five days, promises to be one of the most important in the history of the organization.

The enforcement of the prohibition laws, corrupt practice legislation, child welfare, and the arbitration of international disputes are among the important subjects scheduled to receive the attention of the delegates.

Nurse Held in China Is Now Free. Shanghai, April 26. (AP).—Miss Mary I. Craig, Philadelphia nurse, recently kidnaped by bandits in Yun-nan province, has been released. American consul general Gauss was advised from Yunnan, capital of the Yunnan province today that Miss Craig was free and well.

Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday, possibly showers in the extreme west portion, warmer in west portion tonight.

M'LAUGHLIN TELLS BUT TALK WITH MRS. RUTH SNYDER

Former Police Commissioner of New York Called as State Witness in Gray-Snyder Trial.

SAY CONFESSION NOT VOLUNTARY

Gray and Mrs. Snyder Say "Third Degree" Methods Were Used by Officers in Getting Confessions.

New York, April 26. (AP).—George V. McLaughlin, former New York City police commissioner, testified in the Snyder murder trial today to a conversation he had with Mrs. Ruth Snyder as she lay in bed the day her husband was killed. She is on trial with Henry Judd Gray for the murder of her husband.

He said she told him of returning from a card party and being seized by a man with a black mustache and fainting.

"Did she know her husband was dead at the time?" "Detectives told me she did not," informed her of the fact. She shed a few tears and then continued to answer questions.

"You saw her later at the police station?" "Yes." "She still told the same story?" "Yes."

Gray confessed to the murder of Albert Snyder. He was alert, intelligent in appearance and under no compulsion, Police Lieut. John Doran, who witnessed the confession, testified today.

The defense contends that the confessions of both Gray and Mrs. Snyder were obtained as the result of "mental third degree."

Gray took his arrest for the murder as a joke up to the time he was put on a train at Syracuse for New York. Police Lieut. McDermott of Syracuse, one of the officers who arrested him, testified. It was not until the party was well on the way to New York that he broke down and admitted the murder, the witness said.

Police Lieut. McDermott, one of the two officers who arrested Gray in Syracuse the day after the murder, under questioning by counsel for Gray, told details of the arrest.

He said Gray told them that he had been in Syracuse all during the weekend.

The policeman said Gray told him of Haggood Gray and Harry Platt, another friend, calling on him and spending much of the time with him the day after the killing.

State Student is Winner of Oratory Meet. Hickory, April 25. (H. J. Oberholzer, of State college, won first honors in the annual oratorical contest of the North Carolina State Peace association, held here tonight with Lenoir-Rhyne college as joint sponsor.

The subject of his address was, "The American Principle of Peace." Second honors went to R. M. Hook, of Elon college, who spoke on "A Higher Duty." Hugh Beam, of Lenoir-Rhyne college, won third place, the subject of his oration being "The Spirit of Peace."

J. Elmer Long's Copy of State Laws is Stolen. Durham, April 25. (AP).—Lieutenant Governor J. Elmer Long, being second in command in the state, naturally received the second copy printed of the new state laws of the 1927 general assembly. He looked it over, and then put it in his desk for further reference.

Now he's wondering who wanted that book, and why. It has been stolen, and the search high and low has failed to disclose its whereabouts.

Declare British Are Ready for Action. Shanghai, April 26. (AP).—The vernacular newspapers published an official Kuomintang (Cantonese political organization) manifesto to the world today stating that the British minister at Peking proposes to prepare for the occupation of Shanghai and Nanking.

In the event that the Chinese government should reject the demands made by the powers, growing out of the Nanking disorders of March 24th.

2,000 Chinese Soldiers Reported Drowned. Shanghai, April 26. (AP).—Two thousand northern Chinese soldiers are reported to have been drowned when shells from the Cantonese batteries at Nanking sank their boats in the Yangtze river.

Family of Five Are Swept to Their Deaths at Kelo. Little Rock, Ark., April 24. (AP).—A family of five, father, mother and three children were drowned today near Kelo, when their wagon was swept into a swollen bayou, according to reports received here from Kelo tonight. The family's name was Ballew, the report said.

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