

Piteous Calls For Aid From The Flood Areas Where Homes Are Gone

At New Orleans Broken Levees May Save City From Inundation But Danger Is Not All Gone.

OTHER STATES NEEDING HELP

In Arkansas and Mississippi Homeless and Destitute Calling for Money, Food and Clothing.

Memphis, April 27.—(AP)—While Louisiana authorities were preparing for the unprecedented expedient of deliberately cutting the dikes to save New Orleans from the mighty flood tide sweeping down the Mississippi, situations little short of desperate were presented today in southeast Arkansas and the Mississippi delta section.

Nearly two score of towns within a radius of less than 100 miles in the two states were under water, with the plight of thousands of refugees described in official reports to Red Cross headquarters here as serious in the extreme.

With the racing waters battering at their homes on the levees or knolls on which they had sought refuge, those in the devastated areas were sending out piteous calls for boats, clothing, food and other supplies. Directors of Red Cross relief movements as speedily as possible to render aid.

Almost hourly new groups of refugees are being found by relief workers as they move by steamer, motor boat or airplane over the desolated regions. One such group was found last night on the Mississippi north of Helena. They had been without adequate food for days and had little shelter on the levee where they were perched.

An intrepid little woman, Nell Williams, a Red Cross worker from St. Louis, was the first to carry aid to them, braving the racing flood crest in a tiny motor boat late at night, that some measure of relief might be afforded the women and children at least.

While no new reports of breaks on the levees on either the Mississippi or the Arkansas rivers were reported overnight, the floodwaters already loosened by levee breaks were rushing over lowlands and through valleys to lay waste new areas and drive more thousands from their homes.

The flood, roaring through the St. Louis Landing break in the Mississippi above Greenville, was slowly forcing waters in the delta region eastward and today Belbon, Miss., sixty miles southeast of Greenville, and almost eighty miles from the St. Louis Landing crevasse was being inundated.

Isola, Louise and Midland, nearby towns, were reported under from seven to ten feet of water. Their combined population is 1,000 and while most of the people got out ahead of the flood some were reported on roofs and in trees.

Across the Mississippi in Arkansas, Arkansas City was being flooded deeper and deeper, with approximately 1,500 of its inhabitants still stranded on the levee. Nearly a dozen nearby towns also were flooded.

Thinks Greatest Danger Over. New Orleans, April 27.—(AP)—The crisis probably has passed in the Mississippi River flood situation, and no more hardship, suffering and loss of life and property is anticipated, in the opinion of Secretary of Commerce Hoover, President Coolidge's observer.

"I believe the flood dead will not greatly exceed 200. The homeless will probably not be much greater than 150,000. The world war training has taught us to handle a crisis. Our war organizations—the national guard, the American Legion, and the Red Cross—and the men and women of the South did not become hysterical and lose control of the situation, but immediately commenced the machinery of assistance. This is the great lesson of the flood. Our greatest problem is the rehabilitation of the homeless persons in their former habitations, and the re-establishment of agricultural production in the stricken regions."

Relief Fund Now \$2,546,800. Washington, April 27.—(AP)—The Red Cross relief fund reached a total of \$2,546,800 today.

Eastern states have given \$1,705,500; mid-western states \$606,000; and the Pacific coast \$135,000. Contributions by the Red Cross itself and other items make up the balance. A fund of \$5,000,000 is sought.

Soldiers on Duty. New Orleans, April 27.—(AP)—The tramp of national guardsmen echoed along levees today as two southern Louisiana parishes were being evacuated preparatory to surrendering them to the Mississippi River, that the South's largest city might be saved from the onslaught of the flood.

Vigorous protests on the part of the citizens of the two parishes, St. Bernard and Plaquemine, which often have witnessed the withering fire of guns in the perennial trappers warfare, gave way to a determination to insist upon adequate reparations as the residents continued to patrol the levees, while the territory to be given over to the water was being evacuated.

Build up a fund now. When you are ready for a home, this association will help you finance the deal.

MAY SERIES NOW OPEN CITIZENS BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

FORMER SENATOR A. J. BEVERIDGE DIES SUDDENLY AT HOME

Former Indiana Senator Victim of Heart Attack. Had Been in Ill Health Recently.

TWICE SERVED IN CONGRESS

Twice Was Defeated Although He Was Prominent in the Republican Party for Years.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 27.—(AP)—Albert Jeremiah Beveridge, former United States senator from Indiana, died suddenly of heart trouble here today. He was 64 years old.

Mr. Beveridge was twice elected to the senate from Indiana. He retired in 1911 and twice sought to return, but was defeated in 1914 as the progressive party candidate, and in 1922 was defeated by Samuel M. Rainsford, democrat.

SEES NEW ORLEANS AS GREAT AIR TERMINUS

City Will Be Used by Planes to West Indian, Central and South American Ports.

New Orleans, La., April 27.—(INS)—New Orleans as a great air terminus for West Indian, Central and South American points, at some time in the near future, is seen by Colonel Charles H. Danforth, air officer for the Fourth Corps Area.

The flight which De Pinedo, Italian four-continent flyer, made from Havana to New Orleans in six hours, can be made in exactly half that time by airplane, according to the air officer.

Planes will reach points south of New Orleans in the everyday transaction of business within a short time, and that the city will be connected by airplane with northern points is also virtually assured, Colonel Danforth said.

"Efficient development of New Orleans as a great air port calls for adequate landing facilities on this side of the Mississippi river," the Colonel said.

Colonel Danforth declared that aerial transportation will be adopted because it is a saver of time. "Greater safety will result when landing fields are made available every thirty or forty miles along all aerial routes," he said.

Will Arrange Bout For Dempsey. New York, April 27.—(AP)—After receiving positive assurances today that Jack Dempsey intends to stage a comeback, Tex Rickard announced he will match the former champion for a bout with Paulino Uzcudun on or about July 1, probably at the Yankee Stadium.

Francois Villon, the French poet and scholar, was a burglar.

THE STOCK MARKET

Reported by Finner & Beane. (Quotations at 1:30 P. M.)

Table of stock market prices including Atchison, American Tobacco, American Smelting, American Locomotive, Atlantic Coast Line, Allied Chemical, American Tel. & Tel., American Can, Allis Chalmers, Baldwin Locomotive, Baltimore & Ohio, Bangor, Bethlehem steel, Chesapeake & Ohio, Coca-Cola x. Div., DuPont, Dodge Bros., Erie, Frisco, General Motors, General Electric, Great Northern, Gulf State Steel, Gold Dust, Hudson, Int. Tel., Kennecott Copper, Liggett & Myers, Mack Truck, Mo-Pac, Norfolk & Western, New York Central, Pan. American Pet. B., Rock Island, R. J. Reynolds, Rep. Iron and Steel, Standard Oil of N. J., Southern Railway, Studebaker, Texas Co., Tobacco Products, U. S. Steel, U. S. Steel New, Vick Chemical, Westinghouse, Western Maryland, Chrysler.

Flood Fund

The local chapter of the Red Cross is collecting a fund to be used in the aid of the flood victims in the Mississippi Valley and any one desiring to contribute to the fund may send it to L. D. Calhoun, 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 of flood fund contributions including Concord Theatre, Mrs. Lella A. Pegg, Mrs. P. B. Fetzer, Mrs. Geo. Richmond, Geo. Richmond, Jr., Dr. W. D. Pemberton, W. W. Flood, H. I. Woodhouse, E. F. Shepherd, Mrs. H. W. Fryling, Mrs. M. R. Marcho, Mrs. J. P. White, E. C. Barnhardt, Sr., M. L. Marsh, W. E. Benfield, Ritchie Hardware Store, Miss Cottrell Sherrill, Mrs. R. S. Young, C. D. McDonald, Mrs. R. A. Sloop, Mrs. R. Shepherd, Mrs. Z. M. Moore, Ed. S. Brown, Miss Pearl Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cook, Mrs. Jno. A. Cline, A. S. Webb, Dr. W. C. Houston, W. R. Odell, Dr. J. C. Rowan, W. J. Glass & Son, A. B. Founds, Mrs. J. E. Powell, Ernest Porter, Mrs. Mary Fetzer, P. B. Fetzer, Miss Elizabeth Smith, C. L. Smith, Mrs. D. B. Porter, Mrs. Mattie Lee Cannon.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Firm at an Advance of 7 to 19 Points, July Selling Up to 1530 on Rise.

New York, April 27.—(AP)—The cotton market opened firm today at an advance of 7 to 19 points in response to unexpectedly firm Liverpool cables. The decline yesterday seemed to have strengthened its technical position to some extent, and there was covering and fresh buying at the opening, promoted by continued anxiety over the Mississippi Valley situation.

LEXINGTON INDORSSES P. AND N. EXTENSION

Coming of Interurban Line to That City Would Mean Much to Its Progress.

Lexington, April 26.—Lexington has not been slow to let the Interstate Commerce commission know that it is solidly in favor of the Piedmont and Northern in its plan to extend its line from Charlotte to Winston-Salem by way of this city.

WALTER BOOTHE FEELS THE GRIP OF DEATH

Pneumonia Striking Youth Who Has Fought for Six Days Against Suffocation.

Ronoke, Va., April 27.—(AP)—Walter Boothe's lease on life is short. Even the 18 year old Botetourt county farmer himself now seems to realize this.

"I'll have to leave you soon," he told his parents today, as he neared the end of the sixth full day that the precious breath of life has been pumped into his tired lungs by alternating pairs of friends.

The grim apparition of pneumonia stalked the youth today. He complains of a sensation in the throat and lungs that indicated to attending physicians that hypertensive pneumonia would soon be the battle the youth waged with death since his lungs collapsed last Thursday.

State Supreme Court in Session.

Raleigh, April 27.—(AP)—Supreme Court continued hearing appeals today. The question of the distance of liquor from one's premises before the owner may be convicted of violating the prohibition law was presented in one appeal in which Lester Mull, of Gaston County, contends that 35 pints found within 250 yards of his dwelling station, was closer to another man's premises than his, and that error was made in the two years county court sentence against him.

Call for Purging of Registration Books.

Charlotte, April 26.—Members of the League of Women Voters today suggested purging of the registration books here in order that names of dead persons, those who have moved away, those who have moved into other parts of the city, be stricken from the lists of the sixteen boxes in the city. This action came after an election held here yesterday.

Two Negroes Escape.

Raleigh, April 27.—(AP)—Superintendent Pou at the state prison today reported that two negroes escaped last night from the Liberty Hill work farm near Greensboro. Frank Johnson of Wilson County, serving 9 to 12 months for larceny, whose time would have expired in July, and Cleo Castello from Edgecombe County, serving 3 to 6 years for assault with a deadly weapon, who would have been discharged in June, escaped.

No Improvement in Dr. Battle's Condition.

Raleigh, April 27.—(AP)—The condition of Dr. S. Westray Battle, of Asheville, veteran medical man and widely known over the state, remains unimproved today, attendants at a local hospital reported. He is suffering from a stroke of paralysis.

VIENNA GIVES MOTHERS BABY LINEN SUPPLIES

(By International News Service) Vienna, April 27.—Henceforth the municipality is to supply all mothers of newly born babes with a parcel of baby linen, including a number of little jackets, chemises, towels, soap, powder and everything necessary for the treatment of a new citizen of the world.

POLA NEGRI MAKING PLANS FOR WEDDING

She and Russian Prince Will Wed as Soon as Legal Tangles Can Be Straightened.

Paris, April 26.—Pola Negri the motion picture actress, and her prince, the Russian nobleman Serge Mdivani, entertained tonight by their warm reception here by the prince's brother, Alex, planned to drive tomorrow to the Chateau de Bouilly at Sancerre near Paris to prepare for their wedding their next month.

It now appears that the "single shadow" hovering over the marriage which Miss Negri spoke of when she arrived at Cherbourg today on the Aquitania—the opposition of the prince's family to the marriage—was all a "fake" as the star and her entourage put it.

Serge's brother Alex, when he rushed up and kissed both of them at the station here, declared that "Papa" Mdivani wanted to come in the worst way but was deterred by a "cold."

"I'm not anything serious I hope," quipped Pola with daughter-in-law like anxiety.

"Oh, dear, no. He's all right and tomorrow will go to the chateau with us," Alex replied.

Miss Negri said that her marriage to the prince would take place sometime between May 5 and May 15, the precise date depending upon how much time was needed to conform with all the French regulations, which are most cumbersome for those who have been divorced.

INDIANA DEMOCRATS ASK CONVENTION AND CANDIDATE

Fear National Clout at Capital Next Year Might Hurt Woolen.

(By International News Service) Indianapolis, Ind., April 27.—Democrats of Indiana, the politically doubtful state, are in a doubtful state themselves these days. For they are embarrassed by two national ambitions that threaten to cross each other.

These aspirations are to hold the 1928 national convention in Indianapolis and to induce that gathering to nominate Evans Woolen, president of the largest bank in the Hoosier capital, for the presidency.

Backers of Woolen are fearful about pushing the boom nationally because, since the tumultuous demonstrations for Al Smith at the 1924 convention in New York, party leaders are shying away from the national gathering in the home city of a candidate.

Former United States Senator Thomas Taggart, ally member of the "big three" that rules the party, is behind both the Woolen and the convention movements and is having his hands full. Taggart first must stage a come-back in politics in his own state, for he has suffered a few organizational reverses during recent years.

Woolen, a Harvard graduate, has a national reputation as an economist, but has had little political experience other than an unsuccessful race against Senator Arthur R. Robinson last November.

Opponents of Woolen in Indiana say that Taggart is only playing the old favorite-son brand of politics with the hope of trading during the convention for political prestige.

However, friends of the former senator point out that he could have obtained the presidential nomination for the 1924 convention, had Senator Robinson not declined to accept the honor because of ill health.

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How the fire started is a mystery. The mother and father were aroused by the rattle of flame and barely escaped with their lives. Once outside the building they found none of the children. One was staggering to the door and was rescued but the sweep of the blaze prevented the parents from re-entering the structure, which was completely destroyed.

Episcopal Women Hear Virginia Bishop.

Salisbury, April 26.—Rev. Arthur C. A. Thompson, bishop cotuitor of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, was the principal speaker at the first evening session of the annual convention of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, which opened here today. Dr. Thompson also conducted the quiet hour this afternoon. The convention continues through Thursday. A visit to Christ's Church, Cleveland, will be made by the delegates tomorrow afternoon. The first business session will be held Wednesday morning, presided over by the president, Mrs. W. W. Way, of Raleigh.

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.

Flood At A Glance

(By the Associated Press)

To protect New Orleans from the mighty flood rolling down the Mississippi a long break in the levee south of the city has been ordered at noon Friday.

Louisiana National Guard has been mobilized for any emergency, and soldiers now stand guard over long stretches of the levee.

Many croppers and other residents of the two parishes to be flooded maintain their armed watch where the break is to be made, demanding guarantees against loss before quitting their posts.

A general exodus of the residents of the two parishes has begun with the roads to New Orleans crowded with automobiles and wagons piled high with household goods and other possessions.

With the crest of the flood approaching, inundated Arkansas City and additional towns in that state and Mississippi are in danger.

Complete flooding of southeast Arkansas is threatened.

Additional seaplanes for use over the 10,000 square miles of inundated territory in seeking out the isolated refugees have been called for by the organized relief forces.

Health officers from the seven states hit by the flood confer here today with Red Cross officials to coordinate medical and sanitary efforts, state and national.

Secretary Hoover today completes an inspection of the Mississippi and will return to Memphis to arrange with Red Cross officials there a more extensive plan of relief, rescue and rehabilitation.

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Missionaries Are Safe.

New York, N. Y., April 27.—All missionaries of the Lutheran Free Church stationed in four provinces in China have fled to Tsing-Tai, Shantung, where they have taken refuge at the sister station of the United Lutheran Church in American mission, according to the News Bureau of the National Lutheran Council.

It is further reported that the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America has notified its missionaries in all sections of Japan to hold themselves in readiness to assist missionaries in distress who flee to that country from China. More than 200 missionaries and foreign workers of all denominations have now taken refuge in Tsing-Tai, the Lutheran report.

SPAN OF LIFE IS NOW ON THE INCREASE

Boy Baby Now Has Chance to Live 17 Years Longer Than His Father.

New York, April 27.—The boy baby born in the United States today has a reasonable expectation of eleven years longer life than his father had.

This statement, based upon statistics gathered in Massachusetts, which has complete death registration records for thirty-seven years, back, was made by Dr. George T. Palmer, of the American Child Health Association, in charge of the program plan for the annual meeting of the Association to be held in Washington May 9 to 11.

"The theme of this year's meeting in the words of Herbert Hoover, our president," said Dr. Palmer, "is, to evaluate gains made, to take stock of resources and to delineate the course ahead."

"One of the distinct gains is in this matter of life expectation. The decline in the death rate during the thirty-year period from 1890 to 1920, due to the prevention of disease has resulted in the securing of longer and happier lives for the average individual.

The chief saving has been in the earlier years of life. The baby death rate is less than one-half its former figure. The seven-year-old school child, during the thirty years, has added five years to his span of life. The young man of twenty-two has had three additional years allotted to him.

At sixty, however, the outlook is still the same. A man or woman of sixty has no greater expectation of life duration now than he had in 1890.

The meeting of the American Child Health Association will particularly stress the necessity for finding improved methods of marketing life facts—that is, of transporting the knowledge about prolonging life from the producer in the laboratory to the producer in the home. There will be reports from states on what is being done by the Health Departments. Secretary Hoover will preside at the meeting and will make the opening address."

With Our Advertisers.

The J. C. Penney Co. is again offering features in dresses. The sizes are for women, misses and junior misses and the colors include rose tans, blues, greens, navies, blacks and whites. Priced now at \$9.90.

Every dollar invested in the Citizens Building and Loan Association is a step toward home ownership. New series of temporary appointments are made each spring to handle the rush incident to the distribution of 400,000 automobile license plates. New workers are being put on now for jobs that will run to around August 1st.

Young women, including many school teachers, are hired and draw from \$90 to \$125 the month. Each year finds the department overrun with applications for the temporary jobs to be filled but the list has now reached a new high record, and the record flow of mail promises to boost the grand total of applicants even more. There is never any labor shortage to bother the State government.

Will Beautify Highway.

Raleigh, April 27.—Turning the observance of American Forest Week into practical channels, the citizens of Franklin are planning to begin the beautification of highway No. 286 between that town and the Georgia line with white pine for the entire distance of fourteen miles.

Exercises to mark the beginning of the program have been planned for Friday, and officials of the Department of Conservation and Development have been invited to take part. District Forester R. G. Wheaton of Asheville has been selected for this purpose. Director Wade H. Phillips and State Forester J. S. Holmes, who were invited, will be unable to attend because of previous engagements.

Weimar Jones, secretary of the Franklin chamber of commerce, has written that the program of tree planting is being undertaken to promote the practice and appreciation of forestry and to beautify the 14-mile drive through Macon County.

HUNDREDS ASKING FOR STATE JOBS

Hundred Temporary Places to Be Filled; 750 Applications for Them. Raleigh, April 26.—The State department of revenue, with a hundred temporary jobs to fill, has approximately 750 applications on file and more coming in by each mail.

The "Bride Breezes In" a play will be presented at the Wincoff High School Friday night at 8 o'clock. The Standard Buick Co. has a number of used cars for sale or exchange. See list in new ad. today.

Johnny Hines is being starred at the Concord Theatre today in "All Board." Tomorrow Jetto Gondal in "White Gold." The Altemite lubrication and car washing system used by the Auto Supply and Repair Co. is fine. They also handle Dodge Brothers and Studebaker cars, and Graham trucks.

Wrenn, the Kannapolis cleaner, does especially fine work on curtains and such materials. Appropriate gifts for Mother's Day and for graduation are in stock at Cline's Pharmacy. Also Johnston's and Elmer's candies.

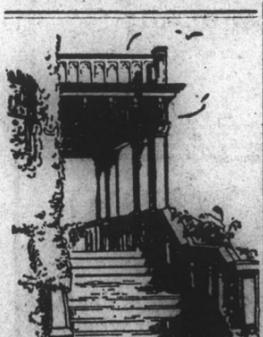
Have you thought about your will? This is an important task. The Citizens Bank and Trust Company has an expert who will gladly assist you. Smart sport suits at \$15 at the Gray Shop. Sport coats a \$8 and millinery at prices lower than the usual. Street dresses are being sold for \$15.00 and smart coats for \$18. Read new ad. today for further particulars.

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