

HEROIC RESCUE OF STRANDED REFUGEES



Refugees are shown being taken off a levee of the Missouri River, near Hickman, Ky., a few minutes before the rising waters would have drowned them. Heroic river boatmen rescued thousands stranded on crumbling levees. (International Newsreel.)

GREAT OIL FIRE IN SPINDLETOP FIELD



Striking view of the oil fire which attacked a section of the great Spindletop field, in Texas, destroying thousands of barrels of "flowing gold." Firemen were able to confine it to a small area by using chemicals. (International Newsreel.)

Only Few Children Employed in Industrial Plants in the State

Tribune Bureau
Sir Walter Hotel.
By J. C. BASKERVILLE.
Raleigh, April 29.—While the value of manufactured products in North Carolina is now more than one billion dollars annually, these products are produced almost entirely by adult labor, an analysis of the records over the past five years has shown. The number of workers employed in industry in the state increased from 135,833 in 1921, to 182,234 in 1925, the increase in the number of workers between 14 to 16 actually employed in North Carolina, according to the most recent records of the State Child Welfare Commission.
Thus it is evident that the progress which the state has made in the manufacturing field in the last six years, making it the leading textile manufacturing state in the south, has been made with adult rather than with child labor, contrary to the belief of some people, principally in the North. For out of 172,234 workers in the state in 1925, only a few more than 5,000 were between the ages of 14 and 16, then the proportion of workers between these ages would be approximately but 3.6 per cent of the total number.
But that is not all. A study of the trend in the employment of "child labor" or workers between the ages of 14 to 16, reveals that the trend for several years has been away from younger labor to older and more experienced labor, according to E. F. Carter, executive secretary of the Child Welfare Commission, and chief enforcement officer of the state's child

labor laws. This is shown first by that fact that over a five year period, the increase in the employment of workers between 14 to 16 has been but one-half per cent, while the increase in the number of adult workers has mounted steadily, the total number of workers having increased 8,547 between 1923 and 1925. And as a result of this fact, that the number of juvenile workers, the earning power of all those employed has been greatly increased, indicating a steadily growing wage scale, according to the latest figures of the U. S. Department of Commerce.
In 1921, the 135,833 wage earners in the state received but \$94,234,837 in wages; but in 1925, while the number of workers had increased only to 182,234, the total earned in wages had increased to \$194,237,997, being approximately one-third more than was received in wages in 1921.
A corresponding increase in the value of material used in manufacturing was also recorded over the same period, with cotton goods leading, tobacco second and furniture third in order of value. However, combining all the various manufactured goods made from tobacco, the total output of the tobacco industry was slightly higher than the total cotton goods output.
All of which would indicate that what was once talked of as the "Child Labor Problem" is rapidly being eliminated from North Carolina industry through education, careful administration of the child labor laws, and through the realization on the part of industry itself that adult labor is more profitable in the long run.

MORE INSPECTIONS OF PRISONS ARE PLANNED

Superintendents of Public Welfare To Inspect Jails, Prison Camps and Chain Gangs.
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Sir Walter Hotel.
Raleigh, April 30.—Approval of a plan by which more frequent and systematic inspections of county jails, prison camps and chain gangs can be carried on, was made here by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, in its regular quarterly meeting Friday at the offices of the Commissioner of Public Welfare, Mrs. Kate Barr Johnson.
Among the items discussed was a system by which the county superintendents of public welfare will supplement the regular inspections of county jails, prison camps and chain gangs, which are now made by the Penal Inspector for the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare. Through the frequent inspections made by the county officers it is believed the whole system will be benefited.
The Board met for regular and routine business and approved the budget for 1927-28. Mrs. Johnson's recommendations for the continuation and expansion of the work, made possible by a slight increase in the appropriations for the next year were approved. The board expressed its particular appreciation and gratification at the action of the recent General Assembly in increasing the amount available for Mothers' Aid which will enable expansion and improvement.
Those in attendance upon the meeting were: A. W. McAllister, Vice-Chairman of Greensboro; Rev. W. L. Hutchins, of Winston-Salem; Mrs.

Walter F. Woodard, of Wilson; Mrs. Joseph A. Brown, of Chatham; Dr. C. H. Durham, of Lumberton; and Mrs. Herbert F. Sewell, of Carthage. Colonel W. A. Blair, Chairman, of Winston-Salem, was unable to be present.
Advertising Did It.
Monroe Enquirer.
Several months ago when Woolworths opened a five and ten cent store in Monroe many persons were of the opinion that Austin & Clontz's store would "about be out of business." Not so. Cap Clontz, being a resourceful guy, put in a better and bigger stock, began to advertise, when to, and also hold his business began to pick up and he is now selling more goods than ever before. Austin & Clontz, who have conducted a store here in Monroe for a number of years, entering to the five and ten cent trade, have added a higher priced line and are doing fine. Their March business was best in the history of the store.

DEATH OF GIRL LAID TO GIBSON

Charlotte Contractor Blamed By Coroner's Jury For Fatal Crash.
(Charlotte Observer, 30th.)
Blame for the death of Miss Betty Woodard, Charlotte stenographer, who was killed in an automobile accident at Huntersville Sunday night, was laid to Allen M. Gibson, Charlotte contractor, by a coroner's jury after an inquest at the courthouse yesterday.
The contractor was required to post \$5,000 bond for his appearance at the May criminal term of Mecklenburg superior court by Coroner Frank Hovis.
The wreck in which the girl met her death occurred when the car driven by Gibson, who was alleged to have been intoxicated, crashed into an automobile driven by D. C. Holly, Charlotte cotton oil man.
Miss Woodard, who was a passenger in the Gibson machine, was thrown through the windshield to the pavement and instantly killed.
In addition to Miss Woodard and the contractor, Mrs. A. M. Gibson, Miss Julia Henry and Henry Barringer were in the death car.
Rural Police Chief Vic P. Fesperman said that the four companions of Miss Woodard were intoxicated. He arrived at the scene of the accident within half an hour after the wreck.
Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Miss Henry and Barringer submitted to the charges of drunkenness before Magistrate S. S. Stokes and paid the costs yesterday.

TYPHOID SERUM TO BE SENT TO FLOOD AREA

North Carolina Will Furnish Tetanus Vaccine Also, For Flood-Stricken Districts.
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Raleigh, April 30.—As much typhoid vaccine serum as the State Laboratory of the State Board of Health can turn out, as well as tetanus vaccine, will be sent immediately to the flood-stricken areas, as well as several of the experts of the Board of Health—perhaps five or six—or as many as can be spared from the work here, it was announced by Dr. C. O. Laughlinhouse today, following receipt of a message from the flood area accepting the Board's offer of aid sent several days ago.
Already, the boards of health of the three states most seriously affected by the flood—Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas—are co-operating with the U. S. Public Health Service and the Red Cross in alleviating suffering and in efforts to prevent disease. But the situation still remains acute, with the result that many more additional experienced health workers are needed in the flood area. Among those especially needed are trained epidemiologists, sanitary engineers, and health officers, as well as large supplies of typhoid and tetanus serums.
Because of the fact that the personnel of the Board of Health is designed to meet the needs of North Carolina only, and almost too small for that, the problem of picking out five or six men who can be spared from the work here, and be sent to the flood area, is a difficult one. However, Dr. Laughlinhouse expects to be able to meet the emergency and will send a group of the Board's experts in the lines mentioned, to assist in the almost Herculean task of rehabilitating the flood-swept area.
Since this state has its own laboratory, where its serums are manufactured for the use of the Board, it is possible to make good sized shipments of serums to the flood area at once, which will be followed by others as needed.

OTTO WOOD STIRS UP TROUBLE IN PRISON

Has Fight With "Death Row" Guard And Cusses Out Whole Works—No One Is Hurt.
Raleigh, April 29.—Guard is being renewed over Otto Wood, holder of North Carolina's prison break record, following reports today of a recent fracas in which the murderer stirred up trouble.
Wood who was sent to state prison for the murder of A. W. Kaplan, a Greensboro pawn broker, has made three escapes during the three years of this confinement and as many times re-confined.
Several days ago he attacked Evander McKeenan, "death row" guard, but after a brief struggle in which Wood was forced to abandon his wits and apply his brawn he was re-caged in the cell where he is kept. The struggle was an unequal one and Wood turned his talents to a general cursing out of the prison in general and superintendent in particular during the short fracas. No one was hurt.
Wood staged his last escape in November last year and was captured in Indiana only after he had pulled several hold-ups.
Do The English Despise Us?
"Do the English despise us?" inquires Viola Paradise, New York novelist, in the May number of The Forum magazine. And she replies that, if some of them do, it is very largely our own fault.
"How they condescend to us!" she writes. "And preach, no matter what the subject—how men should make love to women, or how we ought to write editorials. A contemptuous people, the English. Contemptuous, certainly, of Americans. And perhaps we deserve their contempt, for we flock to hear their lecture us on our materialism, on how art cannot possibly thrive here; and yet we politely turn our minds away from the fact that it is the box-office receipts which bring them again and again. There is something a bit funny in having them to flay us when we cluster about them eager to hear what these exponents of English culture have to offer, while they profit by our eagerness for this culture."
But later on in her Forum article, Miss Paradise has some much friendlier things to say about Britain and the Britons.
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Prisoner—Because the tree was not big enough.

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