

200 Killed, 800 Hurt By Siege Of Tornadoes In The Western States

It Is Probable That Death List Will Grow as Many of the Injured Are Not Expected to Live.

SEVEN STATES HIT BY STORM In Addition to the Known Dead-Seven Persons in Arkansas Have Not Yet Been Accounted For.

(By the Associated Press) Casualty lists in a three-day siege of tornadoes and storms in the western states today showed 200 known dead and more than 800 injured, many severely.

Reports by states follow: Missouri 73 dead, 300 injured; Arkansas 70 dead, 550 injured; Texas 33 dead, 100 injured; Kansas 10 dead, 40 injured; Illinois 10 dead, 35 injured; Wyoming 3 dead; Iowa 1 dead.

Several persons were unaccounted for in Arkansas. The three deaths in Wyoming occurred in a blizzard, while a woman was drowned near Sioux City, Iowa.

200 Known Dead, Kansas City, May 10.—(AP)—Tornado and storm casualties in middle western states today stood at more than 200 dead and upwards of 800 injured.

Hundreds were homeless in five states visited by series of freak storms that started Saturday and reached the climax yesterday when large areas were devastated in Arkansas, Missouri, Texas and Illinois.

Arkansas reported 93 known dead and more than 300 injured in the wake of tornadoes that swept from the southern section of the state to the northeastern counties. Lawrence county was hardest hit. At least 28 perished there and approximately 200 were injured.

Eighteen were dead and one unaccounted for at Strong and Newport in Union county, while eight were killed in Crawford county. Seventy-three persons are known to have been killed in a dozen Missouri communities.

Sixty died in a tornado that raged the business section of Poplar Bluff in southeast Missouri. Relief workers had placed 42 bodies in morgues while eighteen were taken to homes in the damaged residential district.

Ten deaths resulted from tornadoes in central Missouri. Seven were killed in Calloway county. A seventy-mile gale that raked St. Louis caused three deaths.

Texas reported 33 dead, more than 100 injured, and property damage exceeding \$1,000,000 from twisters that dipped at scattered points in Dallas, Collin, Hunt and Lamar counties shortly before dawn yesterday. Sixteen were killed at Nevada, ten at Garland, four at Wolfe City, and two at Kellog. Most of the victims were caught in their beds.

Tornadoes and high winds in Illinois killed ten persons and left many injured. Five persons perished at New Columbia last night. Chicago reported two killed, Hinckley and Rushville one each, while one person was struck by lightning at Jacksonville, Ill. Wind caused heavy damage at several points.

Almost 100 Killed in Arkansas, Memphis, Tenn., May 10.—(AP)—The number killed in a series of tornadoes which swept Arkansas from end to end late yesterday jumped almost to the 100 mark as crippled communications brought in additional lists of dead and injured.

Eighteen additional deaths were reported this morning from the vicinity of Maynard, a little hamlet in the northern part of the state, while dispatches from the southern end of the state added five deaths to the list of casualties at Northlet and Strong in the oil belt. Eleven persons were reported killed in the little village of Maynard, which it is said, was raged by the wind.

Sterilization to Be Sought, Birmingham, Ala., May 10.—(AP)—Braving the wrath of shocked clergymen, State Senator Thomas W. Bradford announced here today that he would introduce a bill at the next session of the Legislature to require the sterilization of the insane and defective in Alabama.

Funeral of Mrs. Page, Henderson, N. C., May 10.—(AP)—The body of Mrs. Jesse H. Page, 85, who died in Ansonville yesterday, was brought here today for funeral services tomorrow. She was the widow of the late Rev. J. H. Page, a prominent Methodist minister.

INCREASE EFFORTS TO CHECK FLOODS

600 Men Fighting Flood Along the Bayou des Glaises, Where Water Is Still Rising.

New Orleans, May 10.—(AP)—White-capped waves of the Mississippi River cut deeply into levees along a 50-mile front north of Baton Rouge late yesterday and last night, and today hundreds of laborers were sandbagging the spots left by the washing waves.

Along the Bayou des Glaises levee where the point of danger has centered for several days, 600 men were fighting the flood as it rose steadily.

As the situation there grew more critical, officers in charge of rescue fleet announced that all boats in the area except those needed for transportation of food and supplies would be concentrated in that section.

Throughout the lower valley patrols were concentrated. New Orleans was considered out of danger, but thousands of persons in the valley between New Orleans and the Old river are still menaced. The crest of the Red river flood passed Alexandria and a slight recession of waters was noted over night.

Opened Steadily at Advance of 4 Points to Decline of 3 Points. New York, May 10.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 4 points to a decline of 3 points. The reactionary sentiment reflected by yesterday's decline was in evidence again in early trading, but selling was held in check by unfavorable weather reports.

Cotton futures opened steady; May 15.48; July 15.62; October 15.93; December 16.10; January 16.14. Counteracting in Prison. While searching prisoners in the Oklahoma state penitentiary for narcotics, authorities discovered 300 counterfeit money orders.

New Use For Pine Needles. A new industry is being developed in Quebec from pine needles, which by a chemical process are converted into a product closely resembling natural wool. It can be worked in the same manner, and is curled, woven and made into felt.

Women will be barred from a new colony of young sailors are to be founded on Santa Maria Island in the South Seas. The sailors have all been divorced, separated from ill-natural wives, or disappointed in love.

Henry Morgan, the pirate, marooned a mutinous crew, together with some women captives, on the Island of Saba, a volcanic mountain in the Dutch West Indies. Strurdy descendants of this colony still survive and are great seafarers.

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

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes 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, DuPont, Dodge Bros., Erie, General Motors, General Electric, Great Northern, Gulf State Steel, Gold Dust, Hudson, Int. Tel., Kennecott Copper, Liggett & Myers, Mack Truck, Missouri-Pacific, Norfolk & Western, New York Central, Pan American Pet. & Rock Island, B. J. Reynolds, Remington, Standard Oil of N. J., Southern Railway, Studebaker Ex. Div., Texas Co., Tobacco Products, U. S. Steel, U. S. Steel, New, Vicks Chemical, Westinghouse, Western Md., Chrysler.

MRS. RUTH SNYDER AGAIN COLLAPSES; GRAY IS COMPOSED

For Second Time Since Her Conviction Mrs. Snyder Faints and Demands Attention of Physicians.

FAINTED SOON AFTER VERDICT Gray Ate Breakfast in Composure and Remained Calm and Quiet During the Entire Night.

New York, May 10.—(AP)—Mrs. Ruth Snyder, the steely blonde of the Snyder-Gray murder trial, suffered a second collapse in her cell today.

Physicians attended her for nearly an hour after she fainted, after which she was taken to a hospital where she remained until she regained consciousness.

The attack today was the second since Mrs. Snyder last night heard the verdict that means death in the electric chair. An hour after the verdict was read she collapsed in her cell, although she showed little emotion at the time the verdict was rendered.

Henry Judd Gray, Mrs. Snyder's ex-husband, a salesman, who also was found guilty of the murder of her husband, Albert Snyder, magazine art editor, ate his breakfast in composure this morning. He, like Mrs. Snyder, showed no great emotion when verdict was given.

The doctors describing Mrs. Snyder's attacks said such epileptic attacks often precede insanity and they had no doubt that a frequent recurrence might produce insanity.

Mrs. Snyder and Gray are to be sentenced next Monday, death sentence being mandatory. NEW THREAT MADE BY THE FLOODS

High Winds Lash Waters of the Mississippi in Central Louisiana. New Orleans, May 9.—(AP)—The fifty-mile levee along the Mississippi between Baton Rouge and Bayou Des Glaises was being battered by choppy waves tonight as a 25-mile wide lashed the flood waters into sudden fury, momentarily shifting the point of immediate concern from the Bayou Des Glaises section to the embankments along the main stream.

A prediction of continued wind and steady rain to accompany the crest of the flood down the valley added to threat of the waters as they continued to mass about the mouth of the Old River before descending into the lower valley, either through a breach in Bayou Des Glaises levee or down the main stream.

Ramparts along Bayou Des Glaises and the south bank of the Red River were not affected by the sweeping winds as they drove the water from the levees along that front. Scores of men worked in that neighborhood, however, topping the embankments in the face of the steady rise toward the predicted record-breaking crest.

Fifteen hundred levee workers labored along the river, Bayou Rapide and Bayou Des Glaises in Alexandria and that vicinity as the fight in Central Louisiana approached its critical points. Five hundred of these were called into service at Alexandria when a sand boil threatened the levee there.

Refugees continued to stream into concentration camps as new towns were invaded by the water, or as fear was felt for the safety of their homes. Most of the refugees were women and children, the men remaining in their homes to aid in the high water fight, or to care for livestock.

Secretary Hoover and Secretary Davis visited the scene of the Caernarvon Crevasse, below Poydras, where the breach cut in the levee to save New Orleans has been widened to more than 2,000 feet.

Baldridge Colby Seeking Divorce. Paris, May 10.—(AP)—Baldridge Colby, former American Secretary of State, is seeking a divorce in Paris. He has authorized his attorneys to institute proceedings and petition will be filed as soon as certain formalities are fulfilled.

The art of glass making was practiced in 2,500 B. C. by the inhabitants of the Euphrates Valley, who sold glass beads to the Egyptians.

PROPERTY LISTED FOR TAXES AS OF MAY 1 The tax lists are now ready to list property for taxes, and all persons are required to list property as of May 1, according to May list, according to the County Tax Supervisor. Penalties will be exacted by the collector from all who fail to comply with the law in this regard, it is stated.

Classis of Reformed Church To Meet in Annual Session May 11

The ninety-seventh annual session of the Classis of North Carolina, Reformed Church in the United States, convenes in St. Matthews Reformed Church, Lincoln county May 11-13.

The sessions begin Wednesday at 11 a. m. The sermon will be preached by Dr. Geo. Longaker, of Hokeville, appointed to this service by the retiring president, Missionary Sterling Whitener.

The Classis will be called to order by the vice president, Edna Jacob O. Stone, of Concord, who will preside until a president is elected. Business sessions will be conducted Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday, both morning and afternoon until the business claiming the attention of the Classis is transacted.

The session Wednesday night will be given over to the claims of Sarah Ophelia's Home and Catawba College. Superintendent H. H. McNairy will present the claims of the home and the standing of the Reformed Church in North Carolina and supported this year forty-eight children at a cost of about \$12,000 and donations of clothing, fruit and eatables in season. This home has property valued at \$75,000, located at Creswell, in Rowan county. The home has endowment funds amounting to \$11,500 invested in good securities.

President E. R. Hoke, of Catawba College, Salisbury, will tell of the rapid growth of the college and the standards maintaining the college has achieved in two years.

Thursday night is missionary night. Rev. Carl D. Kriete, of Japan, will tell of the work in the sunrise kingdom. The other missions of the Reformed Church are in Hunan Province in China. The missionaries have withdrawn from the field, many of them having returned or will return to the United States, others have gone to Japan, while a few are located at Shanghai to await developments and

\$1,000,000 A DAY. Is Collected in Internal Revenue in North Carolina. Raleigh, May 10.—(AP)—Approximately \$1,000,000 a day has been collected in internal revenue in North Carolina for the past week, and collections are mounting steadily, according to William Grissom, U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue, and most of this is in tobacco taxes.

For some weeks the internal revenue collections have been averaging from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 a week, and collections for April were in excess of \$16,000,000. But according to the records made within the last few days, indications are that North Carolina is going to shatter all previous records and easily become the "Fourth State" in the payment of internal revenue taxes.

"We are greatly gratified at the showing made," said Mr. Grissom, "and we feel confident that collections for this fiscal year will easily be in excess of \$200,000,000 by June 30, 1927. It is the excellent condition in the tobacco industry, of course, which is responsible for much of this increase."

MISSING GIRL IS FOUND NEAR HOME. Four Year Old Eunice Freeman, Not Upset After Being Out All Night. Winston-Salem, May 10.—(AP)—Eunice, a four year old daughter of John Freeman, a farmer living near Kernersville, wandered away from home yesterday afternoon, and after an all night search by the father and neighbors, was found at 7 o'clock this morning in the woods a mile and a half from her home. The little girl when awakened did not seem to be in the least excited. She explained to her father that she had a good night's sleep. She showed no ill effects from sleeping on the ground. When asked why she did not return home Eunice said she got lost and when darkness came she became sleepy and lay down under the tree.

DOUGHTON SAYS EXTRA SESSION IS PROBABLE. If Flood Disaster Taxes Public Charity Government May Have to Take Action. Washington, May 9.—(AP)—Representative Doughton, a member of the ways and means committee of the House, is here attending to some departmental business. He was asked if he favored an extra session of Congress in view of the fact that the flood in the Mississippi region may yet unduly tax the public charity of the country. He said that if more money is needed than can be secured from charitable sources, he thought an extra session of Congress should be called by President Coolidge. The magnitude of the calamity appears to be daily increasing, he observed, and when the flood falls no time should be lost by the government in furnishing money in a redoubled effort to control the Mississippi river.

Piano Clearance Sale at Kidd-Frix Co. The big piano clearance sale at the Kidd-Frix Co. will begin tomorrow. Pianos from \$85 up. One of the big bargains is a used Steinway upright for only \$110. You may take two years to pay. If you will read their big ad in this paper you will find many big values in used and new pianos.

A Frenchwoman, Miss Belmont Gobert, was recently received with high honors by the Lord Mayor of London in recognition of her services in sheltering British soldiers during the war. One British trooper lived for four years in a wardrobe in her house.

With Our Advertisers. The new "Ensemble" grille at Fisher's \$2.95 to \$9.95. Three new models. The smartest always at this store.

Let the Concord Furniture Co. show you the Copeland electric refrigerator. "The Unknown Soldier" at the Concord Theatre today for the benefit of the War Mothers.

In the new ad. today of the Concord Furniture Co. you will find a description of the Porcelain water cooling system. Your old refrigerator will be taken as first payment. Tomorrow at 4 o'clock the Starnes-Miller-Parker Co. will begin their contest for prizes for the graduates of the Concord High School. See particulars in new ad. today.

Read the ad. today of the J. C. Penney Co. The new leghorns are extremely smart. You can buy from the S. & S. Motor Co. a four door Deers sedan driven only 2500 miles, at a sacrificial price. See ad.

The Cabarrus Cash Grocery Co. sells only the best quality goods. Phone J. & H. Cash Store your orders for quality canned goods. Fortunate is he who, having few interests of his own, is willing to cheer mankind by passing on the fine works of others.

SEEKING SOLUTION OF DEATH OF MRS. COOPER IN NIGHT

Body of Mrs. A. S. Cooper, With Throat Cut, Was Found During Day in Weeds at Asheville.

SUICIDE THEORY NOT ACCEPTED Body Was Found on Vacant Lot Adjoining the Cooper Home on Montford Avenue.

Asheville, May 10.—(AP)—The body of Mrs. A. S. Cooper, 61 years old, a prominent Asheville woman, with her throat cut and the case a mystery to the police, was found early today in the weeds of a vacant lot adjoining her Montford Avenue home.

Mrs. Cooper's death occurred last night, according to the police, but she was not missed until this morning. She had lived with two women companions since the death of her husband a month ago.

Since blood was found on both sides of the barbed wire fence separating Mrs. Cooper's home from the vacant lot, the police are not inclined to accept the suicide theory that was first advanced. The traces of blood, according to the police indicate, that Mrs. Cooper's throat was cut on the steps leading into the Cooper home side yard some ten yards distance, and across the fence from where the body was found.

Mrs. Cooper was a native of Ireland, but had resided in this country since childhood. Her only relatives in the United States are cousins, living in Savannah, Ga.

STOCK MARKET. Sales More General and Prices Turned Irregular After Period of Firmness. New York, May 10.—(AP)—With many issues at levels which showed a good profit on recent prices realized, sales became more general in the stock market today and prices turned irregular after an earlier period of firmness. A sprinkling of short selling also had its effect on price movement when the rate on call money was raised from its renewal quotation of 4 per cent. to 4 1/2 per cent. in the early afternoon following the calling of about \$20,000,000 in loans. The closing was steady, total sales approximating 2,000,000 shares.

Urges Steps to Guard Lives of School Children. Raleigh, May 10.—(INS)—Governor McLean today made public a letter from a North Carolina mother of 9 children who is caring for 10 step-children, urging the chief executive to take some measure to safeguard the lives of school children who go to and from schools in trucks.

"I am begging you to use your executive ability and do something to compel these cars, trucks, etc., to stop when they see a school truck full of children slow down for the children to get out."

"We all know that it is a heavy fine for a vehicle to pass a street car when it has stopped for passengers to get off, and why shouldn't these trucks that contain our future men and women be just as important?"

Energetic Eighty. London, May 10.—Dr. F. Meyer, the grand old man of the Free Church ministry, who is to make an extensive tour of Canada and the United States this summer, has recently celebrated his eightieth birthday anniversary. A few days ago Dr. Meyer travelled to Glasgow on the night express, and preached there once on Saturday, twice on Sunday, and twice on Monday, all new sermons. He returned to London on the night mail, and on the next day put in nearly twelve hours of work on correspondence relating to his coming American tour.

A Watertown, Massachusetts, blacksmith's shop used by George Washington is being equipped and opened as a garage.

CAN YOU SCORE TEN ON THESE? QUESTIONS 1—What was Liberty Cabbage? 2—Who was the man of many jobs during the World War? 3—What incident during the term of Governor Coolidge of Massachusetts attracted the attention of the country? 4—Name a western governor responsible for constructive legislation of value. 5—Name the last southerner nominated for the presidency by one of the major parties. 6—What is the remarkable development in the tobacco industry since the World War? 7—What were the principal causes? 8—What happened to the immediate predecessor of the present national income tax law? 9—Who was elected vice president as Roosevelt's running mate in 1904? 10—Name the vice president of the first McKinley administration who died in office. (Answered on Page Seven)

Bleak Stretches Along Atlantic Coast For Missing Aviators

PARIS CROWDS ARE IN AN UGLY MOOD One Newspaper Described Welcome Given Aviators and Others Said the Flight Was Success.

Paris, May 10.—(AP)—Paris today was in the grip of mixed feelings of anxiety over the fate of the French trans-Atlantic flyers, Nungesser and Coli, and resentment against the newspapers for their over-optimistic reports last night which went so far as to announce their arrival at New York and described their welcome there.

Police were stationed today at some of the newspaper offices to prevent trouble. Some of the offices had suffered broken windows and other marks of the crowd's disapproval.

Five of the papers which published especially optimistic reports, one of which described the welcome accorded the aviators by New York crowds, today printed formal statements saying they had only reproduced "dispatches which had been confirmed by official statements from the ministries of war, commerce and the interior."

The reports of the aviators' reception were based, they declare, on an official statement from the ministry of interior posted in the chamber of deputies announcing "the exact hour of the arrival in New York" and describing "the delicious enthusiasm of the crowd which hung around the streets until early morning hours were thoroughly angry and there were some evidences of anti-American feeling. Not only did they burn copies of the newspapers which had deceived them in the belief that the aviators had won, but a gathering in front of the office of Le Matin hooted and jeered, and demanded the American flag hoisted alongside the French tricolor be lowered. The authorities at first refused to do this, but when the crowd became menacing they lowered both flags.

Someone passed the word that deceptive American weather reports had set Nungesser and Coli off, when in fact conditions were not right for the attempt. This increased feeling to the extent that a number of Americans expressed hope that the Bellanca plane would not attempt to make the New York to Paris hop at the present time. There was another manifestation in the early hours in front of the office of the Paris edition of the New York Herald-Tribune where shouters charged the paper with deliberately withholding confirmation of the aviators' arrival merely to belittle French achievements. The scene was an angry one until a French employee of the paper explained the situation and the crowd was persuaded to disperse.

Collegiate Baseball. Raleigh, May 10.—(INS)—This week will end up the North Carolina collegiate baseball season, with the exception of a few scattered games. Next week Carolina will end the season with Duke, and Wake Forest will conclude its program with State. This week's schedule: Tuesday—State vs. Lenoir, at Hickory; Davidson vs. Citadel, at Davidson; High Point vs. Cawthra, at Salisbury. Wednesday: Duke vs. Wake Forest, at Durham; Lenoir vs. Mulligan, at Hickory. Thursday: Lenoir vs. Mulligan, at Hickory. Friday: State vs. Wake Forest, at Wake Forest; Carolina vs. Virginia, at Chapel Hill; Guilford vs. Hampden-Sydney, at Hampden. Saturday: Carolina vs. Virginia, at Greensboro; Guilford vs. Roanoke, at Sale, Va.

Red Cross is Now Hoping to Get \$15,000,000. Washington, May 9.—(AP)—With contributions of \$9,225,016 reported thus far, it was considered likely today that the minimum goal of the Red Cross flood relief fund will be increased to \$15,000,000.

Exercises at Winston-Salem. Winston-Salem, May 10.—(AP)—With appropriate exercises at Salem Cemetery where the graves of the Confederate dead were decorated with flowers by the Daughters of the Confederacy, and a service at the First Baptist Church, Norfolk Camp, U. S. V., today observed Memorial Day.

The contention of a German scientist that earthworms sing is confirmed through observations by Dr. Rudolph Ruedemann of the New York State Museum. Whether, as Dr. Ruedemann believes, the worms produce the sound by dragging the fine bristles under their bodies over a hard object at the edge of their burrows, or whether they do the singing with their mouths, is not yet known.

Local thundershowers this afternoon or tonight in interior, and light or moderate rain on coast and interior Wednesday, central Wednesday and in west and central portions tonight.