

Melville Inundated As Another Levee Cracks Under Flood's Attack

It Is Hoped That All Citizens Reached Points of Safety Before Rushing Waters Struck Town.

LEVEE CRACKED AT SIX O'CLOCK

Many of the Residents Had to Flee in Night Clothes and Levees Offered Only Places of Safety.

Baton Rouge, La., May 17.—(AP)—The main levee of the town of Melville on the west bank of the Atchafalaya River broke south of the Texas and Pacific Railroad bridge, Miss Anna Fletcher, telephone operator here, learned in a telephone conversation with the Melville operator shortly after the break about 6 o'clock this morning.

The home of Miss Fletcher, 100 yards from the reported break, was washed off its foundation, the Melville operator told her. The rush of water was terrific.

Inhabitants of Melville were forced to flee for their lives before the swift onrush of water. Most of them took refuge on the portions of the levee which held intact, and others found safety on the Texas and Pacific Railroad bridge.

Virtually everything in the town was destroyed, the report said. The levee was 15 to 18 feet wide. Melville is about 130 miles northwest of New Orleans.

Two hours after the break the crevasse had widened to 800 feet, John M. Parker, state flood director, was advised by the Atchafalaya levee board.

Confidence was expressed at headquarters here that no lives had been lost, and it was thought most of the inhabitants of the town had reached the top of the levee. Two relief trains of the Texas and Pacific Railroad are standing by. Melville had a population of 1,028 inhabitants.

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Two suggestions for burial places have been received, one from her stepmother at Asheville, and the other from Mrs. A. J. Roach, of Austin, Tex., Miss Porter's grandmother. The body of Mrs. Porter has been placed in a mausoleum here by A. J. Sartain, who cared for her for four years during her fight against tuberculosis, and married her 3 days before her death at Banning, Cal.

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Assistant Director of Y. M. C. A. At Greensboro Facing Grand Larceny Charge. Nashville, Tenn., May 17.—(AP)—A mother seriously ill in Jackson Tenn., a bride at home awaiting him, at Harlingen, Texas, insufficient funds, and the automobile of a friend temptingly at hand impelled a journey which Stuart Edwards, of Greensboro, N. C., behind city bars here, he said today. He was assistant director of the Y. M. C. A. at Greensboro. Relatives in North Carolina are said to be prominent.

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BETTER RACE RELATIONS

North Carolina Has Made Greater Progress in This Than Any Southern State.

(By Special Correspondent) Philadelphia, May 17.—North Carolina has made greater progress in the matter of bringing about better race relations than any other state in the south, largely because it has been most fortunate in its leaders among both the white people and the negroes, the annual Meeting of Friends, in session here, was told by Lieutenant Lawrence Oxley, director of the division of negro work of the North Carolina State board of charities and public welfare, in addressing one of the sessions of the national Quaker organization.

Oxley's theme was the need of leadership in the solution of race problems.

"On the upward path the negro can advance only as far as he can walk," Oxley said, "and he can do for his permanent good only that for which he can develop self responsibility."

"In all inter-racial endeavors, the method of approach to the subject is most important, and an intelligent understanding of the ideals and aspirations of each race is absolutely necessary for the successful promotion of any worth-while program of race cooperation, which means operating together, each mindful of the full interests of the other."

"Thus it is that in times such as these, when all around us we see conditions pointing to a world gone mad, the need is greater than ever before for trained, consecrated leadership among all races—and especially in the negro race, if the colored people are going to realize the most of their opportunities and bring about a greater degree of inter-racial co-operation."

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RHEUMATIC HORSES MUD BATH PATIENTS

Dax, France, May 17.—(AP)—Rheumatic racetracks are numerous among the patients who come here for the celebrated mud baths.

Horses, like men, get rheumatism most frequently in their legs. The patient animals stand knee-deep in mud and poultices of liquid mud are plastered on other parts of their bodies which need treatment.

LIFE WORK IS SOPEE'S THEME

University Religion School Dean Speaks on Vocational Guidance.

Chapel Hill, May 17.—Selection of one's life work is a decision which is made only as the result of long consideration and not on the spur of the moment, Dr. E. D. Soper, Dean of the School of Religion of Duke University, told University students in an address on vocational guidance.

Dr. Soper's address was the third of a series of five on vocational guidance.

"The process of finding one's life work may be one that finds its consummation while in college or it may be put off one or two years after graduation. The thing that matters is not so much how soon one makes his decision but whether he ultimately finds himself in the profession in which he is satisfied and feels that he can make his greatest contribution."

"It's the way we think, it's what we read, it's what we're willing to do, these are the things that are expressing the tendencies of your lives," Dr. Soper declared.

Many people never come to the point where they finally know what they're going to do until they get out and try it, the speaker said, while others make up their minds before graduating. A year spent in the pursuit of some wrong training is not wasted if the student changes his mind, provided it goes toward helping him make his ultimate decision correctly.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON P. AND N. EXTENSION

More Than \$11,000,000 Will Be Spent in New Construction, It Is Estimated.

Washington, May 16.—Mark W. Potter, attorney for the Piedmont and Northern Railroad company, which recently filed application with the Interstate Commerce commission to continue construction of its lines from Charlotte to Winston-Salem, and from Gastonia to Spartanburg, S. C., today filed additional data with the commission as the result of a demand made at the time of a recent hearing here on the part of steam roads that more information be forthcoming.

In the matter just filed with the commission by Mr. Potter he outlines the two routes which the northern end of the line would take from Charlotte to Winston-Salem, and also gives the number of stations on the southern end of the line between Gastonia and Spartanburg.

The main thing that is now being placed before the commission is that the city of Charlotte, for a very reasonable price, has sold the company 1.16 acres of land for passenger terminals, this adjoining 14 acres already purchased which will be used for sidings, sheds, switches, etc.

It is stated that the total estimated cost of the line from Charlotte to Winston-Salem would be \$6,084,376.80, and that of the southern end from Gastonia to Spartanburg \$4,054,088, making a total expenditure for both lines of about \$11,500,000.

As indicating early action on the part of the commission it is shown that the road is now being operated has sufficient passenger and freight cars on hand but that "inside of five years 200 additional freight cars will be required," thus indicating that the road's promoters expect to very largely increase their business in the near future.

It is stated that when one of the two northern lines now under consideration is selected, the branch line from Spencer or Kannapolis will be commenced immediately upon announcement from the Interstate Commerce commission granting favorable consideration to the road's application.

Mr. Potter urges the commission to use all possible speed in expediting consideration of his road's petition in order that actual work may be commenced at the earliest possible time.

THE STOCK MARKET

Reported by Finner & Beane, (Quotations at 1:45 P. M.)

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes American Tobacco B, American Smelting, American Locomotive, etc.

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A Comprehensive Buying Movement Took Place in Today's Trading.

New York, May 17.—(AP)—One of the most comprehensive buying movements in recent weeks took place in today's stock market, with more than 100 issues selling 1 to 5 points above yesterday's final quotations.

Money rates despite the calling of \$10,000,000 additional in loans, and the unexpected decrease in brokers' loans last week provided the background for the advance. The closing was strong. Total sales approximated 1,600,000 shares.

Linsley to Move Offices to Winston-Salem

Winston-Salem, May 17.—(AP)—Frank A. Linsley, United States district attorney for the middle North Carolina district, will move his office and office force to Winston-Salem from Greensboro within the next few days.

It was announced here today. Postmaster J. T. Benbow in response to a request from the department of justice at Washington is having rooms on the second floor of the federal building put in order for the district attorney.

In the middle nineties, when bicycling was at the height of its popularity, a street was branched to build a bicycle track from coast to coast.

FATE OF 2 FRENCH AIRMEN STILL IS MUCH OF A MYSTERY

No Word From Daring Airmen Who Sought to Fly From Paris to the American Metropolis.

SEARCH IS NOT HALTED SO FAR

The Bleak Shores of Newfoundland Continue to Be Combed For Some Trace of the Men.

New York, May 17.—(AP)—After a week of search, hope and rumors, the world today knows as much of the fate of the two French airmen, Capt. Yves Nungesser and Francis Coli as he did Monday a week ago, when the intrepid French aviators failed to reach New York on their non-stop flight from Paris.

But the search goes on. The bleak shores of Newfoundland continue to be combed for some trace of the Nungessers. In response to several reports that strands of an airplane were heard over parts of the island on that foggy Monday morning, but so far no word has come from any of the coast-guard villages. The search will be continued until every bay and cove of the island has been visited.

The principal remaining hopes today were that the White Bird was forced to descend off the Grand Banks and Nungesser and Coli were picked up by some fishing vessel. In such an event it would be days before any word could be received.

PREPARED BUDGETS UNDER NEW MEASURE

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Based on the figures submitted to him by the department heads, the county accountant will prepare a budget estimate for the entire county and submit it to the county commissioners not later than the first Monday in July, when the budgets will be finally fixed for the year on the basis of the county's income.

Under the new law all counties will use the uniform budgeting system. After the budgets have been finally acted on, the departments will know exactly what they may spend next year. Each line of activity will operate under its own appropriation, as the funds are not transferred from one department to another.

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NEW EVIDENCE HAS BEEN SECURED FOR THE COOPER CASE

Asheville Police Says New Evidence Indicates Two Men and Woman Know More Than Have Told.

EVIDENCE NOT YET EXPLAINED

One Woman Is Under Arrest Charged With Murdering Aged Asheville Woman Last Week.

Asheville, May 17.—(AP)—New evidence indicating that possibly two men and one woman may know more about the death of Mrs. Mary R. Cooper, 61 year old widow, than they have made known, today was said by officers here to be in their hands.

Just what this evidence is of the officers did not say, but they did say it was such as to indicate that they were strengthening their case against Mrs. Minnie Montague, 45 year old practical nurse, who is held on charge of slaying Mrs. Cooper.

Police and county authorities said that evidence in their hands indicates that two Asheville men and possibly a Hendersonville woman, all unnamed, might be able to aid materially in solving the puzzle as to what occurred Monday night, May 9, when Mrs. Cooper was slain. Her body, the throat cut, and two fractures of skull, was found in vacant lot next to home on May 10.

Police have been investigating a visit of two men to Mrs. Montague at the Cooper home the day the body was discovered, and the activities of these men on the previous night. Just what they have learned they have declined to say. A Hendersonville woman is known to have been with the men on the night of the slaying.

While the investigation is pending every effort to find their way through the tangled clues, Mrs. Montague and her attorneys are busy engaged in preparing their plans for defense. Robert R. Reynolds was added to defense force this morning. V. S. Lusk and Wayne Beachboard were retained by the accused woman Monday.

Dr. Robert S. Carroll of Highland Hospital, an authority on mental diseases, has offered his services to the city free, and arrangements were completed this afternoon for him to visit Mrs. Montague in jail at once to examine her for possible mental disorders. Dr. Sam S. Montague, estranged husband of the nurse, is now on his way to Asheville from Oxford, and upon arrival here will attempt to have his wife committed to an institution for mental diseases, according to word received here.

April Building Record for North Carolina.

The total volume of contracts awarded in North Carolina during April amounted to \$5,030,500, according to F. W. Dodge Corporation. The above figure showed losses of 25 per cent. from March and 62 per cent. from April of last year. The more important classes of work included in last month's construction record for North Carolina were as follows: \$2,800,100, or 56 per cent. of all construction, for residential buildings; \$583,600, or 12 per cent. for public works and utilities; \$552,400, or 11 per cent. for commercial buildings; and \$384,000, or 8 per cent., for educational projects.

New construction started in this state in the first four months of this year has reached a total of \$21,280,700. This figure was 55 per cent. under the amount reported in the first four months of 1926.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady Today at an Advance of 1 to 5 Points.—July at 15.70.