

Twenty Parishes Are Inundated And Water Continues Wild Rush

It Is Estimated That 7,000 Square Miles of Louisiana Land Is Now Under Raging Flood Waters.

SEVERAL DEATHS REPORTED TODAY

Flood Waters From Bayou Des Glaisses Breaks Cover 13 Parishes.—Negroes Reported Drowned.

New Orleans, La., May 18.—(AP)—With 7,000 square miles inundated already, and the waters from the breaks in the Atchafalaya river and Bayou des Glaisses constantly covering more territory, south central Louisiana today helplessly watched the greatest flood in history of the state, as it moved toward the Gulf of Mexico, taking everything in its path.

An unknown number of lives have been lost so far in the flood, and prospects are that many more will be lost before the waters finally fall. At Melville, 130 miles northwest of New Orleans on the Atchafalaya river, where the most serious break occurred yesterday, ten negroes were reported to have been drowned although the mayor of the town, Paul LeFleur said in a statement that no lives had been lost. At Rosa plantation near Melville, the fate of 40 persons was still unknown, and they were thought to have been trapped in the lowlands where a 15 to 20 miles per hour current was flowing.

W. T. Clark, a rescue worker, out of Alexandria, who is credited with saving 143 people in the Bayou des Glaisses section reported the drowning of a man and his two sons yesterday. Clark said he removed the mother from the roof of a floating house, and before he could reach the man and two boys, the house careened and they were swept away. The bodies were not found.

Army engineers said today that 20 parishes were covered in whole or in part by the flood waters, and that approximately 5,200,000 acres had been inundated. To the north of Bayou des Glaisses flood waters still covered thirteen parishes between the Arkansas line and Old River.

Approximately 4,000 square miles are inundated in this area. It was estimated that Bayou des Glaisses in an area of 2,650 square miles has been flooded. Back waters on the east bank of the Atchafalaya have flooded 250 square miles mostly marsh land in Iberville parish.

Two thousand men working in two 12-hour shifts, were fighting today to save the levee at McCray on the east bank of the Atchafalaya opposite Woodside, and 15 miles northwest of New Orleans, and State Engineer George Schoenberger said he thought they would be successful.

The levee at Morganza, 150 miles from New Orleans on the west bank of the Mississippi and at Plaquemine Point, 18 miles below Baton Rouge on the east bank were reported in better condition today than they have been for some time, due to work of armies of men.

Advise Others to Evacuate. New Orleans, May 18.—(AP)—Complete evacuation of an area fifteen to twenty miles wide between the west bank of the Atchafalaya river and the higher ground along the western boundary of St. Martin parish was advised today by the weather bureau in a flood bulletin.

Port Baire Breaux bridge, Arnaudville, Leonville and a dozen more smaller towns are in the threatened territory. Facing the warning on the west bank of the flood still above Old River and the volume of the flow through the crevasses along Bayou des Glaisses, 170 miles above New Orleans and on the opposite side of the river, the bureau urged the evacuation of the remainder of that area 15 to 20 miles wide along the west bank of the Atchafalaya river south of Bayou des Glaisses, and including Port Baire, and the strip 15 miles wide west of the Atchafalaya below Port Baire to the Baton Rouge-Lafayette branch of the Southern Pacific railroad.

The old Indian practice of canoeing was slowly but surely dying out when it was brought back to life by the organization of the American Canoe Association in 1880. Due to the work of this association canoeing today is one of the most popular of summer sports.

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Limits Divorce

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FARMERS IN STATE OFF TO GOOD START

Despite Local Troubles Farmers as Whole Starting Year With Good Prospects.

Raleigh, May 18.—Arrangements are going forward to set up stations throughout the State for adjusting automobile headlights in accordance with the law passed by the 1927 Legislature, which goes into effect July 1.

H. K. Witherspoon, of the Highway Commission, is making a tour of the State with John P. Lawrence, headlight expert, who is addressing motorists on the advantages to be derived from headlights and of ways of keeping them adjusted.

Since there is no State constabulary it will have to be carried out largely through education and cooperation. There is considerable interest being manifested by motorists on the matter of properly adjusted headlights. Mr. Witherspoon said, and meetings held throughout the State have been well attended. Mr. Witherspoon and Mr. Lawrence will hold a meeting Thursday night at Winston-Salem and work eastward, speaking in Salisbury Friday night, Durham Saturday night and Goldsboro, Washington and other towns in the east.

Stations will be maintained at garages or other convenient places at which a charge of 75 cents will be made for adjusting the lights. Small stickers for the windshield will signify that the automobile owners have complied with the law. A similar law governing the adjustments of lights on automobiles and trucks is enforced in more than half the States of the Union.

Sam Bernard Comedian Dead. New York, May 18.—(AP)—The death of Sam Bernard, the famous comedian, was reported today in a telegram from the liner Columbus to the North German Lloyd office here. The message contained no details beyond information that Bernard had died on board last night of apoplexy. He was 64 years old.

George W. Truitt Dead. Suffolk, Va., May 18.—(AP)—George William Truitt, aged 75, millionaire lumber man and pioneer in that industry in this section, died last night at his residence here. He was born in Maryland, coming to this section in 1873.

THE STOCK MARKET

Reported by Fenner & Beane. (Quotations at 1:40 P. M.)

Table listing stock market prices for various commodities and stocks, including 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, Frisco, General Motors, General Electric, Great Northern, Gulf State Steel, Gold Dust, Hudson, Int. Tel., Kennecott Copper, Liggett & Myers B, Mack Truck, Mac-Pac, Norfolk & Western, New York Central, Pan. American Pet. B., Rock Island, R. J. Reynolds, Rep. Iron & Steel, Remington, Stand. Oil of N.J., Southern Railway, Standard Oil, Texas Co., Tobacco Products, U. S. Steel, U. S. Steel, New, Vick Chemical, Westinghouse, Western Maryland, Chrysler.

Y Campaign Workers Near Goal Of \$15,000 Tuesday

Workers Secure Either in Pledges or Cash \$13,169 First Day Instead of \$14,150 as Reported at Luncheon of Workers Tuesday Night.—Executive Committee Continues Canvass.

Typical of their generosity in supporting beneficial things, Concord citizens Tuesday provided \$13,169 toward the budget sought for the maintenance of the Young Men's Christian Association during the ensuing twelve months.

Sparking a remarkably successful campaign the workers reported \$13,150 in either pledges or cash with other reports to be made at the close of the drive for the first day Tuesday night at the "Y" building. A check of the funds by the auditors, however, revealed that \$13,169 was the correct figure as a number of duplicates of donations were discovered.

The executive committee will continue the campaign in hopes of securing the deficit of a few hundred dollars. The committee will call upon prospective contributors who were not seen by the workers Tuesday. "Everybody will be given the opportunity to do their part in maintaining the association and its work," stated Secretary Blanks this morning. "The large number of people who have not been seen will be called upon by members of the executive committee to contribute."

Dr. Tracy N. Spencer, chairman of the campaign committee, as well as F. C. Niblock, president of the Y. M. C. A., feel confident that belated returns and additional contributions will swell the grand total to \$15,000. It is probable that the few hundred dollars needed will be raised during today.

In speaking to the workers at the enthusiastic luncheon Tuesday evening, President Niblock described the 1927 campaign as the most successful, efficient and well-managed drive in the history of the Concord Y. M. C. A. "It is not a surprise to me," added Mr. Niblock, "that this campaign has been the most successful because of your enthusiasm and the willingness of our citizens to help in this noble work."

President Niblock gave high praise to Chairman Spencer, citing that Dr. Spencer laid the foundation for the whirlwind campaign and was one of the moving spirits in the canvass. "Early it has required two days to raise the 'Y' budget but a precedent was set locally Tuesday when the drive practically 'went over the top.'"

The team of which B. Blackwelder was captain was declared the losing unit of the workers at the luncheon, and it behooved Mr. Blackwelder to ride a member of the winning team about the hall in a wheelbarrow. Mr. Blackwelder's team secured \$200 while the Red Cross team reported \$4,717.50.

The funds reported by each of the thirteen teams Tuesday are given as follows: Major R. B. Rankin's Report. P. G. Sherbondy \$1,079.00 Dr. D. G. Caldwell 807.00 A. G. Odell 927.00 Total \$2,813.00 Report of Major R. E. Ridenhour, Jr. C. W. Byrd \$1,980.00 B. Blackwelder 290.00 R. M. Lafferty 431.00 Total \$2,701.00 Report of Major J. Y. Pharr. A. R. Howard \$650.00 O. A. Swearingen 540.00 E. R. Sheppard 617.00 Total \$1,807.00 Report of Major C. H. Harris. R. E. Harris \$684.00 C. H. Trueblood 627.00 L. M. Richmond 885.00 Total \$2,196.00 Report of Red Cross. Major R. Reed's workers \$4,717.50 Several workers who did not report Tuesday night are expected to do so this evening.

A. S. Webb, superintendent of the city schools, added to the remarks made by President Niblock by stating: "This campaign has been the easiest in the history of our Y. M. C. A., and much credit is due to Dr. Spencer; Secretary Blanks and others who took a great part in this drive. I move that we give a rising vote of thanks to our able secretary, Mr. Blanks."

Secretary Blanks responded to the assemblage, declaring "I am grateful to my fellow townsmen for this fine campaign. I knew that it would not fail. I like Concord, its people, and my wife I know will never leave the city. We have learned to love Concord and its congenial and liberal people."

"I hope that our program for the Y. M. C. A. during the coming year will please each of you. It is our goal to ever march forward," he concluded.

FAITH IS VISITED BY DAMAGING FIRE

Damage Estimated at \$15,000 Results From Early Morning Fire in Rowan County Town.

Salisbury, May 18.—(AP)—The little town of Faith, in eastern Rowan county, ten miles from here, was visited by a disastrous fire at 3:30 this morning, the worst blaze in the history of this granite center. The general store of Peeler & Fraley, Fink's Garage, and the store and restaurant of Julius Caster all were completely destroyed, together with their contents. The loss is estimated at between \$12,000 and \$15,000, partly covered by insurance.

The citizens of the town were awakened by two big explosions and some of them hastening to make investigation found the interior of the Peeler & Fraley store almost completely enveloped in flames. There being no fire fighting apparatus the blaze spread rapidly. The origin of the fire is not known.

Another Convicted For Mellett's Murder. Canton, O., May 18.—(AP)—Floyd Streitenberger, gangster policeman of Canton's jungle and detective force, stands convicted of first degree murder and must join Patrick McDermott and Ben Rudner in life imprisonment for the murder of Don R. Mellett, Canton editor. He was found guilty of first degree murder with recommendation for mercy by a jury last night.

The first college sprinter to run 100 yards in 10 seconds was the late Erv Jansen, Wendell.

BERTAUD MAY NOT MAKE FLIGHT FOR AIRCRAFT CONCERN

He and Charles A. Levine, Chairman of Company's Board, Are Not Able to Agree on the Plans.

BERTAUD READY TO GIVE CASH

Will Make Flight Without Hope of Reward If Necessary But Proposal Has Not Yet Been Accepted.

New York, May 18.—(AP)—Squalls in trans-Atlantic flight circles heretofore confined to the weather, today reached the point that indicated a change in the crew of the Bellanca plane Columbia.

Charles A. Levine, chairman of the board of the Columbia Aircraft Corporation, which owns the plane, endeavored to obtain a navigator to supplant Lloyd Bertaud, air mail pilot, with whom he has been in dispute several days.

Bertaud, however, announced his determination to make the flight if possible. In a telegram to Levine, who was staying at the same hotel in Garden City, Bertaud offered to waive all financial reward, and donate his share of the prize money to the families of Noel Davis and Stanton Wooster, killed in a crash of their plane, American Legion.

Should this not be satisfactory, he said, he would be willing to give the prize money to Levine, rather than to forego making the flight. Levine refused to comment on the telegram, but said no matter what occurred, Clarence Chamberlain, pilot of the plane, would remain a member of its crew.

Lieut. Bert Balchen, a Norwegian aviator who accompanied Commander Richard E. Byrd on his flight to the North Pole, was offered Bertaud's place, but declined to force Bertaud out of the flight.

SONS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION MEETING

Election of Officers Most Important Business Before Night Session of Convention.

Richmond, May 18.—(AP)—Proposed constitutional amendments and committee reports were discussed today by the Sons of the American Revolution holding their 38th annual convention here, with election of officers as the principal business of the afternoon session. Late this afternoon the society will unveil a bronze memorial to Chief Justice John Marshall in the Shooker cemetery.

While nominations for office are unlimited, only two announced candidates are in the field for president general. They are E. E. Rogers, of New London, Conn., and Chauncey P. Overfield, of Salt Lake City, Utah.

With Our Advertisers. See the Chautauqua program in new ad, in this paper. Programs begin May 27th and continue for 5 days. Season tickets only \$2.50. Grand Tank Heaters only \$30 at the Concord and Kamaspolis Gas Co. until May 25th. Heater and tank installed for \$75. Easy terms.

Only four more days of the Big 9 Day Specials at Bell's Department Store. New specials for the closing four days. These goods have been received since the sale started but are being sold at sale prices. Read ad, for particulars.

Chinaware and groceries will be given free with Sellers Klearfront cabinets at the Concord Furniture Co. You pay only \$1.00 down and the balance in easy payments. Read ad, and call at the store to see the new models and get price particulars.

Slashing reductions have been made in the prices on GWA Willy-Knight cars. See new ad. of Corl Motor Co., local dealers for particulars. Fresh vegetables, and there are getting cheaper, at the Cabernus Cash Grocery Co.

Cline's Pharmacy has many gifts appropriate for graduation days. Fountain pens, pencils, kodaks, perfume, candy, graduation memorials, etc. The J. C. Penny Co. has a line of sheets and sheeting admirably suited to every-day household use. Durable on account of the firm weave and exceptionally low priced.

Have you listed your property? The law requires that this be done during the month of May. Read notice of County Tax Supervisor in this paper today. String beans 10 cents a pound, cabbage 7 cents a pound, peas, home grown, 10 cents a quart, three quarts for 25 cents, and beets 15 cents a bunch at the J. & H. Cash Store.

Waterman's pencils, make ideal graduation gifts. Sold here by the Starnes-Miller-Parker Company. Actress Swallows Poison In Effort To End Her Life. Salisbury, May 17.—Miss Patsy Nichols, an actress playing with a company which disbanded after filling an engagement here several weeks ago and since been stopping here, attempted suicide this afternoon by drinking iodine. She was taken to a local hospital for treatment. Unrequited love for a local man was given by the young woman as cause for her rash act. Yachting is the most expensive of all sports.

LOOT BANG AND GET AWAY IN AUTOS

Okla., May 18.—(AP)—A gang of nine bandits looted the Farmers National Bank and the First National Bank at Beggs, Okla., south of here early today and in an ensuing battle shot and killed Marshall W. J. McAnally and wounded a woman, escaping with several thousand dollars in cash.

News of the rail on the banks was received in Tulsa by long distance telephone from residents of Beggs.

SHERIFF SUES EDITOR

Editorial in South Carolina Weekly Brings Criminal Libel Charge. Charged with criminal libel in publishing alleged false statement about O. D. Himehouse, sheriff of Dorchester county, and other persons connected with the sheriff's office, W. B. Tarkington, editor of the St. George, S. C., Dorchester Eagle, a weekly, has been released on bail of \$1,000. The warrant was sworn out by the sheriff, who states that he would bring a civil suit, asking damages of \$50,000 against the persons responsible for the charges printed in the newspaper.

The editorial upon which the warrant was based, charged that a still found in a remote section of the county by two deputy sheriffs was put in the county jail, and that several weeks later the still was loaded on a wagon and hauled to parts unknown. The editorial called on the sheriff to tell where the still had been taken.

GASTON YOUTH GOES GUNNING FOR KING BEN

Demented Youth Seeks Life of Israelite Monarch—Motored From North Carolina. Benton Harbor, Mich., May 17.—Moody Humphrey, 25-year-old North Carolinian, said to be of unbalanced mind, was seized late last night at the Hotel Yacoval, Young Humphrey had gone with a revolver to kill King Benjamin Purnell, leader of the cult. As attaches of the strange Israelite colony of long-haired, bearded men seized the youth, skulking in the shadows of Shiloh House, King Ben's residence, he fought them desperately. "Let me kill the dirty rat," he shouted. "He despoiled my mother."

Cult members, however, pinioned his arms and threw him to the ground before he could get his pistol from his pocket. Then they called the police, and for the second time during the evening Humphrey was locked up in the Benton Harbor police station.

Earlier in the evening the young man and his mother, Mrs. Sallie Humphrey, had created a great disturbance on the mezzanine floor of the Hotel Yacoval. Young Humphrey had shouted invective against King Ben, threatened to kill him, and fought police and pedestrians in the midst of a crowd that gathered before the hotel.

Out on the sidewalk he had finally been subdued and pinned to the pavement by five men, who held him until a patrol wagon was called to take him to the station.

It was said that both Humphrey and his mother appeared plainly to be insane—and it was later stated they had spent nine months in the state asylum at Kalamazoo—but that the police allowed them to leave the station on promises they would be quiet.

It was after this first release from jail that the youth got his revolver and went to the House of David seeking to kill its members against King Ben. The Humphrey family, James Humphrey the father, his son and wife and three small daughters, arrived in Benton Harbor yesterday, having driven here from Gastonia, N. C., where they had returned after having spent some time as members of the Israelite House of David colony two years ago.

They came to be witnesses for the state in the trial of King Ben and his colony which opened in the circuit court of Berrien county yesterday.

Two years ago, it was stated, the Humphreys sold their farm near Gastonia and came to join the House of David. As was the custom, they put all their finances in the community chest controlled by King Ben.

But before they had been here long, Sallie Humphrey became infatuated with King Ben and sent him love letters. The letters were intercepted by Queen Mary, who quickly caused them to be purchased and all the Humphreys to be sent back to Gastonia.

Later Mrs. Humphrey and the boy returned and caused trouble and it was then they were sent to the state hospital for the insane at Kalamazoo.

Plan To Erect Shirt Factory Mooresville. Lexington, May 17.—George Curry and Flavius Conrad, young business men of this city, have announced that they will erect a shirt factory at Mooresville within the next few weeks. Machines are to be purchased this week and it is expected to have the plant in operation in about eight weeks. The factory will engage in the manufacture of dress shirts and pajamas, made from North Carolina manufactured cloth. A Frank Britton, Mooresville manufacturer and father-in-law of the local men, will assist them in the undertaking.

More Details of Nicaraguan Battle. Managua, Nicaragua, May 18.—(AP)—When Captain Richard Bell Buchanan and Private Martin Jackson, of the United States Marines, were killed in a clash with liberals last Monday, their platoon was outnumbered 10 to 1. Fourteen liberals were killed. Details of the clash were received today.

GREAT BRITAIN READY TO ACCEPT CHIANG-SHEK YET

Break With Hankow Nationalists Does Not Mean Shek Will Be Given Recognition Now.

BASIL NEWTON IS LEAVING HANKOW

Was the British Minister There Before Break—Fighting Is Reported at Several Points Today.

Peking, May 18.—(AP)—Withdrawal of Basil Newton as the British Minister's representative at Hankow, the seat of the nationalist government in the central Yangtze valley, was accompanied by the delivery of a note declaring that the Hankow regime had "failed to make good its claim to govern in accordance with standards of responsible government."

The note was made public by the British legation today. Not Accept Shek. London, May 18.—(AP)—Great Britain's diplomatic break with the Hankow nationalists does not mean that relations will be established with Chiang-Shek, the Associated Press was officially informed today in Downing Street.

Ships Fire at Forts. Shanghai, May 18.—(AP)—The northern cruisers Haichi and Chomoh, part of the squadron of Gen. Chiang Tsung-Chang, today bombarded the Wusong forts north of Shanghai, held by the southerners. The forts replied.

More Fighting. Hankow, China, May 18.—(AP)—Reports were circulated today of an imminent attack on the city by former Hankowites who had joined the Nationalists, who broke with Hankow nationalists and set up his government at Nanking.

RETAIL DEALERS HEAR DR. BROOKS. State College Head Chief Speaker at Opening of State Convention of Merchants.

Furtham, May 17.—The reorganization of county government and the cooperation of the great farming class, both on modern business methods are two things most needed in North Carolina today, Dr. E. C. Brooks, president of North Carolina State College, declared tonight at the 25th annual banquet of the merchants of this State, who began their convention here this morning.

If these things are organized on a modern business basis this old commonwealth will continue to go forward and we will take a high standard among the sisterhood of states. County government needs assistance from the State more than anything else, for among half of our counties there is a lack of knowledge of business management and the other essentials for the successful operation," Dr. Brooks declared.

Regarding the cooperation of farmers along business lines, Dr. Brooks declared that this, too, was one of the great needs of this time. "North Carolinians do not realize to the fullest the great opportunities facing them today, farmers as well as county governments are trying to pursue business as they did 25 years ago when life was young and living not so complex.

"Prosperity follows modern methods of conducting business," he said. "There also must be a cooperative spirit with the middle man, with all classes. Government cannot take time to protect one class against another without protecting all, or favor one without favoring all. When the farmers cooperate along business lines there will be a new awakening to the opportunities that are before us."

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Firm Today at an Advance of 8 to 12 Points. New York, May 18.—(AP)—The cotton market opened firm today at an advance of 8 to 12 points. Trading was comparatively quiet at the start but buying on relative steadiness of Liverpool brought about later, probably influenced by apprehensions of weather conditions in the South.

July sold up to 15.80 and December to 16.37, or about 15 to 16 points higher. Prices eased off a few points during the morning under realizing and later firmed up again on trade and commission house buying. July advanced to 15.83 and December to 16.40, or 18 to 20 points above yesterday's closing quotations. Trading was quieter, but prices held within 3 or 4 points of the best at midday.

Cotton futures opened firm May 15.47; July 15.72; Oct. 16.11; Dec. 16.32; Jan. 16.30. This year's international horse show at the Olympic, London, is scheduled for June 15th to 25th.

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, showers in extreme north portions tonight and in north and west portions Thursday; somewhat warmer in extreme west and north portions tomorrow.