

1,400 SQUARE MILES OF FERTILE COTTON LAND IS FLOODED WITH WATER

Nearly One Thousand Refugees From Flooded Area Are in Natchez - Red Cross and American Legion in Charge of Refugee Camp.

NATCHEZ, Miss., April 28. - Approximately 700 square miles in Concordia parish, Louisiana, and possibly an equal number in Catahoula parish, have been covered with the flood waters of the Mississippi river through the Weecama crevasse mingled with back water which had inundated a large area previous to the break in the levee four miles above Ferriday, La., Wednesday.

This section is largely devoted to cotton planting and the greatest financial loss sustained will be caused by the suspension of planting operations. Officers in charge of the refugee camp established at Natchez have been informed of the pressing need for cot., blankets and other equipment to take care of the refugees pouring into Natchez from the flooded areas of Louisiana.

Through the cooperation of the government fleet at Natchez and many volunteer rescue workers, the task of bringing in refugees from the levees is well in hand.

A large number of refugees are now in Natchez and by tonight it is thought that the number will be increased to a thousand and possibly more.

The refugee camp established here by the local chapter of the Red Cross with the cooperation of the Natchez post of the American Legion has been organized as near as possible along military lines with a veteran of the world war in charge.

All refugees brought here are old men, women and children, as the able bodied men are retained to work on the levee.

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FORMER PRESIDENT OF FRANCE IS DEAD

Illness of Few Days From Influenza Causes Death of Former Chief Executive - Was 65 Years of Age.

PARIS, France, April 28. - Paul Eugene Louis Deschanel, tenth president of France, died this afternoon following an illness of only a few days from influenza.

In February, 1920, M. Deschanel entered upon a seven-year term as President of France, having been elected by the National Assembly in January by the largest majority ever given any French president save the first.

He was compelled to resign the office, however, after serving only a few months, on account of illness. In May, 1920, he was injured by falling from a train while en route from Paris to Montbrison to dedicate a monument.

M. Deschanel was born in 1857 in Brussels, was educated in Paris and entered public life when only 29 years of age.

FLORIDA BANK CASHIER CHARGED WITH SHORTAGE (By The Associated Press.) O'ALLA, Fla., April 28. - Ernest Turnpuss, cashier of the Citizens Bank of Dunnellon, who with his wife and children, disappeared last month, has been arrested in Washington, D. C., on a warrant charging embezzlement and was understood today to be en route here in charge of the sheriff of this, Marion county.

Turnpuss' absence from Dunnellon was discovered when a note was found at a banking hours March 18, stating that he was going away and probably would be in Miami sometime this month. The time lock on the safe was set and when it opened the following Monday officers of the bank after an examination announced that none of the funds was missing and that the cashier's books were in perfect order.

FOUR OF MORSE'S MEN PLEAD NOT GUILTY. (By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, April 28. - Four of the men indicted by a Federal grand jury with Charles W. Morse yesterday for using the mails to defraud investors appeared before Judge Mack today and entered tentative pleas of not guilty.

They were S. G. Gibbons, W. A. Barbour and G. M. Burditt, lawyers who represented the Morse Shipping interests, and R. O. White, former president of the United States Transport Company.

Morse, his three sons, and the other indicted men, are expected to appear before pleading next week.

THREE MINERS KILLED IN BOMB EXPLOSION (By The Associated Press.) Apollo, Va., April 28. - Three miners were killed and one seriously injured when a bomb was thrown early today into a bank house at the Patterson mine of the Kiski coal company, near here.

The men, probably employed on a non-union basis after the coal strike was called April 1, were asleep on the bunk house shortly after dawn today, when the explosion occurred. Stanley Morse, Andrew Bonham and Frank Rodgers were instantly killed, and Frank Rodgers was fatally hurt by a steel splinter from the mine that hospital doctors said he might not recover.

All of the dead men were married, and their deaths make fourteen children fatherless.

KANSAS MAN IS WHIPPED BY WOMEN INDEPENDENCE, KAS., April 28.

Benson F. Prior was taken out on a country road at night and whipped by two women who accused him of slandering them in pool hall remarks, the police reported today.

IMPOSSIBLE TO GET FAIR HEARING OF STRIKE

Senator Walsh Declares That Nearly All Senators Are Either For or Against Labor Interests. (By The Associated Press.)

BOSTON, April 28. - Senator Walsh, of Massachusetts, in a telegram to Mayor Curley today declared that "nearly every member of Congress, the Senate particularly, is today either for or against labor," and the possibility of getting an impartial tribunal for a strike investigation is unlikely.

The message was in reply to one from Mayor Curley urging a congressional investigation of the New England textile strike.

"I regret to say," the Senator said, "in my opinion any attempt to obtain favorable action upon the strike by the present Congress will be futile."

"There is evidently a movement throughout the country among capitalists and interests to refer to an arbitrator or through an agree to a compromise settlement of existing strikes. It is also my opinion that the majority of the officials directing the policy of the present administration are not in sympathy with the strikers' point of view.

To submit a strike investigation to those antagonistic to the fundamental rights of the laboring class, such as the right to organize and collectively bargaining, would hurt rather than help the strikers."

LADY ASTOR IS SPENDING A STRENUOUS WEEK-END (By The Associated Press.) BALTIMORE, Md., April 28. - Lady Astor motored to Washington this morning to take part in the program arranged for that city as part of the convention features of the National League of Women Voters.

Lady Astor went to Washington by train earlier in the day. They were to be luncheon guests of Senator Claude A. Swanson, of Virginia, today, and the House guests of Clifford Pinchot and Mrs. Pinchot, while in Washington.

According to present plans Lady Astor will be the honor guest at the opening of the new Washington headquarters of the League of Women Voters tomorrow evening and on Sunday she and Lord Astor will be guests of General Pinchot and his family.

On Monday Lady Astor will go to Philadelphia, where she will speak that afternoon before the National Trade Union League. The same night the Lady Astor will leave for Richmond, Va. Lady Astor's old home, where an elaborate celebration has been arranged in her honor.

SOLDIER CONFESSES TO KILLING ANOTHER SEPT. 9. (By The Associated Press.) MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., April 28. - Oliver Landis Duncan, of Windsor, Tenn., a soldier at Camp Dix, last confessed that he killed Michael Greger, of St. Louis, a supply sergeant at the camp, on September 9, County Detonator Parker announced. Duncan claimed he killed Greger in self-defense after a dispute over a trivial matter, according to Parker.

WILL THE WEST VIRGINIA PROFESSOR SAY HE IS DESCENDANT OF AN APE?

Dr. R. C. Spangler, Professor of Botany, in University Offered \$100 to Answer Five Questions Put by William Jennings Bryan.

MORGANTOWN, W. VA., April 28. - Five new questions propounded by William Jennings Bryan are being played a part in the decision of Dr. R. C. Spangler, professor of botany at West Virginia University, as to whether or not he will accept a check for \$100 from Mr. Bryan, which the professor claimed as his reward for answering certain questions on evolution put by the former Secretary of State in a recent address here.

Dr. Spangler said he would refuse to answer the five questions which follow: "Are you willing to put in writing and sign a statement declaring that you believe that you are the descendant of an ape?"

"Do you believe in the miracles as reported in the Old and New Testaments?" "Do you believe in the supernatural as recorded in the Old and New Testaments?" "Do you believe in the virgin birth of Christ as reported in the gospels?" "Do you believe that Christ appeared to his disciples after his resurrection as recorded in the concluding verses of the last chapter of Matthew, and made his claim to power: 'I will give you all power in heaven and on earth; sent his disciples out to make disciples of all nations and promised to be with them always, even unto the end of the world?"

BRYAN SENDS COLLEGE PROFESSOR CHECK FOR \$100

For Attempting to Answer Questions About Evolution and the Bible.

MORGANTOWN, W. VA., April 27. - William Jennings Bryan has sent a check for \$100 to Dr. R. C. Spangler, professor of botany at West Virginia University, as a reward for answering certain questions on evolution put by Mr. Bryan in a recent address here.

Dr. Spangler in a letter accompanying the check, declared that "it is worth \$100 to me to see a college professor guilty of cowardly evasion."

Dr. Bryan had challenged any university professor to harmonize the Bible and the principles of evolution and Dr. Spangler undertook the task. The letter carrying the check was addressed to the Rev. W. O. Bayler, of Morgantown, and said in part:

"Mr. Spangler's letter does not answer a single question that I asked. I asked that any believer in Darwin's hypothesis applied to man would write out a statement of his belief of the Bible doctrines which, in his judgment, are inconsistent with Darwinism. Spangler's letter means nothing. He tries to make it appear that evolution is consistent with the Bible which evolutionists do not as a rule believe."

"I am not willing, however, that he should claim that I refused to pay the \$100. It is worth \$100 to me to see a college professor guilty of cowardly evasion and you will please give me the check and at the same time ask him to answer the questions above mentioned."

Enclosed were five questions, the first of which read: "Are you willing to put in writing and sign a statement declaring that you believe that you are the descendant of an ape?"

Dr. Spangler said today he had not decided whether he would keep the \$100.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UNITES IN RED CROSS DRIVE President S. A. Robinson and Secretary Allen Agree on Committee to Aid in the City Campaign Next Week.

Conference Is Working on Plan Which Russia Must Accept Or Reject Without Any Discussion

Determined to Settle Up Russian Affairs Without Any More Quibbling - Russia Must Put Up or Shut Up - No Loan to Be Offered to Russia.

GENOA, April 28. - Plans for Russia's reconstruction were being finally determined upon today in the conference subcommittee on Russian affairs and the indications were that a definite proposition would be laid before the Russian delegation by the week end with the suggestion that the proposition be either accepted or rejected without further discussion.

The Italian press today gives indications of what the Allied proposals are. First, it is asserted, no loan will be offered to Soviet Russia, but it will be suggested that an international consortium be formed to finance trade with Russia through combinations of firms and individuals of the various countries represented. Germany will be included in the consortium, it is declared, and provision made that the United States may join.

This plan contemplates the economic colonization of Russia, with guarantees that the autonomy and sovereignty of the Soviet Government will not be infringed upon.

The division of trade will be arranged in such a way that the countries participating in the consortium will have the opportunity of dealing with the sections of Russia situated nearest them. For example, Great Britain will be given the opportunity of trade with northern Russia through Archangel and the Baltic ports while the southern countries would be given advantages in the Black sea ports.

GENOA, April 28. - The conference subcommittee on Russian affairs today and under consideration the draft document of the Allied powers' financial proposals to Soviet Russia as framed at yesterday's notable conference in Mr. Lloyd George's villa. The subcommittee was expected to approve the document, which explains exactly what the powers are prepared to give and what they must have in exchange.

In thus laying their cards on the table, the Allied leaders hope to put an end to the present uncertainty and clear up the Russian question, the most important subject remaining before the conference. The document is the result of deliberations participated in, besides the British prime minister, by Mr. Barcton, of France, M. Schuener, of Italy, M. de la Porte, of Belgium, and Baron Hayashi, of Japan.

An indication that the Russians will insist on maintaining the principle of nationalization of property in Russia, one of the most difficult angles of the situation, involving as it does the ownership of properties claimed by the nationals of the Allies and other countries, even to the extent of withdrawing from the conference, was given in their statement of last night.

"Russia has not the least desire for a 'capitulation,'" said the statement in part, "and she is determined to safeguard the principle of sovereign rights and the principle of reciprocity, which is the only basis of a community of peoples and economic reconstruction."

While heeding his main efforts to ending the Russian deadlock, Mr. Lloyd George is not neglecting his plans for an aggressive pact and several tentative outlines of such a pact have been drafted. One of these would provide six months, and the other would require that aggressive neighbors, but both are understood to have small chance of adoption.

TO BORE INTO THE CRATER OF VOLCANO. (By The Associated Press.) HILLO, Island of Hawaii, A. T. H., April 28. - Boring into the crater of Kilauea, the active volcano that rises on this island, will begin on May 1 in an effort to ascertain the heat underground by the means of the natural gas emanation and to discover whether it can be used into industrial channels, it was announced here by the directors of the Hawaiian Volcanic Research Association.

A contract has been signed and the work will start in earnest approximately six months, and to under the direction of Prof. T. Jagger, volcanologist, in charge of the Kilauea observatory.

Numerous boreholes will be bored to various depths on all sides of the crater, the great Kilauea to the south and at ascending slopes on the floor of the crater. It is planned to locate the borings in certain places of 1921, 1919, 1918, 1917 and in some more ancient places to determine whether any of the heat generated by these apertures disturbs the volcanic underground.

WIDOW OF GUY KINKEAD HAS LOST REASON. (By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, April 28. - Frustration of her desire for vengeance on the woman who shot her husband has cost Mrs. Mary Gertrude Kinkead, widow of Elias Lee Kinkead, former corporation counsel of Cincinnati, her reason. Dr. Marjorie Scherman, head of the psychological department of Kings county hospital, said today.

EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT MISS GERTRUDE HANNA WAS PROBABLY MURDERED

Body of Young Illinois School-teacher Found in Parsonage of Presbyterian Church - Evidence of Foul Play a Fact.

HOOPESTON, Ill., April 28. - Announcement early today by the coroner's physician that Miss Gertrude Hanna, 25 years old, former school teacher, whose body was found late yesterday in the unoccupied United Presbyterian Church parsonage here, was approaching mortality increased the conviction among county authorities that she was murdered. An analysis of the contents of the young woman's stomach today at the University of Illinois is expected to throw further light on the mystery surrounding her death.

The body, lying on a concrete ledge just inside a basement window, was found by carpenters who had been working four days to prepare the parsonage for a new minister to replace the Rev. J. D. May, who was called to Chicago last December. The young woman apparently had been dead, according to county authorities, who examined the body, four weeks.

Miss Hanna last was seen alive when she left the home of her father, Wesley F. Hanna, Hoopston mill owner, March 24. It was raining when Miss Hanna left home and her body yesterday still was clad as then, even to raincoat and rubber shoes.

Her wrist gave evidence of having been bound tightly for an extended period, although no rope or wire was found near the body. The body itself, well preserved, and opinion that it had been kept on ice, or in a cold place since death was voiced. No marks of violence, except the imprints about the wrists, were found.

Miss Hanna was graduated from the Hoopston high school in 1915, a 4-d taught school until four years ago. She suffered a nervous breakdown then, her father said, and was placed in a sanitarium at Kankakee, Ill., and later was discharged as cured. Three years ago she went to Chicago as a student nurse, and still later was employed by a large wholesale concern there.

She tried of city life and returned to Hoopston. Miss Hanna was described by acquaintances here as, at times, melancholy, and given to fits of crying. It was said that she had but few intimate friends, and did not indulge in social activities.

The Hanna family is but two squares from the vacant parsonage in which her body was found.

NO EVIDENCE OF VIOLENCE IN DEATH OF MISS HANNA DANVILLE, Ill., April 28. - No evidence of violence was found on the body of Miss Gertrude Hanna found late yesterday in the unoccupied Presbyterian church parsonage at Hoopston. This statement was made today by Dr. F. A. Baumgartner at an autopsy. The state of preservation, Dr. Baumgartner stated, indicated that she had been dead only a short time.

MR. J. LEE ROBINSON TALKS TO LOCAL HI-Y CLUB (By The Associated Press.) GASTONIA, N. C., April 28. - Mr. J. Lee Robinson, prominent Gastonia banker and business man, delivered to the Gastonia Hi-Y Club at their monthly luncheon last evening one of the best and most inspiring addresses ever delivered to any body of local young men. The luncheon, held at the local high school building and served by the domestic class of the school was without a doubt the most pleasant and most profitable that the local organization had had since its birth, several months ago.

The speaker in a very vivid manner drew his main points into every boy's heart, his main points, Education and character. Mr. Robinson, in his address, took time to take his own present and pointing out to the young men present the reasons why they should have both and strive to make both of them but the highest standard.

Robinson at length upon the former, taking in the four years a boy spends in high school and the years of college education. He stated that young men should strive to get the most out of their education, and that there is only one time in a man's life for him to get an education, and that time is when he is still young in years.

Mr. Robinson pictured to the club the importance of a good character to a young man when he starts out into life after he has finished his education. "A banker is in a good position to judge human nature, almost better than any one else," said Mr. Robinson, "and from the many people that call on us daily, we can generally get a good look into their characters." He continued by telling the young men that a good character is priceless and that all should build their lives up and let nothing blot their lives as they advance more and more into the business world, where they are expected to take up the work that the past generation will soon lay down.

Remarks from Prof. W. P. Grier and Mr. H. Rutter were heard by the young men, based on the above speaker's theme. Later Mr. Robinson instructed Mr. Todd, the club leader, to order for a member a Hi-Y pin and present to them as a token of his friendship and interest in the boys.

It is the plan of the leader and officers of the Hi-Y Club to have local business men speak to them at their meetings and give them a few facts about the business world.