

TAR HEEL FARMERS WILL SPEND BIG SUM FOR FERTILIZERS THIS YEAR

Instead of Turning Under Legume Crops Farmers Are Buying High Priced Commercial Fertilizers - Will Spend 27 Million Dollars This Year.

By John Paul Lucas. RALEIGH, May 2. - North Carolina will use this year probably 900,000 tons of fertilizer at a cost of approximately \$27,000,000.

Total is nearly three times the value of last year's sweet potato crop in North Carolina; nearly four times the value of the peanut crop; more than one-third the value of the tobacco crop; more than four times the value of the wheat crop; two-thirds the value of the entire corn crop; nearly twice the value of the hay crop; and more than 40 per cent of the value of the cotton crop.

Of the \$27,000,000 which North Carolina will spend this year for fertilizer, something like \$131,500,000 will be for nitrogen. This element, the most costly ingredient of fertilizer, may be produced at home instead of being purchased if farmers will but diversify their crops and produce legumes, such as clover, vetch, cow peas, velvet beans, soy beans and others.

On a farm which produces feed for its livestock, particularly where a considerable number of cattle are kept, the production of ample legumes is so altogether logical that it can hardly be avoided, and of course, the legumes are returned to the soil in the form of manure. On farms where sufficient livestock are not kept to consume the quantity of legumes which should be grown in order to provide the nitrogen required for fertilizer, clover, velvet beans, cow peas or other legumes should be grown simply for green manure to be turned under purely for the benefit to be derived from the fertilizer elements and humus.

It is rather difficult for a short-sighted farmer to make up his mind to turn under a good growth of clover or any other legume. If he could see one, two, three or four years ahead it would not be so hard. Land of comparatively low fertility frequently has its productivity doubled through the turning under of one legume crop.

The farmers who are moving ahead most satisfactorily are those who not only study means of making money, but means of saving money, and a farmer who can, in the course of a few years, cut his fertilizer expenditures practically in half through the use of legumes is certainly saving money. He simply banks it in the soil where it can be drawn out through larger crop yields during succeeding years. This is a big step in "Living at Home" and in winning economic independence.

At the end of this year North Carolina will have used more than 5,000,000 tons of fertilizer during the past seven years at a cost of \$150,000,000. Unquestionably it pays to use fertilizer, and North Carolina farmers have gotten good results from the fertilizers they have used, but it does not pay to expend ten, twelve or fifteen million dollars a year for nitrogen which the farmer can himself draw from the air above his head through the growth of legumes.

U. S. WILLING TO TALK ABOUT ITS WAR DEBTS

Is Ready to Enter Into Negotiations Looking Towards Conversion of Debts Into Long Term Securities.

(By The Associated Press.) PARIS, May 2. - The American debt funding commission has informed the French Government it will be glad to receive the Government's observations on what it has to offer concerning the payment of the interest on the French debt to the United States and the amortization of the capital.

WASHINGTON, May 2. - Notice was sent recently through the State Department to all of the Allied nations to which the United States made war loans, that the American debt refunding commission was prepared to enter into negotiations looking toward conversion of the debts into long-term securities.

Formal replies to the notice have been received so far as could be learned today from none of the nations but Great Britain has indicated informally a willingness to proceed at an early date and it is considered probable that preliminary negotiations with that nation will be entered into within a fortnight.

HENRY FORD'S OFFER IS AGAIN MODIFIED

WASHINGTON, May 2. - Henry Ford's offer to develop the Government's nitrate and power projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., was modified again today by W. B. Mayo, chief engineer for the Detroit manufacturer.

Announcement of the new change was made before the Senate Agriculture Committee, following the request of Chairman Norris, made at yesterday's hearing, that the language of the proposal clearly state what pieced power would be used in the manufacture of fertilizer. Senator Norris contended that the cheapest power developed at Muscle Shoals should be used in making of fertilizers rather than for manufacturing metals or automobile parts.

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, unsettled weather with showers Wednesday and in west portion tonight, little change in temperature.

CARD SHARP CHEATED FOR FIRST TIME IN HIS LIFE

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF., May 2. - Le Friedman, said to have been one of the cleverest dice experts in the country, is dead by his own hand - the hand that rolled "seven" and "eleven" for nearly half a million dollars in the last 20 years. Friedman cheated for the first time in his life, his friends say, when yesterday he beat the spectre of tuberculosis by shooting himself. He died penniless.

A year ago he came back from Cuba with \$20,000 he won in a few weeks, but he gave it away in a short time to youngsters in the streets from New York to San Francisco. Friends provided him with a tent near Victoriaville. There he died.

CAPTAIN DOLLEY SPEAKS ON THE NEW CITIZENSHIP

Gastonia Man Tells Hickory Grove Students America Has Clean Soul.

(Charlotte Observer, 2nd.) Captain Stephen B. Dolley, of Gastonia, candidate for the soleitorship in this district, delivered last night the commencement address at Hickory Grove schoolhouse. A large audience was present to hear him speak on "New Citizenship." After referring to Mecklenburg's historic past and the part that she had played in the development of patriotism, not only in North Carolina, but also in the nation, he said in part: "I want to separate what I have to say into two general divisions: First, what citizenship means to you, and second, what you mean to citizenship. Primarily, you must agree upon the fundamentals of citizenship and I believe that you will not oppose me when I say that in order for citizenship to gain its greatest development, it must be founded upon three elemental passions - love of God, love of home, and love of country. Without the best co-ordinate development of these three, no matter what else may enter into it, a patriot in its highest sense cannot be made. I will liken our history to four stages of development. The period from 1776 to 1789 will denote the first stage; the period from 1789 to 1860, the second stage; the period from 1860 to 1917 the third stage; and the period from 1917 to the future, the fourth stage.

He then showed how the three passions had fluctuated in these four periods. "The history of the old world is stain of with bloodshed and darkened by a menacing cloud of diplomacy and intrigue. Its glories lay in its successes in arms or at the round chamber, and once these victories were lost, night reigned but the ashes of the past. Selfishness was the king and once dethroned, his kingdom was destroyed. Thank God for the clean soul of America. No war of conquest has ever inspired an American soldier. No creed of hatred, no false ambition or diplomacy, has ever taken or added a star to America's flag, and in 1917, as if by a magician's wand, following the leadership of the great southerner, who became the immortal leader of America, even the old world, following Woodrow Wilson to a height of idealism and pledged its souls upon the altar of right.

Captain Dolley, in closing, appealed to the students to make their love of country, not a passive, but a vital force in their being, and with that spirit of their forefathers, to take a stand for constructive forces in the state and nation.

HYPNOTIZED MAN BUT COULD NOT WAKE HIM

New Hampshire College Youth Knew How to Hypnotize, But He Failed to Learn How to Break Spell.

(By The Associated Press.) BETHLEHEM, N. H., May 2. - After taking a correspondence course in hypnotism, Ralph H. Seaman, of York village, Maine, a freshman at New Hampshire College, tried out his powers on his roommate and fellow townsman W. Brian Holman, before an admiring student audience. The spell work was successful but he had acquired the knack. But when he tried to bring his roommate back to consciousness Seaman discovered that all passes, snapping of fingers, shaking, pinching, and shouting were of no avail.

A druggist was summoned and brought simoniacs; a physician was called and gave medicine; two members of the faculty were sent for and considered the case. In the end Holman was brought out of the coma by a combination of all known antidotes for hypnotism. Professor Charles E. Summers, head of the college department of zoology, declared it a mild case of hypnotism and Seaman said he was through trying to demonstrate hypnotism.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

There will be a meeting of the Spanish War Veterans of Gaston county at the city hall Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to form an organization of the Spanish-American War veterans. Stephen B. Dolley will speak to the veterans. Other speakers will be Dr. T. A. Wilkins and Rev. Z. W. Wooten. A full attendance of Spanish War Veterans is expected. This meeting was postponed from Friday night of last week on account of the unsettled weather.

County Authorities Take Hand In Lawton Church Controversy

County Attorney Orders Investigation of Minister - Will Question All the Members Who Have Been Suspended From Church - Pastor Irwin to Carry Fight to Oklahoma Synod.

(By The Associated Press.) LAWTON, Okla., May 2. - The Lawton Presbyterian church controversy got outside the confines of the church today. County authorities took a hand. A civil court inquiry was under way directed by Fletcher Riley, county attorney, who announced he would go to the bottom of the whole discussion in an effort to determine the identity of those three men who last Saturday night abducted the pastor, the Rev. Thomas J. Irwin, and threw him in a ditch beside a road outside Lawton, half conscious and severely injured. Filing of criminal charges, he said, would depend upon the outcome of the investigation.

The county attorney started about his inquiry today by preparing subpoenas for about 30 persons who had been suspended from Pastor Irwin's church. They were ousted by the church session or executive board, with the sanction of Mr. Irwin, and have been aligned against the minister in the court. Riley questioned at length when the county attorney decided to convene the inquiry court.

His testimony was kept secret and it was not known whether Mr. Irwin gave any clue to the identity of his abductors. He has publicly stated that he did not recognize the three men. Speculation today centered upon whether Mr. Irwin would submit to trial before a commission appointed by the El Reno presbytery on charges of "conduct unbecoming a minister."

The trial is set for May 9. The pastor asserted he was going to carry his case before the Oklahoma Synod, and intimated he planned a strategic move. Mr. Irwin's mainstays in the disension, which has been seething in the congregation for months, the members of the church session, resigned yesterday after condemning the Presbytery for alleged "persecution" of the pastor.

They announced they were still in the fight in support of the minister and that their withdrawal from the church and the Presbytery did not mean they had folded their tents. With new turn of events, observers of the fray interpreted the predicted strategy was possibly a refusal by the pastor to admit the state synod authority. Reverse to the civil courts, where the pastor already has obtained an injunction to prevent interference with his church, also was considered a chance of battle and another lay in following the course of the executive board in resigning, but still sticking by his guns on the Lawton battle ground. All this, however, was in the nature of unofficial speculation before the agreements.

A marriage bond tied by the pastor at a bathing pool, church music exhibitions, and remarks made by the pastor in his funeral sermon a year ago over the body of the late Jake L. Hanson are some of the seed from which the disension grew.

ROGER EASTLAKE CONTINUES HIS TESTIMONY TODAY. (By The Associated Press.) MONTROSS, Va., May 2. - Roger D. Eastlake continued on the stand today as a witness for the prosecution in the trial of Miss Sarah E. Knox, charged with the murder of his wife, Mrs. Margaret Eastlake, last fall, for which Eastlake also was indicted but acquitted at a separate trial in December.

Outstanding points in the first day of Eastlake's testimony yesterday included an admission of intimacy with Miss Knox and the assertion that his wife had told him of relations with Dr. Mason Knox, the defendant's brother, who died more than a year ago. Eastlake testified that his intimacy with the defendant had "ceased at the end of 1920," although he admitted their relations had continued for some time after he had informed his wife of them and made up his mind to break off.

Cross-examination of the witness by defense counsel brought an admission that one loan from Miss Knox of \$100 he had made no payments, although he had previously stated he had repaid all loans from her, and also brought out that there had been a loan of several hundred dollars from the nurse to Mrs. Eastlake on which no payment had been made.

THREE KILLED WHEN LOCOMOTIVE BLEW UP

(By The Associated Press.) MYERSDALE, Pa., May 2. - Three trainmen were killed and a fast freight on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad was wrecked at Fair Hope, seven miles east of here, early today, when the locomotive blew up.

The dead: Timothy Conway, engineer, O. E. Newcomer, fireman, and Parker, brakeman. The locomotive, one of the most powerful on the Baltimore & Ohio system, was hauling a fast freight from Cumberland, Md., to Pittsburgh. Without warning the boiler let go, and all members of the crew that portion of the train were killed. Ten cars immediately following the engine were thrown from the track and catching fire were destroyed.

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POINCARÉ MAY COME TO GENOA CONFERENCE

French Premier Kept Away From Meeting So Far May Be Able to Attend When Millerand Gets Back From Africa.

(By The Associated Press.)

GENOA, May 2. - Vice Premier Barthou, head of the French delegation at the economic conference, left for Paris today for a conference with Premier Poincaré and the Cabinet. He is expected back Sunday or Monday morning. Before leaving he conferred with Prime Minister Lloyd George.

GENOA, May 2. - Premier Poincaré, of France, may come to Genoa for the closing sessions of the economic conference. President Millerand's return from his African trip will make possible for the Premier to leave the capital and the question whether he will join the other premiers here will be a subject he will discuss with M. Barthou, head of the French delegation here, who is leaving today for several days conference in Paris.

The most important question to be talked over by M. Barthou and his chief, it is understood, is that of France's attitude on the non-congression pact proposed by the British Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George. Whether M. Poincaré will consent to a meeting of the signatories of the treaty of Versailles to discuss Genoa preparations before May 15, is another subject for the party in Paris.

Frenchmen here believe it unlikely that M. Poincaré will agree to talk negotiations at Genoa. The sub-commission on Russian affairs was to meet this afternoon for final approval of the memorandum to the Russian government, the details of which were completed late last night. The memorandum will probably be sent to the Russians later in the day.

The document provides for establishment of a mixed arbitral commission for settling the debts owed to holders of Russian government bonds, the chairman of which would be named by Chief Justice Taft, of the United States Supreme Court. Mixed tribunals will be set up to deal with the question of property of foreigners in Russia which has been nationalized.

Belgian notes against the latter feature, France's abandonment her allegiance to Great Britain's project. The Belgians insisted on a restoration of nationalized property to its former owners. GEORGES CARPENTIER MAY RETURN TO U. S. THIS SUMMER. (By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 2. - Prospects of George Carpentier's return to the United States this summer to defend his fight heavyweight title have advanced since he was captured May 23 between Harry Greb and Gene Tunney, American light heavyweight champion, which will obscure the Frenchman's challenge.

Beliefs that Carpentier is anxious to meet the winner of the Greb-Tunney encounter here are contained in a cablegram received from Georges by under-manager Frank Ebloroy, of Madison Square Garden. Carpentier's request for a proposition by cable was responded to by Ebloroy, but the Garolin promoter did not reveal its details.

Carpentier is now in training for a match at London, May 11, with Ted Kelly Lewis, English champion in several cases, and if victorious is scheduled to plan a return to America shortly afterwards. Both Greb and Tunney, Ebloroy said, were ready to fight to meet Carpentier.

Virginia was witnessed in a very phase of the general election displayed, an unusual weakness of 1922. Wilson having so trouble to get over the extra contest. The Tar Heel was getting harder to fight, securing some 35 to 36 per cent of the vote in the extra contest.

Fred Martin's brother's hitting third struck, and produced a second stringer, who held the ball at the outfield berth, when Wilson, in the mound, took off the batting order, only Morris secured two runs, one on a single and a single out of base on a walk, and a single and a homer in the sixth. The plate and Bomar's lead on a throw out of his many times at the bat. Wilson's seven runs were scored by six of the team.

GALVESTON, May 2. - All the positions occupied by the Confederate forces here were captured by members of the regular army, representing the Free State government. They met with little opposition.

JOHN McCORMACK TO IRELAND FOR REST

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, May 2. - John McCormack, who is so far recovered from his recent serious illness that he was a passenger today with his wife and family on the Aquatania bound for a rest and recuperation in Athlone, Ireland.

BESSEMER CITY TO PAVE MANY STREETS

Program For Municipal Improvement Is Launched - \$120,000 Worth of Bonds Sold For Purposes - To Build City Hall.

Bonds in the sum of \$120,000 were sold by the town council of Bessemer City yesterday, the proceeds to be used in street improvements, extension of the water system and the erection of a city hall. Spitzer, Rabig and Cheek, land, were the buyers of the bonds. The program of street improvement in Bessemer City calls for the paving of the principal business and residential streets of the town, the Day & Wilson Company getting the contract for this work. This is the firm that is doing the land surface for the state highway through Bessemer City to Kings Mountain. The program of improvements also calls for the extension of the water system of the town.

A municipal building to house the city offices and the fire department will also be built. The cost of the building will be around \$120,000 to \$125,000.

YOUNG WOMAN CHARGED WITH DEATH OF NEPHEW

(By The Associated Press.) CHICAGO, May 2. - Miss Violet Black Duncan, a pretty 29-year-old divorcee, was arrested today charged with murder in connection with the death of her nephew, Holms Boyd, two and a half years old, of Altam, Pa. The child was found dead in Mrs. Duncan's apartment last Saturday night.

Miss Duncan lay on the floor beside the boy with his eyes open, his face turned in full force. Miss Duncan was arrested by a physician.

The attempted suicide was believed by police to have resulted from a quarrel with R. C. Doherty, an Atlanta business man, who upbraided the young woman after riding in a motor bus with another man.

A note addressed to Doherty was attached to Miss Duncan's hand when she was found Saturday. It read: "Davy send Holms to sister. For me I'm so tired I don't want to live. I love you. Violet."

According to the other Miss Duncan came to Chicago last February from Atlanta, where she met Doherty after obtaining a divorce from Walter Duncan, of Chattanooga, Tenn. She returned to Miss Duncan's apartment after their quarrel and snatched the sleeping gas. Neighbors broke into the apartment.

\$1,000,000 FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS IN DELTA

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, May 2. - Appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the relief of sufferers in the flooded areas of the Mississippi valley is provided in a bill reported favorably to the House today by its agriculture committee. The measure, introduced by Representative Dennis, Republican, Illinois, will be rushed through the House and Senate leaders also have promised to give it immediate consideration.

MISS BISPHAM AIDING IN FIGHT TO BREAK WILL OF FATHER, FAMOUS SINGER



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JUST LIKE NEW YORK USED TO BE

LONDON, May 2. - London's west end theater section has begun to take on some aspect of New York's great white way. Two years ago there were less than a half dozen brightly lit electric signs visible from Piccadilly Circus. Today they are myriad - many of them reminiscent to American visitors, for they proclaim the excellence of so-and-so's whiskey or depict the foaming delights of some one else's beer. Americans being piloted about London by native friends usually have their attention directed to these signs as evidences of the "old country's" enterprising spirit. "Just like New York," the Londoner remarks as he proudly indicates the tier upon tier of advertising brilliance. "Just like New York used to be," is the American retort.

REV. H. H. JORDAN GOES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

Left Yesterday For Hot Springs, Ark. - Will Be Absent For Three or Four Weeks - Many Important Matters to Come Up for Consideration, Including Election of Several Bishops.

Rev. H. H. Jordan, presiding elder of the Shelby district, left yesterday for Hot Springs, Ark., to attend the annual session of the General Conference of the Southern Methodist Church to which he is a delegate. The conference convenes tomorrow and will be in session for three weeks. This is the legislative body of the church and as it meets but once in four years many important questions come before it for consideration. Considerable interest is being manifested in the probable election of several new bishops. Names of several well-known men have been mentioned in this connection, none of them however, from North Carolina.

Mrs. Jordan, who has been in ill health for some time, had planned to accompany Mr. Jordan and take the baths at Hot Springs for rheumatism but was not able to make the trip. She was taken yesterday to the City Hospital for treatment.

CASE OF MISS HANNA REMAINS UNSOLVED.

(By The Associated Press.) HOUSTON, Tex., May 2. - Authorities who have been investigating the death of Miss Gertrude Hanna today still were without a clue as to the method of her demise and the case virtually was relegated to the realm of unsolved mysteries. After exhaustive interrogations of members of the Hanna family and a former fiance of Miss Hanna, John C. Wayman, sheriff and attorney admitted their investigation had divulged nothing.

Cotton Market

NEW ORLEANS, May 2. - The cotton market opened steady, May 1759; July 1772; October 1790; December 1792; January 1791.

NEW YORK, May 2. - Trading continued very active here in the morning, with the market showing still greater strength after the publication for the forecast for showers or rains. May led the advance around midday on covering by scattered shorts who seemed to find comparatively few contracts offering and were forced to pay up to 19.50 for that delivery or 81 points net higher. July sold at 18.85 and October at 18.94, making net advances of about 67 to 74 points on these deliveries. There were heavy realizing sales on the advance but they were absorbed with apparent ease as the market was within 7 or 8 points of the best early in the noon hour.

COTTON JUMPS NEARLY THREE DOLLARS A BALE

NEW ORLEANS, May 2. - Momentum in the belt put the price of cotton up for gains of very nearly \$3 a bale in the first hour of the session today. Texas sent in claims of fresh damage to the crop, complaining that cotton lands again were being overlaid by heavy rains. The weather map indicated that the moisture had spread over practically the entire belt, causing fear of widespread delay to planting. Outside interests bought heavily from the opening, forcing the trading months 56 to 59 points up to new high levels for the present bull movement. July touched 18.21 and October touched 18.16 cent a pound.

Telegrams from some sections of Texas to local brokers said that the situation was getting critical for the crop on account of too much rain. Telegrams from Oklahoma reported seed beginning to rot in the ground. Galveston cleared 25,519 bales of cotton for foreign export. These features increased the advance to 72 to 77 points, carrying July up to 18.42 and October up to 18.51, but just before 11 o'clock there was a sharp break, under reaction by buyers, of 20 to 22 points, which carried July off to 18.19.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET. Strict to good middling 17 1/2 Cotton Seed 60 1/2

LOCAL LADS UNABLE TO STOP MT. HOLLY SLUGGERS

Gastonia High Loses to Mt. Holly 4 to 0 at McAdenville Monday - Too Much Outen, Skidmore and Nixon.

The consolation of Nixon, Outen and Skidmore's heavy hitting and fast-balling of the Mount Holly base-line was too much for the Gastonia team Monday afternoon and they went down by a 4 to 0, the game eliminating the seeds from the State championship race. In the first place the lads could not hit Nixon with any degree of success. In an early inning two men got to second man third with two out but Nixon tightened up and there was no scoring. On the other hand Mount Holly hit when hits were needed for runs. In the fifth inning, Outen, the big catcher for Mount Holly, came to bat with the bases loaded and piled out a long triple to center. The same player a few minutes later knocked a double. Skidmore at first base for Mount Holly played a jam-up game all the way through. He covered practically the whole infield on pop balls. Nixon, the Mount Holly pitcher, was steady in the pitches and stingy with his hits.

Defensively the Gastonia machine played a good game. The infielders cut down many a runner at first and last the Mount Holly team being held together at bat but the game would have gone into extra innings. Many think the local coach erred in not sending Bigger to the mound at first. With the sky obscured by a cloudy haze, local enthusiasts say that his speed would have luffed the heavy Mount Holly slugger. For it was the hitting of Mount Holly that won the game. In Outen and Skidmore, Mount Holly possesses two players who will eventually see higher company.

The game was witnessed by the largest crowd of the season, Both Mount Holly and Gastonia sent huge contingents of rooters to cheer their respective players. McAdenville also contributed largely to the crowd.

Mount Holly plays Shelby Wednesday in the second game of the elimination series.

News was received in Gastonia today shortly after noon that the Shelby high school baseball authorities had protested the playing of Skidmore, the star first baseman of the Mt. Holly team on the ground that he received money for playing with the Shelby team last summer managed by Dick Gurley. It was reported here that Skidmore was ineligible to play against Shelby, or rather that Shelby refused to play Mt. Holly if Skidmore played.

Hearing this, local school officials promptly protested the game played yesterday between Gastonia and Mt. Holly which was won by Mt. Holly 4 to 0. What the outcome of the controversy will be is of course undecided. Supt. Earl Thompson, of the Mt. Holly schools, has been in Shelby all day in conference with the Shelby authorities, and will return by way of Gastonia to confer with Gastonia authorities. It is the ruling at Chapel Hill that any team playing an ineligible player in a game loses that game by default. Supt. Grier states, however, that he is willing to play Mt. Holly a second game minus the services of Skidmore. Where the game tomorrow between Shelby and Mt. Holly was to be played was still undecided at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER CONTINUES TO FALL

NEW ORLEANS, May 2. - While the Mississippi river continued its steady drop, amounting to three tenths of a foot at New Orleans in the last 24 hours, or 1.7 feet below the high record of 22.7 recently established, levee protection agencies today continued their work of preparing for higher stages than yet recorded.

Early reports from headquarters of the lower river districts today state that the new danger zone was developed, and that the recent fall in the river has been of the greatest advantage to the approximately 2,000,000 people employed in strengthening levees at danger points.

From the Ferriday, La., area, where a break in the levee occurred last Wednesday, the report said that the water is continuing to spread covering more territory as it flows with lackwater from tributaries of the Mississippi, which have been unable to discharge their waters into the main stream.

Water from the Ferriday levee is today penetrating the southern end of Franklin Island, in the vicinity of the town of Woden, approximately thirty miles north of the break in the levee. South of the levee the water extends in an unbroken stream to points south of the lower Red river, backwaters from which are being swept through Avecelles Bay and into the Atchafalaya river. Refugees in the flow section are being sent inland by their refusal to leave their homes until actual danger threatens. With meagre stores on hand, depending to be exhausted, Red river workers are trying to devise some plan to care for these "home parties" when their supplies are gone. The fact that many of them live in isolated sections and a scarcity of power of power boats adds to the burdens of the relief workers in providing them with food.

SENATE BONUS MEASURE TO BE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT

WASHINGTON, May 2. - President Harding is to be asked by the Senate Finance Committee Republicans to approve a soldiers' bonus bill differing from the House measure only in minor essentials.