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FATHER'S NIGHT SHIRT, SUSPENDERS AND SLEEVE-HOLDERS COMING BACK

Men's Fashions to Revert to Age of Innocence — All Must Be of Same Color Scheme.

(By The Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, May 4. — Father's nightshirt — perhaps even the fuzzy one with the pink stripes and the split at each side of the tail — is coming back, and along with it suspenders, sleeveholders and rubbers, solid, square toed, conspicuous rubbers. This forecast of an age of innocence in men's fashions for the coming year was hurled today by the United National Clothiers', holding its sixteenth semi-annual convention here.

Just when the old night garment had been all but routed by the roguish pajama and was relegated to the shelf with such vanishing institutions as "My Last Quart," came the renaissance. It is said father would hardly recognize the thing, for it is all dolled up. They call it the "trouseless pajama." It comes double breasted all the way down to the shins—the coat shirt idea carried further. It has double rows of frog fastenets, is called especially smart in confused shades of heliotrope, elephant's breath gray or pale lemon and frequently has a shawlish collar or contrasting color and raglan sleeves.

As to the sleeve supporters and galluses, both were displayed by the convening clothiers in soft tones of pink, blue and lavender. The up-to-the-minute dresser is expected to understand, of course, that either sleeve holders or suspenders should watch the garters and that the bean bloomers must have sleeveholders and suspenders to match each shirt.

TWO BONUS PLANS TO BE SUBMITTED TO HARDING

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 4. — Chairman McCumber, of the Senate Finance Committee, was authorized formally today by the majority of that committee to present his soldiers' bonus plan, with the bank loan provision, to President Harding as the committee plan.

Senator Smoot, Republican, Utah, however, informed the committemen that he also would lay before the President his bonus plan, which contemplates a 20 years endowment life insurance plan without any specific provision for loans to be made to veterans.

STRIKING MINERS ARE EVICTED FROM HOUSES.

(By The Associated Press.)

UNIONTOWN, Pa., May 4.—First evictions of striking miners and their families in the Fayette coke region took place today at the mine of the Atwood Coal and Coke Company. A dozen families had been moved from company houses and their belongings set out in the road. This, it was stated, was the beginning of a movement by operating companies to reclaim houses now occupied by what they termed "unmentionables."

ILLINOIS WOMAN WINS CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION

(By The Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, May 4.—It was indicated today after a check of official Cook county figures and the unofficial nonstate figures of votes cast at the recent Illinois primary, that Mrs. Winifred Mason Huck has won the republican nomination for congressman at large to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her father, William E. Mason. Her closest competitor is Stephen A. Day, and not John J. Brown, as was first thought from an earlier count.

OSER-McCORMICK AFFAIR JUST WHERE IT WAS

(By The Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, May 4. — The engagement of Miss Mathilde McCormick, 17 year old daughter of Harold F. McCormick, head of the International Harvester Company, and granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller, Sr., to Max Oser, Swiss riding academy proprietor, today stands just where it did when it first became known several weeks ago, according to comment obtained from the McCormick home here.

Interest was renewed yesterday with receipt of a Paris dispatch saying Oser was worrying because cablegrams to his fiance were unanswered. Mr. McCormick returned from New York and, surrounded by reporters as he left the train, refused to comment on rumors and reports connecting his name with interest in the estrangement of Alexander Smith Cochran and Ganna Walska Cochran, Russian grand opera singer.

In fact all rumors and reports pertaining to the marital relations of members of the McCormick family hereafter will be ignored, it was said at the family home.

"Her father has done all that he could," said Howard A. Colby, friend of the family, in commenting on whether Miss Mathilde and Oser were estranged. "Mr. McCormick announced his daughters' engagement; isn't that sufficient."

IRATE MOTHER GETS RID OF TROUBLESOME KNICKERBOCKERS

PHILADELPHIA, May 4. — Including in the 200 tons of clothing which represented Philadelphia's response to the statewide call for "bundle day" issued by the Near East Relief were two pairs of girls knickerbockers. Accompanying them was a note from an irate parent, who expressed the hope that some unfortunate girl in Armenia would find them to be just as useful as a daughter of hers believed them to be fashionable.

French Cabinet Approves The Text Of Non-Aggression Pact

(By The Associated Press.)

PARIS, May 4.—The French Cabinet this afternoon approved the text of the proposed non-aggression pact, under consideration at Genoa, with the reservation that it must not be interpreted as withdrawing from France any rights she has under treaties.

The ministers spent the entire morning session of the cabinet in studying the text of the pact, originally proposed by Prime Minister Lloyd George, and brought to Paris by M. Barthou, head of the French delegation at Genoa.

It was deemed necessary to make reservations regarding the rights of France to make use of the prerogatives conferred by the treaty of Versailles for the military occupation of German territory as a penalty for non-fulfillment of the treaty.

With this reservation the pact was unanimously approved.

The form in which the reservation will be presented at Genoa was expected to be decided upon at another meeting of the cabinet this afternoon.

GENOA, May 4. — Soviet Russia's delegates are expected to accept in general the reconstruction program framed by the powers, although interposing suggestions regarding its details.

The main sources of objection by the Russionas, are the failure to include recognition of the soviet Government and the much discussed article regarding restoration of private property owned by foreigners in Russia, or the compensation of the owners.

Other points of issue likely to be raised concern the suppression of revolutionary propaganda by the bolsheviki, and the absence of any offer of direct government loans to Russia.

The French delegation is waiting expectantly for a decision at the Paris conferences between M. Barthou, head of the delegation, and Premier Poincare on the Russian question, the proposed non-aggression pact being fostered by the British Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, and the question of German reparations.

Meanwhile, the Frenchmen express the opinion that, whatever the Russians do about the allies' memorandum, there will be no immediate recognition of the Soviet. On the other hand, Mr. Lloyd George says that a non-aggression pact, to be effective, must include Russia, and her inclusion must be preceded by an arrangement with the powers concerning her reconstruction.

Indications are that the conference will mark time for several days while the final scenes are being prepared by the chief actors.

PYTHIAN BAND UNIFORMS TO BE FITTED TONIGHT

Every Member Urged to Be Present Promptly — On to Winston-Salem Is the Slogan.

Every member of the Pythian Band is requested to be present tonight at the chamber of commerce promptly at 7:45. At this time Mr. W. Y. Warren will be present to fit the new uniforms on each man and take note of any alterations so that they may be made at once. Immediately following will be the last work-out of the program to be rendered by the band on Wednesday, May 10th, at Winston-Salem. Director F. C. Todd is well pleased with the untiring efforts of the members of the band in that the attendance has been very good at both the extra and regular rehearsals. The work-out tonight will be confined strictly to the formal program and every man is gently requested to be in his chair at the appointed time, rain or shine. "To Winston-Salem May 10th. Convince North Carolina that Gastonia is on the map."

KIWANIS CLUB HELD LUNCHEON MEETING TUESDAY

Gastonia Kiwanis Club held its regular luncheon meeting at noon Tuesday in the Baptist annex with President D. M. Jones presiding. The time was largely given to hearing reports from the district meeting of the Carolinas district held in Columbia, S. C., on April 27 and 28, at which the Gastonia Club was largely represented. A letter was read by Kiwanian R. G. Rankin from the district governor, "Buck" Merriman, of Greensboro, congratulating the Gastonia club for its excellent showing, and especially on the work of the Gastonia quartet, which made the hit of the meeting. This club, consisting of Messrs. Park Thompson, Dameron Williams, Ken Glass and Lacey Adams, was chosen to go to the International Convention in Toronto June 25 at the expense of the district and to take part in the big contest to be staged between Kiwanis glee clubs from all parts of the United States and Canada.

Gastonia club really had the largest representation at Columbia of any club in the two Carolinas, but as mileage figured in the computations for the attendance prize, a silver loving cup, Winston-Salem, with not quite so many members present, won on the strength of the greater distance they had come.

A number of Rotarians were guests at the luncheon and Mr. J. H. Separk, past president of Rotary, brought greetings from the Rotary Club.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF LOWELL GRADED SCHOOLS

Primary Exercises Friday Night — Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday By Dr. Currie, Of Davidson College — Literary Address Tuesday Night By Mayor R. G. Cherry, of Gastonia.

The commencement exercises of the Lowell High School will begin Friday night, May 5, with primary department exercises and a May Pole dance. On Saturday night the Intermediate Department will give its annual entertainment.

The annual baccalaureate sermon will be preached Sunday morning, May 7, at 11 o'clock, by Rev. Dr. Archibald Currie, of the chair of Political Science in Davidson College. All the churches of Lowell have agreed to do away with their morning preaching service and make this a union service.

On Monday night, May 8, the senior play, "The Hoodoo," will be given. At this performance an admission of 15 and 25 cents will be made. On Tuesday night, May 9, the graduating exercises will be held, including the literary address to the senior class, which is to be delivered by Hon. R. Gregg Cherry, mayor of the city of Gastonia.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO GIVE A PLAY

"The Captain of Plymouth," a comic opera in three acts, will be given by students from all grades in the Gastonia high school in the Central school auditorium next Tuesday evening, May 9, at eight o'clock. Nearly one hundred characters will take part in the play and the costumes will represent life in the early days of American history.

RED CROSS CAMPAIGN IN FULL SWING TODAY

From Now to May 14 an Intensive Effort to Raise the Sum of $3,000 For the Support of a Gaston Public Health Nurse Will be Made —All Contributions May Be Sent to Treasurer John R. Rankin, Citizens National Bank.

All members of the Rotary, Kiwanis, Womans Club, Parent-Teachers, American Legion, Auxiliary, War Mothers and Chamber of Commerce are lustily engaged this afternoon in canvassing Gastonia for subscriptions to the Local Chapter of the American Red Cross. Community workers and school teachers have appointed committees for a thorough canvass of the industrial and rural districts and Sunday school superintendents will take special offerings either on May 7 or May 14.

This small sum of $3,000 should be easily raised when we realize that every penny of it is to be used for the health, happiness and promotion of the highest ideals of hygiene and sanitation in Gaston county.

Miss Margaret Laws, recently arrived Public Health Nurse, is busily engaged in trying to secure a suitable and centrally located small cottage or house which can be made an attractive health headquarters for the city and county and where constructive work in First Aid treatments, Infant Welfare and Health education can be effectively and efficiently carried on. Miss Laws is a highly educated and thoroughly trained Public Health nurse and brings the very best and most modern scientific methods to her work in Gaston county.

The Chamber of Commerce, through its directors and Publicity Committee, will work out the details for a Community Budget with one big drive each year and this will possibly be the last single drive for any cause in Gastonia. Only a small sum is asked by the Local Chapter for a great local work affecting the health and welfare of the whole county, so let us do all we can to make it a success. All contributions may be sent to Treasurer John R. Rankin at the Citizen's National Bank, Gastonia.

MT. HOLLY GAME FORFEITED TO LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL

An official report turned loose at o'clock this afternoon stated that May days game between Mount Holly and the local highs will not be played here and that the game has been forfeited to Coach Armstrong's prodigies, with the tally to stand as 1 to 0. The above also states that the locals will go to Kings Mountain Friday afternoon where they are to meet Dick Grier's Shelby high school team.

Rains late Tuesday night and all day Wednesday kept the proposed Mt. Holly-Gastonia game from being played on that day.

The State rules and regulations govern the State prep school championship series contains a clause to read something like this: Any team playing ineligible players and same is discovered in time, the game shall be forfeited to the opposing team. Another rule says that any player who has been paid above his expenses by any professional club is barred from all games of the series.

The Gastonia High School Athletic Association based their protest on the above and same was carried and held by the officials at the University of North Carolina.

BIG SUPPLY OF GIN AND WHISKEY IS CAPTURED

(By The Associated Press.)

HAVANA, May 4. — Two thousand bottles of whiskey and 17 kegs of gin have been found aboard the launch Marshall by the port police. The launch was seized Wednesday on suspicion that an attempt would be made to transfer its cargo to a schooner bound for Florida.

According to the police, smugglers are not attempting to land liquor in Florida, but are dumping it into shallow water at points alongside the coast, divers later recovering the contraband as opportunity offers. An American navigation permit was found on the launch.

PEKING IS SURROUNDED BY GEN. WU'S TROOPS.

PEKING, May 4.—The troops of General Wu Pei-Fu, the central Chinese commander, have surrounded Peking. General Chang Tsao-Lin's army in the vicinity of Peking, has been scattered. All railroad traffic out of Peking has been suspended.

TRUCE HAS BEEN DECLARED BETWEEN RIVAL IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMIES

(By The Associated Press.)

DUBLIN, May 4.—A truce between the rival Irish Republican army forces has been declared. It was announced this afternoon. The truce is operative from 4 o'clock this afternoon until 4 p. m. Monday, with a view to giving both sections of the army an immediate opportunity to discuss a basis for army unification.

The provisions of the truce are:

Clause 1—All operations except training and ordinary army routine will cease.

Clause 2—Both sections will cooperate to maintain order and prevent acts of aggression against persons or property.

The document is signed by Generals O'Duffy and Ryan Lynch, chiefs of staff of the rival forces.

Ten members of the regular Irish Republican army forces were wounded during the two days operations in Kilkenny, says a statement from the Beggers Bush headquarters. There were some casualties among the irregular forces and 108 prisoners were taken.

According to the correspondent of The Irish Independent, the Marquis and Marchioness of Ormonde remained in their castle during its occupation by the irregulars and its seige and capture by the provisional government forces.

The Marquis told the correspondent that the experience was alarming and uncomfortable. He added that the Republican party treated the Marchioness and him with consideration compatible with conditions. They did not enter any room unnecessarily for military operations, and obtained their own food.

MEMBER OF BANKRUPT FIRM HAS SLIPPED AWAY

NEW YORK, May 4.—Creditors of the bankrupt brokerage firm of Kardos & Burke, which failed owing nearly $2,000,000, have learned that Louis M. Kardos, Jr., has secretly gone to Europe without permission of the court. A. L. Ross, attorney for Kardos, insists that his client will return with sufficient funds to again place the firm on its feet financially.

John Burke, former treasurer of the United States, and former governor of North Dakota, who has retired to Fargo, N. D., to practice law, has enlisted Kardos, asking him what his intentions are and has been reassured by his former partner that he will return and settle everything, according to Mr. Ross.

It is the intention of Kardos to secure $200,000 from his father, a retired banker now in Europe, and return to resume business with Mr. Burke on a smaller scale, with the aid of general creditors and the supervisory committee of the creditors committee, said Mr. Ross. He assured the creditors that Mr. Burke, who was compelled to quit his job in the practice of law because of his business connection, would be a valuable factor in organization by creditors of a business properly authorized by the court.

ARIZONA SENATOR IS CHARGED WITH PERJURY

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 4.—A general demurrer to an indictment charging United States Senator Henry Ashurst, Democrat, of Arizona, with perjury in connection with his campaign expenditures in the 1920 election has been filed in the United States district court here. It is contended that arguments would be made in Phoenix, May 11, and the demurrer may be overruled, trial set.

The indictment charges that in a sworn statement alleging perjury [illegible] that a return filed at Prescott, Oct. 22, 1920, failed to [illegible] receipt of money from the following:

Harry N. Williams, Los Angeles, $3,500; Republican committee, approximately $[illegible]; Michael Company, New York, $[illegible]; E. J. Ross, Phoenix, $[illegible].

The second count charges discrepancies in a sworn statement showing campaign expenditures in Maricopa county, Arizona, on November 5, 1920. The following [illegible] are alleged to have been [illegible]:

Harry Williams, Los Angeles, $14,500; Elizabeth R[illegible], Washington, $[illegible]; Arizona Co[illegible] of Flagstaff, approximately $[illegible]; Angus McSween, $1,000.

AMERICAN LEGION TELLS ALIENS WHAT'S WHAT

WHEELING, W. VA., May 4. — Following presentation of a formal protest by Commander James Bane, of Wheeling post, American Legion, before Judge W. E. Baker, in United States district court here yesterday, against naturalization of five petitioners, who, it was explained, claimed exception from military service during the war on account of their alien relations, Thomas Gramman and L. D. Marangoes was denied citizenship for five years. The other three aliens failed to appear in court.

The Legion took the position that these men did not want to be citizens at the time they are needed, and that the country does not want them as citizens now.

FLOOD WATERS OF MISSISSIPPI HAVE FORMED GREAT INLAND SEA 100 MILES IN EXTENT FROM NORTH TO SOUTH

TUBERCULOSIS KILLS TWICE AS MANY MEN AS WOMEN IN N. Y

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 4. — Tuberculosis kills almost twice as many men as women in New York City, Gustus J. Drolet told members of the National Tuberculosis Association in their meeting here today. Mr. Drolet is statistician of the New York Tuberculosis Association.

He said that in the 12 years since 1910 tuberculosis had taken in New York 71,271 male victims as against 41,097 females. The death rates of the two sexes in 1921 were respectively 123 and 83 per 100,000. The reason for this difference in tuberculosis mortality was found, said Mr. Drolet, in the conditions under which they work which break down resistance and cause the development of adult tuberculosis.

Mr. Drolet described a movement in New York to extend tuberculosis dispensary work into industry. This has been undertaken by the Government Tuberculosis Clinic of the Bellevue and Allied Hospitals at the suggestion of the New York Tuberculosis Association. An industrial health survey of workers employed in the district covered by that institution is being made.

Beginning in February, 1922, Mr. Drolet said, an industrial nurse made a preliminary survey to ascertain the possibilities of going into local factories for the actual examination of workers. Several managers welcomed the idea and agreed to utilize the health service offered which consisted of educational talks to the employes and an annual examination of all persons ten per cent or clearly ight or whom complained of suspicious symptoms. Until work proves too heavy, however, all who wish are being examined.

Cases found suffering from tuberculosis are referred to their physicians or to other clinics if they cannot pay for treatment.

BISHOP ATKINS ADRRESSES THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

(By The Associated Press.)

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., May 4. — With the opening preliminaries disposed of, the ninety-sixth general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, got down to business today, with the views of the bishops before the delegates as presented in the quadrennium Episcopal address delivered yesterday.

The message of the bishops, or the Episcopal address, was delivered by Bishop James Atkins, of Nashville. It dealt with every vital phase of the denomination's work. The subject of divorce was dealt with in the following language:

"We recommend that our law be amended so that a person divorced for any other cause than infidelity, which infidelity shall be established in court proceedings or other satisfactory evidence, and then marrying another, shall not become or remain a member of our church."

It was further recommended "that any minister who shall solemnize the rite of matrimony where either person has been divorced for any other than scriptural cause, and that fact determined by court records or other satisfactory evidence, shall be dealt with as in case of immorality."

Condemnation of lynching, the advocacy of stronger anti-vice laws to curb it, declaration that Christian education was secondary to efficient character, the statement that too much ragtime and too little church music was encouraged in the home, and the upholding of the Volstead prohibition law were points stressed in the message of the Bishops.

T. B. DEATH RATE SHOWS DECREASE.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 4. — A decrease of one-half since 1904 in the death rate from tuberculosis in the United States was reported by Dr. Charles J. Hatfield, Managing Director of the National Tuberculosis Association, at its annual meeting today. There were 76 for the year 1921 as against 200 per 100,000 in 1904. Figures for 1921 indicate that [illegible] approach 100.

Dr. H[illegible] tribute to the founders [illegible] in 1904 and to the [illegible] of supporters of the [illegible] movement of the [illegible] years' work," he said, [illegible] to the power of public [illegible] and to the influence [illegible] newspapers, magazines, motion [illegible] other mediums of reaching the public.

In [illegible] Mass., where a health [illegible] has been carried on since [illegible] under the auspices of the association [illegible] rate has been reduced from [illegible] of 40 per 100,000 in 1921.

[illegible] figure," said Dr. Hatfield, [illegible] indicative of what may be done [illegible] specialized methods and [illegible] of work. Tuberculosis workers [illegible] the country will join with us [illegible] impatient for a much more [illegible] of progress when it is realized [illegible] in the United States there are [illegible] 1,000,000 persons with active [illegible] and that 100,000 men, women and children are dying annually from the preventable and curable disease.

Preparations Are Being Made To Meet Still Greater Flood

TOURS FLOOD SECTION OF A MILLION ACRES, VIEWING VAST LOSSES

People Found Living in Box Cars and Camps — Their Property Gone — Tops of Hills and the Ridges Crowded With Refugees, While Water Rises.

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, May 4. — Reports from the flooded area of Louisiana today stated that swollen streams in the northern part of the state, augmented by water pouring through the Ferriday crevasse from the Mississippi, are gradually inundating Caldwell, Ouchita, Franklin, Richland and La Salle parishes, and that the great inland sea, now more than 100 miles long, from north to south, has reached the southern corporate limits of Monroe, less than forty miles south of the Arkansas state line.

In addition, water continues to spread in those parishes already partially submerged, reports from Catahoula, Tensas, Avoyelles and Rapids indicating that the water is rising at the rate of two and three inches a day and continually spreading over more territory, driving more and more residents into the Red Cross refugees camps, or into the hills where an open air existence is made almost intolerable by the incessant rains so general over the flooded area.

All lowlands adjacent to the Ouachita, Tensas, Red, Little and Black Rivers, which center in the Ouachita valley in the vicinity of Harrisonburg, have been flooded for several days. Water pouring through the Ferriday crevasse across Concordia parish, which is entirely flooded with the exception of the town of Vidalia, around which a protection levee was built, is preventing these rivers from emptying, and as a result backwater is spreading rapidly in many sections believed previously to be immune from floods. The rise is particularly rapid along the Ouachita river.

Although the water is now lapping at the outskirts of Monroe, it is stated the flood will not enter the city proper unless there is a break in the Mississippi river levee between Arkansas City and Lake Village, Ark.

The Ouachita river has inundated the lesses at Logtown, in the southern part of Ouachita parish, flooding a wide stretch of territory. The residential district of Columbia, Caldwell parish, is flooded, but the business district has not been reached.

Schools have been closed down in various parts of Caldwell, Franklin and other parishes. Preparations to meet still greater floods are proceeding throughout the entire section. Thousands of head of cattle are being moved to the hills. Henry E. Hardtner, a well know lumber man of Urania, has tendered the use of his game preserve of seveal thousand acres in the western hills of Caldwell Parish for active stock range as long as the floods prevail.

No loss of life has been reported since two negroes were swept into the Tensas river and drowned in Concordia parish last week. Slow rise of the back water has given ample warnings and opportunity to escape.

ON BOARD MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION STEAMER "MISSISSIPPI," VICKSBURG, Miss., May 4. —After a 25-mile inland trip through backwater in the inundated section of the Yazoo basin north of Vicksburg, members of the congressional delegation viewing the Mississippi river flood rode back on the swollen waterway today on a daylight run to Natchez and the Western crevasse at Ferriday, La.

Starting from Vicksburg early this morning plans for the day contemplated a brief stop at Lake Landing, La., to view protective measures under way to hold back the flood at that point and at arrival at Natchez, late in the afternoon.

Several hours will be spent at Natchez before resuming the southward voyage which will take the party to Baton Rouge, La., tomorrow morning.

The trip through the overflowed lower Yazoo basin section was completed late yesterday after a three hour run aboard a special train which ploughed its way the greater part of the distance from Leland to Vicksburg through water, which skimmed the steps of the coaches, and, at its greatest depth was 33 inches over the rails.

While here the members of the delegation had a splendid opportunity to see the tremendous volume of work that has been done by the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad foundry, machine shops and furniture factory to keep the water in bounds. Large protection levees constructed of bags filled with gravel along the bank of the Yazoo canal, for more than a mile, are keeping the water out.

There is considerable seepage and large pumps running night and day pump this water over into the canal.

VICKSBURG, MISS., May 3. — One million acres — 25 per cent, under cultivation — inundated to a depth of from three to 15 feet, water-covered and rapidly disintegrating farm buildings, refugees housed in box cars, tents and railroad stations, and here and there a more persistent householder sticking to his dwelling despite the lapping of the water against the thresholds, viewed from the windows of a special train which ploughed its way through more than two feet of back water for a distance of 25 miles from Carey to Vicksburg, gave the congressional delegation surveying the ravages of the swollen Mississippi a vivid insight today into the tragedy of the river flood.

Today's journey, the third day of the tour began at Memphis Monday, was through the "backwater" spreading over the Yazoo basin from Brunswick Gap — an uncompleted stretch of the Mississippi river levee system, north of Vicksburg and through the Yazoo river.

From Carey, at present the northern limits of the inland overflow to Vicksburg it was much the same sight — abandoned farm houses, here and there a knoll of high ground crowded with corralled livestock, a raft moving to the neighboring hills or railroad right of way with piled up household goods and refugees and at intervals a house on "stilts" with the occupants holding their ground, making the best of the situation and apparently determined to stick it out.

Ridges Are Thronged.

Box cars, top floors of cotton gins, railroad stations and loading platforms and tents pitched on the ridges which dot the generally flat lowlands now are housing several thousand refugees with the number expected to appreciably increase as the water rises and spreads further.

Approximately 2,000 are being cared for in box cars, 300 of which have been distributed on sidings at central points along the line of the Yazoo and Mississippi valley railroad in the overflowed area.

Members of the congressional party left the river commission steamer Mississippi, aboard which the greater part of the tour is being made, at Greenville early today and after an automobile ride to Leland for a view of neighboring plantations, curtailed by a heavy rainstorm, boarded a special train at the latter town for the rail trip through the flooded sections to Vicksburg.

After a visit to the national park here and a luncheon, the party re-boarded the Mississippi for a continuation of the southward journey.

Natchez, the next stop in the itinerary, is expected to be reached late tomorrow.

Five Counties Involved.

In its spread over the farm lands in the Yazoo basin, the water ultimately will inundate sections of five counties — Issaquena, Sharkey, Humphreys, Yazoo and the northern part of Warren. In many parts of the areas already overflowed, seed was planted several weeks ago.

Joseph C. Logan, Red Cross representative who is directing relief work in conjunction with state and local officials, issued a statement today indicating that approximately [illegible] persons, mostly negroes, [illegible] already have been reported [illegible] of relief in Yazoo basin [illegible] other counties of the south.

40,000 To Be Fed.

R[illegible] a week ago in some [illegible] this week subsistence for [illegible] for a week has been distributed. It was estimated from reports made for field agents to the Vicksburg headquarters that upwards of 40,000 persons ultimately will be in need of [illegible] over until the water recedes and field crops can be raised.

In addition to farm damage monetary losses to the railroads operating through the overflowed section is expected to be heavy. T. L. Dobbs, superintendent of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley estimated today that the cost of keeping traffic open through the back water between this city and Carey was approxi-

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, mostly cloudy with local thundershowers tonight or Friday, little change in temperature.

Cotton Market

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET

NEW YORK, May 4. — Cotton futures closed easy.

May 1955; July 1980; October 1892; December 1896; January 1878; Spots 1975.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Strict to Good Middling 19c

Cotton Seed ..... [illegible]