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CONGRESSMEN ASK FOR MONEY TO FIGHT FLOOD

(By Associated Press)
Washington, April 21.—Southern congressmen will ask Congress for an emergency appropriation of one million dollars to fight the Mississippi flood waters, the money to be deducted from the regular flood control provisions of the Army bill.

Washington, Apr. 21.—A million dollars for control of the Mississippi flood waters is made available immediately by a resolution rushed through the Senate and House.

MARION BUTLER ASKS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION ON MUSCLE SHOALS PROJECT

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Apr. 21.—Former Senator Marion Butler, of North Carolina, told the Senate Agricultural Committee that Congress should not adjourn this session without making Muscle Shoals property function. Frederick Engstrom, of Wilmington, also desired for quick action.

RUSSIANS WILLING TO ADMIT DEBTS UNDER CONDITIONS

(By Associated Press)
Genoa, Apr. 21.—If Russians are granted recognition and adequate financial help, their reply to the Entente says, they are willing to admit war and prewar debts, waive counter claims and restore the use of nationalized property to former owners or satisfy foreign claims, if property cannot be restored.

Weighing Snowflakes

(By U. S. Press)
Washington, Apr. 20.—Perfection of measurement to such a degree of accuracy as to immediately detect the withdrawal of a single steel rivet from an ocean steamship with a displacement of 25,000 tons, is the accomplishment of the Bureau of Standards of the Department of Commerce.

The Department of Commerce says that this represents the most precise work of the kind that has been done by the Bureau in many years. In an item entitled "Comparison of Standards of Mass," (ordinarily known as Standards of Weight) the Bureau of Standards in its monthly Technical News Bulletin says that comparisons have just been completed between certain high grade standards of that Bureau with the "National Standards." The National Standards are small cylinders made of an alloy of platinum and iridium and are the standards for every weight used in the United States. In comparing these standards when comparing them with other weights, a balance which will give results of almost unbelievable accuracy is employed. Says the Department of Commerce in announcing that in the work just completed, the accuracy of the results was well within 2 parts in 100,000,000, that is, in comparing two kilograms or pound weights, differences as small as 0.02 of a milligram or one part in 1,000,000 can be detected.

Southern Democrat May Succeed Lever

YE OLDE TYME FIDDLERS

One of the most enjoyable events of the season was the Old Time Fiddlers' Convention, given by Mr. D. E. Henderson at Dixie Theatre last night. This is the second one Mr. Henderson has presented to the citizens of Scotland Neck. It was ahead of the other one in that it had more participants in the music. It was announced that prizes would be given the best musicians and there were people from various sections of the State to take part in the entertainment. The violinists were as follows: Mess. E. P. Weeks, Luther Ethridge and Lucas, Scotland Neck; E. F. Balkeum, W. R. Morris, Rocky Mount; J. L. Williams, R. M. Williams, Marion Murphy, T. O. Murphy, Rose Hill; Banjoists: Mess. W. C. Balkeum, Rocky Mount; Frazier Bunch, Parker, Scotland Neck. Pianists: Misses Margaret Weeks, (five years old) Scotland Neck; Mattie Murphy, Rose Hill.

Rich in Fun
The entertainment was good throughout and especially funny, particularly the singing of Mr. Luther Ethridge, who amused all the little ones and a good many of the grown-ups.

Young Murphy Makes Hit
It took no wise person to tell where the audience stood on who was the best violinist, for Mr. Marion Murphy, a young man from Rose Hill, made a decided hit. It was remarked by numbers of people who know music that he is well-nigh a professional. He certainly had the audience, for every time his head would bob up the whole house would "come down." He won the prize for clog dancing, too. However, while the audience would apparently have rendered Mr. Marion Murphy the first prize for fiddling, the judges, composed of Mess. J. D. Ray, J. E. Perry and Arthur Price, saw fit to give the first prize to Mr. E. P. Weeks, who did some splendid playing, and gave Mr. Murphy the second prize for fiddling and the prize for clog dancing.

Five-Year-Old Girl Plays Piano
One of the most interesting performers was little five-year-old Margaret Weeks, who played the piano while her father made music with the violin. She kept perfect time and her performance was enjoyed by all. She won a great big doll for her accomplishment.

The prizes were awarded as follows: Fof. violin playing: E. P. Weeks, \$15.00; Marion Murphy, \$10.00; T. O. Murphy, \$5.00. For banjo: Mr. Parker, \$5.00. For clog dancing: Marion Murphy, \$5.00.

All left at about ten-thirty, voting Mr. Henderson thanks and congratulations for putting on such a splendid entertainment.

TELEPHONE FACTS

(By U. S. Press)
Telephone companies of the United States spent \$200,000,000 in 1921 for increased plants and equipment, to meet the demands for service. Over 225,000 men and women are employed in the Bell telephone system. There are in this country every year 350,000,000 more toll telephones or messages than telegrams and 6,000,000,000 more communications by telephone, both toll and local, than by letter.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Apr. 21.—The names of Richard S. Whaley, Charleston, S. C., and James Young, of Kaufman, Texas, Democratic members of the last Congress, were submitted to President Harding as possible appointees to the Farm Loan Board, to succeed Asbury F. Lever, resigned, to enter private business. The vacancy must be filled by a Democrat.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR ATTENDS GENOA CONFERENCE

(By Associated Press)
Genoa, Apr. 21.—British spokesmen say that there is no objection to Richard Washburn Childs, American ambassador to Italy, being present at Russian Affairs' Commission session to obtain information for the American government.

PRINCE OF WALES TO VISIT ANCIENT JAPANESE CITY

Tokio, April 19.—Nara, one of the ancient Japanese cities which the Prince of Wales will visit on his tour of Japan as guest of the government, is a classic center of Shinto worship and was the first capitol of the nation. Much of the building and beautifying begun in A. D. 709, the "Golden Age of Japan," is still intact.

The great Kasuga Park conveys the impression of an English manor with its lordly pines and graceful cryptomerias, interspersed with ancient cherry trees and rows of maples, beneath whose shade hundreds of deer may be seen at all seasons. During the time of the Tokugawa Shogunate the killing of one of these deer was punishable by death and while no such penalty is meted out today, any injury to these animals is severely dealt with. The deer seem to know it and make friendly advances to all visitors.

During the early days of Nara prosperity, the Todaiji, one of the seven great temples, was the head of Buddhism in Japan and the buildings covered some 20 acres. It was richly endowed with a domain of nearly 25,000 acres of rice and grain fields supporting a population of 5,000 persons who labored in its service.

Of all its glories there today remain but few, chief among them being the Great South Gate, Nandai Mon; the great Hall of Buddha and the ancient and most interesting old shrine called Kaidan-in.

The Great South Gate was built in 752 A.D. and remodeled in 1199. On either side are two gigantic figures of Nio or Deva Kings carved by Tankei and his pupil Unkei. With the two stone lions close by, excellent specimens of 12th century Chinese sculpture but grotesque to modern eyes, they are listed and protected as "National Treasures."

The Nara-no-Daibutsu, the vast bronze Buddha cast in 749 A. D. is the largest of the kind in Japan, if not in the world, being 53 1-2 feet in height.

The Kaidan-in is remarkable for its unusual construction and arrangement inside—a series of platforms rising one above the other to support the images of the Deva Kings. Indra and Bra-

MINERS CLAIM STRENGTH IS INCREASING

Indianapolis, Ind., Apr. 21.—Miners' headquarters declare that the peak of the strength of the strikers has not yet been reached, although the number of the men has been increased to six hundred and eighty thousand a twenty thousand gain during the third week of the strike.

MANY STARVING IN CAUCASUS

London, Apr. 21.—Advices received here from the American Near East Relief organization at Tiflis depict terrible conditions in the Caucasus, where starvation, overcrowding in the towns, severe weather and attacks by wolves are causing great distress.

The central government is making efforts to secure food supplies from Persia and Turkestan and several small shipments have arrived from Persia, but the difficulty is to find a medium of exchange which the Persians will accept.

Migrations of starving peasants from the villages owing to the exhaustion of food stocks are causing acute embarrassment in the towns. Fifteen hundred of them have arrived at Alexandropol, where the Near East Relief organization is already feeding 5,000 refugees and 20,000 orphans.

Severe temperature and heavy snowfall are threatening to delay the spring farming. The snow is now six to nine feet deep in the eastern districts, where the villagers are terrified by incursions of wolves. Two soldiers on outpost duty near Darachichak were eaten by wolves after a desperate fight. Near Alexandropol five peasants lost their lives when a band of wolves attacked their village.

GRIFFITH PROMISED MINORITY PROTECTION

Dublin, Apr. 20.—The promises of protection made to the southern minority by Arthur Griffith are the subject of considerable speculation here, for it is not definitely known what provisions the new Irish Free State constitution will make for carrying them out. The possibilities of a second chamber in the Irish parliament have been discussed, as well as the powers such a chamber would have, therefore the public is anxiously awaiting some authentic announcement to clear up the hints dropped by political leaders from time to time.

Some importance has been attached to a public utterance by Mr. Darrell Figgis who was acting chairman of the committee formed to draft the constitution. He stated that the question of a second chamber had been tackled and answered "satisfactorily and strikingly" and in a way never attempted by any country in the world before.

Mr. Figgis said that there were men in Ireland of eminent worth and service, judgment and wisdom, who because of their qualities would be reluctant to pass through the ordeal, but who ought, nevertheless, to be called into the national service, and would be chosen if the people had an opportunity of choosing them. They would never be chosen by any one of the acknowledged political machines, he declared.

hina, which are said to be among the best examples of the art of Nara era and also are counted among the "National Treasures."

Grain Exports Increase In March

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Apr. 21.—Grain exports during March increased ten million dollars compared with February, but decreased sixteen million dollars as compared with March last year, the Commerce Department announced.

CO. COM. TO PAY EXPENSE OF VETS TO THE REUNION

Through the efforts of the Daughters of the Confederacy, who appealed to the County Commissioners, they have agreed to pay the traveling expenses and board of the Confederate Veterans of Halifax County who wish to attend the Confederate Reunion in Richmond in May.

DIRECT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN U. S. AND SWEDEN

Stockholm, Apr. 20.—For the first time in history Sweden and the United States will have direct telegraphic communication through the erection of a high power radio station which is to be constructed immediately on the Swedish west coast. Heretofore all cable or radio communications between the two countries were relayed from London or Paris.

The Riksdag long ago appropriated the initial sum of 2,000,000 kronor, more than \$550,000, to begin the work, but it was not until recently that the Swedish State Telegraph Board and the Radio Corporation of America reached a satisfactory agreement, under which the fees for all radio traffic will be divided equally between the two countries.

When the State Telegraph Board reported to the Swedish government that the previous obstacles in the way of building the station had been removed, contract bids were called for from the leading radio constructing companies of the world. On the basis of offers thus obtained it is calculated that the cost of the new station will not exceed 5,000,000 kronor, about \$1,400,000.

One reason strongly favoring an immediate start of work is the serious unemployment situation in Sweden. It is believed that at least \$1,000,000 will find its way into the pockets of the Swedish jobless who will be engaged in building the station.

The total telegraphic traffic between North and Central America amounted last year to 1,660,000 words. The head office of the new station will be located in Gothenburg.

COTTON MARKET

TODAY'S MARKET

May	17.91
July	17.58
October	17.57
December	17.65
January	17.60

YESTERDAY'S MARKET

May	17.77
July	17.35
October	17.30
December	17.30
January	17.25

GERMANS ACCEPT CONDITIONS OF THE GENOA CONFERENCE

(By Associated Press)
Genoa, Apr. 21.—The German reply to the allied ultimatum accepts the conditions that the German delegates be debarred from participation in a further discussion of the Russo-German treaty being allowed to stand. They insist that the allies knew of the negotiations and that the treaty was not violate the spirit of the Genoa conference.

The Scotland Neck Graded School News

(With Kitchin McDowell)
After the Easter holiday the usual school work was resumed on Tuesday. All the boys and girls enjoyed the holiday very much. Several of the High School pupils enjoyed a picnic at the river. The grammar grade pupils had their usual Easter egg hunts.

The second grade won the Attendance Banner last week. They had no tardies and a splendid attendance. There were several grades who had no tardies and the attendance was much better than the week before. We are glad to have so many pupils in school again after having been out on account of illness.

Aubrey Shackell of the class of '20 and Danford Burroughs of the class of '21 visited the school Tuesday morning. Aubrey Shackell talked to us in Chapel about the necessity of completing our high school course and also about the importance of continuing the study of Latin. We are always glad to have the former students visit us.

The High School boys played a very interesting game of baseball on Monday afternoon with Roanoke Rapids. Scotland Neck won, the score being 12 to 0. The game was featured by the pitching of Kitchin and the hitting of Madry who started the downfall of Roanoke Rapids by a triple, there being two men on bases; Madry hit the first of his two three base hits scoring Mills and Kitchin. From then on the game was a "walk over" for Scotland Neck. The Scotland Neck boys will play Weldon at Weldon Friday afternoon.

The boy's slide which was ordered sometime ago has come and is ready for use. This is quite an addition to the play ground equipment. The ninth and tenth grades have the privilege of using it the first time as they were first to raise their quota of the amount needed for the purchase of it.

Misses McIntyre, Stillely, and Whitley spent the Easter holidays at their homes.

Alfred Gold and Virginia White spent the holidays with their parents at Tillery.

Mr. Highsmith professor of Education at Meredith College, talked to the pupils of the seventh grade and high school Wednesday afternoon. He impressed upon us the necessity of going to college and the advantages of a college education. His talk was enjoyed by both pupils and teachers.

WEATHER REPORT

For North Carolina: Generally fair tonight and Saturday. No change in temperature. Gentle variable winds.