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## INLAND SEA IS FORMED BY THE FLOOD WATERS

(By Associated Press)

Natchez, Miss., May 5.—A sea about a hundred miles long and thirty to sixty miles wide is being formed from the break in the levee at Weecama, and the water in five Louisiana Parishes are already inundated and the water is still rising about two inches a day.

Residents of Jonesville, the highest point in the district, fear the flooding of the town.

## Earnings of Trolley Lines Improving

New York, May 4.—The earnings of electric trolley lines, an industry 34 years old today, are improving steadily in cities but the interurban lines of the country have not yet felt the upward swing. According to a statement issued by Robert L. Todd, president of the American Electric Railway Association.

His statement is based on the revised operating returns from 180 companies, representing more than 50 percent of the total lines of the country. Of the number, 103 are city and 77 interurban and their total operating revenue for 1921 was \$437,493,853 as compared with 6650,149,865 for the entire industry in 1917.

"The improvement is not due to any growth in the amount of business done," said Mr. Todd, "because the actual volume of business shows a slight decrease over 1920. Improved operating conditions, however, have helped finance."

"The outstanding feature of the reports is the increase in net income. In 1921 it was \$2,022,722 as compared to \$7,709,261 in 1920. In the face of a business depression, with unemployment at a maximum, this income figure is remarkable."

"At the same time, however, traffic on the lines fell. In 1920 it was 7,606,190,270 and in 1921, 7,444,332,920, a decrease of 8.1 percent. The operating ratio, that is, the operating expenses divided by operating revenue, dropped from 78.4 percent in 1920 to 75.2 percent in 1921 the source of the good showing and its bright promise for the future. That is helped by the reduction in labor and materials cost."

"The net operating revenue increased from \$93,916,654 to \$108,315,732 or 15.5 percent. A \$14,000,000 increase gives a greatly increased purchasing power and the results should soon be seen in equipment and better credit which has been almost at its lowest point in the last five years."

"The interurban lines, while they have not shown the actual improvement of the city lines, are producing hopeful signs. They have a decreased operating expense and, with a return to more normal business to which they must look for both freight and passenger increases, their outlook is brightened."

"It is interesting to note that one-fourth of all passengers riding on the 180 lines under consideration used transfers, a slight increase over 1920."

"The first overhead trolley line run by electricity was perfected in Richmond, Va., on May 4, 1818. It was a double-tracked line with 30 cars in operation built by Frank J. Sprague still a resident of New York. Today there are 44,000 miles of tracks used by 15,000,000,000 persons a year."

## JURY LIST JUNE TERM OF COURT

First Week

R. W. M. Harper, W. L. House, C. R. Aycock, T. W. Jenkins, H. L. Moore, W. J. Johnson, R. J. Alisbrook, A. J. Whitehead, Jr. R. W. Harper, E. W. Batchelor, W. E. Matthews, T. J. String, J. A. Phelps, Jim Bradley, C. J. Massey, H. O. Crawley, C. H. Matthews, J. E. Perry, G. K. Moore, W. H. Myrick, B. F. Whitley, H. M. Faison, W. H. Thorne, J. W. Alisbrook, R. H. Read, G. G. Alston, T. F. Williams, J. R. Edmondson, W. H. Kitchen, A. J. Yoke, Joe Moody, H. L. Clark, C. F. Marks, Clee Vaughan, S. W. Staton, I. V. Braswell.

Second Week

A. F. Staton, Cary Whitaker, J. R. Lock, Andrew Carter, G. C. Hux, Paul Jenkins, J. S. Stansberry, L. B. Pitt, G. E. Grey, J. G. Applewhite, J. E. Cox, J. R. Edmondson, R. G. Shields, W. E. Lewis, J. D. Johnson, Geo. Harper, Peyton Keel, J. J. Baird, S. E. Hamill, W. J. Moorehorn, J. G. Manning, Ed Batchelor, A. Strickland, Lee Cook, D. B. Bryant, C. M. Cotton, C. E. Hargrove, W. T. Pullen, T. H. Vanlandingham, Ed Alisbrook, W. H. Allen, Ben Fisher, G. L. Powell, W. R. Bowers, Frank A. Cherry, J. P. Futrell.

## Arthur Balfour Enters House of Lords

London, May 4.—Sir Arthur Balfour's acceptance of elevation to the House of Lords as Earl Balfour of Whittingehame adds to an already confused list of British peers.

There was already a Lord Balfour of Burleigh, two Lords Morley—the Viscount and the Earl—two Lords Cobham, two Lords Ashton, a Lord Curzon in both houses, (the Commoner having the courtesy title of Viscount), Lord Middleton and Lord Middleton, Lord Lindsay and Lord Lindsay, Lord Longford and Lord Langford, Lord Terrington and Lord Torrington.

Commenting on Sir Arthur's admission to the House of Lords the Observer said:

"Having entered on the slippery slope of accepting titles, Sir Arthur Balfour now finds himself doomed to the House of Lords, the destiny equally of success and failure in politics. It is a pity we cannot find a way of distinguishing between those who are made peers because of their eminent services and those who have been made peers because their services were not eminent. Is there any other institution in the Empire thus curiously recruited from the top and from the bottom?"

## PREMIER BARTHOU HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO NEGOTIATE CLAIMS

(By Associated Press)

Paris, May 5.—Vice-Premier Barthou has returned to Geneva instructed by Premier Poincare to make an effort to reach an agreement with the allies on a memorandum to Russia that would satisfy Belgium and not sacrifice the principle that private property of foreigners in Russia must be respected.

Foreign office officials say that France has entered into no agreement concerning the recognition of the Soviet and is free to deal with the question according to its own views.

## FORMER MAYOR OF FAYETTEVILLE KILLED TODAY

(By Associated Press)

Fayetteville, N. C., May 5.—John Underwood, former mayor of Fayetteville, was killed and three others injured in an automobile accident near Westend, Moore County.

## HERE'S GOOD NEWS FOR NOTE-SIGNING VICTIMS

(By Maxwell Gorman)

Of special interest to many people in Johnston, Harnett, Wake and several other counties of this section is a decision just rendered by a jury in Wake Superior Court, declaring a victim of a blue-sky concern not responsible for certain notes (four in number) given the corporation, and declaring the notes null and void. Four notes, which were given by S. B. Holleman, of Holly Springs, Wake County, in exchange for "stock" of the Cumberland Railway and Power Company are held to be null and void and non-collectible by the Union Trust Company of Raleigh which secured them under a trust agreement from the Harnett County Trust Company of Lillington.

The four notes amount to \$10,000, but the total held by the Union Trust Company, and whose status will be settled by the ruling of the Supreme Court in the Holleman case, is \$65,000.

The Cumberland Railway and Power Company was placed in the hands of a receiver in December, 1920, and its affairs have since been wound up with no return to stockholders or bondholders. Notes given for stock of the company by citizens of Harnett, Wake, Franklin and Johnston counties which are now involved in litigation aggregate approximately \$300,000, of which about \$100,000 is in Wake County.

The Union Trust Company notes and those involved in about seventy-five suits pending in Harnett County, were turned over to the Harnett County Trust Company or one of the other two banks of which N. T. Carpenter, who committed suicide some months after the failure of the power company, was president.

It is alleged by the makers of the notes that Carpenter was a co-conspirator with H. L. Jones, of Norfolk, Va., president of the power company, who was killed in an automobile accident during 1921, in the fraudulent scheme of selling stock, but some of the notes are held by banks which received them as collateral for other paper.

In the Holleman suit, the North Carolina "blue sky" law was set up as a bar to the collection of the notes and the maker also alleged lack of consideration to himself and to the subsequent holders of the notes.

Judge Devin, however, eliminated the question of the "blue-sky" law in his charge to the jury, and the issue submitted involved solely the question of fraud on the part of the power company and the good faith of the Harnett County Trust Company.

Failure of the power company involved the Harnett County Trust Company to such an extent that it was threatened with insolvency. Owners of certificates of deposit originally given in exchange for the notes, surrendered them to the bank, which turned over the notes to the Union Trust Company at Raleigh for collection.

The notes are held in trust for the following former owners of the certificates of deposit issued by the Harnett County Trust Company: R. B. Whitley, Merchants National Bank, Dillon Supply Co., E. S. Pool, Bank of Warsaw, Bank of Duplin, Plant-

## Many Deaths and Injuries From Tornado in Tex.

PROPERTY LOSS WILL AMOUNT TO NEAR HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

(By Associated Press)

AUSTIN, Tex., May 5.—The death list in a tornado which late yesterday struck West Austin and Oak Hill was brought to ten today. The property loss is estimated at \$400,000. About forty persons are known to be injured.

## PROTECTION OF FARMER IMPORTANT DANISH ISSUE

Copenhagen, May 5.—Protection of the interests of the farmer has become as important an issue in the Danish Parliament as in the United States Congress.

On the one hand the government is being criticized by the trade unionists and some other political organizations on the ground that the government is treating the farmers too paternally. On the other hand the Danish Farmers' Association, a strong organization, is hectoring the government for not protecting the farmers' interests and for alleged failure to fulfill the government's policy of strict economy in state affairs.

The farmers' association is threatening to form an independent political party unless the government takes care of their interests more satisfactorily.

As showing need of greater economy in government affairs it is pointed out that the Danish state railways—and nearly all of the railways in Denmark are owned by the government—show a net loss for the last month of 38,400,000 kroner (about \$7,680,000 at current rates of exchange).

Higher wages coupled with increased passenger fares and freight rates and state official management are blamed here as the chief reasons for this costly result of allowing the state to own and operate the railways.

## WEATHER REPORT

For North Carolina: Generally fair tonight and Saturday, preceded by local thundershowers on the coast this afternoon or tonight. Slightly warmer Saturday. Moderate to fresh southwest and west winds.

## SIMMONS CHARACTERIZES TARIFF BILL DANGEROUS

(By Associated Press)

Washington, May 5.—Characterizing the flexible tariff provisions of the pending bill as unconstitutional and dangerous, Senator Simmons declared the majority would make a determined fight against their approval.

ers Bank and Trust Co., National Surety Co., Ben Paul Snyder and E. F. Young, receiver. In addition to the notes held of S. B. Holleman, the makers of the other notes are: J. Walter Stewart, J. J. White, J. T. Wilson, A. H. Shearn, R. V. Murray, W. F. Mitchener, J. T. Matthews and J. L. Johnson. Mr. Johnson's paper, which amounts to \$13,000 is in the form of certificates of deposit on a South Carolina bank.

## GENERAL FU IN CONTROL OF PEKING

(By Associated Press)

Peking, May 5.—Wu Pei Fu is in control of Peking and General Chang Tsao Lin was routed yesterday in a fierce battle south of the capital and is reported to be fleeing in disorder toward Mukden. Observers believe that Chang's sudden collapse ended the hostilities.

## U. S. AND GERMANY NEGOTIATING SETTLEMENT OF PROPERTY CLAIMS

(By Associated Press)

Washington, May 5.—Negotiations are under way between the United States and Germany looking to the organization of a mixed commission to pass upon the claims growing out of the seizure of property in both countries and upon claims filed by American citizens as a result of the sinking of the Lusitania.

## WOMEN MORE SUBJECT TO TUBERCULOSIS THAN MEN

Washington, May 4.—Tuberculosis kills almost twice as many men as women in New York City, Gordia 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 122 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 Gouverneur 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, 1922, Mr. Drolet said, an industrial nurse made a preliminary survey to ascertain the possibility 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 percent underweight or who 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.

## COTTON MARKET

### TODAY'S MARKET

May	19.55
July	18.79
October	18.90
December	18.94
January	18.81
YESTERDAY'S MARKET	
May	19.50
July	18.79
October	18.91
December	18.96
January	18.77

## MOTION PICTURE ACTRESSES FORM CLUB TO PROTECT GOOD NAME

(By Associated Press)

Los Angeles, Cal., May 5.—Mary Pickford was chosen president of the Picture Actress Club organized for the protection of the good names of its members.

## MAJORITY OF PICTURES SHOWN IN ENGLAND AMERICAN MADE

London, May 2.—General improvement in Great Britain's film industry is claimed by moving picture makers, referred to in England as cinema producers.

Four years ago 96 percent of the films shown in the United Kingdom were of American manufacture. The figure now has dropped to approximately 75 percent and British producers are confident home-made films will come into their own with the general revival of British industries.

While film making in England still is in its industrial infancy compared to America's great moving picture industry, investments in the work are increasing. It is estimated that 5,000,000 is invested in the cinema industry, with between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 in production.

Progress has been slow but sure in British scenario writing, according to the head of one English producing firm and good British films now attracts as large audiences as do good American films. The happiest sign that the British producer notes is that where the merits of American and British films are equal the British public prefers British films.

British films are making slow but steady progress in British dominions and colonies but producers here believe there is a well organized boycott of British films in the United States. Films which British producers consider to be of outstanding merit have repeatedly failed to impress American buyers.

British educational authorities generally stand aloof from the movie film. Zealous advocates of the film as an educational medium find it extremely difficult to obtain necessary financial support.

England's climate from November to February, however, remains the greatest obstacle to exterior picture work. Studio work often is affected by fog.

## FOREIGN MINISTERS CALL ON NAVY TO INTERVENE IN CHINESE WAR

(By Associated Press)

Shanghai, May 5.—Peking dispatches to the Chinese Newspaper Shun Poa, say that American, British and Japanese ministers have instructed the naval commanders of their countries to prevent attacks by warcraft supporting Wu Pei Fu upon the Peking-Mukden railroad.