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Death List Mounts As News Trickles In From Stricken Flood District

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By the Waters

MANY IN PERIL

Fleets of Boats Plying
Swirling Waters Taking
Starving Refugees to
Places of Safety

Memphis, Tenn., April 25.—(AP)—Following some what a freakish course flood waters from the Mississippi and its tributaries overran more towns today in both Mississippi and Arkansas, sending additional thousands homeless and adding to the already staggering total of property damage. Occasional reports of deaths filtered through the vast inundated territory but careful checks of the lists placed the known dead at a few more than a hundred with an estimated death total of approximately 300.

Indianola in Mississippi and Arkansas City and Marked Tree in Arkansas were the latest towns to be visited by the flood waters. Their combined population is about 6,000, but each had a large quota of refugees and the encroachment of the flood waters has created a serious situation for the relief authorities to combat.

The Mississippi town, which is about 25 miles east of Greenville, was overrun with flood waters rushing down from the yawning crevasse in the levee at St. Louis, which caused the flooding of the rich delta lands.

The flood water is moving on to Vicksburg at a rapid rate, the engineers reported today that it was approaching Rolling Fork, 42 miles south of Greenville. A number of plantations and villages were flooding overnight but it was assumed that the inhabitants had fled to higher ground.

Memphis, Tenn., April 25.—(AP)—Stories of heroic work brighten the dark record of death and desolation today as the flood waters of the Mississippi River and tributary streams extended to new towns and rich farming communities. The tragic way which has brought under water more than nine thousand square miles in Mississippi and Arkansas.

The death list known to embrace at least 100 persons, mounted as news trickled in from stricken districts. Official estimates, said to be conservative, placed the probable death toll in the Mississippi delta at 200. The fate of many others in the far flung flood sectors was doubtful.

Thousands vented joyous praise for their rescue from perilous perches in the flood districts, while other thousands were reported still marooned and in peril unless succor should reach them soon. Throughout the flooded valley fleets of boats plied the swirling waters, taking starving and thirsty refugees from levees, tops, trees, house tops, knolls, Indian mounds and the second stories of dwellings.

Five hundred persons were taken from a levee top at Wayside last night by the steamer Washaw, which stripped away its guard rails in a dangerous ascent of a drainage canal to reach the marooned people. The Government boat Talulah rescued eight persons, including two small children who were clinging to willow tops after their gasoline launch burned.

With more than 100,000 persons already homeless and refugee camps swelling almost hourly in population, grave fears were felt by officials for inhabitants of the delta country between Greenville and Vicksburg who have been warned to evacuate their homes before the flood waters from the St. Louis crevasse arrived.

Reports to National Guard officials at Greenville last night indicated that few were leaving, despite that they have been urged to do so.

Urgent appeals from Arkansas City, Arkansas, last night said the flood had swept into the town to a depth of five feet and that 500 persons were homeless.

Winchester in Desha county, Arkansas, was among the new places visited by the flood from the Arkansas River while near Texarkana sections of Lafayette county were covered with waters from the break in the Red River levee at Findley Bend.

Men and materials have been (Continued on page 2)

Jitney Driver Wins Acquittal In Auto Accident Hearing

Both parties were at fault, Trial Justice Sawyer dismissed charges preferred against R. C. Webb, colored jitney driver, in recorder's court today as the aftermath of an automobile accident here some two weeks ago. Webb was charged with reckless driving, and with crossing a street intersection at a greater rate of speed than 15 miles an hour.

Charles Haskett, 19 years old, was the principal State witness in the case. He was the driver of the other car that figured in the accident. According to his testimony, he slowed down upon hearing the intersection of Road and Church streets, where the collision occurred, then sped up when he saw a crash with Webb's car. Haskett was driving north on Road street, and Webb was proceeding west on Church street, giving the colored driver the right of way, if other things were equal. Haskett claimed, however, that Webb was some distance from the intersection, and that, thinking he had ample time to pass, he kept going. Namon Hayman, another State's witness, testified Webb's car crashed into Haskett's near the rear right fender, the impact overturning both cars.

Haskett was caught by the head between the door and top of his car, and both his ears were cut badly. He was under treatment at the Elizabeth City Hospital for some 24 hours after the accident. A young girl accompanying him escaped with minor bruises. The occupants of Webb's automobile were uninjured.

Webb claimed that he was driving slowly, and threw on brakes as soon as he saw the Haskett car coming, but too late to avoid a crash. He contended that Haskett's automobile skidded and sideswiped him. In the main, his account was corroborated by Sam Barnes, colored, also an eye witness of the accident. Barnes gave many colorful details of the crash, including an imitation of the air escaping from a punctured tire, much to the amusement of court spectators. He said he was afraid of automobiles, and that he still had a "crank" in the back of his head as the result of having been run over by one several years ago.

In disposing of the case, Mr. Sawyer expressed the belief that blame lay with Webb in the accident, though he was aware that jitney drivers here, as a rule, were decidedly inclined to drive too fast.

County Bonds Sell At Favorable Rate

Forty-six thousand dollars in bonds were sold by the Board of County Commissioners Saturday afternoon, at a 3 1/4 per cent interest, with the purchasers agreeing to pay all attorney's fees incident to the issue, and the cost of printing the bonds. Persons in touch with bond selling conditions here declared the price was highly favorable.

In all, there were six bids on the bonds, the successful firm being Strahan, Harris & Oris, Inc., of Toledo. The issue will be retired in blocks of \$9,000 a year for four years beginning May 15, 1933, the date of final retirement. The bond issue was authorized by the County Commissioners solely as a means of putting the Pasquotank Highway Commission on an even keel. The commission owes a note of \$27,631 on the general road fund, plus interest since last December, and \$17,200 plus interest on the final installment on the feeder road program recently completed.

When these debts have been paid, it is expected that a few hundred dollars will remain from the proceeds of the \$16,000 issue. This leftover money will go into a sinking fund to retire these bonds.

The overturning of costs on the feeder roads is ascribed to many extensions in the construction program as originally planned. Here and there, in almost every part of the County, it was found advisable to lengthen the feeder roads somewhat; and as a result, the commission built several more miles of roads than had been contemplated at the start.

PRESIDENT MACHADO LEAVES WASHINGTON

Washington, April 25.—(AP)—President Machado of Cuba left Washington today for New York, accompanied by Ambassador Ferrera and his suite.

MORE AID NEEDED IN FLOODED AREA

With reports of steadily increasing havoc from the overflowing Mississippi and its tributaries, and of growing distress, Elizabeth City people again have been urged by the American Red Cross to give as freely as they can toward the relief work now being carried on in the stricken region.

HOOVER SURVEYS FLOODED VALLEY

Arrives at Memphis to Map Out Program of Flood Relief

Memphis, Tenn., April 25.—(AP)—Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover arrived here at 7:35 o'clock this morning as the President's representative in the direction of relief work for the flood stricken Mississippi valley. The Secretary was accompanied by Major General Jadwin, chief of the Army engineering corps, and James L. Fieser, acting national chairman of the Red Cross.

Mr. Hoover planned to go into conference with representatives of the Red Cross government officials and local relief workers to arrange a program for relief work. Tentative plans called for a personal survey of the flooded areas. The trip would be made by boat down the Mississippi River. The Secretary would be accompanied by General Jadwin and probably Mr. Fieser.

Secretary Hoover was sent from Washington by President Coolidge to confer with the Red Cross relief authorities and map out a program of rescue and aid of the victims.

SAYS SNYDER SLATED FOR DEATH MARCH 7

New York, April 25.—(AP)—Albert Snyder, Queensville Art Editor, was "slated for death" on March 7 last, district attorney Newcombe told the jury in his opening statement today.

Mr. Ruth Snyder and her lover, Henry Judd Gray, met in Manhattan that day, he said, "after Gray had bought a sack weight and chloroform in Kingston, N. Y."

CHARLOTTE HOLDS ELECTION OFFICERS

Charlotte, April 25.—(AP)—Charlotte voters today went to the polls to decide which of 14 candidates for city officers should be balloted for at the city election on May 3. They today were selecting on a non-partisan basis, the two candidates most favored and who will battle it out during the next two weeks.

POPLAR BRANCH WINS IN COUNTY CONTEST

Poplar Branch, April 25.—(AP)—Poplar Branch High School won first honors in the county wide music memory contest at Carrutuck courthouse last Friday, as a result of which Catherine Bray, seventh grade pupil, will represent Carrutuck county at the State-wide music memory contest at Raleigh Friday of this week.

Wily Perch Plays Prank On One Fisherman, But Loses His Rabbit's Foot

Dennis Overman, of This City, Tricked When He Becomes Interested in Securing Along River. But Jess Pritchard Turns the Tables

The speckled perch in upper Pasquotank River, in the vicinity of the Old Brick House, are playing a few days ago, City Council member E. M. Davis, who is an enthusiastic follower of Jack Walton, went on a little fishing trip, carrying along his father-in-law, Dennis Overman. Mr. Overman is a fairly ardent fisherman, too, but likes to get results in a hurry, and becomes a little impatient if the prospective quarry doesn't become interested in his bait in short order.

Luck was with Mr. Davis. He pulled in one good sized perch after another. Mr. Overman's cork remained placidly on the surface of the water. Only the gentle ripples disturbed it. Presently his attention wandered. There were birds in the trees on the river bank, and a mosquito buzzed hummily about his ear, looking for a place to light. These and other extraneous matters engaged Mr. Overman's attention.

Presently Mr. Davis, noting that his father-in-law was having most indifferent luck, suggested that he take a look at his hook. Mr. Overman pulled in his line and discovered to his surprise that hook, bait and stinker were entirely gone. He patched up his tackle, and continued to fish, with better results. In due course, the two went home with a goodly string of fish.

Two days later, Mr. Davis went fishing again. This time he took along J. P. Pritchard, of this city, recognized as dean of all the fishermen in these parts. Having had permits to fish, required of those making equipment as designated by an act of the General Assembly, are going exceedingly slowly, according to Clerk of the Court Ernest L. Sawyer, who reported Saturday afternoon that only 12 had been issued up to that time. The fee for a county fishing license is \$1.10, and for a State-wide license, \$2.10. Fishermen who use the old fashioned pole, cork and stinker are exempt from the tax.

C. L. Greaves Will Deliver Address Tonight Will Be "Eternity"

Dr. C. L. Greaves, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle at Raleigh, will deliver the commencement address at the Elizabeth City High School on the night of May 25, Superintendent S. L. Sheep announced today.

Dr. Greaves was born and bred in Pasquotank County and will be heard with exceptional interest here.

SEE LITTLE HOPE FOR YOUTH KEPT ALIVE BY ARTIFICIAL MEANS

Roanoke, Va., April 25.—(AP)—Attending physicians today held out little hope for the recovery of Walter L. Boothe, 18, who since last Thursday has been kept alive by artificial respiration arrested by his friends.

PUBLISHERS MEET IN NEW YORK CITY

New York, April 25.—(AP)—Several hundred newspaper publishers from all parts of the country gathered here today to attend the annual meeting of The Associated Press, to consider the matters of interest to the organization. After the meeting a luncheon will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria, presided over by Frank B. Noyes, president of The Associated Press. Henry J. Allen, former Governor of Kansas and Mr. Noyes will be the principal speakers.

COOLIDGE TO TALK TO NEWSPAPERMEN

Washington, April 25.—(AP)—Business was curtailed today at the White House with President Coolidge prepared to leave about noon for New York where he will speak tonight at a dinner of the United Press Association commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the organization.

SIX-YEAR-OLD GIRL TALKS HERSELF INTO THE JUVENILE COURT

New York, April 25.—(AP)—Roberta Jane Pratt, six year old foster daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett S. Pratt of Des Moines, Iowa, today was paroled in custody of Louis Hall, an attorney and his wife, who will take the child to Des Moines and turn her over to the juvenile court there.

PERSECUTION IS STRENGTHENING WORK IN CHINA

Dr. J. F. Love, Secretary Foreign Mission Board, Sees Purification As Result of Crisis

IT'S NEEDED HERE

Speaker at Baptist Churches Here Declares American Christians would Benefit by Persecution

"If there was no persecution of Protestant Christians in America today many of them would forsake their religion to save their necks." Dr. J. F. Love, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, said Sunday morning in speaking before the Sunday School of the Blackwell Memorial Church.

"However," Dr. Love said, "I do not think that the thinning out process would be the cause of Christianity any longer. People who surround before persecution are people whose profession has not been genuine."

"While our work in China will suffer temporarily and widows and orphans who have professed religion will not be able to stand the test, there will be no extermination of our mission work in China as a result of the present crisis. Those who stand true will be purified and strengthened and the day is not so far distant when we will see the work started by our missionaries financed by the Chinese themselves."

Dr. Love filled the pulpit at Blackwell Memorial Church on Sunday morning and spoke at the First Baptist Church on Sunday night. Large congregations heard him at both services, representatives from rural churches being present at the Sunday night session at the First Baptist Church.

"It is so sad to see that you want as a return on your investment in religious work, you cannot do better than put your money in foreign missions," Dr. Love said to the congregation at the First Baptist Church Sunday night.

"I had rather hold a revival in Japan than in the largest city church in North Carolina," Dr. Love said. "I know I am very poor at preaching but we have here the people of China and Japan for the Gospel that they will go and listen to the story of the Gospel for four hours at a time and on many occasions there are 25 to 50 converts following one sermon. And these men step out for Christ at the risk of their lives in many instances."

"There are six days left in which to finish up our report for the Southern Baptist Convention. I am certain that the damage wrought in the flood districts will effect our report this year. Shall not those who have been spared the ravages of the flood count it a privilege to send in amounts above their quota to make up for the contributions of those people whose homes have been washed away by the floods?"

"The work of the Southern Baptists is a world enterprise. If Southern Baptists pay forth one-tenth of the effort of Christ early disciples to Christianize the world every race on the globe would know of the Gospel today."

"In my office are the names of 1,000 people who want to do special work for Christ in foreign fields. My task is to get Southern Baptists to meet God half way."

"Our foreign mission work began in 1832. In 1845 J. B. Taylor was made secretary to the foreign mission board and served for 26 years. At his death our work had touched three continents, we had 15 churches and 755 members. Dr. H. A. Tucker followed Dr. Taylor as secretary. After his 22 years of service our foreign mission work had reached five different nationalities, there were 75 churches and 2,923 members. Dr. R. J. Williamson then served for 21 years as secretary. At his death our work had reached seven continents, there were 380 churches and 29,991 members. During the 12 years of my administration our work has spread to 18 nations. We now have 1,215 churches and 140,141 members. I do not wish you to feel that I am responsible for the vast work accomplished during my administration. It's just the result of a new day of hunger for the Gospel, the work of our old saints who preached for a lifetime without a convert is just beginning to bear fruit."

"Sincerely if you realize the magnitude of our program, you will consider it the greatest privilege of your life in helping to advance this great world enterprise."

Dr. Love left early this morning for Richmond, Dr. S. H. Templeman, taking him as far as Suffolk. While in the city he was the guest of his brother, W. T. Love, Sr.

MRS. HUTCHINS FINISHES MIKE

Asheville, April 25.—(AP)—Mrs. Charles Hutchins, 33, mother of two children and wife of a prominent attorney of Burnsville, died at 4:15 o'clock this afternoon her 49 1/2 mile hike from Burnsville to Beaver Lake, 2 1/2 miles north of Asheville. Her time is said to have been by four minutes that of Mrs. Eleanor Sears' hike between Providence, R. I., and Boston.

Hiking under the auspices of the Asheville Times, Mrs. Hutchins abandoned her original plan to walk the 43 1/2 miles from Burnsville to Park Square, Asheville, when she reached the 10-mile mark. Although apparently considerably fatigued, Mrs. Hutchins displayed no impatience while she continued sending several minutes for newspaper photographers to "shoot" close ups of her.

PARENTS' WEEK AT THE SCHOOLS

This Doesn't Just Mean Mother, It Means Dad, Too

This is Parents' Week at the Elizabeth City Schools and visitors are cordially invited to go out and see during the school sessions and see for themselves how well the boys and girls and teachers are getting along with their work. Superintendent S. L. Sheep announced.

"We want the fathers to come, too," said one small boy, to The Advance office force. "Every year a lot of mothers come out, but there are almost no Dads among the visitors. We boys don't like it very well. We can't see why the fathers can't take that much interest in us. It's Parents' Week. It isn't just Mothers' Week."

Parents are not only invited to visit their own children, but other schoolrooms as well, and it is hoped that they will not disappoint the children.

Sunday Night Party Costly To Hostess

Anne Elizabeth Johnson, colored, pleasantly entertained a number of her friends Sunday night at an informal party at her home on West Church street, extended Sunday night. Refreshments were served, and a good time was had by all—until the officers arrived.

Pistol shots in the vicinity of the Johnson home prompted neighbors to notify Sheriff Carmichael that the party was in progress, and the Sheriff, together with Chief Holmes and other members of the city police force, paid a hurry-up call there. As a result, Anne and one of her guests appeared in recorder's court Monday morning and another good time was summoned but failed to come.

Evidence against Anne included the remainder of the refreshments—some half a dozen pint bottles containing small quantities of "ice" liquor. Anne, herself, gave indications of having sampled the contents freely Sunday night, the officers said. She was fined \$25 and costs. Others there were fined, but quite "high" enough to be haled into court.

Johnnie Overman, colored, the guest who was arrested and appeared for trial, pleaded guilty to having operated an automobile lacking the proper lights, and was fined a dollar and costs. Charlie Chambers, colored, the other guest arrested, was to have faced a like charge. His case was continued until such time as the officers could bring him in for trial. He was declared to be a resident of Edenton.

JAPAN'S FINANCIAL PANIC IS AT AN END

Tokyo, April 25.—(AP)—With the three-week moratorium in effect, note bankers today declared that the Japanese financial panic was virtually at an end.

No further runs on banks are expected.

DR. BATTLE VERY ILL

Raleigh, April 25.—(AP)—Condition of Dr. S. Westray Battle of Asheville, who is in Rex Hospital, was reported as "very serious" at noon today.

THREE INJURED AS A. C. L. TRAIN LEAVES TRACKS

Through Train Was Going
at Rate of 50 Miles an
Hour When It Ran Into
An Open Switch

TRACKS TORN UP

Traffic on Line Between
Norfolk and Wilmington
Is Being Detoured by
Way of Fayetteville

Rocky Mount, April 25.—(AP)—Officials of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad at divisional headquarters here today reported opening of the tracks at Bowden, North Carolina, at noon following last night's wreck.

Three members of the crew of passenger train No. 42, running between Wilmington and Norfolk, Virginia, were injured when the train left the tracks at Bowden after failing to make a switch, was the report here.

D. Southernland, express messenger of Wilmington, was reported to have been seriously injured. He was taken back to Wilmington to a hospital.

Engineer W. G. Home of Rocky Mount was slightly scalded and Harvey Jones, Mount Olive negro fireman, was reported badly shaken.

Reports here stated that the engine, tender, express car, combination car, two coaches and the cat car left the tracks in the derailment at 9:05 p. m. Bowden is not a stop for train No. 42 and the train was going at 50 miles an hour, the regular traveling speed.

Coast Line tracks were torn up for some distance as a result of the accident and traffic last night and early today between Rocky Mount and Wilmington was detoured the way Fayetteville, Goldsboro, April 25.—(AP)—Besides the three members of the crew of passenger train No. 42 of the Atlantic Coast Line train, which was derailed last night, reported injured, several others were hurt, it was learned here today.

Bill Hudson, Rocky Mount, fireman of No. 42, was slightly scalded; J. E. Brock and C. E. Reeves, of Warsaw, mail clerks, were slightly hurt; and Sam Simpson, negro helper to Hudson, sprained his left leg.

Allice Byer, Wilmington, negro passenger, was slightly hurt. Bowden, where the derailment occurred, is 24 miles from here.

According to local officials of the Atlantic Coast Line, the locomotive was turned over on its side when it passed a split switch at 50 miles an hour. The tender was thrown clear of the engine, landing about 50 feet in front. The baggage and express cars were completely demolished and the track torn up for a distance of about 75 feet. Several other passenger cars were derailed but none of them turned over and all remained on the right of way.

PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE URGED TO ADVERTISE

Goldsboro, April 25.—(AP)—With 1600 members of the association present for the opening session the North Carolina Photographers' Association met here this morning for its twenty-first session.

The morning was devoted to organization, the afternoon to business and two addresses by experts on photography, and this evening the annual dinner and dance of the organization.

Regarded as the most important item of business before the convention was the plan to link North Carolina photographers up with a campaign to raise \$2,000,000 for a national advertising program for the home town papers.

"We must tie up with the national campaign by conducting consistent well planned advertising in our home town papers," urged A. O. Clement of Goldsboro, director of education to the delegates in the course of outlining the plan.

R. L. Beels of New York City was here to discuss the national advertising campaign at length. Experts in phases of photography to address the convention include A. B. Kornblith of the Eastman Kodak Company, Poughkeepsie, New York; Walter Scott Shine, of New York City; R. S. Foster of the A. M. Collins Manufacturing Company.

SPRING CHICKS VANISH IN MYSTERIOUS FASHION

Mrs. W. H. Cooper, living on Harney street, is quite certain that some family in Elizabeth City enjoyed a delicious fried chicken dinner Sunday, at her expense.

Mrs. Cooper has a number of nice young broilers, which she has tended faithfully and well during the early spring months. Evidently some one has been watching her flock with more than casual interest, for some time Saturday night, an unbidden guest invaded the coop, and carried off several of the choicest young fowls.

Any information tending to disclose the identity of the thief will be welcomed by Mrs. Cooper.