

MOUNTING LIST OF DEAD REPORTED IN SOUTHERN STATES

State, Federal and Red Cross Officials Provide Relief For Destitute

WAR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS TO FURNISH ARMY TENTS

Property Losses From Tornado In Four States of Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia Amount to Millions of Dollars; Numerous Counties Stricken

Jackson, Miss., April 21.—Reports received today at the office of the Governor put Mississippi known dead in Tuesday's tornado at 155, with details lacking from isolated sections of the storm-swept area.

State, Federal and Red Cross officials are co-operating in furnishing relief to the sufferers, and tents, supplies, nurses and relief workers have been sent from towns in Mississippi and Louisiana to help in the care of the injured and homeless.

Meridian today reported a total of 15 known dead in hospitals suffering from injuries, but only two seriously hurt. Property damage there will be in excess of \$800,000. More than \$20,000 was subscribed by citizens of Meridian for relief purposes at a mass meeting late today.

Senator Harrison telegraphed acting Governor Caldwell today that the Adjutant General Department was ready to offer army tents and supplies to the needy.

Representatives of the Salvation Army left here for Neshoba county, where 12 were killed and more than 100 injured in one community.

The situation was partially relieved this afternoon, when Harry Hopkins, manager of the Gulf division of the Red Cross at New Orleans, wired the Governor he had shipped 50 tents to Philadelphia, 25 to Aberdeen, 20 to Booneville and 100 to Meridian. He also stated \$1,000 had been appropriated to Beaufort 15 doctors and nurses sent to Bay Springs, Meridian, Philadelphia and others were en route to Aberdeen and vicinity.

THREE PERSONS KILLED FROM TORNADO IN GEORGIA

Atlanta, Ga., April 21.—Three persons were killed four probably fatally injured and property damage estimated at several hundred thousand dollars by a tornado which swept through the northeastern portion of Georgia, according to word received here tonight.

The storm was felt in and around Gainesville, Lawrence, Mayville, Bremen, Brazelton and Homer. The three deaths reported occurred between Mayville and Homer where the residence of Thomas Hardy was wrecked. Mrs. Gibson S. Chandler of Atlanta, sister of Thomas Hardy, and two of his children were killed. Mr. Hardy survived with a sore were not expected to survive their injuries.

TWO MILLION DOLLAR LOSS IS REPORTED IN ALABAMA

Birmingham, Ala., April 21.—With the organization of relief expeditions in several Southern cities and offers of aid from local and National charitable associations the work of assisting sufferers from yesterday's tornado which caused the loss of 155 lives was well under way tonight.

Destruction of lines of communication and the complete blocking of roads traversing the devastated portions offer the greatest obstacle to operations of the relief parties.

The property damage directly due to the storm is conservatively placed at \$2,000,000, and many hundreds were injured. Crops and farm equipment and livestock suffered severely.

Temporary hospitals will be constructed to care for the injured and sick, those in charge of the relief said tonight, and plans already are under way to provide shelter for the numerous families whose homes were literally blown away by the wind.

TWO MORE STILLS ARE TAKEN BY DEPUTIES

A 25-gallon still, 200 gallon of beer, and five empty barrels were captured last week in the Little Coharie in Dismal township by Deputies E. Fann, F. M. Tew, L. D. Tew, W. C. Draughon, Zeb Taylor and John Hudson.

This same bunch of men late in March captured a 45-gallon copper still in Mingo township and took 180 gallons of beer.

The first still was buried in the river, and found only after a long search. Its owner is unknown.—Clinton News-Dispatch.

FARMERS IN WHEAT REGIONS URGED TO INCREASE ACREAGE

Washington, April 22.—Reports from the spring wheat regions of a plan for reduced acreage this year caused the Department of Agriculture to issue a statement today urging farmers to revise their planting plans. Weather conditions and a shortage of farm labor have affected the planting, but statistics presented by the department advised increased production because of the poor condition of the winter crop and the continuing world demand for wheat.

New York, April 22.—An indictment charging first degree murder was returned by the Little Coharie grand jury today against Thomas W. Simpkins, prisoner, who shot and killed Dr. James Wright Markoe, noted surgeon during last Sunday's service in St. George's Episcopal church.

WILMINGTON PUTS SHOULDER BEHIND RAILROAD SCHEME

Support Business Men Promise Aid to Sampson County Promoters

ENCOURAGE DELEGATION BY HEARTY RECEPTION

Entertained by Chamber of Commerce and Told That City is Deeply Interested in Project to Give County Rail Connection With Outside World.

(Clinton News-Dispatch.)

A big step toward the realization of the dream to give Sampson county a railroad that will be of service was taken today, when a committee from this county met the committees of the various civic organizations of Wilmington in that city. The Sampsonites found the city men in a receptive mood, anxious to hear of Sampson's greatness and willing to join in any move for the common good.

The big meeting of the day was held at the rooms of the Association of Commerce, where about 75 of the leading business men gathered to hear the railroad matter discussed. These present voted solidly before the meeting closed to give the road their moral and financial support, and the Sampson delegation is possible to develop in Sampson. The meeting Friday did excellent work along that line, and left the city with the business men convinced that they must tap this trade section and that the only way possible to do that is by aid of a railroad through this section.

The meeting assembled at 11 a. m. in the rooms of the chamber of commerce, on Chestnut street, and was called to order by President Roger Moore, of the chamber of commerce. He welcomed the Sampson and Clinton delegations and assured them of the deep interest of Wilmington in their plans to secure better railroad facilities for the development of the county.

for the relief of Clinton in her efforts to develop as fully as her advantages make it possible. He then reported Mr. W. A. McGirt, of the North Carolina Land Owners association, to preside and conduct the meeting.

McGirt Gives Welcome.

Mr. McGirt extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and stated that they had come to Wilmington to present a matter which would strongly appeal to Wilmington—that of the project to build a railroad from Wilmington by way of Clinton to Raleigh.

He emphasized the fact that Wilmington needed another railroad outlet, and pointed out that the proposed railroad would run through the richest and most resourceful sections of the whole State. He bespoke Wilmington's co-operation in this enterprise, and congratulated the Sampson delegation upon the important errand which brought them to Wilmington to meet the furtherance of the development of this section. He developed that it was a sign that the time had come when the business men of the counties of eastern North Carolina are getting together for the general development of this marvelous portion of the State.

Requesting the newspaper men to act as secretaries, Mr. McGirt said the meeting would hear from the Sampson delegation. He introduced Maj. George E. Butler, of Clinton, as the spokesman for the delegation.

Major Butler was greeted with applause, and in his remarks of great force he presented the railroad project as it has taken on a new shape. He said he was delighted that the Sampson committee had come to Wilmington and was met by such a large representative body of business men of Wilmington. It was another evidence that Wilmington men are alive, and he related that all over the country that the spirit in Wilmington is a matter of common remark everywhere.

Commends Land Body.

Major Butler said the proposed road from Wilmington to Raleigh is the most practicable railroad proposition in North Carolina, and went on to commend the work of the North Carolina Landowners association and other organized bodies for what they are doing to promote the development of all eastern North Carolina, and to emphasize the great possibilities of this section.

The railroad, Major Butler said, pointing to a map which the delegation had taken along, would run through parts of New Hanover county, Pender county, Sampson county, Johnston county and Wake county. Its length would be about 125 miles, and it would open up a section of country that was the finest in the entire State, would especially tap the very finest portions of Pender and Sampson counties. He pronounced a vast undeveloped empire which only needed railroad facilities to become the most productive section of eastern North Carolina. He declared that Clinton, the county seat of Sampson, with a population of 2,500, has a branch railroad which gave her an opportunity to rise, but what Clinton wants now is a railroad that will enable her to realize on her ambitions to develop.

Tells Sampson's Wealth. Major Butler described Sampson as an area of about 1,000 square miles,

DUNN PREPARING FOR ITS BIGGEST FOURTH OF JULY

Chamber of Commerce Will Direct Program of Independence Celebration.

RACES AND GAMES PLANNED BY RIDDLE

Horse and Foot Contests, Base Ball Speaking and Other Features to Be Staged in Fair Grounds—Parade of Floats Representing Dunn Business Houses.

"The Fourth of July will be in Dunn."

So says T. I. Riddle, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who is now planning to stage the biggest Independence Day celebration ever held in Eastern Carolina.

Races—horse and foot—baseball games, bands, floats, aeroplane flights fireworks—all of these are included in the program to which many interesting features will be added during the two months left to prepare for the big celebration.

Edis Goldstein, John Draughon, Lloyd Wade, McD. Holliday, Marion Butler and other business men of Dunn are working with Mr. Riddle on the project. They are enthusiastic and are confident that all previous occasions will be eclipsed by the 1920 event.

Games, races and other features of the celebration will be held on the grounds of the Harnett County Agricultural Fair Association. A parade of floats, representing every business enterprise of the town, led by a brass band will open the program. This will form in Luckow Square and traverse the principal streets of the city and disperse at the Fair Grounds. An effort will be made to get some man of national prominence to address the crowds expected for the occasion. Since the demand for speakers that day will be great, Secretary Riddle is already at work in an effort to get one.

Many prizes for the races, games, athletic events, singing, dancing and other things incident to the celebration will be offered by the business men of Dunn through the Chamber of Commerce.

It was while he was student in the Lucas High school, Johnston county, when he was 18 years old, that he was converted and became a member of the Free Will Baptist church. From that time until his death he was a constant follower of Him to whom he has gone for his reward. He loved his church as he loved his family and his friends. One of his last acts of philanthropy was the donating of half of the lot on which the new Free Will Baptist church stands to the congregation. His wife gave the other half.

Mr. Pope was sheriff of Harnett county for two terms from 1896 to 1900. He was an excellent officer and a conscientious servant of the people.

He owned much property in and around Dunn, and recently purchased large holdings in Georgia. He was one of the foremost farmers of Harnett county.

MOTHER POISONS SELF AND CHILDREN

Young Postmistress Made Desperate By Shortage in Accounts

Morehead City, April 22.—Demented because of an alleged shortage in her accounts, Mrs. Neva Gaskill Spencer, age 24, postmistress at Lenoir county, poisoned her two children yesterday morning, drank a quantity of the poison herself and then tried to hurry death by slashing her throat. The three were brought to the Morehead City Hospital last night, the youngest child, Mildred, age 4, died this morning. The mother's death is expected hourly. Edward, age 7, will live.

A conception of coco-cola and lya was served the children by the mother, who made use of it herself, then cut her throat with a butcher knife, a gasp clear across the neck to the bone being made.

Less than fifteen minutes after the rash act had been committed the unfortunate victims were found by Mrs. Spencer's brother, Mr. Luther Gaskill, who carries the mail. The mother was found lying on the floor and the little girl beside her. The other child, Edward, had left home to play with some children on the street. His mouth was badly burned by the lya, but he said nothing of what had happened until his mother and sister had been found in their terrible condition. A local doctor was summoned and upon his advice the victims were brought here.

Mrs. Spencer took charge of the postoffice at Lenoir on the first of last month, succeeding W. R. Stryon, resigned. In letters written to relatives she gave as her reason for taking the life of her children and her own that she did not care to live longer, fearing the shortage would be held against her, and by ending the lives of her children they would not be thrown upon the mercy of the world. Her husband died last year of influenza.

So far as known here no formal charges of a shortage had been made against Mrs. Spencer, and it is presumed that her inability to make her accounts balance at the end of the month caused her demented condition that resulted in her rash act.

JOHN H. POPE DIES IN FAYETTEVILLE INTERMENT HERE

Had Been Ill For Several Weeks But The End Was Unexpected

ONE OF COMMUNITIES VALUED MEMBERS

Was Sheriff of Harnett County For Two Terms, An Excellent Officer and True Type of Christian Gentleman—Cave Lot on Which Free Will Church Was Built.

In Cumberland General Hospital, Fayetteville, last Saturday morning his soul passed to that reward promised all such as he.

He had been in the hospital and at home here for several weeks, but news of his passing came as a shock to his hundreds of friends here. It was not thought that his illness would prove fatal. Funeral services were conducted Sunday morning from Divine Street Methodist church by his pastor, Rev. J. L. Davis, who was assisted by Rev. James M. Daniel, pastor of Divine Street Methodist church and Rev. J. A. Black, all of whom were close friends of Mr. Pope.

Interment was made in Greenwood Cemetery in the presence of one of the largest crowds ever to attend a funeral in Dunn.

Mr. Pope is survived by his widow—the woman who had been his companion and helpmeet for more than thirty years. He had no children, his love for little folk being lavished upon his many nieces and nephews. He was a brother of Henry Pope and a son of the late Henry Pope, Sr. John Henry Pope was one of Dunn's most substantial citizens and a fine type of a community's manhood. He was sixty-five years old, a native of Harnett county, a true Christian gentleman whose deeds told of the goodness that was in his heart. No man or woman ever appealed to John Henry Pope and went away empty-handed. Charitable, kind, sincere, loyal, he was the type of man that men love.

He was educated in the private schools of Johnston and Harnett counties and in Wake Forest college. In the latter institution he spent two years—1875 and 1876—during which time he made a world record as a

Nippon Has Its Salvation Lassies, Too



They may be East and West may be East, but the twins meet under the stars of the Salvation Army. Here one sees evidence of the Army's labors in the "Cherry Blossom" and of Japan. The color of the skin or the slant of the eyes of these Salvation Army officers make no difference in their purpose and endeavor. The men wear the same uniform as their western brothers, but the women have adapted the Army's garb to the kimono robes of their native land.

PALMER GETS 10 VOTE PLURALITY

Attorney-General Leads 'Tom' Watson and United States Senator Hoke Smith

Atlanta, April 22.—Complete unofficial returns from all counties in Georgia available here early today gave Attorney-General Palmer 140 votes in the State Democratic convention, a ten vote plurality over Thomas E. Watson, his nearest opponent, who had 130 votes.

United States Senator Hoke Smith, the other candidate in the three-county race in Tuesday's Democratic presidential primary, had 114 votes on these figures. There are 386 votes in the convention. The available returns showed Mr. Palmer carried 51 counties, Mr. Watson 55 counties, and Senator Smith, 48 counties out of the 155 in the State.

SENATOR COLLAPSES IN THE SENATE CHAMBER

Senator Swanson, of Virginia, Suffers Attack While Engaged in Debate

Washington, April 22.—Senator Swanson, of Virginia, collapsed into a chair in the Senate chamber late today and was carried out by colleagues and attendants while the Senate adjourned. He recovered almost immediately. The attack was said to be due to a heart weakness of long standing.

A passage in Senate debate on the rivers and harbors appropriation bill involving an amendment which he had introduced preceded the collapse. Senator Pomeroy, Democrat, Ohio, presented a statement from a constituent assuring that the amendment, which provides for a government survey of the Northwest river, between Virginia and North Carolina with a view to determining the work necessary to make it navigable would not benefit commerce but would benefit private land owners materially.

Senator Pomeroy said he absolved the Virginia member from having any such purpose in mind, and Senator Swanson asked permission to insert in the record all his correspondence on the matter. As he turned to leave he "dropped into a chair."

"Live at home" is as good a slogan as ever—pastures for livestock will help carry out the idea.

SUPREME COURT

FIGHT MAY HAVE STAGE'S CENTER

Expected in Raleigh That Governoratorial Race Will Be Secondary Attraction

JUDGE LONG LATEST TO DECLARE INTENTION

W. J. Adams Sure to Be Among Candidates Who Aspire to Succeed Justice Brown in State Highest Tribunal—Guiley, Guion, Stacy And Rouse Also In.

By W. T. Best.

Raleigh, April 21.—Supreme court justices will furnish in a gubernatorial and a presidential year the chief interest in the 1920 primary, despite the entries into the governorship fight, for today big eastern and western lawyers came into the contest, and the primary days of grace are yet three.

Nathan Rouse, of Kingston, and Judge Benjamin Franklin Long, of Stateville, are the latest registered candidates for the vacancy to be created by the retirement of Judge George H. Brown. Carthage, however, here today do not doubt that the name of Judge W. J. Adams of that town will be entered by the close.

Prof. Needham V. Guiley, Judge Owen H. Guion, Judge Watt P. Stacy, N. J. Rouse, Judge B. L. Long, and Judge W. J. Adams are almost sure to be in the contest until the end, and Justice William A. Hoke, incumbent, is to be again a candidate. He has filed his notice.

Thus the race between Justice William E. Allen and Attorney General James S. Manning ten years ago is to be done over with considerably larger popular interest. So long as Judge Brown sat in the race, only Prof. Guiley would give him battle.

Judge Ben Long had discouraged his friends in making him a candidate on the rotation plan. Since Judge Long enters he undoubtedly contests for the Brown vacancy, but he does not say so, nor does any of the numerous other candidates. Judge Hoke, against whom no contest is being waged, must nevertheless get a majority of all the votes cast, else he will go into the second primary with the two next highest.

The law makes no provision for protection of an incumbent against whom there may be no opponent.

For this very reason Judge Hoke's friends might have wished a clearer field for him. It is certain that not ten per cent of the people of North Carolina would wish him succeeded. The bench has hardly had his match in popularity, and he is one of the best lawyers that it has produced. He is in position that prevents his making a fight, and nobody in these parts believes that he should be made to spend ten cents above his primary fee.

But the popularity of the contenders makes it perfectly possible that in gratifying many wishes the voter may do Judge Hoke violence. There will be appeals from the friends of Judges Stacy, Guion, Adams, Long

HARMONY IN G. O. P. FLEES WHEN NAME OF SURLS COMES

Hardy Draughon Puts Monkey Wrench in Senatorial Convention

ALBERT IS SHOWN TO BE MUCH ALIVE

Byrd and Rayner are Nominated, However, and Duan Man Gets Little Out of Race—Sessoms Re-elected Chairman—McCaskill Attacks League of Nations.

Although he was double-crossed, steam-rolled and otherwise defaced in the county Republican convention, Albert F. Surles, the grand old warrior of the G. O. P., was proven to be far from a dead one when the fellows of his party held their senatorial district convention here Wednesday afternoon.

Albert got lick out of his romantications save the knowledge that he still has some loyal friends, but when Hardy L. R. Draughon, a delegate from the land of Big Blues, so far forgot the rules of the game as to nominate him for the party's candidate for senatorial honors after the county convention had recommended Walter P. Byrd for that job, it was as though a government detective had been discovered in a meeting of the Bullwhackers.

Things were going along fine. Ezra Parker, the suave and polished lawyer of Benson, had nominated Jimmy Rayner, of Johnston, as one of the prospective candidates. McKey Byrd left the chair to place in nomination his cousin, Walter P. All was according to the plan. No hitch had been encountered.

Then Hardy came in from the rear of the hall. It was plain that he was not expected. The chair locked his way in open-mouth wonderment. Delegates turned in their seats to glare. Nobody knew what he was about to do, but all were certain that whatever he did he could not be according to Hoyle.

Hardy proceeded to eulogize the man he was to nominate. He wound up with the name of Albert F. Surles.

Great gobs of silence, gloomy and dense, filled the hall. Everybody

Old Albert's friends applauded. Old Brother Dapree arose and announced a protest. Buck Crumpler, dean of voice and serious of mien, arose to admonish the delegates to stick to the man endorsed by the convention. Harnett delegates were bound by the convention. Other counties—Lee, Johnston and Sampson—had to follow Harnett's lead.

Albert was given six of the eighty odd votes. Walter P. got the balance. But harmony was no longer a quality that could be claimed by the Republicans of Harnett.

So, Republican's nominees for the Senate from the Fourteenth District are James A. Rayner and Walter P. Byrd. Both of these are fine fellows, but it is not probable that they will fail to get the support of some of Mr. Surles' friends.

All of this trouble was caused by the action of somebody at the Lillington convention. Mr. Surles was a candidate for endorsement by the convention, which was held on Monday evening, which was held on Monday. On the preceding Friday, however, an automobile accident injured him. He was unable to attend the convention, and it was rumored that he had suffered a stroke of paralysis. The Republican did not want to put a cripple in a warm race, so did not mention his name.

All other features of the convention passed off pleasantly. J. McK. Byrd was re-elected presiding officer and U. S. Wallace of Benson was the secretary. Fleet Sessoms, chairman of the district committee, called the meeting to order and made the "key-note" speech, most of which was given over to eulogizing Democrats and eulogizing all things Republican.

Mr. Crumpler, Sampson; E. H. Lewis, and H. A. Parker, Johnston, were named the executive committee of the district. No secretary was chosen, that matter being left to Chairman Sessoms.

A. L. McCaskill, of Fayetteville, was a visitor to the convention. He responded to Chairman Byrd's request for a speech. He was enthusiastically received and enthusiastically applauded when he attacked the League of Nations as a covenant through which Americans would lose liberty if it were adopted by the United States Senate.

Mr. McCaskill said that he would vote for no man who favored the League. If the Republicans nominated for President a man who is in sympathy with it, he will take the stump against him, he said.

Reevaluation and other things charged as evils against Democracy were spoken of by Mr. McCaskill.

and Messrs. Rouse and Guiley. One cannot vote for all of them, and he may vote for two.

Two such votes will be cast against an incumbent. Among the visiting lawyers one hears the unanimous wish that a judge and an attorney of the Adams type might get on the bench. The entry today of Nathan J. Rouse puts to work a big territory which knows him as a masterful lawyer. He is remembered here especially for the masterful conducting of the Carter-Abernethy prosecution before the legislative committee. He was the outstanding legal work. He is brother-in-law of former State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner and known particularly well throughout the east.