

RED CROSS OFFICIAL PLACES FLORIDA DEAD AT 1385

Story Of Tragedy Is Increased As Work Of Rehabilitation Starts

Decomposition of Bodies Now Adds Danger of Epidemic To Situation

GOVERNOR MARTIN MAKES SURVEY OF CONDITIONS

Lake Okeechobee Was Loosed From Confiner By Raging Winds of Storm

WEST PALM BEACH, Sept. 21—(AP)—The story of the hurricane tragedy grew in proportion today as the count of the dead went on as rising waters continued to hamper communications with the stricken shores of Lake Okeechobee, where sanitary conditions are adding hazards not only to the destitute population, but to relief workers.

The American Red Cross at Washington asked \$5,000,000 for hurricane relief in Porto Rico, Florida, and the Virginia Islands, while the people of Florida poured contributions into the state relief funds as well as started Governor Martin was in the Okeechobee area to make a personal observation of the conditions.

Snator Park Trammell, himself making a survey of the area, asserted he would telegraph President Coolidge to have a Federal survey made with a view to obtaining Federal aid such as was given after the Miami disaster in 1926.

There was still no final estimate of the total number who lost their lives when the dykes of Lake Okeechobee broke before the winds and waves, loosing a rush of waters upon the farming country behind the levees.

Howard W. Selby, chairman of the Palm Beach county Red Cross committee, who has estimated the dead at between 700 and 800 persons was said to be checking the figures of Dr. E. D. Clawson, in charge of medical relief, who notified A. L. Shafer, representative of the national Red Cross, that he could account for 1,385 bodies on the face of latest reports.

Records of the national guard units today showed that 537 bodies had been buried, but many more were still within the district, unrecovered or piled at strategic points awaiting transportation to dry lands, officials said.

Several officials who have been in side the stricken zone declared the actual death toll may never be known. Pictures of horror were drawn by workers who have been plying the lake and field, recovering bodies or administering to the living. Decomposition of bodies of animals and fish have added to the seriousness of conditions under which they have been compelled to work, they said, and the horrid sun steadily increasing the danger.

MAKES APPEAL FOR WHISKEY

Hundred of Ill and Injured in Storm Area in Need of Stimulants

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21—(AP)—Mrs. Mabel Walker Willbrandt answered an appeal of Red Cross officials for liquor in Florida by telegraphing U. S. Marshals at Jacksonville and Miami to turn over all liquor that had been seized and was subject to disposal from the government.

A telegram said that hundreds of ill and injured were in need of stimulants.

The liquor to be turned over to the Red Cross will be that which has been seized and ordered to be disposed of by the courts. Her telegram told them to see that the delivery was made at once and that it included all stores suitable for use by the Red Cross.

Cape Fear At Fayetteville Approaches Its All Time Flood Mark

NEUSE FELL SLIGHTLY AT KINSTON FRIDAY

Convicts Parole Dykes At Caledonia In Effort Save Prison Plantation

RALEIGH, Sept. 21—(AP)—Flood conditions of rivers in Eastern North Carolina tonight, had blocked high ways inundated crops, and in many sections had reached homes. The weather bureau here, however, predicted today that the crest of the flood will pass tonight at most of the dangerous points. No loss of life has been recorded.

Steady rising, the Cape Fear at Fayetteville late today was past the 64 foot mark and only a few feet from the all time flood record of the river set at 68.7 in 1908. The crest is expected to pass tonight. Fifty or more houses were surrounded by water, here but some of them floating. A relief committee has been organized to take care of those driven from their homes. Many principal streets are blocked off by the water.

The Neuse river at Smithfield was 23 feet tonight, or 5 feet above bank level. At Kinston, on the lower, Neuse temporary relief came today when the river fell 4 inches after carrying off heavy local rains. It is expected to rise again, however, as the flood from higher up the river reaches Kinston and lower portions of the city may be inundated.

Convicts today paroled the 8 mile dyke that protects Caledonia prison farm's 7,000 acres of crop land from the high waters of the Roanoke River which has gone to 37.7 feet, flooding highways and farm lands. The dyke has been strengthened, George Ross, Pcu, Superintendent of the prison said, and is expected to prevent the waters from reaching Caledonia.

Tar river at Tarboro was just under 26 feet or 8 feet above flood stage tonight. Flood crest at 30 feet has been predicted there for Sunday.

"Speed" Holman Leads Class B. Races

EL PASO, Texas, Sept. 21—(AP)—Charles W. "Speed" Holman, of Minneapolis, flying a Laird plane led the class B races of the Los Angeles, Cincinnati flight into El Paso this afternoon landing at 4:45.

MANAGER COTTON FIRM ARRESTED FOR LARCENY

SAVANNAH, Sept. 21—(AP)—Walter G. Hughes manager of the local office of Alexander Eccles and company, English cotton firm which recently closed here was arrested today on an indictment charging larceny after a tract of \$39,118.06. He furnished bond for his release of \$10,000.

U. S. Senator from Tenn. Is to Speak in Fremont

With the Democratic campaign in Wayne launched by the address of J. W. Bailey here Wednesday night, political interest locally now turns to the address of General Lawrence D. Tyson, United States Senator of Tennessee, in Fremont at 8 o'clock, Tuesday September 25. This will be one of three speeches which General Tyson will make in North Carolina in the interest of the Democratic party.

The Fremont meeting will also launch the annual canvass by the Democratic candidates of the county of the various voting precincts of the county. It has been announced that an out of county speaker will be provided in most instances for the canvass this campaign.

The second meeting of the canvass will be held in Mt. Olive on October 1, and the speaker will be Hon. Charles U. Harris of Raleigh. Candidates and local Democratic leaders will attend both the Fremont and Mt. Olive occasions in a body. From Wayne county headquarters

Troops Guard Florida Ruins



Photo shows National Guard troops were on guard to prevent looting and also to help refugee workers.—Photo by International Newsreel.

Democratic Nominee to Discuss Water Power Problem in Denver This Evening

Questions For Herbert Hoover

Mr. Hoover: If elected:— 1. You are going to re-appoint Andrew Mellon to enforce prohibition aren't you? 2. You are going to keep white and negroes working together in the departments, aren't you? 3. Mr. Hoover, tell my why. Here you're wet and there you're dry.

RIVER FALLING AT SMITHFIELD

H. H. Brown Found It Receded 1.25 Inches in 9 Hours Yesterday

That the Neuse river reached its crest at Smithfield yesterday afternoon was the information brought back to Goldsboro last evening by H. H. Brown who returned from a business trip to Fayetteville. With high water reached in Smithfield, it will be about two full days before that flood crest hits the Neuse stretches along Goldsboro.

At 9:30 yesterday morning Mr. Brown checked the water edge on a bridge over the Neuse near highway (Continued on page 5)

Questions For Herbert Hoover

(By PAUL F. HAUPERT) ... Associated Press Staff Writer Governor Smith's Train en route to Denver, headed toward Colorado, Wyoming and Montana, Governor Smith resumed the role of a travelling presidential nominee today after an invasion of Oklahoma where a knock down fight is on for that border state's 10 electoral votes.

Although a bit lagged by what he calls the "merry go round" of a 24 hour visit to such a political center as Oklahoma City, the Democratic nominee was encouraged by his visit there. He appeared satisfied that he had struck a responsive note last in deploring religious intolerance, and appealing for votes on the records of the two major parties and their candidates and their stand on the pressing public problems of the day.

The New York Governor is due in Denver at 11 a. m. tomorrow and there tomorrow night he will deliver the third speech of his first stump tour. With water power as his theme, the plans to re-emphasize his contention that the ownership and control of such resources must be kept in the hands of the people. He also is expected to make an appeal to the voters to the seven states in the Colorado river basin, where the Boulder dam question is a live one. Colorado and Wyoming are the only states directly involved in this proposed development. He will visit during the campaign.

After an overnight rest in Denver, Governor Smith on Sunday will travel north in Wyoming with stops of some length scheduled at Cheyenne and Casper, but no speeches, from the train platform, are on the calendar.

MRS. M'ILWAINE DIES SUDDENLY

Funeral in Kinston At 4 P. M. For Woman Well Known Here

Mrs. W. G. McIlwaine, of Washington, D. C., a niece of the late Mrs. M. E. Bizzell died at the home of her uncle A. F. Copeland of Kinston at 1:45 yesterday afternoon, following an illness of only a few hours, according to news reaching relatives here. Mrs. McIlwaine who has a number of connections in Goldsboro and was well known here, was taken with a sudden attack Thursday night. She had apparently been enjoying good health.

Before marriage Mrs. McIlwaine was Miss Jeb Whitfield. One brother, Dr. George Whitfield of New York City survives her. Funeral services will be held from the Copeland residence in Kinston at 4 o'clock this afternoon and will be (Continued on Page Four)

300 Hospital Patients Marooned on 2nd Floor As Neuse Creeps Higher

Receive Tickets To Electrocutation

Tickets of admission to the electrocution of Larry Newsome, negro for the murder of Little Beulah Tedder, were yesterday sent to Sheriff W. D. Grant by State Prison Superintendent George Ross Pou. There were six of the tickets and Sheriff Grant turned them over to people in Greys Swamp township, near where the murder was committed, who had expressed a desire to witness the electrocution, which will take place Friday, September 28. Relatives of the condemned man and of the girl he murdered are forbidden under statutes of the state to be allowed in attendance at the electrocution.

THANK CITY FOR ENTERTAINMENT

Forestry Association Passes Resolutions Expressing Appreciation

Thanks is returned to Goldsboro for cordial entertainment afforded the North Carolina Forestry Association in its convention here, in a copy of resolutions adopted by the Association and released yesterday by R. W. Graeber, secretary of the organization.

RESOLVED that this Association go on record as approving and urging the teaching of forestry in the North Carolina State College and in the University of North Carolina.

RESOLVED that this Association express to Colonel Joseph Hyde Pratt, Chairman of our Executive Committee their sincere sympathy on account of his illness and best wishes for a speedy recovery and their sincere appreciation of his efforts in behalf of the courses of forestry and conservation in the State and Nation.

BUSSES TO NEW BERN STOPPED

This Service Abandoned Until Damaged Highways and Roads Are Passable

Efforts to reopen the Goldsboro New Bern bus service failed yesterday and this line will be definitely abandoned until the damaged highways and washouts are repaired, it was announced. One bus went through to Grifton, and here passengers were transferred to a bus on the other side of the stream but the force of the water threatened to sweep down (Continued on page 5)

Gov. Smith Will Speak In State During His Campaign

RALEIGH, Sept. 21—Unless present plans are changed Governor Alfred E. Smith, Democratic nominee for President, will speak "somewhere in North Carolina during October" Odus M. Mull, State Democratic chairman said Friday.

Chairman Mull's statement came on the heels of a news dispatch from Salisbury stating that Senator Lee S. Overman had received a letter from Mrs. Henry Moskowitz, vice chairman in charge of publicity for the National Democratic Campaign Committee saying that Governor Smith proposed to speak in this state before election day.

The city in which Smith will speak has not been selected as yet, Chairman Mull said, but indications point to either Charlotte or Raleigh it was learned. It may be that Smith will speak in Greensboro instead of in Raleigh or Charlotte. Anti-Smith sentiment is centered mainly in Charlotte, home of Frank

Motorboating Down Highway Number 40 Was New Sport Started Yesterday

GOOD PART OF HOSPITAL FARM UNDER WATER NOW

Number of Little Washington Residents Move To Other Sections

All day yesterday and until this was written last night the old Neuse abandoned the placidity of which Eastern Carolina orators have been wont to brag, backed steadily into the lowlands south and west of Goldsboro adding other thousands of acres to the amount of land already covered by the muddy water.

Slowly, steadily, continually the waters edged up and up and up, covering corn and cotton lands and in stances causing a number of people to flee their homes. Until 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon the barricade on highway 40 south of the city was at the Thompson plantation shed, but late yesterday afternoon it was moved to the Southernland gasoline plant. Between this point and Neuse river bridge there was as much as two feet of water in places.

Officers had to stand by all day controlling the crowds who motored out to look at the rising stream.

"I have never seen so many people coming to look at anything in my life," said Carl Smith speed dealer. "Why sometimes there was a string of cars a half mile long, one right after the other."

Motor boating down the highway was a sport adopted by some of the sightseers. W. H. Cole had been quick to see the business possibilities of a boat on the highway and got one down in short order.

Hospital Patients

As is the case in most floods of this section, the State hospital for the colored insane was the worst sufferer. Three hundred patients in the Jones and Paison building of the institution had to be transferred to the second story as water flooded the first floors. At 3 o'clock last night an official of the hospital said that about two feet of water was standing in these buildings. Food was provided for the patients on the second floor by a boat which piled from the kitchen.

The Neuse and the Little Rivers converge at the hospital and their combined floods had yesterday covered a great area of the plantation. Corn and hay crops were under water for the second time in as many weeks. The sorghum mill was again out of Commission, and the laundry crippled. All stock and movable property had been collected on high spots about the place.

Regular approaches to the hospital were cut off as both highways are covered with water. Automobiles, however, were going through by taking a woods road along the Southern railway tracks. The railroad had piled extra ballast on its tracks likely to be covered by water to prevent bad washing.

Little Washington Residents Move a number of the residents of Little Washington sought haven elsewhere when the lower part of Goldsboro at this point was increasingly flooded, it was said.

Predictions were that the river would rise two feet higher, and that it would not reach full flood stage here before late Sunday or early Monday.

C. N. Hibbard Is Elected President

WINSTON-SALEM, Sept. 21—(AP)—C. S. Hibbard of Durham was elected president of the North Carolina Florist Association at the final session of the annual convention here today. Wilson was selected as the place for the meeting next year.

SECOND OF AIR RACES STARTED

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 21—(AP)—The second of three air races from here to Cincinnati was started at 10 a. m. today when a fog which had held up the event since early today lifted