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RISING WATERS DAMAGE AREAS IN THREE STATES

FLOOD TOLL IS HIGH IN GA-ALA-MISS

MILLIONS IN PROPERTY DAMAGES AND KNOWN DEATHS TEN UP TO DATE—WATERS RECEDING AT SOME PLACES, RISING AT OTHERS

ATLANTA, Dec. 12—Belated reports coming in from flooded areas in Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi bring additional stories of death and carnage to property. With the report of seven known deaths at Jackson, Miss., the total death list today is ten.

The most serious phase of the situation is the hundreds of persons rendered homeless by the floods, and who are now without shelter during rigorous weather.

Demoralization of telephone and telegraph wires and railway lines, due to washouts, makes an accurate compilation of damages and loss of life impossible at this time.

While the flood is reported as subsiding at some points it is rising at others as the coast proceeds.

In Macon the Ocmulgee is practically stationary, the breaking of the levee at Central Park relieving, somewhat the pressure of water and saving the waterworks plant.

At Montgomery the river is still rising and all wells are flooded. The city health department is requiring that all water be boiled before being used for cooking or drinking purposes. Thousands of head of cattle have been drowned and hundreds of families are homeless. John P. Anderson, a well known merchant of Montgomery is marooned on an island, but it is expected to take him off today.

At Augusta the million dollar dam erected following the flood which did so much damage two years ago, saved the city any material damage.

Two Thousand Homeless at Selma, NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12—The plea of the Gulf division of the Red Cross today says that two thousand refugees are without food or shelter at Selma, Ala., as a result of the flood.

The loss of life reported here from Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia is about twenty. The property damage in Mississippi alone is several millions. The Illinois Central resumed full train service today. The Louisville & Nashville is still badly disorganized.

Engines Turn Over, Killing Two. (By United Press.)

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Dec. 12—A washout in the Mississippi Central track near here caused a locomotive to turn over early today, killing the engineer and fireman.

IMPERATOR GETS AWAY

Former German Liner Carries 2,700 Passengers to Europe.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12—The former German liner Imperator sailed today after being held up overnight until agreement could be reached on the amount of coal in her bunkers. The big vessel carried 2,700 passengers, bound for Europe. This is the first time the Imperator has sailed from New York as a passenger ship since July, 1914, when she was flying the German flag.

NO RAILROAD LEGISLATION

Tending to Turn Roads Back By January 1st Hoped For.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12—Hope of enacting railroad legislation by Jan-

PRESIDENT WILL ACCEPT GARFIELD RESIGNATION SURE

FUEL ADMINISTRATOR RESIGNS BECAUSE OF TERMS UNDER WHICH PRESIDENT SECURED STRIKE RECALL FOR THE COAL MINERS

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12—President Wilson will accept the resignation of Fuel Administrator Garfield, it was announced at the white house today. Garfield's letter of resignation was forwarded to the President by Sec. Tumulty today. Authority of the office will be exercised by Rail Director Hines and his regional directors, it was announced.

Men close to the fuel administrator understand that he believes that the work of the commission authorized under the settlement to be made up of one coal mine operator, a coal miner and a third person named to represent the public, will result in an increase in the price of coal to the consuming public. Against this form of a settlement, Dr. Garfield has been unalterably opposed. It has been learned on good authority that he took no part in the negotiation with the mine workers' union chiefs during the last week, and that though informed and consulted after their initiation, the terms laid out as finally accepted contravened his conception of the main principle involved.

It was recalled in connection with the resignation that in suggesting a 14 per cent wage increase as fair to the miners and possible to be paid from present profits of mine owners, Dr. Garfield suggested a commission representative of the industry to review the findings, but expressed the conviction that such a body should not have power to fix prices. His belief is said to be that with this power granted, a combination of the employer and employe in the industry to muzzle the public by price raises is certain to result.

TO ENFORCE PROHIBITION. Permanent Organization to Be Active Agency.

JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 12—Voicing a sentiment of state-wide proportions, representative of practically every Florida county yesterday at the campaign inauguration meeting of the Florida Educational and Temperance League in the Hotel Seminole, adopted resolutions endorsing the campaign and calling on every Floridian to lend his full support and co-operation.

A resolution, fathered by O. P. Hiburn, of Tampa, state prohibition enforcement officer, calls on the Florida legislature to enact a law offering a reward of not less than \$50 for arrest and conviction of persons, who offer for sale, sell or manufacture intoxicants within the state. This reward, the resolution sets forth, should be paid to the arresting officer and should be assessed as a part of the court costs.

January 1, the date on which President Wilson has announced the roads would be turned back to private control, virtually was abandoned by senate leaders.

Strong and unexpected opposition developed during consideration of the Cummins bill, designed to meet conditions with the end of government control and it was by a slim and narrow majority that its advocates defeated a motion to set it aside and take up the sugar control measures.

DANSEY CHILD A VICTIM OF WHITE AND HOUSEKEEPER

WARRANT FOR ARREST OF WEALTHY FLORIST IS ISSUED SETTING FORTH DATE OF DEATH AND NAMING MRS. EDITH JONES AS AN ACCESSORY

(By United Press.)

HAMMOND, N. J., Dec. 12—That Billy Dansey, the murdered "perfect baby," lived for some time after he was struck down on October eighth, was revealed for the first time today. Information which deepened the mystery surrounding his death was contained in warrants charging Charles B. White, a wealthy florist, with murder and Mrs. Edith Jones, his housekeeper, with being an accessory.

The warrant said in part, "On October eighth, nineteen nineteen, at the town of Hamonton, one Charles H. White, of aforesaid town, wilful, with malice and aforethought, did murder George William Dansey by feloniously assaulting the said person, and giving him a mortal wound, of which he languished a short time and then died. The warrants did not reveal in what manner the boy was put to death, the assumption being that he was struck with a rock.

BURNING FURNITURE WHILE EASTERN YARDS ARE FULL OF COAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12—With Eastern railroad yards congested with loaded cars, people in some sections of the West are burning furniture to keep from freezing, the rivers and harbors congress was told today by H. H. Merrick, president of the Chicago Association of Commerce and of the Mississippi Valley Association.

Mr. Merrick was supporting a project for a United States-Canadian ship channel in the St. Lawrence river to connect the Great Lakes with the sea. The present coal crisis, he declared was in a large measure a transportation crisis.

Possibilities of hydro-electric power development in streams east of the Alleghenies and particularly in connection with the St. Lawrence river development were discussed by Alexander T. Vogelsang, acting secretary of the interior.

TO CONTINUE SUGAR CONTROL. (By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12—The Senate today passed the McNary Sugar Bill continuing government control of sugar distribution and price for another year.



IRISH WAKE HAS NOTHING ON WAR IN HOUSE TODAY

FIGHT BETWEEN FACTIONS FROM EMERALD ISLE IS CARRIED TO FLOOR OF HOUSE—HARSH WORDS ARE UTTERED BY SOME OF MEMBERS.

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12—The fight between factions of Ireland was carried to the floor of the house today. Wild scenes prevailed for a short period.

When the House Foreign Affairs committee met to consider the bill offered by Representative Mason, of Illinois, providing for the sending of ministers and consuls to the "republic" of Ireland, opposition to the bill developed among Irishmen themselves.

George L. Fox, of New Haven, representing the Irish that are friendly to Great Britain, said "the Sinnfeir secessionists are traitors to the United Kingdom and also to the United States. They are consummate liars and bolshevistic in temperament and advocate wholesale robbery and spoliation.

The United States should go to war to liberate Ireland," said New York Supreme Court Justice Cohalan. Wild scenes followed.

TOURIST TRAINS ON EAST COAST TO GO ON

Announcement has been made by Superintendent McLean, of the Florida East Coast Railway that the tourist trains usually inaugurated about December 20th will be added as per schedule on Sunday, December 21st.

There will be four trains, No. 11, No. 12 (the Palm Beach Limited), Nos. 33 and 34, Jacksonville-Miami specials. The running time of these trains will not be made public at present, but this information will be released shortly. The authentic news that the schedule will be increased for the next three months rather than curtailed will be of great interest locally, and was not made because of any advance knowledge that the coal strike had been settled. The Flagler System locomotives do not burn coal, but fuel oil, so that they would not be directly concerned with the coal shortage, other than in limited connections from northern and western points into Jacksonville.

BLAMES WALLACE FOR DEATH

Mexico Says He Refused to Stop When Commanded by Sentry

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The State Department was waiting for the full text of Mexico's answer to demand for explanation of the murder of Jas. Wallace, at Tampico recently, today. No announcement has been made further than that a summary of the Mexican note had been handed to the American embassy in Mexico City.

According to this summary the Mexican government alleges that Wallace was a victim of his own willfulness, refusing to halt when commanded to do so by a sentry. No comment will be made here until the full text of the note is received.

TENNESSEE MINERS RETURN. (By United Press.)

CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 12—Miners at Soddy, Tenn., returned to work today. This places all mines in the district practically at normal capacity.

JONES PLANS NEW RESTRICTIONS ON NEWS PRINT PAPER

THINKS LARGER DAILIES SHOULD PAY EXCESSIVE POSTAGE RATE ON ALL OVER TWENTY-FOUR PAGES OF PAPER SENT THROUGH THE MAILS.

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12—Senator Jones, of New Mexico, today introduced a bill to restrict the use of news print paper by making postal rates on a newspaper of more than twenty-four pages five times the present rates. Senator Jones said the purpose of the bill is to keep the big city dailies from gobbling the news print paper, making it almost impossible for small town and country sheets to get paper.

BIG BILL SHOCKS ST. PETE. Bank Handles One of \$10,000 Denomination in Realty Deal.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 12—One bill of the denomination of \$10,000 was handled today by the Central National Bank in the ordinary course of business. It is the first bill of this denomination that has been seen in St. Petersburg, and is said by local bankers to be the first that has ever been in Florida. Very few such large bills have been issued by the United States treasury. The big bill came to the bank to be used to make a payment for some real estate sold here. Why the purchaser of the land paid for it with a \$10,000 bill instead of a check nobody here seems to know and the bank declined to give out the name of the man who turned it in to the bank and the name of the man to whom it was paid. The big bill was an object of interest for many persons this morning and many were allowed to hold it for a minute so they would be able to say that they had once had in their possession, even for a few moments, so large a bill.

SHEATS WINS OUT. Will Not Have to Pay Salary of Inspector.

TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 12—In the mandamus proceedings styled the State of Florida ex rel: W. M. Holloway relator vs William Sheats, as the State Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Florida, Respondent, the supreme court yesterday afternoon filed its opinion, prepared by Justice Whitfield and concurred in by the whole court, directing that the demurrer interposed by counsel for Mr. Sheats to the alternative writ, of mandamus be sustained.

This decision may not end the contest between the Governor and the State Superintendent over the appointment of W. M. Holloway to rural school inspector, but is expected to have bearing on future litigation on the subject.

ARCADIA AVIATION FIELD. Will Be Maintained as Permanent School By Government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12—Government authorities informed Congressman Drane today that it had been decided that instead of dismantling the big aviation field at Arcadia, it had been decided to use it liberally beginning with the first of the new year. More than 200 pilots will be under training there at all times, Mr. Drane was informed, and as soon as one school is dismissed another will be formed for men in training.

COMMITTEE OFF TO SEE M'WILLIAMS

EXPOSITION PROMOTERS WISH TO SECURE BACKING OF ST. AUGUSTINE MEMBER OF COMMISSION—DECISION WILL BE MADE TOMORROW.

A large delegation of citizens went over to St. Augustine this morning to confer with Hon. W. A. McWilliams, a member of the centennial exposition commission, with a view to securing his support of Palatka's application for the location of the exposition site.

An effort will also be made to get Mr. McWilliams to urge that the session of the commission tomorrow be thrown open to such towns that may desire to make application, and who have not heretofore had a hearing. It is pointed out that Jacksonville and Pensacola have already had a hearing, and that neither of them sufficiently impressed the commission to a selection of site.

The Palatka committee takes the position that so long as the commission is to start all over again it is nothing but fair and proper that any new applicant for the site, with honest and serious intentions, be given an opportunity to be heard.

Pensacola Is Going. A big delegation of Pensacola citizens will journey to Jacksonville tomorrow to appear before the commission, provided the commission will hear them. Pensacola has already had two or three chances at pouring talk into the commission and it is highly probable that they will not be given another opportunity. The West Floridians rather minimize Palatka's chances for receiving the award. The Pensacola Journal of Tuesday had the following:

"Chairman Hancock of the executive committee, Felo McAllister, S. H. Cross, and other workers, were busy yesterday getting funds for sending a delegation of influential men to Jacksonville next Saturday. It is believed that the Palatka delegates will ask that an open meeting be held so that they may present their claims, in which case the Pensacola people want to be ready to reiterate their demands and choke off any attempt on the part of Jacksonville or any other city to slide in.

"There seems to be little doubt in the minds of local workers as to the final success of Pensacola's fight. It is believed that an attempt will be made to shunt the show somewhere else, or to call it off entirely, but it is also believed that the attempts will fail. Senator McWilliams is understood to be firmly hooked up with Hon. John B. Jones and it is thought that Chairman Brorin has Pensacola leanings, now that the four fairs proposition is out of the way.

From reports brought back from St. Augustine by the committee Commissioner McWilliams is not "hooked up" with Hon. Jones, of Pensacola, and has no decided Pensacola leanings. Mr. McWilliams did not commit himself to any extent, but the members of the committee are inclined to the belief that he does not favor Pensacola, but is rather opposed to locating the exposition so far away from the main body of the state.

Those named on the committee to confer with Mr. McWilliams, by President de Montmolin, of the Business Mens' Association, were: G. R. Hilty, W. G. Tighman, Goode M. Guerry, H. O. Hamm, H. P. Nerwich, E. M. Earnest, J. V. Walton, J. C. Calhoun, R. J. Hancock, Edward Ferrell, Dr. L. W. Warren, J. J. Murphy, Morris Cochrane, H. S. Wilson, T. E. Mobley, A. H. Sells, Charles Burt.