

FLOODS NOW RECEDING IN SOUTHERN STATES

Dead and Missing Estimated at Eighty-Five; Property Loss at Least \$7,000,000.

MANY DRIVEN FROM HOMES

Half Population of Selma Doing Relief Work Among 2,000 Families Made Destitute by Overflowing of Alabama and Cahaba Rivers.

The Southern floods are receding with the passing northward of the tropical hurricane which struck the Gulf coast last Wednesday, leaving a list of dead and missing of approximately eighty-five persons, and property damage of from \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

A Weather Bureau announcement to the effect that what remains of the disturbance is now over Illinois, leads to the belief that the worst has been told of the weather conditions which have gripped the South for the last six days.

Rains that fell steadily for more than 12 hours have ceased throughout North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi and Alabama, and rivers and small streams that broke over their banks and flooded thousands of acres of farm lands are subsiding.

Persons driven from their homes in the Chattahoochee and Ocmulgee lowlands of Georgia and returning, and conditions in the Tennessee River valleys are almost normal.

The French Broad River, which overflowed in Buncombe, Henderson and Transylvania Counties, North Carolina, is falling. In Mississippi, small streams, swollen by the continued downpour, are again within their banks.

ALABAMA RIVER STILL IS RISING

Central Alabama, of all the flooded sections, failed to show decided improvement. The Alabama River still is rising at Montgomery and Selma, and the latter town is reported without lights. Water covers a large area of North Montgomery, and many negroes have been forced to leave their homes. Four miles north of Montgomery the Tallapoosa backwaters are over the State farm, and 100 convicts are marooned on a small section of dry land.

The overflow is receding from the streets of Wetumpka, where the Coosa River reached the flood stage several days ago. The Autauga Creek, which covered the streets of Prattville, is at a stand.

Half the population of Selma is doing relief work among the 2,000 families made destitute in that region by the overflowing of the Alabama and Cahaba Rivers.

Communication has been re-established with Brewton, Ala., which has been isolated since last Wednesday. Reports say Escambia County literally was inundated for four days by the overflow of the Escambia River, and crops in that section virtually were ruined. Every piece of property in Brewton was damaged.

Mobile suffered property damage of \$1,200,000 in the hurricane, according to conservative estimates furnished by business men there. The loss principally was to shipping, merchandise, telephone and telegraph companies and railroads. No lives were lost in the city proper.

DAMAGE TO CROPS SAID TO BE ENORMOUS

Commissioner of Agriculture Wade, at Montgomery, to-day estimated that the damage to growing crops in Alabama on account of the floods and windstorms would be not less than from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000. No estimates have been made from other States, but Georgia and Mississippi crops are known to have suffered severely.

The safe arrival at Beloxi to-day of three schooners carrying twelve men was offset by news from Mobile of the finding of several bodies off the coast, and that some small craft have not been accounted for.

The known death list throughout the storm area is approximately thirty persons, about equally divided between those drowned in the Gulf and those killed by lightning or drowning in the interior of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee. The missing are all sailors on ships long overdue at Gulf ports and known to have been in the path of Wednesday's gale.

ACCA TEMPLE POPULAR

Richmond Nobles Attracting Much Attention at Shrine's Convention in Buffalo.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BUFFALO, N. Y., July 11.—Acca Temple nobles are centers of attraction among the vast throngs that are making this the greatest of all Shrine's conventions. "Farmer" E. A. Evans, who has been accused of bringing the almost unprecedented hot spell to Buffalo, is holding forth at headquarters at the Statler Hotel, defying all who approach him with anything but a kind word for Richmond.

The Richmond representatives are Preston Babin, D. C. O'Flaherty, James H. Price and "Farmer" Evans. They are going to vote on first ballot for D. C. O'Flaherty for outer guard, but if O'Flaherty loses out on the first ballot, the Richmond nobles are going to line up solidly behind David W. Crossland, of Alcazar Temple, Montgomery. Mr. Crossland has been voted the most popular Southern Shriner at the 1916 convocation, and if he does not get imperial recognition there is going to be a large howl from those who crossed the hot sands from below the Mason and Dixon's line.

"Eddie" Brown had a most unfortunate accident in to-day's parade. His coat split up the back, and it required the services of Red Cross nurses to patch him up. "Jack" Boston, the fat man of Richmond's outfit, was exhausted before the parade ended. He put himself on exhibition as the "hottest" member of any Southern temple. Percy Ezekiel has been designated official "dope dispenser" for Acca, and he has "put over" several good ones on local newspapers. Acca Patrol Nobles were guests to-night of Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, at the great Shrine dinner at Richmond Auditorium.

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Aldermen Vote Fund of \$1,999

Immediate Action Taken on Resolution to Fight Infant Paralysis in Richmond.

Quick response by the Board of Aldermen last night will provide funds to carry out Dr. Levy's infant paralysis preventive plans. Through the Administrative Board, he asked for an appropriation of \$2,000 for this emergency work. Under the charter, a sum in excess of \$1,000 cannot be appropriated until the matter has laid on the table for at least three days. To overcome this obstacle, and under a suspension of the rules, Alderman Puller offered a resolution appropriating \$1,000 for Dr. Levy's work, and President Adams, in a separate measure, asked for an appropriation of \$999. Both were passed. As soon as the Common Council concurs, the sum of \$1,999 will be at the disposal of the Health Department.

"They wanted this money quick, and so we've done the best we could for them," explained Mr. Puller.

CAMP UP TO STANDARD, SAYS ARMY INSPECTOR

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Inspected or given mounts to their cavalry commands.

Very little sickness now prevails in camp. Five men were discharged from the field hospital yesterday, and only three are left, all of them suffering from minor ailments. The physical condition of the soldiers is excellent. Under the five hours of hard drill in the sunshine, through which they go every day, the men are becoming bronzed and hardened into real soldiers.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORT ON COMMANDS AT CAMP

Major Johnson, inspecting officer from the United States Army, telegraphed the Department of the East yesterday a report on the Virginia militia camp and organization in which he was very complimentary to the State troops.

The report stated that the battalion of artillery, the squadron of cavalry, the field hospital company and the signal company were efficient, sufficiently equipped and ready to entrain. Battery C, of Portsmouth, the report stated, did not yet have the minimum number required to be mustered into the Federal service, and the engineer company had not yet been taken into the State militia.

In addition to the telegraphed report, a written statement was sent which gave a full account of conditions. In discussing the sanitary situation, Major Johnson explained that the grounds were in bad condition at the beginning of the camp, but that great improvement had come as a result of the work done by the city authorities. The report continued to the effect that the sanitary end of the camp was under complete control and entirely satisfactory.

CAMP COMMANDER AND STAFF ARE PRAISED

The report stated that the camp commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Salmonsky, was most capable, and that he had an efficient staff. Railroad facilities were commended as being exceedingly good, on account of the several lines which could deliver and take troops from the siding without difficulty.

Major Johnson reported the health of the soldiers to be good, and the physical condition of officers and men excellent. Reference was made to the one case of typhoid fever which had developed, but it was stated that the patient had evidently been brought to camp by the soldier.

The swearing in of the engineers into the State militia took place late last night in the eating shed of the company at camp. In spite of their varied clothing and lack of equipment, it was easy to see that the fifty-nine recruits were of unusually high order.

STERN IMPRESSED BY CALIBER OF ENGINEERS

"I don't think I ever saw a huskier lot of fellows," said Colonel Stern, as he surveyed the crowd after giving them the oath. "I don't think I ever mustered in a company that impressed me more."

For more than a week the company has been living at the Fair Grounds, with only tents and blankets as supplied equipment. The leaders of the movement provided food for the crowd, and the men wore the clothes they came in. One great difficulty has been in holding those who were already signed up, since there was no legal authority to compel them to stay.

All that is changed now. Coming under State control, the company will draw necessary supplies in the way of food, clothing and tools, and recruits will be bound to remain till officially mustered out. Those in charge of the organization of the company are confident that the new arrangement will be much more attractive to recruits, and that in a short time they will be able to pass the required number of men into the Federal service.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT JOINS IN HEALTH WAR

Mayor Ainslie Offers Whole Force for Minute Inspection of Back Yards.

SAYS GARBAGE SYSTEM IS POOR

Norfolk Makes Daily Collections, Where Richmond Barely Takes Away Refuse Twice a Week, Minister Tells Health Department.

Instead of detailing ten men to aid the sanitary inspectors in their part of the campaign to avert the appearance of infantile paralysis in Richmond, Mayor Ainslie yesterday informed Chief Health Officer Levy that the entire Police Department would be placed at his command in seeing that the instructions of the Health Department to clean up all premises are carried out. Directions for the guidance of the police were prepared last night by Dr. Levy, and will, it is expected, be read to the officers to-day.

Further carrying out its co-operation in taking any steps believed necessary to prevent the spread of the disease here, the Administrative Board granted authority to Dr. Levy to employ six additional temporary inspectors. They will go on duty to-day.

Persons refusing to conform to the regulations prescribed by the Health Department will be summoned to Police Court to show cause why they should not be fined.

So far as the health authorities were aware, the malady had not made its appearance in this city last night. One case, that of a child brought here from South Boston, was reported as being suspicious, and careful watch over the patient is being maintained by physicians. Dr. Levy expressed his belief that the child's affliction was not infantile paralysis, but a case of paralysis. "However, we are not taking any chances, and we will observe this case until we are certain it is not poliomyelitis," said Dr. Levy.

COMPREHENSIVE CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN BEGINS TO-DAY

Work will be begun to-day to carry out the proclamation issued by Mayor Ainslie, urging the co-operation of citizens in Dr. Levy's comprehensive plan for a clean-up campaign.

At a conference with the internes of local hospitals yesterday afternoon, Dr. Levy touched upon the prevalence of infantile paralysis in New York and other cities, and cautioned them to be on the alert to report any case should it come under their observation.

Dr. Levy may leave to-night for New York, where some of the foremost health authorities will conduct a meeting to-morrow night, when the question of the epidemic now raging and plans for its suppression will be discussed. The Administrative Board has granted Dr. Levy permission to attend the meeting if he sees fit. If the pressure of his duties incident to the details of safeguarding Richmond do not prevent, it is likely that he will take part in the meeting for the purpose of gaining information which may prove of value in the local work.

One of the principal speakers at the New York meeting will be Dr. Simon Flexner, of the Rockefeller Foundation.

Physicians of Richmond have assured Dr. Levy of their co-operation in this matter, while deep interest in it has been shown by members of the Federation of Mothers' Clubs. Mrs. W. A. Burrows, president of the federation, has arranged a meeting of the mothers to be held on Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the old High School Building, when Dr. Levy will speak.

Yesterday morning Dr. Levy addressed members of his staff and the visiting nurses on "Infantile Paralysis, Its Causes, Prevention and Cure." He instructed them as to the courses they must pursue in the work of prevention.

SAY CITY IS NEGLIGENT IN GARBAGE COLLECTION

Complaint has been registered with the Health Department and Administrative Board against the ineffective method of collecting garbage in Richmond as compared with many cities. In a campaign when cleanliness is the first defense, the condition of many streets and alleys gives the authorities much cause for alarm.

"In Norfolk" said one of the best-known ministers of Richmond yesterday—a man who long held a pastorate in Norfolk—the garbage was collected from my yard every day. Here it is collected but twice a week, and when the street cleaners were busy at Camp Stuart it was not collected at all. It is most inefficiently done, and while twice a week might be sufficient in winter, when cold weather is itself a preventive, it is not sufficient in hot weather, when refuse decays rapidly and when every household has a larger amount of waste matter from green vegetables and melons than at other seasons."

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the ground that, while it was very well for the city to put additional inspectors to work in viewing private premises and reporting those in insanitary condition, it was even more important for the city to clear its own skirts by putting into force a more effective system of street cleaning and garbage collection. Since the alarm in New York, every street in Manhattan is swept every night, and four times the usual number of flushing gangs has been put to work washing streets in the residential sections of Brooklyn.

DOCTORS PLEDGE LEVY THEIR AID

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"In a calm, cool way. We must inform the parents of the danger, but we should also hold out the hope to them, when we know that the infection has come, that the mentality of the patient will not be impaired. We must tell the parents that it will be a long battle; that good results may be expected. But it was pointed out that extreme caution and care would have to be exercised to prevent triplement or permanent paralysis. Dr. Hodges called for the co-operation of the physicians in aiding the City Health Department and the State Board of Health, and his motion was seconded by Dr. Alex. G. Brown.

In speaking again of the treatment he had tried, Dr. McGuire Newton said that he had found 1 or 2 per cent of hydrogen peroxide efficacious. LEVY HOPES TO AVOID DREAD EPIDEMIC

The situation was discussed seriously, and at the close of the meeting Dr. Levy expressed his gratitude for the offer of co-operation.

"I hope that through this preparedness," said the Chief Health Officer, "we may be able to avoid the epidemic. We should let all the people know the danger, and we must learn that publicity is one of our greatest safeguards. It would be serious to minimize the danger of the disease. We should have a wholesome dread of it. If we can limit the number of deaths and the number of those who may be maimed or crippled, I will be thankful."

Resolutions of sympathy for the family of Dr. James F. Crane, a district physician, who died yesterday, were adopted by the body, and high eulogies were paid to him by Dr. Uphur and Dr. Hodges.

MCADOO ASKS FOR \$135,000 TO FIGHT INFANTILE PARALYSIS

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Secretary McAdoo to-day asked Congress to appropriate \$135,000 for the Public Health Service to aid in the fight against the infantile paralysis epidemic in New York and to prevent its spread to other States.

Of the sum asked, \$50,000 is to be used for the expenses of surgeons of the service in New York and the remainder to prevent interstate spread of the disease. The estimate of the amount needed was reached after several conferences between officers of the Public Health Service and Assistant Secretary Newton, and was approved by President Wilson.

Dr. W. C. Rucker, in active charge of the fight against the epidemic, believes it will cost about \$10,000 a month for the work of the service alone.

President Wilson to-day signed the Sigsbee resolution, permitting the use of hospital facilities at the Ellis Island immigration station for the New York victims of infantile paralysis.

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