

FIGHTING BOATS RESUME COMMAND OF ARMADA

500 PERISH IN STORMS  
UTTER DESTITUTION PREVAILS IN TORNADO'S WAKE

LIST OF INJURED TOTALS MORE THAN A THOUSAND  
Women and Children Hurt by Flying Debris Lie Under Broiling Sun. Hospital Facilities Lacking

By Associated Press.  
NEW ORLEANS, April 25.—Probably half a thousand lives lost, a hundred or more persons fatally injured and many times this number painfully hurt, with a property loss running up into the millions, is the record so far of a tornado that originated in the west two days ago, sweeping Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee and Georgia.

It has left a path of death, desolation and want in its wake, seriously interrupted all communication between cities in the south and brought about chaotic conditions in many smaller towns.

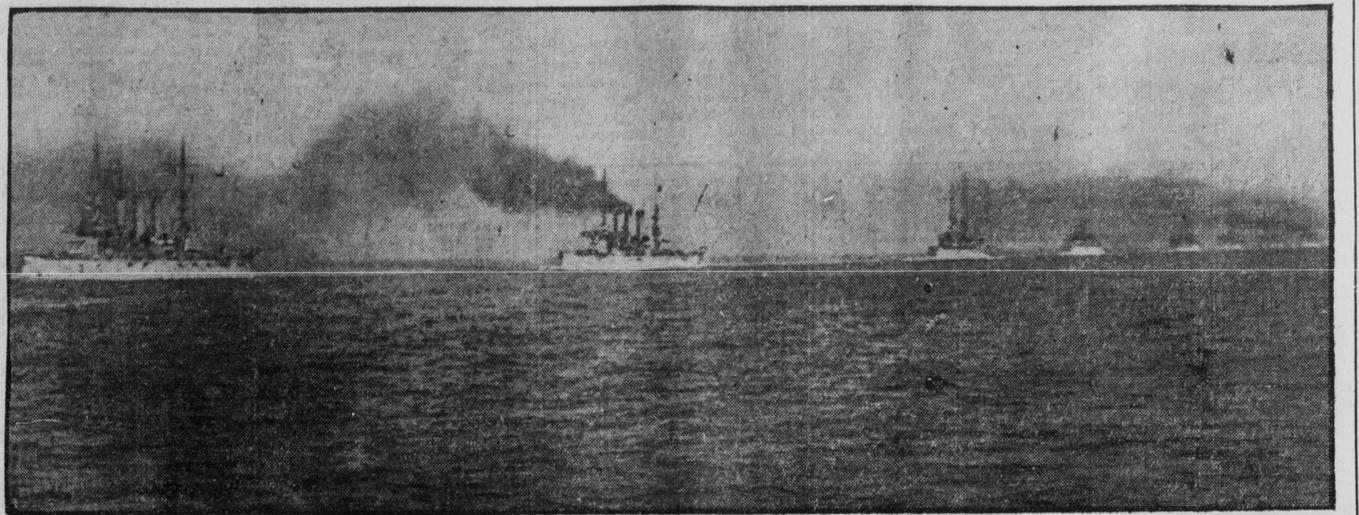
Mississippi, already a sufferer from more than one tornado this year, has again borne the brunt of the winds and rains. Estimates of the number of persons who lost their lives in that state place the death list near 300, with over 1000 injured.

In Texas, Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia the death lists are also large, with serious loss of life in Arkansas and Tennessee. Authentic information is in many instances lacking, owing to the crippled facilities for communication and the lack of an accurate estimate of the damage done in many sections.

Martial Law Prevails  
In half a dozen communities martial law has been declared, so terrible was the destruction, and so helpless were the stricken people left by the disaster. Serious disorders have occurred in some places, including Amite, La. Looting and other crimes have been reported, but these instances have on the whole been rare.

Several places have issued appeals for aid, and in Mississippi Governor Noel has been asked to provide tents for the homeless.

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DRUGS MAY HAVE KILLED THE DUKE

BOTTLES FOUND BY BODY OF DE CHAULNES

CONFLICTING STORIES TOLD OF HIS DEMISE

Duchess Leaves Paris Pending Completion of Funeral Arrangements. Relatives Caring for Her

By Associated Press.  
PARIS, April 25.—Notwithstanding the official report that the Duc de Chaules died from natural causes, the French newspapers print various versions as to the manner and place of his sudden demise.

The Petit Journal says the duke died in a small apartment in a house belonging to his sister, the Duchess d'Uzes, in the Rue Vanduycke. He retired Thursday night, according to the Petit Journal, and not appearing Friday morning, a servant entered the apartment and found him dead in bed, his features presenting a livid appearance, as if decomposition had set in. Beside the body, says the account, were bottles containing cocaine, ether and morphine.

The body of the duke was conveyed at 11 o'clock this morning from the hotel to the Church of St. Phillip. It was accompanied only by an undertaker and his attendants and the Duc de Chaules and the official head of the de Chaules household.

The cure of the church received the body and was escorted to the crypt and after a simple blessing there, deposited. The body will remain in St. Phillip's pending completion of the arrangements for the funeral.

These will be settled upon definitely upon the arrival of the Duke and Duchess d'Uzes. It is practically certain, however, that the funeral and interment will occur at the Chateau de Apretier, the ancestral residence of the Luynes outside of Paris.

The Duchess de la Roche-Audoubert and the Princess Galitzin, an aunt of the young duke, remained last night with the widowed duchess, who was Miss Theodora Shonts of New York. Early this afternoon the duchess went down to the Chateau de Apretier, accompanied by the Duc de Luynes.

KING MANUEL SAFELY APPEARS IN PUBLIC

Young Ruler of Portugal Attends Memorial Service for His Late Father—Populace Respectful

By Associated Press.  
LISBON, April 25.—A solemn requiem mass for the repose of the souls of King Carlos of Portugal and his son, the crown prince, who were assassinated last February on the streets of this city, was celebrated today.

It was the first time King Manuel has appeared in public since the tragedy. The attitude of the people on the streets to the king and his mother was respectful.

TWO BANKS IN KENTUCKY ARE FORCED TO SUSPEND

By Associated Press.  
OWENSBORO, Ky., April 25.—The Owensboro Savings Bank and Trust company has applied for the appointment of a receiver. The bank is capitalized at \$200,000 and has deposits of over \$1,000,000. Of this amount, \$500,000 is held by depositors residing in six states and six foreign countries.

Fire Consumes Town

SPOKANE, April 25.—Fire this morning caused a loss of \$75,000 at Black Bear, a small mining town in North Idaho. The fire started in a saloon, and nearly all the business houses and many residences were burned. Two of the best houses in the town were blown up with dynamite to stop the flames.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

FORECAST  
For Los Angeles and vicinity: Fair, warmer Sunday; light west wind. Maximum temperature yesterday, 79 degrees; minimum, 52 degrees.

LOCAL  
Former secret service agent held by police. Said to have shot at patrolman. Thousands of Los Angeles residents visit beach towns to bid farewell to warships.

Parents who hurried to the school house to rescue their children from the building added to the confusion. It was only through the efforts of the teachers and the bravery of Engineer Frank Smith and Janitor Leonard Moore, who stood at the main entrance of the building picking up those who were knocked down in the rush for exits, that no one was injured fatally in the panic.

AMERICAN LINER SINKS CRUISER

BIG STEAMER DESTROYS BRITISH VESSEL

COLLIDE IN SNOWSTORM OFF ISLE OF WIGHT  
Several Members of the Crew of the Disabled Warship Are Lost and One Officer is Missing

By Associated Press.  
SOUTHAMPTON, April 25.—The American line steamship St. Paul, which left Southampton on her regular voyage bound for New York this afternoon, in a dense snowstorm rammed and destroyed the British second class cruiser Gladiator off the Isle of Wight.

The first reports stated that from twenty to thirty of the Gladiator's crew had been drowned, but later intelligence reduces the number of casualties. The exact extent of the disaster, however, cannot be accurately known until tomorrow.

PUPILS IN PANIC, FLEE FROM IMAGINARY BOMB

Report That Black Hand Society Was About to Blow Up School Causes Wild Excitement

By Associated Press.  
CHICAGO, April 25.—Twelve hundred pupils of the Edward Jenner public school fled in panic yesterday when a report spread through the building that three members of the "black hand" society had placed a nitroglycerine bomb in the basement which was timed to go off at 2 o'clock.

ANTI-RACE TRACK BILL DEFEATED BY FRAUD

State Senator Cassidy of New York Confirms Report That Telegram Was Altered in Transmission

By Associated Press.  
ELMIRA, N. Y., April 25.—An announcement made here that the vote of Senator Cassidy against the race track bill was due to a telegram from Congressman Fassett at Washington, which had been tampered with, has caused a sensation.

SNOW FALLS DAILY IN LONDON; BREAKS RECORD

Remarkable Weather Amazes Residents of Metropolis—Newmarket Races Postponed Because of Storms

By Associated Press.  
LONDON, April 25.—The most remarkable weather for this season experienced in the United Kingdom for several decades has prevailed this week.

WEST POINT ROW LEADS OFFICER TO LEAVE SERVICE

Lieutenant Ayres, Who Figured in "Overcoat Incident" at Military Academy, Resigns from the Army

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, April 25.—Army orders announce the resignation of Second Lieutenant H. Fairfax Ayres of the Seventh cavalry, son of Lieut. Col. Charles H. Ayres, of the Fourteenth cavalry, retired.

Lieutenant Ayres' resignation has been accepted by the president, to take effect May 14, next. No reason for the young man's act in resigning is given in the formal orders announcing the fact, nor do the officers on duty at the war department make any explanation of it, except to say that some months ago an affirmative reply had been given by the department to an inquiry addressed to it on behalf of young Ayres asking whether he would be permitted to resign after he had received a commission.

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE MAKES RULING ON COFFEE

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, April 25.—After a thorough investigation of the restrictions necessary to be placed on the coffee put on the market and sold under the name of "Mocha," the board of food and drug inspection, with the approval of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, has decided that the term "Mocha" should be restricted to coffee grown in that part of Arabia to the north and east of Hongdalah, known as Yemen. Yemen is the coffee district of Arabia.

BID FAREWELL TO ATLANTIC FLEET

THOUSANDS GATHER AT SANTA MONICA

WARSHIPS MANEUVER IN THE HARBOR

Beautiful Spectacle Draws Cheers from Vast Throng Which Assembles in Beach City to Say Good-by to Vessels

By Associated Press.  
SANTA MONICA, April 25.—Sailing away into a summer haze that hung over the bay of Santa Monica the six-toea battleships of the Atlantic fleet steamed slowly past Point Dume shortly after 9 o'clock this morning with a hundred thousand people assembled along the shores to extend them a reluctant farewell.

No spectacle so superb has ever been witnessed off the coast of Southern California unless it was the arrival of the same ships a week ago today, and it will be long before the patriotic enthusiasm of the great multitude subsides to forgetfulness of the impressions made today.

Cheers did not suffice to express their emotion, the waving of flags and the booming of guns seemed inadequate, but the groups of tired people that stood for hours patiently awaiting the coming of the ships and the tears that filled eyes straining seaward as one by one they faded from view were evidences of the welcome that the fleet has known and of the regret that attended its leaving.

Multitude Awaits Ships  
Never before has such a multitude gathered along the shores of Santa Monica bay, and rarely if ever have so many people submitted to discomfort and inconvenience to witness a spectacle however thrilling and unusual.

Since noon yesterday every available car of the Los Angeles-Pacific system was operated without interruption, and for eighteen hours a stream of people poured into Venice, Ocean Park and Santa Monica, the three beach cities that commanded a view of the anchor where the warships would make their last appearance. Days ago the quest for accommodations for last night had been abandoned as hopeless and with every resource exhausted, with hotels and lodging houses and private residences crowded far beyond their normal capacity, men, women and children slept last night on the beach or in the canyons just outside Santa Monica.

Others passed the night on the floors of offices in the city hall, and hundreds who had gathered at Venice whiled away the hour before daylight by dancing to music furnished by a band that furnished a concert last night. As a final feat many of the sleepless but eager sightseers, finding that the restaurants were unable to provide breakfast for half the people who waited in lines before their doors, cheerfully sacrificed the meal for early choice of a view somewhere along the shore.

Seek Points of Vantage  
Before daylight the crowds were abroad, seeking points of vantage along the high bluffs at Santa Monica, lining the walk extending along the water's edge before the three beach cities and taking their way to the summit of the sharp ridges back of the towns.

As daylight broke the waiters on the sleepless but eager sightseers, finding that the demand for the view of the four ships of the third division, the Maine lying farthest off shore and the others close to the end of the pier.

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