

CYCLONES AND FLOODS TAKE HUGE TOLL IN SOUTH STATES

More Than One Hundred Lives Are Lost During Past Week

THOUSANDS HOMELESS Property Damage From the Wind Freaks Will Run Into Millions

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 15.—Floods, storms and cyclones in the southwest this week have killed more than 100 persons and rendered thousands homeless.

The tornado which struck Rock Springs, Texas, Tuesday night, demolishing the town, bringing death to at least 73 and injuries to 160, with \$1,500,000 property damage, was the worst single disaster.

Other cyclones in Texas and Oklahoma have taken an additional toll of approximately ten lives. Floods in Oklahoma and Kansas brought death to more than 20 during the week and injuries to many more.

At Independence, Kansas, three rivers, the Verdigris, Fall and Little Ganey, were on a rampage tonight, threatening serious damage to farm lands.

The Verdigris was out of its banks and rising at the rate of four inches an hour. The Fall is rising at the rate of four feet an hour at Eureka and the Little Ganey is flooding highways in this section.

Coffeyville, Kas., is again threatened by floods with the crest of last week's rise hardly past. The Noosha is reported out of its banks in places from Oswego, Kas., to Miami, Okla.

The Solomon river at Beloit, Kas., is also reported to be leaving its course and inundating adjacent lands.

Defiance Marks Youthful Slayer

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa., April 15.—No regret, only defiance, was the attitude of 4 year old Tommy Rudy as his father prepared the lad to attend his mother's funeral.

BENEFIT PROGRAM OF P. T. A. IS SUCCESS

Large Sum is Raised for the Benefit of High School Rest Room

A large and appreciative audience greeted the P. T. A. program, which was given last evening in the Civic clubhouse on Winburn Way.

The boys and girls glee clubs of the senior high school furnished four numbers, which were greatly enjoyed, with piano accompaniment by Miss Mildred Johnson. Mr. Lew Hansen appeared for the first time before an Ashland audience in a baritone solo, after which Mrs. E. A. Woods played a piano number, which has unusually beautiful.

Two students from the Southern Oregon Normal school gave a dance, followed by a delightful number by Messrs V. O. N. Smith and Moon. Miss Rose Aikins played a cello solo "Neopolitan Dance." One of the most interesting numbers on the program was given by Dr. Mattie B. Shaw, who interpreted Edgar Allan Poe's "Raven" with 24 stereoptical slides from the University of Oregon. V. D. Miller gave a vocal solo "Bells of the Sea" and responded to a hearty encore. The evening closed with two splendid numbers by the high school orchestra "Over the Waves" and "Magnolia Blossoms" and they also graciously responded to an encore.

A large sum of money was realized from this entertainment, which will be used to furnish the girls' rest room in the high school this amount being greatly increased by the sale of home-made candies.

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LAND SETTLEMENT WILL BE PUSHED

Meeting is Held at Medford to Formulate New Plans

An informal meeting of representatives of the Talent, Medford, Eagle Point, Gold Hill and Grants Pass Irrigation Districts was held at the Hotel Medford at noon today at which were representatives of the Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass Chambers of Commerce, the Oregon Irrigation Congress, the California-Oregon Power Company, the O. A. C. Extension Service and the Southern Oregon Bankers Association.

The representatives of the various organizations formed a joint organization for the purpose of more unified and co-operative consideration and action in dealing with the Land Settlement, Production and other features of interest to the respective irrigation districts. Various committees were

MODERATES IN CHINA HOLD IMPEACHMENT PARTY MEETING

Resolutions Are Passed Demanding the Arrest of Several Ministers

BATTLE FRONT QUIET Missionaries Are Told That They May Return to Their Work in Interior

SHANGHAI, April 15.—The moderate Nationalists in a party meeting at Nanking today impeached the Nationalist government at Hankow and adopted resolutions demanding the arrest of the several ministers at Hankow. The moderates self styled central committee also demanded that Michael Borodin, Russian adviser to the party be ousted.

The U. S. Preble and U. S. Cincinnati departed for Hankow today. Shanghai was quiet and the railroads were running. Reports from the fighting front said that all was quiet. Officials of the Nationalist party said today that it would be safe for the missionaries to return to the interior now, but admitted that it would be impossible for them to accomplish much under the present conditions.

PEKING, April 15.—Americans and other foreigners in Peking heard new rumors of increasing danger, although this city is far from the immediate Chinese war zone.

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POLITICIAN SHOTS GIRL AND HIMSELF

Jealousy is Motive Behind Double Slaying at Sacramento

SACRAMENTO, April 15.—Insane jealousy was today established as the motive for the double tragedy enacted at the states capitol late yesterday when Reginald H. J. Hill sixty-two, a Los Angeles politician and lobbyist shot and killed Marybelle Wallace, 24, of Hollywood and then turned the gun on himself.

The bodies were found together with a smoking pistol on the floor. A letter that was found later, revealed the fact that Hill had carefully planned the crime.

RESCUERS WORKING TO SAVE 19

Three Months Are Given to Save the Lives of Trapped Men

HENRIETTA, Okla., April 15.—(AP)—The 19 miners trapped in the steps of the flooded "old mine" near here were rescued late this afternoon, some of them worse for their experience.

Rescue workers, searching for a means to get to the entrapped men, found an old-level in the Duncan-McKay mine which led to the working in which the men were being held prisoners by flood waters, and notified them by means of a speaking tube of the avenue of escape.

Two miles were left in the mine but rescue crews plan to finish emptying the workings and will bring them out later.

EIGHTEEN COUNTIES TO FIGHT FOR MONEY

Will Attempt to Prevent State From Excluding on Its Claims

SALEM, April 15.—(AP)—A "fight to the finish" battle cry has been sounded by the 18 Oregon counties, which will benefit by the Oregon and California grant land refund to prevent the state from realizing on its claim to participation in this refund.

At a meeting of officials from a number of refund counties here Thursday plans for contesting the state's claim were outlined. It was decided that Guy Corbett would have charge of the legal battle.

John H. Carson, district attorney of Marion county, was named his assistant.

Formal demand on Marion for a part of the refund was made last week by Secretary of State Bangs and other officials and the state is claiming approximately \$1,400,000 as its share of the refund under the act of congress, which states officials interpret as including the state in the disbursement of funds. Attorney General Van Winkle has not yet decided just what form the state's action would take.

County officials attending the meeting include Judge G. P. Moore, Benton county; Commissioner L. Beckley, Douglas; Judge H. R. Mast, Coos; Judge W. J. Hartwell, Jackson; Judge John Philip, Columbia, and Judge C. P. Bernard, Lane county.

It was also decided that each of the 18 counties will contribute to a fund for contesting the state's claim, in proportion to its participation in the refund.

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE TIDINGS

SPRING SNOW STORMS SWEEP THE ROCKIES

Drifts From Four Inches to Two Feet Are in Colorado

DENVER, April 15.—(AP)—Spring snow storms stretching east from the Rocky Mountains, have brought drifts from four to 24 in. deep through parts of Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska.

Western Nebraska was snow-bound Thursday following a heavy blizzard. Wet snow, driven before a fierce north wind, deposited drifts two feet deep along the tablelands of the Platte river, paralyzing traffic and stalling motorists.

Sixteen inches of snow were reported at Sheridan, Wyo., and ten inches at Cheyenne. Trains were reported stalled late Thursday in drifts south of Cheyenne.

At Colorado Springs, the snow, which has been falling continuously since early Monday, has reached a depth of 17 inches. Four inches of snow lay on the ground at Denver as snow pelted down Thursday for the fourth consecutive day.

Penalty is Paid For Brutal Murder

CHICAGO, Ill., April 15.—While church bells tolled the announcement of Good Friday religious services, John Walton Winn was hanged for the murder of Grandpa Albert Nussbaum. The trap was sprung at 7:08 and Winn was pronounced dead 20 minutes later. Winn, who was 40 years old was immaculately dressed when he went to the scaffold and he smiled and announced his innocence.

Winn was the suitor of Mrs. Nussbaum, who was 59 years old and a faded woman. Together, according to the state charges, they plotted the murder of Nussbaum so that the pair could marry. Investigation was started, which led to the arrests, when Nussbaum's body was found beaten to death. Mrs. Nussbaum was sentenced to life imprisonment.

First Trace of Robbers Found PORTLAND, April 15.—(AP)—First trace of the safe crackers, who robbed the Olds, Wortman & King department store of \$20,000, was found today.

Checks on the Portland store were found scattered along the highway south of Dallas, indicating the route the men took in fleeing from Portland.

The store was robbed Sunday night and approximately \$20,000 was taken.

FARMERS BE SATISFIED IF COOLIDGE IS SUCCESSFUL

Senator McNary Says Coolidge Stock is Way Down in Farm Districts

WANTS NEW MEASURE Is Meeting With Farm Leaders Throughout County to Gather Ideas

CHICAGO, April 15.—(AP)—Unless farmers are placated with a satisfactory relief measure between now and 1928, President Coolidge will encounter serious trouble, first to get enough delegates to nominate him and then to get elected if nominated, in the belief of United States Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon.

The westerner, pausing here between trains on his way home from Washington, said he thought President Coolidge's political strength now is at a low ebb in agricultural circles and that Frank O. Lowden's star is in a corresponding ascendancy in the same circles.

"Primarily," McNary asserted, "I am working for a just measure of relief for the farmer, and what effect such activity may have on the political fortunes of the president or any other man, is secondary."

The Senator said he is striving to frame such a measure which would receive the president's approval following the veto of the McNary-Haugen farm bill passed by the last congress.

"I am getting the view of agricultural men everywhere," McNary remarked, "I will stop briefly at St. Paul and meet farm organization officials. Then I will return to Chicago in July when national farm leaders will gather to hold a conference in which we hope to work out an acceptable relief bill."

"I am not talking politics now. We must keep the purely economic status of the farmer out of politics."

Discuss Farm Relief

WASHINGTON, April 15.—(AP)—Further discussion of the administration's farm relief plan took place at the White House Thursday when President Coolidge conferred with Senator Fess, Ohio republican.

Fess sponsored the administration relief bill in congress a year ago, but it was defeated. Recently the president and his advisors decided that conditions made it

DOOR GAMES PLATED LAST NIGHT

Hi-Y Continues With Their Winning Streak, Defeating Employed Boys

More fast indoor baseball was played in the games last night on the Armory floor than has been featured locally for some time, according to witnesses of last night's contests in the third round of the Y. M. C. A. indoor league.

In the first game the Battery B team were winners over the Bankers by a score of 19 to 12 in one of the hardest fought games of the season. Batteries for Battery B were: Slack, pitcher and Young catcher; for the Bankers: Cripe pitcher and Hitchcock, catcher. In the second game of the evening the undefeated Hi-Y club team took the long end of a 23 to 12 score from the Employed boys club team. This game was featured by some hard hitting and some fast and clever fielding on both sides, the Hi-Y team earning a well deserved victory.

The batteries were, Hi-Y, Katter, pitcher and Hartley, catcher. Employed Boys, Walter, pitcher, Franklin, catcher.

The last game of the evening proved to be the hardest fought game so far for the season when the Hoot Owls sneaked out of the basement and took the fast Normal team who were perched on the top roost without a loss to the tune of 29 to 20 in favor of the Hoot Owls, thereby demonstrating that the Hoot Owls could get "on the air" before midnight without getting up in the air. This game was fast and hard fought from the very start, neither team being willing to give in for a minute.

The batteries for the Hoot Owls were, Davis and Crowe pitchers and Young catcher. For the Normal, Butterfield, catcher, Laws, pitcher. The next round will be played on Thursday, April 21. A good sized crowd of spectators witnessed the games last evening.

Team standings: Team W L PCT Hi-Y 3 0 1000 Battery B 2 1 666 Normal 2 1 666 Bankers 1 2 333 Hoot Owls 1 2 333 Employed B 0 3 000

Mrs. McGee's Fate Soon to be Known

HILLBORO, Ore., April 15.—That the fate of Mrs. Eva N. McGee was nearing, he jury indicated today when the state closed the case tending to prove she poisoned her husband Dr. W. G. McGee.

The morning session was occupied by the reading of a transcript from a trial at Tillamook last fall, at which the jury disagreed.

PRODUCER OF VANITIES IS A VICTIM OF NERVOUSNESS

Earl Carroll, Federal Prisoner is Still Patient in Hospital

BULLETIN IS ISSUED Duration of Illness Cannot be Predicted, Attending Doctors State

GREENVILLE, S. C., April 15.—(AP)—Earl Carroll, stricken federal prisoner, is suffering from a severe nervous breakdown, according to a physician's bulletin, which followed a consultation at the stricken theatrical producer's bedside tonight.

His condition was described as "an acute coma," and his collapse caused "probably from the severe mental strain of the last few months."

The bulletin was signed by the following specialists: Dr. C. O. Bates, Dr. R. C. Bruce, Dr. Henry McGeehee of Atlanta, Dr. Leslie B. Hosman, Johns Hopkins, Baltimore.

It read: Bulletin Issued

"After careful consideration of the nervous and mental condition of the patient we have arrived at the following conclusions:

"First—the patient is in acute collapsed state or coma. This states not infrequently occur in the type of illness from which the patient is suffering.

"Second—the patient is suffering from a severe nervous breakdown. This attack is similar to a previous attack he suffered two years ago.

"Third—The present illness is probably the result of a severe mental strain during the last few months.

"Fourth—Under no circumstances should the patient be removed from this hospital before a week or ten days. Then only after medical consideration.

"Fifth—the duration of the illness of which this collapsed state in part cannot be predicted. It may be short or long in duration."

A New Act GREENVILLE, S. C., April 15.—(AP)—An act without a counterpart in any show Earl Carroll ever staged has as its central figure the "Vanities" producer himself.

He lay outstretched on a hospital cot, wordless, sightless, and

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EASTER SUNDAY AT THE ASHLAND CHURCHES

Trinity Episcopal Church Vicar, The Rev. P. K. Hammond Holy Communion at 8 a. m. Sunday School at 9:45. Morning service and sermon at 11. Special Easter music and a reverent and beautiful service. Everyone cordially invited. First Church of Christ, Scientist Pioneer Ave., South. Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock, subject "Doctrine of Atonement." Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock. Wednesday evening service at 8 p. m. Reading room open daily from 2 to 5 except Sundays and holidays. The public is lovingly welcomed. The Fall Gospel Temple J. E. Murphy, Pastor Sunday school, 9:45, C. J. Foster, Sup. In our Sunday school we have suitable departments and classes for all ages. Mrs. Arthur Hardy, supt. of the primary department. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Young peoples meeting, 6:30. All young people who are not as-

sociated with the young peoples work, are invited to join with this company of young folks to promote the work among the young. Evening worship 7:30 p. m. Every Wednesday prayer meeting, 7:30. If you are looking for a real homelike church, attend these services and you will be convinced that there is a welcome that is hard to find. Stirring singing and gospel preaching. Church of the Nazarene Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. T. S. Wiley, Supt. After a short Easter Lesson there will be an Easter program rendered by the Sunday School. At 11 o'clock, morning worship with sermon from the subject, "The Message From the Tomb." At 8:30 p. m. Young Peoples Meeting. At 7:30 p. m. Praises service followed with sermon from the subject, "God's Wise Man." The regular mid-week prayer meeting will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. A hearty welcome to all. P. C. Thatcher, Pastor.

Methodist Episcopal Church H. F. Pemberton, Pastor Morning Worship at 11 o'clock. Easter services: Sermon subject, "The Message of the Risen Christ." Prelude, "Easter Joy," Hosmer. Offertory, "The Last Hope," Gottschalk. Postlude, "Festival March," Tellman. Evening worship at 8. The choir under the direction of G. H. Yeo will present Cantata, "The Easter Victory." Sunday school at 9:45. The Easter lesson is worth your study at this hour. We expect 400 to be present. Epworth League meeting for young people at 8:45. This is an inspirational hour. The Epworth League will hold a Sunrise Prayer Meeting on Carter Heights at 8:45 Easter morning. They invite you to begin this wonderful day with them in this special way. You are cordially invited to attend all the meetings of this church. You will enjoy the excellent music, the Gospel sermons the Christian fellowship and the homelike atmosphere. Strangers and visitors especially welcome. Come as you are.

M. E. CHURCH AN EASTER CANTATA "The Easter Victory" Rev. H. F. Pemberton, Pastor Geo. H. Yeo, Director Mrs. H. J. Van Fossen, Accompanist. Opening Voluntary, Prelude in A Minor, De Koven, Mrs. Van Fossen. Postlude, March Solemnelle, Ketterer, Mrs. Van Fossen. Easter Services At the Presbyterian Church 9:45 in the Bible School a special Missionary Easter Service will be presented, including the following numbers: Orchestra, "Hallelujah," McGranahan. Scripture reading, by Harold Johnston. Song by Junior department. Recitation by Doris Danford. Song by Betty Brookmiller. Song by Charles Walter. Piano Duet, Madge and Marie Mitchell. Song by Miss Eva Poley's class. Duet, Letha Miles and Lorraine Brookmiller. "Easter Lilies" exercise by Mrs. J. B. Robertson's class. Short address by the pastor.

Hussey. Bass Solo, Soprano and Alto Duet, Alto and Tenor Duet and Chorus, "The Light Has Come." A. C. Crews, Mrs. Weren and Jean Anderson. Final Chorus by the Choir, "God's Great Love," Mrs. Wolcott and Mrs. Smith. Postlude, March Solemnelle, Ketterer, Mrs. Van Fossen. Easter Services At the Presbyterian Church 9:45 in the Bible School a special Missionary Easter Service will be presented, including the following numbers: Orchestra, "Hallelujah," McGranahan. Scripture reading, by Harold Johnston. Song by Junior department. Recitation by Doris Danford. Song by Betty Brookmiller. Song by Charles Walter. Piano Duet, Madge and Marie Mitchell. Song by Miss Eva Poley's class. Duet, Letha Miles and Lorraine Brookmiller. "Easter Lilies" exercise by Mrs. J. B. Robertson's class. Short address by the pastor.

11 a. m., church service. Prelude, "The Heavens Are Telling," Haydn, Miss Imogene Wallace. Anthem, "Christ Hath Arisen," Wildermere. Solo, "The First Easter Morn," Scot. Organ, "Spring Flowers," Gade. 7:30 p. m. Easter Cantata, "Victory," Wildermere. Prelude, "March Pontificale," Gounod. Chorus, "From Gethsemane to Calvary," by Choir. Tenor Solo, "Not What I Will!" Mr. W. M. Wright. Chorus, "Out of the Night of Darkness." Bass Solo, "Angels Rolled Away the Stone," J. W. McCoy. Trio, "Life Eternal," Miss Florence Allen. Offertory, "Evening Song," Andre, Miss Imogene Wallace. Bass Solo and Chorus, "The Son of Victory," Mr. G. M. Frost and Choir. Quartette, "There is No Night in Heaven," Miss Eva Poley, Miss Jennie Grover, J. H. McGee and J. W. McCoy. Chorus, "In The Splendor of His Glory."

Contralto Solo, "His Love Divine," Miss Florence Allen. "Christ Hath Arisen," Finale by the Choir. Postlude. The Pastor, Rev. Hugh T. Mitchellmore will give an Easter thought for meditation at each service. Epworth League Ashland Chapter No. 6043 will meet at 6:15 next Sunday, April 17, at Methodist church corner N. Main and Laurel. First half hour will be devoted to song rally in preparation for contest at Convention. Devotional meeting will follow led by Beulah Hussey, topic is "Christ is Alive." Leaguers may make note of Institute which is to be held this year on the week of July 11-17 and plan their work to attend this big week. Annual election of officers for Epworth League will be made at monthly business meeting for May. Lutheran Church H. H. Young Pastor Services in the Odd Fellows Hall.

Easter services will be conducted Sunday night at 8 o'clock. During the service Holy Communion will also be distributed. Confessional services at 7:30. Main services at 8. "Christ's Strange Conduct Toward The Disciples of Emmaus," is the theme of the Easter sermon based on Luke 24, 13-35. Strangers welcome. Baptist Church Myron S. Woodworth, Pastor Special service at 5:30. Next Sunday morning come to the sunrise prayer meeting at the home of Mr. Cole on Ashland St. Sabbath School, 9:45. We are wanting you to attend the program for Easter by our Sunday school. We are glad to announce an interesting and growing school. Spend Easter with us and then come again and again. Presching, 11 a. m. Theme, "To Know Him and the Power of His Resurrection." Do you? Do you want to? At 7:00 we are to have a prayer and testimony service preceding the preaching. Come and add your testimony in making this a blessed meeting.