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TORNADOES AND WATER PELT DIXIE

Elements Take Life Toll and Floods Follow Storm — Tennessee Town Isolated — Boy Scout Camp Hit By Cloudburst — Relief Train Rushed to Stricken Areas.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 23.—(AP)—The chief of police at Harrison, Tenn., told the Associated Press by telephone tonight that he was certain 13 persons had been drowned by floods in or near Harrison. He said "Maybe 20 folks" lost their lives.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Mar. 23.—(AP)—Mrs. W. K. Massey, correspondent of the Knoxville Journal at Harrison, Tenn., reported to the Journal late today that 10 persons were swept away and probably drowned by flood waters of the Embury river there today.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Mar. 23.—(AP)—A relief train was being made up tonight here to be sent to Harrison, where it was reported 16 or more persons perished in flood waters which were sweeping the town.

Doctors, nurses, medical supplies and food will be on the train. Reports here said box cars were floating about the railroad yards at Harrison and that several industrial plants there were wrecked.

LENOX CITY, Tenn., Mar. 23.—(AP)—Reports of the Chattanooga News that flew over Harrison today report that east Tennessee town marooned with the high railroad bridge spanning Embury river broken in two by the raging waters. They said the manufacturing plants on the outskirts were inundated and that the swelling torrents cloaked with floating debris from river banks and freight cars made a scene of desolation.

ATLANTA, Mar. 23.—(AP)—The south tonight counted thirteen dead from communities which had been visited in the past 48 hours by tornadoes, storms and torrential rainfall, with the possibility of a much greater loss of life. Twenty-two of 25 Boy Scouts whose blimp-like camp was swept into White creek near Rockwood, Tenn., were reported recovered alive and one body found. The boys were reported seen swimming to trees and clinging to nearby wreckage. Reports of the Western Union telegraph operator at Koddy, Tenn.

Another rumor of a loss of life came from Harrison, Tenn. A rail junction point in the eastern part of the state.

Embury river which flows thru the town reached a stage of 25 feet, one report through Knoxville said that 15 lives were lost but there was no confirmation. Cloudbursts, and tornadoes snapped telephone and telegraph lines and made difficult checking of actual conditions.

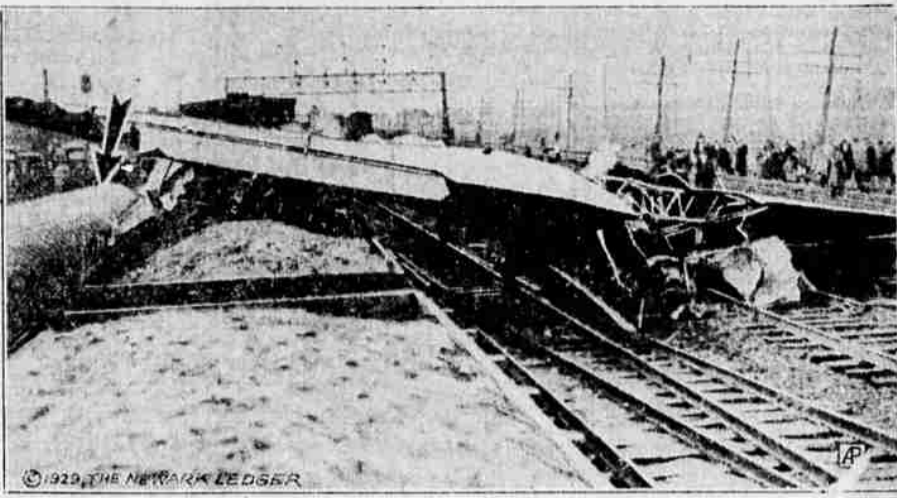
The deaths, seven of which were reported yesterday from tornadoes included five negro children at Merrellton, Ala., where a church used as a school was destroyed and a white child at Small Creek, N. C., and a farmer at Alpharetta, Ga., who was struck by a tornado that struck Harrison, Miss., two negroes killed in another twister near Americus, Ga., and a boy reported drowned in White creek near Rockwood, Tenn.

Oddisboro, Ky., isolated by flood waters for a portion of the day, reported this afternoon by telephone that the Cumberland river was receding there and the town would be cleared of water tomorrow.

Five hundred people were affected there, and damage was extensive. At Pineville, Harlan and smaller communities in southeast Kentucky preparations had been made for the flood sweeping down the almost gorge-like valley of the Cumberland river. The Kentucky river valley in Kentucky also was in the grip of a flood.

The second twister struck in south Georgia, causing considerable damage to farms in the vicinity of Blakely and killed a negro woman at Blaine near Americus.

WHERE 14 WERE KILLED IN SIGHT SEEING PLANE



Fourteen passengers were killed and one injured when a sight seeing plane crashed soon after taking off from a Newark, N. J., airport. Arrow points to cabin of plane where passengers were killed when the machine crashed into a railroad car.

TEXACO PRICE FOR GASOLINE MET BY OTHERS

Portland Service Station Operators Reduce to Meet New Quotation — Baker Acts to Avert Price War—Local Situation Changes.

Service station operators of the city, with a few exceptions, at a meeting held last night, decided to meet the Texaco company's quotation on gasoline of 24 1/2 cents, effective today.

The Texaco company yesterday raised its price to 24 1/2 cents from 24 cents.

The service station operators cut their price from 27 1/2 cents to 24 1/2 cents per gallon.

The cut is borne by the service station operators, and not the companies, it was stated.

How long the 24 1/2-cent price would continue was said to be problematical.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 23.—(AP)—Gasoline will sell in Portland at 24 1/2 cents on Monday.

When that will happen no one knows.

Filling stations selling Texas Oil company products hung up signs this morning advertising gasoline at 24 1/2 cents a gallon, four cents higher than they have been vending it the past few days.

Immediately members of the Portland Retail Dealers' Protective association announced a price of 24 1/2 cents, reducing prices to meet the new Texaco quotation.

BAKER, Ore., March 23.—(AP)—Fifteen garages and service station operators representing the automotive division of the Baker county chamber of commerce, decided today to set a price of 27 cents a gallon for gasoline in order to meet a possible gasoline war among the dealers. Some dealers yesterday were selling motor fuel for 21 cents a gallon, while others were selling for 27 cents.

A reduction in wholesale and retail prices was forecast by some of the local dealers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 23.—(AP)—Meeting of oil leading oil companies today, the Texas company today raised its tank-wagon price on gasoline 2 cents a gallon.

The Texas company, on which retailers say hinges the question of whether another "gas war" will be opened, was selling at 15 cents from wagon tanks today, against the other companies' price of 16 cents a gallon wholesale.

Q. C. TIMBER OPEN FOR APRIL BIDS

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 23.—(AP)—Timber of Oregon and California, cranberry lands and Coos Bay wagon road grant lands will be sold at auction to the highest bidder, provided the appraised value given at the United States land office at Roseburg, Ore., April 23.

More than thirty million feet of timber is included in the sale and comprises red and yellow fir, yellow pine, sugar pine, hemlock and Port Oxford cedar.

NEW YORK, March 23.—(AP)—Happy the married man, gambler in New Guinea. Lee S. Crandall of the New York zoo, back from an expedition, says that once in a green, a man, working days are over. Wife tends the garden, keeps the pigs and otherwise works hard to make hubby rich enough to buy another wife. Then wife No. 1 will have leisure.

RAIL GLORY TO ALTURAS SEEN BY ESPEE HEAD

Obscure Cowtown Pictured As a Young Chicago When Connecting Line Completed — Shorter Route to East By Many Miles.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 23.—(AP)—A picture of Alturas, remote cow town in northeastern California, as an important railroad junction with large terminals and facilities costing hundreds of dollars was verbally drawn here today by George W. Boocker, chief engineer of the Southern Pacific company.

Boocker said the company was far advanced in construction of the new 36-mile line from Klamath Falls, Ore., to Alturas, where it will connect with the Nevada California Oregon railway.

"When the Klamath Falls-Alturas line is completed in the autumn, Southern Pacific will afford routes between California and all points in the northwest and between Oregon and the east shorter by many miles than any other routes now proposed," Boocker said.

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MONEY MART TO FACE STIFF TEST, COPPER ON GAIN

NEW YORK, March 23.—(AP)—The increasing cloudiness of the credit outlook, with another meeting of the federal reserve board in Washington, threw the stock market into a general but orderly retreat.

Selling was heavy and scores of representative issues were depressed 2 to 5 points, many reaching new low prices for 1929. The Associated Press index of 50 leading industrials sagged more than 3 points, making a loss for the week of nearly 5 points, and the index of 20 rails dropped nearly a point to a new low for the year. Trading was moderately active for a Saturday session, with total sales aggregating 2,144,529 shares.

A severe test is predicted for the money market next week, as preparations are made for the April 1 quarterly disbursements. The demand for funds at the end of the first quarter is usually the heaviest of the year, save for the year-end. April 1 disbursements last year were estimated at more than \$500,000,000, and they are expected to run much higher this year. The call money rate touched 10 per cent this week on light calling of loans, so considerable uneasiness is felt over the possible flights of the rate next week.

The coppers were again sold heavily, a report that Newmont had lightened its holdings of Kennecott swelling the movement. Granite Company sold down 6 points at one time, and Amconco, lost more than 10. Kennecott and American smelting lost 2 points and more. Peoples Gas recorded the day's widest loss, dropping 1 1/2 points to 27.

LENOX CITY, Tenn., March 23.—(AP)—A searching party seeking to aid a troop of 25 Boy Scouts whose cottage was swept from a bluff on White creek, near Rockwood, Tenn., today telephoned to officials here that several of the boys were drowned, but that others could be seen clinging to trees and floating debris in the flooded stream.

ASHLAND PAIR RE-UNITED BY GRIM TRAGEDY

Mystery Death of Son Brings Parents Long Separated Together, as They Are Remarried at Vancouver.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 23.—(AP)—Romance stalked hand in hand with tragedy in the death of Robert Hanev, 25, Portland musician, whose body was found in the Willamette river here yesterday.

The death brought tragedy into the life of Mrs. M. L. Hanev, of Ashland, Ore., his mother, and she brought romance to soften the bitterness of years.

In the Hanev family are four children. Mrs. Hanev divorced her husband, J. E. Hanev, and she and her son came to Portland. He played in a theatre orchestra until February 10 when he mysteriously disappeared.

When the father heard that the son was missing, he came to Portland and met Mrs. Hanev. Together they mourned the loss of their son. After a week they brushed aside the past and went to Vancouver, Wash., where they remarried. They then returned to Ashland.

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MOOSE ASKED FOR JEALOUS SLAYER OF GRIDIRON STAR

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 23.—(AP)—Lanza Bryant, 29, charged with the murder of Lewis (Flip) Dickerson, senior student and former football star of Oregon State college, will go to trial Monday before Judge G. H. Skimpworth, Eugene, here.

The state will demand the supreme penalty, charging that Bryant stabbed Dickerson in a fit of jealousy in the early morning of December 17, last. Dickerson, at the time of the altercation, was wearing Miss Truxell, waitress, to her home.

Bryant pleaded not guilty to a charge of first degree murder when he was arraigned after Dickerson died five days after he was fatally wounded.

Since then Bryant has been held in jail. The trial was first set for January, but the illness of Miss Truxell caused a postponement.

RABBIT HUNT HAS TRAGIC CLIMAX

THE DALLES, Ore., Mar. 23.—(AP)—Frank V. Nelson, 19, Portland, died in a hospital here today from a bullet wound in his neck suffered when he was accidentally shot by Mike Bibby, Grass Valley rancher, yesterday.

The pair were hunting jackrabbits when the accident occurred.

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Mar. 23.—(AP)—Police guarded residences and stores in the large Jewish colony at Basovitz, Moravia, today as a precaution against possible pogroms growing out of a ritual murder scare.

A NATION WEEPS FOR ITS IDOL

Marshal Foch Borne Thru Arch of Triumph Today — Tuesday to Be National Day of Mourning — Civic and Military Honors Bestowed.

PARIS, March 23.—(AP)—France is gradually revealing her treasures of respect and affection for the man to whom credit is given for successful termination of the World war.

More than 20,000 people stood in line today to pass before the catafalque of Marshal Foch in respectful silent homage. There was time for only 5000 to pass through the house, while at least 20,000 more, despairing of any chance to get in, had to be content with saluting or lifting their hats as they walked by the marshal's mansion.

Thousands were still waiting in line when the doors were closed this evening and could not have a chance to bid the beloved marshal goodbye.

Honors to Foch is becoming more and more that of the common people. Notable men and women were all present in paying their respects, but workmen were unable to absent themselves on short notice and were obliged to wait for an opportunity.

The greater part of today's procession was prefigured by the Saturday half holiday.

After the body of the marshal had been transported under the Arc de Triomphe tomorrow evening, they will have a chance to pay tribute to the departed soldier.

Police are preparing for one of the greatest crushes they have ever had to handle.

The family of the marshal will attend the ceremony early in the morning when the body will be blessed before being placed in an ordinary undertaker's hearse. The hearse will be escorted to the grave of the unknown soldier by a squadron of cavalry. A company of infantry will render military honors as the body leaves the Foch residence.

Mme. Foch, feeling the effects of the great strain of three days' ceremonies already passed, asked this evening that the body of the marshal remain under the Arc de Triomphe only until midnight so as to dispense with guards for early morning.

She has received a great many visitors herself, has been consulted about all details of the obsequies and directed the funeral in accordance with the marshal's last wishes as expressed in his will. Members of the marshal's staff and his aide, Major René Le Houllier, who accompanied Foch on his tour in the United States, have assisted her.

Tuesday will be a day of real mourning throughout France. The stock exchange will be closed, theaters will not raise their curtains and horse races have been called off. The government is requesting all restaurants to serve meals without music.

CITY OFFICIALS TEAR DOWN HOUSE TO MOVE A LADY

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 23.—(AP)—It is embarrassing enough to be carried out of one's home, let alone have the structure torn down before one's eyes.

A deputy sheriff yesterday went to the home of Miss Kathleen Polley with an eviction order. He found Miss Polley, who had resided for two years efforts of the city to take over the property in connection with a replating and park scheme, obdurate. The deputy spoke to the woman through a small window and when he failed to persuade her to let him in he burst open a door.

As the furniture disappeared to the street in the arms of officers Miss Polley threw herself on her bed and defied the evictors. Unbattered, an officer picked up the bedding and the woman and carried both to the street.

After everything had been moved out a score of workmen, armed with crowbars and axes, ripped down the bungalow, plank by plank. Miss Polley's protesting screams were drowned in the din of crashing lumber. Today all that remained of the dwelling was a heap of lumber and furniture on the side of the road.

Miss Polley had refused a payment of \$1250 from the city for the property.

May Succeed Olvany



Surrogate James A. Foley has been mentioned as a possible successor to George W. Olvany, resigned leader of Tammany Hall.

FLAT TAX FOR LOGGED LANDS HELD BENEFIT

Means End of Oregon's 'No Man's Land' And Chance to Replenish Timber Supply — Forester Lauds Legislature and Nature.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 23.—(AP) Oregon's action in putting tax on the cutter timber lands on a flat five cents an acre basis is a "remarkable and progressive step," E. R. Carter, assistant United States forester, Washington, D. C., said today. Carter arrived in the city for a few days.

The law as passed by the legislature calls for the flat tax on cutter timber lands and provides for a 12 1/2 per cent levy on the lands when they come into bearing again.

"This new law is noteworthy for Oregon's vast timber supply is still far from depleted, and it shows an obvious intent to keep the timber areas in production and to keep them in the hands of their original timber-milling owners," Carter said.

"Under the former tax system many vast tracts of what was once forest reverted to the state and became 'no man's land.' Such tracts do not contribute anything to county, state or nation."

As assistant to Major R. Y. Stuart, chief forester, Carter's duties are concerned with forest management and forest planting.

"Don't get planting confused with reforestation," the government employee said. "Planting is an expensive, artificial process only used where reforestation cannot be carried on because of isolation or natural conditions over which man has no control. An ordinary cut-over or burned over tract adjacent to thick forest stands will grow its burden of young trees with little trouble, insure a supply of seed and keep the fire out of the bare tracts and nature will do the rest."

COMPLETE ECLIPSE OF SUN IN MAY

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—(AP)—Professor Harlan T. Stetson, head of the Harvard university expedition to the Malay peninsula to study an eclipse of the sun on May 9, left here today with a party of scientists aboard the Dollar liner President Wilson for Alor Star, in the province of Kedah, Malay peninsula.

This year's eclipse will be particularly remarkable because of the long duration of totality. Professor Stetson asserted. It is expected the total period will last five minutes at Alor Star.

FORD WALLET IN CANADA JOLTED

NEW YORK, Mar. 23.—(AP)—Ford Motor company of Canada, Ltd., today reported a net loss of \$5,409,651 last year. This compares with a net profit of \$171,222 in 1927.

MAIRFIELD, Ore., March 23.—(AP)—The jury was expected to receive the case of Robert Green, on trial for the murder of Caleb Green, his catching neighbor, this afternoon. Defense Attorney A. K. Peck and J. B. Bodgfield, special counsel for the state, were making their final arguments this morning.

KEY TOWNS OF MEXICO IN WEDGE

Rebels Maneuver to Nip Calles Troops—Mazatlan and Torreon Objectives—Army in Cemetery Holds Entrance to West Coast Prize.

JUARRES, Mar. 23.—(AP)—Insurgent leaders reported today that their campaign of "tactical" warfare to rout the government command of General P. Elias Calles had been carried south of Torreon by detachments of rebel forces sent from their base at Jimenez to harass federal military movements.

Torreon, important industrial center of Coahuila and a strategic point of fortification, is the objective of a rebel counter drive, launched yesterday with the concentration of several thousand soldiers which revolutionary heads declared were prepared for an attack at Brenojillo, only 35 miles north of the city.

Revolutionary movements in the zone embracing Coahuila, Durango and Zacatecas, as described in reports from the insurgent commanders here, indicate a process of wedging in the Calles army in the vicinity of Torreon, to be coupled with a rebel advance from the south or west coast.

A report received by courier at rebel headquarters from Col. Juan Villagras Fernandez at the Jimenez base declared that the insurgent forces had encountered a federal command in Colorado, Zacatecas, approximately 150 miles to the south from the Calligta base of operations in Torreon. The rebel attack dispersed 200 federal infantrymen and an uprising in the city timed with the insurgent advance caused 300 others to flee to the mountains. Colonel Fernandez reported.

The reports detailed a campaign by the rebels further south of Colorado where 1,000 revolutionists were hindering federal troop movements by the destruction of railroad lines and bridges. (By the Associated Press)

Plans of Mazatlan hung in the smoke of battle as the Mexican rebel west coast army threw its full strength on the seaport city before heavy federal reinforcements could arrive. W. T. Blocker, American consul, was reported killed in the fighting.

Hot rebel attacks by land and sea began Friday night and lasted all through Saturday.

Insurgents expected speedy capture of this key city in the west coast campaign after their headquarters at Nogales were informed insurgent troops had occupied the Mazatlan cemetery which faces a long bridge, the only land entrance.

In Mexico City the government confirmed news of the fighting but had no casualty figures.

BAKER COPPER HOLDINGS WILL BE DEVELOPED

PORTLAND, Ore., March 23.—(AP)—Officers of the Oregon Copper company, Baker county, Ore., announced tonight that negotiations for the acquisition of a large part of their holdings by a nationally known mining company with headquarters in New York City, have been substantially completed.

Thomas F. Fitzgerald, New York City, in president of the Oregon Copper company. Other officers and directors are business men of Seattle, Tacoma, Aberdeen and Portland.

Under the terms of the agreement, the contracting company will start operations and exploration work within the next 60 days and will continue operations for a period of years at a substantial expenditure of money.

The Oregon Copper company owns a body of mineral land five miles long and about one mile wide in Baker county, situated 25 miles northeast of Baker. During the past four years the company has expended approximately \$700,000 in the development of two of its claims.

At the present something like 15,000 feet of tunnel and shaft work has been completed. Large bodies of ore have been blocked out and in addition there are nine other large outcroppings of known value. Officials of the company say the work already done on the property gives indication of one of the greatest copper developments in the country.

ARIZONA EDUCATOR JOINS U. FACULTY

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PRESIDENT TO DO NO YACHTING

Commission, and Economy Noted — To Crisp Foreign Problems This Week, and Diplomatic Heads to Fall—No Statement on Farm Relief.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP) With the arrival here Monday of Henry L. Stimson, to take over the office of the secretary of state, President Hoover will turn his attention to the nation's foreign affairs.

Extended conferences with the new cabinet officer are planned in these Mr. Hoover is expected to go thoroughly into numerous problems now facing the government, particularly those of diplomatic appointments and the Root formula for American entrance into the world court.

Since inauguration day, Frank B. Kellogg has continued at the head of the state department, awaiting the coming of his successor who had to make the long journey from the Philippine islands, where he has served as governor general. Mr. Kellogg will remain in Washington until late in the week to participate in the conference and assist Mr. Stimson. On Friday Mr. Kellogg plans to sail for Europe.

During the three weeks of his administration, Mr. Hoover has been concerned, with the exception of the situation created by the Mexican revolution, almost entirely with domestic affairs, diplomatic appointments and the Root formula have been set aside until the arrival of Stimson.

Numerous changes in the diplomatic corps are expected, particularly in the personnel in the legations and embassies of South America. Of these, Mr. Hoover has a first hand knowledge, through his goodwill tour, and he is anxious to build the South American service up to a high point of efficiency. Changes in several high positions in the state department are looked for also.

The last week has seen the president issue a proclamation that the national origins quota provisions will be applied to immigration after July 1, although Mr. Hoover is personally opposed to this course, and an order declassifying the presidential yacht Mayflower so that an annual saving of \$2,000 may be effected and her officers and men used to man yachts.

In addition it was learned that chief executive plans to speed tactical or dramatic prohibition enforcement drive and it was reiterated that he intends to preserve meticulously the constitutional relationship between the executive and legislative branches of the government in the formulation of farm relief and other measures.

Asserting that it was the first duty of the president to obey the law, Mr. Hoover issued the national origins proclamation after Attorney General Mitchell had ruled that the immigration law made such action mandatory.

By decommissioning the Mayflower, nine officers and 172 men will be released for duty elsewhere, thus affecting a saving in the recruiting and training of men. In addition, Mr. Hoover, although an extensive traveler, has no particular fondness for the sea and prefers to get his recreation by fishing the small streams of the Virginia mountains.

Instead of inaugurating a spectacular drive against violators of the prohibition laws, the president intends to build up the enforcement of all laws. In this, he looks for the support of the press and of all good citizens, and hopes to build up a substantial realization of the importance of respecting the federal statutes.

With respect to farm relief, the president feels that the position of the republican party on this question is well known and that there is no need for an outline of his own views upon the subject. He intends to make no public announcement along this line until his message is read at the special session of congress. Meanwhile he is ready to confer with members of the house and senate upon the agricultural problem.

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