

3 Louisiana Rivers Rising

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP)—Three flooding rivers aimed their muddy crests at the Southwest Louisiana Coast today, threatening a town of 2,000 and oil fields 40 miles south of here.

This city of 50,000 was still choked with floodwaters of the receding Calcasieu River, which left 15,000 homeless and \$15,000,000 damage here. Health officials were vaccinating for typhoid, but no cases were reported.

While Lake Charles and its submerged Air Force base got ready to mop up, the little town of Cameron, on the coast, braced for a water assault at the mouth of the Calcasieu.

The U. S. Weather Bureau here, in a bulletin warning late yesterday, predicted water up to three feet in Cameron's streets within 48 hours.

Dangerous waters were forecast within 36 hours and residents were told to protect their cattle.

For 40 miles along the coastline, the marshes are filling up with high waters from three rivers.

The weather bureau said the Calcasieu river was rolling southward from Lake Charles through Calcasieu Lake and on toward Cameron.

The Sabine River, forming the Texas-Louisiana border 30 miles westward, is shooting up high water in the extreme southwestern tip of Louisiana. These waters are blocking Calcasieu floodwaters from spreading in that direction.

About 15 miles east of the Calcasieu River, the flooding Mergentau River is spilling into the Gulf and flowing out of its bed into the marshes.

Horse Breaks Guest's Leg

ALTURAS—Charles Guest, an employee of the West Valley Ranch at Lively, Monday was in Modoc Medical Center here with a broken leg. He was injured while shoeing a horse. The animal suddenly threw its weight on Guest's knee. Bones on both sides of the knee cap were broken. He is to be taken to San Francisco for treatment.



KEEPING A PROMISE — In a brief ceremony at the White House, President Eisenhower makes good one of his 1952 campaign promises as he signs the tidelands bill giving coastal states title to offshore lands. Group of smiling senators and congressmen look on as he signs.

Two Held In Strongarming

Two itinerant workers were held by City Police Monday after they were alleged to have strongarmed and robbed two other transients aboard a freight train near Dorris.

One victim was severely beaten.

The suspects were arrested in Klamath Falls after their alleged victims complained to Southern Pacific Railroad detectives. Held pending action by Sheriff Al Cotter of Siskiyou County are Frank McElfresh, 49, and Franklin Evans, 39.

Sheriff Cotter said he would send deputies to Klamath Falls to take the two suspects into custody.

According to Thomas Baxter, Detroit, Mich., and Oliver J. Hagen, Los Angeles, they were riding in a boxcar with the other two men when the trouble started.

"I reached into my shirt pocket for a cigaret paper," Baxter told

police. "I pulled out a \$10 bill. One of these two other guys grabbed it. The train stopped at Dorris. I got off to look for a cop. When I came back I found my pal, Hagen, alone. He had been given a bad beating. He was about half knocked out. These guys took his shoes and some change he had in his pocket. We got off the train and found a railroad detective. He brought us to Klamath Falls."

Shortly after Klamath Falls police were notified of the robbery, they arrested the two suspects in the downtown district.

CITY COUNCIL TONIGHT
Mayor Paul Landry said this morning there was nothing of unusual importance on the agenda for tonight's City Council meeting, 7:30 at City Hall.

Denmark Stamps To Be Studied

Stamps of Denmark and what they tell of the geography, people and history of that country, will be taken up at the meeting of the YMCA Stamp Club to be held Thursday, May 28, at 7:30 p.m., at the YMCA.

This is the second in the series of discussion of stamps of specific areas. Chile was the country covered at the last meeting.

President B. C. Griffin leads the discussions. Everyone interested in philately is welcome to attend.

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New Ammo Shortage Probe Seen

WASHINGTON (AP) — A finding by investigating senators that "there was a needless loss of American lives" in Korea because of ammunition shortages may touch off some new controversies.

The findings came in an interim report signed by four of the five senators who spent weeks on a special investigation by a Senate armed services subcommittee.

Joining in criticism of both civilian and military officials were Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R-Me), Byrd (D-Va.), Hendrickson (R-N.J.) and Cooper (R-Ky.).

A vigorous dissent came from Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.). He objected to "many of the sweeping generalities and some of the conclusions," particularly on the needless loss of lives.

Kefauver said the "statement is based, as the committee acknowledges, on conflicting testimony between various Army generals."

He added that "American families which have suffered losses in Korea have sustained grief enough without sustaining the added grief which this statement brings."

Although directed to determine "officials and conditions responsible" for the ammunition shortage, the subcommittee majority reported "it is difficult to pinpoint the responsibility."

Its criticism was directed at a list that ranged from former President Truman and his top Cabinet officials down the long line of civilians and generals who handled the multi-billion dollar defense program since the Korean war started in June, 1950.

Only Congress, which had voted nearly seven billion dollars to the Army for ammunition in the three-year period, was cleared of blame.

Calling the stalemate Korean operations since the summer of

1951 "a sludgy war," the report said there is evidence this resulted because "our military planners knew our ammunition supplies were in such bad condition and instituted this new policy to conserve ammunition."

Chairman Smith, in a statement summarizing the majority report, said: "Shortages of ammunition of different types have existed in varying degrees of seriousness

during the entire Korean war." She said failures to get ammunition production rolling were caused by long delays in letting contracts, after contracts were let, and failure to meet schedules even "failure to spend available money" Congress provided.

"Partial mobilization was costly and unworkable," she said. "The national policy was 'peace' at home and 'war' in Korea."

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