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## SEVENTEEN DROWNED AT FORT WORTH

Trinity River Flood Most Serious in History of Texas City—Damages Exceed a Million

Fort Worth, Texas, April 25.—Seventeen probably dead and approximately \$1,000,000 in the toll of a flood which swept Fort Worth early today, carrying before it scores of residences and small buildings, overflowing hundreds of acres of land and inundating several city streets.

The estimate of possibly 17 dead was made by L. G. White, in charge of Red Cross relief. The flood was confined chiefly to the lowlands adjoining the tributaries of the Trinity river. Marine, Sycamore, Clearforks and the Trinity river were swollen, overflowing the bottoms nearby.

The flood is the most severe in the history of the city, according to old time residents. Trinity river stood at 36.7 feet at noon and was still rising. The gauge measured only seven feet yesterday. With the break of the East First street levee late today it was believed the water on being released would spread out, losing some of its force.

Coming on the heels of rains, the heaviest in the history of Fort Worth, and a wind and electrical storm, the flood took scores of people by surprise. The lowlands adjoining Sycamore creek were the first to suffer and at one time water was standing level with the roofs of residences.

Word reaching here tonight from points north of Fort Worth indicates that a further rise of the water is expected. Rescue workers are laboring tirelessly in bringing relief to flood sufferers.

With boiler rooms of the city power and light plant flooded, residential Fort Worth is spending a night in darkness. No drinking water has been available since early morning.

With the city facing a night of darkness, 500 members of the American Legion were patrolling the streets, augmenting the police force.

Many highways were covered with water, cutting off traffic.

Fort Worth, April 25.—John J. McCain, Fort Worth city engineer, issued a statement tonight, in which he declared that the levees around the rivers which broke here early today and flooded lowlands of the city were "damaged by unknown parties," and that an investigation by a grand jury would be demanded immediately.

"It is our opinion that the levee did not break of its own accord but was dynamited and as soon as the situation is relieved we are going to place the facts before the grand jury and demand an investigation," McCain declared.

"This decision is based upon a report made to me by John J. Lyden, field supervisor and a member of the levee board for the last 12 years, in which he declared he had seen patrolling the levee all Monday night and all day Tuesday and that it was his opinion that the levee was dynamited."

"We are not placing the blame upon any one but we are going to place the facts before the grand jury."

St. Louis, April 25.—More than 3,500 persons are homeless and at least 1,500 homes in the Trinity valley between Arlington Heights and Fort Worth, Texas, are inundated, according to advices received by the Southwestern division of the American Red Cross here tonight.

New Orleans, April 25.—The Mississippi river rose one-tenth of a foot here today, the gauge standing at 22.6 feet. The previous high record here was 22 feet in 1912. A maximum of 23.4 has been predicted by May 15 to 20.

Official reports of satisfactory levee conditions continue to come in to federal, state and parish levee engineers today. Topping and blanketing of low embankments was in progress throughout the day all along the lines, but flood control agencies declared no serious difficulties had been encountered at any point.

Natchez, Miss., April 25.—A serious slough appeared in the Mississippi between Byrne and Buckridge, about 11 miles above Newellton, La., today. A crack about 40 feet long with clear water showing developed. The threatening condition caused great apprehension for a time and men were rushed from adjacent points to combat the new trouble. Late reports from Newellton stated that the levee is now in a satisfactory condition.

Engineers stated that all levees in the Fifth Louisiana levee district are holding.

Fort Worth, April 26.—The rain continued to fall today, making the flood conditions more menacing, with the continued rapid rise of Trinity river. Fears are expressed that the death toll, placed at

## 3 PARISHES FLOODED IN LOUISIANA

Break in Levee at Lake Concordia Forces Thousands to Flee For Their Lives

Natchez, Miss., April 27.—The flood waters of the Mississippi River which broke through the Wee-conia levee at Lake Concordia, Louisiana with a population of five hundred, today, the flood having to travel four miles before reaching the town, gave residents ample time to escape. Vidalia, La., which is in the path of the released waters, has two thousand population and the only means of communication with Concordia and Catahoula parishes is by boat. The flood water is expected to cover parts of Texas, Franklin and Avoyelles parishes, comprising a rich farming area devoted to cotton. Former service men of Natchez report of the American Legion are erecting tents for refugee camps.

New Orleans, April 27.—A break has occurred in the Mississippi levee at Poydras, ten miles south of here, and three hundred and fifty families are fleeing for their lives.

## TEXAS FLOOD SUBSIDING

Fort Worth, April 27.—A recession of the Trinity River flood was noted today and officials are turning the attention to a search for the sixty or more persons reported missing and the reconstruction necessitated as the result of the three days' flood, which inundated the low outlying sections.

The Trinity river is well within was restored today. The dead and foot over night. Street car service was restored today. The dead and missing here are listed at forty-nine. The levee board has offered five hundred dollars reward for the arrest of anyone convicted of illegally dynamiting the levees during the flood.

TENURE OF COUNTY OFFICERS

Attorney General Renders Decision That is Important to Hold Overs

Columbia, April 27.—Tenure of office in several county offices throughout the state will likely come under the provisions of an opinion rendered by the attorney general's office today in connection with the election of a coroner in Pickens county, the attorney general holding that the present coroner, elected in 1920, at the end of the term of office of an interim appointee does not have to offer for re-election this spring. It is said that the office of sheriff in Union, Charleston and Cherokee counties are in the same situation, and probably other offices throughout the state.

In Pickens Coroner Mauldin was elected in 1918. He resigned and Coroner Durham was appointed to succeed him. D. Mauldin's term would have expired in 1922, but when 1920, an election year, came, Coroner Beasley was elected to succeed Mr. Durham, the interim appointee. Now that the year has come when Coroner Mauldin's term would have expired, there is talk of another election. The attorney general's office, however, holds that this is not necessary; that the term of office is four years, and an opinion of the supreme court holds that the man appointed to succeed Mauldin in the middle of his term, could only serve until the next election year. The governor cannot fill an office, except temporarily, when the constitution makes the office elective, the attorney general holds. It is understood that in several counties candidates are entering the field for offices filled by elections which came in the middle of what would have been a term, had the offices not been vacated, according to the attorney general's ruling, no race is necessary for such offices until 1924.

WOMEN FAVOR FORD'S BID

Expected to Pass Resolution Urging Acceptance

Baltimore, April 27.—The National League of Women Voters is expected to vote a resolution recommending that the government accept Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals.

twenty and a property damage of several million, would be increased. Extensive sections of the northwest and southeast side of the city are inundated. Response is awaited to the appeal of the Red Cross for forty thousand dollars to care for the sufferers. John H. McCain, chairman of the levee board, is expected to request a grand jury investigation of alleged dynamiting of the levees. Former service men are patrolling the streets.

U. S. GRANT'S CENTENARY

Birthday of Man Who Had Honor of Receiving Robt. E. Lee's Surrender Honored

Washington, April 27.—The governmental machinery was halted today by a presidential order to allow the thousands of federal employees and officials, with visitors and citizenry to do honor to the memory of General Ulysses S. Grant at the dedication of the Belmont Gardens on the centenary of the birth of the great union soldier and president.

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The girls' expression contest are on this afternoon. The state high school week program will come to climax with a big banquet Friday night, following the tract meet.

## UNUSUAL SEA DISTURBANCE OFF CAROLINA

U. S. Hydrographic Office Receives Data of an Ocean Earthquake

Washington, April 27.—An unusual phenomenon in the form of a general ground swell, submarine or disturbance, earthquake or subterranean shifting, which occurred off the North Carolina coast was reported to the hydrographic office by the naval cutter Prometheus. Sounds showed to bottom at one hundred and thirty fathoms. Thousands of porpoises leaped into the air during a disturbance lasting two hours.

## WARNS OF RED DISGUISES

Bolsheviki Propaganda Spread by Apparently Harshless Societies

Washington, April 27.—(Capital News Service).—Brigadier General Amos Fries, chief of the division of chemical warfare, U. S. Army, Mason and patriot, warns Americans of the dangers lurking in apparently innocent clubs and societies the very members of which are unaware of the sinister purposes behind their organization and the way in which they are used for the spreading of "red" propaganda.

In an address before a congress of Parent-Teacher Associations General Fries said:

"There are organizations today working through women's clubs, men's clubs, fraternal, religious, labor and other bodies to teach communist doctrines. A number are operating under the guise of organizations to win the reduction of armaments or the abolition of war. They do not ordinarily admit that they aim at communism and the destruction of modern government."

General Fries quoted from a letter from a woman official of an organization for world disarmament in which she states: "I have no confidence in anything short of revolution, brought by all means if possible, bloody if necessary, in every land, resulting in the establishment of the communist idea in some form to do away with war."

"Note that while this woman is talking about world disarmament, she advocates 'bloody revolution' if necessary to put her communism in force," said General Fries.

"Those who want to live in that style should work for communism," he continued, "but those who desire to live as Americans should fight every organization that tends to destroy the family and to make common property of everything in the world, including human beings themselves."

"We all learn to speak glibly of communists, anarchists, bolsheviks, and soviets. They are all the same. They all have their ultimate aim: the destruction of the home and to make everything in the world common property. If you destroy the incentive to work and build a home civilization will fail."

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Was Deserted by Husband Who Forbade Anyone Entering House on Threat of Death

Julia Shaw, a negro woman living at No. 516 S. Harvin street, was found dead upon the floor when this house was entered by anxious relatives at about 10 o'clock on Thursday morning. Julia Shaw, the dead woman's husband, is said to have treated this woman cruelly, deserting her, leaving town about a week ago and taking out at that time, all rations and provisions and forbidding her sister or anyone going near her, saying that if he found it out he would surely kill them. The woman had been sick for some time and her death was probably due to a lack of proper attention, as her relatives and friends were kept away through fear of the fulfillment of the threat of the husband. There was no inquest held. A warrant for the arrest of Julia has been issued and will be put into effect as soon as possible.

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## Air Flivver Stops for Gas



Lawrence Sperry lands at a roadside filling station for gas for his air flivver. It weighs only 600 pounds and can land in an ordinary street.

## BUSINESS MEN TAKE THE FIELD

3,000 Farmers and Business Men Are Working Today to Complete Organization of Cotton Marketing Association

Columbia, April 25.—Reports to the headquarters of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association today indicated that over 3,000 farmers and business men took the field today to canvass for signatures to the cotton cooperative marketing contract. In many cities and towns there is a partial suspension of business for the day. In Dorchester county all of the county offices closed for the day and all of the county officers went out in the canvass for contracts.

All records for number of contracts signed in one day appear to have been smashed yesterday. From every section of the state came reports of a heavy sign-up and officials of the association said today that while they were as yet unable to give definite figures they were confident that all records for one day had been broken. Today, however, is expected to see yesterday's record broken by many thousands of sales. The interest which the business men of the state are taking in the movement is attested by the generous response in most of the counties to the proclamation of the governor today. It was said.

The contract, of H. P. Dyckes, one of the largest farmers in Aiken county, was received today.

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## STREET CAR RUNS WILD IN BIRMINGHAM

Twenty-five Persons Injured When Car Runs Away While Crew Are Working on Door

Birmingham, April 27.—Twenty were injured and five seriously injured when a street car, unattended, dashed down a steep grade and left the tracks and crashed into a pole. The motorman and conductor who were adjusting the door were thrown from the car, leaving the controls open.

## JONES NOMINATED COLLECTOR

Blacksburg Man Has His Name Sent to Senate—No Opposition Yet

Washington, April 26.—John F. Jones, of Blacksburg, was today nominated to be collector of internal revenue for the district of South Carolina. This is no indication that his confirmation will be opposed, but nothing positive can be said on that point, until Senator Smith returns to Washington which will probably be within the next few days. Senator Smith has not been well recently but is practically recovered now.

R. R. Tolbert, of Abbeville, who was for a long time unsuccessfully urged by Republican National Committeeman Tolbert, his brother, for the internal revenue collectorship, is now being pushed by the same influence for the federal judgeship of the western district to succeed C. J. Lyon, of Abbeville, the Democratic incumbent, who has been served with notice that he will be expected to retire whenever his successor is confirmed, although Marshal Lyon's term is by no means ended. No nomination for the judgeship has yet been made, however.

Another South Carolina nomination sent to the senate today was that of Henry X. Folsom, to be postmaster at Bamberg, to succeed A. W. Knight, the Democratic incumbent, who was first on the list of eligibles certified by the Civil Service Commission.

## NURSES TO MEET IN CHARLESTON

Miss Frances Bulow Elected President of Association at Convention in Greenville

Greenville, April 25.—Charleston was selected as the next meeting place by the South Carolina Graduate Nurses' association at its final session here this afternoon. Although no definite date was set for the 1923 meeting, it was agreed that it should be sometime during April.

Miss Frances Bulow of Charleston was elected president of the association for the ensuing year without opposition, while Miss Margaret Galloway of Columbia was given the position of first vice-president. Miss Laura Blackburn of Columbia was chosen second vice-president. Miss Myers of Charleston secretary and Mrs. E. M. Sigmond of Chester treasurer. The convention has been in session in this city for two days and has enjoyed an unusually pleasant and profitable meeting.

Knox Trial is Now Under Way

Montross, Va., April 27.—The trial of Miss Sarah Knox, the nurse charged with the murder of Mrs. Margaret Eastlake at Colonial Beach, got under way after Judge Chinn had ordered all women from the courtroom.

## FINANCIAL DEPRESSION IS SERIOUS

Secretary of American Cotton Association Writes of Observations Among Banking Interests

Investigations among leading banking and business interests of the metropolis of the nation convince me that the present financial condition of the country and the enormous losses resulting to agriculture and business as a result of the drastic deflation policy inaugurated in 1920, is being viewed with deep concern in this section of the nation's concentrated wealth.

With twelve billion dollar losses by the American farmers, most of which is still unpaid, the depreciation and sacrifice of Liberty bonds by the masses, and the wreck and ruin of a multitude of bankruptcies, this condition has generated a nightmare of serious alarm in the minds of many leading financiers in the East. These multiplied billions of losses, now being held in check in many local departments of trade and small banks, and inevitably find their way into all hands, and the strong boxes of the great centers of finance. There can be no escape from this ultimate result. The farmers are unable to pay off debts contracted in an era of unparalleled inflation with deflated dollars and a continuing period of low market values for staple farm products. The truth is gradually finding lodgment in the minds of our big financiers that without credits or cash farmers can neither stimulate production nor liquidate past due obligations.

It is now generally conceded, even in Wall street, that the debacle of artificial deflation went too far and that the distribution of the enormous losses in the agricultural sections can not be held in suspense much longer. When the day of final settlement and liquidation comes, the verflow of losses upon the small streams of the country must automatically be absorbed in large measure by the great financial centers of the nation, because ultimately the checks now loaded with debts must be cleared and the final toll of deflation accounted for.

There is strong outspoken sentiment in Wall street against the inauguration of an agricultural bloc in congress. This is neither surprising nor unexpected. The policies of the government have so long been controlled by big business concentrated finance in the East that any attempt by congress to enact measures of real benefit for the south and west is looked upon with suspicion and undiluted objection. Farm legislation of any kind in congress, particularly if related to finance, arouses both indignation and resistance among those who breathe the atmosphere flowing through the skyscrapers of lower Manhattan. This is not due to any sentiment antagonistic to the welfare of the farmers as individuals or to the agricultural industry as a whole. It respects a jealous fear that the enactment of federal legislation relating directly to agricultural finance may encroach upon the rights and emoluments of centralized banking interests of the nation.

Some of the big trade papers of Wall street, reflecting the sentiment of big banking interests in that section, bitterly assail the senatorial agricultural bloc and every agricultural measure introduced in congress which in any wise tends to bring financial relief to farmers, even in this crucial hour of their financial distress.

The new system of agricultural credits for short term farm loans now pending in congress will doubtless be vigorously opposed by these large banking interests. Their selfish banking interests appear to be obscured with the idea that the destinies of American finance is a divine heritage which they alone must exercise for the benefit of every department of American life; and that any encroachment upon such by government even is an unpardonable sacrilege.

Wall street bankers have undoubtedly rendered a great service to thousands of local banks throughout the agricultural sections of America, but there has never at any time in the past been displayed any spirit of altruism toward the sections to which such banking services have been rendered. The nation's demands for a broader and more comprehensive system of finance have grown beyond the fixed set rules and regulations of Eastern finance. The farmers of the nation can no longer look with safety to the bank vaults of the East nor to the federal reserve banking system as now dominated by Eastern banking interests for satisfactory short term agricultural credits in the future. They have their eyes turned upon the Goddess of Liberty towering above the capitol at Washington where the authorized representatives of the people sit in judgment upon the nation's affairs.

It has been a long drawn out struggle, and the great masses of the people have borne the suffering and trials of financial oppression until they are well nigh ex-

hausted and almost mendicant upon their own domain. But a brighter day is dawning, the country will rebuild its shattered fortunes and enter upon the pathway of the future with renewed hope and safeguarded by a system of forever protected agricultural industry of the nation from the fearful catastrophe of the past two years.

Trouble Breaks Out in China

Marines and Bluejackets Called to Guard American Ligation

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## TARIFF BILL IS LOADED WITH DANGER

Sen. Simmons Points Out What It Means to American People—Rates Are Excessive

Washington, April 26.—Summing up a three hours' attack on the pending tariff bill today in the senate, Senator Simmons (Democrat) of North Carolina declared that it was his "deliberate judgment" that the measure was "larded with more danger to the people of the country and the institutions under which they live than any bill which ever crossed the threshold of this chamber."

The senator said he supposed the measure would be passed, not because it met the judgment of the senate, but because a considerable part of the majority of the senate "are willing to forego their opposition to what they regard as unjust impositions upon the people in order to get concessions for those in whom they are especially interested."

Departing from the text of his address, which had been prepared after what he described as careful study of the bill, the Democrat leader said there should be no deliberate delaying tactics on the military side, but that there must be full and free discussion "to make clear what this bill if passed will mean to the American people."

Will Double Rates. He declared that the rates in the bill were from 40 to 50 per cent, higher than those of the "ill fated Payne-Aldrich" tariff bill and were double those in the Underwood law. Enactment of the measure, he asserted, would result in higher costs of living, increased unemployment and the "further monopolization of American industries."

The senator charged that the rule followed by the finance committee in determining rates, together with the superadded rate-making powers conferred upon the president, "makes rate fixing almost as much a matter of political and personal patronage as the distribution of federal offices."

After Senator Simmons concluded, Senator King (Democrat) of Utah continued his analysis of the chemical schedule, begun yesterday. He charged that the provision in the bill making it unlawful to import dyes in containers or packages bearing the trade mark of dyes registered in the United States was "a joker" added to the measure in the interest of the "so-called chemical foundation of which practically all dye manufacturers in this country are members."

Matter of Dyes. The Utah senator asserted that the chemical foundation claimed to own all the patents and trademarks on dyes as a result of the sale to it of such patents and trademarks seized by the alien property custodian during the war, and declared that a "decent regard for treaties and international law forbade such seizures."

"The only thing to do," he added, "is to restore the seized property to the German nationals. We are not pirates nor are we brigands."

Chairman McCumber of the finance committee declared the American business man from what he said had been the attacks made by Senators King and Jones (Democrats) of New Mexico in addresses yesterday. He told the senate that he had seen printed warnings to Americans traveling abroad to beware of the merchants of certain foreign countries because they would rob the American tourists. He added that no such warning had ever been given about American business men.

In opening his address Senator Simmons told the senate that a study of the bill in connection with the existing conditions in this country and abroad made it "perfectly clear" that it was framed with a view to enable the industries protected to advance further present "excessively high prices."

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## BOLSHEVIKI THREATEN POLAND

Soviet Delegates at Genoa Create Sensation by Sending Note to Polish Delegates

Genoa, April 25 (By the Associated Press).—Soviet Russia contributed another sensation to the economic conference today by sending a note to the Polish delegation remonstrating against Poland's action in joining with the allied powers in protest against a separate treaty between Russia and Germany. Russia claimed that the peace treaty between herself and Poland covers all relations between the two countries, so that Poland, like Germany, should not participate in the discussion of Russian affairs, even intimating that Poland by her present action in the conference has abrogated the treaty signed at Riga on March 18, 1921.

Russia has a strong Red army encamped near the Polish border, and for this reason the Russian remonstrances are regarded by some of the delegates as equivalent to almost a threat against Poland.

The experts on the Russian question sitting without the Soviet delegates today compared notes on the new proposals presented by the Russian delegates at yesterday's session, and decided to forward their report to their respective governments. It is expected that when the answers are received from the various capitals the powers will submit counter proposals to the Soviet couched in firm language, in an endeavor to reach a working basis for an accord.

"We can not stay here forever," said a French delegate tonight. The French are disturbed over the manner in which the English have interpreted Premier Poincare's address. The French spokesmen are alarmed over future military possibilities of the Russo-German treaty and that M. Poincare was merely voicing France's genuine disquietude. There are certain indications here that France with her dwindling population is fearful of the constantly increasing German population, united with mighty Russia. The French attitude toward Russia is described as like that of Japan towards China—each wants an organized and prosperous neighbor but does not desire that that neighbor be so strong as to loom up as a possible menace.

Washington, April 25.—The Russian people will never accept the "evident plan of the allies at Genoa to partition Russia into colonies of the European nations," probably including Germany, Count Ilia Tolstoy declared in an address today. Such