

## SUNDAY'S STORM HAS MANY VICTIMS

THOUSANDS MADE HOMELESS IN  
SOUTH ATLANTIC AND CENTRAL  
WESTERN STATES

The death list of the Palm Sunday tornadoes that swept sections of eight States last Sunday has reached a total of nearly two hundred.

Telegraph and telephone service with many isolated communities in the Middle West had only been partly restored yesterday and indications were that the toll of death and destruction would be augmented.

The known death in six central Western States numbered 95, while 55 were killed in Georgia and Alabama. The property loss in the Chicago area alone was estimated at \$6,000,000, while in the other States affected the material loss was large. Elgin, Ill., suffered the heaviest loss, the damage there being \$4,000,000.

Illinois was the hardest hit of the Central States with thirty dead, more than one hundred injured and two thousand made homeless.

Indiana reported twenty-eight fatalities and Ohio twenty-six. Nine were killed in Michigan and one each in Wisconsin and Missouri.

**Dead in Georgia**  
The death list in Georgia was placed at thirty-eight, and in Alabama at seventeen.

At Joliet, Ill., three persons were probably fatally injured, fourteen seriously hurt and the property loss was estimated at a half million dollars.

The Health Commissioner of Chicago, mobilized every available surgeon and nurse and sent them to the stricken areas. Mayor Thompson acted with the city council in raising funds by public subscription and Red Cross headquarters were opened.

**Legion Lends Aid**  
In several places American Legion posts sent volunteers to watch for looters and assist in relief work.

Henry J. Cox, weather forecaster for Chicago, said the tornado was the result of a combination of two storms. One developed in Alaska, traveled through British Columbia and joined a storm from the Southwest, which developed in the arid plateaus of Southern Arizona and Nevada. This combination, Prof. Cox said, resulted in a rotary motion which formed eddies and caused a tornado.

Although the tornado traveled forward at a rate of about fifty miles an hour, the wind at the core of the tornado was estimated to have had a velocity of from two hundred to three hundred miles an hour.

**Relief Work in Georgia**  
Relief work is actively under way in the storm swept cities of LaGrange and West Point, Ga., where tornadoes that also caused heavy damage Sunday afternoon in other parts of Georgia and in Eastern Alabama had taken a heavy toll of life and property.

Reports from LaGrange, the heaviest sufferer, tended to tone down the actual loss of life, putting the known dead at 26. This would make the total known dead 55, divided as follows:

LaGrange 26, Alexander City, Ala. 11, West Point 10, Agricola, Ala. 5, Macon 1, Milner, Ga., 1, Cedar Springs, Ala. 1.

The number of injured was known to run into the hundreds, and after a night of darkness and confusion attendant upon the wreckage of the power plants, the injured at LaGrange and West Point were being cared for in improvised hospitals with the aid of the Atlanta Red Cross and army authorities here.

**Property Loss Heavy**  
Property loss at LaGrange was estimated at \$500,000 with that at West Point said to be "hundreds of thousands." The tornado that swept through West Point shortly after 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon wrecked the business part of that town even more severely than did the floods of last December, according to report here. At LaGrange the chief damage was in the mill section where several hundred homes of mill workers were destroyed. Property loss near Alexander City, Ala., was put at nearly \$30,000, while the loss in Alabama was expected to be increased as details of more damage come in from isolated communities.

Macon, Ga., suffered heavy property losses and one negro woman was killed there, while as far east as Washing-

## THREE MEN SHOT TO DEATH SATURDAY

Near Aiken, Another Wounded—Corbett, Who Fired Shots, Surrenders

Hugh Fanning, Julian Cooper and Bryant Salley, three white farmers residing near the Salley section in Aiken county, were shot dead at midnight last Saturday night by Carlos Corbett, a white farmer, who claims that the men were drunk and after wantonly burning away a new embankment in front of his place, had cursed and abused him. Corbett also fatally wounded Jones Salley, one of the crowd.

Sheriff Howard and Coroner Bell of Aiken, were called at 4 o'clock this morning to the scene of the shooting, which they found upon arriving had taken place just across the Aiken county line in Orangeburg county. Carlos Corbett, after the killing, got into his automobile and drove hastily to Columbia, where he gave himself up to the authorities. The story of the killing as told by Sheriff Howard is as follows:

"Late last night a car filled with men passed noisily by his home with the muffler of the car wide open. Corbett ran to the door of his home to see who the noisy people were, but could not discern them in the dark. A few minutes after the car passed Corbett says he found a newly repaired washout in front of his place on fire and believed the men had purposely set it ablaze. In half an hour the car was heard returning up the road toward Aiken and Corbett stepped outside of his home to demand of the men why they set his newly filled washout on fire. The men, it is alleged, became abusive and finally cursed Corbett, who drew his gun, killing each of the men in rapid succession.

"Jones Salley was seated in the car some distance away and finding that the first shot did not kill him, it is alleged Corbett went up to the car and shot him again in the head and body. A young boy in the crowd lay flat on the ground and played dead, thus escaping injury. The people of Salley are greatly worked up over the affair."

The dead men were unmarried. Carlos Corbett surrendered to the State penitentiary at Columbia Sunday morning. He claims self-defense and the protection of his home against marauders.

## To Borrow \$3,000,000

Governor Cooper, State Treasurer Carter and Comptroller General Osborne will spend nearly all of this week in New York city looking for money. They are there to make an effort to borrow two or three million dollars, on which to operate the State government until tax money comes in the fall. Such a loan is made by the State every year.

The bids on the loan are to be opened at noon April 8. The three State officials, constituting the State borrowing committee, will make a thorough investigation of the money market, with a view to determining what the loan should cost the State. The appropriation act of the recent legislature authorizes the borrowing of as much as four million, but that much will not be needed right away. The committee will borrow either three million or four million, depending on the bids received.

## Infant Found in Lake City Sewer

The dead body of an infant was found in a sewer at Lake City Sunday morning. The infant's head had been crushed immediately after birth and it had been dead, it is believed, a week or ten days. Decomposition had set in to such an extent that it was almost impossible to tell whether the child was white or colored. The hair was straight, however, and was thought to be that of a white child. An inquest was started Sunday by the magistrate at that place and was adjourned until later, with the hope that some light may be thrown on the dastardly deed. However, in Sunday's investigation nothing was found out to throw any light on the crime.

ton, Ga., the storm caused damage estimated at \$200,000. This was chiefly in unroofed buildings. Many smaller towns in Georgia reported damage to buildings, notably Williamson, Hogansville and Milner, one life being lost at the latter place.

## SEN. NEWBERRY WILL NOT RETURN

TO SEEK EXPULSION OF MICHIGAN SENATOR IF HE RESUMES SEAT.

Washington, March 29.—Senator Newberry, of Michigan, who returned here today, will not resume his seat in the Senate until questions as to his status arising from his conviction in the Michigan election conspiracy cases have been disposed of.

"I shall not resume my activities in the Senate," he said, "until all matters growing out of the proceedings in Michigan are cleared up."

The senator did not appear today at the Capitol. He was understood to have conferred with some republican leaders and will return to Michigan for the Easter holidays without any definite plan as to when he will be back in Washington.

## Would Seek Expulsion

Democratic senators who were active in pressing for investigation of the Michigan senatorial contest, admitted that they had been prepared should Mr. Newberry have put in an appearance in the senate, to seek his expulsion on the ground of his conviction on a criminal charge. His decision obviates that action and it was assumed the next step would be in the committee on elections, where the Ford-Newberry contest is pending.

Even should Mr. Newberry not participate in any roll calls or be paired on any votes, the Republican control of the Senate by a majority of one would continue, the political alignment being 47-48.

## Summer School at Winthrop.

Active preparations are now being made for the opening of the summer school at Winthrop on June 15, to continue until July 23, a session of six weeks. President Johnson has about completed the faculty, which will be announced soon. The college is hoping to make this the best of the many sessions that have been held here. A liberal appropriation by the legislature will make it possible to open with a stronger faculty and a greater variety of courses than heretofore. The increased appropriation will also enable the college to admit teachers from South Carolina without the payment of any matriculation or tuition fee.

Courses of instruction will be provided, as usual, for the benefit of teachers in high school and graded work; and for students who wish to make credits for a college diploma, or who wish coaching in subjects on which they need help.

## Salters News Notes

Salters Depot, March 29.—We are having some real Spring weather after the unseasonably cold weather of the past month. Vegetation is very backward, trees only just beginning to bud and grass to spring up. Gardens, where up, are growing nicely.

The bean crop around here is promising, stands being good, and with favorable seasons a good crop will be made.

Tobacco plants have grown rapidly and several report they will be ready to transplant by the 10th of May.

It is hard to get fertilizer, only a small amount having been received here up to this time, and farmers are needing them badly.

We are glad to report that Mr. M. R. McClary is improving after several days' sickness.

We had several heavy showers of rain Sunday night and an unusual amount of thunder and lightning for this season of the year.

Quite a number of Salters folks viewed the Auroraborealis last Wednesday night. It was quite bright.

Miss Demaris Stubbs has returned to her home in Bennettsville after a pleasant visit to relatives here.

Mr. J. C. Lanham was here Monday looking after the trade.

Mr. J. A. McCullough of Lane spent a short while here Thursday.

Robt. H. Pinckney, of Charleston, tried last week in the Federal court at Florence on the charge of forging government checks, was found not guilty Saturday afternoon. Owing to the popularity and good reputation of Mr. Pinckney, the case attracted wide attention.

## SUSTAIN CHARGES OF UNFITNESS

IN MAJORITY REPORT OF NEW YORK ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Albany, N. Y., March 30.—Charges of unfitness against the five Socialist members of the New York State assembly, Louis Waldman, August Claessens, Chas. Solomon, Samuel A. Dewitt and Samuel Orr have been sustained by a majority of the assembly judiciary committee in a 20,000 word report submitted to the legislature today. It says the seats should be declared vacant.

Enactment of a law to prevent any organization which admits aliens to its membership from occupying the position of a political party on the official ballot of the State is advocated.

The Socialist assemblymen, the findings state, "are not obedient to the constitution and laws of the United States and the State of New York, nor desirous of the welfare of the country nor in hearty accord and sympathy with its government and institutions."

The report mentions the fact the party's constitution provided that any Socialist elected to an office who shall in any way vote to appropriate moneys for military purposes or war shall be expelled from the party."

The report views portions of the evidence heard during the recent 24 days trial, purporting to show that the Socialist party opposed prosecution of the war, opposed legislation for industrial and military conscription, pledged its members to work for the repeal of the conscript law, advised resistance to conscription of life and labor and urged repudiation of war debts.

## Farmers' Meetings

There will be important meetings for farmers next week as follows: Hemingway school house, Monday, April 5th.

Indiantown school house, Tuesday, April 6th.

Cedar Swamp school house, Wednesday, April 7th.

Plumb Bank school house, Thursday, April 8th.

These meetings will begin promptly at eight o'clock.

The purpose of these meetings will be to discuss and organize bull associations in each of the above communities.

It is urged that every farmer attend these meetings and help pull his community out of the old rut. Let's get out of the old rut now by beginning to improve our livestock. The best and most economical way is to do away with all scrub sires and use nothing but purebred sires.

Your county agent and a dairy specialist from Clemson College will be in each community the day of the meeting and will explain the details and help form the association at the night meeting. Don't fail to be there.

## No Field Day This Year.

To the Teachers and the Public:

The influenza epidemic came on us just at the time when we were making plans for what we hoped would be our greatest field day event. Two weeks ago a letter was sent to all school principals in the county asking, in view of the influenza situation, these two questions: (1) "Are you in favor of having Field Day this year?" (2) "If we have Field Day, will it be practical for your school to take part in the exercises?"

I have had replies from 24 of the 41 schools at present in session. Seven express themselves in favor of having field day and seventeen against. Ten schools say they will enter the contests, and fourteen say they will not. In view of these replies, and of the fact that most of the schools of the county have lost some time, and practically all have been more or less interrupted at a critical period by the epidemic, I have concluded it will not be advisable to have field day this year.

I am sure some of our schools will be very much disappointed, and assure them that I am too.

J. G. McCULLOUGH,  
Supt. Ed. Williamsburg Co.

Cotton ginned in Williamsburg county, season 1919, up to March 20, 1920, amounted to 26,963 bales, 6,283 bales less than the 1918 crop.

## CONTENTION OVER GARAGE BUILDING ON ACADEMY ST.

Messrs. Lee and Silverman Take Matter Before Open Meeting of Council and Citizens.

Considerable interest was aroused among the citizens of Kingstree Tuesday over the contention which arose between LeRoy Lee, Esq., a prominent member of the local bar, and Mr. David Silverman, a well-known, successful merchant of the town.

The contention was over the erection by Mr. Silverman of a garage building extending from Academy St. on the site adjoining Mr. Lee's law office, which is located on the east side of the court house yard, the rear wall of the garage being on a line with the front of Mr. Lee's office. The garage was to be corrugated iron or sheet metal, and Mr. Lee's contention was that such a structure was unlawful within the fire district of the town and prohibited by an ordinance of the town.

There are many similar structures in Kingstree, and within the fire limits, and Mr. Silverman was granted a permit by the proper authority to proceed with his building. On Tuesday Mayor Shuler and Mr. Lee forbid Mr. Silverman putting up the building, and he stopped his workmen.

Mr. Silverman and his friends demanded that the matter be brought before the town council, and there being unusual interest manifested, it was decided that the contention of the gentlemen interested be heard by that honorable body in open session.

Tuesday night there were present at the meeting a number of the town's leading citizens. The Mayor and every member of the council were present. Mr. Silverman was present with his attorneys, Messrs. A. C. Hinds and E. L. Hirsch. Mr. Lee presented his own case and made a strong argument against the erection of the building, stating that it would destroy the usefulness of his property, as to the purposes for which it was there and was used. He contended that the ordinance now in force prohibited the erection of such a building as Mr. Silverman had under construction.

Mr. Hinds, speaking in behalf of Mr. Silverman, pointed out the large number of similar buildings that had been permitted by the town authorities to go up within the fire district, and as a matter of justice and fairness to Mr. Silverman, could see no reason why he should not be granted the same privilege.

Mr. Hirsch addressed the meeting also in Mr. Silverman's behalf and asked that all citizens be fed from the same spoon in the matter of applying the building ordinance of the town.

When the contentions of both sides at interest had been heard, Councilman Fairley asked that a vote be taken by ballot in order that the council might get the sentiment of those present on the subject. This was done and the ballot was a complete victory for Mr. Silverman, only one or two votes being cast against the erection of his garage.

In behalf of the councilmen, Mr. Fairley also stated that a new light was thrown upon the ordinance in question, they were better able now to understand and interpret its meaning, and asked that, in view of the presence at the meeting of so many of the town's citizens, a vote be taken as to whether the town go on construing the terms of the ordinance in future as it had in the past, or whether it should be construed in the manner now made more clear to the understanding. The vote was taken and was unanimous in authorizing the council to modify or restrict the further building of metal structures within the fire district of the town. The present ordinance will probably be revised and our main streets will at least have no further increase in tin kitchens, mullet shops and sheet iron groceries.

## Embargo Lifted

Announcement was made yesterday by officials of the Atlantic Coast Line railway to the effect that the embargo on carload shipments which has been in effect for several weeks, was lifted. The lifting of the embargo will mean a great relief to shippers, especially of fertilizer, as the agricultural interests are in need of this commodity.

There is a movement on foot in the town of Andrews to establish a hospital. The proposition seems to have the support of the leading citizens of that town.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

TO CONVENE IN GREENVILLE  
MAY 4, 5, 6—STRONG ROSTER  
OF SPEAKERS SECURED

Spartanburg, March 30.—The greatest array of specialists in religious education ever brought together in South Carolina has been secured for the State Sunday School Convention at Greenville, May 4, 5, 6, according to a statement from the program committee. With the convention theme, "Facing the New Day in Religious Education" in mind, the committee has secured seven outstanding leaders in North America to bring to the largest gathering of religious workers held annually in this State messages of information and inspiration. The program is considered the strongest ever presented at a gathering of this kind in the State.

Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., has been secured for the Bible half-hour each day. Dr. Mullins is one of the greatest Baptist scholars of the day.

Prof. M. A. Honline, Dayton, Ohio, educational superintendent of the International Sunday School association, formerly connected with the Bonebrake Theological Seminary at Dayton, will give a number of lectures on different phases of religious education. He is one of the leading child psychologists of the continent. He is a member of the faculty of the International Training School at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Dr. W. E. Chalmers of Philadelphia is the outstanding Sunday-school leader of the Northern Baptist denomination. He is possessed of a pleasing platform delivery, and is a popular convention lecturer. His work at the convention will be along the line of religious education for the young people.

Mr. W. C. Pearce of Chicago, field superintendent of the International training school for Sunday-school leadership at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. For thirty years he has been a prominent Sunday-school worker, traveling in every State in the Union, in all of the provinces of Canada, in Europe, Asia, and Africa in the interest of Sunday-school work.

Another International worker at the convention will be Dr. William A. Brown, formerly Missionary superintendent of the International association. For the past two years he has been connected with the missionary work of the Methodist Episcopal church. He will conduct the early morning consecration services at the State convention, and speak on Evangelism before the entire convention and at the conference periods.

Mrs. W. M. Walker, of Birmingham, superintendent of the beginner's department of the Advent Episcopal Sunday-school, comes as a specialist in work with children. She has had work in the local school in both primary and beginners' departments. She is an instructor in the Birmingham Graded Union, City Children's Division superintendent, and has been an instructor in schools of method in many places in the South during the year.

For the music, Prof. F. O. Sellers of New Orleans has been secured as director. Prof. Sellers is an instructor in the Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans in Sunday-school work and music. In addition to directing the singing at the convention, he will take part on the convention program. Rev. Daniel Iverson, of Charlotte, N. C., will be the pianist at the convention. He will speak also at the administrative conference.

Workers in every department of the Sunday-school will receive from these speakers much that will help them in making their schools more efficient. The greatest blessings will come to them, however, by personal contact with those who are giving their lives that all the people of every State may be brought into the Sunday-schools and churches and have their lives enriched through the teaching service of the Sunday-school.

**Meeting of Teachers' Association**  
There will be meeting of the Williamsburg County Teachers' association in the auditorium of the Kingstree school building at 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, April 3. Teachers throughout the county are urged to be present at this meeting by the president of the association.