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WALL OF FLAMES CUTS OFF MINERS

Fear That All of the 76 Underground Will Perish.

RESCUE IS BALKED

Men Risk Lives to Reach the Entombed, but Are Forced Back.

THINK GAS IS CAUSE

West Virginia Workings, Scene of Disaster, Equipped With Regard to Fire Prevention.

By Associated Press.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., May 1.—The fate of 76 miners, entombed in the Everettville mine for 24 hours, was undetermined late today as rescue crews worked frantically to extinguish a fire in the blast-torn tunnels. All rescue work was suspended today while mining experts fought the flames.

The known dead numbered 12, and rescue leaders feared that when they conquered the blaze and reached the trapped men they too will be added to the list of fatalities. Nine injured men were in hospitals here, one in a critical condition.

Officials of the New England Fuel & Transportation company, owner of the mine, said late today that fire had been burning in the workings since last night. They said no rescue men would go into the mine until tonight, when an effort was to be made to reach the trapped men.

During the day many bags of cement and other building materials were taken into the drift mouth. This led to the general belief that the burning section of the mine was to be sealed off.

Little Hope Held Out.

Veteran mine workers held little hope for those entombed. They pointed out that the blast, of terrific force, accompanied by a wall of flame, probably claimed the life of every man in the darkened recesses of the mine.

The mine experts, led by George McCaa, veteran of the United States bureau of mines at Pittsburgh, and Robert Lambie, chief of West Virginia's mining department, directed the fight against the flames. They worked without halt during the night and all day in an effort to control the blaze and send in helmeted rescue workers, hoping against hope that some of the trapped men, warned of the impending explosion by dense smoke, succeeded in reaching points of safety and had barred in against the fire and deadly gases.

Death in Fiery Blast.

Seven of the known dead were brought out of the mine last night. These men, at work near the entry, were within 300 feet of the mine mouth, when rescuers came upon them. For other in this crew were alive, but they died shortly after reaching the surface. Two men were killed outright as the chest of flame swept through the tipple, and two others, buried at the same time, died in a hospital.

Rescue Crew Blocked by Flames.

From the time the explosion occurred until early this morning the helmeted rescue crews pushed their way forward. They found the danger mark at 100 feet from the mouth. Here the gold air gave way to gas and smoke. The helmet men went forward and succeeded in reaching a point some 1000 feet in, about half way to the place where it was believed the 76 trapped men were working. Here they found the mine was afire and they retreated to advise those in charge. The experts ordered all rescue men to the surface and the workmen who had remained in the fight against the fire.

A brisk morning sunshine flooded the little valley today where the black smoke pouring from the mouth of the hills. State troopers had the situation in hand, keeping the hundreds of spectators who visited the scene from getting in the way of the rescue crewmen.

Outside the roped area stood a gathering of men, women and children, relatives of the missing men. They had no need to say, standing mute and watching intently the activities at the mine mouth.

Bodies Burned and Mangled.

Most of the bodies recovered from the workings here showed of the great force of the explosion. They were burned and mangled. These victims, working within 300 feet of the entry, were caught in the blast of flame sweeping to the surface. It was not known whether the explosion traveled back into the mine. Experts said that if the blast went in both directions it surely claimed the lives of all the men in the rear.

Two sections of the mine were known to be slightly gaseous, so as a whole the workings were reported safe. The miners used closed safety lamps and the tunnels and working rooms were thoroughly reduced to prevent a spread of an explosion. The fact that the fire had spread caused officials to believe it was gas and not a coal dust explosion.

Only two of the dead men had been identified today. They were Harold Davis and Virgil Straight. No attempt will be made to identify the other bodies until later.

SAT ON GIRL'S LAP, IS SLAIN

Youth Shot From Street While Riding in Auto.

BRADLEY BEACH, N. J., May 1. (AP)—Police tonight admitted they were baffled by the mystery of the slaying of Arnold Bennett, 18 years old, of Belmar, who received a bullet through the brain early today while he was riding on the lap of a girl in a crowded roadster in Main street. Although convinced the shot was fired from the street, authorities continued to question the companions of Bennett, a youth and three girls. The party was returning from a dance.

INDUSTRIES TO ENTER POLITICS

Nation's Manufacturers to Take Interest in 1928 Election.

NEW YORK, May 1. (AP)—A campaign to mobilize the nation's industrial intelligence for its part in determining the 1928 presidential election was announced tonight by John E. Edgerton, president of the national association of manufacturers.

Both major parties will be urged to give full consideration to fundamentals governing the courses of national business, the manufacturer said, and a committee of 100 will draft a "platform of industry" to be presented to the manufacturers' national convention at Chattanooga, Tenn., October 25 to 27, after which organized effort will be directed toward getting voters to the polls.

"Our organization, employing approximately 3,000,000 persons, believes that its industrial experience can be of definite service to the men who conduct the business of the nation," Mr. Edgerton said.

SOCIETY MATRONS TRAIN DOMESTICS

Organize in N. Y. to Give Dignity to Service.

USE TEST KITCHEN

"Grads" Get 9-Hour Day With Overtime—Pay for Board or Dine Out.

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, May 1.—New York society leaders expect to train their own household employees and elevate domestic service to the dignity of a profession.

Scientific Housekeeping, Inc., a co-operative organization formed by a group of society matrons, every one of whom is their wife, he avoid regular, is the medium through which the effort will be made.

Mrs. Richard Boardman has been elected president, Mrs. Henry S. Patterson vice president, Mrs. Vinto Prevelly secretary and Mrs. Seth M. Milliken treasurer. The directors will be Mrs. Hoyt C. Duval, Miss Eva T. Meadon, Mrs. Francis Carter Wood, Mrs. Charles Arthur Richardson, Mrs. Robert S. Walker, Mrs. Morrill Goddard and Mrs. Langdon Geer and Mrs. James D. Pell, honorary director.

Set Up Test Kitchen.

A test kitchen and training school will be maintained and only domestic workers will be required to qualify before they are declared eligible for service. This school will be established at Mrs. Boardman's home.

Under the scheme each domestic employee will be "filed" to her employers and members of the household.

"We are convinced that the solution of the domestic problem lies in giving employees a recognized standing and other workers," said Mrs. Boardman.

"The domestic worker of the future will be strictly a professional worker. We will be assured as a result of the training she will receive to approach an employer as capable in perfection in personal appearance and department and efficiency of service.

On Par With Strongs.

"On the other hand, she will have recognized standing, work no more than nine hours a day, with a fixed scale of pay for everything, and will live and take her meals out, unless other arrangements are made, in which event she will pay the mistress of the house an agreed upon sum for her board and lodging. In other words, she will live exactly like her sisters in offices, stores and elsewhere."

"Once a cook, waitress or maid, or an entire staff of domestic employees has been engaged," Mrs. Boardman pointed out, "we will do the rest. Our supervisors will oversee the work of the staff, look after the properties, keep an eye on expenditures in the kitchen and adjust differences that may arise between the mistress of the home and her employees. We will even pay the staff, if desired, and render a bill at the end of the month."

Serve Bachelors, Too.

Scientific Housekeeping is prepared to look after the needs of bachelors, Mrs. Boardman said, taking a distinctive key to apartments and seeing that they are kept in order.

Its services will not be restricted to those who are in the social register. Any one who is willing to subscribe to the rules and pay the membership fees, which will be assessed to bear the expense of the training school and test kitchen and the general upkeep of the staff, may avail themselves of the service.

KILLS FAMILY WITH HAMMER

Missouri Farmer Slays Four and Cuts Own Throat.

BRUNSWICK, Mo., May 1. (AP)—After slaying his wife and children with a hammer today, Jesse Johnson, a farmer of Dalton, Mo., killed himself by cutting his throat with a razor. Broken arms and bruises on Mrs. Johnson's body indicated that she had fought desperately to save her children.

Sales $46,000,000—Uses This Paper

The Victor Talking Machine Company, of Camden, N. J., advertisement, report net sales of $46,012,193 for 1926, an amount surpassed by only two prior years. Net profit for 1926, after charges and federal taxes, amounted to $7,315,064, exceeded by only one previous year in the history of the company.

The Victor Talking Machine Company uses The Spokesman-Review to reach the permanent, earning classes of Spokane and 122 Inland Empire towns. Out of The Spokesman-Review's total weekday circulation of over 48,000, more than 38,000 subscribers take no other Spokane daily newspaper, too many to be distributed by a concern which is seeking to establish new sales records.

ICY WATER DRAGS TWO TO GRIM END

P. J. Dowling and Miss Irene Jackson Die in Hayden Lake.

FIGHT FOR HOURS

C. H. Wells Clings to Boat Until Picked Up, Numb and Delirious.

GIRL SHOWED HEROISM

Stood by Aged Man to Aid Wells in Struggle—Could Easily Have Swum Ashore.

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, May 1.—Two persons slipped into Lake Hayden in the icy waters of Hayden lake, after clinging for hours to a waterlogged boat. A third hung on doggedly until found, stiff and delirious, four hours later. He will live.

The dead are Miss Irene Jackson, 12, WHIL Boone, employee of the Wells Chevrolet company, Spokane, and Patrick J. Dowling, age 67, N813 Monroe, Spokane, of P. J. Dowling & Co., plumbers.

The surviving is C. H. (Bert) Wells, president of the Wells Chevrolet company, one of the largest motor car distributing companies in Washington.

Girl Sticks or Aged Man.

Two highlights of heroism marked the tragedy—the refusal of Miss Jackson and Mr. Wells, both expert swimmers, to leave the aged Mr. Dowling clinging alone to the boat while they attempted to reach shore, a half mile away. According to the story told by Mr. Wells, both tried to persuade the young woman to swim to shore, but she refused to abandon Mr. Dowling, and this resulted in her death.

The rowboat, an uninhabitable metal craft, was swamped at the east end of the lake, across from the tavern and aid, while the three were on their way across the lake to look at a motorboat which was for sale. Wells said this a large wave crashed into the boat, filling it, and, weighted down by an outboard motor, it sank at once to the gunwales.

Swept Off by Waves.

Chilled by the water, the three seized the gunwale and shouted for help in vain. After Miss Jackson's refusal to desert the boat, she and Mr. Wells attempted to bail out the craft toward the nearest shore.

Exhausted, Miss Jackson lost her grip on the gunwale, and the boat was whipped by the strong wind, aided by with occasional rollers wrenching the boat from the grasp of the young girl. Early in the fatal watch, Miss Jackson and Mr. Dowling were swept loose from the boat and carried away. By herculean efforts Mr. Wells, who formerly was a life guard, succeeded in returning them to their precarious lifeline.

The uphill attempt to reach shore was resumed, but as the frigid water did its work, the paddlers became too numbed to struggle and settled down collinly to await their fate. About three hours after the accident, another wave swept Miss Jackson and Mr. Dowling from the craft. Later he was Mr. Wells, hardly conscious, was unable to offer assistance.

C. H. Wells.

Wells Found Delirious.

About 5:30 p. m. Frank Lee's lake resort, at Hayden lake, called the Tavern to Lee's point, sighted the overturned boat. Mr. Wells, delirious, still gripping the gunwale. He was picked up and hurried to the home of Owen O'Connor, where first aid measures were used. Later he was transferred to the south end of the lake to the home of Mrs. Jackson, where he was to remain tonight.

At a late hour tonight the two bodies had not been recovered, and residents of the lake region said they not be found, as bodies seldom are recovered in the lake. Lee and C. A. McDonald was informed and plans to institute a search were made.

FIRE ON SEATTLE STEAMER

Rifle Shots Come From Native Portion of Shanghai.

SHANGHAI, China, May 1. (AP)—The American steamer President Lincoln was fired on from the native city of Shanghai today. A dozen rifle shots rattled about the steamer, but there were no casualties. The steamer, a passenger and freight liner plying between Seattle and Japanese and Chinese ports, was steaming from the harbor, bound for the sea, when the firing occurred.

The dissatisfied age

PILE UP SHEKELS IN U. S. TREASURY

Fiscal Year's Surplus to Pass $500,000,000, Estimate.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Certain indication that the treasury surplus for the current fiscal year would pass the $500,000,000 mark was seen today by the treasury officials in the excess over estimates of collections of back taxes. Secretary Mellon has indicated that the surplus will be applied to reduction of the public debt.

The last estimate of the surplus made by the treasury placed the figure at approximately $450,000,000, as compared with $377,000,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1926. The figure contemplated back tax collections for the current year of $240,000,000 or $20,000,000 each month. To date the monthly average has been $22,000,000, with a prospect of an increase.

The excess of receipts over expenditures on April 29, when the last treasury statement was issued, was $503,251,521, comparing with $153,—$97,178 at that time last year.

Income tax collections for the first nine months of the fiscal year aggregated $1,847,564,835, of which $973,—243,068 were corporation and the remainder individual tax payments, comparing with $1,420,024,217 during the same period in the last fiscal year. Of the collections during the first nine months of the fiscal year ended June 30, 1926, $780,184,216 were corporation and the remainder individual payments. Income payments in the last fiscal year totaled $1,574,—194,141.

An increase of $232,379,577 in income tax collections and a decrease of $213,972,993 in miscellaneous taxes was revealed in an analysis of returns for the first nine months of their fiscal year, representing a net increase of $18,127,584. Total collections for the period amounted to $2,128,057,864 comparing with $2,112,—930,280 for the first nine months of the previous year.

ARTIST DIES IN N. Y. FIRE

Tried to Save His Portraits of Niece, Gloria Swanson.

NEW YORK, May 1. (AP)—Efforts to save portraits he had painted of Gloria Swanson, his niece, have believed to have cost the life of Charles W. Hawkins, 62, an artist, when fire today destroyed the building in which he had his studio.

Miss Swanson, who is in Hollywood, was notified of her uncle's death. Before going into pictures the screen star was Miss Swanson.

Three women tenants, a man and three children were injured in the fire which started under the stairs. Five persons were rescued by police and firemen.

Swanson was trapped in his studio on the top floor of the five-story building.

FLASHES ROLL OF $10,000

Death Valley Scotty Plans New H. R. Ranch Stake.

LOS ANGELES, May 1. (AP)—Death Valley Scotty, who established a speed record 21 years ago, when he made a flying trip from here to Chicago in 44 hours and 47 minutes, wants to ride the stations again.

The desert hermit dressed into the city yesterday wearing his customary red cravat and wide-brimmed sombrero. He flashed a $10,000 roll of crisp bills.

The money is intended as a deposit to insure the readiness of a special train, on which Scotty says he will ride out of here about July 1 to cut down his own time in smashing his 44 hours traveling to Chicago.

SHARKS GET CLAM DIGGERS

Clothes on Beach Point Tragedy in California.

SALINAS, Cal., May 1. (AP)—John A. Andrade, 18, and Alfred Oliver, 15, both of Warm Springs, Cal., disappeared while digging clams in the shark-infested surf four miles north of Moss Landing yesterday and search for them by officials and relatives today failed to discover either of the missing pair or their bodies. The clothes left by the missing pair were found on the beach and their clamming rakes were recovered in the surf.

The beach is so infested with man-eating sharks that bathers familiar with the waters never venture into the surf. Officials tonight recalled that the tide was low so the sharks might have approached close to the shore.

$1,000,000 PRIZE GUNMAN'S SCHEME

Plotted Kidnaping of Girl, 11, Heiress to $15,000,000.

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, May 1.—Henry (Midget) Peruchon, notorious gunman, removed from the Cook county jail, there he awaited a sentence of death, to Joliet penitentiary, engineered an unsuccessful plot to kidnap an 11-year-old girl, heiress to a $15,000,000 estate and hold her for a cash ransom of $1,000,000, the authorities revealed tonight.

Heiress to Huge Estate.

The intended victim was Jean Schwepe, daughter of Charles H. Schwepe, wealthy bond brokers and grandaughter of John G. Shedd, late president of Marshall Field & Co. The girl and a younger brother are heirs to a part of the $15,000,000 estate.

"Midget," wanted in New York for murder and in other states for bank robberies, was sentenced to death and held in jail here for months awaiting execution. Recently he was granted a new trial by the state supreme court and returned to Joliet penitentiary pending trial to serve part of a 10-year sentence for robbery.

The Schwepe home is the exclusive north shore suburbs of Lake Forest, has been under the vigilant guard of two dozen detectives for a week.

Girls Heroism Foils Thug.

While the Chicago police were busy with their task of driving the crooks out of Chicago in 94 days, robbers escaped four holdups in the heart of the downtown district yesterday, meeting with success in three of them, but being frustrated in the fourth attempt by the heroic resistance of an 18-year-old girl.

Miss Ella Chlebowski, 18, served a $150 payroll for a jewelry firm when she refused to give it up despite the fact that she was beaten on the head until the blood streamed over her face. The robber fled when her screams brought help.

COPS HERD NEW YORK CROWD

Rush to See U. S. Fleet Results in Disorder.

NEW YORK, May 1. (AP)—Police reserves were called today to restore order when 1000 persons intent on seeing the ships of the fleet in the Hudson got out of control.

Because of the disorder which repulsed when hundreds refused to stand in line at the Ninety-sixth street landing wharf for their turn to board the launches, the visiting boats aboard the war vessels were ordered at 2 p. m. two hours earlier than schedule.

An unidentified boy was killed and another boy critically injured as a result of falls from girts of vantage, sought in order to view the fleet.

DOOMED TO HANG, HE BREAKS JAIL

E. C. Sickles, Seattle Desperado, Hunted by Posse.

By Associated Press.

EVERETT, Wash., May 1.—Edward C. Sickles, Seattle desperado, under sentence of death for murder, escaped from the Snohomish county jail here early today. The board of county commissioners has offered a reward of $500 for his capture, dead or alive.

The 27-year-old desperado, who was convicted here March 23 of slaying Patrick Dawson, a deputy sheriff of Sultan, Wash., was aided from the outside in his break for liberty, county officials believe.

To Hang Friday, May 13.

Posses which took up the search for the escaped murderer were given "shoot to kill" orders, which was said to have been hanged at the state penitentiary in Walla Walla on Friday, May 13.

The condemned murderer has spent a large portion of the last 10 years of his life in Pacific northwest jails. In the break today, he picked the padlock on the door of the cell in which he had been placed in solitary confinement, and then made his exit from the jail building through a window, which had been opened, evidently by accomplices on the outside.

Sickles was in his cell at 1 o'clock this morning, the night jailer reported. His absence was noticed when the jailer made the rounds of the cells at daybreak.

Escapes in Auto.

An automobile, stolen last night while parked six blocks from the jail, was found abandoned four hours later this afternoon and officials expressed the belief that the slayer had used it in his escape. Police from the Canadian border to California have been notified of the jail break.

Sickles shot and killed Brewster at Sultan, Wash., on March 4, after the officer had arrested him as a suspected accomplice in a hold-up. At the day the death sentence was pronounced, he was placed in solitary confinement, after a lead pipe had been found in his cell.

Flees McNeil Island Prison.

TACOMA, May 1. (AP)—Joe Wersal, serving time for McNeil Island penitentiary, near here, for a violation of the federal motor vehicle theft act, disappeared from the prison migrant farm this evening and is being sought both on the island and on the mainland. Wersal, sentenced from Aberdeen, S. D., was transferred here from Leavenworth federal prison.

COPS GUARD N. Y. HOMES

Police Take Precautions Against May Day Outbreaks.

NEW YORK, May 1.—(AP)—Special details of police guarded the homes of prominent men today, while detectives, accompanied by interpreters, mingled with the crowds at radical meetings to prevent any untoward May day demonstration. No disorder was reported.

The homes of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and the J. P. Morgan home and the Morgan partners were under guard as were the homes of judges and officials. Public buildings, the subway, the New Stock exchange and other Wall street buildings, also were guarded.

While only 150 Jewish bakers in Greater New York went on strike early today, for working hour adjustments, plans have been completed for picketing of baking plants, employing nearly 1000 men, which have refused to sign the 1927 union agreement, in a labor dispute which threatens to diminish the bread supply of Manhattan, Harlem and the Bronx.

A temporary injunction, issued in Kings county supreme court yesterday, covers more than 50 strike territory to remain at work.

CARRIED DAGGERS ON LINER

Black Shirts Kept Constant Vigil Over New De Pinedo Plane.

NEW YORK, May 1. (AP)—Six men with stilettos and revolvers kept a 24-hour daily vigil over the airplane Santa Maria II, during its entire voyage across the Atlantic in the Italian liner Dulio, it became known when the vessel arrived today. The plane will replace that of Marchese Francesco De Pinedo, Italian aviator, which was destroyed recently in Africa.

De Pinedo is in New York, whence he hopes to fly to the Azores and thence home in his new craft.

Three, the plane's guards were fascist black shirts, brown leather belts and small holsters to hold their pistols. Six members of the fascisti legion of Genoa, headed by Captain Ettore Robbiano, as representative of Premier Mussolini, came with the plane.

'HANDS OFF LABOR,' 'HANDS OFF CHINA'

Great Britain Stirred Over May Day Banners.

PARADE HUGE ONE

Londoners Flock to See Red Flaunted at the Government.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, May 1.—The Chinese situation and the conservative government's trade union bill, aimed at preventing strikes gave the British May day demonstrations two very live issues. From 300 platforms throughout Great Britain today labor, socialist and communist speakers denounced the action of the government in "shackle" labor, and paraded in many cities carried banners demanding "hands off labor," and "hands off China."

Scores of demonstrations were held in the London area, but the chief parade was along the embankment, through Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly and Oxford streets to Hyde park, which was crowded with spectators wearing red carnations.

Thousands of Paraders.

The procession was made up of thousands of paraders and scores of floats, carrying solid banner mottoes, carrying Sunday school children and women and children of other organizations, dressed chiefly in red. There was a great extent of "Hands off China" and "Down with the Baldwin government."

"Boys Scout and Vanestti from the Sacrcto chair," appeared on several of the floats, indicated that the Boy Scouts, "All power to our friends, the Chinese Workers," were among the slogans displayed.

The brilliant red colors were even brighter in the sunshine of a perfect day, which attracted tens of thousands London's population to Hyde park and along the line of march.

Red Field Meetings.

British fascisti also held many meetings, one of them at the foot of the Nelson monument in Trafalgar square, where the speakers denounced communism and urged England, men and women to join the black shirts and "strangle the reds as the "Chinese are doing."

Several meetings were held by the worker bees in a special organization in Hyde park during the labor demonstration, but no disorders of police on duty prevented disorders.

The trades union congress of Great Britain, meeting in parliament tomorrow, many leaders were carried in the procession reading: "This is May Day; Down with the Baldwin Blacking Day." Another read: "We Will Strike Again, and We Will Strike to Win."

One float represented the third international, in which a man and children dressed in costumes of all nations, Arabs, Chinese and an Uncle Sam costume. The children sang the Internationals hymn. Happiness and Peace and effective powers of "Marches Through Georgia and "John Brown's Body." Numerous bands scattered throughout the procession played the marches.

Anti-Socialist Speaking.

While the labor demonstrations were proceeding, Lieutenant Colonel Wilfred Ashley, minister of transport, presided over an anti-socialist meeting in the park, these Sunday meetings are the conservatives to counteract labor agitations being a result of the recent industrial agitation. Colonel Ashley declared "we will resist and suppress the endeavorers of an section to coerce the business of this country by means of a general strike or to overawe the parliament of parliaments."

A huge massmeeting in Albert hall, which was addressed by J. J. Cook, secretary of the miners' federation, Ernest Bevin, a labor member of parliament, and R. Bakhatvy, communist member of parliament.

The meeting adopted a resolution pledging the support of the workers to the cause of the industrial, political and parliamentary labor movement in its opposition to the government's anti-union bill, which it described as "designed to deprive the trade unions of effective powers of resistance when their standards of life and conditions of employment are assailed by organized employers."

HIT UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES

Federal Trade Commission Lands on Wisconsin Firms.

WASHINGTON, May 1. (AP)—The Federal trade commission has issued complaints against the Glass-Turbush company and the Otto L. Kuehn company, both of Milwaukee, Wis., and the Wisconsin Wholesale company, of Madison, charging them with certain trade practices.

The commission charged the association held that the Jobber was the boss, chased through which the manufacturer could distribute his products to the retailer, and that concerns which did not possess this grace were classified as "irregular."

It also found that the two brewers, age from 70 cooperating with the association in refusing to sell irregulars' required the beauty support and business of the members of the association.

70,000 PERSONS IN FLOOD PERIL

New Breaks in Levees Release Torrents in Louisiana.

MAKE BIG GAPS

1000 State Troops on Duty to Handle Refugees—Boats Are Rushed to Scene.

SPECIAL WARNING OUT

Rescue Craft Finds 150 Persons Marooned Two Weeks Near Hickman, Ky.

By Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—Louisiana today began feeling the full force of the floods which have devastated more than 10,000 square miles of territory and a score of towns in Arkansas, Mississippi and other valley states to the north.

Breaking through the protecting levees at four places south of Vidalia, the rushing Mississippi torrent was completing the inundation of Concordia parish, with prospects that it would overflow most of Catahoula, northern Avoyelles and the low parts of La Salle and Eastern Rapides parishes.

Threatens 70,000 Residents.

The threatened territory obtains about 2100 square miles, with a population of 70,000 and a property value of more than $70,000,000.

While the main river flood was claiming this new area, the overflow from the Arkansas river was spreading over southern Arkansas and the flow from the Stoys leading break above Greenville was widening over the Mississippi delta, adding heavily to the damages and swelling the gigantic property loss.

The four crevasses created by the river near the Glassrock levee came unexpectedly and at a time when the engineers were talking about new plans to dam the waters flowing over the strength to the dikes at that place.

Making initial openings measuring from 15 to 20 yards wide, the raging waters rushed to the lowlands, adding to the backwater flood there and gradually pushing out the lake Providence, Vicksburg, Yazoo and Mississippi levees being hastily constructed to ward off the impending flood.

Former Governor John M. Parker, in charge of all relief operations in the state, announced that the Red Cross had established a base at Rockville, 20 miles south east of the new breaks. Supplies will be concentrated there and refugees will be cared for before being moved to the main relief camps at Baton Rouge and Natchez.

Announcement also was made that the Louisiana national guard, which is now being mobilized, had approximately 1500 men in that region and that small boats were being rushed to the threatened area to rescue those who might be marooned.

Weather Bureau Warns.

These new breaks in the banks of the Mississippi were expected to lower the river stage at Natchez, but the weather bureau in a special warning stated that the water flowing through these crevasses would return to the main stream, joining the flood from the Quachita and Red rivers, "and thereby the flood situation in the Atchafalaya and the Mississippi rivers below the mouth of Red river."

Reiterating its warning of record flood stages south of Natchez, the weather bureau declared that with "such conditions in sight all interests in the lower valley should take every precaution."

Women and children should be removed immediately. Should this break the same period of time, which occurred at least four towns, Sarto, Kearney, Bordelonville and Moreauville, and perhaps Cottonport, Hamburg, Chenoyer, Spinnerstown, Cheneyburg, Melville and Krotz Springs.

Key Up Blasting Dykes.

While a large army of men continued the work of strengthening the levees between Baton Rouge and New Orleans, state engineers continued the blasting of the dike south of this city in an effort to relieve the threatening situation here.

The opening started Friday had been widened to a total distance of 600 feet tonight and the engineers intimated that early in the week the gap would be 250,000 cubic feet a second, materially reducing the river stage in New Orleans and below.

Besides the four breaks reported south of Vidalia, advices received in Natchez were that the Mississippi probably would be rising over the levees at Newellton in Tensas parish, Louisiana, tonight. A large crew of men was at work topping the levee and constructing sand bulls at that place.

From Cape City came word that the Yazoo river levee at Edna, 10 miles south of Vicksburg, broke today, flooding 18,000 acres of farm lands and driving several hundred persons from their homes. The refugees were taken to the concentration camp at Yazoo City, where 7000 persons already were being cared for.

150 Persons Marooned Two Weeks.

HICKMAN, Ky., May 1. (AP)—Rescue lines which returned tonight from their third day's trip through the flooded district near Hickman found 150 persons who had been marooned for more than two weeks, it was reported. Some families, huddling in stacks, had been without food for two days, the rescuers said.

BOY KILLS SELF IN REMORSE

Uses Father's Gun After Accidentally Wounding Chum.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 1. (AP)—Charles Gerard, 14, becoming frightened when he shot and wounded Robert Summers, 14, his chum, today with a rusty, muzzle-loading rifle he thought unloaded, obtained his father's revolver, dressed himself in his best clothes and then shot himself in death. Robert's wound was not serious, physicians said.

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