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TERRIBLE NIGHT FLOOD COUNTRY

Rain Storm Sweeps Down Valley Of Mississippi PEOPLE FLEE FOR LIVES

Six Inches of Rain in Four Hours and Leaves Threatened—White and Black Citizens Join Convoys in Fight Against the Rush of Water

(Canadian Press) New Orleans, May 11.—Down today brought relief and hope to thousands of people and ended a night of excitement and terror for those living in up-state towns and villages behind levees considered none too safe, because of a terrific rain storm that swept down the Mississippi river from the northern portion of Louisiana to the gulf. The deluge was accompanied by hail and lightning, and a hurricane that dashed river water over levees in cascades from a Baton Rouge south, tearing away temporary earthworks recently constructed.

Firm scores of towns belated telegrams tell of conditions almost bordering on panic, where hundreds of frightened people left frame dwellings and sought safety in brick and stone buildings. Hundreds living in districts considered unsafe by the United States army officers, who had received to heed warnings and leave their homes, changed their minds when the storm came and an exodus for the concentration camps began.

Many places reported as much as six inches of rain within about four hours, ending at ten o'clock, flooding towns and villages, causing the inhabitants to believe that the worst had happened, and that the levees had given way under the tremendous strain and the flood was on.

At dozens of points up and down the river levees weakened and broke, and hundreds of citizens, white and black, worked alongside gangs of convicts all night long in the desperate attempt to plug and plug and plug on levees to keep back the torrential waters, plugging down from the north, a fight for life and property against heavy odds at many places from Texas almost to this city. At New Orleans the wind backed up the water until the gauge at ten o'clock registered 21.9 feet. Water was blown over the levee at many places. The Southern Pacific transfer ferry the water literally poured over the lines of sand bags placed about the ferry house by the railroad people.

Emergency gangs stopped the overflow after half an hour's work. The levees engineers last night were unable to get in communication with any of the points up the river on account of the broken wires. The city streets were turned into torrents, the water in several instances flooding business houses to the depth of four inches, filling basements and manholes.

In the residence district the water was over the sidewalks by several inches. Joseph Delle, a drug clerk, with a companion, tried to pump the Carrollton avenue drainage canal, the water in which was level with the street. He miscalculated the distance and was drowned.

Hundreds were caught in the down-pour down town, unable to get to their homes because of the crippled car service. Scores of well dressed men took off their waterlogged shoes, slung them over their shoulders, rolled up their trousers to their knees, and walked and waded bare-legged home.

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W. A. HICKSON PASSES AWAY IN MONTREAL

Prominent Lumber Operator on The Miramichi Died in Mount Royal Sanitarium

Montreal, May 11.—There passed away yesterday in the Mount Royal Sanitarium, one of the best known business men of New Brunswick, William Allen Hickson, of Newcastle, N. B. Mr. Hickson was born in Bathurst, N. B., in 1841, and was of Irish descent. His grandfather, James Palmer Hickson, removed to New Brunswick from the County Down, Ireland.

He was one of the largest and best known lumber operators on the Miramichi. For years he manufactured lumber for both the European and American markets, at Newcastle, N. B., where he was a large employer of labor.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter of the late Colin MacLennan of P. E. Island, and two daughters, the Misses Florence and Hazel.

ELECTRIC POWER FOR COMMERCIAL USE SENT BY WIRELESS

Buffalo Engineer Says He Has Gained Further Mastery Over It

Buffalo, N. Y., May 11.—Frank Wyatt Prentice, a Toronto electrical engineer, in an address last night before the Central Railway Club, described the progress of experiments which he considers demonstrate conclusively that electricity, transmitted for power or commercial purposes by wireless means, increases in velocity and power the farther it goes from the point of origin.

He suggested that for automobiles and motor trucks, receiving harps be placed on the machine and wave wires installed at intervals along the roadway, energy being drawn through the air to operate the machines. A flying machine with a small high frequency motor, could, according to Mr. Prentice, fly at a height of 3,000 feet and draw sufficient power from a wave wire along the ground.

By a similar device, it will be found possible, he believes, to operate trains at a great saving from the present cost.

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KING'S SUBMARINE TRIP HAS AROUSED VARYING EMOTIONS IN PEOPLE

His Pluck Admired, But in Official Circles They Feel Uneasy

New German Ambassador Expected To Help Towards Good Relations--Unionists' Failure to Rouse Passion Over Home Rule Bill--Labor Situation Disquieting--The Threatened Strike of the Doctors

(Times Special Saturday Cable) London, May 11.—King George's daring unconventional voyage across serious seas in official circles. His Wednesday submarine trip was so contrary to precedent that all public announcement concerning it was suppressed until the next day. Now the king desires an aeroplane flight and possibly has already made one.

Conservative people are murmuring that the monarch has no right to risk himself unnecessarily. The man in the street, however, admires the king's pluck and nothing could better increase his popularity.

NEW ERA IN RELATIONS WITH GERMANY

The appointment of Baron Marchall to succeed Wolff Metternich as German ambassador in London may constitute the beginning of a new era of Anglo-German relations. Metternich, who became ambassador in London in 1901, has done little to check the growth of ill feeling between the two countries. Aristocratic, intensely proud, reserved and unbending, he scorned to use any popular methods to influence English opinion or ally British sympathies.

Metternich belongs to the old school of diplomacy which he considers demonstrates conclusively that electricity, transmitted for power or commercial purposes by wireless means, increases in velocity and power the farther it goes from the point of origin.

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MOTHER ON TRIAL ON P. E. I. IN CASE OF CHILDREN'S DEATH

Charlottetown, P. E. I., May 11.—The case of Mrs. McEie, of St. Mary's Road, charged with the death of her six children, came up before the court in Georgetown yesterday. The witnesses included her brother, who told of the married life of the accused woman. He said she was a nervous woman, she was abused by her husband during their married life, and grieved greatly over the loss of her children, to whom she was greatly attached.

NEW GIANT GUN

Whisper Concerning One of Eighteen Inch Bore and Weighing Nearly 200 Tons

London, May 11.—J. M. Gledhill, of Armstrong Whitworth & Co., speaking at the iron works institute, referred to the increase in size of modern ordnance, and said there were now whippersnappers of guns of eighteen inch bore, weighing between 150 and 200 tons.

EARL OF EUSTON DEAD

Was Pro-Grand of the English Knights Templar and Was 62 Years Old

London, May 11.—After an illness of several months, the Earl of Euston, the heir of the Duke of Grafton, who is almost 62 years old, died yesterday of heart trouble. He was in his sixty-second year.

REDMOND MEETS WIDOW OF LORD CAVENDISH

London, May 11.—An interesting meeting occurred after the vote had been taken on the home rule bill in the House of Commons on Thursday evening. John Redmond, the Nationalist leader, went in to the ladies' gallery for his wife, who had attended the debate, and while there he was introduced to the widow of Lord Frederick Charles Cavendish, who was assassinated in Phoenix Park, Dublin, in 1882, while occupying the office of chief secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

It was the first time that the Irish leader ever had spoken to Lady Cavendish, and she congratulated him on the result of the vote in favor of home rule for Ireland and expressed her delight at having been present in the House of Commons to witness the triumph of a cause in which she and she took an abiding interest.

FLOODED COUNTRY IS SWEEPED BY RAIN STORM

New Orleans, La., May 11.—New Orleans last night withstood the severest rain storm in her history. All the lower half of Louisiana was gutted, and thousands of the people who live behind the already terribly strained levees that hold back the Mississippi floodwaters, were panic-stricken. The wind raged from twenty-seven miles an hour at New Orleans to forty miles at Baton Rouge.

HEARING IN ATHERTON CASE IN POLICE COURT

Evidence as to Former Empress Purchaser's Handling of Checks--Testimony as to the Sums Involved

The preliminary hearing in the case of Frederick Atherton, a former purser on the C. P. R. liner Empress of Ireland, and now charged with misappropriation of funds, was begun before Police Magistrate Ritchie in the police court this morning. The court-room was crowded and the evidence given was closely followed by all. The prisoner was represented by G. Earle Logan, while F. R. Taylor conducted the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Taylor informed the court that it was his wish to try the prisoner on both charges at once, as the evidence that would be submitted would apply in both cases and that a lot of time would be saved by doing so. It was agreed that Mr. Henderson of the defence, who was sworn in to take the evidence, relieving Mr. Henderson of the duties of clerk.

According to the evidence given the amount of money involved in the case is more than \$14,000, although the papers state only about \$2,000. Three witnesses were called by the prosecution and there was no cross examination on the part of the defence. The first witness called was Leonard C. Goadge, cashier in the Dominion Express Company's office here. He said he knew the defendant, and in December last knew that he was the purser on the S. S. Empress of Ireland. In his capacity of purser he also acted as agent of the express company, selling checks and money orders. Atherton had in his possession checks valued at \$28,120. The witness delivered to him on Dec. 14 six books of American Express travelers' checks, valued at \$10 each, also ninety-one books of checks valued at \$20 each, also six books of checks valued at \$10 each, ten books valued at \$50 each and forty valued at \$100 each.

CONTEST OF ASTOR WILL UNLIKELY

It Is To Be In Probate Next Week

THE WIDOW'S POSITION

Mr. Force, Her Father, Says He Knows Nothing About a Contest, Except What Newspapers Have Published--No Petitions for Guardianship Papers

(Canadian Press) New York, May 11.—Preparations for the probate of the will of Colonel John W. Astor, on next Friday, are being quietly conducted and it was said that the estate will be distributed without interruption.

Although many suggestions are being discussed in an unofficial way, it is understood that the beneficiaries are desirous of carrying out of every provision mentioned by Colonel Astor. There is no reason to believe that Mrs. Madeline T. Force Astor contemplates any contest of the will.

William H. Force, father of Mrs. Madeline Astor, made today the first public statement he has made since the filing of Colonel Astor's will, which provides for his daughter \$100,000 cash, a life estate in Colonel Astor's Fifth Avenue house and \$5,000,000, to be forfeited by her remarriage. He is quoted as saying: "The only thing I know about a contest is what I see in the newspapers. No petitions for guardianship papers for the chief beneficiaries, all funds in the care of the law, has been made to the surrogate."

MOTHER A PILLAR OF FLAME AT GRAVE SIDE OF HER BABY

Mrs. Martello Commits Suicide in Fearful Manner--Had Lost Reason

Tampa, Fla., May 11.—After kneeling in prayer at the grave of her baby son, who has been scarce for some weeks, and is well up in price. Eggs remained about the same today selling for about 20 to 22 cents a dozen, with some extra large eggs bought from 24 to 26 cents. There was a fair supply of native shubbarling at ten cents a pound and the same price was asked for American stock. Native lettuce brought six cents a head.

STARTING WORK ON STREET RAILWAY EXTENSION

Company Expects to Make a Move Next Week--Rothsay Lighting

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They are making good progress on the extension of the electric lighting system to Rothsay. Special wires will have to be run direct from the power house to this service and they have been carried as far as Broms street already.

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HIS ALL NIGHT TRIP TO VOTE FOR HOME RULE

Winston Churchill Traveled by Auto, Train and Speedy War Craft

(Canadian Press) New York, May 11.—A London cable says: Everybody is talking of Winston Churchill's sensational journey to London to vote for the home rule bill on Thursday night, and his return to Weymouth the next morning in time to join the king at the inspection of the fleet and witness the target practice.

Mr. Churchill left Weymouth with Mr. Balfour by six o'clock train, arriving at London at ten o'clock. After taking part in the home rule division, he returned by automobile to Bournemouth, where he left the car and was rowed out to the destroyer Swift, one of the fastest vessels in the world. She dashed through the early morning mists in the channel at racing speed of nearly forty knots and reached the fleet at Weymouth in ample time to join the first squadron.

The odd vote cast by Mr. Churchill meant a difference between winning and losing countless bets in political clubs and other circles that the second reading majority would not exceed 100.

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Wells Sails For States

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