

20,000 Are Suffering in Alabama Floods

3,500 Residents Evacuated From Inundated Geneva—State's Death Toll 13

THRILLING TALES

Montgomery, Ala.—Unprecedented torrents which raged seaward between Alabama's two waterheds recently were a handicap to the relief agencies which concentrated their efforts on aiding about 20,000 persons affected by flood waters. Clear weather, however, has aid to the rescue workers, who had helped thousands to safe ground during the last few hours.

With only thirteen bodies had been recovered, estimates here were that the fatalities would run into scores.

Property loss in the flood of buildings, livestock, household goods, farm implements and other materials was so great that no effort was made to give an accurate estimate of the amount.

Returning aviators and news correspondents told of desperate situations at Elba and Geneva, particularly. They said 100 automobiles were moving toward the Elba region to take some 2,000 refugees from Cemetery Hill on order of the Governor. Sanitary conditions were rapidly becoming dangerous there and an outbreak of measles among the refugee children threatened to spread.

Many Thrilling Rescues
Stories of thrilling rescues and pitiful refugee conditions are plentiful at correspondents begin to return to Montgomery and Birmingham. Apparently most of the refugees escaped the rising waters without anything but the clothing they wore. Wire communications were so disrupted that reports were lacking from many communities known to be endangered by the high waters.

The train from Fenton, one of the flooded towns, reached Mobile. J. S. Martin, of Mobile, conductor of the train S. J. Brown, the flagman, and R. J. Nelson Jr., baggage master, took two days and nights of rescue work taking scores of refugees into the reaches.

They came with people and jammed with people and many of them had not eaten for hours, said Martin. "We turned on the steam heat, and some of the people, although they had to sit upright although they were comfortable for the first time in many hours."

Nelson, who lives at Fenton, said twenty persons had sought refuge in his home, which was situated a bit higher than some of the other houses. Water kept rising slowly and as it crept higher and higher they retreated to the attic, thinking momentarily the rise would cease.

Finally they were compelled to chop a hole in the roof through which they managed to be rescued from their perch by a motorboat.

A motorcade of 100 automobiles began moving toward Elba from Troy over an improvised road at noon to bring out the first contingent of refugees.

Swirl With Trip Through Night
Elba, Ala.—Lieut. Col. Uirio N. James of the National Guard and Walter Rogers, a staff reporter for the Birmingham News and Age Herald, were rescued after having been in the water since 3 p.m. the day before when their boat capsized.

Colonel James said they were plunged into the flood as they were clinging to the rescue work. They hung to the limbs of a tree with water swirling about them through out the night.

A graphic description of the flood in and about Elba was given by telephone by Kenneth A. Miller, Associated Press correspondent, on assignment within the stricken area. The correspondent "was thrown from a boat and hung to a tree while his rescue party waded four miles in water waist deep and aided in the rescue of many persons. The correspondent accompanied a detachment of Alabama National Guardsmen into the flooded area."

"I shall never forget my experience of the past three days," Miller said. "The watery night was one of adventure, danger, and heroism. People were crying for food and water from the house-tops and the urge to reach them cost many members of rescue parties a wetting from boats capsizing."

"We left Montgomery Wednesday night and took our trucks to Geneva steadily in big army motor trucks for eight hours, before we reached Troy, fifty miles to the south."

Tells Dangers of Rescue Work
"We lost four boats in attempting to cross Big Creek after abandoning our trucks. Our first rescue work was among our own number, although we were successful in each instance. We reached Elba at noon Friday after rescuing approximately a score of marooned persons along the way. Arriving in the city proper, we found from fifteen to twenty feet of water coursing through the principal streets. During the four hours ending at 4 p.m., approximately 250 persons were picked from house and tree tops or were removed from attics and upper floors. In many places we found from fifty to sixty persons huddled in quarters that ordinarily would have held ten."

"Our first attempt at rescue brought disaster upon us. Our party was composed of four civilians, including myself. We had taken five negroes from a tree and were just about to land them when our motor failed. At the mercy of the current, the overloaded craft spun around like a top and we were steadily swept down stream. We crashed into a submerged tree trunk and our boat sank. My companions swam to safety, including the negroes, while I grabbed a branch of the tree and hung on for an hour and a half until a passing boat picked me up."

Canada's Flying Swiftly Extends

One Company in 1928 Transported More Goods Than All Air Carriers the Year Before—Passenger Traffic is Heavy Says James Montague in New York Times

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Canadian aviation figures show the past year to have been one of remarkable progress, and there are indications of an even bigger expansion during the present year.

An example of what has been accomplished in commercial transportation is provided in the statistics of operation by the Western Canada Airways, with headquarters in Winnipeg and branches throughout the Canadian West to Vancouver and numerous bases and caches in the remote northlands. This company flew 545,000 miles and 6,378 hours during the year with twenty-eight planes, carrying 1,192,057 pounds of freight and express, 122,170 pounds of mail and 9,647 passengers—a passenger record exceeding that of the United States two years ago.

In 1928 air mail services between cities were inaugurated and by the end of the year these services included a summer service from Rimouski to Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto by boat mail; a daily service between Toronto and Montreal; a daily service linking up with the American Airways from Montreal to Albany, a daily service between Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary and Edmonton; a weekly Ottawa-Montreal service; special mail flights between Quebec City and Windsor; and in addition numerous services, daily, weekly, to isolated points in southern as well as northern Canada.

Total Mail Carried
The total mail carried was 282,163 pounds, a third of it within the last three months, showing the rapid increase in air mail demand. Air mail post in Canada is now good for American destinations, just as America can air mail express to carry United States air mail on Canadian routes. Much for the air mail carried into Canada from Albany comes from American air routes throughout the continent.

The services to the isolated towns and mining fields include the Inuit-Porter service (Lake Elzev) daily service; Quebec City to Seven Islands, semi-weekly; Slow Brook to Red Lake Area (Northern Ontario), a weekly service; Kissing to The Pas (Northern Manitoba), weekly, and Lac du Bonnet to Bisset and Wadsworth in Northern Manitoba, a semi-weekly service. There have also been special services in the Maritimes, the Yukon and the Mackenzie River Basin to the Arctic Ocean.

Passengers are carried on the Toronto-Montreal, Montreal-Albany, Toronto-Windsor (no mail), Winnipeg-Regina-Edmonton services. The bulk of the passenger trade, with the exception of sleeping berths, comes from the north, which has no railroad, where the canoe in summer and the dog sleigh with tractor in winter form the only means of transportation. There the airplane has come into its own. Extending through Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, prospectors, engineers, financiers and all engaged in mining are able to travel by air. It is in the north that Canadian aviation history is being written.

There were several flights in 1928 to the Arctic Circle. In some cases mining men chartered an airplane and flew for a week or ten days through what are known as the Barren Lands, just south of the Circle. One mining company owns a fleet of twelve planes. Some of its planes invaded the Barren Lands with prospectors and supplies. They flew men inland in summer and left them for weeks to make investigations and at the same time equipped with gasoline and food numerous caches in otherwise inaccessible country by air.

Nearer home in the mining districts of Ontario and Manitoba prospectors regularly use the plane.

For all Canada fifty-four commercial operators were listed at the end of the year; 19 commercial pilots held licenses, but to this number can be added more than fifty, who have allowed their tickets to lapse during the winter. In 1927, there were but forty commercial pilots registered in the Dominion.

Government Aids Clubs
Sixteen flying clubs have been formed between coast and coast, with a total membership of 2,400. To each club the government grants two machines. When the club has at least thirty members they provide a field, an instructor and maintenance and agree to put up a bond for the equipment. Each year the government will give one additional plane to the club which provides themselves with another. De Havilland Moths, assembled in Toronto, are the type of planes chosen.

In addition, the government grants \$100 for each member who qualifies for a private pilot; 140 private pilot licenses have been issued, and twenty-eight commercial licenses to members of clubs. The Toronto Flying Club leads the Dominion with 1,203 flying hours and a membership of more than 250. Winnipeg comes second with 1,005 hours and Montreal third with 946. Nine cities and towns are slated to be ready to qualify for the government grants in the spring.

People get just the sort of government that they're willing to work for.—President Harvey of Queens.

The degraded thing called the laugh is one of the curses of the English stage.—Sir James Barrie.



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King Gains in Vigor Despite Bad Weather
Doctors Announce Definite and Steady Improvement in British Ruler's Strength

London—One of the best bulletins since the King fell ill was issued on Monday at Craigwell House, Bangor, Sussex, where Lord Dawson of Penn visited the royal patient during the day.

"His Majesty the King is steadily though slowly regaining his vigor," says the bulletin. "His strength, health and appearance his improvement is definite. The slight weather is restricting his opportunities for going outside the house. Ray therapy is being continued."

STANLEY HEWETT, "DAWSON OF PENN."
The bulletin confirms what millions of King George's subjects noticed last week when the first photographs of the King showed him looking better. The pictures revealed astonishing improvements in the King's appearance since the day when he waded weakly from the ambulance on his way to the channel coast.

Monday's bulletin was taken to indicate that the change in his appearance is the result of steadily increasing strength and approaching convalescence. His extreme exhaustion, which caused the royal physicians so much anxiety, has apparently been conquered.

Lord Dawson and Sir Stanley Hewett were with the King four days. During that time the King's illness played out at the beach in front of Craigwell House. She made sand cakes with fruit-shaped molds her grandmother, Queen Mary, gave her recently.

"The man of the world" is responsible for more brilliant opinions than perhaps anyone.—Lord Cecil

Twenty thousand square miles of timberland in Northern and Eastern Ontario are to be set aside as provincial forests. Five tracts will be mapped out. One will be in Eastern Ontario, one near Georgian Bay, another in 1928, the third the same of Blind River, one of the Temagami reserve, and the other on the Missisquoi reserve.

Power, Speed, Grace



"LAST WORD" IN THE WORLD OF AIR TRAVEL
The Patrolair, now Keystone Aircraft Company's tri-motored monoplane, as it arrived at Charles Field, N.Y. recently. It is capable of carrying 20 passengers in addition to two pilots.

Insulated Cabin Cuts Noise of Plane Motor

Government Scientists Find They Can Reduce the Roar to Allow Talking

Washington.—The roar of the New York subway is mild compared to the thunderous noise of an airplane motor as heard by a passenger in a cabin airplane, scientists of the Bureau of Standards found after studying the development of sound-proof cabins for airplanes.

The tests showed that sound intensity in such cabins can be reduced by a comparatively moderate increase in weight to a degree where conversation can easily be maintained.

The structure developed as a result of the tests were also found to be excellent heat insulators, which should make airplane cabins comfortable even in the coldest weather or at high altitudes.

The scientists set up a scale of noises ranging from zero to 108, the greatest volume of noise the protective devices of the human ear will permit to register. In comparison to this, his limit of audibility, the noise of an airplane motor was rated at 100, or almost the limit. The New York subway roar was rated at 80, while the noise in a room full of acoustrophiers ranged just below the subway roar at 70.

The report of the tests, prepared by V. L. Chrysler and W. F. Snyder, declared that the best means of reducing airplane noises in an airplane cabin seemed to be the sound-proofing of the cabin, although they pointed out that development of more efficient exhaust mufflers and a method of reducing the noise raised by the whirling propeller would contribute to this end.

They found that airplane noises are complex being of both high and low frequencies, the exhaust noises being in the lower frequencies around 200 beats per second, while in multiple colored plane lower pitched beat notes are sometimes produced by two engines running at slightly different speeds.

They also found that cabin walls built up of layers of a two-inch layer of sound-absorbent material, fibreglass and perforated aluminum, so designed that the sound system followed along the walls will be broken by the trees. There will be no highways, cherry highways, gravel highways, cedar roads, balsam roads and red pine roads.

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Alaskians Explore Yukon Searching for Mastodon
Eagle, Alaska.—Seeking prehistoric animal remains Orin Weeks and Abe Miller have started down the Yukon River Ice watching intently along the shores for signs where the action of frost may have uncovered tracks or other evidences of buried mammoths.

There is a fortune awaiting the finders of a mastodon frozen solid in the agoled ice, for up to \$50,000 has been offered by several eastern museums. The last well preserved carcass was found near Dawson in 1904. It is now mounted in the National Museum.

Each spring remains of the ancient monsters are found along the Yukon, occasionally where strands from clay bluffs expose old glacial strata.

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The figure was one of four which, in painting, the massive sarcophagus. Near each statue, the archaeologists are found, there were three obelisks.

The scientists have reported that they found a whole line of graves of the period of the Mycerinus Pharaohs, who ruled the land of the Nile for 600 years.

Blanks: "The under crust to that chicken pie you brought me was terribly tough." Walter: "There wasn't any undercrust to that pie, sir." It was served on a cardboard plate."

He: "Do you love me well enough to be my wife?" She: "More than that. I love you well enough to be your mother. Haven't you heard that I'm going to marry your father?"

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U. S. Car Tourists Spend Millions On Visits Into Canada

Number of Cars Entering Dominion is 10 Times as Great as 15 Years Ago

Toronto.—The tourist trade is booming, one of Canada's largest industries. Visitors from the United States in 1928 left in the Dominion \$27,754,000, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics estimates. This is an increase of \$35,000,000 over 1927.

Ontario and Quebec divided the greater part of the revenue derived from holidaying Americans. But even in the province of Quebec, Canada showed an increase in the influx. A total of 2,645,555 United States cars entered Canada, an increase of 500,000 over the previous year.

Actually the number of cars which entered Canada in 1928 was just fifteen times as great as ten years ago. The rapid development of the tourist traffic in the last three years is shown by a gain of more than 1,500,000 in the number of cars visiting Canada annually.

With revenue reaching up in the hundreds of millions, the tourist traffic now is being treated as a business. In Ontario millions are being spent to cater to United States visitors both by the government and individuals.

Summer resorts are expanding to huge proportions. The government is now before the legislature a measure creating a dozen new forest reserves, the chief object of which is to cater to the tremendous demand for lake playgrounds. The new policy is to conserve and develop more and more of the natural resources of the province. The government enters into the tourist business by constructing its own camps for anglers in its own reservations.

The Ferguson highway, which three years ago opened the new north-south motorist, has proved the visitor's highway. The road is further extended further north. Other highways are now being cut into the lake land.

Quebec is using its entire revenue from liquor sale to extend its network of paved roads. It is not only constructing highways. A comprehensive system of tree planting is being followed along the road system. Eventually the roads will be wooded by the trees. There will be no highways, cherry highways, gravel highways, cedar roads, balsam roads and red pine roads.

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Marriage and Divorce
Dean Sage in the London Evening Standard (Ind. Con.) says: "An amply and woman have pledged their vows of fidelity to each other in the sight of God and this congregation" they have made the most solemn covenant which they will sign in the whole course of their lives. To break this vow is, in my opinion, one of the most disgraceful acts of which a human being can be guilty, and those who have broken it have no right to expect to be received into the society of decent people."

The man of science has a God far bigger than the God that can be contained within the four walls of any creed.—Sir Berkeley Moynihan.

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