

Mississippi: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; local thundershowers in southeast portions Friday. Gentle south and southwest winds.

Sen. Black Chosen For Supreme Court

SCORE DIE IN TENEMENT TRAGEDY

Three Ancient Buildings Wrecked By Flood From Overflowing Sewer

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—At least 19 persons were crushed to death in their sleep early today, amid a smothering avalanche of bricks and debris, when three Staten Island tenement buildings collapsed during a violent rainstorm.

Tons of water, roaring down from an overflowing storm sewer about midnight, struck the ancient brick dwellings and ripped them asunder. Rescue squads of police and firemen pulled at the tangled wreckage for additional victims.

Three persons were still missing. Four others, who escaped from the shattered structures, were taken to the Staten Island hospital with serious injuries.

Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine, directing the rescue work, called the tragedy "the worst of its kind in years."

The trapped victims were crushed and then buried beneath wreckage in a 30-foot cellar filled with muddy water. Most of them apparently never knew they struck them, being killed outright.

Staten Island, the scene of the disaster, lies five miles from the Battery, the lower tip of Manhattan, in lower New York harbor. It is 14 miles long and nearly seven miles wide at its widest place, with 160,000 residents, many of them commuters who work in New York.

The three buildings, erected nearly half a century ago, were hit by a foaming torrent rushing down a steep hillside from a storm sewer. They were leveled as if struck by a tornado or an explosion. Not a board stood intact.

No Warning: Neighbors said the houses collapsed without warning. One minute there was only the steady din of rain pouring from black skies. Then came a terrific roar as the first two structures crashed.

Detain Pretty Young Blonde In Death Of Four Old Men

(By Associated Press) CINCINNATI, Aug. 12.—Held on fugitive warrants charging murder and grand larceny, a comely 31-year-old blonde, was detained today, as police, investigating the deaths of four elderly men, said she admitted benefiting from the estate of one and had sought to collect money from two of the others.

Four mysterious illnesses—of two men and two women—also were under scrutiny as city, county, and federal authorities delved into the history of the woman, Mrs. Anna Filser Hahn.

Colorado Springs, Colo., police have been investigating the death there Aug. 1, of George Obendorfer, 67, moderately wealthy Cincinnati cobbler, who, police say, was accompanied by the woman after she first had gone to the bank with him when he withdrew money for the trip.

Detective Walter Hart who filed the murder and larceny warrants against Mrs. Hahn said he was "not at liberty to divulge the basis for the action."

Police Inspector I. B. Bruce of Colorado Springs said that so far as he knew no murder charge had been filed there.

Recover Rings: Bruce said he issued a grand larceny warrant after the recovery in a Denver pawnshop of two diamond rings he said were pawned by Mrs. Hahn and which, he added, were stolen from a hotel where Mrs. Hahn had registered with Obendorfer.

Coroner J. Thomas Coughlan announced in Colorado Springs that although an autopsy had disclosed no traces of poison, "exhaustive" chemical tests of organs from Obendorfer's body were being made.

Mrs. Hahn, widow of a Viennese physician, denied knowledge of the case and contended, Lieut. George W. Schattler said, that she met Obendorfer "by chance" en route west.

The three other deaths under inquiry were those of Jacob Wagner, 78, Albert Palmer, 72, and Ernest Kohler, an elderly teamster who died several years ago.

Results thus far are very encouraging, he stated, "Workers, some of them, have been delayed by being unable to see their prospective members, but taken as a whole results are very good."

Names of members of the club will be published and will be placed upon a bulletin board at the State Teachers college, Mr. McWilliams said.

About 60 workers are campaigning in behalf of the club, which has as its immediate objective expansion of the athletic program at State Teachers college.

Protest Ejection of Organizers from Laurel: (By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—The American Civil Liberties union telegraphed a request today to Governor Hugh L. White of Mississippi for an investigation of the "forcible" ejection of two Communist Party industrial organization representatives from Laurel, Miss., August 10.

The union said Yelverton Cowherd, regional director of the CIO, and B. T. Garner, an associate, were escorted to a train at Laurel by 16 unidentified men who warned the two they were "not wanted here."

Lightning Kills Four Sisters: (By Associated Press) CREEDMOUTH, N. C., Aug. 12.—The bodies of four sisters killed by lightning were prepared for funeral rites.

The four, Misses Maurine Hester, 24, Vivian Mae Hester, 19, Mary Swain Hester, 16, and Edith Hester, 13, died instantly, apparently of shock, when a bolt of lightning struck near where they were working.

LYNCHING MEASURE SET ASIDE

Senators Agree to Make It Special Business At Next Session

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Senate leaders reported today they had negotiated an agreement to consider anti-lynching legislation next session in order to break the current legislative log-jam over the controversial issue.

Republican Leader McNary said an agreement had been made and agreed to by all parties to lay the anti-lynching bill aside but give it the status of a "special order" for the senate in January.

The agreement was negotiated as the senate headed into a filibuster on the Wagner-Van Nuys bill which threatened to delay the entire legislative program and block an early adjournment.

Southern senators, determined to block the bill, had taken the floor today to prevent a vote on the motion by Senator Wagner, Democrat of New York, for consideration of the anti-lynching bill.

There was still a possibility, however, of some hitch in the arrangements. Despite the reported agreement Senator Connally, Democrat of Texas held the senate floor in a long speech denouncing the anti-lynching bill.

A majority of the house rules committee, opposed to the wage and hours measure, was refusing to give it legislative right-of-way.

The committee acts as a sort of sifting group for all major bills and ordinarily can hold up any which it does not favor.

Administration leaders, stymied by the committee's refusal to act, were considering several methods of overcoming the opposition.

Crop Loan Problem: Another controversial subject still before congress was the demand of farm-belt and southern members for price-stabilizing crop loans.

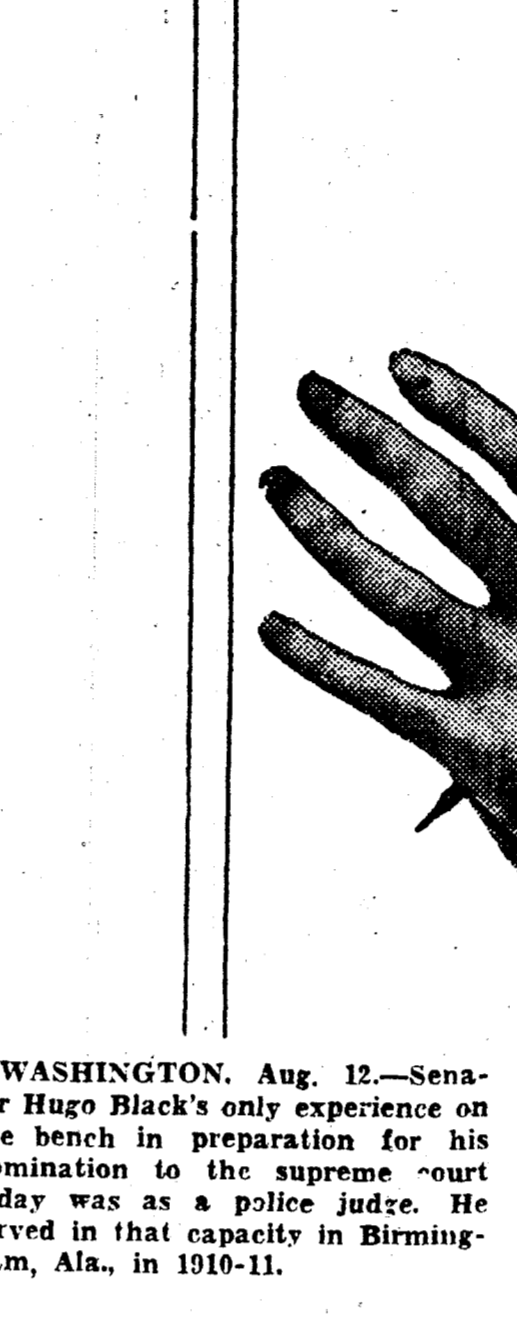
The administration apparently remained unshaken, however, in its position that congress must guarantee first to provide credit protection.

Farm Bill: The senate agriculture committee today approved a concurrent resolution pledging congress to take up general farm legislation in the first week of the next session.

There was a belief among some (Continued on Page Nine)

ROOSEVELT'S NOMINEE

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BUILDING JULY PERMITS TOTAL \$12,476

Statistics at the city hall today showed that 26 building permits, totaling \$12,476 in expenditures, were issued during the month of July.

On basis of the first ten days of this month, the total for August probably will be higher. Permits issued during the last of July and thus far this month aggregate \$14,360.

Recent permits follow: Mrs. K. B. McIntosh, add room to residence, 1412 North Main street, cost \$250.

Nollie C. Felts, build double garage apartment, corner Eleventh and Camp street, cost \$1,000.

J. R. Denton, repair house, Willis and Fredny avenue, cost \$25.

J. W. McMullen, add room to residence on Seventh avenue, cost \$100.

Miss Lillie Owens, rebuild residence, double garage, Dabbs street, cost \$700.

M. M. Bush, build residence of brick veneer, Mamie and Seventh avenue, cost \$3,000.

Gulf Refining company, repairs to warehouse, Fifth and Jackson streets, cost \$300.

Miss Ethel Baylis, repair residence, 449 West Fourth street, cost \$125.

ROOSEVELT NOMINATES ALABAMAN

Immediate Confirmation By Senate Blocked Unexpectedly

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—President Roosevelt named Senator Hugo Black of Alabama, to the supreme court today, but his immediate confirmation was blocked by Senators Burke, Democrat of Nebraska and Johnson, Republican of California.

The wary Alabaman was named by Mr. Roosevelt to succeed Willis Van Devanter, retired in unusual secrecy. It was listed among other routine nominations but was not made public at the White House as is the custom.

The nomination immediately created a tremendous stir in the senate. Chairman Ashurst, Democrat of Arizona, the judiciary committee demanded immediate approval of it, without reference to committee, the usual procedure for nominations.

Senator Burke, one of the leaders in the recent fight against the supreme court enlargement bill which Black supported quickly objected. He was joined a moment later by Johnson who said he would object to immediate action.

Force Delay: Their objections forced the nomination to be over for action at least until tomorrow.

Opposition immediately was expressed in other quarters: Senator Bridges, Republican of New Hampshire, said he would vote against confirmation. Representative Cox, Democrat of Georgia, a leader in house opposition to the Roosevelt court bill and to Black's wage and hour bill, said:

"It is the worst insult that has yet been given the nation."

Attorney General Cummings and Solicitor General Stanley Reed hurriedly conferred at the justice department on what officials described as two legal problems.

Was the Alabaman's nomination legal, they asked each other in view of the fact that Black was a member of the senate when it approved legislation permitting supreme court justices to retire at 70 with full pay?

Constitution: (The constitution forbids appointment of senators or representatives to posts for which emoluments have been increased during their term of office.)

Would Black as a supreme court justice be required to disqualify himself from considering cases involving constitutionality of legislation which he had supported or opposed while a senator?

After action on the nomination was delayed, Ashurst at one point the senate it was a "memorial custom" that whenever any member of the chamber was nominated to the supreme court it should be given consideration without reference to committee.

After the nomination was referred to committee, Ashurst at once appointed a subcommittee of six members headed by Senator Neely, Democrat of West Virginia, to consider it.

Other members of the committee are Logan, Democrat of Kentucky; Dieterich, Democrat of Illinois; McGill, Democrat of Kansas; Sorah, Republican of Idaho; and Austin, Republican of Vermont.

Off the floor Borah previously had told reporter he would not object to immediate confirmation of the nomination, thereby indicating his support.

Barkley Lukewarm: Only a few minutes before the nomination went to the capital, a White House aide had told reporters in effect that the president had considered no other man for the post but Senator Robinson of Arkansas up until the time the senate leader died a month ago.

Democratic Leader Barkley, who joined with Ashurst in seeking immediate consideration of the nomination, did not, however, ask to have his name sent to committee.

Although Ashurst assumed to say the nomination would go to committee (Continued on Page Nine)

CLOSING STOCKS

(Closing Prices on Page 9)

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Stocks took on a recovery tinge in today's market and, numerous issues pushed up fractions to a point or more.

Principally favored in the comeback were selected steels, motors, oils, rubbers, rails, utilities and specialties.

The majority of leaders closed near their tops of the day. Brightening business prospects rather than any change in the immediate news picture, brokers said, accounted for the moderate revival of buying.

Volume was larger than in the preceding session, shares approximating 750,000.

STONE OPPOSES TAX RECORD PUBLICITY

(By Associated Press) JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 12.—Replying to a letter from Senator George P. Ritchie of Tunica, tax Commission Chairman Alf Stone expressed his opposition to a proposed bill to make public sales tax records.

Senator Ritchie, who sponsored such a bill at the last session of the legislature, asserting that the public had a right to know about sales tax returns, had indicated he would again seek such legislation at the next session.

"I find myself wondering," Chairman Stone wrote, "just how the merchants and other business men of Mississippi would regard such a proposal. They may think that they have competitive troubles enough as it is, without this making public the confidential details of their business operations."

Chairman Stone said he thought such a measure would be "both unwise and unbound."

LEASE COUNTY LANDS

An oil lease to the Phillips Petroleum company on 160 acres of sixteenth section land located south of Dixie has been approved by the board of supervisors. The order showed that the Phillips company agreed to pay the county \$80 for the mineral rights, in addition to other valuable considerations including one-eighth rights in any oil production and a rent of \$50 per year for each gas well brought in on the property. The lease is to run for 12 months.

NATIVE THIEVES UPSET

PARIS—French pickpockets who have been disappointed at their luck at the 1937 Paris Exposition have suffered an added blow—foreign competition. Paris police announced that in six weeks they had arrested 31 pickpockets on the exposition grounds and that only five of them were French.

PREPARED TIME AT PASSES

(By U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey) High Water Low Water August 12—1:15 P.M. 1:44 P.M. South Pass—1:15 1:44 2:5 South Pass—1:15 1:44 2:5 August 13—1:15 P.M. 1:44 P.M. South Pass—1:15 1:44 2:5 August 14—1:15 P.M. 1:44 P.M. South Pass—1:15 1:44 2:5 Grand Isle (Barataria Pass)—High tide 1 hour and 40 minutes later and 4.6 foot higher than at South Pass; low tide 20 minutes earlier than and same height as South Pass. Biloxi and Gulfport—High tide 1 hour and 40 minutes later and 4.6 foot higher than at South Pass; low tide 20 minutes earlier than and same height as South Pass.

Torso Mystery Inquiry Dropped After Autopsy

(By Associated Press) RACELAND, La., Aug. 12.—In so far as Lafourche parish officials are concerned a dismembered body found in an unused tomb will remain unidentified and the investigation in the case is ended.

After an autopsy witnessed by a small group of Bayou Lafourche people who have buried their dead in the cemetery many years, Dr. Charles Barker, coroner, said he would report the body as that of an "unidentified person" and order it reburied.

Deputy Sheriff Anatole Ayo, representing Sheriff Thomas Stark in the case, said he would drop the

EDITH WHARTON, NOVELIST, DIES

(By Associated Press) SAINT BRICE STOUS BOIS, France, Aug. 12.—Edith Wharton, the noted American novelist, died yesterday at her chateau near here, it was learned today.

The author of "Ethan Frome" and many other stories was 75 years old.

Death occurred at 5 p. m. yesterday, following an apoplectic stroke early in the morning. She never regained consciousness after the stroke.

HOT FOOT (By Associated Press) NEW LEON, TEXAS, Aug. 12.—Lightning struck a pool of water at Edward Snider's feed and ripped off his shoes. Snider, otherwise unharmed, is in bed suffering from sore feet.

IN THE (MONEY BAG) MOUNT VERNON, Wash., Aug. 12.—Solace for the luckless is a sign at a game farm near here: "Hunters! pheasants for sale."

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS By Alley: EFN YO' PLOW RUN GOOD EN YO' MULE WALK RIGHT EN YO' TERBACKER SET GOOD: YO' MIN' GWINETER BE SACSIED!!

