

ARKANSAS FACES CRISIS AS FAMINE PERILS THOUSANDS

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Farmers Near Starvation;
Red Cross Relief Held
Utterly Inadequate.

SCORES WITHOUT SHOES

Infants Fed Cornbread as
Milk Gives Out: Fear
Heavy Death Toll.

BY LUTHER SOUTHWORTH

Times Staff Correspondent

ENGLAND, Ark., Jan. 7.—While the dispute continues as to whether this little farming town was the scene of a food riot last Saturday, conditions steadily grow ripe for a showdown which will settle the question.

The nation has been led to believe that the Red Cross is on the job, that relief has come, and that all is serene. But what the hungry folk around England want the nation to know is that the Red Cross does amounts to approximately a dollar a month for each person, or roughly, 1 cent a meal for each hungry mouth.

Some families almost have cleared their cupboards of the rations doled out by local merchants Saturday, after a group of hungry men and crying women threatened to loot the stores unless the food promised through the Red Cross was forthcoming.

Infants Eat Cornbread
In many cases the two 15-cent cans of condensed milk included in the rations were consumed within two days and mothers are feeding infants on cornbread.

What the leaders of this town of 2,500 and the eleven surrounding communities are wondering is what will happen if nothing more substantial in the way of aid is forthcoming when the present rations are gone.

The Red Cross gave help to 305 more families Tuesday, bringing the total aided since Nov. 23 to about 1,100. But the hungry people in this vicinity total thousands.

Mayor Walter Williams points out that it will take 3,000 pairs of shoes alone to keep the feet of the hungry people of the neighborhood off the ground this winter.

"I don't know where the shoes are coming from, either," he added. "Even if the people get food until March, they are likely to suffer for want of clothes."

Clothing Is Lacking
Planters are authority for the statement that there isn't a sharecropping family in Lonoke county, the home of Senator Joe Robinson, with a complete outfit of clothing for all members.

Also lacking food and clothing, there are many families without roof of their own. In some cases, four or five families are packed together in cheap shacks. Five families are living in a dilapidated wooden school house in England.

The roof is half gone and there are no window panes to keep out the cold. Eighteen persons are occupying an abandoned house next door to the school.

Physicians throughout the county predict a heavy death toll from pellagra this spring because of starvation conditions, long enduring. They already have noted an increase in anemia, nervous disorders and intestinal troubles.

Drought Ruins District
England is in the heart of what was a rich agricultural section until the summer's drought blighted garden, feed and cotton crops. The low price received for what cotton survived the dry spell insured ruin of the district. There is no industrial life. Highway construction and all forms of building have stopped.

A bank failure completed the desolate picture. The bank, in which cotton pickers earned at an average rate of 75 cents a day, soon was spent, leaving hundreds of families without enough money to move elsewhere.

Bryant Dodd, living eight miles from England, called his case typical.

"Together with my wife and two children I ended the season with a \$40 debt," he said. "I sold my hogs for \$11 and my forty-six chickens for \$11 more, and that is all the money we have had since last summer."

"For a month we have lived on cornbread and milk. We have spent less than \$3 for clothing in eight months."

At the upper end of the scale is William Morris, a prominent planter. His story follows:

"I have 1,600 acres, but they are heavily mortgaged, because of previous crop failures. I have several pieces of unencumbered land, but the banks won't lend a cent on it. I have been feeding 175 sharecroppers on my place for several months."

"I lost my cash when the local Citizens Bank and Trust Company and the American Exchange Bank at Little Rock failed. I have no money to buy seed and other bankers tell me they are not opening new accounts. I don't know what I am going to do."

Helpless, After 15
Years of Asthma

Cough and Wheeze Stopped Two
Years Ago. Well Ever Since.

Any one tortured by asthma or bronchial cough will be glad to know that Mrs. George Kiefer, 35 South Vine street, Indianapolis, found lasting relief. She says:

"I suffered from asthma 15 years. I was so bad I could hardly walk across the street and used to sit in a chair four or five nights at a time. The second night after taking Nator I slept in bed all night. I have not had asthma in over two years; breathing free, no wheezing and I sleep fine. Hundreds of people who suffered from asthma and bronchial coughs, state that their trouble left and has not returned. Their letters and a booklet of vital information will be sent free by Nator Medicine Co., 406 State Life Bldg., Indianapolis. Ask for or write for this free information. And find out how thousands have found lasting relief."—Advertisement.

Dies in City



Ulysses G. Leedy

Founder of the Leedy Manufacturing Company, which was acquired two years ago by the Conn Instrument Company of Elkhart, Ind., died of heart disease in Robert Long hospital early today.

CHAIRMAN FOR
C. OF C. NAMEDH. L. Dithmer Will Direct
Education Committee.

Heads of the education, fine arts, national affairs and manufacturers' committees of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce were announced today by President Louis J. Borinstein. His choices were:

Education Committee—Walter B. Dithmer, president of the Polar Ice & Fuel company, chairman, and Milo H. Stuart, assistant schools superintendent, vice-chairman. Fine Arts—Frank J. Horvath, president of the Horvath Shoe Corporation, chairman, and Elmer A. Steffen, vice-chairman. National Affairs—Walter B. Dithmer, president of the G. & J. Tire Company, chairman, and Felix M. McWhorter, vice-chairman. Manufacturers' Committee—Walter B. Dithmer, chairman, and Elmer A. Steffen, vice-chairman.

Personnel of the education committee includes:

Robert J. Alex, Dr. Robert White, Mary Louis Brandt, Hilton U. Brown, Mrs. Mary S. Carey, Charles C. Gray, Miss Anna Cruse, W. J. Daniels, Lawrence B. Davis, Herbert Ellis, Eugene C. Foster, Albert S. Goldstein, I. J. Good, Miss M. E. Hoagland, Karl von Ammerman, Rev. M. L. Holmes, E. W. Harris, William Henschel, Eleanor Hester, John E. Mallet, Fred Bates Johnson, Earl W. Kiger, John J. Madden, William Maub, G. A. Mallett, Dr. Edward L. Mitchell, Carl Muehlstein, Dr. Louis Stein, Dr. Adam Schewetter, A. L. Trippe, Miss Nellie Warren, Philip Zoercher and Leo Welch.

SEVEN RETAIN POSTS
WITH MADISON COUNTYOne New Job Created as Board
Dispenses 1931 Patronage.

ANDERSON, Ind., Jan. 7.—Seven county employees were retained and one additional office created when the Madison county board of commissioners passed out 1931 jobs.

Those given positions are Lewis E. Kimberlin, county attorney; J. Cleaver Allen, assessor; William W. Wade, courthouse custodian; Mrs. Florence Evans, courthouse matron; Richard Manis, custodian at the county heating plant; Dr. Clarence Rozelle, orphan's home physician; Dr. O. E. McWilliams, jail physician; Dr. C. A. Walton, infirmary physician. Aldridge is a new appointee, his duties having previously been performed by the county attorney.

Shifts will occur Jan. 1, 1932, when Democrats gain control of the board of commissioners.

Salary of Judge Bartlett H. Campbell, superior court, was increased \$1,000. He will receive \$7,000 a year, the same as Judge Carl F. Morrow of circuit court.

THIRD JUROR CHOSEN

Another Venire to Be Summoned in
Effort to Impanel Group.

Third member of the Marion county grand jury was selected today by Criminal Judge Frank J. Baker, leaving three additional members yet to be chosen.

With two other members named Monday, Baker Thursday will summon a third venire in an effort to impanel the probe body by the end of the week. Harry A. Ryan, 4429 Manlove avenue, was picked today.

REVOLT WOUNDS FATAL

Alabama Newspaper Man Sues
County to Injuries in Panama City.

PANAMA CITY, Jan. 7.—Hartwell P. Ayers, Alabama newspaper man, was wounded accidentally in the recent revolution here, died early today.

Ayers made a remarkable fight for life against heavy odds. He was wounded in the neck, abdomen and hip. Doctors praised his cheerfulness and courage.

Father of Six Dies
COLUMBUS, Ind., Jan. 7.—Fred Schulz, 62, farmer of Bartholomew county, is dead at his home in the City neighborhood east of here. He was born and reared in the county and there he spent all his life. He was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church. He leaves his widow and three sons, Henry, Fred Jr. and Robert, Bartholomew county; three daughters, Mrs. Ben Weinmeyer, Mrs. Clifford Scheidt and Mrs. Clarence Armuth.

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Wounded



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With his brother policeman, Ferdinand Finchum, last night, patrolman Owen Tevelin was wounded in a gun battle with robber suspects in an alley near Thirtieth street and Northwestern avenue. While Tevelin escaped with a slight hip wound, Finchum's condition from a wound in the abdomen is critical.

Three major recommendations were made by Rogers: That the G. O. P. legislatures work for a measure which will shift the heavy tax burden from real estate; obtain passage of a fast congressional re-appointment bill, and reduce new legislation to a minimum.

Tax Cut Advocated
In the letter, read by Beckett as chairman of the special committee to investigate and report back to the conference, Rogers said:

"I think the best service the legislature can give is first to make a reduction of taxes on real estate, both rural and urban. Of course, it will be necessary to provide for necessary expenses of state government and state institutions. I think the provision for this expense should be on a basis of rigid economy, and there should be no needless expenditure."

"I believe if the legislature will carry out this program and adjourn it will render the best possible service to the state."

Asks for Reapportionment
Pointing out that Republicans have control of the senate, Rogers suggests that they deal "immediately and openly with preparation of a reapportionment, and one that can be adopted immediately upon receipt of authority from congress."

On request of the Democratic state chairman, Governor Harry G. Leslie sought to bring about agreement on reapportionment between Democratic and Republican state chairmen, but Rogers would not join in the move.

Taxation problems were discussed at the conference without reaching any solution of the question and it was also decided to attempt to cut down appropriations and insist on more rigid economy.

Neither Governor Harry G. Leslie nor Chairman Rogers was at the meeting, over which Lieutenant-Governor Edgar D. Bush, presided.

NEW YORK IN BLIZZARD
By United Press
PLATTSBURGH, N. Y., Jan. 7.—One of the severest blizzards of recent years swept northern New York today.

Snow has fallen almost incessantly over a great part of the section for more than twenty-four hours, and there were few indications that the severe weather would abate soon.

Huge drifts blocked roads to the north, paralyzing motor traffic.

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