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FLOODS IN WEST TAKE HEAVY TOLL

Swollen Streams in Western Carolina Do \$15,000,000 Damage and Take Many Lives.

The western portion of North Carolina has been since Saturday in the throes of the most terrible, death-dealing and property-destroying flood ever known in the history of the State. From news reports gathered from many sources the situation is summarized below:

Thirteen persons dead, at least ten missing and property damage estimated at around \$15,000,000, is the known toll of the floods which have raged in five Southern States for the past 48 hours.

Although the waters are receding in nearly all districts and railroad and telegraph communications are demoralized and reports from towns and villages now isolated may increase the number of deaths and the property loss.

North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, and West Virginia all suffered heavy damage from the overflowing streams, swollen by torrential rains which followed last week's hurricane as it swept inland from the coast, but the heaviest losses were in North Carolina, where eleven of the 12 deaths are reported and where two-thirds of the material damage was done.

The list of known dead: Asheville 2, Biltmore 4, Alexander county 3, Radford, Va. 1.

All but one of the dead were white. The missing: Ten Southern Railway construction men who went down with the Southern bridge near Charlotte.

The property damage is summarized from the latest reports as follows:

North Carolina: Asheville—Twenty-five industrial plants destroyed, including cotton and lumber mills, machine shops and coal and feed yards. Sixty residences in the lower part of the city washed away and 400 persons homeless with 1200 out of employment. Power and gas plants out of commission.

Elkin—Small hotel, farmers' warehouse, three stores, three machine shops and two livery stables carried away.

Monbo—Monbo Cotton Mills demolished. East Monbo—Cotton mills damaged and \$5,000 worth of cotton destroyed.

Alexander County—Alpsburgh Cotton Mills washed away. London Cotton Mills damaged.

Buncombe, Henderson and Madison counties—Many mills damaged and hundreds of persons out of employment.

Statesville—Brick plant destroyed and Long Island Cotton Mills nearby damaged.

Catawba County—Cotton warehouse with 1500 bales of cotton carried away. In this county as well as in Iradell and Alexander, great damage was done to crops and small mills.

Biltmore—Many persons driven from their homes and mills and crops in surrounding territory damaged.

Marshall—Fifty-three homes destroyed.

Jonesville—Many homes flooded. Hendersonville—Two dams washed out, damage to mills and to crops in Henderson county.

Lexington—Several lumber mills in surrounding country carried away, stock killed and crops destroyed.

Cleveland County—Dravo Power dam near Shelby destroyed; crops in county damaged.

Five highway bridges, three in Mecklenburg county and one near Statesville and another near Mooresville, are known to have been washed away, while at least six railway bridges were destroyed.

The Southern Railway lost a bridge near Mt. Holly, another near Rock Hill. The Seaboard Air Line bridge above Belmont is gone as is the Piedmont and Northern Electric Line bridge nearby.

Crops badly damaged throughout Piedmont section and several railway bridges, including the Southern at Alston, washed away.

Portman—Southern Power Company's plant shut down, cutting off power to Greenville and many cotton mills.

Georgetown—Warehouses and stores on water front and two lumber mills damaged. Seaboard Air Line track washed out for short distance.

Asheville, July 17.—Flooded waters of the French Broad and Swannanoa rivers were rapidly receding tonight, but compilation of definite reports received here showed a startling aggregate of damage and suffering in their fertile valleys. As nearly as could be estimated the net results of the flood Sunday were:

Six lives lost. Sixty residences washed away. Four hundred people homeless. Twelve hundred without employment.

Twenty-five industrial plants partially destroyed. Complete tie-up of railroad traffic with one exception.

Property loss of \$10,000,000. Workers in cotton mills and lumber plants in Buncombe, Henderson and Madison counties are being cared for here. Nearly \$10,000 was subscribed here today for relief work among flood sufferers.

Asheville still was without light and electrical power tonight, the gas and electric plants having been flooded. Milk and ice are scarce here.

On the famous Vanderbilt estate near here and in the village of Biltmore, laid out by the late George W. Vanderbilt, the passing of the floods showed heavy damage. Many houses in Biltmore were swept away and it

TYPHOID VACCINATION BEGINS VERY SOON.

Dr. Cooper Writes That Work Will Probably Start Monday, August 21.—Will Be in Charge of Dr. Bulla.

The anti-typhoid campaign, which will be waged in Scotland county this summer, will probably be started on Monday, August 21, as stated in Dr. Cooper's letter below. It is announced from the State Board of Health headquarters at Raleigh that Dr. Bulla, who has been in charge of this kind of work in Mecklenburg county, will have charge of the campaign here. Dr. Cooper will come here, however, and make arrangements for the work.

Dr. G. M. Cooper of the Bureau of Rural Sanitation, North Carolina State Board of Health, writes that he is greatly interested in campaign against typhoid, which will be conducted here this summer, following the action of the Board of County Commissioners recently when they appropriated \$400 with which to carry on this work. Dr. Cooper's letter follows:

Dear Sir: I have just read your admirable presentation of the proposed campaign against typhoid fever in Scotland.

Your editorial and the part of the subject matter I sent Mr. Peele was presented on the front page in a strong and convincing manner and in such a way as to leave no offense.

Dr. Bullitt reported the situation and stated that he saw no chance for anything to be done about the situation.

Judging from the action of the Board Monday I suppose those officials DO things instead of taking official time in talking. I worked about a day in getting up all the definite facts and the comparison which I found between Robeson and Richmond was what made me present the matter as I did, for I know that all the three counties report about alike—equally good, and that the geographical location all is about equal.

Now, I wrote Mr. Peele that we should get on with it and you are certainly doing your part. I hope to see you personally within ten days so that I can give you a full outline of the plan we usually follow in this work and also to get your advice in several important particulars.

I want us to do a thorough job of advertising before we begin the vaccination, which I think we can do by Monday, August 21st. The success of the enterprise from a public standpoint will depend on the preliminary and educational work.

Again thanking you and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you in a few days, I am,

Yours sincerely,
G. M. Cooper.

TEACHERS AND TUBERCULOSIS.

More Teachers Die of Tuberculosis Than of Any Other Disease.

That teachers are especially prone to tuberculosis is the statement made by the Bureau of Educational Hygiene of the City of New York. This department says that this disease is twenty percent more prevalent among teachers than among others of corresponding sex and age, and that about half of all deaths among women teachers is caused by tuberculosis, and this in spite of the fact that teachers belong to a better hygienic grade than the general average.

Strenuous, nerve-taxing work that causes physical exhaustion and nerve break-down is given as the main cause of actual teaching represents about eight hours of ordinary office work. What is probably the second cause is lack of sufficient rest and regular exercise in the open air.

Speaking along this line the State Board of Health says: "The worn-out teacher, especially about the close of school, is too often a condition of serious consequence. It may be just a 'tired run-down condition,' or a case of 'worn-out nerves' or both, but these are predisposing causes of tuberculosis as much or more than others. 'Unless the teacher is wise,' says the Board, 'and as quickly as possible overcomes this tired feeling and regains her usual state of health and vigor, she subjects herself to an open risk against tuberculosis as well as to other diseases. What the wise teacher will do is to avoid over-work and a nervous strain and see that she gets sufficient rest daily as well as daily exercise in the open air. This worn-out condition that is too often the beginning of a long sad story is easy to prevent. To prevent it should be the teacher's first duty.'—N. C. Health Bulletin.

At Presbyterian Church.

Rev. John I. Ray preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Announcement is made that Rev. George W. Brown of Carthage will occupy the pulpit at the Presbyterian church this Sunday morning, and at night at 8:30 Rev. A. H. McArn of Cheraw, S. C., will preach. Members of the Presbyterian congregation are having opportunity to hear sermons by many able men during the absence of their beloved pastor, Dr. J. M. Egan, who is taking a much needed rest.

NOTICE.

The trustees of the Presbyterian church property request that all persons refrain from emptying trash and rubbish of any kind on the church grounds. It is the desire of the church to keep the grounds clean. Store your trash in barrels and the wagons will call for it.

MISS ALSTON OF RAEFORD IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

Rev. E. Sexton of Cardenas Killed and Miss Alston Injured in Accident at Raleigh Sunday.

Rex E. Sexton, of Cardenas, was killed and Miss Hattie Alston, of Raeford, was injured Sunday afternoon when Southern Railway passenger train No. 139, due in Raleigh at 4:05, struck an auto, in which they were riding at the Fayetteville street crossing and hurled both car and occupants 25 yards up the track. Mr. Sexton, unconscious, was picked up from beneath the wreckage and died four hours later in Rex Hospital. Miss Alston was also unconscious, but rallied after being taken to the hospital, and is not considered seriously hurt, a few bruises and severe shock comprising the extent of her injuries.

Headlines of the shouts of warning from Charles H. Card, who was seated on his porch not far from the crossing Mr. Sexton and his companion rode across the track but a few feet from the first approaching train after practically no chance of escape after reaching the track. The pilot of the engine struck the auto full in the middle and demolished the machine. Miss Alston was thrown clear of the wreckage and fell on an embankment to the right of the track. The auto was also thrown clear of the track.

Gates Not Operated.

Failure of the gateman, Frank Justice, to operate the gates at the crossing, is attributed as one of the causes leading to the accident. Inquiry from people living near the crossing and also from the gateman brought out the information that the gates were open at the time and are not operated at this crossing on Sunday.

Mayor Johnson stated after the accident that the ordinances of the city of Raleigh called for all railroad crossing gates to be operated every day with no holiday for the gateman on Sunday.

Mr. Sexton and his companion were en route to the city from the home of Mr. Brock Gunter, 14 miles south of Raleigh, where Miss Alston was visiting. According to witnesses the auto was traveling at a moderate speed but that the young man and girl seemed busily engaged in conversation and were apparently unaware of the approach of the train.

Mr. Rex Sexton was the son of Mrs. Lena Sexton and the late Rufus Sexton. He was 24 years old and was regarded as one of the most popular and highly esteemed young men in his home community. He was a planter and also engaged in the mercantile business, being interested in stores at Cardenas and Cairo, N. C.

His mother he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Lena Beck and Miss Berta Sexton, and one brother, Kyle Sexton. His mother, sisters and brother were notified shortly after the accident and reached the hospital about an hour afterwards.—News and Observer.

FOUR MORE COUNTIES FIGHT TYPHOID.

Union, Catawba, Stanly and Scotland Apply for Anti-Typhoid Campaigns.

Raleigh, July 17.—Four new counties, Union, Catawba, Stanly and Scotland, have each made application to the State Board of Health for the Board's plan of typhoid prevention work which it does in co-operation with the county, free to the people. Each of these counties appropriated \$400 for this work and, accordingly, vigorous anti-typhoid campaigns will soon start in all four counties.

Dr. W. T. Carstaphen of the Medical School of Wake Forest College will be in charge of the work in Union starting Monday, July 31. Dr. T. M. Jordan of Raleigh will have charge of the work in Catawba starting Monday, July 31. Dr. Chas. S. Mangum of the Medical Department of the State University will take charge in Stanly county, whose work will start also Monday, July 31. Dr. A. C. Bulla who is now engaged in anti-typhoid work in Charlotte, will go to Scotland in Charlotte probably August 17, to take charge of the work there.

Nine counties in all have arranged for campaigns against typhoid fever this summer. Besides the four mentioned above these are Bladen, Richmond, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg and Alamance. Campaigns are now in progress in Alamance and Mecklenburg and from all reports the people are welcoming this means of becoming immunized to typhoid fever.

Mr. McHugh Here Monday.

Mr. J. J. McHugh of Gibson was a visitor in Laurinburg Monday. McHugh is an Irishman and hails from the Emerald Isle, having been in this country for 25 years. He sympathizes strongly with the recent movement for Irish independence, which has resulted in the summary execution of a number of Irish patriots by the British government, and the trial and sentence to death of Sir Roger Casement, leader of the Sinn Fein (Sin Fein) movement.

Misses Monroe in Charlotte.

Misses Marie and Louise Monroe were visiting their sister, Mrs. D. E. Kriminger of Charlotte. The Charlotte News of Sunday says: Mr. J. W. O'Daniel entertained Friday night at his home, 1410 East Fourth street in honor of Misses Louise and Marie Monroe of Laurinburg. The evening, despite the weather, was pleasantly spent with games, music and refreshments, about fifteen couples being present. The Misses Monroe are guests of their sister, Mrs. Eugene Kriminger on Fourth street.

DEUTSCHLAND IS READY TO LEAVE.

Indications Are That Loading Is About Completed; No One Allowed On Boat.

Baltimore, July 17.—There were many indications tonight that the submarine merchant ship Deutschland will be ready to sail tomorrow.

The tug Thomas F. Timmins, which towed the submarine to Baltimore from the cape, coaled this afternoon. Captain Hinson, of the interposed North German Lloyd steamer Necker, who had charge of the Timmins when she picked up the Deutschland, was left on the Timmins just before she left the pier to take on coal. Several colored stevedores, answering questions as to how their work was going, said they expected to finish loading by 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. They were pulled away from their questioners by other workmen who cautioned them to stop talking.

Shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon Theodore Motta, foreman of the grand jury, accompanied by the marshals of police, came to the pier where the Deutschland is berthed and was permitted to view the submarine from the deck of the Necker. Captain Hinson said he regretted that he could not issue a pass to go aboard the Deutschland, but it had been decided not to allow any more visiting.

Officers of the Eastern Forwarding Company would give no information concerning the sailing of the Deutschland, or as to how far the stowing of the cargo had progressed. It is known however that a quantity of nickel, which will do duty as ballast, as well as form part of the cargo has been taken aboard. Most of the rubber that is to be taken to Germany is thought to be in the vessel's hold.

The painting of the Deutschland's hull so that it harmonizes with the waters of the Atlantic even to the white caps, has been completed.

Tonight the tug Timmins and the launch Kico are patrolling the river in the vicinity of the submarine and playing their searchlights in all directions. Vessels that approach too near the pier are warned off.

Ashore there is a constant patrol of policemen and special watchmen of the Eastern Forwarding Company, who keep all persons at a distance of several hundred yards from the submarine and permit no loitering.

May Go Out Submerged.

Washington, July 17.—Asked today whether it would be a violation of the international law if the Deutschland crossed the three mile limit on her return trip submerged, State Department officials said they could give no opinion.

Persons in the bay, however, are advised that the submarine's movements were not such as to constitute a menace to navigation. They were inclined to believe however that any attempt to go a considerable distance beneath the surface in the territorial waters of the United States would in its nature menace navigation and therefore would not be permissible.

SECOND HALF BALL SEASON STARTS WEDNESDAY, 19.

First Game With Lumberton at Lumberton—Play Raeford Here Thursday and Friday.

The second half of the season for the Cape Fear League begins Wednesday of this week. Laurinburg's first game is with Lumberton at Lumberton. Thursday and Friday of this week a two game series with Raeford will be played on the local grounds. Prospects for a high standing during the second half of the season for Laurinburg are bright and local fans and supporters of the home team are basking in the sun with high spirits.

The locals have been considerably strengthened by the addition of new players and may be expected to make a record during the latter part of the season. It is likely that unprecedented crowds will go out to see the two games this week.

We Want the News.

It is our business to publish the news of Laurinburg and Scotland county. We are always glad to get hold of any item of news that will be of interest to our readers. If you don't see your name, or your friend's name, in the paper when you make visits or when they come to visit you, it's just because we don't know it.

A newspaper man is human and subject to mistakes and limitations. It's impossible to get all news items without the cooperation of our friends. We wish to ask you kindly to help us in getting the news whenever you can. Call The Exchange over the phone and tell us anything you may know that will interest the people who read this paper. If your friends come to see you or you go away, remember that we may not know it unless you tell us about it. Any favors of this kind will be appreciated by this paper.

Crop Expert Here Saturday.

Mr. Frank Parker of Raleigh, of the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Crop Estimates, was in Laurinburg Saturday and Saturday night, coming here from Hamlet. Mr. Parker had just spent a few days in the Western section of the State and reports that crops generally are suffering from too heavy rainfall.

Mr. Parker states that the Government allows him the sum of \$90 a month for traveling expenses, where previously he got \$150 a month. The reduction, he says, is due to the extensive preparation program which the Government is working on. The great amount of money needed for building war ships and other equipment will doubtless mean a reduction in expenditures in various departments of the government.

PROTECTING PLANT AT BLEWITT FALLS.

Laurinburg Receiving Uninterrupted Light and Power Service Following Floods of Last Week.

It is stated that as a precautionary measure in case the electric power works at Blewitt Falls were forced to close down on account of the heavy floods in the valleys of the Yadkin and other rivers in the western part of the State, the company sent a number of engineers to the plant to do everything possible to prevent any damage to the plant. It is reported that so far no damage has been done to the plant, but that the company sent the engineers to make sure that there would be no interruption of service.

Laurinburg through the local power and light company gets its lights and electric power from Blewitt Falls, and has enjoyed the same good service following the floods that is given in normal times. The local company and its officers may be congratulated upon the splendid service which it has been able to render, and has rendered, at a time when many towns and cities of the State are groping in darkness and doing without power.

STORM DEATH LIST 23 IN MOUNTAINS.

Many Famous Resorts in Western Carolina Reported to Have Suffered Seriously From Floods.

Asheville, July 18.—The list of deaths in this section reached a total of 23 tonight when reports from the Bat Cave section of North Carolina stated that eight persons have been drowned there Sunday, and that two women, Miss Susie Collins and Miss Polly Collins, sisters, met death at Voll.

Receding waters in this section already has revealed seven other deaths not known before today, according to reports reaching here tonight. Four of these were near Brevard and three in the Hickory Nut Gap section near here.

Reports that eight persons were drowned Sunday at Bat Cave seemingly were confirmed tonight by a telephone message from John Patrick at Fairview, who said he heard that six women and two children were washed away at Bat Cave and that more than half the houses in the village had been destroyed. Patrick's information, if correct would add two more deaths to the Bat Cave district, four having been previously reported. He could not give any names of victims.

Persons in the bat cave section, Patrick said, were suffering for lack of food, and as highways on both sides of the town had been washed out there was no immediate prospect of getting relief to them. Bat Cave is within two miles of Chimney Rock, N. C.

Efforts also are being made to relieve persons marooned in isolated sections around here, and tonight it was said that all the 363 passengers marooned since Sunday on a Southern Railway train near Marshall had been taken in automobiles to Marshall. Passengers who had been marooned on other trains at Tryon, Saluda, Marion and Connelly Springs also have been taken off, according to railroad officials.

It was said there was much suffering among the passengers on the train near Marshall, babies in particular lacking milk and it was feared for a time that the water would reach the rails.

All Chimney Rock Gone.

Spartanburg, S. C., July 18.—According to information brought here tonight by H. A. Marietta, who went to Thermal City, N. C., yesterday in an automobile, the village of Chimney Rock, N. C., near the famous rock of that name, in Rutherford county, was completely washed away by the waters of Broad River. The population of the town was about 150.

According to Marietta, a party from nearby towns went to Chimney Rock to try to rescue some of those caught by the flood, but on account of the body of water surrounding the village they were not able to get close to the houses. The party saw no signs of human life, it was said, but got close enough to hear a dog barking in one of the houses. The post-office and hotel were washed to a point several miles below the village.

A company had just built a new road to the top of Chimney Rock this summer at a cost of \$10,000 and this was said to have been destroyed.

A Homeless in Dillon County.

Chlo, July 12.—Jack Barfield, a young man of the Little Rock section was shot and killed by his uncle, Thomas Barfield, yesterday afternoon. It is reported that liquor and a woman were the cause of the crime. It is said that Thomas Barfield, carrying a pistol, and his son Thomas, with a shot gun, went to the house where they found young Jack Barfield, and that the older Barfield commenced shooting Jack with the pistol. Jack fell and crawled under the bed. His uncle pulled him out and dragged him out in the yard, where he finished shooting him to death. Thomas Barfield and his son Tom are both in jail at Dillon.—See Day Advocate.

Lumberton Wins.

In a thirteen-inning game at Lumberton Tuesday Laurinburg lost to that team by a score of 3 to 1. Reports indicate that this was one of the closest and hardest fought games of the season. The second of the series is being played today (Wednesday) at Lumberton.

Batteries yesterday.—For Laurinburg, Lamb and Smith. For Lumberton, Stone and McCormick.

CANTALOUPE SEASON NOW AT ITS HEIGHT

Following Rains of Last Week With Redoubled Efforts, Make Record Shipments Monday.

The cantaloupe season is now at its height, and Laurinburg and Scotland county are fully appreciative of the good results. As the season brings Monday was perhaps a record breaker so far as volume of shipments to get accurate figures, but conservative estimates place the number of cars loaded during the day and up to 12 o'clock at night at about 150 or more. At \$300 per car this would represent a total income of \$45,000 for the day.

The real damage done by the rains of last week is not known. So far as actual loss in damaged fruit is concerned, it is negligible. But just what losses have been sustained in the way of lower prices cannot be readily ascertained. There was a sudden decline in the markets early this week, which is perhaps attributable to the excessive rains of last week. Prices last week ranged around one dollar per crate, or \$400 and over per car load. Prices since Monday, however, have ranged around 75 cents per standard crate.

The excessive rains no doubt affect the quality of cantaloupes and rob them of their sweetness, in a measure, at least. And it is sweetness that makes the cantaloupe a favorite fruit. Plenty of sunshine for the next few days will be of inestimable value.

It is conservatively estimated that shipments of cantaloupes last year went something over 1,000 cars at an average gross price of approximately \$250 per car, bringing in a total revenue of about \$250,000. These figures are for Laurinburg and Scotland county. This year it is expected that the volume of shipments will be considerably greater than last year and prices are much better up to this date. All of which means the county is enjoying a splendid season, notwithstanding heavy rains and short crops in some instances.

Calculating upon a basis of present prices and crop prospects, a local buyer estimates that the total revenue this year for cantaloupes will exceed that of last by as much as \$100,000. This means that something like \$350,000 to \$400,000 will come into Scotland county during the season.

Watermelon shipments are expected to begin about August 1, and will add materially to the gross receipts. To get an idea of what benefits this business brings to the county, it will be recalled that all watermelons come into the community from a distance, and is in one sense "foreign capital."

This money is very equably distributed and there is no special class of people who share its benefits alone. From the smallest boy in the packing sheds to the biggest business concern, this money finds its way. And all feel its magic touch. This money also comes at a season of the year when most towns and counties are experiencing a painfully dull season.

The office of the Laurinburg and Southern reports 290 refrigerator cars placed up to Wednesday, July 19. The Seaboard Air Line reports 58 refrigerator cars placed so far at Laurinburg and Old Hundred. Figures for Laurel Hill and Elmore are not available at this time. But it is likely that they will move than equal shipments from Laurinburg and Old Hundred for the Seaboard.

Baptist Sunday School Picnic.

The Sunday School of the First Baptist church is planning for a big picnic to be held at Riverton one day during the first week of August. The day has not been set yet, but will be decided upon this Sunday morning.

The plans are to go over the Laurinburg and Southern Railway to Wagram and from Wagram passengers will be carried to the picnic grounds on the amber river in automobiles. Supr. W. E. Wetherington states that 12 automobiles have been provided for the day and it is likely that others will be secured. It is hoped that all members of the Sunday School and others, who wish, will go on the picnic trip.

Mr. Long On Vacation.

Rev. James Long, pastor of the First Baptist and the East Laurinburg Baptist churches will take the month of August for a vacation. However, Mr. Long will remain here until after the Baptist Sunday School picnic, which is to be at Riverton, an announced elsewhere, sometime during the first week of August.

Mr. Long and family will spend their vacation at his old home in Union county.

Rev. A. T. Cain Ordained.

Rev. A. T. Cain, formerly of Bennettsville, who has been instrumental in organizing a new Baptist church near Laurel Hill, in Scotland county, was ordained to the ministry last Friday night by Revs. A. C. Sherwood and C. C. Morris of Bennettsville, O. W. McCann of Gibson, Bruce Benton of Rockingham, and James Long of Laurinburg. Mr. Cain became pastor of the new church. At the same time the following deacons were ordained: V. C. Haden, J. C. Beasley and Edward Taylor.—See Day Advocate.

Off to the Beach.

Among those leaving this week for Wrightsville Beach were Mrs. A. J. James and sister, Miss Estelle Wall Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin McGowan, Miss Flora McGowan, and Mrs. W. E. McCann and children.