

FLOODS IN WYOMING TAKE HEAVY TOLL.

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 was seen that four lives were lost, while two women tied themselves to a tree yesterday and were rescued today.

Miss Mabel Foster, Miss Charlotte Wilson, nurse at Baltimore hospital, and Miss Marion Walker, sister of the woman, were rescued from the Lipe home early Sunday, but later were drowned when they attempted to return to that vicinity. The bodies of the Walker sisters were recovered today, but that of Miss Foster and Captain Lipe have not yet been found.

The force of the mighty river was something terrible to view. Great bridges, erected with the belief that they could stand any strain put on them by the river, crumpled and slipped into the water as if they had been built of paper, and iron spans cracked and snapped and fell into the devouring river as if made of brittle glass. The power of the rushing water was tremendous and not even the most modern built bridge could stand the incalculable strain that was hurled against it by the torrent of water from above.

Official reports on the stage reached by the river at 5 a. m. today show that the Catawba was then between 15 and 20 feet above what is officially known as the high-water mark, or at least 15 feet above the highest known stage ever in the past.

All day Sunday cotton bales floated down stream, mingled with debris, wrecked dwellings, furniture, boxes and trunks, and estimates of the amount of cotton lost varied widely. It was believed however that several thousand bales of cotton were swept away from mills located up-stream as far as Hickory and even above that point. There were half a dozen bales of cotton visible every few minutes as the swollen river swept past Mt. Holly yesterday, and it was apparent that numbers of cotton warehouses had been totally destroyed and their valuable stocks swept away by the remorseless flood.

At Mount Holly.
 The property loss at Mt. Holly will be great, as three trestles or bridges are gone, the county's fine new 600-foot bridge of steel, recently opened, the P. & N. railroad's modern trestle and the Seaboard Air Line trestle, the total loss to the three approximating \$75,000 to \$100,000.

The Seaboard trestle was the first to give up the long fight at 3:30 Sunday afternoon, when the central spans went. Then exactly at 8:20, while hundreds of people watched in the semi-darkness, there was a crash, a hundred lights lit up the P. & N. trestle as the heavily charged wires of the transmission lines were snapped and broken, and the huge structure with five coal cars placed to hold it in position, went down amid a blaze of sparkling electric lights that swept across the trestle from end to end in peculiar and ghost-like dances that made the spectacle something not to be forgotten. The trestle was almost invisible in the darkness but the number of the current on the high-power wires created a strange glow that lighted this modern structure to its death. The crowds stood in awe at the spectacle, and then darkness fell over the scene again.

A few minutes later the crowd standing on the remaining part of the Seaboard trestle heard the cracking of the timbers and scattered off just in time to avoid death as the eastern and remaining half of the trestle went down.

Then, waiting 15 minutes longer, a thousand eyes were turned to the county's handsome 600-foot bridge at Mt. Holly and as the darkness became thicker, there was a creaking of the structure, and the high spans in the center moved quietly from their piers and slipped into the water with an almost chaotic quiet. The crowds of spectators watching could see the \$20,000 bridge going to its ruin, but there was hardly any noise, just the occasional cracking of some strained joint in the bridge, and then it was gone, taken in by the devouring river.

Sweeping onward with a power that nothing could stem, the flooded Catawba river took a toll of property and human lives in Mecklenburg and other western counties that has appalled the whole country.

Estimates place the number of dead at over a score. Of this number the majority were among the crew of a wrecking train that was on the long Southern railway trestle at Belmont when the great feat of engineering skill collapsed at 3:20 Sunday afternoon, some 200 feet of the central span going down into the raging waters, carrying the men helpless into the angry flood.

Railroad Service Crippled.
 No Seaboard trains have operated west of Charlotte since Saturday and will not before Thursday or Friday, and there has been some fear of trouble to the east or south.

The Southern can not operate over the Atlanta or the Columbia routes for four or five days at the earliest, depending on the time of subsidence of the river and the throwing across of temporary trestles. As the Belmont trestle is down over a distance of 200 feet, and the trestle at Fort Mill for an equal length, the replacing of these trestles may require three days after the river stage is sufficiently low to permit work to be begun.

The Star City Gift says that the heaviest man in Chatham county, Jan. B. Higgins, aged 54, died in Williams township June 7th. He weighed 260 pounds.

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District Conference at Hamlet.

Rev. R. F. Bumpas, pastor of the Laurinburg Methodist church, accompanied by Mrs. Bumpas, left Tuesday morning for Pittsboro, Chatham county, where Mrs. Bumpas will visit relatives for some time. Mr. Bumpas will return Wednesday evening to Hamlet to attend the session of the Rockingham District conference, which convenes Wednesday evening and will continue in session through Sunday.

Mr. Bumpas states that he hopes to return to Laurinburg by Sunday, but this will depend entirely, however, upon the decision of the conference. Bishop John C. Kilgo will preside over the meetings of the conference.

Twenty Take Examinations.

Supt. L. M. Peale states that twenty applicants took examinations at the court house here Thursday and Friday of last week for county teachers' certificates. Of this number sixteen successfully passed and were given certificates. There were no applicants for the State high school of the five-year State certificate.

Supt. Peale states that teachers have been secured for nearly all schools in the county and prospects are good for a splendid year's work in the public schools.

To Charlotte for Operation.

Chief of Police F. M. Hubbard and Mrs. Hubbard went to Charlotte Wednesday of last week with their little daughter, Frances Marion, who underwent an operation at the Charlotte Sanitarium under the hands of Dr. Whisnant for adenoids. They returned to the city Thursday night and the little girl is getting along nicely.

TO PREVENT SPREAD OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS.

State Board of Health Advises Parents to Watch for First Signs.

"At this time when infantile paralysis, or poliomyelitis, is spreading so rapidly in different parts of the country, it is vitally necessary," says the State Board of Health, "that the people of North Carolina should know something of the character of this disease which may at any time become an epidemic among our people."

"Infantile paralysis is mainly a disease of children which often ends fatally or proceeds to permanent paralysis or malformation. The means by which it is spread is unknown, but from the way in which cases have occurred in New York and other cities, it is highly probable that personal contact is the prevailing source and that adults, parents or relations who have no outward signs of affection may be carriers as well as acute, mild or dismissed cases. The house fly is suspected as a carrier, also. It must not be forgotten that infantile paralysis is a more dangerous disease than diphtheria for the reason that no special organism has been isolated as a cause of the disease and we cannot tell when a person is infected."

"Persons will recognize however, where there are reported cases, the importance of keeping their children away from picnics, outings or gatherings of any kind where there will be intermingling of children. A close watch should be kept upon all children of susceptible age, which is under ten years."

"A few points to be remembered in order to prevent the spread of this disease are: Immediate medical attention should be obtained for children with unusual fever, symptoms of headache, vomiting, intestinal irritation and perhaps delirium. When children complain of pain in their limbs or inability to use them, this should cause suspicion and not that they are hurt or have met a slight accident. Caresing and kissing children by friends or strangers is probably a factor in spreading this disease as is the exchanging of toys, candies and fruits with other children."

Appropriations for Public Buildings in North Carolina.

The House Committee on House Buildings and Grounds in a bill submitted recommended that the following North Carolina towns be allowed appropriations for buildings or sites: Rockingham, \$5,000; Wadesboro, \$5,000; Wilson, \$75,000.

For enlargement or repairing: Edenton, \$45,000; Lenoir, \$30,000; Lumberton, \$30,000; Mt. Airy, \$55,000; with the provision that the limit of cost heretofore fixed for a site shall not exceed \$5,000 of this amount; Mt. Olive, \$30,000; Morganton, \$35,000; Albemarle, for site, \$5,000; Clinton, for site, \$5,000; Dunn, for site, \$7,000; Lenoir, for site, \$5,000; Marion, for site, \$5,000; Sanford, for site, \$7,000; Williamston, for site, \$5,000.

Fine Tomatoes.

The editor is indebted to Mr. J. J. Odum for a bunch of fine tomatoes. There were seven large, well developed tomatoes in a single cluster of the Earlian variety, which Mr. Odum gathered from his garden Monday and graciously presented to the editor of the Exchange. The fruit was fully matured and the cluster of seven large size tomatoes was something so much out of the ordinary that we have never seen its equal before.



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