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SATURDAY'S FLOOD TOOK HEAVY TOLL

Several Lives and Thousands of Dollars in Property Lost.
HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ARE WITHOUT HOMES
Four Known Dead—Houses, Crops and Bridges Washed Away—Rain Started Again Saturday Evening.

(By United Press.)
Goldsboro, N. C., Sept. 15.—An entire freight train on the Atlantic Coast Line was engulfed in the flood today when the engine and nine cars ran into a wash-out between Goldsboro and Wilmington, N. C.

The death of flagman Henry T. Moore in the wreck, brought the total known fatalities in the flood up to four. Engineer T. A. Lawther and the fireman on the freight train were seriously injured.

Several miles of the road bed has been demolished by the flood waters. The rainfall here tonight continued. Streams are rising at the alarming rate of one foot an hour.

More houses and crops were swept away this afternoon. Whole families who fled to high ground were cared for in more fortunately situated homes. Hundreds of families have seen their property and savings of years wiped out.

Stoney creek here assumed the proportions of a river, driving residents on the outskirts of the city from their houses.

The floods are general throughout Eastern Carolina.

Three known dead, property damage conservatively estimated in the millions, and war crops in an area 200 miles hereabouts uprooted, is the result tonight of recent torrential rains.

Rivers and streams, converted into great lakes at many points, are still rising, while sweeping along debris of numerous bridges, houses, farm buildings and trees on the breast of the flood.

STAGE NOW SET FOR RE-OPENING THE KING CASE

Assembling Facts For Attention of Reassembled Coroner's Jury.

TRYING TO UNRAVEL CONCORD'S MYSTERY
Inquest Will be Resumed September 24—Seek Motive For Killing Mrs. King if She Was Killed.

(By United Press.)
Concord, N. C., Sept. 15.—Definite steps toward fixing responsibility for the mysterious shooting of Mrs. Maude A. King, wealthy widow with homes in New York and Chicago, will be taken next week. Investigators will begin assembling facts to present to the coroner's jury which is to resume its inquest September 24. The jury's original verdict was "accidental suicide."

Investigators tonight sought to throw some light on hints and rumors which are being freely circulated as explanatory of the motive for the killing of Mrs. King, if she was killed. Alleged widespread plottings of a group of social adventurers who are believed to have had designs on the dead woman's fortune are being probed. Persons who are thought to have had advance knowledge of a plot against Mrs. King and who sought to warn her were also being sought.

Solicitor Clement at Work.
Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 15.—Released tonight from a week's prosecution of three homicide cases in which he secured one death penalty pronounced by Judge Cline, Solicitor Haynes Clement, of Salisbury, is presently put in a hard week's work on the mass of evidence, documentary and otherwise. That it is believed will result in startling revelations when the coroner's jury is again assembled in the little town of Concord, N. C., near which place Mrs. Maude Augusta King, a New York widow, lost her life on the night of August 29 while in company of Gaston Bullock Means, at Blackwelder's spring.

Solicitor Clement said tonight, according to a Salisbury dispatch, that his office had made no new move in the case of Mrs. King and that there were no developments Saturday.

Enough lacking a precedent in North Carolina jurisprudence, it is assured that there will be no legal bar to re-opening the investigation of Mrs. King's tragic death before the coroner's jury at Concord. Judge Osborne, counsel for Gaston B. Means, has held two conferences with his client since Thursday, the last one in answer to a call from Means to the Charlotte advocate yesterday.

It was anticipated that Judge Cline would be asked to issue a bench warrant today to cause Means to produce certain papers which he had refused to turn over to C. B. Ambrose, of the department of justice, on the ground that counsel advised him that this act might tend to incriminate him.

First Photograph of Scene of Mrs. King's Death



The above photograph is the first received of the woodland scene near Concord, N. C., where Mrs. Maude A. King was killed. Standing at the tree in the foreground is Charles S. Dry, an important witness in the case, who heard the shot that killed Mrs. King. Mrs. King, when she met her death, was standing beside this tree, but with her face turned in the opposite direction to that in which Dry is looking.

LOWER RATES ON HARD AND SOFT COAL PROMISED

Presidential Proclamation Will About October 1 Fix Prices.

GOVERNMENT TO POOL SUPPLY OF COUNTRY
Management of Coal Prices Will be Under Fuel Administrator Garfield, Assisted by Local Agents.

(By United Press.)
Washington, Sept. 15.—Lower retail prices on hard and soft coal will be fixed in a presidential proclamation about October 1.

Fuel Administrator Garfield today advised consumers to await the new government prices before buying, and he revealed plans to prevent industries shutting down or households freezing for lack of coal.

The fuel administrator will requisition millions of tons of coal. From this supply, emergency needs of consumers will be met at government prices.

Dealers "caught long" on coal which cost them more than the retail prices the government fixes will lose, as after the date fixed by the President's proclamation no coal may be sold at retail at a price higher than the one fixed. This price will be determined by the cost at the mine, plus the freight to destination, plus the jobber's profit, plus the retailer's gross maximum to be fixed by the proclamation.

As Garfield explained his plan, the government will conduct a banking business in coal. The capital will be the coal requisitioned from the producers and will remain at the mine, and Garfield will draw upon them as emergencies require. The mine nearest the emergency will fill the shortage.

RUSSIAN TROOPS START OFFENSIVE ON RIGA FRONT

A Refutation of Report That Korniloff Had Split Lines

GENERAL ACTIVITY ON BELGIAN FRONT
General Haig Reports Raids in Air and on the Ground—French Retake Trenches, Italians Are Active

(By United Press.)
London, Sept. 15.—Russia started a vigorous offensive on two sections of the Riga front today.

The same armies which it had been faced here were torn by the Korniloff revolt these things which the Russian official statement today declared had made good advances against positions gained by the enemy in the recent German advance.

No war news of the day gave greater satisfaction here tonight than this refutation of apprehensions that Korniloff's rebellion had split the Russian lines open to the Germans.

The Petrograd statement told of establishment of advanced Russian posts in the village of Medug and of the capture of Kronberg. Both cities are in the Riga sector not far from the coast. The war office asserted prisoners had been taken.

Further to the east, the city of Paine was occupied by the Russian drive. The attacking troops, according to the Petrograd statement, were (Continued on Page Three.)

KORNILOFF UNDER ARREST IS GIVING RUSSIA TROUBLE

Whole Nation is Split Over What Punishment to Administer

CABINET IS DIVIDED OVER THE QUESTION
Many Leaders Favor Leniency While Many Others Favor Execution For Korniloff

(By Wm. G. Shepherd, United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Petrograd, Sept. 15.—Unavoidable solution of the cabinet question has been reached.

With General Korniloff and members of his staff under arrest and his remaining adherents in hiding, Premier Kerensky made rapid strides today toward again putting Russia's fighting forces in motion.

Word of victories from the front brought distinct encouragement.

Conferences between Kerensky and various political leaders were in progress throughout the day. At the conclusion of these deliberations there was a noticeable political improvement.

The premier also turned his attention to ending dissension in the army and navy. He ordered that these fighting forces cease all political disputes. The arrest and removal of commanders (Continued on Page Three.)

CONGRESS SETS NEW WORLD'S RECORD FOR COSTLY LEGISLATION

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A Fruitless Search Made Off Nantucket Light For Hostile Craft.

COMMANDANT DOES NOT BELIEVE STORY
Reported Earlier in Day That German Submarine Was Close—Navy Uneasy For Distinguished Men

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Washington, Sept. 15.—Destroyers, scouting out around Nantucket lightship, near the graveyard of several British freighter U-54 victims, had been unable up to tonight to find any trace of a German submarine reported by a British skipper to be shelling an unknown vessel yesterday.

The Navy Department, learning that the skipper had told of interception of an S-O-S which apparently was signed "Abbey," took every precaution to learn the truth thereof and to round up the enemy.

During the day, Captain Rust, commandant of the New York naval district, investigated, but as far as the navy had revealed up to tonight, found nothing to confirm the skipper's tale. Rust reported this afternoon that he did not believe the report.

This was apparently based on information he had from destroyer patrols.

The navy took extra precautions because distinguished persons were known to have been traveling the New England coast, who must be guarded. A ship for which the navy had special reasons to be particularly watchful, however, was reported safe beyond the danger zone.

No Confirmation.
An Atlantic Port, Sept. 15.—A report that a submarine had attacked an unknown ship off Nantucket lightship yesterday morning, brought here today by the captain of a British merchantman, remained unconfirmed from any official source tonight.

National Lawmakers Have Just Completed a \$14,000,000,000 Week.

NOT A VOTE AGAINST THE WAR BOND BILL
LaFollette Scores Newspapers, House Nearly Ready to Pass Urgent Deficiency Bill—Other Work For the Week.

NEW RECORD SET.
(By United Press.)
Washington, Sept. 15.—The \$11,500,000,000 war bond bill is the biggest financial legislation in world history.

The House debated it ten hours; the Senate 11 hours. Just under \$500,000,000 an hour.

Washington, Sept. 15.—With unanimous passage by the Senate today of the \$11,538,000,000 bond bill Congress ended a \$14,000,000,000 week, a world's record for legislative action involving revenues.

The Senate opened the week by passing the \$7,000,000,000 war revenue bill; the House passed the \$174,000,000 war insurance bill on Thursday, and the Senate put the bond bill through, making a total of \$14,127,000,000.

The House is nearly ready to pass the \$7,000,000,000 urgent deficiency bill. Senate and House conferees are engaged in an effort to iron out differences over the revenue bill, and to increase it by \$84,000,000.

With the hope of a recess before the December session, Senate leaders tonight sent out pleas to absent members to "get on the job" next week.

President Wilson's insistence on passage of the war insurance bill is the principal reason. While a subcommittee goes to work on it Monday, Senate leaders will poll the Senate to learn how much debate is in prospect.

A "FLOOD OF BALLOTS" MAY BE YOUR FORTUNE

Some People Can Think of Forty-nine Reasons Why They Cannot Win a Prize in Dispatch Contest When the Only True Reason is Lack of Ambition and Energy to Gather the Votes.

THE PRIZES.
\$775 Briscoe Automobile.
Ford Touring Car.
\$200 in gold.
\$100 in gold.
\$38 furniture suite.
\$75 Columbia Grafonola.
\$50 merchandise order at J. W. H. Fuchs Department Store.
\$25 wrist watch.
Two \$60 diamond rings.

Ten per cent commission to all non-winners, who remain active, on money for new subscriptions.

How often have you been annoyed and vexed by just a little oversight? Contestants in The Dispatch contest should leave no stone unturned to make victory certain. Some of you who desire to win are asking how many votes it will take to insure success. This is something that no one knows, not even the Contest Manager. Your best policy is to get every subscription possible, and then some impossible ones. Grab every one that is loose at both ends and not nailed down in the middle.

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TO TRAIN NATIONAL ARMY AT GREENVILLE

(By United Press.)
Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., Sept. 15.—Fourteen thousand men of the new national army will be brought here, as was announced at headquarters today.

This is believed to be the first indication that drafted men would be trained in any national guard camp. Some delay in completing the Southern national army cantonments may be responsible, it is thought.