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HUNDREDS DROWN IN FLOOD WATERS

Dam of Huge Artificial Lake in Italy Breaks, Inundating Three Towns

Bergamo, Italy, Dec. 2.—Six hundred dead, three villages destroyed, and 50 square miles made desolate. This was the toll of the flood from Glenside lake, when the great dike guarding it collapsed, releasing the irresistible force of the water, which bursting forth in mad fury, carried all before it. It swept over the hills and down into the valleys for a distance of 15 miles to Lake Isseo, which checked the momentum of the vast stream, arresting its course.

Bergamo valley today is nothing but a barren waste of mud and water—a veritable lake in which it is dangerous to venture, for in some places it is over a man's head. In this soggy mass, the bodies of the victims lie tangled among fallen trees, telegraph poles, buildings and bridges. Here and there portions of broken walls project as mute evidence of the tremendous might with which the waters engulfed the region. The homeless are counted in the thousands, most of whom are mourning for lost relatives or searching for their bodies.

Relief parties from Milan and Brescia are on the scene, while all available troops have been mustered to aid the shelterless. The bishop of Bergamo received a telegraphic donation from the Pope for the purpose of undertaking immediately extensive relief.

Four Other Dams May Break
There is great fear among the survivors of other dams breaking, especially as today is the Feast of St. Bibbiana, on which, according to popular superstition, it rains it will rain for forty days and forty nights.

The villages almost completely destroyed were Dezzo, Corna and Bugogno. Of the 500 inhabitants of Dezzo only three survived.

The disaster threatens to be one of the greatest of its kind because of the vast amount of water in lakes which overfilled them.

A correspondent of the Associated Press visited the scene. The dike, situated three miles from the village of Dezzo, was an immense structure, four miles long and 35 yards thick. It served as a dam for the artificial lake, situated about 5,000 feet above sea level and containing 10,000,000 cubic yards of water, the source of which was chiefly the glaciers of Glenside mountain. The basin measured about four miles by two and cost 30,000,000 lire.

Apparently the dike yielded through the immense pressure of the water at the two ends where the masonry was imbedded in the mountainside. Torrential rains had occurred and they continued, rendering the disaster more menacing for the homeless and hindering relief work. The cold is intense.

The cloudy, foggy atmosphere prevents a general view of the catastrophe. The entire countryside, where the fury of the elements raged, seems to have been wiped out by this superhuman force. Houses, bridges and trees were toppled over like nine pins, and have floated away or are banked against the hills.

The immense body of water, carrying along with it mud and debris of all kinds, leveled the villages joining on its way with the mountain torrential, and even excavated the mountain side, and descended swiftly on the plain of Corna, destroying in a few minutes houses and factories and the electric light centers.

Mr. Draughton Attended Meet of Fox Hunters

J. W. Draughton returned Friday from Seven Springs, where he attended the annual meet of the North Carolina Fox Hunters' association, of which he is a member. Hundreds of fox hunters from all parts of the State gathered there for the annual event and Mr. Draughton reports a most delightful time. Approximately 350 pedigreed hounds from all parts of the State were entered and eight fox were caught during the four days hunt. Mr. Draughton did not enter his dogs this year.

One of the features of the meet this year was a big barbecue served the visiting hunters by Thomas R. Rouse, of Kinston, on his farm in Lenoir county. Officers elected by the association for the next year are: President, Judge H. P. Lane, of Reidsville; vice-president, W. A. Bristol, of Statesville; second vice-president, Hinton James, of Laurinburg; third vice-president, S. N. Boyce, of Gastonia; secretary-treasurer, W. H. Robinson, of Fayetteville.

Shoots At Husband But Hits Blind Man

Greensboro, Dec. 1.—Ethel Allen, negro woman, while drunk and chasing her husband on Elm street, chief thoroughfare here, tonight took a shot at him and missed him, but hit a blind white man, Clyde Pence, newspaper salesman. Pence was hit in the hip and badly hurt, but will recover, it is thought. The woman was locked up. The street, filled with a Saturday night crowd, was a becalm just after the shooting.

MRS. C. C. JOHNSON CLAIMED BY DEATH

Mother of Rev. E. N. Johnson Passed Away Saturday At 1:30 P. M.

The funeral of Mrs. Laura A. Johnson, mother of Rev. E. N. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist church of Dunn, who died Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, was conducted from the Johnson home at Delway, Sampson county, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and interment was made in the family cemetery, near Delway. The funeral was conducted by Rev. T. H. King, pastor of the First Baptist church of Clinton, and was attended by a large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful, and showed in a small way the high esteem in which deceased was held by her acquaintances. Mr. King paid glowing and beautiful tribute to Mrs. Johnson.

Deceased was in her 87th year, and was the widow of the late C. C. Johnson, who preceded her to the grave nine years. She is survived by ten children, three of whom are leading Baptist ministers of the State. The surviving children are: Dr. Walter N. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist church, Kings Mountain; Mrs. D. S. Matthews and Mrs. Robert Ward, both of Ross Hill; Matha E. Johnson, of Belcross; Mrs. W. R. Stephens and Misses Roby C. Johnson and Nadine Johnson, of Delway.

Decedent had been in ill health for several months and her death was not unexpected. She had been a loyal member of Delway Baptist church since early life, and while of a quiet, unassuming nature, she took great interest in her church and her beautiful traits of character endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. As one who knew her stated, "She was retiring in nature, a hard worker, never complained, always smiling, even when she was weeping." One of the things which brought joy into her life was the fact that she had given three sons to the ministry.

Mother of Two Girls Is Sentenced To Jail

Oxford, Nov. 30.—Lucy Eastwood, 38 to 40 years of age, and wrinkled and torn by debauchery, was found guilty in Greenville County Superior Court of conduct unbecoming a woman while residing in Oak Hill township. Judge Devin gave her an undetermined sentence of two years in the county jail, and later instructed Judge Hunt, clerk of court, to demand the surrender of her two children to his custody and for her to leave the State by the first of December.

The woman has two pretty little daughters, 10 and 13 years of age respectively. They were sent out to the County Home for the Aged and Infirm until Judge Hunt can find some one to adopt and care for them. They are bright little girls and if given a chance they will bring sunshine to any Christian home.

Mr. Sam Daniels, the big-hearted superintendent of the County Home, relates how the two little girls spent their first night at the County Home. After they had been bathed and properly gowned, Mrs. Daniels gave them a comfortable room and bed with fresh sheets and pillows. Before retiring the two little sisters fell upon their knees and with upturned faces implored God to return their mother to them. The prayers touched the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Daniels and they gathered the little ones to their arms and soother them the best they could.

Again the little girls fell upon their knees and thanked God for their new-found father and mother.

"These children must have a chance in the world," said Mr. Daniels and what he says goes.

ANOTHER MAN IS FLOGGED IN NASH

Henry Gardner, Prominent Citizen, Carried Into Woods And Whipped

Rocky Mount, Nov. 30.—The second flogging to take place in Nash county within almost as many weeks occurred Wednesday night, according to authentic reports reaching here from Nashville, when Henry Gardner, member of a prominent family of the county was taken from the home of Annie Viverette, a young woman who resided in Cooper's township, carried some distance through the woods and given a lashing.

Reports state that the young woman, association with whom is claimed to have caused the flogging, was seized by the band and taken along to witness the flogging, which Gardner is quoted as saying consisted of twenty lashes across the back. The spokesman for the band is alleged to have set a stipulated period of seven days for her to leave the county, while the young man was given a lecture in addition to the whipping.

The band is reported to have been made up of forty or fifty persons, all of whom are said to have been masked. The account received here states that several members of the band called at the home of Annie Viverette about midnight and stated that they were looking for her and Gardner, whom they found at the house. Both were bundled into cars and taken by a circuitous route to some exactly undetermined spot in the woods where the flogging was administered and the woman given a warning to leave. According to information received this morning, she had taken no steps to carry out the warning.

Negro Farm Agent Is Continued In Harnett

The board of commissioners of Harnett county at their regular

demonstration agent. The allowance was discontinued by the board at its October meeting. As a Herring is the agent in Harnett. The balance of his salary is paid by the State and Federal government.

L. E. Hall, negro district demonstration agent, with others, went before the board and asked that the allowance be granted in order that the agent might be continued. Hall asked The Dispatch to express his thanks to the board for their decision in the matter.

Governors To Meet Again December 13

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 2.—Governor Pinchot tonight forwarded to the governors of anthracite consuming states the record of the conference held here last Monday to consider means of reducing coal prices and an invitation to the executives to meet here again December 13 to consider further plans for relief "from the present extortion in anthracite."

The governor also sent a detailed statement of the plan for a compact of states to regulate the hard coal industry through a proposed joint commission, which he outlined at the meeting here.

Thanksgiving Day Is Observed In France

Paris, Nov. 30.—America's Thanksgiving Day has had an increasing significance for the French since the war and is becoming almost a French festival.

The spirit and purpose of its celebration have so impressed the French church authorities that Monsignor Chaptal, the Co-Adjutor of Cardinal Dubois, arranged for a solemn high mass in the Church of St. Pierre de Chaillot under the presidency of the Cardinal and in the presence of Ambassador Henriek and representatives of American organizations in Paris. The purpose of the mass, it was announced, was to "associate French Catholics with the American festival of Thanksgiving Day."

A special service was held in the American Cathedral with Dean Beechman, officiating. Ambassador Henriek and Consul General Thacker signified their intention of being present.

The Paris post of the American Legion planned a dinner dance for last night. Marshal Poch and Ambassador Henriek were invited. Turkey dinners were featured at the principal hotels and at the various American clubs.

Mr. Beaman Jordan Dies At Home In Simpson

Mr. Beaman Jordan, who has resided near Beulah, died at his home early Wednesday morning after an illness of nearly a year.

Mr. Jordan's son had been away from home on business for some time and on his return he was about 1 o'clock, he found his father trying to get up and died before assistance could be summoned.

Mr. Jordan was about 70 years of age and had been sick for some time with diabetes. He had four children. Messrs. Ernest and Beaman Jordan, and two daughters, Miss Edna and Mrs. J. W. Jordan. It was learned that arrangements had been made for the funeral, but it is understood that he will be buried in the afternoon.

RABID DOG BEING LETTER CARRIER

W. W. Weeks, City Letter Carrier, Attacked By A Mad Dog

W. W. Weeks, mail carrier on city route No. 2, was bitten by a rabid dog Saturday, November 3, and is taking the Pasteur treatment. The dog which bit Mr. Weeks belonged to Arthur Wilson, who lives at home with Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Taylor.

He attacked Mr. Weeks while he was riding a bicycle in front of the Taylor home, biting him in the finger of the right hand.

It was not known at the time that the dog was rabid. It was known, however, that the dog was dangerous and he was run down by an automobile on the following day. Mr. Weeks learned that the dog had been killed and sent to the State laboratory at Raleigh. A report received from Raleigh stated that the dog was rabid.

before he was killed by a dog belonging to Perry Godwin, who lives near the point where the rabid dog was run down by the car and killed. Mr. Godwin had his dog killed as soon as he learned that the dog that bit him was rabid. Others who own dogs that were bitten by the rabid dog should follow Mr. Godwin's example.

It was fortunate that more people were not bitten by the rabid dog, as he was allowed to run at large for several days after he had bitten Mr. Weeks.

RELIGIOUS CLASH OCCURS AT OTEEN

Two Alleged Members of Ku Klux Said To Have Denounced Two Catholics

Asheville, Dec. 1.—An investigation of religious prejudices among ex-service men at Oteen Hospital has been made by agents of the Department of Justice as a result of a recent attack on two Catholic patients by two other patients claiming to be members of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, it was learned Friday.

Fritz Tiedtke, of Philadelphia, and Virgil Tibbets, of Dallas, Ga., were the two patients claiming to be Klansmen and who, it is alleged, insulted and verbally abused the two patients who are Catholics, the reports disclose.

Earl T. Vassel of Wheeling, W. Va. and A. J. Scullian, of Philadelphia, are the two men who were the parties to which the bitter denunciation of the Catholic church was directed by the two patients, it was announced.

Tiedtke and Tibbets faced the discharge board charged with disobedience to orders, misconduct and being drunk, as it is alleged they were under the influence of whiskey at the time they insulted the two Catholics. Both were discharged, as it was found that travel would not interfere with their health or future treatment.

Vassel was discharged on November 12, the morning after his trouble at his own request. Scullian was transferred to another ward.

Letters written by Scullian to his brother, "Buddy," whom he says is his brother in Philadelphia, in which he expressed fear for his life and requested that the police be notified that the Klan had marked him, in case anything should happen, were enclosed to Rev. Father H. J. Gronis, of Belmont Abbey, who is stationed at Oteen. They were sent to Rev. Father Gronis by Rev. Father Cooran, for

SOUTH EXCEEDS RED CROSS QUOTA

Reports Indicate Final Enrollment Exceeding the Quota of 250,000

Atlanta, Nov. 30.—With 542 cities and towns in the South calling the roll, Red Cross officials at Southern Division Headquarters say that reports from all sections indicate the final enrollment will exceed the 250,000 quota.

Enrollment by states, as shown by preliminary reports from about one-third of the chapters in the South, is as follows: North Carolina, 29,059; South Carolina, 5,736; Tennessee, 12,212; Georgia, 31,929; Florida, 22,390; Alabama, 15,066; Mississippi, 9,892; Louisiana, 12,611. Total to date, 141,000. The Roll Call is still in progress all over the South and no reports have yet been received from 276 cities.

Thomsonville, N. C., a town of 6,000 population, was the first city in the South to reach its quota, reporting 1,000 members enrolled on November 14th. Savannah, Ga., has reported 5,000; New Orleans, 5,000; Atlanta, 15,000; Birmingham, 7,000; Montgomery, 2,000; Asheville, 2,000; Tampa, 4,000; Miami, 5,000; Chattanooga, 2,000; Memphis, 5,000; Greenwood, S. C., 1,500; Jackson, Miss., 1,500.

Sixty-five per cent of the chapters submitting preliminary reports show a gain in their first reports over their last year's total enrollment. "Final reports of this year's enrollment in the South," said Jos. C. Logan, division manager, "will show that the South is still prepared through its wide Red Cross membership to meet successfully any emergency."

North Carolina Ranks High As Revenue Maker

Washington, Dec. 2.—An abstract

Fireman Killed in Railroad Accident

Roanoke, Nov. 30.—James Blue, fireman, Aberdeen, N. C., yesterday was killed when the engine of the freight train on which he was working turned completely over on the Aberdeen and Rockfish, 11 miles west of here. The engineer and brakeman escaped without injury, according to reports reaching here.

The spot where the wreck occurred is in an isolated section and full details of the accident are lacking.

NEED MORE BEDS IN SANATORIUMS

Two Thousand Additional Beds Needed If State Is To Meet Requirements

Sanatorium, N. C., Nov. 30.—North Carolina is in need of 2,000 more beds for treating tuberculosis cases if she attains the standard of equipment that the National Tuberculosis association has set for all the states. As a matter of fact, the State and counties together have only 258 beds for public use. This number includes the 200 beds at the State sanatorium that are for white people, the 64 beds at the negro division of the sanatorium, the 64 beds at the Guilford county sanatorium and the 30 beds at the Forsyth sanatorium.

In the 26 private sanatoriums of the State there are beds for 490 patients but these are almost exclusively taken by people from other states, and none of the 1200 beds at the Government hospital at Oteen are available for North Carolina citizens unless they have served in the World War.

The standard set by the National Tuberculosis association is that there should be a bed for every annual death from tuberculosis. There were 2,369 deaths in North Carolina last year. For public use there are only 258 beds in the State and county

sanatorium treatment is recognized as an absolute essential in any intelligent program for treating tuberculosis. That is why the North Carolina Tuberculosis association in planning the tuberculosis program for the State says that there must be not only more beds at the State Sanatorium but there must be county sanatoriums with sufficient beds to meet local needs.

A number of towns and counties have been able to provide beds at the State sanatorium to help meet their local needs through the sale of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals and their direct appropriations for individual patients. The health department of the Woman's club of Raleigh maintains three beds at the Sanatorium for the treatment of Raleigh patients through funds raised from selling Christmas Seals.

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"These instances, and many more, prove that a good crop of vetch makes it unnecessary to buy nitrogen for corn," says Mr. Blair. "Phosphoric acid and potash, needed to supplement the vetch, are not expensive. Rockingham county is sowing 500 acres of vetch this fall. Let vetch get your nitrogen from the air and build up your soil with organic matter at the same time."

J. Walter Stewart Gets Severe Blow In Dark

Tuesday night about 9:30 as Mr. J. Walter Stewart was returning from Sanford, on his truck with his driver, Elijah McLean, colored, they had been having some tire trouble and Mr. Stewart had the driver to stop and just out of town at the intersection of the Johnsonville road to examine the faulty tire.

Just as Mr. Stewart stepped from the truck he was struck with an instrument of some kind just above the left eye, the blow knocking him unconscious. The driver called to Mr. Stewart and he didn't answer, so he went to him, picked him up and carried him home.

Neither Mr. Stewart nor the negro saw the person who delivered the blow, they say, the negro not even knowing Mr. Stewart was hurt until he failed to answer his call. Mr. Stewart never regained consciousness till after he was carried home.

Mr. Stewart says he does not know whether the attacking party was white or black.—Harnett County News.

Two Prisoners Escape From Chain Gang

Two negro prisoners serving sentences on the Harnett county chain gang overpowered a guard, took his gun, and escaped Saturday, it is said. One of the negroes was named Mitchell and the other Hunt, according to information reaching Dunn. The "gang" is stationed near Barker'sville. It has not been learned for what the two negroes were convicted or how much of their sentences were unserved. They have not been recaptured.

VETCH GOOD CORN CROP FERTILIZER

Well Adapted To Sandy Soils Say State Agricultural Extension Workers

Rockingham, N. C., Nov. 30.—A number of tests made in this county by farm agent W. H. Barton show that vetch is a good corn fertilizer, according to reports made public by E. C. Blair, extension agent for the State College and Department of Agriculture. The census of 1923 gives Rockingham county an average of 20 bushels of corn per acre. The demonstration made by County Agent Barton show that 40 to 50 bushels of corn may be made on the poorest and sandiest type of soil with little extra trouble or expense. This is done by growing a crop of vetch ahead of the corn and turning it under.

Vetch is naturally adapted to the sandy land so commonly found in Rockingham county. The crop is a great nitrogen gatherer and a ton of vetch hay has the same value in nitrogen as 375 pounds of nitrate of soda. The vetch, however, must be supplied with nitrogen gathering bacteria or it will fail, otherwise it is not so particular. Mr. Blair says that the cost of seeding an acre is very small as the seed may be sown anytime in the fall and the young plants are resistant to cold.

"The plan followed in Rockingham county," says Mr. Blair, "is to turn under a crop of vetch and to fertilize the corn with only acid phosphate and kainit. The vetch supplies the nitrogen and a great quantity of organic matter so badly needed in the sandhills section."

Mr. Blair reports three specific instances where vetch has been successfully used by farmers cooperating with Mr. Barton. E. C. Lecky had some coarse sandy soil on his farm near Cozzies, which he abandoned to brown sedge until last year. Turning under a good crop of vetch this

year was made public by

similar soil, but in a higher state of cultivation. He turned under vetch to which he had applied 500 pounds of acid phosphate and 100 pounds of kainit per acre. No fertilizer was applied directly to the corn. The yield per acre was forty-eight bushels. Mr. Covington states that he has been accustomed to using 400 to 500 pounds of fertilizer and 100 pounds of nitrate of soda per acre, in getting about thirty bushels of corn.

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Union County Farmer Is Brutally Murdered

Monroe, Dec. 2.—His skull fractured in five places and his pockets turned wrong side out, the body of Luther Funderburk, aged 25, Union county merchant and farmer, was found in the rear of his store about four miles from Monroe this morning. Near the body were found a blood-stained wrench, a broken chair and a walking cane, also bearing signs of gray hair and stained with blood, according to officers.

Investigation by a coroner's jury, begun here yesterday, was not completed at 10 o'clock Sunday, it was announced.

Sheriff Fowler, who also was busy during the day working on the case, expressed the belief that it was a case of "cold blooded murder," that it was perpetrated by two men and that robbery was the motive. No arrest had been made at a late hour tonight, but Sheriff Fowler said several distinct clues had been developed and that he hoped to arrest the guilty persons within the next day or two.