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ALL LINE UP FOR THE COMING FRAY

Candidates for Western Carolina Collectorship Arrive at Capital

FIGHT IS NOW INTENSIFIED

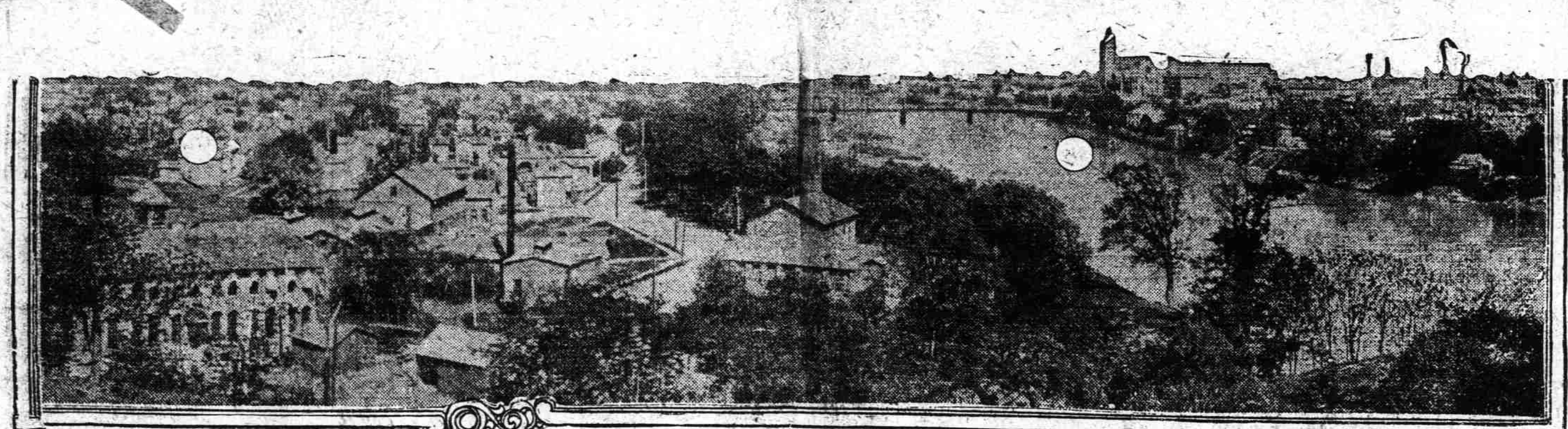
Lines Between Reactionaries and Progressives in This State Are Tightly Drawn—The Watts-Justice Controversy.

Wilmington Star Bureau, 23 Wyatt Building. Washington, D. C., March 28.—The fight between the so-called "reactionaries" and "progressives" within the ranks of the Democratic party in North Carolina, which was started Thursday when E. J. Justice, of Greensboro, gave President Wilson the "history" of certain politicians and others who aspire to good seats at the Federal pie counter, was intensified today with the arrival of A. D. Watts, of Statesville; Col. Garland Webb, of Winston-Salem; and the expected appearance here of Col. A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury, all three of whom are active candidates for the collectorship of Western North Carolina. Col. Watts said he had read the statement given out by Mr. Justice, but that he had no comment to make. Col. Webb, as well as Col. Watts, held heart to heart talks with Senator Overman, who earlier in the morning called upon Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo. Just what Senator Overman had to say to the Secretary of the Treasury is not known. It is believed, however, that the Junior Senator talked about the collectorship of Western North Carolina with Col. Watts, and that he is willing to say: "It is predicted, however, that his friends will go the limit." It has always been customary to allow the Senators to have the privilege of appointing men to such places as district attorney, collector of internal revenue, United States marshal, and so on. Secretary McAdoo and President Wilson refuse to recognize to North Carolina Senators in this matter. It is assumed that the man who is named will have a rocky road to go before his nomination is confirmed by the Senate. Neither Senator Simmons, who reached Washington today from his home at Newbern, nor Senator Overman would discuss the Watts-Justice controversy. Because of Secretary Daniels' pronounced progressive views his close affiliation with William H. Bryan, and the friendship that exists between Mr. Daniels and Mr. Justice, it is being rumored here that Daniels is behind Mr. Justice in his fight against the "reactionaries" getting a look-in on Federal appointments. If it is true that Daniels is backing Justice in this fight, to be consistent he will have to lend his support to Mr. Justice on his race against Secretary Daniels in the Senate. He cannot consistently support Justice in one fight for progressive principles and then lay down when the progressive candidate for the Senate is running against the reactionary. Justice's campaign will be on his progressive record and against what his friends term "machine politics." D. D. Ellsworth, a former North Carolina boy, has been recommended for appointment as clerk in the Post-office Department. For a number of years Ellsworth has been in the department of the supervising architect's office, and the transfer is in the nature of a promotion with an increase of salary. The Postmaster General announced today that the postoffice at St. Paul's had been advanced to the Presidential class and the salary increased to \$1,000 per year. P. R. A.

WILSON HAS BUSY DAY.

Flood Situation Requires Attention— Cabinet Approves Message. Washington, March 28.—President Wilson has been very busy today with the flood situation, requiring constant attention, a long cabinet meeting and a critical turn of events in New Jersey politics. The President read to the cabinet his message to the extraordinary session of Congress, about 1,200 words long. It was approved and ordered printed. Those who have discussed the message with the President said it dealt entirely with the tariff, leaving to the discretion of Congress the method of handling the issue, and calling attention briefly to the need of currency legislation as soon as the tariff was disposed of. Mr. Wilson discussed certain phases of the China situation with the cabinet, but the recognition of the republic, which practically has been decided, was deferred until a subsequent meeting. The President announced his future policy with respect to jury reform and necessity for a constitutional convention in New Jersey. He suggested to Acting Governor Fielder that if the jury bill failed in the present Legislature, an extra session of that body should be called. The President also offered to speak in New Jersey in behalf of the reforms. Among the President's callers today were Cyrus Adler and Dr. Herbert Friedenwald, of the American Jewish Convention. They discussed the Russian passport question with him, suggesting a long memorandum, which the government maintained in the negotiation of future treaties with Russia. WE CLAIM the color and finish on table and bed linen, laundered our new way, cannot be excelled anywhere. Phone 29. Wilmington Steam Laundry. (Advertisement.) 31.

GENERAL VIEW OF DAYTON, O., AND THE MIAMI RIVER, THE WATERS OF WHICH HAVE INUNDATED PRACTICALLY ENTIRE CITY.



HILLSVILLE GUNMEN PAY DEATH PENALTY

Floyd Allen and His Son, Claude, Lawless Products of the Virginia Mountains, Expiate Crime in Death Chair—Gov. Mann Hastens Home and Thwarts Eleventh-Hour Attempt to Prevent Their Execution.

Richmond, Va., March 28.—Mumbling a prayer and crying half audibly that he was ready to go, Floyd Allen, a lawless product of the Virginia mountains, whose refusal to accept a short prison term for a minor offense led to the wholesale court murder in Hillsville one year ago, limped to the death chair in the State penitentiary today, 11 minutes ahead of Claude Swanson Allen, his son. The sentence of the court, held up for six hours while desperate and dramatic efforts were being made to save the condemned men by eleventh-hour appeals to the Lieutenant Governor, was speedily ordered to proceed when Governor Mann hastened back to Virginia to take charge of a situation which was sensational and exciting to a degree. The prison superintendent, acting entirely within the law, agreed at 2 o'clock this morning to defer the execution, giving Attorney General Williams opportunity, meanwhile, to pass upon the constitutional right of Lieutenant Governor Ellison to interfere. But the young son of Governor Mann reached his father in Philadelphia by telephone less than an hour after the delay had been ordered and by 8 o'clock today the Governor was again in the capital, where he immediately reached police headquarters that a crowd had assembled at the station, patrolmen, detectives and plainclothesmen being hurriedly dispatched to prevent any demonstration. When the Governor stepped on the platform he was quickly surrounded by officers, who escorted him to a taxicab which took him quickly to the capital. In his office at the State prison, Superintendent Wood was pacing the floor nervously as he awaited developments. The situation there had become more intense. Precisely at noon the superintendent was called to the telephone. The Governor of Virginia is at his desk," was the message he received from the capital and instantly preparations were made to obey the mandate of the court. The witnesses who had assembled at 7 o'clock, the hour announced for the execution, had left the prison with instructions to return at 1 o'clock. Just after sunrise the Allens practically collapsed when informed that a half-day respite had been granted by a combination of legal and technical circumstances as strange as any that had ever been presented to a court of justice. Claude Allen, who had retained his nerve throughout the trying ordeal in his behalf, gasped and trembled, but he regained his composure. He noted the hopeless and dejected appearance of his aged father in the cell across the corridor. As the morning hours passed they sat with their spiritual advisers, but they nerved themselves again for the end when they heard that Governor Mann had returned to Virginia. Men prominent in official circles of the State who waited in the capital for a final plea to the Governor, were turned away, as his secretary handed out this statement from the executive: "Hearing at five minutes to 3 o'clock this morning of the action taken in the Allen case after I left the city, I considered it my duty to hurry back. I simply desire to repeat that after the most careful examination of the evidence in this case, I have not the slightest doubt of the guilt of Floyd and Claude Allen, and I will not interfere. The law must take its course." What brought forth the greatest indignation from the Governor was the reported fact that the plan to appeal to the Lieutenant Governor was agreed upon a week ago. While there was no intimation from Lieutenant Governor Ellison that he would interfere, his willingness last night to await a written opinion from the attorney general who had already ruled verbally that he was without authority, was accepted outside to mean that the life of Claude Allen might be spared. Governor Mann, however, cut through the



GOV. COX, OF OHIO.

GARRISON WON'T TURN BACK

Secretary of War, Undaunted by Disheartening Delays of Special Train, Declares He Will Get to the Flood Zone. On Board Secretary Garrison's special train, Kenova, W. Va., March 28.—Turning a deaf ear to the railroad officials who counseled him against attempting to penetrate the heart of the flood district, Secretary Garrison, undaunted by disheartening delays which have marked his journey, declared tonight in emphatic terms that he would under no circumstances abandon his undertaking. At Williamsport the secretary was told the situation was hopeless beyond Kenova, so far as his reaching Cincinnati or Columbus is concerned. "We shall go forward so long as there is a length of track to carry us," said the war secretary, as his train crept snail-like through the narrow Blue Ridge passes. "Even if we do not reach Dayton in time to cooperate in the immediate rescue work, our services, though delayed, will not be lost." (Continued on Page Eight.)

OUTLINES

James McCrea, former president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, died at his home in Haverford last night. Secretary Garrison, whose special train to the flood sections of the Middle West is held up in Virginia, declared he would not turn back. Hereafter, postmasters in the large offices of the country are to be held strictly accountable for the time and personal attention they give their official duties. Red Cross relief corps with supplies and provisions, were dispatched from Washington yesterday to Columbus and Cincinnati, and points in Indiana, to take up work in the flood zone. The Democrats of the Ways and Means Committee have completed their plans for revising the tariff, which includes an income tax provision. Revised estimates from the flooded cities and towns of the Middle West last night placed the number of drowned at 500, although the undertakers in Dayton, O., declared 800 persons perished in that city. With the arrival of the three aspirants for the collectorship of the Western district of North Carolina in Washington yesterday, the light between so-called reactionaries and progressives in this State took on added interest. Floyd Allen and his son, Claude Swanson Allen, were executed shortly after 1 P. M. yesterday in the Virginia penitentiary, for their participation in the Hillsville court murders, Gov. Mann hastening back to Richmond and preventing a dramatic attempt to prevent the execution. New York markets: Money on call firm, 1 1/2 to 4 1/2 per cent.; ruling rate 4 1/2; closing bid 3 3/4; offered at 4. Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 12.70. Flour quiet. Wheat, spot firm; No. 1 Northern Duluth 99 3/4 L. o. b. ahead. Corn, spot firm. Turpentine firm. Rosin steady.

NUMBER OF DROWNED MAY NOT EXCEED 500

More Cheerful News Is Received from Flooded Sections of Middle West—Undertakers at Dayton Think 800 May Have Perished in That City—Hundreds Are Rescued from Perilous Perches.

Flood waters receded sufficiently last night to show that the number of persons drowned in all affected cities in Ohio and Indiana may not exceed 500. While many persons are still missing to friends and relatives, investigations made to date indicated that many were safe who had been thought lost. In Dayton careful estimates placed the number of deaths at 200 or fewer, although a meeting of the undertakers asserted that the total might be 800. Relief work went on rapidly in Dayton and all parts of the city were reached. Columbus will have the next to the largest loss of life, 60 bodies having already been found in the inundated portion of West Columbus. Unverified figures for Miamisburg, Ohio, give 50 dead, but in all other flooded cities the figures fell off rapidly as relief expeditions covered the ground. Miamilton, Ohio, which had reported as many as 250 dead, did not put forth any figures today. Mount Vernon did not confirm its previous report of 50 dead, and no confirmation was had for 32 reported drowned at Venice, Ohio, where there had been reports of 50 or more dead, each found 18-corporps up to midnight. The best figures from Piqua give a death toll of 50 persons, Fremont and Middletown, Ohio, each had 14 dead; Troy, nine; Massillon, five, and Zanesville, four. The Indiana total drowned receded to fewer than 50, distributed as follows: Peru, 20; Brookville, 16; Fort Wayne, 6; and Terre Haute, 4. No bodies have been found in West Indianapolis, where as many as 200 bodies were at one time reported. With the situation somewhat alleviated in the flood-swept districts of Ohio and Indiana, a new menace threatened tonight in the rise of river in the southern valleys of both States. The Ohio, Wabash and White rivers, but warning served in a measure to reduce the panic. Indiana Death List at Dayton. South Dayton, Ohio, at March 28.—Eight hundred dead is the average estimate of seven-eights of Dayton's undertakers, called together for a conference tonight. They reported 82 bodies had been recovered and now are at various places in the city. Individual estimates of the undertakers were from 500 to 1,000, but the consensus of opinion was that 800 would be a conservative figure. Exploration of several recesses of the city today by newspaper men hardly would justify such an estimate. Orders had been issued for all bodies to be brought to a general morgue established in a garage. Tins had not been taken to undertaking establishments not under water. A general call for all undertakers to meet was sent out by John H. Patterson, in charge of relief work, in an effort to have the work of recovering bodies organized. Thirty undertakers were present and all said they based their estimates of the dead on a general survey of the situation. Louisville life savers made a trip into Riverdale and North Dayton sections, where it was feared there had been great loss of life. They did not find a body and said they believed few would be found. An expedition of the Cleveland reserves brought practically an identical report. As so large a part of the city had been explored and information obtained failed to bear out earlier estimates of great loss, the announcement of the undertakers came as a surprise to those most familiar with the situation. 43-foot Stage at Memphis. Memphis, Tenn., March 28.—Late tonight the Mississippi river at Memphis was within one foot of flood stage, which, according to the fore-

RELIEF CORPS ON WAY TO THE WEST

Red Cross Officials With Supplies Leave for Flooded Sections

CONTRIBUTIONS POURING IN

Cities and Towns of the Country Respond Heartily to Appeals from the Stricken Victims of the Middle West. Washington, March 28.—While the United States government did not diminish its activity today in rushing relief to the destitute, the receipt of more cheerful news from the flood lands of Ohio and Indiana heartened President Wilson and official Washington generally. The President, who has been very much depressed by the disaster, read reports showing that early estimates of the death list were exaggerated. He is still hopeful that final investigations will reveal that even fewer lost their lives than is now supposed. To the sympathy of France, was added today the condolences of Germany, Switzerland and the Argentine. Red Cross representatives passed through their diplomatic representatives. Miss Mabel Boardman, chairman of the Red Cross Relief Committee, left tonight on a special Red Cross train, bearing the relief forces of the nursing corps, Major Charles Lynch, a Red Cross official, and 40 nurses. The three officials will go to Columbus to confer with Governor Cox. The nurses and supplies will go to Cincinnati and Dayton, in charge of Francis McLeary, of the Red Cross service. In all \$300,000 have been placed in the hands of the Red Cross within 48 hours. Of this over \$200,000 was received today. From New York there came \$55,000; from Detroit, \$10,000; from H. C. Frick \$10,000 and from John D. Rockefeller \$5,000. There were thousands of smaller contributions. A complete field hospital was shipped to Columbus, via Pittsburg by the department. Medical supplies that had been shipped out of Washington twice before for Ohio were blocked, were again sent to Columbus, 6,000 overcoats, 24,000 low shoes, and 15,000 pairs woolen socks. In addition 300,000 navy rations were directed by the secretary to be shipped. Craig Receives Message. Asheville, N. C., March 28.—Governor Craig, who is here to attend a good Red Cross meeting tonight, received the following telegram from Governor Cox, of Ohio, in response to a telegram of sympathy sent by the North Carolina executive: "Columbus, March 28, 1913. 'His Excellency, Locke Craig, Governor of North Carolina. 'Your telegram just received. The situation in Ohio is desperate. Our railroads are paralyzed. The loss will reach hundreds of millions. Two hundred and fifty thousand people are homeless tonight. Send any contributions you can give. Wilson, treasurer relief fund, Columbus, Ohio. (Signed.) 'JAMES M. COX. 'Governor of Ohio.' Reports tonight indicate that large sums have been already raised in various sections of the State to aid the flood sufferers. Charlotte Raises \$1,000. Charlotte, N. C., March 28.—Through the instrumentality of the women's club of this city, Charlotte today contributed something over \$1,000 to the flood sufferers of the Middle West. The campaign for subscriptions to the fund will be continued tomorrow and it is to double the amount already given. In addition to this many articles of clothing and large quantities of foodstuffs have also been sent to the flood region from here. Calls for Funds. Kissimmee, Fla., March 28.—Mrs. Gertrude Frisbie, of San Francisco, president of the Women's Relief Corps of the Grand Army of the Republic, today issued a call to 35 State departments of the organization for flood relief funds. Mrs. Frisbie is visiting here. TAR HEELS AT ANNAPOLIS. Four in Graduating Class of Naval Academy This Year. (Special Star Correspondence.) Annapolis, Md., March 28.—In the class graduating from the United States Naval Academy on the 6th of June are J. B. Timberlake, Raleigh; C. J. Juren, Thomaston; F. H. Crawford, Chabourn, and M. Hudson, Monroe. The four years of study and practical work of these young men while at the greatest naval institution in the world, have been interesting and they have taken some prominent parts in the activities of their class. Hear That Popular Rag. Master Harry Harris will sing 'Leaves for Alabama' at the Grand. 'When the Midnight Choo Choo (Advertisement.)