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Reports Generally Correct

Cloudbursts on Mountains Washed Clean Strips on Sides--Guardsmen Along Water Front in Asheville--Mountain Districts Suffered Greatest Losses--Asheville Without Lights and Water--Other Notes of Interest

NOT ONE, BUT MANY CLOUDBURSTS

ade Clean Swept Roads--Trexler's Funeral First Held--Reports Say Toxaway Dam Held. Asheville Dispatch, 18th (Delayed in transmission.)

Some of the sorrowful features of the Asheville flood disaster were presented today in poignant form. The first funeral service over the remains of a flood victim, Walter Trexler, was held today. The young man, together with a negro boy, lost his life Sunday while rowing a boat to the Glenbrook hotel with food supplies for the stranded guests.

It can be no longer any question why this terrible thing happened. Today it was discovered that there had been water-spouts or cloudbursts, not only here and there but in groups throughout all this country. Driving for 15 miles south newspaper men were shown what looked like new roads cut from top to bottom of the relatively low mountains. These newly swept roads were nothing more than paths but as the result of waterspouts that struck the top of the mountains. The great walls of water rolling down carried trees and everything else before them. All reports indicate that the Toxaway dam held.

MISS FOISTER'S BODY FOUND.

Further Details of the Great Havoc and Loss of Life in Asheville.

Asheville Dispatch, 19th. The body of Miss Mabel Foister, one of the Biltmore nurses who was drowned with Miss Charlotte Walker, another nurse, her sister, and Capt. Foister, was found this afternoon in a clump of bushes on the Biltmore estate about one mile from the entrance to the estate. All efforts to locate the body have been in vain. Funeral services were held today over the remains of the Walker sisters. The bodies will be placed in a vault in the Asheville cemetery pending removal to the family burial plot at Rock Mountain.

Between Asheville and Hendersonville the railroad track in many places was damaged to a great extent. Trestles and fills have disappeared. The highway is in a very precarious condition.

Three stores, two dwellings, several smaller buildings and the postoffice were carried away at Bat Cave. The man who drowned was Isaac Conner Freeman, a young son of Conner Freeman, of Fruitland, Mrs. Conner Huntley and two children and daughter of Henry Hill at Bat Cave had a chance for their lives. It was before daybreak Sunday when the gates of heaven were opened and oceanlike waves began to sweep down the mountains. M. D. Hall, of Green Hill, was drowned in an effort to swim the river on Monday. Two bodies of men were seen float-

AUTO. MAIL LINE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN FLOODED DISTRICT

Will Supplement Mail Service in Mountains--Federal Aid Requested.

Washington Dispatch, 19th.

At the request of Senator Overman the postoffice department late this afternoon authorized the establishment of an automobile mail service between Asheville and Hendersonville to handle all mail matter between these two points until the railroads are able to resume train service.

Senator Overman and Representative Page are getting requests from all over that section of the State which was hit by the flood of last week for the establishment of some kind of mail service.

It is understood that the department contemplates putting an automobile and hack schedules between all points where the railroads are unable to operate trains and before the end of this week probably every section of the State will be furnished with some kind of a mail service.

Reports of destruction wrought by the rains in Wilkes county continue to reach Washington. Representative Doughton received a letter today from J. H. Berkley an attorney of Taylorsville, asking that he ask the federal government for at least \$10,000 to put the road between Wilkesboro and Taylorsville in condition so that supply and mail may be sent into the county which is cut off from the outside world.

According to Mr. Merke the food supply in Wilkes county will not last more than a week, while it will take 100 men about 30 days to put the road between Wilkesboro and Taylorsville in conditions to be used by trains. The railroad between Wilkesboro and Winston-Salem, Mr. Berke says, will not be in shape for train service within a month.

Following the river on Monday and it is believed that they had lived in McDowell county.

The coffin containing the remains of Miss Hill who was drowned at Bat Cave had to be carried by men and boys for a distance of six miles to the burial place.

Orders were issued here today by the Commissioner of Public Safety, placing 50 armed men on guard on the river front with instructions to shoot anyone passing the police line without permission or using matches, cigars and cigarettes. This strenuous measure was taken as the result of several barrels of gasoline bursting and spreading to large piles of lumber and driftwood along the front in the manufacturing district.

Conductors and motormen of the street car company have been sworn in as officers to guard the residential section of the city at night, this precaution taken owing to the city being in darkness.

TRAIN TRAVELS 740 MILES TO MAKE 141

Goes From Salisbury via Greensboro, Lynchburg, Bristol and Knoxville to Reach Asheville.

Wednesday night the Southern railway ran through Greensboro an unusually interesting train, for it was bound for Asheville from Salisbury, and carried aboard it about 200 passengers and great quantities of mail and other matter. The train was run as second 32 and put on to relieve the congestion at Salisbury and on the Salisbury side of the broken connection with the western part of the State. From Salisbury to Asheville the distance is 141 miles and in order to get there the people passing through Greensboro went 164 miles to Lynchburg, thence 202 miles to Bristol, thence 131 miles to Knoxville, thence 120 miles to Murphy and the final lap, 123 miles to Asheville.

The marooned people from Salisbury made this entire grand tour of 740 miles for the price asked for the 141 miles. However it is not a pleasure trip but it is the only solution offered of getting the people to their mountain destinations. The train traveled in four States, returning to the State of its beginning, and will patronize the rails of several roads.

PEOPLE ALONG CATAWBA SEEM DAZED BY LOSS.

Southern Has Only Right of Way Left in Sections--Loss of Life Grows.

Statesville Special, 20th.

Days and weeks must pass before a complete audit of flood damage in mountain country from here to Asheville can be made. And when the totals are reached the chief damage, the major suffering is going to be found, not to cotton mills and other industrial plants but with the plain people--the farmers, merchants and all who owned land or business property along the mountain streams.

The Southern, of course, and industrial plants have suffered heavily but the people are proportionately greater sufferers. Instance after instance could be recited where loss is absolute. The land is in such shape that its preparation for a new crop is said to be impossible at this late season. The condition is all the more unfortunate because drought had curtailed the crops of the high lands. These losses are not confined to the Catawba. Every stream was a party to the rampage.

Among those leaving Statesville in an attempt to reach Asheville was young Lipe, whose father met death in the flood waters Sunday. Despite railway reports it is quite evident that several days will elapse before the Southern will be able to work out transfer arrangements.

When the writer crossed the Catawba late yesterday afternoon nothing

FROM KNOXVILLE TO HICKORY

Trip Under Many Difficulties--The Great Washouts On the Mountain.

Mr. J. C. Kinkaid (he spells his name a little differently from our Kincaids) spent last night in Morganton, and the story he tells of a trip from Knoxville here is a most interesting one. Mr. Kinkaid is manager of the east Tennessee territory of the Fleischmann Yeast Co. He made the trip through the washed out mountain regions to supply yeast customers along the route, bringing along with him 95 pounds of yeast, packed in sawdust and ice.

He left Knoxville at 5 o'clock Tuesday morning and in order to get to Murphy went around by Copper Hill, Tenn., thence by Blue Ridge, Ga. from Murphy to Asheville he made the trip by rail, but in more than double schedule time.

At Asheville he found dreadful results of the flood--what the news dispatches have given and more. There has been no ice in the city, and they are without lights. Along the river the damage was very great. Water rose above the second floor of buildings near the Asheville station.

Leaving Asheville Wednesday afternoon Mr. Kinkaid came part of the way by carriage, but reaching the mountains had to come across on foot, walking in all 24 miles. Three men helped him carry the yeast and he said often they were ready to give up but as he kept pushing ahead they followed. The ravages in the mountains are indescribable. Miles of hills and trestles of the railroad are washed away. At one place Mr. Kinkaid saw the rails suspended 50 or 60 feet, the trestle which had been beneath washed completely away. In some places he and his men had to crawl along on the ground to get by. To hear him describe the trip makes one feel that the statement that it would likely be six months before the Southern could run trains into Asheville over this division is very probably correct.

Nothing had been done, no workmen were at the river and no start made toward inaugurating a ferry service. Telegraph linemen were making a bold attempt to throw a wire across the Catawba which at this point has cut a new channel and formed in effect, two separate streams. A narrow strip of land, the old bank of the river, stands between. The new channel has put a new river here about the size of the old in normal times. This is going to cause extra construction difficulties, it would appear. We walked up the right of way for probably a mile after crossing the river before turning to the dirt road. For this distance all the Southern has left is the right of way. On up the track toward Statesville we could hear a work engine and it was said 200 men were at work on the track.

N. G. COMPLAINTS TO BE INVESTIGATED

Washington Dispatch.

The numerous complaints that are being received by U. S. Senators and members of the House to Representatives from the officers and men of the national guard relative to the quality of food and other supplies being furnished them, as well as the miserable transportation facilities, are causing considerable flutter in Congressional circles and constant talk of another scandal similar to that of 1898 is heard at the Capital. It is predicted by prominent Senators that an explosion is likely to occur in the near future if these complaints continue much longer. Secretary Baker has ordered a thorough probe into the matter.

AT BRIDGEWATER.

The desolation at Bridgewater seems to have been almost complete, according to every one who has come from or visited the place since Sunday. Mr. Henry Witherspoon, returning from there yesterday, said that the bridge was stranded possibly a quarter of a mile below its original site. The whole town and neighboring bottoms are covered with several feet of white sand. Muddy creek bridge is broken loose from its pier on one side and will need considerable repair. Evidently when the water came rushing along the creek its rate was faster than that of a freight train which was moving across it, for the train was washed away. One of the Southern Power Company's engines is gone and the other is buried in sand. Boats are being used for passage across the river.

FLOOD BRIEFS.

It is estimated that a thousand persons in Salisbury and Spencer are idle on account of flood. Several cotton mills are closed down.

Tremendous property damage in Alexander and Ashe is reported but nothing definite can be learned from these sections.

Three children of Lonas Russell were killed in Alexander county Saturday by a landslide.

The whole face of the country in the Hickory Nut Gap section is said to be completely changed.

Ninety-six families are destitute in Wilcox county, Ala., as result of flood.

The steel highway bridge at Camden, S. C., was washed away.

A young woman and a 10 year old boy both unidentified were fished from the Yadkin above Wilkesboro Wednesday afternoon.

PATTON REUNION CALLED OFF.

Owing to conditions brought about by the flood it becomes necessary to abandon the idea of holding the Patton Reunion and the entire program is called off. Letters will be sent to old students as early as possible to this effect.

CLOUDBURST NEAR BURKEMONT

Thursday a cloud burst near Burkemont caused all the streams from that section to rise higher than they were last Sunday. Mr. W. M. Woodbury's plantation suffered heavily, his land was damaged and crops washed away.

NO WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM MEXICO AT PRESENT.

Washington Dispatch, 19th.

Informal conferences between Acting Secretary Polk and Eliseo Arredondo, the Mexican ambassador designate, continued today at the State department.

Although press dispatches from Mexico City have announced the appointment of Mexican members of a joint commission to undertake adjustment of differences between the two countries, it was stated officially at the department that no final agreement as to the method of conducting negotiations had been reached. It was explained also that if it should be determined to name a joint commission the American members could not be headed by Henry P. Fletcher, ambassador designate to Mexico, because Mr. Fletcher's official position would prevent him from serving in that capacity.

When told about dispatches from Mexico City saying Special Agent Rodgers had informed the Carranza government that the United States troops in Mexico gradually would be withdrawn Mr. Polk said Mr. Rodgers had no authority to make any such announcement, and that the policy of the American government remained unchanged.

Miss Dickson Dies While On Visit Here.

While here on a visit at the home of her nephew, Mr. John A. Dickson, Miss S. O'H. Dickson, of Winston-Salem, died Tuesday night about midnight. Miss Dickson came to Morganton a week ago last Friday, and on last Thursday was taken desperately ill. The funeral was held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at the Dickson home and interment made in Oak Forest cemetery, Rev. E. E. Williamson conducting the service.

Miss Dickson was about 70 years of age. For many years she had made her home in Winston-Salem with Mr. Mitchell Rodgers, who is well known here. Because of the wrecked condition of train service, Mr. Rodgers and other relatives who would have been present were unable to reach Morganton for the funeral.

The daughter of a Presbyterian minister and the sister of one, Miss Dickson herself was ever zealous in church work. She was especially interested in church library work, and had been for a number of years librarian of the church library of the First Presbyterian church of Winston-Salem. She had exceptional literary talent, being the author of several books of tales and poetry. Well known in this State and in South Carolina, the news of her death will be the source of much sorrow to many relatives and friends in both States.