

THE RAINS CAME AND THE FLOODS DESCENDED

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE IS DONE THROUGHOUT WESTERN CAROLINA

Asheville Electric Power and Lights Stopped by Water Flooding Transformer Station—Loss of One Life Reported—The Situation Is Much Improved Today.

WATER IN THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER WAS UP 10.6 FEET, BEATING ALL RECORDS OF THE LOCAL WEATHER BUREAU

Rainfall of 6.04 Inches in 36 Hours Ending at 8 O'Clock Last Night—Trains Running Slowly, on Account of Soft Ground—Many Houses Flooded on Water Front, People Taken Out in Wagons and Boats, With Household Goods.

Trains Nos. 6 and 8, for Toxaway, due to leave this afternoon and tomorrow morning, respectively, have been annulled, on account of the water.

Afternoon, as the lake water began to run across and under these walks back into the river. Capt. Jordan, the special officer in charge of the park, felt that it would be wise to close the park about 3 o'clock, owing to the presence of so many children, accordingly everybody was asked to leave and the gates were locked.

Conditions Gradually Improving. The business and commercial life of Asheville and Western North Carolina, so prostrated by the disastrous floods yesterday are gradually resuming their former activity.

The Gazette-News People Also Had Their Troubles

THE GAZETTE-NEWS yesterday was issued as a three-column, four-page paper, set by hand, and on job presses, two pages being printed at the Hackney Coale company's place while the other two were printed at the White-Printing company's office.

HENDERSONVILLE SUFFERED MUCH

Railroad Traffic North and West Stopped, Flood Record of 20 Years Broken—Lights Out.

Special to The Gazette-News. Hendersonville, Sept. 1.—Hendersonville had more than its share of rain Tuesday night and yesterday, and the people of the town awoke Wednesday to a realization that all railroad traffic north and west was suspended on account of washouts.

The waters of Cane creek rapidly overflowed the banks and washed away nearly three miles of railroad track. Train No. 41 from Columbia came in several hours late and was sidetracked here.

on that line reached Hendersonville this morning, coming into Asheville about two hours late. The principal trouble on the Spartanburg line today has been with the telegraph wires.

The floods of yesterday were the worst that have occurred in this section for years and years. The height of the water passed all records kept by the local weather bureau for the past eight years.

EXPULSION OF CHOCATE IS PETITIONED BY WATTS

He Files With National Bar Association Charges Against the Ambassador to Britain.

Chattanooga, Sept. 1.—Charges that Joseph H. Choate ambassador to Great Britain has been guilty of violation of the constitution of the National Bar Association and a petition for his expulsion was presented to the Bar Association committee.

EXPULSION OF HEBREWS FROM KIEV CONTINUES

Kiev, Russia, Sept. 1.—Expulsion of Jews who must return to the restricted district set apart for them by law continues on a small scale.

Norfolk Man Shoots Wife and Daughter. Norfolk, Sept. 1.—After brooding for hours over a family quarrel which lasted well into last night, J. J. Smith, a bartender aged 32 years, shot and killed his wife and, it is believed, fatally wounded his 15-year-old daughter, Rilla, who, pleading with her father not to shoot, ran between her parents as he drew his pistol.

POPULATION OF BROOKLYN AND YONKERS. Washington, Sept. 1.—The population of Brooklyn, N. Y. is 1,634,351, an increase of 467,959 or 29.1 per cent as compared with 1,166,392 in 1900; that of Yonkers is 75,501, an increase of 31,872 or 42.5 per cent as compared with 43,629 in 1900.

Rebellion in Luzon; Preparations to Fight

Simson Mandac, Former Governor of Ilocos Norte, Long a Fugitive from Justice, Is the Leader of Uprising in Nueva Viscaya—Number of Followers Unknown.

MANILLA, Sept. 1.—An uprising against the government is reported in the province of Nueva Viscaya. The constabulary force is hurrying to the scene and a battle is expected hourly.

General Strike Is on; Situation Alarming

Strikers at Bilbao in Constant Collision With Police, Gardarmes and Strike Breakers—Many Factories Being Closed—Troops Being Concentrated, etc.

Bilbao, Spain, Sept. 1.—Strike situation is alarming. The funds of the men are exhausted and the strikers are in ugly mood. Collisions with the police, gardarmes and strike breakers are constantly occurring.

NEGROES JUMP FROM A FAST MOVING CAR

One Woman Fatally, Another Seriously Hurt—Blazing Controller Caused a Panic.

Gazette-News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Holleman Building, Raleigh, Sept. 1. Rachel Bryant, who died this morning, and Mary Bryant were severely injured from jumping out of a Raleigh street car soon after midnight, as the car was running at high speed.

NEW YORK'S POPULATION TO BE REPORTED TONIGHT

Estimates Are That Greater New York Now Has More Than Four and a Half Million People.

Washington, Sept. 1.—The census bureau tonight will make a statement of the population of Greater New York. No intimation as to the exact figures has been given out, but it is known that the bureau has prepared an estimate of growth, based upon the increase shown between 1900 and 1905, which was something over 33 per cent, by which the present population would be over four and one half million; in exact figures, 4,563,604.

SON BORN TO CONDEMNED MURDERER OF COL SWOPE

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 1.—The birth of a child to Mrs. B. Clark Hyde, whose husband is under life sentence for murder by poisoning of Thomas B. Swope, occurred this morning. Hyde was not at the bedside when the child was born, but arrived from jail two hours later and was escorted by a deputy marshal.

NO CHOLERA IN BERLIN. Berlin, September 1.—It is officially announced that medical authorities have established that no case of cholera exists here. Nine suspected cases have been diagnosed as other maladies. There are as new cases in the suburbs of Spandau.

REGULARS LOST OUT IN KANSAS

Republicans in State Council Adopt the Platform That Is Decidedly Progressive.

Taft Commended for Some Measures He Has Passed

Roosevelt Hailed as the New World's Champion of the Rights of Man—The Platform.

Topeka, Kans., Aug. 31.—With the insurgent faction of the republican party of Kansas completely controlling the situation, the state party council yesterday adopted a platform decidedly progressive.

Defeat for "Regulars." Following the Bristow speech the committee on resolutions submitted its report. As soon as the platform had been read by Congressman Murdoch, Senator Curtis (regular) protested against adopting it in toto and moved that a separate vote for the national issues be taken.

Former Democrat of Wilmington Selected by Republicans as Candidate for Congress.

Special to The Gazette-News. Wilmington, Sept. 1.—The republicans of the Sixth congressional district in convention here Tuesday nominated Iredelel Meares of Wilmington to oppose the democratic nominee to be named by that party's convention this month.

There is much dissatisfaction among the democrats of the district, who feel that the state committee should have declared Godwin or Clark the nominee and not called another primary.

FORCE OF GULF STORM FELT AT CORPUS CHRISTI

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 31.—According to advices received here the gulf storm is making itself felt in full force at Corpus Christi, Tex. At 7 o'clock the wind was blowing at 45 miles an hour from the east.

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES were passed and formal President Roosevelt is commended in the following resolution:

THE WEATHER. For Asheville and vicinity: Unsettled weather with showers tonight or Friday.

For North Carolina: Partly cloudy with showers tonight or Friday cooler in extreme east portion tonight.

A FATAL FIGHT ON SOUTH MAIN

Will Swink, Shot in the Stomach by W. E. Sevier, Dies After Being Taken to Mission Hospital.

SEVIER, IN PRISON CELL, WILL MAKE NO STATEMENT

J. K. Boynton Held as Accessory—Fighting Was Probably Result of Swink's Feeling Against Judge G. S. Reynolds.

WILL SWINK, a young white man of the law, was shot and mortally wounded in a cafe on South Main street this morning by W. E. ("Pete") Sevier, also a well known young man of Asheville.

The first shot missed. Another shot was fired which took effect in Swink's abdomen. It is said that even this did not stop the man and he and Sevier clinched. Just what else happened about that time is not made plain except that in a few seconds Swink staggered out of the place with several scalp wounds and his face covered with blood in addition to the fatal wound in the stomach.

Scalp Wounds. Today the body was taken to the undertaking establishment of Hare, Bard & Co., where many people during the morning went to view the body.

Does Not Care to Talk. In city lock-up this morning Mr. Sevier declined to make any statement about the affair. He said that he had nothing to say; that he did not care to talk. Mr. Boynton, in the same cell, said that he had nothing to do with the fight; that he was standing on the outside of the building when the fight occurred.

The Coroner's Jury. Coroner Morris, when informed of Swink's death, made ready for the inquest and a jury this morning was summoned to investigate into the killing. The jury, composed of George Cathey, J. H. Reed, R. O. Patterson, R. F. Lee, P. H. Thresh and W. H. Laster, were summoned to sit at 1 o'clock this afternoon in Hare, Bard & Company's undertaking establishment on South Main street.

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