

GHASTLY SCENE OF DEVASTATION

Austin Is Only A Ghost of A Town Today

PROPERTY LOSS \$30,000,000

State Constabulary Takes Charge of Situation and Turns Nightseers Back—Only Three Known Dead at Costello—Bayless Paper and Pulp Company Hard Hit.

Austin, Pa., Oct. 2.—Today the estimate of the dead in the Saturday afternoon flood is from 100 to 200. Mayor McNichol believes the death toll will reach 1,000; O. C. Cochran, census taker, says 150. Citizens believe criminal responsibility exists and are contemplating a petition to Governor Tener demanding the speedy punishment of those responsible for the continued existence of Bayless dam, after it was pronounced unsafe by engineers.

Thirty-six bodies had been recovered up to 9 o'clock this morning, mostly women and children. The men escaped, being in the mills on the hillside. Temporary morgues have been established in school houses and in the warehouses. The shadow of this disaster has hung over the town for more than a year.

T. Chalkley Matton, designer of the dam, claims if his recommendations for the repair of the dam had been followed, the catastrophe would never have happened.

Two investigations for criminal responsibility will be started today. The district attorney of Potter county and state water commissioner will have charge.

The property loss at and near Austin is estimated at \$30,000,000. The curtain of night, which was run down on the Austin flood scarcely before its victims had all been claimed and its surviving spectators fully realized how great a tragedy the elements of water and fire had enacted in the natural amphitheater of the Allegheny mountains here, was lifted by dawn Sunday, revealing a ghastly scene of death and devastation.

Austin, itself Saturday a busy mill town of 3,000 people, many of whom were enjoying the fine autumn afternoon as a Saturday half-holiday, is only a ghost of a town today. Torn to pieces by water and eaten by fire, the wet and charred remnants of its buildings, believed to hold the remains of 300 or more persons, were strewn along the valley edge, piled in rows where the main street business section was, or swept in scattered masses far down the ravine.

Spectators, many of whom barely escaped being victims of the disaster, and hundreds of persons from surrounding towns, looked down from the steep hillsides on Austin and Costello through a veil of fog Sunday morning to see the wreckage here of some 400 houses, a score of business blocks, three churches and several large lumber mills, and three miles further down the river at Costello the ruins of more than 50 buildings. The flood did not spend its force until it reached for more than ten miles from the reservoir. Wharton, still farther on, suffered somewhat, but is practically intact. The loss of life at Costello, where the residents had more warning, is believed to be but three.

At the hospital today there were but six injured for the care of the small army of physicians and nurses

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BOOSTERS COME TO CAPITAL CITY

Richmond Visitors Receive Most Hearty Welcome

Raleigh, Oct. 2.—The people of Raleigh received right heartily this morning the Richmond boosters, who are out on a three day's run to establish close friendship and commercial ties between Richmond and the cities and towns of the Carolinas and Virginia. Mayor James I. Johnson and president of the Chamber of Commerce, H. E. Litchford, headed a big reception committee this morning that met the Richmond booster special and gave them a rousing welcome.

The third regiment band and the local military company were out leading the big and representative reception committee. The Richmonders were escorted to the big new auditorium, where there was a brief but hearty welcome ceremony. Then there was an automobile run over the city before the visitors returned to their waiting train and resumed the run south and west.

LAYING RAILS ON NEW EXTENSION

Hope to Run Cars to Walls Hospital Very Soon

MATERIAL HAS ARRIVED

Work Has Been Delayed on New Street Car Lines for Some Time, But They Will Be Pushed to Completion Now—Rock Crusher Secured.

The work of laying rails on the new street car line extension has commenced, and the line will be completed to the hospital within a short time. The grading has been completed to the place where the line will turn into the country club road and the ties have been placed.

The work has been delayed for some time on account of the delay in the shipment of rails and other steel equipment. This material has arrived, and the work of laying the track has been commenced. As soon as the track is laid to the hospital it is very probable that the operation of cars on that part of the line will begin, without waiting for the completion of the remainder of the line to the country club. It is likely that several cars will be put in operation between the postoffice and the hospital as soon as the rails are laid and the other necessary equipment put in place. Unless there is some unforeseen delay, this work will be completed within the next few weeks, and the long desired means of transportation will be provided for those who desire to visit the hospital.

The work of grading the car line to the country club is being held up by the delay in the grading of the driveway to the property. This work is being done by the county road force, but the county authorities have been unable to devote more than several days to the work for a number of weeks.

The traction company has secured a rock crushing outfit to provide ballast for the road and this work will be commenced soon.

West Point Educator Retires.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Prof. Samuel E. Tillman, for more than 30 years an instructor at West Point Military Academy, was placed on the army retired list today on account of age. Professor Tillman is a native of Tennessee and graduated from West Point in 1869.

MEXICO VOTING SYSTEM

MADERO SAYS IT IS ALL WRONG AND MUST BE CHANGED IMMEDIATELY.

Mexico City, Oct. 2.—In a statement to the United Press today Francisco I. Madero, president-elect of Mexico, said: "This election system in Mexico is all wrong, even though I and my running mate, Pino Suarez, were elected by it. The first thing I shall do is to study election systems in other countries and urge the adoption of the best one here. The present system must be done away with immediately. There is no secrecy about voting here and thus many abuses creep in. Putting myself in Diaz' boots, I can see how he couldn't lose past elections. What we want here is elections whereby people can express their wishes with full liberty and no fear of their employers."

Senator Stephenson's Investigation Begins

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 2.—The sub-committee of the United States committee on privileges and elections today commenced an investigation of corruption charges in the election of Senator Isaac Stephenson, of Wisconsin. Chairman Heyburn, Senators Sutherland, of Utah, and Pomerene, of Ohio, are the only members of the committee present. There are 200 witnesses to be examined and it is not expected that the investigation can be finished before November 1st.

Young Man Shoots Himself and Will Die

Winston-Salem, Oct. 2.—Clarence Prevette, unmarried, aged 24, a clothing salesman, walked into Central Hotel, at North Wilkesboro, just before midnight last night, placed a pistol to his left breast and fired. The ball went through him. He was still alive this morning, but there is no hope of his recovery. Despondency is given as the cause of the act.

Bridges Store Property Sold.

The Gravold Insurance and Realty Company has sold to Messrs. J. H. Mason and J. B. Warren the Bridges store property on Parrish street.

RECORDER CONTEST ENDED LAST FRIDAY; MISSES NEWMAN AND NICHOLS WINNERS

At 12 o'clock, noon Friday, September 29, the last ballot was cast and prizes awarded, Miss Jettie Newman, of Guilford county, and Miss Kate Nichols of Morgan.

Piano, valued at \$425.00, and Miss Kate Nichols, of Gorman, N. C., was awarded the second prize, a beautiful jeweled gold watch and chain. Miss Newman received nearly 200,000 votes and Miss Nichols more than 100,000. Both received handsome recognition by their

friends, but were unable to secure enough votes to over come those of the winners. It is not often that two such handsome prizes as second at such little loss of time and labor as marked the Recorder Popularity Subscription Contest that ended last Friday.

SITE PURCHASED FOR NEWSCHOOL

West Durham Building Will be Located Near Erwin Mills

The county board of education has purchased a site for the erection of a school building in West Durham and the work on the new building will be begun at an early date.

The site selected is situated on the elevation just north of the Erwin mill and is a part of the Erwin mill property. The board experienced much trouble in securing a site for the new building on account of the unwillingness of the property owners to sell. The matter has been held up for several months, but the Erwin mill company has finally agreed to sell a lot 250 by 300 feet from their property. As soon as the plot can be surveyed a deed will be drawn and the title vested in the school board.

The school board has been in regular monthly session today, but only business of a routine nature has been transacted. This afternoon has been devoted to an examination of the treasurer's books.

To Raleigh in Automobile.

Mr. J. E. Carpenter spent Sunday in Raleigh, making the trip in his automobile.

SUCCEEDS A. J. BARWICK

PROF. E. E. SAMS BECOMES CHIEF CLERK STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Raleigh, Oct. 2.—In announcing the retirement of A. J. Barwick from the chief clerkship of the state department of education and the appointment of E. E. Sams as his successor, Dr. J. Y. Joyner, state superintendent of public instruction, pays high tribute to both Mr. Barwick and Professor Sams. Dr. Joyner declares that Mr. Barwick has made a most faithful and efficient official and predicts for him eminence in the practice of his profession, the law. Of Mr. Sams, his successor, Dr. Joyner says he has rendered distinguished service in this state as superintendent of the public schools of Marion and Franklin and that he has secured much success in the same capacity at Fitzgerald, Ga., which place he resigned to return to North Carolina.

Architects Meet in Rome.

Rome, Oct. 2.—The ninth international congress of architects assembled in Rome today with an attendance of eminent representatives of the profession in many countries. The American delegation, numbering nearly 150, will make an effort to secure the next convention for Washington.

His Account of the Wedding.

A Kansas editor announced he would try for one week to print the truth and he is still in the hospital. He didn't get by the first day. The following item appeared in Monday's issue and now the boys are getting out the paper. This is what he said: "Married, Miss Sylvia Rhode to James Cannaham, last Sunday evening at the Baptist church. The bride was an ordinary town girl, who didn't know any more than a rabbit about cooking and never helped her mother three days in her life. She is not a beauty by any means and has a gait like a duck. The groom is an up-to-date has-been loafer, living off the old folks all his life and don't amount to shucks now. They will have a hard life while they live together.—Sacred Heart Review."

Reflections of a Bachelor.

Feminine axiom: It's comfortable and beautiful if it's style.

A woman is happy with a new hat, happier with two, and happiest with three.

The happiest homes are the ones planned by engaged couples before they have a chance to try it.

Everybody knows it's risky to gamble, but he hopes it will be riskier for the fellow he gambles against.

BAPTISTS MEET AT BEREA CHURCH

Mt. Zion Association Will Gather There This Week

The Mount Zion Baptist Association meets at Berea church in Durham county Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week with several hundred delegates and visitors from all parts of the district in attendance.

The association is composed of 46 churches and this district extends from Burlington to Morrisville and Rougemont to Mery Oaks. There are 19 pastors in the district and 7,452 members. Rev. W. C. Barrett, of Durham, is moderator of the association; Dr. Carl P. Norris, of Durham, is clerk; Mr. Zeb P. Council is treasurer. Four delegates are appointed to attend the association from each church and there will be several hundred visitors from the different sections of the district. All of the delegates and the visitors will be entertained by the members of the Berea congregation.

The first session of the convention will be held Tuesday morning. There is much important business to be transacted in addition to the regular religious services that are to be held. Papers will be read on state missions by Dr. J. W. Lynch; home missions, Rev. M. P. Davis; foreign missions, Rev. W. R. L. Smith, of Chapel Hill; orphanage, Mr. C. L. Hayward; ministerial relief, J. F. McDuffie; education, Rev. J. C. Houtt; Sunday schools, Rev. R. B. Lineberry; woman's work, Rev. S. W. Oldham; association missions, Rev. S. L. Morgan.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE HOLDING REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING—PROPOSITION TO ESTABLISH TEST FARMS.

The board of county commissioners are holding their regular monthly meeting at the court house today. The auditing of accounts and various routine business has taken up the time of the board almost entirely today. The matter of the establishment of several demonstration farms in the county was laid before the board by the officials of the state agricultural department. The commissioners are asked to make an appropriation of \$300 for this purpose. No definite action was taken by the board.

Taking Pasture Treatment.

Raleigh, Oct. 2.—C. L. Blackweider is here from Providence, N. C., being treated for the prevention of rabies. He was bitten by a mad dog and is taking the Pasteur treatment in the state laboratory of hygiene.

An Untraveled Man.

Former Vice-President Fairbanks was a speaker at one of the little gatherings recently such as have made the National Press Club, or Washington famous. Senator Fairbanks told the boys about his trip around the world. He held their attention and brought much enthusiasm with the account. Gov. Judson Harmon, of Ohio, possibly having in mind the recent election and Democratic landslide, said: "It is hard for me to be a speaker following such a distinguished traveler as Senator Fairbanks. I haven't traveled any. I haven't even been up Salt river.—Leslie's Weekly."

"Long Live Our Teachers!"

There was a meeting of the new teachers and the old. It was a sort of love feast reception, or whatever you call it. Anyhow, all the teachers got together and pretended that they didn't have a care in the world. After the cats were et, the Symposium proposed a toast:

"Long Live Our Teachers!" It was drunk enthusiastically. One of the new teachers was called up to respond. He modestly accepted. His answer was:

"What On?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

IS MURDERED BY DRUNKEN COUSIN

Unprovoked Homicide on Lilesville Street Sunday

Lilesville, Oct. 2.—Samuel T. Smith was shot and instantly killed on the streets of Lilesville at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon by J. T. Flake his first cousin, who was drinking.

Smith had just returned from a drive to Blewett's Falls, driving a bulky horse, which stopped in the streets near the square. Flake came up and told Smith he could make the horse go and proceeded to get in the buggy. Smith told him if he, Flake, was going to drive, he, Smith, would get out, and he left the buggy. Flake, taking exception at his cousin's action followed him from the vehicle. Drawing a .38-calibre Smith & Wesson pistol, he shot at Smith, and as the latter ran around the postoffice building Flake continued to shoot four shots, two of which took effect, the last passing through his neck, immediately above the shoulders, from which death followed in fifteen minutes.

Smith was a fagman on the Seaboard Air Line railroad. Flake is a carpenter. Both are from good families. Flake was taken into custody immediately.

JEWS OBSERVE YOM KIPPUR

FAST DAY CONSIDERED THE MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL THE MOSAIC HOLY DAYS.

The Jewish people throughout the world today celebrate Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement, the most widely observed of all the many feasts and fasts in the Hebrew calendar. This fast is considered the most important of all the Mosaic holy days. With its observance the penitential season which began with the New Year comes to an end, and the Jews then look forward with joyful anticipation to the celebration of Succoth, or the feast of Tabernacles, the harvest festival of the ancient Israelites.

Among the orthodox Jews Yom Kippur is kept as a solemn fast, and for twenty-four hours no food or drink or nourishment of any kind is allowed to pass the lips of the pious and observing Jew. From this observance none is exempt except the sick, children under age, very old people whose health would be affected by abstinence from nourishment and nursing mothers. The reformed Jews join with the orthodox in the celebration of Yom Kippur, but as a rule they do not fast nor are the services in the reform temples continuous on the day of celebration.

Started The Clothing Business.

The owner of a big clothing store was showing an old friend over the premises. After traversing the hundred-odd show rooms the pair adjourned to the proprietor's private office. Here the visitor observed an apple enshrined in a crystal casket.

"What do you keep this for?" he asked.

"For sentimental reasons," replied the proprietor. "It signifies, so to speak, my business and the wealth I've made from it."

"Well," said the visitor, after much thinking, "I quite fail to see the connection."

"Why, man," returned the other, "don't you realize that if I've hadn't eaten the apple, the clothing business wouldn't have been of much account today?"—London Ideas.

Pointed Paragraphs.

It takes a brave barber to beard a lion in his den.

DURHAM COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Convened This Morning for Trial of Civil Cases

MRS. CHERRY GETS DIVORCE

Her Husband Deserted in 1907 With Another Woman—No Objection Raised to Her Keeping Her Child. Two Hundred Cases on the Docket, But Many Have Been Settled.

Durham county superior court for the trial of civil cases convened at 10 o'clock this morning with Judge Oliver H. Allen, of Kinston, presiding. There are 209 cases on the docket awaiting the action of the court, but a large number of these will be disposed of without trial, an agreement having been reached between the persons concerned.

The first case taken up this morning was that of Cherry vs. Cherry, in which Mrs. Alvira Cherry is asking for a divorce from her husband, Joseph E. Cherry. The couple were married at Tarboro seven years ago and lived together for several years when the husband deserted. He left in 1907 with another woman and Mrs. Cherry testified that she had not heard from him since that time. The case also involved the custody of a child, which has been under the care of Mrs. Cherry. There was no objection to her keeping the child, but she asked the court to settle the matter at this time along with the granting of the divorce.

The divorce was granted. The time of the court this afternoon has been taken up with the trial of the case of Virginia Brewing Company vs. W. T. Rigsbee, in which the brewing company is suing for the recovery of \$200 claimed to be due them for their product. The beverage was sold to Mr. Rigsbee while he was running a near beer saloon in the city. The evidence introduced consists entirely of depositions.

TAKEN SUDDENLY ILL

Squire Cox Stricken on His Way to His Office.

Squire R. C. Cox was taken severely ill this morning while on his way to his office. Squire Cox had stopped in Yearby's drug store for a glass of soda water and suddenly complained of being faint. He was given medical attention and afterwards taken to his home on Morris street.

REAR ADMIRAL SCHLEY DEAD

THE NOTED SEA FIGHTER DROPS DEAD IN NEW YORK CITY THIS AFTERNOON.

New York, Oct. 2.—Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, U. S. N., dropped dead at Forty-fourth street and Fifth avenue shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Admiral (then Captain) Schley first gained prominence in the fight which resulted in the destruction of Admiral Cervera's fleet during the Spanish-American war, or rather, in the controversy between him and Admiral (then Captain) Sampson as to which deserved the credit for the success of the battle.

The admiral was a native of Maryland.

Prof. Collier Cobb to Present Oil Portrait

Raleigh, Oct. 2.—Professor Collier Cobb, of the University of North Carolina is to make the presentation address for the North Carolina Society Sons of the Revolution in the presentation of an oil portrait of Governor Benjamin Smith to the state to be given a place on the walls of the executive office in the state house. The ceremony will be November 15. This is following out an established Revolutionary patriots to the state, one each year.

New Fire Insurance Agency For This City

L. G. Cole, formerly with the Durham Loan and Trust Company, has opened an insurance agency over Sneed, Markham, Taylor Company's store. He has adopted the slogan, "Never Sleeps" and is busy every day writing insurance.

Census Bureau Reports 3,663,066 Bales Ginned

Washington, Oct. 2.—The census bureau today reports 3,663,066 bales of cotton ginned to September 23, 1911, compared with 3,312,074 for 1910. Sea Island bales for 1911 were 11,512, compared to 7,904 for 1910.

MUCH CONFLICT IN WAR REPORTS

Impossible to Sift Grains of Truth At This Stage

TURKS MAKE NEW APPEAL

Will Ask Powers to Intercede and Stop War—Report that Germany and Austria Have Made Unofficial Representations to Italy—Turkey Not Prepared.

London, Oct. 1.—Out of a perfect maze of conflicting reports and rumors it is utterly impossible at this stage to sift the grains of truth concerning the opening days of the Turco-Italian war. It appears even doubtful where there has been any actual occupation of Tripoli, and it is practically certain that there has been no bombardment by the Italian warships.

It seems also certain that the reported destruction of the Turkish fleet is untrue. In fact, the only result of the first three days hostilities which can be vouched for is the destruction of the Turkish destroyers by the Duke of Abruzzi's ships off Prevesa. The Tripoli cable is closely watched and it is impossible for the outside world to know what is going on there.

The Ottoman government clearly is not in a hurry and the most significant news of the day is the decision of the Turkish council again to appeal to the powers, and in the meantime to suspend offensive measures. This new appeal had not reached the British government and there is nothing to indicate that the attitude of the powers has undergone any change. According to the Daily Telegraph's Rome correspondent, however, Germany and Austria have already made unofficial representations to Italy of their displeasure at her procedure, and that if these representations are ignored they will be followed in another shape "humiliating to Italy."

According to information from diplomatic sources, the landing of the Italians at Prevesa is greatly resented by Austria and Germany and had much to do with their reported change of attitude towards Italy.

Turkey's internal politics probably account in a large measure for her hesitation to take the offensive. Sand Pasha, the new grand vizier, continues his efforts to form a coalition ministry, but the task is one of almost insuperable difficulty.

The Daily Chronicle's Constantinople correspondent says:

"News of both disaster and victory reached the capital today. The fighting spirit of the Turks is rising to a fantastic height. A wireless message to the admiralty says that two Italian cruisers have been sunk off an unnamed point in the archipelago. It is presumed that the torpedo boats had a hand in this affair. The news electrified the people and rigorous precautions are being taken to thwart the movements of the Italian fleet in the archipelago. Strict orders have been issued to the maritime agency not to light the light houses beyond the Dardanelles."

"An excited crowd at Stamboul today attacked the Italian postoffice. An Italian steamer with a valuable cargo has been captured near the entrance to the Bosphorus."

"It is rumored that Prevesa, in European Turkey, has been taken by the Italians and several Turkish ships without coal have been pounced upon and seized. Close secrecy is observed

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A STRONG ALIBI FOR L. J. NORRIS

Evidence That He Was Up Town When Bissett Was Killed

Raleigh, Oct. 2.—Direct and unshaken testimony by a number of reputable witnesses that they were with L. J. Norris on the night of the murder of J. B. Bissett between 9 and 10.30 o'clock so that he could not possibly have been out in the woods east of the city at that time to fire the fatal shot at Bissett has very much changed the status of the trial of Norris, which has been in progress for two days, and will be concluded most probably Tuesday.

E. H. Plummer, a reputable lawyer here; George Steele, a locomotive engineer on the Seaboard Air Line, and a couple of other witnesses have testified to Norris having been on Fayetteville street and in the soft drink stand of Hubert Edwards. Their testimony, if unshaken by the prosecution, can but result in a verdict of not guilty. The trial is attracting very large crowds.