

ALL TRAFFIC TO ASHEVILLE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED.

Tunnel at Ridgecrest Caved in and Tracks are Otherwise Damaged.

POSSIBLY EIGHT DEAD AT BILTMORE.

Flood Caused By Cloudburst And Breaking of Three Artificial Dams at Hendersonville; Asheville Without Street Car Service, Lights or Power; Heroic Rescues.

Asheville, July 16.—Five known dead, with a probability of the number being increased to eight, the whole lower section of the city under water, Biltmore flooded to the second stories of the houses, hundreds of people homeless, a hundred houses washed away, property damage amounting to \$10,000,000 and a city without light or power is the net total taken by the great flood which swept this section at an early hour this morning. The city is isolated from the outside world save for wire service, and the damage in the surrounding towns must bring the total up to more than even the huge figures mentioned above. Railroad service is suspended and the tunnel at Ridgecrest is caved in at two places. The flood was caused by a cloudburst and the bursting of the dams confining the three artificial lakes at Hendersonville.

The flood is the worst in the history of Asheville or Western North Carolina. Rising suddenly at an early hour this morning the waters swept through Biltmore and the lower section of Asheville, drowning Capt. J. C. Lipe, and his daughters, Miss Nellie Lipe and Mrs. Leo Mulholland, as they tried to escape. Lonnie Trexler, master mechanic for the Mt. Mitchell railroad and an unknown negro, were drowned while trying to supply persons marooned in the second story of the Gladstone Hotel, in the depot section, with provisions. Miss Mabel Foster and Miss Charlotte Walker, two nurses employed at the Biltmore Hospital, founded by the late George W. Vanderbilt, were swept away and drowned according to reports, although this statement has not been verified, and the two, together with Miss Mamie Walker, who was visiting her sister, are placed among the missing.

The Southern railroad bridge is washed away and train service from all points is suspended indefinitely, the tunnel near Ridgecrest being caved in in two places and other bridges along the line washed away. The Southern station is under water up almost to the second story, and passenger coaches in the yards are in water above the windows. Forty engines stored in the roundhouse are probably ruined. Lumber plants situated along the river banks have been washed away. The Hans-Rees Sons Tannery has floated down the river. Nearly a hundred small homes, situated along the river banks, have been floated away, and hundreds of people are homeless as a result, while hundreds more have been forced to take to the higher lands until the water recedes from their homes.

Several heroic rescues were made, among the most notable being that of an entire family on the Swannanoa who were rescued by Patrolman McIntosh, a powerful man, who swam the terrific current several times to bring the members of the family to shore. Others risked life and limb in small boats to carry provisions to families marooned in upper stories by the floods. Asheville is without street car service, lights or power, but is otherwise alright, save for the river section. The bodies of Trexler and the unknown negro have been recovered, but the bodies of the other three, with a probability of the two nurses and the sister of one being added, are somewhere down the French Broad river.

Towns all around here suffered severely, Azalea being wiped off the map and Swannanoa, just above Biltmore, being mostly in the Swannanoa river.

Many people are marooned in tops of trees in the Biltmore section, and Mrs. Vanderbilt has ordered out every employe of the great estate to assist in the work of rescue. Final figures

of the disaster will not be possible for several days.

Stem-Timberlake.

Youngsville, July 15.—Miss Mary Austin Timberlake, daughter of Mrs. Mattie C. Timberlake, of Youngsville, became the bride of Mr. Frederick Boothe Stem, of Cataula, Greece, Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock, in the presence of one of the largest crowds that ever filled the Baptist church. The wedding was characterized by all that goes to make a beautiful wedding. Miss Katiebet Morris, of Franklinton, rendered a musical program for half an hour before the ceremony and just before the entrance of the wedding party, Miss Vivian Betts, of Raleigh, sang "Until" and Schubert's "Serenade." The decorations were effectively arranged—a great mass of palms and ferns completely filling the pulpit platform, white vines of smilax outlined the white covered steps. Lohengrin's wedding march was the processional used, and the bridesmaids and groomsmen entered in the following order: Dr. R. E. Timberlake and Dr. C. V. Timberlake, of Youngsville; Miss Martha Harris, of Franklinton and Miss Maud Winston, of Youngsville; Mr. William Stem, of Darlington, S. C. and Mr. William Boylan of Raleigh; Miss Kathleen Burroughs, of Youngsville, and Miss Margaret Stem, of Darlington, S. C. The groomsmen formed a group on each side of the pulpit platform—the bridesmaids standing just in front of them. Their gowns were of white ruffled net with pink tulle sashes, and they carried baskets filled with pink snap-dragon and smilax. After these came the maid of honor, Mrs. Tyler B. Wheeler, of Scotland Neck, gowned in pink charmeuse and lace, carrying an armful of pink Killarney roses. Miss Annie Bailey Jones, of Raleigh, as maid of honor, followed, wearing a gown of opalescent tulle over pink taffeta and carrying an arm bouquet of pink Killarney roses. Then just preceding the bride came the little flower girl, Miss Mary Lily Timberlake, with Master Richard Timberlake. She wore a dainty little dress of pink tulle and he a Lord Fauntleroy suit of white satin. They carried baskets tied with tulle and filled with pink rose petals.

Then came the bride on the arm of her brother, Mr. James H. Timberlake, who gave her in marriage.

A beautiful and stately brunette, she never looked better than in her wedding robes of Duchess lace and pearls and made with court train. Her veil flowed from a Juliet cap of Duchess lace and orange blossoms; her bouquet was a shower of orchids and lilies of the valley.

The groom with his best man, Dr. J. M. Thompson, of Mebane, met her at the altar. The wedding vows were exchanged before Rev. G. P. Harrill, pastor of the church.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the little flower girl and boy preceded the bride and groom out of the church, strewing rose petals in their path. The whole wedding party went immediately to the home of the bride's mother, where an informal reception was tendered the wedding party, out-of-town guests, and intimate friends. Mr. and Mrs. Stem left by automobile for Raleigh, where they took the midnight train for an extended wedding trip. After the first of October they will be at home in Cavalla, Greece where Mr. Stem holds a position with the Liggett-Myers Tobacco Company.

The many friends of the bride regret that her wedding carries her so far away. Endowed with a sweet and charming manner, she has an unusually large number of friends in this and other States, and she is particularly loved and admired in her home town.

The groom comes from a prominent family of Darlington, S. C. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and is one of the University's most popular men, being prominent in fraternity and athletic circles.

For the past four years he has made his home in Cavalla.

Physician Held on Serious Charge.

Charlotte, July 16.—J. W. Summers, a physician of this city, tonight was ordered held without bond by Coroner Hovis, following an inquest and verdict that Miss Annie Jones, of Greensboro, daughter of John Sheriff B. E. Jones, of Guilford county, came to her death from an illegal operation alleged to have been performed June 26, by Dr. Summers.

The young woman died this afternoon in a hospital here, after her case had been declared hopeless more than two weeks ago by attending physicians. She gave a sworn statement accusing Dr. Summers. The physician will be arraigned in city court Monday morning for preliminary hearing. Dr. Summers formerly resided in Asheville. He came here six years ago.

Fiddler's Convention at Cedar Rock.

The public and especially the old "fiddlers" are cordially invited to be present at the fiddler's convention to be given at Cedar Rock, Saturday night, July 22nd. Admission five and ten cents. Come one and all. Refreshments will be served the proceeds to go for the benefit of the Academy.

Installs Officers.

Franklinton, N. C., July 19.—At special communication of Franklinton Lodge No. 123 A. F. & A. M. Thursday night July 13th, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year by Past Masters B. B. Bullock and S. C. Ford. Gideon R. Moye, Master. J. C. Fogleman, Senior Warden. C. W. Brown, Junior Warden. M. L. Harper, Senior Deacon. R. D. Collins, Junior Deacon. N. A. Black, Steward. G. R. Crews, Steward. A. R. Williams, Tiler. W. P. Edwards, Chaplain.

Our lodge meets every first and third Friday nights and the last Saturday afternoon in every month.

From Youngsville.

Mrs. C. B. May is visiting relatives in Clayton this week.

Mrs. C. C. Cheatham and Mrs. R. E. Timberlake are visiting relatives in High Point.

Misses Uzzie and Carrie Williams left Saturday for Neuse to visit acquaintances.

Miss Lillian Winston left last week for Elizabeth City where she will spend some time visiting friends.

Miss Margaret Stem, of Darlington, S. C., was a guest to Miss Maud Winston the past week.

Miss Emma Foushee, of Durham, is spending some time with Miss Ruth Conyers.

Rev. Fred N. Day, of Winston-Salem, is conducting a revival meeting at the Baptist church.

Mr. J. E. Denton, who was in town Thursday, reports fine crops of tobacco in his section of the county, with early curing showing most satisfactory results.

MEXICO WILLING TO SETTLE IT BY ARBITRATION.

Understood that Arredondo Has Received Word to That Effect From His Government — Fletcher Will Head American Commissioners in That Case.

Mexico City, July 18.—James Lian Rogers, representative of the American Government, informed the Mexican Secretary of War today that the American expeditionary forces in Mexico would be gradually withdrawn from Mexican territory. Mexican commissioners have been designated to reach a settlement of the outstanding questions in the United States.

Washington, July 18.—Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican Ambassador designate called on Acting Secretary Polk at the State Department today just before the latter went to the White House for the Cabinet meeting.

It was understood Mr. Arredondo had received instructions from his Government approving a tentative plan for the settlement of differences with the United States by means of a joint international commission.

There are indications that Henry P. Fletcher, Ambassador designate to Mexico, will head the three American commissioners if the plan is adopted.

Mr. Arredondo later said his negotiations with Mr. Polk had not reached a point where a formal statement seemed justified but that formal announcement of the plan to be followed might be expected before the end of the week.

Members of the Cabinet after their meeting said the question of a commission plan to settle the differences between Mexico and the United States had not been finally determined.

General Funston asked the War Department today for \$500,000 to construct temporary shelters for army horses and mules along the border which are suffering from excessive heat. Some sections and heavy rains in others. The shelters would be constructed by the National Guardsmen and regular troops.

ALLIES EXPECT EASIER TIME AS THEY ADVANCE.

British Pleased by Captures of Armaments—Believe That Enemy's Interior Lines of Defense Are Less Strong Than the First

London, July 18.—While the adverse weather is compelling a lull in the fighting on the western front military critics are agreeably surprised by the large captures of heavy armaments that General Sir Douglas Haig, the British commander-in-chief, announced. As was evidenced by the withdrawal of the British from the Fourcaugh wood, where they had reached the German third line, Gen. Haig resisted the temptation to hold on to that point. It would have incurred severe fighting, with probably heavy losses and General Haig was in favor of a more methodical advance.

Evidence received from the front as well as the official map published here, seems to prove that the German second line of defenses was far less strong and elaborate than the first. Therefore, the military observers be-

lieve that the obstacles are likely to be less difficult as the Entente Allies advance.

With regard to the eastern front, General Von Linsengen's retirement across the Lipa is considered by the critics as removing the last serious obstacle to the advance of the Russians toward Lemberg.

General Haig was able to repoint substantial progress north of Orville, while the Germans utilized the lull in making an attempt to regain lost ground at Blaches and LaMaisonnette. Fight in this region continues.

Reports from Rome say that the retirement of the Teutonic Allies on the Lipa has caused a panic in Gallia, where towns are being evacuated.

Deutschland Ready To Say Goodbye.

Baltimore, July 18.—There were further signs today of the early departure of the submarine Deutschland. The batch of mail from the German Embassy was delivered to Captain Koenig, the undersea boat's commander. Prince Hartzfeldt, of Ambassador Bernstorff's staff, paid a visit to the offices of the Eastern Forwarding Company at the pier, where the Deutschland is berthed.

Large quantities of canned goods and sides of beef were stowed in the submarine. Hitherto supplies for the Deutschland's crew have been taken to the interned North German Lloyd steamer Neckar.

An extra hatch was put into use in loading the rubber.

Two carloads of fuel oil for the Deutschland arrived today. This will be sufficient to carry her three times the distance of her first trans-Atlantic trip.

Large pieces of burlap were being used between the roofs of the barge, effectively shutting off view between the ends of the barges.

Judge Cooke at Ransdell's Chapel.

Judge Chas. M. Cooke will deliver an address at Ransdell's Chapel Saturday 11 A. M., the occasion being the annual picnic of the church and Sunday school. Pastor W. M. Gilmore will preach Sunday 3 P. M.

Louisburg Baptist Church.

Divine worship Sunday 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M., conducted by the pastor. "A Dead Church Exposed" will be the morning subject; "The Greatest Need in This World" will be the theme at night. Sunday School 9:45 A. M.

List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the post office at Louisburg, N. C., not called for July 21st, 1916:

Mrs. Viola Brodie, Miss Annie Brown, Mrs. Pattie Edwards, Mrs. Pattie J. Edwards, Joe Evins, Mrs. Laura Hayes, Mr. Robt. Hayes, Miss Mattie Jones, Miss Harriette Moore, Mr. Robt. Tharrington, Mr. Claud W. Young.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please state that they saw them advertised.

R. H. DAVIS, P. M.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

SOME YOU KNOW, SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Many on Business, Many on Pleasure, Others to be Going, But All Going or Coming.

Mr. W. F. Bensley went to Apex Tuesday.

Mr. George White visited his sister in Raleigh the past week.

Mr. W. E. White paid Henderson a business visit Wednesday.

Messrs. J. S. Howell and J. R. Bunn spent Tuesday in Apex.

Mesdames F. B. and D. F. McKinne went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Miss Julia Barrow is visiting Miss Virginia Stainback at Wadesboro.

Dr. J. E. Malone returned Wednesday from a visit to Richmond.

Mr. T. W. Stovall, of Stovall, is visiting his son, Mr. H. M. Stovall.

Miss Virginia Kendall, of Goldsboro, is visiting Miss Jessie Taylor Harris.

Mr. T. B. Wheeler, of Scotland Neck, passed through Louisburg Sunday.

Mrs. H. T. Rogers, of Dyersburg, Tenn., is on a visit to Miss Kate High.

Mr. H. L. Candler returned Monday from a trip to Chapel Hill and Durham.

Misses Tempie and Hattie Williams, of Petersburg, are visiting at Mr. P. A. Reavis'.

Rev. C. D. Malone, of Chocowinity, is on a visit to relatives in and near Louisburg.

Maj. J. A. Turner returned home from Camp Glenn Tuesday and spent several days.

Mr. W. H. Yarborough, Jr., returned Friday from a business trip to Portsmouth, Va.

Misses Sallie Charles and Elizabeth Cheatham, of Henderson, are visiting Miss Sallie Taylor.

Mr. J. Dillon Simpson, of Williamston, visited his sister, Mrs. S. A. Newell the past week.

Mrs. J. C. Aycocke and children, of Sanford, Fla., are visiting Misses Jennie and Clara Aycocke.

Mr. Jake Freeland, has returned from Raleigh and again taken up his duties at L. Kline & Co.

Attorney G. M. Beam, who has been on a visit to his people at Wooddale, returned home Monday.

Mr. J. R. Bunn, of Apex, has returned to Louisburg and taken a position with Mr. J. S. Howell for the summer.

Mr. J. D. Hines left Sunday for Baltimore to purchase the fall and winter stock of goods for P. S. & K. K. Allen.

Mrs. T. B. Wheeler and children, of Scotland Neck visited her sister, Mrs. F. W. Justice, near town the past week.

Mrs. E. M. Perry and little daughter, who have been on an extended visit to Connelly Springs, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. W. G. Daniel and sister, Miss Margaret Fye, of Hawks Nest, W. Va., are visitors at the home of Mr. H. M. Stovall.

Miss Pattie Aycocke, who has been spending the winter and spring with relatives at Sanford, Fla., returned home the past week.

Mrs. —, Kelly and Miss Alice Tillery, of Scotland Neck, spent Sunday in Louisburg, guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Newell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Williams, who have been visiting his father near Louisburg, returned this week to their home in Philadelphia.

Mr. J. Fuller Malone, wife and children, who have been visiting his people here returned to their home in New Orleans, the past week.

Mr. B. T. Holden returned Tuesday from a visit to Virginia Beach. Mrs. Holden and little daughter Patricia, who accompanied him on the trip will remain at the Beach for several days.

Tapa Cloth.

Mesdames J. R. Jones, of near Royal, and Mrs. J. J. Barrow are the recipients of beautiful Tapa Cloth couch spreads from the Samoan Islands, which they prize very highly. These were made by the natives from the barks of trees, and dyed in beautiful ornamental colors, making a handsome article. They were sent by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Barrow, who are now living at Pago Pago, Tutuila, Samoan Islands.

SCENE IN A NATIONAL GUARD CAMP

