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3,000 MAY HAVE PERISHED.

Appalling Flood Conditions Throughout States of Middle West—Probably Half Million People Rendered Homeless—Property Damage Will Reach \$100,000,000.

Chicago Dispatch, 26th.

Three thousand may have perished in the deluge which swept the northern half of the Ohio river valley yesterday and today. Probably half a million people were made homeless by the flood in Indiana and Ohio and property damage in both States will be at least \$100,000,000.

These figures were compiled this afternoon from reports received here from the various points in the stricken district. Further reports may increase the number of dead, but it is unlikely that any decrease in financial loss will be made.

An additional horror was reported early this evening from Dayton. Fire there which seemed widespread and probably uncontrollable, in view of the paralysis of the water plant, probably brought a horrible death to many who sought to escape drowning by climbing to upper floors of buildings.

Following are revised figures of the dead:

Ohio—Dayton, 2,000; Piqua, 540; Delaware, 100; Middleton, 100; Sidney, 50; Hamilton, 12; Tippicanoe, 3; Tiffin, 50; Fremont, 11; scattering 200. Total 3,066.

Indiana—Peru, 150; New Castle, 3; LaFayette, 2; Indianapolis, 14; Noblesville, 2; scattering 25. Total 196.

Reports unconfirmed said that 14 persons lost their lives in Fremont and 50 at Tiffin, Ohio. It was rumored in Indianapolis early today that 200 persons were drowned in West Indianapolis, but this number was later reduced to 14, though it was estimated early this evening that more than that number had died. South of Indianapolis the flood is said to have caused death in a number of small towns and villages.

Fire at Dayton added to the financial loss caused by the flood. Early estimates placing the damage in Ohio and Indiana at \$50,000,000 were revised to show tonight double that amount.

Railroad officials were authority for the statement that lines converging into Indianapolis would have to stand a loss of 25 million in that city and vicinity alone.

Railroads were chief sufferers from property damage. It was said tonight by engineers and construction bosses preparing repair trains for the flood districts that strips of railroad more than a mile each way had been washed away in several places through Indiana. Concrete and iron bridges, their support undermined, crumbled before the strength of the torrents hurled against them.

The loss through cessation of traffic cannot be estimated.

Only two roads, the Michigan Central and the Lake Shore maintained communication with New York over their lines, those farther south finding mile after mile of their right of way under a fathom of water.

The railroads are preparing to repair the damage done to their property as speedily as possible. Men and material are being rushed to every accessible point where damage has been reported and active repair work will be begun as soon as the floods recede.

Telegraph and telephone wires in the stricken district are down. Long distance telephone service in Ohio was cut off with the exception of connections with Toledo and Cleveland. Wires in Indiana towns were down in many places and some of the devastated towns were cut off from all communication.

The LaFayette Mutual's Move to Lumberton.

Fayetteville Observer.

The directors of the LaFayette Mutual Life Insurance Company, with headquarters in this city, held a meeting Friday night and by unanimous vote decided to move the home office to Lumberton. This step was taken because Lumberton offered the inducement of a large amount of cash premiums if the company would make headquarters in that town. They have made good their bid, having just turned in \$102,000 worth of cash business.

In addition the bulk of the company's business comes from Robeson county, and Lumberton seems to be the logical place for the home office. Mr. W. J. Beatty, Jr., of Hope Mills, who is president of the company will retain that office, and we understand that the Fayetteville directors will remain on the board. They are: W. J. Beatty, Jr., president; E. E. Page, secretary and treasurer; Dr. Seavy Highsmith, medical director; Q. K. Nimocks, attorney; and E. A. Poe.

It is to be regretted that the people of Fayetteville did not offer sufficient inducements to keep the LaFayette Mutual here, the place of its birth. The company was organized a few years ago, and has done well, and bids fair to be a valuable asset to any town in which it is located.

TOLL OF GREAT CYCLONE

Two Hundred or More People Killed and More Than 400 Injured, While Hundreds Are Rendered Homeless—Property Loss Enormous.

Omaha, Neb., Dispatch, 24th. More than 200 persons were killed and 400 were injured in a wind-storm that demolished 450 homes, damaged hundreds of other buildings, and caused a monetary loss of \$5,000,000 according to reports available up to a late hour tonight from the main path of the tornado in and near Omaha.

Most of the casualties were in Omaha. Nearby towns in Nebraska and across the Mississippi river in Iowa also suffered severely. Wires were snapped off in all directions and it took many hours to gather and circulate news of the disaster.

Fire broke out in the debris of many wrecked buildings in the Nebraska metropolis and these were a menace for sometime as the fire companies were hindered by falling walls and blocked streets. A heavy rain drenched the hundreds of homeless persons but also put out the flames.

Of the 202 known dead within the area covered by the storm 152 were residents of Omaha. The remaining dead are scattered over a considerable range of territory, with Council Bluffs reporting 12; Yutan, Neb., 16; Berlin, Neb., 7; Glenwood, Iowa, 5; Neola, Iowa, 2; and Bartlett, Iowa, 3. The same cities and towns report an aggregate of 400 injured and 450 homes demolished.

Perhaps 1,500 people are homeless. Aside from this 3,000 buildings were more or less damaged, some of these being churches and school buildings. Eight of Omaha's public schools were wrecked. All forms of communication were almost annihilated and only two or three wires were in working condition when daylight relieved a night of high tension, which at times almost became a panic. Soldiers, State and National troops, poured into the city during the day to aid in bringing order of what for 20 hours had been chaos.

IN STORM'S PATH.

Many Freaks Played by Wind—Survivors Tell Stories Stranger Than Fiction.

Terre Haute, Ind., was in the path of the fearful tornado that wrought such destruction in portions of the West Sunday night. Many persons were killed, many injured, many rendered homeless. Harrowing stories of their experiences are told by survivors.

Many freaks were played by the wind. Dr. Mahlon Moore was asleep in his office when the storm struck. The building was demolished but the doctor lying on the mattress of his bed was carried across the street and dropped safely on the sidewalk.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Everett, whose home was destroyed, were blown two blocks and when they rushed back to the debris of their cottage they found the bodies of their two babies uninjured. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Runyon, who were tossed across several lots returned to their ruined bungalow to find their six-months-old baby sound asleep in its crib. The child did not awaken until after it had been carried across town in an automobile.

The storm seemed to be worse at Gardentown, a small colony, 5 miles south of Terre Haute. There it demolished everything in its path half a mile wide through the village. There, as in Terre Haute, the majority of the victims were working people of small means and they have nothing but the lots upon which their homes stood.

Perth a small town in Clay county, with 400 inhabitants, practically was wiped off the map. Every house in the village was destroyed or badly wrecked but only one person was injured.

SCHOOL COMMENCEMENTS.

At Clyborn Saturday of This Week—Bloomingdale School Thursday and Friday of Next Week.

Mr. H. E. Stacy of Lumberton will be the speaker at the commencement at Clyborn school, 3 miles west of town, Saturday of this week. Commencement exercises will begin at 11 o'clock a. m. and Mr. Stacy will speak at 1 p. m., after which there will be a picnic dinner. Miss Carry Baldwin of Whiteville is teacher of this school and this has been one of the most successful sessions ever taught at Clyborn.

Bloomingdale school, near Orrum, will have its closing exercises Thursday and Friday of next week, April 3 and 4. Thursday evening, April 3, beginning at 8 o'clock, there will be a concert. The literary address will be Friday at 11 a. m. The name of speaker is promised for Monday's Robesonian. Dinner will be served on the grounds. The public is cordially invited to attend these exercises. Miss Mary Powell is teacher. The marshals are: Nonpareil, Martin Walters, Senora Carroll, Sterling, Gregory A. Hardin, Oscar Rhodes.

PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

The Final Summons—Easter Service—Laymen's Day for Parkton Circuit Sunday—Entertainments.

Correspondence of The Robesonian: Parkton, March 24—On March 12, Mrs. Mary Nunnery, wife of Mr. W. H. Nunnery, was laid to rest in the cemetery, having died suddenly in her daughter's home in Raeford. The funeral was held from the Baptist church by Rev. J. W. Cobb, of Lumber Bridge, assisted by Rev. E. L. Stack. Mrs. Nunnery joined the Baptist church at the age of 17 and had lived an exemplary Christian life ever since, and died at the age of 63. She was a loving and devoted wife and mother and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Just about a week ago tonight the sad news reached the family of the deceased that Mr. Milton Wright was dead. He died in Colorado and the remains reached Maxton today and the interment will be at 10 o'clock tomorrow at the family burying ground near Floral College. Mr. Wright was a son of Mr. Miller Wright, Sr., of our town. He was one of the finest young men the writer ever knew. I will always be proud that I knew him personally. To know him was to love him. Young Mr. Wright was in Colorado seeking health, having lung trouble, and was seemingly improving, but was stricken with pneumonia and only lasted about a week. This is one of the saddest deaths that has occurred to my mind in a long time, as he was such a promising young man a little while ago. Mr. Miller Wright and his family are in Maxton tonight and will attend the funeral tomorrow.

On last Friday night there was quite a lively time at the old Academy. A very large entertainment was given for the benefit of the Baptist church. Space will not permit of the full program but some very good recitations were heard and a male quartette rendered several selections which deserve praise, also several young men blacked to represent the African race performed and sang Suwanee river, which was real laughable and received much applause. Something good to eat was in abundance. Cannot give the figures as a total, but the door receipts were \$24.

This brings us down to Easter. At the Methodist church at 11 o'clock one of the best and most interesting programs was rendered by the Sunday school children ever rendered in our town. Time, one hour and a half, but the large congregation never tired, as there was something doing all the while. The recitations were all rendered without a hitch. Every child knew his or her part perfectly, and the singing by the intermediate class was splendid, also the choir was up to date, every member of the choir being in their place except one, who was sick. Rev. E. L. Stack related an interesting Easter story which was enjoyed by all, and at 8 o'clock p. m. preached a most interesting Easter sermon.

On next Sunday, the fifth Sunday, will be Laymen's Day for Parkton circuit of which Rev. E. L. Stack is pastor. Following is the program:

Laymen's Day Program.

Morning Service. 11 o'clock—Song service by the choirs of the Parkton churches.

11:15 o'clock—Prayer and announcements. 11:30 o'clock—Address, Gen. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, N. C. Closing song No. 181, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

Intermission. Afternoon Service. 3:15 o'clock—Song service, by choirs. Prayer.

3:30 o'clock—Address—Dr. J. H. Judd, of Fayetteville, N. C. Song No. 110, "Throw Out the Life-line."

Prayer and Benediction. Evening Service. 8:00 o'clock—Song service, choirs. Prayer.

8:15 o'clock—Address or sermon. Prayer. Closing song No. 184, "Work for the Night is Coming."

This program will be at the auditorium of the graded school building, so you need not fear but what you can be accommodated.

On Friday night at 8 o'clock there will be a play—"Aunt Dinah's Quilting Party"—at the graded school building given by the talent of the school. A very large house is expected.

Messrs. D. H. McCormick and Prentess Stanton of the A. & M. College spent Easter at home and will return to Raleigh tomorrow.—Miss Edith Joice spent Easter with home-folks at Maxton.—Mrs. A. J. Garris returned home last Friday from the hospital. We are glad to state she is much improved. Also we are glad to state that Mr. Daniel McMillan returned from the hospital and is doing very well and will soon be well again. Mrs. H. C. Jones is at the hospital for special treatment and is doing well.

—Mr. Editor, we extend a most cordial invitation to you to come up Sunday and hear Gen. Carr's lecture.

ADRIANOPLE FALLS.

Bulgarians Capture Fortress After One of Most Stubborn Defenses in History of Warfare.

Mustapha Pasha Dispatch, 26th. The Fortress of Adrianople was taken by storm by the Bulgarians this morning after fighting of the most terrible character since Monday. Flames were devastating the city. After the outlying fortifications had been captured the Turkish troops set fire to all their depots and stores as well as the arsenal and the artillery park. They blew up the barracks and a number of powder magazines. Most of the population fled.

London Dispatch, 26th.

Adrianople has fallen after one of the most stubborn defenses in the history of warfare, and Tchatalja, according to a telegram received at London tonight, has suffered a like fate.

The information regarding Tchatalja may refer to the town of that name and not the fortifications, although it is possible the Bulgarians carried all before them.

Shukri Pasha, the commander of Adrianople, handed his sword this afternoon to General Savoff, the Bulgarian generalissimo, not, however, before carrying out his threat to destroy the town rather than let it fall into the hands of the Bulgarians.

From all accounts the arsenals, stores and much of the town are in flames. It was also reported that Shukri Pasha had taken his own life, but this proved untrue, as after deciding resistance was no longer possible, he sent word to Gen. Savoff that he was burning the city.

Gen. Savoff has appointed a commandant of the city to maintain order.

The Bulgarian and Servian cavalry will be utilized for this purpose. Gen. Ivanoff, who commanded the forts around Adrianople, will enter tomorrow while King Ferdinand will follow shortly.

OFFICE CHANGES.

LaFayette Mutual in Caldwell Building—Drs. Allen and King Dissolve Partnership—Mr. Wetmore moves to Weinstein Building.

The LaFayette Mutual Life Insurance Co., which has just moved its home office from Fayetteville to Lumberton, has temporary offices in the R. D. Caldwell building, over the store occupied by Mr. Geo. M. Whitfield. It is understood that the company will have permanent offices in the new Farmers & Merchants Bank building to be erected on the corner of Fourth and Chestnut streets.

Mr. F. F. Wetmore, who for a year or more has had an office in the McLeod building, will move to the A. Weinstein building, Fourth and Elm streets, and will occupy an office recently vacated by Mr. Archie Collins, who moved to Charlotte. The office adjoins Mr. R. A. McLean's law office. The office given up will be occupied by the law firm of Messrs. Lennon & Stacy, and it was for their benefit that Mr. Wetmore agreed to move. The office from which Mr. Wetmore moves adjoins the one now occupied by Messrs. Lennon & Stacy. Mr. Wetmore will move to his new place within a day or so.

Drs. R. T. Allen and D. D. King have dissolved the partnership which they formed about a year ago for the practice of dentistry, Dr. King coming to Lumberton to associate himself with Dr. Allen, and Dr. Allen will continue to occupy the offices on the second floor of the Bank of Lumberton building formerly occupied by them jointly. Dr. King is out of town at present, but it is understood that he will occupy two rooms in the Weinstein building, second floor, the corner front giving on Elm and Fourth and adjoining room, facing Fourth, now occupied by Mr. R. A. McLean as a law office. Mr. McLean will move across the hall into a room formerly occupied by Dr. A. C. Tebeau.

Work Begins on New Store Building.

Work was started yesterday on Mr. N. P. Andrews' two-story brick store building to be erected on the lot between the Wavery hotel and Mr. John P. McNeill's store, this being the lot which Mr. Andrews purchased recently from Mr. Q. T. Williams, as has been mentioned in The Robesonian. Mr. Sam Branch has the contract for the erection of the building. The front of this building will be finished in red pressed brick. Mr. H. G. Meares, who has been conducting a fruit stand on the lot, has moved his stand to the vacant lot between Mr. John P. McNeill's store and the Lumberton cotton mill office building.

Near Spartanburg, South Carolina, the other day, Mrs. Stansel Petty, nursing a baby was overcome with vertigo and fell into a fire place. Her 3-year-old daughter with great presence of mind caught up the baby and saved it from being burned. When Mrs. Petty regained consciousness both eyes were burned out and the small daughter carried the baby and led her to the home of the nearest neighbor a quarter of a mile away.

HEARD ON THE STREETS.

Relatives of Lumberton People in Flooded District—Traveling Man in Awful Suspense—Street Etiquette—Where Will Government Get Building Site? Telephone Etiquette.

Rev. Wm. Pope, a brother of Dr. H. T. Pope, of Lumberton, lives within 25 miles of Indianapolis, Indiana, which State is experiencing the worst flood in its history. Tens of thousands of people have been rendered homeless, some have lost their lives—perhaps it will not be known with any degree of accuracy for several days just how many—and the property loss will reach way up in the millions of dollars. Mr. Henry Pope remarked on the street yesterday that he had been trying to get a wire through to find out if his uncle had escaped, but that it had been impossible to get a message through.

It is a small world, after all. Disaster in one part of the country comes home to people hundreds of miles away.

A traveling man was in awful suspense here yesterday. He was half crazed as he told Dr. McPhaul, proprietor of the Pope drug store, about it. His home is in Dayton, Ohio, where press dispatches in yesterday's paper stated prevailed probably the worst condition in the State, which has just been devastated by a terrific storm, leaving death and destruction in its wake. This traveling man read in papers yesterday morning of conditions in his home town, of a terrific storm which swept away levees of the city, of many people being drowned, many injured, many rendered homeless—the first intimation he had had of the disaster—and he could not get any word from his wife and baby whom he left in Dayton. Press dispatches told him that water was 13 feet in the union station at Dayton, and he knows that his home, where he left his wife and baby, is in a part of the city which is four feet lower than the union station.

The condition of this knight of the grip was pitiful. Think of resting the night through in safety and comfort and waking to learn the house where you left your loved ones, hundreds of miles away, is 17 feet under water, and you not able to find out all day long, and maybe not for several days, whether your wife and baby escaped or were buried beneath the awful flood!

Mr. D. D. French was something said about people passing each other on the streets where the sidewalk is narrow. On some of the streets in the residence portion of the town the paved sidewalks are only three feet wide, and three people cannot well pass without somebody having to get off the pavement if two insist on walking abreast. That necessity can be easily avoided without inconvenience to anybody, as Mr. French suggests. When two or more people are walking abreast, when they pass anybody if one will simply drop behind the other the matter of passing will be accomplished without inconvenience to anybody. It is the considerate thing to do and most people only need to have a little thing like this called to their attention. Of course there are a very few people who will insist upon taking up all the sidewalk and making whomsoever they can get off; but of course there are not any such ill-mannered hogs in Lumberton; they live in other towns.

Where is Uncle Sam going to get such a site as he wants for a Federal building for Lumberton? The sum of \$10,000 is available now for the purchase of this site and Lumberton certainly needs such a building. It is to be hoped that somebody will be found who will be willing to sell to Uncle Sam a lot to put a building on for about the same price he would sell to a private individual. But usually when Uncle Sam wants to buy real estate takes a decided boost.

Speaking about etiquette, Isn't it passing strange that so few people have any 'phone manners at all? It is positively shocking to answer the 'phone by giving your name or office and to hear the person at the other end of the 'phone bawl out in a peevish sort of way, "Who's that?" And, mirabile dictu, you learn that the person who is holding you up so unceremoniously for your name before telling you who she is and whom she wants to speak to is a well-bred and cultured lady who would die of shame to think of being rude to any one! And you turn away from the 'phone and wonder sadly how that convenient and indispensable thing has blunted in so many people the keen sense of the eternal fitness of things which they have in other things.

The second annual debate between Trinity College and the University of South Carolina was held in Columbia, S. C., Tuesday night and won by Trinity, which was represented by H. M. Ratcliffe, J. R. Davis and Quinton Holton.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Middling cotton today, 11.81 1/4c. —Mr. C. H. Hatchel, of Timmons-ville, S. C., is a new barber in the City barber shop, Fourth street.

—Superior court begins Monday of next week, civil term, two weeks. Judge G. S. Ferguson of Waynesville will preside.

—There will be an ice-cream supper and debate at Sadie Tree school house tomorrow evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. Receipts for benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited.

—Mr. Joe Mercer, of route 5 from Lumberton, is in town today. His daughter, Miss Irene, is here in the Thompson hospital undergoing treatment for one of her eyes, which has been troubling her for some time. Dr. M. R. Gibson, eye specialist, of Maxton, is here today and will probably operate on Miss Mercer's eye.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McNeill left Monday night for Richmond and Baltimore. Mr. McNeill returned home this morning. Mrs. McNeill came back by way of Raleigh, where she will attend the annual session of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina being held here this week. She is expected to return home tomorrow night.

—Messdames E. D. Caldwell, Lizzie G. Proctor, I. P. Hedgpath, John P. McNeill, R. T. Allen and M. W. Floyd and Misses Margaret Pitman, Lillian McIntyre and Emma Higley are among the Lumberton ladies who are attending this week in Raleigh the North Carolina Baptist Woman's Missionary convention. The convention began at Raleigh Tuesday evening and will close Friday.

—Rev. C. H. Durham and family finished moving yesterday from the old First Baptist church parsonage on East Fifth street to the new parsonage, Walnut and Sixth streets—the old McDiarmid residence, recently purchased by the First Baptist congregation and remodelled and made almost new. Mr. L. R. Varner, who some time ago purchased the old parsonage, will have it remodeled before moving into it. Work was to have begun today.

AMONG TRANSGRESSORS.

White Man Wanted in Georgia on Charge of Murderous Assault Arrested in East Lumberton—Wrong Negro Arrested—Charges of Store Breaking and False Pretense.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis went Tuesday to Whiteville for John Page and Willis Caesar, both colored, wanted on charges of false pretense. The negroes are in jail. Sheriff Lewis and Deputy Sheriff Willis Britt went yesterday to Red Springs and brought to jail Jesse McNeill, colored. McNeill was arrested in Red Springs some days ago on a charge of store breaking. Deputy Britt went Tuesday to Florence, S. C., after Sam Coleman, colored, who was arrested there some days ago by local authorities on a charge of attempt at rape, the alleged crime being committed some months ago near Red Banks, this county. The negro was jailed, but proved to be the wrong man and was turned loose this morning. He has the same name and resembles the man wanted.

Deputies Joe Britt and Neill Ratley, of Fairmont, arrested yesterday at the Lumberton cotton mill Isham Nichols, a white man about 60 years old, on a charge of assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill. The warrant was sent here to Sheriff Lewis some days ago from the sheriff of Tatnall county, Ga. Nichols was jailed and the Georgia sheriff notified and Sheriff Lewis received notice this morning that the man will be sent for. Nichols is charged with shooting an officer in Georgia about a year ago, and says that he is the man wanted and he expressed a willingness to go back to Georgia without extra papers. He says that he has been tried for the shooting once and that he thought it was all over. Nichols has a wife and two children, all working at the Lumberton mill.

Rev. J. Frank Gorrell Accepts Call to Presbyterian Church.

Rev. J. Frank Gorrell of Greensboro will come to Lumberton. At a congregational meeting of the Lumberton Presbyterian church last Sunday, as mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, Mr. Gorrell was extended a unanimous call on stated supply of one year. Mr. J. A. McAllister, clerk of the session, received yesterday a letter from Mr. Gorrell to the effect that he will come and will be here to preach the first Sunday in April. It is expected that he, with his family, will arrive next week.

Wake Forest College debaters won a debate at Raleigh Monday night from Baylor Baptist University of Texas. The Wake Forest debaters were Junius C. Brown and Rowland S. Pruette. On the same night in a debate at Winston-Salem Wake Forest College, represented by S. Long and W. R. Chambers, lost to Davidson College, represented by W. S. Golden and J. M. Williams.