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## AID BEING RUSHED TO THE FLOODED DISTRICT

Red Cross Places Total of Dead in Pueblo at 100, With 500 in Hospitals

## KANSAS TOWN SUFFERS

Pueblo, Colo., June 6.—Flood stricken Colorado today surveys the havoc of the most distressing flood in the history of the west. An accurate estimate of the loss of life and property damage is impossible at this time. With morgues crowded to overflowing and many buildings being used as improvised hospital structures and thousands of homeless sufferers, every effort is being directed to alleviate the suffering while the work and plans of rehabilitation is being left for the attention of outsiders en route to the almost prostrate community.

Restoration of the city even approximately to normal conditions is a matter of weeks. Levees must be repaired before the business section of the city can be cleared of water. It rained early today that all danger of repetition of the flood, barring another cloudburst, was passed.

The local Red Cross placed the number of bodies at approximately 100, basing their estimate on reports of a personal investigation of the devastated area. The number of bodies in the improvised hospitals is estimated at 500 by J. E. Morehead, secretary to Gov. Shup. Typhoid fever, pneumonia, diphtheria and one or two cases of insanity are among the cases. A complete field medical unit has been ordered here from Fort Logan.

A conference today of Military and state officials in which Gov. Shup took part repair of the levees was decided upon as one of the first steps to be met. It was considered that the aid of the federal government would be sought.

Reports were reported today in several towns in Kansas. All along the banks of the Arkansas River which followed its banks. Syracuse and other towns in Kansas, reported sweeping and all towns in the Arkansas were warned of a rising river. Animas, Colo., early today reported that the Sante Fe Railway at Lajuanta were under five feet of water and that the railway cars were wrecked and that 200 lives were believed lost. Two residences at Las Animas under three feet of water late tonight, inhabitants fled to public buildings and highlands.

Platte River broke down its dam at Denver in the middle of the side residential section from which people fled from their homes city hall. Red Cross stations for the homeless.

Reports from Denver early this morning said the river was rising and within one foot of the bridge in business section.

Times yesterday came reports of the flood here, but at no time did the water reach the level of night.

Governor Wants \$20,000,000 for Flood Relief, Colo., June 6.—Gov. Shup asked the United States to appropriate \$20,000,000 at the disposal of the state for use in flood relief.

## BROWN ESCAPES FROM THE COUNTY ROAD FORCE

Montgomery, Ala., June 3.—R. E. Brown, who was sent up from Rowan for a robbery and who had most of his sentence yet to serve, escaped from a road force near Mt. Vernon, Ala., by information received by Police Keeler. Brown and his wife, who got four years, were with conspiring to rob Annie Brown assaulted and robbed a man on the public school at Spencer several months after alluring her to that place by a letter.

Escape is no surprise to Salisbury who expected him to attempt a getaway at the first opportunity.

Montgomery, Ala., June 3.—The late house of the Confederacy was dedicated here today and daughters of Dixie.

## TAIL OF COMET WILL HIT EARTH IN FACE JUNE 27

Professor Fowler Says Shower of Meteorites Will be Result of Comet's Visitation

## NO DANGER FROM THE GAS

There has been quite a lot of talk recently about the visit of Pons-Winnecke, the comet which is to smash this way on the 26th or 27th of June. Some have claimed that there is a possibility of it making a wreck of this old earth, but some folks have paid little attention to this kind of talk. As a matter of fact, if we did not know about the comet's visit, it is very doubtful whether or not many of us would ever know anything about it when it arrives. Such visitations, however, are exceedingly interesting, hence we like to know all we possibly can about such. Prof. Fowler, of London, now comes along with a statement set out in a recent London news dispatch, which in part is as follows:

"Pons-Winnecke, the short-period comet, which is hurtling through space at a speed of many thousand miles an hour toward the earth, will not have the best of the 'bump' according to Prof. A. Fowler, chief lecturer in astronomy at the Imperial Science College, South Kensington.

"It is generally accepted," said the professor, "that we shall come in contact with its tail, if at all. In this event it is possible Pons-Winnecke will become so disintegrated that other self-respecting comets will disown him."

One can picture some scientist in a few weeks' time picking up a small meteor, the mortal remains of this cylonian traveller in our space.

"Alas, poor Pons, we knew him well," will doubtless be the comment of the astronomical world.

To Bring Gas.

Professor Fowler was the first scientist to prove that the tails of comets have carbonic oxide gas instead of the deadly cyanogen gas, as was previously supposed.

"When the tail of Pons comes into contact with this earth," continued Professor Fowler, "vast quantities of carbonic oxide, which is an odorless gas, will be absorbed in the atmosphere of this planet. There is no cause for alarm, since the proportion of carbonic oxide is so small in relation to the immense volume of atmosphere around the earth that the effect will be imperceptible. People do not realize how many million tons of the atmosphere we breathe weighs. At ground level the weight is fourteen pounds to the square inch. In addition to gas the tail will contain meteoric dust—that is, particles of iron and nickel. This dust is not likely to reach us."

## TWO FORMER STANLY MEN ON A VISIT HERE

Prof. Marcus Dry, of Carey, and "Jim" Coggin, also of Carey, who is a teacher in Prof. Dry's school at that place, are visiting relatives in Albemarle and Stanly County. They spent last night in the home of Mr. Coggin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. D. Coggin. Stanly County feels a special interest in both of these gentlemen. Prof. Dry is a grandson of the late Michael Dry, who in his day, was one of Western Stanly's leading citizens, and, we understand is a native of his county. Mr. Coggin is clerk of the superior court of this county for some time, having resigned that office to enter the military service when the world war implicated the United States.

## Mr. S. H. Hearne Honored.

Mr. S. H. Hearne has returned from Davidson where he attended the 85 annual commencement at Davidson College, where he is an alumnus. Mr. Hearne reports a most interesting trip. He enjoyed the distinction of being the oldest alumnus present at the alumni luncheon on Tuesday evening and was honored by being put on the program as one of the speakers.

## CHILDREN'S DAY AT PORTER

Children's Day exercises will be held at Porter Methodist Church next Sunday, June 12th, at 10:30 o'clock A. M. The public is cordially invited to attend. An interesting program has been arranged.

## STANLY COUNTY FIRST.

No dank, death-trap of swampy land,  
Or frowning peak to block our way,  
But just green hills on every hand  
That seem to roll like waves that play  
And revel in the light of day.

Bright green and then a greenish mist  
And further on a purple hue  
That breaks in shafts of amethyst  
At Sunrise when the light slips through  
Red rifts of cloud, to drink the dew.

Stout hearts, oh yes, we grow them here,  
Boast not, but only love our own,  
Nor count another land our peer;  
True as our native iron stone  
Through muscle, fibre, flesh and bone.

—Arch Huneycutt.

## NORWOOD NEWS.

Mr. G. D. Blalock and family have returned home and are living in their attractive home about a mile from the city. Norwood people are glad to have this excellent family in their vicinity once more.

The Ladies' Aid Society has asked that the play, "Deacon Dubbs," which received so much favorable praise hereabouts be repeated. Those taking part have consented to do this on June 15. Admission will be 15 and 25 cents. The proceeds will be divided equally between the Aid Society and the Civic Association. The amount received by the Civic Association will be used in painting the school auditorium. Let everyone be on hand and enjoy some good jokes at the expense of Deacon Dubbs.

The Sunday School Convention held at the Baptist Church here on last Friday and Saturday afternoon was a decided success in every way, and it brought numbers of people here from all over the county.

The district meeting of the Missionary Society, which was held at the M. E. Church here was very interesting and profitable. There were many visitors present. After the regular opening service on Tuesday evening an informal reception was tendered the visitors. Punch and wafers were served by Misses Parker, Erwin, Heilig and Turner. A most interesting program was carried out on Wednesday. Dinner was served on the grounds to a very large concourse of people.

Children's Day Exercises will be held at the Methodist Church here on next Sunday morning, June 12th.

Measles are prevalent in this section, but while many children have it, the cases are mild, and at this season of the year the patients will doubtless have an easy time of it.

Mr. T. M. Pridgin's mother and sister are here keeping house for him in the Turner house, near the hotel.

## KISSING MAKES OLD MAIDS

"Dr. Charles E. Baker, of Washington, an eminent psychologist, is being quoted on a very touching subject," said one yesterday, "the subject of kissing. According to his reasoning kissing makes old maids. Dr. Baker says to the girls of the country. 'If you want to be an old maid kiss your sweetheart 'good night.' Dr. Baker brought forward a solution for the age-old problem, 'Sweet Sixteen, Can I Kiss You Good Night?' 'There is nothing wrong,' said he, 'in a young man giving his girl a kiss before he parts with her at night. There is nothing wrong in that—but girls, don't do it,' said he. 'More girls have robbed of future husbands as a result of good night kiss than for any other reason. Girls, do you want me to tell you a secret? Well, it's this: After a man kisses a girl he doesn't want her.'—Charlotte Observer.

## MRS. R. J. ROSS DEAD

New London, June 6th.—Mrs. R. J. Ross died at her home Sunday morning, June 6th, at 9:30 o'clock after a lingering illness of several months. She leaves a husband, five sons and three daughters, all of whom were with her when the end came.

Her remains will be buried in the New London cemetery Tuesday, June 7th, at eleven o'clock.

## ALBEMARLE GRADED SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FOR THE YEAR

### Scholarship—Seventy-Nine

Virginia Rogers, Olive Hill, Mignon Crowell, Wynola Horton, Ruth Coggin, Jacquelin Almond, William Wyche, John Efrid, Allen Morton, Bobbie Mabry, Robert Barrier, Jack Ross, Annie Laurie Mabry, Lucy Larson, Vada Huneycutt, Ellen McInnis, Mildred Furr, Otis Whitley, Gladwyn Morton, Fairley Scales, James Morrow Heath, Blanton Little, Frances Starnes, Pansy Rhinehardt, Norma Mann, Harry Horton, Ernest Small, F. A. Truett, Jr., George Melton, Hubert Patterson, Eugene Smith, Douglas Nisbet, Johnny Mabry, Elmina Hearne, Juanita Hinson, Isabel Efrid, Phoebe Dry, Sarah Cooper, Margaret Casper, Margaret Boyette, Katherine Brown, William Ridenhour, Margaret Almond, Edward Manous, Aurilie Smith, Anna Mae Russell, Ruby Furr, Frances Harris, Cora Lillian Patterson, Nell Whitworth, George Winecoff, Winefred Crowell, Richard Brown, Marguerita Rowland, Arthur Moss, Lois Melton, Curtis Hatley, Margie Cooper, Mary Cooper, Juanita Crawley, Bertie Lee Shanks, Virginia Hornbuckle, Hoyle Helms, Arthur L. Patterson, Edna Mathews, Creelman Rowland, Edith Sills, Robert K. Patterson, Juanita Huneycutt, Dorothy Huneycutt, Ray Louise Sargent, Boyd Hatley, Henry Snuggs, Mary Anderson, Evelyn Hall, Paul Smith.

### Attendance Honor Roll—Thirty-Three

Lawrence Boaz, Jack Almond, Eloise Efrid, Richard Anderson, Reubin Lowder, Pauline Troutman, Mary Elizabeth Efrid, Bessie Osborne, Elizabeth Snuggs, Mildred Parker, Irene Snuggs, Hilliard Whitley, Joe Klutz, George Morrow, Erwine Boaz, Marion Bennett, Jessie Griffin, Edwin Ray Snuggs, Leon Byrd, Robert Efrid, Tom Kimrey, Wells Rogers, Connie Williams, Paul Moose, Margaret Ellen Patterson, Mary Davis, Maude Brown, Doris Thompson, Clarence Casper, George Armfield, Carl Winecoff, Heath Klutz, Ardie Casper.

### Scholarship and Attendance—Twenty-Three

Eldred Little, Catherine Josey, Louise Pickler, Eleanor Mann, Emily Boger, Geraldine Gaddy, Lamar Moss, Bernice Sills, Emmie Hearne Horton, Hazel Truett, Louise Bungardner, Katherine Milton, Ann Harris, Mary Estelle Boger, Grace Pickler, Mary Gertrude Lowder, Wilcox Brightwell, Lois Swanner, Arthur Harris, Ellen Huckabee, Idalene Gullede, George Harris.

## ALBEMARLE ROUTE ONE

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Huneycutt and little son, Cleo, spent last Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. France Dennis.

Miss Nell Swaringen spent last Sunday with Miss Dera Swaringen.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Poplin spent last Sunday in the home of M. P. Swaringen.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Russell are the happy parents of another son.

Lee Swaringen was in Norwood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Capell of Wadesboro spent Sunday with Mrs. D. T. McLaughlin. D. T. Jr., returned with them and will spend some time with his grand parents near Wadesboro.

## BRIEF NEWS ITEMS OF STATE-WIDE INTEREST

Digest of Happenings of Week Gleaned From the Files of Our Exchanges.

## NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

Charlotte, June 3.—There was some trouble today at the Savona mills, which resulted in a delegation of strikers and officials of the company appearing before the city commissioners to ask protection. Picketing of the mills has been going on because certain percentages of the operatives are not members of the textile union, and did not walk out. The mills are said to employ about 200 people, and it is estimated that from 20 to 50 per cent remained in the mill. When the picketing was ordered Thomas McMahon, vice-president of the American Textile Workers, who is here, stated that the picketing would be peaceful and within the law, in that moral suasion, but no physical violence would be used.

Washington, June 3.—By straight party vote the house foreign affairs committee reported today the Porter peace resolution, providing for termination of the state of war between the United States and Germany and Austria-Hungary. Democratic members of the committee opposed it and announced that their fight would be shifted to the floor of the house.

Dublin, June 3.—The national shell factory, which was established during the war for the manufacture of ammunition for the British army, was set on fire at 6:30 o'clock this evening and shortly afterwards the building was blazing fiercely.

Anderson, S. C., June 3.—"Not in the history of diplomatic relations has any man so slandered the American nation and the people as the present ambassador to the court of St. James when he recently said in London that America entered the world war not to save bleeding Europe, but to save her own interests," declared former Secretary of the Navy Daniels in addressing the closing exercises of Anderson College for Women today.

Valley Forge, June 5.—A sermon of faith in established American institutions and of hope for a day of peace and good will throughout the world was preached by President Harding today from a woodland pulpit overlooking Washington's historic camping grounds in Valley Forge.

Washington, June 3.—President Harding will have to use all his powers of persuasion to get through Congress the administration bill creating a new department of public welfare. This proposal has a curious origin and has met with a curious fate.

Mineola, N. Y., June 5.—Miss Laura Bromwell, holder of the loop-the-loop record for women, and one of the best known women pilots in the world was killed at Mitchell field this afternoon. She was flying at an altitude of about 1,000 feet and had just completed one loop and was about to make a second when something went wrong with the plane and it dashed to the ground.

Raleigh, June 5.—Pocketsful of the New York Times advertisements on June 2 are carried by the North Carolina bankers as evidence that when dam-yankees talk cold turkey with North Carolina, the d. y.'s must have minds that work swiftly. Certainly North Carolina's does.

London, June 3.—Recent eruptions which caused brilliant auroras and disorganized cable and telegraph service throughout the world may result in the earth receiving an increased quota of sunshine during the remainder of the year, says Sir Oliver Lodge, the noted scientist.

Farm bureaus, county farm demonstration work and the so-called co-operative marketing association have received a jolt at the hands of the officers of the North Carolina Farmers' Union in the form of a pamphlet entitled, "Things the Farmers Should Know." The pamphlet declares that the farm bureau was organized by big business for the purpose of enabling the farmers to produce more raw materials pouring into its hopper, and was not created to help the farmers get more for what they pro-

## SAYS THAT UNIVERSE IS 1,000 TIMES BIGGER

Harvard Professor Says Earth is only Small Piece of Matter Tucked in Space

## WE ARE NOT THE CENTER

If any reader of this paper doubts that this universe is a rather large place let him read the following Boston news dispatch:

"A Harvard astronomer has extended the limits of space to include a universe a thousand times greater than scientists have ever before conceived of.

By so doing he has reduced the earth, relatively, to one-thousandth of its supposed importance. And, instead of being practically in the center of things, as we believed, we are now some 360,000,000,000,000,000 miles from the middle of the universe.

This Columbus of space also finds the distant heavens dotted with huge flaming suns, which pulsate regularly like the human heart. They are infinitely larger than Betelgeuse, the monster whose diameter was recently measured and found to be so much larger than the earth that the human mind could scarcely grasp the idea of its size.

The discoverer of these important facts is a young man, as astronomers go. He is a recent addition to the staff of the Harvard Observatory. He is Dr. Harlow Shapley, a graduate of the Missouri State University and of Princeton, for the past seven years connected with the Mount Wilson Observatory in California.

Well Known Abroad

If he is not as well known in Boston and New England, the same can not be said of him abroad, where he is given credit for opening up the heavens far beyond any previous measurements. A study of "Cepheid" variable stars led Dr. Shapley to his hypothesis.

By triangulation, taking the distance between sun and earth as a basis for triangulation measurements vast distances in the past have been recorded until such lines have been extended hundreds of light years, and even to the border line of measurement, the Pleiades.

These same Pleiades are scarcely in the front yard of Doctor Shapley's galaxy which he has measured and found to be in length about 300,000 light years from end to end. It is a super-Milky Way.

A light year, the distance a beam of light will travel in one year, is 6,000,000,000,000 miles. It takes but eight minutes for light to come to the earth from the sun, 3,000,000 miles away.

In addition to the Milky-Way seen by the naked eye on a dark night extending across the sky, there is, Dr. Shapley said, a secondary galaxy occupying but a comparatively small space in the larger whole. "The bright stars that we see," he explained, "belong to the secondary galaxy, which has a diameter of about 10,000 light years."

## Sun Is Mere Speck

The young astronomer has proved by various calculations that the sun, the little speck of light around which a tiny shadow called the earth revolves, is not by any means the center of the universe, but is 60,000 light years off center. He has caused our proud solar system to take a long sidereal side-step into insignificance.

"Personally I am glad to see man sink into such physical nothingness," said the scientist, "and it is wholesome for human beings to realize of what small importance they are in comparison with the universe." In fact, Dr. Shapley appeared enthusiastic over the fact that he has reduced the size of man a thousand times.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Morton, June 5, a daughter.

It further asserts that the Farmers' union can and will lead the fight that will save agriculture and civilization. It also takes a jab at the press and civilization. It also takes a jab at the press and pulpit, declaring that "the press is controlled, the pulpit is silenced and the people are intimidated, coerced, deceived and misled." The pamphlet bore date April 26, 1921.