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LIVES LOST IN THE FLOODS PROPERTY LOSS \$15,000,000

THE FLOOD WATERS IN FIVE STATES DO GREAT DAMAGE

HUNDREDS ARE RENDERED HOMELESS

The Worst Conditions Prevail in Western North Carolina, Where the Conditions are Described as the Worst in the History of That Section.—Asheville and Environs Heaviest Sufferers.—Train Service There at a Standstill, as Result of Washouts, Slides, and Lost Bridges.—Mills and Many Houses Swept Away.

(By The Associated Press)
Flood waters which swept parts of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and West Virginia, taking toll of at least nine lives, rendering hundreds of persons homeless and doing property damage estimated at from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000, were receding today.

The worst conditions obtained in western North Carolina where the flood is described as the most disastrous in the history of that section. Asheville and environments were heaviest sufferers, but with train service at a standstill, as the result of washouts, slides and lost bridges; telegraph service badly crippled and roads almost impassable, it will probably be several days before the full extent of death and destruction can be determined.

Lower Asheville was still flooded today by the waters of the French Broad, which went over its banks yesterday morning, sweeping away mills and other manufacturing plants and many homes. Two deaths were reported in the city proper, while six others occurred at the town of Biltmore, and two score persons including members of a railway construction gang, who went down with a bridge, are reported missing.

Between Asheville and Salisbury railroad bridges were washed out on Catawba river, and further south along the same river railroad and highway bridges were carried away and tracks are under water. Saw mills and other property, as well as live stock, suffered considerably.

Similar conditions prevail on the Yadkin river around Lexington. On the Yadkin at Elkin it is reported today that a hotel has been destroyed.

Two score of persons are listed as missing, of those eleven were railroad workmen who went down with the bridge on the Catawba River, and hope of saving them was abandoned.

Four men who were going to the aid of the railroad men are reported while 4 employees of the Western Union Telegraph Company also were reported lost on the Catawba.

Three Nurses Lose Their Lives.

Asheville, July 17.—The death list from the flood which overwhelmed this section is set at eight today. A report from Madison county said two lives were lost and 53 houses demolished at Marshall. The water is receding today, and fears are entertained for the breaking of the dam at Lake Toxaway. The body of Miss Charlotte Walker, a nurse, was found today at Biltmore. Miss Mabel Foister, another nurse, and Miss Louise Walker, also lost their lives at Biltmore. These with the death of a white laborer and negro, brings the list to 8.

Fifty-five families, mostly cotton mill workers, residing in the lower section of Asheville, lost the homes, and are being cared for by the Citizens' Relief Committee. Attempts to revise the estimates of the damage to mills brought little hopes that they have suffered to any extent less than reported last night. The damage remained at \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

Asheville is still without gas or electric power and the price of gasoline has gone to \$1 per gallon. No trains left the city today and none have arrived.

On the Murphy division of the Southern Railway trains were running from Waynesville to Murphy.

Mr. R. G. Stewart, of Salisbury, and Miss Ada Smith, of this county, were married at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Baptist parsonage by the pastor, Rev. G. V. Tilley.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith Barrie, July 17th, a son. Mrs. Barrie and son are at the Concord Hospital.

All of the household goods of Mr. Marshall Mabrey are being moved to Richmond, where Mr. Mabrey and family will live in the future.

QUARANTINE FOR CASES OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Cases to Be Handled the Same as Cases of Scarlet Fever.

The County Board of Health here has been advised by the State Board of Health to handle the case or cases of infantile paralysis just as scarlet fever, measles or any other contagious disease is handled. This is being taken by the board and by the city authorities to prevent the spread of the disease. Mayor Isenhour has had yellow quarantine cards printed to be placed on the only house where so far a case has developed and on all others if they should occur. An effective quarantine will be maintained, and if necessary an officer will be stationed to enforce it.

The case is that of the two-year-old daughter of Mr. T. V. Helms, who lives on Peachtree street at Forest Hill. The condition of the child, which has been ill for about a week, is not improved.

There seems to be no grave cause for alarm on the part of parents. They are advised to keep their children at home and to use a wash for the nose and throat. The situation here seems to be well in hand, and every precaution will be taken by the health and city authorities.

FIREMEN WILL MEET IN STATE CONVENTION

The Sessions are to Begin at Raleigh Tomorrow.

(By The Associated Press)
Raleigh, July 17.—Representatives of fire departments in all parts of North Carolina were gathering here today for the annual convention of the fire fighters, which will begin tomorrow. A brief business meeting of the fire chiefs, delegates, mayors and others will be held tonight as a preliminary to the convention.

The parade Wednesday will be one of the features of the convention and the races Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be centers of interest. Apparatus from several fire departments on the east coast of this state arrived here yesterday and more are coming in today. The firemen already are practicing various contests.

FEARS FOR COTTON CROP.

This Causes Active Buying on New York Market Today.

(By The Associated Press)
New York, July 17.—Fears that the cotton crop has been injured by the excessive rains and floods in parts of the eastern belt, caused an active buying movement in the cotton market at the opening today. The tone was steady with first prices 5 to 10 points net higher, but toward the end of the first half hour selling orders increased, and with an absence of outside speculative interests the market eased off about 5 points from the highest.

Cotton futures opened steady: July, 12.90; October, 13.08; December, 13.26; January, 13.31; March, 13.51.

DR. J. W. SUMMERS IS HELD WITHOUT BAIL

Charlotte Physician Charged With Performing Illegal Operation.

(By The Associated Press)
Charlotte, July 17.—Dr. J. W. Summers, a physician of some prominence here was held without bail today, charged with performing an illegal operation June 26, that caused the death in a local hospital yesterday of Miss Annie Jones, 23 years old, daughter of former Sheriff Jones, of Greensboro, N. C.

Attorneys for Summers gave notice that they would institute a habeas corpus proceeding and apply for bail.

ANOTHER TROPICAL DISTURBANCE APPARENT

Is Central Between Turk's Island and Nassau and Has Northward Movement.

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, July 17.—The tropical disturbance of last week passed to the East of Turk's Island, but another is central between Turk's Island and Nassau, with an apparent movement northwest movement, the weather bureau announced today.

Unsettled weather will prevail tonight and Tuesday in the Middle Atlantic States, with thundershowers in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida.

Dr. F. C. Roberts, the optometrist, will be at Correll's Jewelry Store here Wednesday.

NARROW ESCAPE.

Mr. John Freeman and Family Narrowly Escape Drowning in Rocky River.

While attempting to cross Rocky River Saturday night about 11 o'clock, Mr. John Freeman had a narrow escape from drowning. Mr. Freeman was in a buggy, and was accompanied by his wife and small child, and they, too, were nearly drowned. They were on their way to visit friends in the Bethel neighborhood.

Mr. Freeman had driven across Thunderstruck Bridge from this side of the river, and when he reached the end of the bridge both horse and buggy were submerged beneath the water, which was running out of its channel. In his efforts to save his wife and child and himself, Mr. Freeman did not have time to save the horse, and it was drowned.

Today the buggy was brought back to town by Mr. Freeman, who stated that the water was still out of bounds at Thunderstruck Bridge, although not nearly as much as it was Saturday, when he attempted to pass. The horse belonged to Fisher's Livery Stable, of Midway. It was stated by parties today that the body of a horse was seen in the river today, and it is supposed the horse is that which Mr. Freeman was driving.

TRY TO KILL HORSES OF MR. P. M. KELLER

Some One Saturday Night Out Four of His Horses at Roberta Mill.

Some time Saturday night persons entered the barn of Mr. P. M. Keller, superintendent of the Roberta Mills, and seriously injured four of his horses by cutting them in several places with knives. The horses were badly cut and probably will not live.

For some time past, Mr. Keller reports, people there have cut many things in and around the mill, and the affair Saturday night seems to be a culmination of bad feeling that has existed there. Mr. Keller says he knows no reason for the cutting and can offer no explanation. Officers late today are working on the case and arrests are expected to be made soon.

LEAGUE BALL AT KANNAPOLIS

Monday and Tuesday Between Statesville and Kannapolis.

There will be two games of league ball this week at Kannapolis between Statesville and Kannapolis. The first game will be played this afternoon at 4 o'clock and the second game will take place tomorrow afternoon at the same hour. Kannapolis was to have played Morganton on these dates but that team is playing Gastonia, a change of teams having been made.

Funeral of Mr. Wm. Beaver.

The funeral services over the remains of Mr. William Beaver, who died here Friday at his home on West Depot street was held yesterday. At 10 o'clock a. m. a short service was held at the home conducted by Rev. B. S. Dasher, Mr. Beaver's pastor, assisted by Rev. A. S. Raper. The funeral sermon was preached by Mr. Dasher at St. Enoch's Church, at Enochville, where the interment took place. Rev. O. B. Shearhouse assisted in the service at the church.

The following were the pallbearers: Messrs. Joe A. Walter, J. C. Lentz, P. A. Barringer, Edward Wise, J. C. Thompson and Edward Bacon.

Mr. Beaver's step son, Mr. Wade Sloan, of Cleveland, O., his sons, Mr. Edward Beaver, of Kannapolis, and Mr. Cortez Beaver, of Charlotte, his daughters, Mrs. Estelle Howell, of Charlotte, and Mrs. Carrie Lyerly, of China Grove, attended the funeral.

The French Relief Society.

The French Relief Society will meet Thursday morning with Miss Elizabeth Gibson from 10:30 to 1.

We are the recipients this week of 125 yards of goods, \$1.00 from Mrs. Smoot, and \$3.00 from Miss Nan Cannon. Through the kindness of Mr. Robert Ridenour the Concord Steam Laundry has several times washed and pressed innumerable yards of goods known as seconds. So we were able to make sanitary pads for the soldiers. The entire society vote him thanks for he has never failed us. Please remember the meeting Thursday morning and let us have a good number of workers. SECRETARY.

Mr. J. C. Lipe, who was drowned in the flood at Asheville yesterday, was an uncle of Miss Clara Henry and Mr. Aubrey Henry, of Concord. It was reported also, that a cousin, Miss Melle Lipe, had lost her life, but as will be seen in the Associated Press message elsewhere, she and Mrs. Mulholland were found in the top of a tree and rescued.

Mr. Fred Peck, substitute mail carrier on the city delivery, is now substituting for Mr. John Correll, who is on his vacation.

STATE TOURNAMENT.

Concord to Be Well Represented at Firemen's Tournament.

A number of firemen from Concord left this morning for Raleigh, where they will attend the State Firemen's Tournament. Concord will not be represented in any races of horse and wagon, as they have not prepared for this. The Cannonville Reel Team accompanied the firemen from here, and they will enter in all the races in which they are eligible. This company of men has always made a good showing at the State tournament, and it is safe to predict that this year, as usual, they will bring home their share of the honors. The reel team from Kannapolis will also attend the tournament this year, and reports from that city predict that they expect to make a most creditable showing.

The following, exclusive of the Cannonville and Kannapolis teams, left today for the tournament: Messrs. Robert Sappenfeld, John L. Miller, Robbie Sappenfeld, Paul Peacock, Lester Murr, Arthur Faggart, Eli Goldston, Hal Love and Mr. Lineberger.

FROM THE WAR AREA.

The Attacking Forces Consolidate in a New Position.

(By The Associated Press)
The latest reports from the area of the allied offensive in the Somme region indicate one of usual period of preparation.

The attacking forces have consolidated in a new position and are bringing up heavy artillery, preparatory to another attack. Emperor William is reported at the front in the Somme section. In Verdun the French have been on the offensive. Following up successes yesterday west of Fleury they gained additional ground last night in the same region. In Lorraine two German attacks were repulsed.

Paris announces the landing of additional forces of Russian troops in France.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

Heavy Selling Depressed the Prices Today.

(By The Associated Press)
Chicago, July 17.—Heavy selling depressed wheat today, although at first the market showed considerable strength. Opening prices which varied from the closing figure to 1.1-8 high with July at 111 $\frac{3}{4}$ and September at 113-8 to 114 were followed by a set back all around from Saturday's closing.

Three Magnificent Steel Railroad Bridges Gone.

Charlotte, July 16.—Three magnificent steel and concrete railroad bridges which spanned the Catawba river at Mount Holly, 12 miles south of Charlotte, were swept away tonight by the flood waters. The bridges were the property of the Piedmont & Northern, the electrical railway, the Sothern and Seaboard. The P. and N. bridge cost \$100,000 to build. Workmen made heroic efforts to save it tonight. A coal train was run out on it but the effort was without avail.

There were explosions and flashes from the power plant of the Southern Power company, located just below the three bridges, but what damage was done there could not be learned. It was said that the water had reached the boilers and dynamos and was doing great damage.

The Mecklenburg county bridge over the Catawba at Sloan's ferry, was swept away at about 9:30 tonight, although it was constructed of steel with stone abutments. Other reports are that all important county bridges are lost. So far there is no confirmed report of death.

Water is 18 feet in the power house at Whitney.

Yadkin River is Raging Torrent; Much Damage Done.

Lexington, July 16.—The Yadkin river at the toll bridge, on the national highway, was the highest known in many years and still rising late today. Thousands of dollars worth of lumber, various crops, live stock and parts of buildings littered the surface of the water all day. Hundreds of barrels of oil from saw mills and other plants in the mountains floated down, while it is reported the remains of several moonshine plants were in the debris. Hogsheads of tobacco observed are said to have come from a warehouse reported to have been washed away at Elkin. Creeks in this section were unusually high but no bridges reported destroyed. Hundreds of autos went from here and nearby towns to see the raging Yadkin.

The singing class from the Oxford Orphanage will give a concert at the Strand Theatre in Concord on Monday night, August 7th, under the auspices of Stokes Lodge, No. 32, A. F. and A. M.

THE YADKIN IS HIGHER THAN EVER SEEN BEFORE

TO AGAIN ENTER MINISTRY.

Rev. Henderson N. Miller Resigns Presidency of College.

The following from Thursday's Salisbury Post will be of interest to a larger number of people in Cabarrus where both parties are well known:

Rev. C. Brown Cox, of Burlington, N. C., has accepted the presidency of Marion College, Marion, Va., and will take active charge of office on August 1st. Rev. Henderson N. Miller Ph. D., resigned as president of the college in order to enter again the work of the pastorate, having accepted a call from Trinity parish, Wytheville, Va., which was served so long by the late Rev. Alexander Phillippi, D. D.

Both President Cox and Dr. Miller are Rowan men. Rev. Mr. Cox being a son of Rev. Dr. George H. Cox, recent pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, Spencer, and Rev. Mr. Miller being a native of Salisbury and having entered the ministry from St. John's Lutheran church this city.

FOUR MEN ARE TAKEN FROM RIVER

Searching Parties Now Looking For Others Who Are Still Missing.

(By The Associated Press)
Charlotte, July 17.—Engineer Joseph Killian and three other men of the Southern Railway, who have been hanging in the trees in the Catawba river a mile below where the railroad bridge went down with them, and eight others, were rescued today. Searching parties are searching the river for other men, employees of the Southern and four men, employed by the Western Union Telegraph Co., who went down.

FOUND IN THE TOP OF A TREE

Miss Lipe and Mrs. Mulholland Were Thought to Have Been Drowned.

(By The Associated Press)
Asheville, July 17.—Miss Melle Lipe, and Mrs. Leo Mulholland reported drowned yesterday at the home of their father, J. C. Lipe, at Biltmore, were found today, tied in the top of a tree, according to reports reaching here. No reports of further loss of life have been received. The Swannanoa and French Broad rivers are falling rapidly today.

All Twelve Men on Catawba Bridge Rescued.

Charlotte, July 16.—Of the twelve men on the Southern Railway's bridge over the Catawba when the bridge was swept away this afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock all are considered saved. They clung to trees and were rescued. Joe Killian, civil engineer of the Southern, was one of the men on the bridge, and it was reported that he was drowned. At 9 o'clock tonight news came that he had been found on a raft of debris. The bridge was of steel, 450 feet of which was swept away. Thousands of people saw it go. The Seaboard Air Line bridge at Mt. Holly, which was swept away about 2 o'clock, was two spans and of steel. The river at Mt. Holly is about 50 feet high. The lower floors of the mills are flooded. C. E. Hutchison, owner of the mills, lost 150 bales of cotton. Cotton and live stock were carried down the river from Mt. Holly.

Salisbury Will Get Water From the Yadkin River.

Salisbury, July 16.—The city of Salisbury has let a contract for the laying of a water main about six miles to the north fork of the Yadkin river for the purpose of securing an abundance of drinking water for the city. The cost will approximate \$170,000 for which bonds have been issued. Work will begin at once.

Rev. S. B. Turrentine, D. D., President of Greensboro College for Women, spent yesterday in Concord. Dr. Turrentine preached at Central Methodist Church yesterday morning and at Forest Hill at night. He is a strong preacher and the congregations at both churches heard him gladly. Dr. Turrentine spoke of the great work being done at the College he represents, stating that the increase of students has made the building of a new dormitory to accommodate 70 students absolutely necessary.

Report That Toxaway Dam is Gone.

Atlanta, July 17, It was rumored today that Lake Toxaway dam had given away. Railroad officials in Asheville said they did not credit the report. There is no wire communication with Lake Toxaway.

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BIG BRIDGE OF SOUTHERN IS IN GREAT DANGER

NO LOSS OF LIFE IS REPORTED

All Travel Over the Toll Bridge is Stopped.—Fears of Much Damage at Badin.—River Registers 21 Feet and Still Rising.—Great Piles of Debris.—Southern Runs 30 Carloads of Barbed Wire to Hold Down Bridge, Which is Still Being Used.—Great Damage Wrought to Crops, Live Stock Drowned, Ferry Boats Broken Loose, Etc.

(By The Associated Press)

Salisbury, July 17.—The Yadkin River, six miles north of Salisbury, is higher than ever before known, registering 21 feet above normal at 12 o'clock, and still rising, being four feet higher than the previous high record. Great piles of debris, lumber from saw mills, logs, trees and some live stock have floated down continuously since early Sunday morning. The big steel toll bridge connecting the counties of Rowan and Davidson is in danger of going down, and has been braced by cables. Passage over it has been stopped since last night, and all travel by autos or other vehicles from the north have been stopped. The Southern Railway's all-steel, double-track railroad bridge, less than half a mile below the toll bridge, is in great danger should the latter break loose. In an effort to hold down the railroad bridge, should the toll bridge float against it the Southern has run 30 carloads of barbed wire on it to hold it down. The railroad bridge is still being used. Thousands of people are flocking to see it from Salisbury, Spencer and the surrounding counties. The water below the railroad bridge resembles a small ocean. Great damage was wrought to crops, live stock drowned, ferry boats broken loose and lost, but no loss of life is reported in this section.

There are fears of much damage at Badin, where the Aluminum Company is building a great power plant and works. The Dravo Power Company's dam on Broad river, near Shelby, has broken, cutting off the electric supply for Spartanburg and nearby textile towns and menacing the Southern Power Company's plant near Blacksburg, S. C.

The flood is threatening Jonesville, N. C., and nearby towns and the residents there are moving to high grounds. The Yadkin river has reached the highest stage recorded in years and continues to rise around Lexington. Crops and sawmills have been destroyed and livestock drowned. Debris litters the swollen river as it sweeps past Lexington.

CABINET DISCUSSED THE ERADICATION OF SHARKS.

Ordered Coast Guard to Do All Possible to Kill Them.

Washington, July 14.—The tragic stories of attacks by sharks upon bathers along the New Jersey coast was discussed at today's meeting of the cabinet. Secretary McAdoo announced that the coast guard had been ordered to do what it can toward clearing the coast of the dangerous fish and to prevent further loss of life.

July Clearance Sale at the Parks-Belk Co.'s.

The great annual July Clearance Sale at the Parks-Belk Co.'s will begin Thursday morning, July 20, at 8:30 o'clock. The big store will be closed all day Wednesday, July 19, to mark down and re-arrange the stock for the sale. Thousands of dollars worth of goods will be offered for sale for less than they can be bought for at the factories today, all kinds of goods have increased in price. Read the three big pages of ads. in this paper today. Even these three pages do not afford space to mention half the big bargains. The Kannapolis Landis and China Grove jitneys stop in front of the door of the store.

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