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TEN THOUSAND ARE KILLED IN STORM

SEVERAL STEAMERS WRECKED BY TYPHOON; PROPERTY DAMAGE IS LARGE.

MUCH LOOTING IS REPORTED

Destruction of Chinese City is Almost Complete—Corpses Float to Sea.

Hong Kong.—Casualties in the typhoon and tidal wave which swept this port of Swatow, 250 miles north of here, are now estimated at 10,000.

Another British steamer, in addition to the two previously reported ashore, was bound from Hong Kong to Shanghai, when it met the fury of the typhoon and was wrecked, but her passengers were saved.

Desolation hovers over the ruined city and horror haunts its streets.

In the native quarters hundreds of corpses and the carcasses of animals are mingled with the debris. It is estimated that more than 75 per cent of the city's buildings were destroyed. The American consulate was slightly damaged.

A Swatow newspaper reports that lawless elements raided houses of typhoon victims and held up passersby for plunder, but prompt action by the police prevented wholesale looting.

The police frustrated an attempt to loot the offices of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, arresting two men.

The destruction was almost complete with the exception of the Chinese postoffice. No building escaped damage.

All appearances Swatow is the scene of a war-ravaged town—one heap of ash. The tidal wave which swept the Bund, or harbor road, at the height of the typhoon, inflicted considerable damage to the water front buildings.

The British in Hong Kong have remitted \$10,000 to the British consul at Swatow and are shipping rice for distribution among the homeless and destitute.

The captain of a steamer arriving from Swatow, told the Associated Press correspondent that his vessel, fifteen miles before reaching Swatow from Shanghai, encountered corpses and carcasses floating on the ebb tide.

On Doble Island the summer resort of Swatow's foreign community, not a single house was intact.

Inside Swatow harbor boats that took refuge there were a mass of wreckage. Refugees had been caught like rats in traps and corpses floated in a promiscuous heap.

Commission to Protect Exhibitors.

Washington.—Through a complaint issued against the Fox Film corporation of New York City, the federal trade commission inaugurated a campaign which members said were designed to prevent motion picture exhibitors and the public being imposed upon by film brokers and producers through the marketing of old films under new titles, or films bearing titles of noted books or plays when the subject matter had little or no connection with the name.

The commission's policy was determined, it became known, following the visits of its members in a body to two local theaters exhibiting films bearing the same title and ostensibly purporting to portray the characters and the atmosphere of a world-famous novel. One of the films was found to accurately interpret the character of the novel, it was said, while the other bore no resemblance whatsoever to the book and, in the opinion of the commission, the title was employed solely in a deceptive sense.

In such instances, the commission holds, the theater owner is imposed upon, and the public, which is attracted by the title and expects to witness a show identically similar to the play or novel bearing the same name, is imposed upon.

Agree on Germany's Need of Aid.

London.—The leading representatives of the Entente Allies gathered around the conference table once more to discuss war reparations, Germany's financial condition and related issues.

The meeting, the thirteenth time within less than three years, was greeted by the newspapers without enthusiasm, and in some cases with almost despairing skepticism.

Prior to the meeting of Prime ministers M. Poincare and his finance minister, M. De Lasteyrie, conferred with Premier Theunis, of Belgium, and they were reported to have reached a common understanding as to the necessary measures respecting Germany.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Lenoir.—Mr. Hugh D'Anna sustained two broken ribs, Mrs. D'Anna was painfully bruised and Mr. Bill Shuford suffered a dislocated shoulder as a result of an automobile accident, which occurred several miles west of Lenoir.

Oxford.—The house shortage in Oxford is still very acute as there is a great demand every day for residences and rooms to let. Building is very active and yet the demand cannot be met.

Fairmont.—The Fairmont tobacco market opened with a full corps of buyers from all the large tobacco companies and a large number of independent buyers. The Fairmont Tobacco Board of Trade announces that two warehouses will be run independently.

Rocky Mount.—Suffering from a dislocated neck, received when he dived into a swimming hole near the city, S. A. Parker, well known fruit merchant of the city, lies in a serious condition at a local hospital where he was rushed immediately after the accident occurred.

Fayetteville.—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Strickland, of this city, are the happy parents of three girl babies, born a few days ago. Mr. and Mrs. Strickland reside on School street. The birth of the triplets brings the number of their children to 11, the oldest of whom is 21. Mrs. Strickland is 38 years of age. Her husband is 43.

Oxford.—Two young boys of Oxford, Freeland Bragg and Sam Walters, captured a still in the suburbs of Oxford. The boiler was a six-gallon can with a capacity of one quart per hour. The boys discovered it while prowling around in the woods and thereby gained the \$20 reward.

Durham.—Lyman L. Davis, of Wendell, lies unconscious as a result of the injuries received when a roadster in which he, together with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wade, of Floyd, Va., was riding, on the way to Floyd county, Virginia, from Wendell, turned turtle on the Durham-Raleigh road.

Durham.—T. B. Johnson, formerly a member of the local police force, was tried on three charges in recorder's court of giving worthless checks and on a charge of being drunk. He was given a sentence aggregating 90 days on the roads. He appealed and was required to give bond of \$50 for each charge.

Mount Airy.—The contract has been let for a new church to be erected at a cost of \$25,000 by the members of the Second Baptist church. The location of the new edifice will be on Rockford street, and the name of the new church will be Haymore Memorial.

Hillsboro.—Prohibition Officer C. G. Roseman, after an absence of several weeks in Wake and Franklin counties, is now operating in Orange. During the past week he has seized several distilleries and destroyed large quantities of material used in the manufacture of liquor.

Sanatorium.—The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Tuberculosis association met at Sanatorium to make preliminary arrangements for the annual North Carolina Conference on Tuberculosis, which will be held early in October. An invitation from the Chamber of Commerce of Goldsboro to hold the sessions in that city was unanimously accepted.

Charlotte.—James F. Paxton, for 10 or 12 years a member of the police department of this city, and rural policeman, was killed and his cousin, Joe Paxton, seriously injured, in a motorcycle accident on the Plaza at the Chatham Estates. Jim Paxton was a regular member of the police force for some years, later rural policeman. Joe Paxton is a motorcycle officer.

Asheville.—Henry Tate, 16, of Fairview, was drowned in a pond near the old rock quarry at Riverside Park near Asheville, the body being in the water about 30 minutes before efforts to recover it were successful. No inquest was held.

Greensboro.—Maurice Neeley, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Neeley, of Gastonia, was very seriously injured here when a truck backed into an automobile on the running board of which he was standing.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM OVER McDOWELL COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings Throughout the County—Items About Home People

OLD FORT
Old Fort, Aug. 9.—Alfred Gibson of Asheville was a visitor in Old Fort Sunday and Monday.

Miss Florence Murray of Saint Pauls, N. C., music teacher in the Old Fort High School, returned to Old Fort last Friday to begin her music class.

Miss Lillie Oakley, of Charlotte, fifth grade teacher in Old Fort graded school, arrived in Old Fort a few days ago.

Mrs. W. F. Merrill and daughter, Miss Margaret Patterson, of Statesville, are spending some time at Mrs. S. M. Hoffman's.

Mrs. Marley and daughter, Miss Margaret, of China Grove, have returned to their home after a visit to Mrs. Marley's daughter, Mrs. I. L. Caplan.

Miss Lois Thorp of Statesville is visiting Miss Margaret Patterson at Mrs. Hoffman's.

Franz Strickland is at Junaluska Lake for three weeks at the Boy's camp.

Miss Addie Prevette and Miss Erwin Rankin of Gastonia are spending some time at the home of Mrs. S. F. Mauney.

Harry Burgin, Clifford Nesbitt, Kimball Miller and Homer Walker hiked to Chimney Rock last Saturday and returned Monday.

Miss Pearl Cox and brother of Gastonia are on a visit to their sister, Mrs. Don Grant.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Miller and children and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Holden of Snow Hill, have returned to their homes after an extended visit to Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Robinson.

Geo. Allison, who was taken to Biltmore hospital last week, has returned home. He did not have an operation.

Mrs. Horace Early has returned home from Biltmore hospital very much improved.

Rev. N. B. Strickland of Rocky Mount, and Rev. Mr. Daily of Freeport, spent Monday night at the home of G. B. Strickland on their way home, having spent several days at Lake Junaluska.

Bryan K. Ogden, head of the Marine Insurance department, Washington, D. C., Mrs. B. K. Ogden and little son, B. K. Jr., arrived in Old Fort last Sunday to spend some time with Mrs. Ogden's sister, Mrs. G. B. Strickland.

Burrus Miller is making considerable improvement in the telephone system. He hopes to be able to give better service to his patrons within a few days.

Mrs. Geo. E. Marshall, who has been real sick, is very much improved to the delight of her many friends.

Mrs. Allanack, Miss Mary G. Burgin and Little Miss Margaret Johnson spent Monday in Asheville.

The Old Fort Pottery Works will soon be ready for operation. The new enterprise will manufacture jugs, crocks, vases, etc. The concern will be under the direction of J. L. Lowry and others.

D. H. Gosorn has purchased the interest of Mr. Epley in the firm of D. H. Gosorn & Co., and will continue the business at the same place.

Mrs. Jack Crawford is completing a nice residence in the heart of town at the cost of several thousand dollars.

Dr. D. M. McIntosh and family spent last Thursday on Mt. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Hart Taylor, Mrs. P. H. Mashburn, Mrs. J. C. Sandlin, Mrs. G. W. Sandlin, and Miss Maude Crawford attended the music festival in Asheville Monday night.

Harry Dittmore left Saturday for Bryson City where he will go on a camping trip.

Misses Willie and Mary Johnson of Hickory spent last week with their grandmother, Mrs. George Sandlin.

Mrs. Patterson and daughter, Margaret are spending a few days in Asheville.

Patt Riley and family will leave Thursday for St. Louis, Mo., where the former has accepted a position.

T. J. Epley has bought out Tate Bros. at Greenlee and has taken charge of the business.

Grady Nichols was in Asheville Tuesday.

CROOKED CREEK
Old Fort, Rt. 2, Aug. 7.—J. Lee Lavender returned from Wake Forest Saturday, where he has been attending Summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Ayers of Marion were visitors at Smith Melton's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Epley of Old Fort spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Deb. Walker.

School is progressing nicely at Belfont with Isiah Watson as teacher.

Miss Blanche Extine, who underwent an operation Friday, is getting along very well.

Miss Stella Gunter of Old Fort spent the week-end with Miss Pernie Ross.

Mrs. Sam Pyatt and little daughter, Margaret, of Greenville, S. C., are visiting relatives here.

Berlin Vess of Converse, S. C., has been visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lavender spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Allie Lavender.

Miss Irene Gilliam of Gastonia is spending the summer with relatives here.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lavender, a son.

Miss Ethel Blankenship of Hot Springs has been visiting friends here for the past week.

Raymond Padgett of Marion visited friends here Sunday.

Miss Ada Lavender visited relatives at Hickory last week.

Misses Carmel and Fannie Melton of Marion spent the week-end with homefolks.

Mrs. J. S. Lavender spent last week visiting relatives in Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Parker of Marion are visiting relatives on the creek.

Thermal, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ross, has been very ill for several days but is reported to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lavender, who have been visiting A. H. Lavender for some time, left Saturday for Chester, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lavender visited Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lytle near Greenlee last Wednesday and Thursday.

DYSARTSVILLE
Dysartsville, Aug. 8.—Mrs. C. A. Jaquins passed away Saturday morning, August 5, after an illness of about four weeks, though she had been in bad health for some time. She was in her fifty-eighth year. She had been a member of the Methodist church since her youth, was a Christian woman and will be missed in the community. Interment was made at Trinity cemetery Saturday afternoon. The services were conducted by Doctor Clark. Mrs. Jaquins is survived by one son and several brothers and sisters.

F. C. Daves motored with friends to Chimney Rock, Black Mountain and other points last week.

Bruce Laughridge spent the first of the week with relatives in Marion.

Miss Blanche Patterson of Asheville is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor were in Marion Monday.

Frank Allen and family of Hickory were here Saturday and Sunday.

W. H. Taylor attended the Masonic picnic at Thermal City last week.

Key Landis was in Marion Sunday.

Jake Walker and family of South Carolina were here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Huffman of Marion were guests of the former's parents here Sunday.

progressing nicely under the leadership of W. G. Denny of Sunshine and Miss Ada Henley of Glenwood.

A very successful revival meeting has just closed at this place. A goodly number have been added to the church and much good accomplished, we trust.

NEBO.
Nebo, Aug. 7.—Mrs. J. A. Mason is on the sick list.

Miss Elizabeth Parks is visiting her grandfather near Bridgewater.

Otis Silvers of Marion was a visitor at W. J. Snipes last Saturday night. Tom Stacy, who is teaching school at Greenlee, spent the week-end at home.

Miss Lonnie Snipes, who has been visiting her cousin at Dysartsville, returned home last Friday.

J. C. Mason made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

Miss Pearl Snipes, who has been working in Winston-Salem, is at home for a few weeks.

J. A. Mason and Marion Hemphill was in Marion one day last week on business.

CARLYLE
Nebo, Rt. 2, Aug. 7.—Rev. P. J. Shell and Rev. B. A. Sisk closed a successful revival meeting at Oak Grove last Sunday night. Seventeen converts were received in the church at the baptizing Monday morning.

W. A. Murphy of Hendersonville is visiting relatives here.

Ben and Cain Childers returned home Sunday from a week's visit to Rock Creek.

Commodore Schook is home from South Carolina.

We are looking for the wheat threshers in our community this week.

TAX RATE FOR COUNTY
90 CENTS—JURY LIST

With the total general levy fixed at 90 cents for each \$100 of property valuation, and the poll tax at two dollars, the general tax rate for McDowell county this year will be just thirteen cents more than last year. The levy was made by the commissioners Monday.

According to the distribution of the 90 cents of the general county levy rate, 43 cents will go to the public schools, and 32 cents for roads and interest on bonds.

The return from the poll tax are to be divided as follows: Three-fourths to public schools, and one-fourth to the support of the poor of the county.

The complete distribution of the general county levy is as follows:

General county	.....	.15
Road purposes	.....	.04
Road bonds	.....	.15
Interests on bonds	.....	.07
School purposes	.....	.43
Court house bonds	.....	.06

Total rate ----- \$.90
Various townships and districts have special taxes to pay, mostly for special school and road budgets which the taxpayers of the respective districts have voted.

Besides transacting considerable routine business, jurors were drawn at the meeting of commissioners in session Monday for the fall term of court as follows:

First week—T. B. Nanney, John Jordan, R. M. Denney, J. E. English, S. G. Freeman, Fred Wilborn, J. W. England, W. C. Morgan, T. Y. Epley, M. F. Hensley, L. O. Lawing, G. B. Woody, S. E. Early, C. A. Laughridge, J. H. Buckley, J. W. Nesbitt, S. P. Bird, A. C. Mashburn.

Second week—M. L. Good, Clyde Smalley, Theo. Conley, J. S. Whitener, J. A. Good, G. W. Simpson, W. S. Pyatt, C. R. Pendergrass, J. P. Morrow, T. R. Hall, L. C. Parks, J. S. Cowan, G. C. Freeman, Greene Chapman, J. H. Bird, J. B. Hicks, J. H. Beaman, Ralph Brown.

NORTH COVE PROPERTY VALUATION \$661,407
North Cove township has a total property valuation this year of \$661,407, according to returns of the tax assessor filed with the register of deeds. Last year the total was \$676,030.

Net solvent credits are given this year as \$34,120. Last year net solvent credits were listed at \$29,803.

The 79 horses this year are given a value of \$6,345. Last year 70 horses were valued at \$5,640. Mules numbering 188, have a value of \$18,395. In the previous year there were 165 mules worth \$14,345.

URGE ACCEPTANCE OF FORD'S OFFER

FOR PURCHASE AND LEASE OF GOVERNMENT'S PROJECTS AT MUSCLE SHOALS.

REPORT PRESENTED BY LADD

is Estimated That Country Has Lost \$30,000,000 by Failure to Start Operation.

Washington.—Acceptance of Henry Ford's offer for purchase and lease of the government's vast nitrate and water power projects at Muscle Shoals Ala., was urged by republican and democratic senators comprising a minority of the senate agricultural committee in a report submitted to the senate. Strong protest was entered by the senators against the acceptance of the government ownership and operation plan proposed by Senator Norris of Nebraska, the committee chairman.

The report was presented by Senator Ladd, republican, North Dakota, and was signed by Senator Capper, republican, Kansas, and Harrison, Mississippi; Caraway, Arkansas; Ransdell, Louisiana; Smith, South Carolina, and Heflin, Alabama, democrats. It is estimated that the government had lost \$3,000,000 at Muscle Shoals since the armistice, by failure to develop and operate the project, and declared the quickest way to stop these losses is to accept the Ford offer for the purchase and lease of the government's Muscle Shoals property.

"Certain objections to the Ford offer seem apparent," the report said, "but we insist without fear of successful contradiction, that none of the objections to the Ford offer can be remedied or solved by government ownership and operation, by the government going into the power business and entering the uncharted and hazardous field of operating nitrate plants at Muscle Shoals in the production of nitrogenous and other commercial fertilizers using electro-chemical processes, the commercial success of which is as yet controversial."

"For congress to admit such a policy when Henry Ford's offer makes it unnecessary for the government to do so," it continued, "would subject congress to the just condemnation and reproach of all sober-minded people."

The belief was expressed that every member of the senate would agree with the committee minority with reference to the acceptance of Mr. Ford's proposal when they consider the "present fuel and transportation emergencies" in the light of "development of such great hydro-electric power as is found at Muscle Shoals, adding that it is the only certain and permanent relief in the future from the present paralysis of American industry."

The report called attention to charges that the acceptance of Mr. Ford's tender would give him a government subsidy in the development of power and the manufacture of fertilizer, and said:

"It has been claimed that the Ford offer constitutes a subsidy to Mr. Ford. If it is a subsidy, it is not such a subsidy as is proposed by the administration in the ship subsidy bill."

Thousands Battle Forest Fires.
Spokane, Wash.—From the Rocky Mountains in Montana to the Columbia river in Washington and up to 100 miles from the Canadian border, thousands of men are fighting forest fires which, with nature apparently siding with them, have, according to Theodore Goodyear, assistant state forester, rendered Washington virtually helpless before them.

Calls for help are being unheeded in many instances, he said, with the fire wardens fighting the worst fires and leaving the others to burn themselves out. One fire fighter on Poehli creek, Idaho, was killed when a burning tree fell on him.

Many hundred acres of government or private stands of timber have been burned over or are on fire.

New Speed Mark for Plane.
Detroit.—The greatest speed yet recorded by aircraft is likely to be developed in the national airplane races to be held here in October, in the opinion of Brigadier General William A. Mitchell, assistant chief of the army air service, who has just completed an inspection of Selfridge Field, near Mount Clemens. This belief, General Mitchell said, was based on the fact that several new type planes, powered by an entirely new airplane motor, would be entered in the Pulitzer trophy race, one of the chief events of the meet.