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NINE LIVES ARE LOST AS RESULT OF GREAT FLOOD THE PROPERTY LOSS WILL PROBABLY REACH FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS

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 a employee 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 Foster, 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 \$6,000,000 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.

Report That Toxaway Dam is Gone.

(By The Associated Press) 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.

A fool's paradise is better than a wisdom's purgatory.—George Colman.

VILLA, CRIPPLED, IS MET BY AMERICAN.

Francis Ammermann, Back From Durango, Talks With Bandit Chief After Jimenez Battle.— Wounded in "Shoulder and Knee."

San Antonio, Texas, July 15.—Francis Ammermann, a German-American who has lived in Durango, Mexico, for twenty years and is personally acquainted with Francisco Villa, arrived here today from Lower Durango. Ammermann met Villa and talked with him after the battle at Jimenez, and this is the first first-hand statement received from Villa in many weeks.

"Villa received two serious wounds, one in the left shoulder and one in the right leg near the knee cap," said Ammermann, "but he is still crippled from the wound in the knee and can ride horseback only with much difficulty and can not remain in the saddle more than a few hours. The wound in the shoulder has healed and gives him no more trouble and the wounded leg is growing stronger daily because of the exercise it gets when Villa is in the field."

Official Mexico is in a ferment over Gen. Carranza's policy of conciliation toward the United States, according to well authenticated reports reaching here tonight.

There now are two known cliques in the Constitutionalist de facto government. One, the military clique, headed by Alvaro Obregon, minister of war, is in favor of an ultimatum to Washington calling for the immediate withdrawal of Gen. Pershing's expedition. The other clique is headed by Carranza himself, ably seconded by Secretary of State Aguilar, former Governor of Vera Cruz, and now the First Chief's principal ally. In Mexico City circles Aguilar is termed "Carranza's pet."

TROOPS NOT TO BE SENT TO FRONT TILL EQUIPPED

Already 100,000 National Guardsmen Are at the Border.—War Department Says Stories of Draft System Are Nonsensical.

Washington, July 16.—Department commanders of National Guardsmen now mobilizing for service on the Mexican border, today were instructed by the War Department to defer transportation to the frontier until the militiamen have been thoroughly equipped and organized. His order revokes a ruling issued by the Department when the Mexican situation was acute, which waived certain requirements. About 25,000 men are affected.

The latest information of the Department is that about 100,000 National Guardsmen now are at the border. With the 50,000 regulars there and 5,000 additional men called from the reserves, officials estimate that the American strength on border service within a few weeks will be adequate to cope with any present emergency and will make unnecessary the dispatch of any more Guardsmen until they are completely equipped and organized.

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 Lyster, of China Grove, attended the funeral.

And 'tis my faith that every dawn enjoys the air it breathes.

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 States 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 being done, and every precaution 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 of a local hospital yesterday of Miss Annie Jones, 23 years old, daughter of former Sheriff Jones, of Greensboro, N. C.

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.

There have no trains from Atlanta here since No. 36 yesterday morning. The trains from the Columbia division have all been able to get through, but on the main lines of the Southern no trains could pass the Catawba, where the bridge was washed away yesterday. A train was made up in Charlotte last night to run as No. 12 and the same was done today for No. 11.

MORE THAN TWENTY RECRUITS SECURED

COMPANY L NOW HAS MORE THAN 100 MEN.

OFFICERS RETURN TO CAMP GLENN

One Hundred and Fourteen Recruits Secured by All the Recruiting Offices.—Some of Our Recruits Will Probably Be Assigned to Other Companies.—Mr. Eugene Barnhardt Visits Camp.—Appointment of Dr. Buchanan Daily Expected.—Captain Brown's Condition Improved.—An Indian Recruit Arrives.—To Make Assignments of Recruits Today.

By John M. Oglesby. Camp Glenn, July 15.—One hundred and fourteen recruits have been secured by the officers last week detailed for recruiting duty at their home stations. These recruits will be assigned to service in the First Regiment, the recruiting parties having been sent out to recruit for that organization and not for particular companies. Each company in order to be at war strength must have a minimum strength of 65 men and, as several of the companies reported to camp short of this figure it has been necessary to borrow men from companies which had a large enlistment.

Concord's recruiting officers, Lieutenant Thornburg and Sergeant Caldwell, made a good record. They secured more than 20 recruits, which is an exceedingly large percentage of the 114, when it is figured 12 recruiting details were sent out. All the recruiting officers have been notified to return to camp and they are expected tonight and tomorrow.

Company L now has over 100 men and it may secure the recruits sent in by Lieutenant Thornburg and Sergeant Caldwell. However, it is likely a good percentage of these recruits will be assigned to the companies needing men to reach war strength. Colonel Gardner probably will make the assignments Monday. Waynesville and High Point recruiting officers also sent in quite a number of recruits.

A visitor at camp today is Mr. E. C. Barnhardt, Jr., former first lieutenant of Company L. Mr. Barnhardt arrived yesterday. He has been on duty to Camp Glenn for the past six years but this is his first visit when not serving in an official capacity. Also this is the first time he has been here when all three of the regiments, the two cavalry troops and the ambulance company were in camp and he was much impressed with the size of the camp and the number of men here.

The appointment of Dr. S. E. Buchanan as a member of the staff of the hospital corps of the First Regiment is expected at any time. Doctor Buchanan has the endorsement of General Young and Colonel Gardner it is understood. The appointment will come through Washington, now that the North Carolina troops have been mustered into the federal service.

The condition of Capt. L. A. Brown, who is undergoing treatment at a Morehead hospital, is reported as very much improved today.

Among the recruits sent in by the Waynesville company was Nette Crow an Indian. He is 28 years of age, a farmer, six feet tall and weighs 190 pounds. He was a member of the Carlisle football team and is a fine specimen of physical manhood. Two other Indians from near Waynesville are also members of the first regiment. They are musicians and are members of the band.

John W. Weeks, formerly commandant of cadets at Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute, has been awarded a Peabody Fellowship in the Graduate School of Education at the University of South Carolina and will enter that institution this fall if the North Carolina troops are mustered out by that time. Mr. Weeks is connected with headquarters of the First Regiment.

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 by representing, stating that the increase of students has made the building of a new dormitory to accommodate 75 students absolutely necessary.

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 night, 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 Cut 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 an 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.

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.

AN HEIR TO MANY MILLIONS AND HIS MOTHER.



THIS IS THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPH OF Mrs. Angier B. Duke and her little son, Angier B. Duke, Jr. The wedding of Mrs. Duke, then Cornelia, with the Hon. John B. Duke, with the son of the bride, is the first of the season.

THE YADKIN IS HIGHER THAN EVER SEEN BEFORE

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 are 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 Sappenfield, John L. Miller, Robbie Sappenfield, Paul Peacock, Lester Murry, 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 3/4 and September at 113 3/8 to 114 were followed by a set back all around from Saturday's closing.

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.

See the new ad. of Pounds-Moser Co., about big specials just in.

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 auto 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 Sparta 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 litter the swollen river as it sweeps past Lexington.

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.

If you go to war, pray; if you go on a sea journey, pray twice; but pray three times if you are going to be married.—Rustic.