

DAMAGE FAR IN EXCESS OF THAT FIRST REPORTED

SITUATION AROUND ASHEVILLE GREATLY IMPROVED

MISSING MEN ARE NOT FOUND

Rescue Parties Searched the Swollen Catawba All Night for the Ten Construction Men Who Went Down in Bridge Crash, But in Vain. — Ten Others Taken From Tree Tops. — Conditions Greatly Improved at Asheville. — Damage Far in Excess of That at First Reported. — Several Weeks Before Train Service Can Be Restored.

The flood waters throughout the western district of North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia were receding today, the latest reports increased the death list from 15 to 19. The property loss continues to grow, and when the towns and counties now cut off from communication, are heard from, the first estimate of \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 will probably will be increased.

Railroads, apparently, have suffered far more than was at first realized. Reports from Western North Carolina are that some lines there will have to be almost entirely rebuilt, while many bridges were carried away at many points in all four States, and serious washouts and landslides occurred along the roads.

Atlanta, Ga., July 18.—The death list from the high waters in the five southern states today stood at 15, with 13 or more missing. The property loss is put at \$15,000,000. Rescue parties searched the swollen Catawba river all night near Belmont, N. C., for the 10 construction men who went down with the Southern Railway bridge there Sunday. Ten others were taken from tree tops late yesterday, but the missing men are believed to have been drowned.

Atlanta, Ga., July 18.—While the situation is very greatly improved in the region around Asheville and Biltmore, where six persons lost their lives, reports from other districts show that the damage is far in excess of the first reported \$3,000,000 damage done to property. In Yadkin county, N. C. a food shortage is reported. Railway communication destroyed, many manufacturing plants demolished, some ruined, and the population described as being in need of immediate help.

The flooded power plants in the inundated areas caused a great loss to textile and other industries. In Charlotte alone, 1,000,000 spindles were made idle.

Rivers in eastern Tennessee today are at the highest stages they have been in 40 years, and are still rising. Great quantities of debris floated down from the mountain district. The railroads throughout the district are heavy sufferers and the loss in bridges alone probably will reach more than \$1,000,000.

Greatly improved conditions are reported in Virginia and West Virginia. The streams are falling, and normal conditions are being restored. The New River Valley suffered an estimated property damage of approximately \$2,000,000. The Norfolk & Western sustained about one-half this amount of damage. The Giles Co. is said to have been damaged to the extent of about \$2,000,000. Perisburg is entirely inundated. Holston and Clinch Rivers are receding after causing damage that will probably reach \$1,000,000.

Railroad officials believe that it will be several weeks before normal train service will be restored.

LETTER FROM RAY BELL

Writes Interestingly from McAllen, Texas, Where He is in Camp With His Regiment.

Mr. Ray Bell, who went to the border with Co. F, 7th N. Y. Infantry, is now stationed at McAllen, Texas. He writes as follows to his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bell:

There is a rumor here that we are shortly to go on patrol duty along the Rio Grande by battalions and soon after to return to New York and be discharged. The sooner the time arrives for us to go back the better pleased will be most of the fellows. Of course there are some fire eaters who want to go right in and lick the Mexicans but most of us realize that such action would mean two or three years service with nothing gained for the country or ourselves after it was all over. So we are anxiously awaiting news that we are to go back. We have had a good fill of soldiers' life and with two or three weeks more will be able to qualify as officers of volunteers should any future occasion require. We have built up a peach of a camp and although there was a most severe storm last evening all our tents are standing and our streets look good this morning.

We were vaccinated for smallpox several days ago and my arm is a bit sore. This has incapacitated me for hard labor and I'm not so sorry. Most of our hard work is done, however, and we won't have routine work of policing the streets, and the tents, and drills several times a day. The tarantulas and scorpions do not bother us so much now since we have learned that they are not poisonous.

It has been raining all morning, and we have had no drill at all, just a lazy time lying around on our blankets and fixing up the company street. Played some auction bridge last night and this morning, and was lucky. Auction and singing in the evening are our chief forms of amusement for they only permit us to go to town from 10:30 to 12 in the morning and 1:30 to 3 in the afternoon. Fortunately we have a good squad, one of the best in the whole regiment. Both Howard and Ellis are here. Jim Yobler, my roommate, is now mess sergeant of the company and lives in another tent.

We have had a number of changes but I am still rear rank private. You see, I have been in only a short time compared with most of the fellows, and point of service counts a lot here. Our first sergeant in June was made a lieutenant of the machine gun company before we left the army, and it was announced yesterday that our present first sergeant had been commissioned a lieutenant. We had one sergeant, a corporal and two privates to accept commissions as lieutenants in the 69th N. G. Inf.

We are making a tennis court and it is rumored that we shall soon have shower baths. I hope so, for they are badly needed. I believe that they will make this a permanent concentration camp for the border in view of the substantial arrangements that are being made.

We get New York newspapers about four days late and letters from there in about the same time. Letters are a great boon and I wish all of you would write as often as you can.

THE STATESVILLE MEETING POSTPONED

On Account of the Floods. — No Chance to Reach Statesville From North or West.

Mr. R. D. Goodman, our County Demonstration Agent, has received the following from Mr. E. S. Millsaps, District Agent at Statesville:

Those Agents who expected to come to Statesville for the meeting the 21st will take notice that on account of the great storm the meeting has been called off. Nearly all the bridges around Statesville are gone, even the railroad bridges. There is no chance to reach Statesville from the north or west.

I am very sorry of this, because the meeting promised to be the biggest one we have ever held. I hope we shall be able to undertake it again some other time.

Yours truly, E. L. MILLSAPS, District Agent.

Generally Fair Weather

(By The Associated Press) Washington, July 18.—Generally fair weather in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia was forecast for today and tomorrow by the Weather Bureau.

SEE FRANCIS FORD AND GRACE CUNARD IN PEG O' THE RING, AT PASTIME TODAY.

LIEUTENANT AND SERGEANT RETURN

CONCORD OFFICERS MADE A SPLENDID SHOWING.

MADE GLAD THE BOYS' HEARTS

Brought With Them a Trunk Full of Good Things From the Folks "Back Home."—Had to Get a Big Trunk, Too.—Blight of Illiteracy Brought to Light.—Rifle Practice a Part of the Day's Programme.—Practically No Rain at Camp Glenn, Only One Shower Having Fallen.—The Condition of Captain Brown is Improved.

By Jno. M. Oglesby.

Camp Glenn, July 17.—Lieutenant Thornburg and Sergeant Caldwell returned today from Concord, where they have been detailed for ten days on recruiting duty. Other officers of the regiment detailed to their respective home stations also returned today. The Concord officers made a splendid showing, securing 22 recruits.

Lieutenant Thornburg and Sergeant Caldwell also brought a trunk filled with packages for the members of the company. Before leaving Concord they published a notice stating that if any one having packages to send the members of the company would leave them at the armory they would be delivered. The result was that they had to secure a large trunk to bring all that were left. Most of the packages contained eatables and today Concord delicacies replaced the "government straight" at the noon meal.

North Carolina's blight of illiteracy is evident here as in other places where it is necessary to read and write. However, it was brought to light in this particular case in a manner different from the usual failure to sign a name or read letters in the examination of a recruit's eyes. Lieutenant Thornburg was making out an enlistment paper for a would-be-battler for the Stars and Stripes.

"Is your father an American citizen?" the lieutenant asked. "No, sir, he is a Georgian," the "rookie" answered and stood apparently unconscious of the reason for the laughter that followed.

Several days ago officers and members of the coast artillery companies at Charlotte and other points were ordered to Camp Glenn for recruiting duty at various points in the State, the object being to recruit the First Regiment to full war strength, 142 men to the company. Among those who reported were Sergeant John W. Hutchison and Private Clifford Newell, of Newells. They were assigned to duty at North Wilkesboro, but orders arrived today to hold the artillerymen here until further notice.

Rifle practice will form a part of the day's programme before the week is over if present plans are fulfilled. A big squad is at work cleaning off the rifle range, clearing out the trenches, etc. Company L has quite a few members, who are ambitious to wear an Expert Rifleman and Marksman badge.

To read of the heavy rains in Concord and other points in the western part of the State is about like standing in the scorching rays of the sun down here and thinking of icebergs in the frigid zone. Only once since the troops pitched camp here has rain fallen and that was such a light shower that evidence of it was hardly perceptible on the torrid sands of this section. Never before since the camp was established here has there been such a prolonged drought, according to officers and men who have been making annual visits to Camp Glenn.

The condition of Captain L. A. Brown, who has been undergoing treatment at a Morehead City hospital, is very much improved and he moved to the Atlantic Hotel this morning. Mrs. Brown and Masters Alex and Clarkson Brown also are stopping there.

STORM WARNING.

Storm Moving Northward From Bahama Islands With Considerable Intensity.

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, July 18.—An advisory storm warning issued by the Weather Bureau today for a tropical disturbance near the Bahama Islands. The storm is moving northward, apparently with considerable intensity, and this morning it was reported off the northern coast of Florida, but well out to sea.

PEG O' THE RING AT PASTIME TODAY.

APPEAL OF SIR ROGER CASEMENT DISMISSED

FURTHER APPEAL FROM SENTENCE NOT LIKELY.

ATTORNEYS FOR CROWN NOT HEARD

A Further Appeal is Possible Only if Attorney General Gives Certificate That the Decision of the Court of Criminal Appeals is So Important That It is Desirable in the Public Interest That a Still Higher Court Deal With It. — This Has Been Done Only Twice Since the Court of Criminal Appeals Was Established.

(By The Associated Press)

London, July 18.—Without hearing the attorney for the Crown the Court of Criminal Appeals today dismissed the appeal of Sir Roger Casement from the lower court, which counted him guilty of treason, for which he was sentenced to death. A further appeal is possible, only if the attorney-general gives a certificate that the decision of the court of Criminal Appeals in point of law is so exceptionally important that it is desirable in the public interest that a still higher court deal with it. This has been done only twice since the court of Criminal Appeals was established eight years ago.

THE STATE FIREMEN

Morning Session Given Over to Welcoming Delegates and Appointing Committees.

(By The Associated Press)

Raleigh, July 18.—The State Firemen began here today with delegates from all parts of the state in attendance. The morning session was given over to welcoming the delegates and appointing committees.

The business session was held this evening while visiting ladies tendered auto sightseeing tours of the city. The night session will be devoted to addresses on technical subjects of interest to firemen.

The equipments of the companies from various points are here for the tournament, which begins tomorrow, and the firemen are putting in their spare time practicing. A great deal of rivalry is in evidence, and it is predicted that numerous records will be broken by the contesting teams.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Traders Sell Rather Freely Today.— Net Declines 5 to 7 Points.

(By The Associated Press)

New York, July 18.—Believing the weather conditions improved and the worst known as to the damage in the eastern states as the result of the recent floods, traders sold cotton rather freely and after opening steady at a two to four points advance to two points decline, the list eased off to three or four points under yesterday's close. Nothing definite was learned as to the tropical storm which seems to remain almost stationary in the Caribbean Sea and selling increased after the opening with October off to 1.95, December to 13.13 and January to 13.17, representing net declines of 5 to 7 points.

Cotton futures opened steady: July, 12.85; October, 13.00; December, 13.19; January, 13.23; March, 13.41.

THE BRITISH CARRY OUT NEW THRUST

Threaten Seriously Stronghold of German Position at Pozieres.

(By The Associated Press)

Following up their successes near Bazentine-Le Petit and Longueval, where they have driven most of the third line of German defense over the Albert Plateau, the British now have carried out a new thrust forward, north of Ovillers, making substantial progress along a front of more than 1-2 a mile.

The British drive, launched near the left flank of the line is active in the present offensive, southeast of Thiépval and if followed up, seems likely to threaten seriously the strongly held German position at Pozieres to the east.

Construction Programmes of Naval Bill Adopted.

Washington, July 18.—The Senate today adopted the building construction program of the naval bill. It provides for the construction within three years of 157 war vessels in all four dreadnaughts and four battle cruisers to be built next year.

DOUBLE TRACK BRIDGE NEAR SPENCER SAFE

KANNAPOLIS WON. Clemens Wins Game With Clout Over Left Field Fence.

Bad baseball, punk baseball, bone-head baseball and good baseball all were crowded into the game at Kannapolis yesterday afternoon, which Kannapolis finally won 4 to 2. The game was featured by a real "Won in the Nines" inning, when Clemens, the new catcher, of Kannapolis, poked one over the left field fence, with Gordon resting on first. The game was the first of a series of two games to be played between Statesville and Kannapolis. The second game will be played today.

Rowe and Hines were the opposing twirlers and honors in the department of the game were nearly even. Hines allowing four hits to Rowe's five and striking out nine to Rowe's six. With men on base, however, both pitchers were at their best, and errors played an important part in most of the runs scored.

Roth and Massey played the best ball defensibly for Statesville, while Whitener and Irby were in the game at all times for Kannapolis. Whitener made two catches of fouls that bordered on the sensational. Massey accepted five chances in left without an error. Clemens, the new catcher secured by Manager Johnson, was the big star with the stick. He scored two of the runs for Kannapolis, and drove in another with his drive over the fence. Lefler was the best sticker for Statesville.

Both teams made errors — errors that were wholly unnecessary. The first two runs scored by Kannapolis were due to an error and a poor play by Second Baseman Patterson, of Statesville. After Statesville had earned a run in the first on Roth and Lefler's single, Patterson's sacrifice and Beal's long fly, Kannapolis evened things up when Lindsay was hit by pitched ball, sacrificed by Younger and scored when Patterson erred on Irby's easy grounder and threw wild to first. Statesville broke the tie in the sixth. Lefler singled, Patterson was hit and Darlington doubled, scoring Lefler. In the eighth Kannapolis tied the score. Clemens was safe on Lancaster's error, sacrificed by Gordon, went to third on Lindsay's hit, and scored when Patterson made a poor play of Irby's grounder, allowing him to beat the throw to first. Gordon walked to start the ninth for Kannapolis. The next two men struck out, and then Clemens broke up the old game with his circuit smash.

R. H. E.

Kannapolis 4 4 5

Statesville 2 5 2

Batteries: Rowe and Clemens; Hines and Honeycutt. Summary: Two base hits, Younger and Darlington; home run, Clemens; stolen bases, Lindsay, Irby, Lefler, Lancaster, Roth; strategy, by Hines 9; Rowe 6. Umpire, Mr. Stuart.

RESPIRE GIVEN AT THE LAST MOMENT

John Savage Respired One Hour Before He Was to Have Been Electrocutted.

(By The Associated Press)

Raleigh, July 18.—One hour this morning before John Savage, a negro was to have been electrocuted here for killing a man in Washington county, a telegram granting a respite of two weeks was received from Governor Craig in Asheville. Savage was given a respite in order to prepare a petition for his commutation from the death sentence.

Further respite was also given Melvin Horne, of Wilmington, a white man, under the death penalty. An investigation into the sanity of Horne was being held today, but because of the flood conditions in the western part of the state a number of commissioners from Morganton were unable to be present. The meeting will be held Friday and unless further interference takes place Savage will be executed on August 4.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

Uneasiness Over Black Rust Hardened Prices of Wheat Today.

(By The Associated Press)

Chicago, July 18.—Uneasiness over black rust danger tended today to harden the price of wheat. Open prices which varied from Monday's figures to 1-2 more with July 11 to 11 1-8 and September at 11 1/4 to 11 3/4 followed by moderate gains all around.

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YADKIN RIVER AT THAT POINT IS RECEDING.

REACHED THE CREST YESTERDAY

Considerable Damage Has Been Done to the Plant of the Aluminum Company of America at Badin.— One Bridge Was Washed Away and the Hardway Construction Co. Lost a Work Train, Derricks and Other Equipment. — The Loss Is Estimated at \$100,000.—The Waters of the Catawba Are Falling Fast Today.

(By The Associated Press.)

Salisbury, July 18.—Considerable damage has been done at Badin, where the Aluminum Company of America are building the big dam and plant on the Yadkin river, seven miles from Albemarle, and 30 miles from Salisbury. Late in the afternoon Monday the river was rushing in torrents through the narrow channel where the dam is being constructed. One bridge was washed away and the Hardway Company lost a work train, derricks and other equipment. The loss is estimated at close to \$100,000.

The Yadkin river at Salisbury reached the crest of strength about 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, and today the waters had receded considerably. The big steel trestle bridge and the double track railroad bridge are considered safe.

Catawba Falling Fast.

Charlotte, N. C., July 18.—The waters of Catawba river is falling fast today. Railroads, telegraph, telephone and power companies are gathering all available forces for making temporary repairs at the earliest moment. Electric power that was cut off from this city last night is working today. It will be weeks before railroad trains will be making schedules in Piedmont and Western North Carolina, and hundreds of thousands cotton spindles will be idle for months.

Weeks from now reports will be coming in as to property damage from floods.

MILLS CLOSE.

Many of the Mills Here Close For Lack of Electric Power.

Hundreds of the employees of the cotton mills here and Kannapolis are out of work today and will probably continue to be for several days, on account of the closing down of a big portion of all the mills, owing to the inability to secure electric power. The managers of the mills here are not able now to say just when the mills will begin operations on full time again.

Yesterday morning the big Cannon mills at Kannapolis laid off more than half of their employes, and today many of the mills here have followed suit. At Kannapolis only part of mill No. 4 and the Bleachery are running. The Cannon mills here are running today, using their own steam plant. All of the mills here that are running at all are doing so only with the power from their own plants. The power from the Southern Power Company was in no way strong enough to run the mills and many motors in the manufacturing plants were burned out by the low current.

Today the Cabarrus, Brown, Gibson, Franklin and Cannon mills are running only part of their mills, while the Locke mill has closed all operations. The York-Hartsell mill is running on full time, using her steam plant.

Concord and Kannapolis have suffered greater loss from this source than from any other on account of the storm. All of the mills have been running on full time, and it will mean a loss of thousands of dollars to the manufacturing plants and to the employees to have to close down indefinitely.

FOUR MORE ADDED TO ASHEVILLE DEATH TOLL

These Died at Brevard From Injuries Received in Their Homes.

(By The Associated Press)

Asheville, July 18.—Four more deaths were added to the North Carolina flood toll today. Telephone messages from Brevard says John Heath and his mother, and Mrs. Caldwell Santelle, and child, died today from injuries received when their homes were caught in a landslide four miles from Brevard.