

New Bern Buffeted By The Worst Storm In Its History

Tides Beaten Back By Fierce East and Northeast Winds Flood Lower Part of City Entailing Immense Damage To Business Houses—The Loss Many Thousands of Dollars.

The storm which visited New Bern Wednesday morning was the most disastrous in the history of the city. Wind and water wrought havoc on every hand and business was simply paralyzed. Everywhere one saw the ravage wrought by the storm and many weeks will elapse before the city recovers from the effects of the disaster.

All during Tuesday night the city was in total darkness on account of the fact that the electric light wires were broken down in a hundred or more places and it was not until the break of day that the citizens realized the awful destruction which had taken place during the night.

Water Three Feet Deep.

Along East Front street the water was about three feet deep on the sidewalks and this increased to probably five feet in depth before the wind shifted from the Northeast and the water began to fall. The yards and in many places the porches of the residents of that street were submerged and it was necessary to take the occupants to a higher location in row boats. Trees, boats, floating logs and all manner of debris lined the streets and much damage was caused by these objects being tossed here and there by the wind and waves.

Below South Front street, on Craven and Middle streets was a scene of desolation. The latter section is one of the busiest parts of town and there are a large number of stores there. The water reached to within twenty feet of the corner of South Front and Middle streets and at the lower end of Middle street it was five feet in depth.

Every Store Flooded.

Every store below South Front street, with the exception of Lucas and Lewis, whose place was flooded with water and thousands of dollars worth of dry goods groceries, etc., were destroyed. If the owners of these places of business had been aware of the fact that the water was rising so rapidly they could have saved much of their stock as late as two o'clock yesterday morning. However, many of them never once thought that a flood would occur over night.

The proprietors of these establishments were soon notified of the disaster and lost no time in getting on the scene and as soon as the water sufficiently subsided they began getting everything out of their places of business and moving to a dry spot. During all the excitement a car load of lime owned by the Cutler-Blades Hardware Company and located in the Blades building at the foot of Middle street caught fire and this added to the many other troubles. The lime could not be reached at this time but after a short while a line of hose was taken into the building and the blaze was extinguished but not before the entire carload had been ruined.

In the Old Dominion wharf at the foot of Craven street M. D. W. Stevenson had a large quantity of cement and lime stored and the latter caught fire soon after that in the Blades building and this will be a total loss. Mr. Stevenson estimates his loss at \$7,000.

Neuse River Bridge Destroyed.

The bridge between New Bern and Bridgeton was almost completely destroyed during the storm, less than two hundred feet of this structure, which was more than a mile in length, remaining intact.

At two o'clock yesterday morning the two masted schooner Sara Wilson, of Broad Creek, in command of Captain Joseph Lupton, ran into the draw of the bridge. At the first crash the structure weakened and Mrs. T. E. Warren who had charge of the bridge, and her children and a hired helper left the bridge tender's home which is located at the draw.

Within a short time the schooner battered a section of the draw down and crashed through. Before this, however, the crew had climbed from the vessel to the bridge and escaped. With the draw torn away the wind and water quickly demolished the greater part of the structure which remained intact after the draw had been demolished.

This bridge was erected by Craven county in 1897 at a cost of about twenty-five thousand dollars.

Telephone Company Heavy Losers.

In addition to having many wires and poles torn down in the city and out in the suburbs, the Home Telephone and Telegraph Company lost several thousand feet of heavy wire cable when Neuse River bridge was destroyed. The company was engaged in constructing a cable line to Bridgeton and had much of the wire on the supports. Whether this can be located and recovered is a matter of speculation.

Very Little Damage At Fair Grounds.

After the storm had abated and the public began to speculate as to what had been damaged, many expressed the opinion that the buildings at the Fair grounds had been badly damaged. There is no telephone at the grounds and the roads were in such bad condition that no one cared to make the trip out to the grounds for the purpose of making an investigation. Later in the day C. W. Bush, who has charge of the racing stables at the grounds, came into the city. Mr. Bush gave out the information that the only damage there was the demolishing of several panels of the fence and the ripping of some of the paper roofing from the grandstand.

Lumber Company Loses Two Tugs.

The John L. Roper Lumber Company suffered a comparatively small loss at their local plant but two tugs owned by them, the Parkins and the Edith, were sunk. The top of the "hell" at the East Carolina Lumber Company, just across Trent river from New Bern, was blown off.

Many Boats Lost.

Just how many boats were sunk or were blown away is not known at this time, but there were many. J. O. Baxter's handsome motor boat is missing as is L. G. Daniel's motor boat. In addition to these there are many small sail and row boats unaccounted for. It is not thought that all of these were sunk but that many of them were blown up Trent or Neuse river and will be recovered within a few days.

There were several two masted schooners in port during the storm. These weathered the elements with more or less damage. As an illustration of how high the tide rose, several boats were left high and dry on South Front street after the water had receded. At several other points near the river front were smaller craft left stranded.

Trent River County Bridge Damaged.

Several times it was thought that the bridge leading from New Bern to James City, over Trent river would be destroyed. Water covered the structure and at each blast of the wind it would shake like a reed. The keeper and his family moved out of their home about day break so as to avoid being carried down the river if the structure should be washed away. However, the water finally began to fall and the bridge remained intact with the exception of about seventy five or eighty feet on the New Bern end. This was not washed away but was almost demolished and must necessarily be repaired before there can be any traffic over it.

Wall At Electric Plant Destroyed.

One of the walls of the new building now being erected at the electric light and water plant was blown down and brick scattered in every direction. Fortunately none of the machinery was injured. The wind played havoc with the telegraph and telephone wires. Not a message was sent out of the city during the entire day by either of these routes. The telephone company have several hundred phones out of commission in the city and all during the day their linemen were engaged in repairing these. Communication with the outside world by wire will probably be established today.

It was impossible for the linemen at the city's electric plant to repair all the breaks yesterday, and darkness, as far as electric lights were concerned, again reigned supreme. H. H. Hodges, the superintendent, stated that he hoped to have the breaks repaired today and the lights turned on again tonight.

The amount of damage done by the flood was enormous and beyond comprehension. A number of the business men who lost heavily were visited yesterday afternoon and asked to give an estimate of what their approximate losses would be. Added to this is the loss caused by damage to real estate, the breaking down of wires and telephone poles, the destruction of Neuse river bridge and numerous other losses and estimates of the loss range from one to four hundred thousand dollars.

This is the loss in the city alone. The crops all over this section of the State are ruined and this will mean a loss of thousands of dollars to the farmers and business men.

JUST LIKE AVACATION

It is reported that Mrs. Pankhurst went to France for the rest cure. But it is the English government officials and the London bobbies who will get the real rest.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

What has become of the old fashioned man who thought a woman should not have been engaged any other than she had been married, and that one marriage was enough for any woman?

STORM TIDINGS FROM ORIENTAL

Little Town In Pamlico Hard Hit By Wind And Water.

WAS A NIGHT OF TERROR

Highest Point Was Submerged Two Feet Deep In Waves.

Special to the Journal.

Oriental, Sept. 3.—A storm of cyclonic intensity, and which was without any doubt the worst in the history of this section, visited Oriental last night and early this morning. The wind blew a living gale all through the night and the water rose twelve or fifteen feet above the high water mark.

The water began to rise late yesterday afternoon but the wind at that time was not blowing very strong. After nightfall the elements seemed to join the waters in ravaging the little town and for more than ten hours there was a scene of terror, agony and destruction.

The water seemed to rise an inch or two every few minutes and soon the lowest parts of the town were submerged. Rapidly the water grew deeper and in a comparatively short time there was not a spot of land in the town not covered with water. Still the flood continued and at 3 o'clock this morning the highest spot in the town was under more than two feet of water.

Abandon Homes.

Many of the citizens who live in the section of town that is lowest, early in the night left their homes and went to the home of some friend where they thought it would be safer. Later on it was necessary to transport others to places of safety in boats. At the Neuse River Inn, which is conducted by S. W. Everitt, the water rose to such a depth that the occupants were forced to seek safety at the Midgette Hotel some distance away and they were transported there in boats.

R. A. Dudley's home on the river shore got the full benefit of the wind and water and was badly damaged. Mr. Dudley and his family left the dwelling early in the night and went to the home of a friend.

Negroes In A Panic.

The majority of the negroes in the town were so badly frightened that it was necessary to fire up a locomotive and haul several passenger cars full of them to Nelms, a station a few miles up the road, where they spent the night. So far as is known there was no loss of life but the damage to property and crops in and around Oriental will amount to several thousand dollars.

THE STORM AT BAYBORO.

Special to the Journal.

Bayboro, Sept. 3.—The storm which visited this section last night and this morning did great damage in and around Bayboro. Trees were uprooted by the wind and the water was several feet above the highest water mark ever known here.

All the roads are submerged. An unknown negro who was attempting to reach this place this morning, was swept from the county road and drowned. Dr. D. A. Dees had a narrow escape from drowning when he was caught in a swollen stream and carried for several hundred feet. The crops are almost totally

ruined and the loss to property is great.

Little Damage At Wilmington

Wilmington caught very little of the storm comparatively said a gentleman from that place yesterday afternoon. He added that from Jacksonville this way the signs of the storm's fury was plainly evident from the car window. All through the woods trees were uprooted and the growing crops were torn and twisted. At Pollockville Trent river rose into the store of John Perry but did not do any serious damage. The water was several feet deep for a time in the principal street of the town, but soon began to recede. The flood in Pollockville was nothing like so severe as that of several years ago when the water flooded all the stores in the lower part of the place.

STORM SEVERE AT MOREHEAD CITY.

Special to the Journal.

Morehead City, Sept. 3.—Morehead City received its full share of the storm which early this morning swept the North Carolina coast and several thousand dollars worth of property was destroyed.

A section of the bridge between this place and Beaufort was washed away and no trains have passed over this. A special train was made up at New Bern and made the regular runs, although somewhat behind schedule time. Many boats were torn from their anchorage and either sunken or have drifted away.

BRIDGETON ALSO HARD HIT.

Special to the Journal.

Bridgeton, N. C., Sept. 3.—Bridgeton was very hard hit by the storm. Water four and a half feet deep ranged in the streets of the town as far as B street. The stores of W. H. Mason, P. A. Fulcher, Sam Perkins and the residence of Hugh Lancaster were washed off their underpinning. Lon Johnson's store was swept off the underpinning and turned half way round. All of this side of Neuse river bridge is gone except a space of about five or six feet.

The problem now with the people of Bridgeton is to get over to New Bern and back. Osborn Lee ran a boat line this afternoon and plans are being made for a regular line to convey the people back and forth.

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EIGHT DROWN IN HAMPTON ROADS

Newport News, Va., Sept. 3.—Three petty officers and five men of the battleship Nebraska were drowned in Hampton Roads today when the launch was swamped in a hurricane.

The Old Dominion liner, Mobjack, with a crew of eight and some passengers, is reported sunk in the mouth of York river. The report is unconfirmed.

All wires are down and the wireless is out of commission. High wind and much damage to shipping in a hurricane that has been raging since this morning.

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EXCURSION POSTPONED.

The colored Odd Fellows' excursion to Beaufort which was announced for Sept. 4 has been postponed on account of the inclemency of the weather to Thursday, Sept. 11. Adv.

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TWENT YEARS IN STATE'S PRISON

Till Kenyon Pleads Guilty To A Charge Of Second Degree Murder.

HE KILLED IKE BENDERS

Highway Robber Also Given A Long Term In The Penitentiary.

A two weeks term of Craven County Superior Court with Judge Harry W. Whedbee, of Greenville, presiding, was convened in the city yesterday morning. The first week will be taken up if necessary, in the trial of the criminal cases and the remainder of the term will be consumed in the disposal of the civil cases.

After the grand jury had been chosen yesterday morning Judge Whedbee delivered his charge to them. While fully covering the fundamental principles of the law in a concise manner he was brief and to the point. At the conclusion of his charge the grand jury retired to their room and, after a petty jury had been secured, the work of disposing of the cases was begun.

One of the most important cases was that in which Till Kenyon, colored, was charged with killing Ike Benders, also colored. The defendant submitted to a charge of murder in the second degree and was sentenced to a term of twenty years in the penitentiary.

Another case of more than usual interest was that in which Louis Green was charged with highway robbery. The defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to serve ten years in the penitentiary.

The following cases constituted the remainder of the docket disposed of during the day:

William Midgette pleaded guilty to a charge of carrying concealed weapons. Judgment suspended. The defendant pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny and was sentenced to a term of two years on the county roads.

Churchill Clark pleaded guilty to a charge of carrying concealed weapons and resisting an officer. Sentenced to serve two years on the county roads.

Arthur Spencer pleaded guilty to a charge of carrying concealed weapons and was sentenced to the county roads for a term of two years.

William Morris pleaded guilty to a charge of carrying concealed weapons and was sentenced to serve three months on the county roads and also to pay a fine of twenty dollars and the costs of the case.

The case in which Emline Murphy, colored, is charged with murder will in all probability be taken up today.

ARMY AVIATORS ARE IN DEMAND

HANDSOME CERTIFICATES AND BADGES SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS.

Washington, Sept. 2.—Scarcity of army officers volunteering for the Aviation Corps has called out an appeal from Brig.-Gen. George P. Scriven, chief Signal officer.

The announcement yesterday that France was about to recruit its aerial squadron on an unusually extensive scale gave an added impetus to the decision to strengthen the United States Army's force in this direction. At present there are 10 vacancies in the squad with no recruits in sight.

General Scriven says frankly in his appeal that while married men are not barred from this branch of the service, bachelors not over 30 years of age are preferred. As an added inducement why youthful bachelor officers should seek entrance to the air service, the head of the Signal Corps declares:

"The military aviator will receive a handsome certificate, signed by the Secretary of War and the chief signal officer, and under existing regulations wears a badge indicating that he is a military aviator."

However, aspirants, for the "handsome certificates" and the "badge" are informed they must have "excellent eyesight, good hearing, endurance, quickness of action and presence of mind."

With these requisites there is no telling how high the aviator may rise in the service or the air.

WOMAN ANSWER AAN.

Washington, Sept. 2.—At a meeting held by women suffragists at the Columbia theatre Dr. Anna Shaw answered Senator Benjamin R. Tillman's speech against equal suffrage. In comparing South Carolina with other States, Dr. Shaw said that Senator Tillman should think before he speaks. His State the suffrage speaker said has no compulsory educational law, and it ranks third in illiteracy. It has no child labor law, no woman's labor law and no white slave law, she declared.

WILL TRY FOR A STATE STOCK LAW

All Interested Are Urged To Be In Raleigh On September Thirtieth.

ASK LEGISLATURE TO ACT

Some Who Opposed Law At Regular Session Sa'd To Be Now In Favor Of It.

"All persons in this section who favor a State-wide stock law are asked to be in Raleigh on September 30," said B. F. Keith, of Wilmington, one of yesterday's visitors in the city. Mr. Keith is one of the most active supporters of the proposed legislation.

On the date named the Legislature will be in session to consider the freight rate problem, constitutional amendments and other matters. It will be a good time in the judgment of Mr. Keith to get a State-wide stock law enacted.

He was asked if the fact that the special session was called for the specific purpose of considering freight rates and constitutional amendments might not be considered as meaning that no other matters could come up. He said that he had thought of this and to make sure of his ground had written Governor Craig who replied that there would be no reason why the Legislature should not pass, if it so desired, the proposed law. Mr. Keith said that the Governor was in favor of such a law being enacted.

"This State will never make any headway in the growing of stock," Mr. Keith said, "until it gets a State-wide stock law. Our beef cattle are under the government ban and our hogs die out in great numbers with cholera, these conditions being the inevitable result of allowing scrub cattle and woods hogs to run at large."

Mr. Keith said he fully understood that the State-wide stock law when enacted, as he fully believed it would be, would be over the protest of a considerable number of people. "But these very men," said he, "once they see the law in operation will be among its warmest supporters. Did you know that there has never been a county or township which having adopted the stock law ever went back to the open range?"

Mr. Keith said that his information was that several of the legislators who opposed the law at the regular session of the Legislature would support the measure at the extra session.

The meeting in Raleigh on September 30 he stated was for the purpose of bringing influence to bear on the Legislature to pass the legislation asked for. He believes that a big gathering at the capital of friends of the measure will have a helpful effect in convincing the law-makers that the best interests of the State demand the passage of a stock law.

Mr. Keith is collector of the port of Wilmington. His term expires March 1, 1915. Prominent Democrats of Wilmington dislike to see a Republican hold a lucrative office so long under a Democratic administration and strong pressure will be brought to bear on the authorities at Washington to ask Mr. Keith to step down and out. As a collector has been very active during his term in advancing the interests of the port, he believes that just demands that he be allowed to serve out his term.

New Star Theatre

Is now open to the public, showing the very best and latest pictures.

This theatre is built on the plan of the first class moving-picture theatre of larger cities.

A cordial invitation is extended all visitors while in New Bern to visit the "Star" theatre, and for the visitors benefit the management announces that they will start matinees daily at 4 o'clock, so that one can have ample time to see the show before leaving on evening train leaving the city.

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MARINE BAND ON TOUR.

Washington, Sept. 2.—President Wilson, it is announced here, has granted the United States Marine Band a leave of absence, so that the famous organization may make a tour from Sept. 29 until Nov. 15, to include the New England States, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, West Virginia and Maryland.

When a man proposes to a girl she can see just as much as the boy can see.