

NEW BERN NOT HARD HIT BY WIND AND WATER-STORM SEVERE

Practically Little Material Damage Right In City But Nearby Points Suffer --- Telephone and Telegraph Wires Down --- Trains Run Off Schedule Time --- Fears For Ocracoke

Not since September 3, 1913, has New Bern and Eastern North Carolina been visited by such a storm and flood as that which swept over the section late Friday night and early Saturday morning.

In New Bern the storm reached its velocity about midnight and from that time on until day break it continued unabated.

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at a greater velocity and it has been colder than it has been on April 3, for eighteen years and considerable damage has been done to property in this city and section.

On account of the extremely high tide street car traffic over the Ghent bridge was routed over York street and the Atlantic City bridge and on Granby street between Brooke avenue and Plume street traffic by automobile has been almost impossible.

Wires are down today and this section is cut off from the rest of the world with the exception of one telephone wire to Newport News.

At Wilmington Wilmington, April 3.—One schooner pounding, another dragging anchor in the gale, five barges huddled in Southport harbor for safety and a sixth being tossed upon the mountainous seas are the known results of one of the fiercest storms on the Carolina coast in years.

An unidentified schooner is said to be bounding on the shoals just to the north of Cape Hatteras. Just what her condition is could not be learned here this afternoon, though it is supposed that assistance has been sent out from New Bern or Beaufort.

The Clyde Line steamer Cherokee sailed this afternoon for New York with large cargo, considerable of which was brought from Georgetown, S. C., yesterday morning.

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CAPTAIN OF THE PRINZ-EITEL HAS CASE 'COLD FEET'

Looks as Though He's Scared to Make Dash for Open Sea

HAD A GOOD CHANCE

Friday Night Was An Ideal Time for Him to Get Away

Norfolk, April 3.—The German merchant raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich last night was ready to go back to sea and to brave the danger of attack from a fleet of warships of the Allies off the Virginia Capes.

But if her orders are to break for the open sea, the Eitel Friedrich is well prepared. Her bunkers are filled with coal; her storehouse has been replenished; her machinery has been repaired and keyed up to the maximum strength; her officers and crew are resigned to any fate and waiting for the word.

When I come back I will be glad to go to your home and dine," said Captain Max Thierichens, commander of the Eitel, late yesterday, addressing a fellow countryman who had called to pay his respects.

The German commander was addressing Henry Kirt of Norfolk county, Va., who had called with Senator T. S. Martin, of Virginia; Captain W. R. Mayo, Mayor of Norfolk, and a party of Virginians as guests of Customs Collector Norman R. Hamilton.

When the Eitel had finished taking on supplies that originally had been scheduled for delivery Sunday, two United States tugs stood guard at her stern, one representing the navy from the Norfolk navy yard and the other representing the army from Fortress Monroe.

Late in the day the situation in the vicinity of the Prinz Eitel was tense. Every officer and sailor was on board. Some were permitted to receive friends on the pier. That many of them believed they were going to sea was evident from their declarations to their visitors.

Another circumstance indicating the uncertainty of the sea was the presence on board the Eitel late in the day of two German youths who are seeking to enlist in the German navy. They were Quartz Beyer and Hans Roth who came to Newport News from Germany a few months ago.

Government officials who conferred with the German commander late in the day absolutely declined to discuss the status of the ship. Collector Hamilton said he had talked to the commander on official business.

American submarines were reported to be keeping watch at the entrance to the capes last night and the battleship Alabama still was at anchor in Hampton Roads. Searchlights of the ship were seen to flash intermittently throughout the night, the first real dark night within a week.

CAPITAL CITY IS HARD HIT BY TERRIFIC STORM

Telephone and Telegraph Systems Put Out of Business

THE CITY IS DARK

Electric Lights Were Not Shining There Last Night

Raleigh, April 3.—Two telephone and two telegraph systems wrecked, the power and light plant's wires broken and hundreds of poles thrown into the streets, the city is tonight in darkness and throughout the day nearly all traffic has been suspended.

Since modern city life actually began nobody here has observed such a standstill in all departments. Without serious wind the telephone, telegraph, lighting plant and railroad cable lines have been so badly torn up that Raleigh has been unable to get any news from the outside.

The street cars did not even make the running start. They are in the barn and various employees who speak without authority say there is no likelihood of running before Monday.

The "oldest inhabitant" was able to discount the story of damage and the lateness and depth of the snow. Maj. W. A. Graham, of the department of agriculture remembers that on April 20, 1850, the major then being a sizable lad, a snow of ten inches depth fell.

The speculation in agricultural departments as to the damage to fruit crops outweighs every other thing now. Major Graham does not believe that it will hurt the apples, but does fear that the peaches will be crippled by the cold.

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CORONA OR SUFFOLK, WHICH ARE ALSO OFF THE CAPES

Only one warship was visible from shore yesterday morning, but she disappeared suddenly when an American submarine said to have been D-2, appeared off the capes.

It is believed that the report of the presence of a German submarine in the Atlantic, caused the British vessel to hurry away when she sighted the American craft, probably to notify other ships in the fleet of the stranger's presence.

Sounds of heavy firing, apparently off Virginia Beach last night, caused all sorts of rumors. One of these was that the British warships, which have been hovering around the capes for two weeks, waiting for the Eitel to come out, had been attacked and a battle was in progress.

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The Coast Guard Cutter Pamlico received an S. O. S. message yesterday morning at nine o'clock. This message called for help quickly, and was signed by the call letters P. E. L.

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NEXT FRIDAY IS TO BE BIG DAY HERE

COTTON ACREAGE IS TO BE CUT

So Says C. A. Flowers, of Hobucken, Who Was Here Yesterday

C. A. Flowers, of Hobucken, was in New Bern yesterday and while talking with a Journal reporter stated that the cotton acreage in his section would be decreased this year at least one third, and more time will be devoted to raising stock.

"The low price that has been paid for cotton this year is going to have a great deal to do with the breaking up of the one-crop idea that has prevailed in my section," said Mr. Flowers.

LITERARY SOCIETY HOLDS MEETING

Interesting Social Session Takes Place At Vanceboro

Vanceboro, April 3.—The Seaman Knapp Literary Society held its regular meeting Friday, April 2nd. The following program was rendered:

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Craven's School children to Gather in This City and Attend the Combined County Commencement--Several Hundred Will Here--Program of Interest

News from all sections of the county show a great deal of interest in the approaching County Commencement to be held here next Friday.

The great parade in the morning will be the main feature of the day. The speech by the Chairman of the Board of Education, Mr. Warren, will take place immediately after the parade and this will be followed by presentation of diplomas to the graduates from the elementary schools.

After dinner there will be a number of contests literary and a tholotic, and prizes are offered in all these. The following have offered prizes and others are asked to do so and to notify the county superintendent of the nature of the prize and for what offered.

S. C. Coplan and Son \$5.00; The National Bank \$2.50; New Bern Banking and Trust Company \$2.50; Citizens Saving Bank \$2.50; E. B. Haskins \$2.50; J. G. Dunn and Company \$2.50; J. P. boys shoes; S. K. Easton Fountain pen; M. E. Whitehurst Longfellow Poems; J. G. Miller, Rocking chair; Gaskill Hardware Co. Ingersoll watch; Cutler-Blades Hardware Company, Peasants knife, or gold mounted scissors; F. B. Basnight Hardware Company, Forest handle knife; New Bern Journal, six months subscription to the daily, New Bern Sun, six months subscription to the daily.

In addition to these prizes the Chamber of Commerce will give a handsome gold medal, with suitable inscription to the one who makes the best speech in the debate Friday night.

The debate will be between Vanceboro and Dover and the pupil who does the best—considered from the standpoint of delivery and subject matter—will receive the medal.

These two debating teams are busily at work and those who attend the debate next Friday night at the Griffin auditorium will hear the contest.

Rev. Raymond Browning, of Littleton, N. C., who will conduct a revival meeting at Centenary Methodist church beginning May the ninth, passed through New Bern last night enroute from Maine, where he has been engaged in the evangelistic work for several months, to Kinston. Beginning at an early date, Rev. Browning will conduct a revival in the Methodist church at Kinston. He was accompanied by Mrs. Browning and baby.

C. Guy Bell, a newspaper man well known in North Carolina and who has just gotten out a special edition for the Kinston Free Press, arrived in New Bern last night for a short visit and is a guest at the Gaston hotel.

Miss Hannah Osgood entertained a number of little girls yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. A. Meadows on South Front street in honor of Miss Elizabeth Horns, a little girl from Croatan.