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SEVENTEEN PERSONS DROWN IN CLOUDBURST

Beasboro, Ky., Aug. 3.—Between 15 and 25 persons were killed and enormous property destroyed sustained by a cloudburst on Blair's Creek near Tazewell, Tenn., last night, according to news reaching here today. Telephone messages said about 100 persons lived along the creek and only a few have been accounted for.

Officials and citizens of Beasboro have organized rescue parties and are scouring the district in search of survivors. The region is very rough and there is no communication. The creek is ten miles long and it is estimated that 150 persons lived in this neighborhood.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FOOD SUFFERERS RECEIVED

Headquarters in the Glimer have been closed and contributions to the fund are now being received by Secretary Griffith, at the Salem Retail Merchants' Rooms over the Y. W. C. A. Headquarters today have not been as numerous as in former days, but a general manager of the Y. W. C. A. has deposited \$5.00 this morning. Mr. J. F. Reich, who resides in the city, delivered a quantity of flour to headquarters from Stem, to the Sentinel a check for \$5.00 and contributions from friends aggregating \$5.00, received.

It has been heard from the mountain counties they are toiling up the mountains with their provision-waggoning provisions, clothing and supplies to those who are in need of aid. A party of investigation in Yadkin county is still in operation and relief crews will be dispatched to those counties as soon as information is in hand. Trucks distributed during the week are being returned to relief committee, and greatly aid in the work of the funds and supplies.

GERMAN AIRSHIPS RAID ON ENGLAND

Aug. 3.—Six German airships part in the raid on the counties of England this morning. According to an official announcement issued this afternoon, that 30 bombs were dropped and horses were killed and men were injured, the state-

U. S. MARSHAL GREENSBORO REDUCED

In the U. S. marshal's office here has been reduced to Mr. J. C. Kennett being left. Mr. J. L. Boger, deputy marshal for some time, and two deputy marshals who had been working in the office have been discharged because the appropriations for the district are exhausted. The two deputy marshals discontinued are E. Neesley and W. H. John-

COLLECTIONS IN EASTERN DISTRICT.

Internal Revenue collections in Eastern District of North Carolina for the month of July amounted to \$2,150,000. This was an increase of \$200,000 over the collections for the same month last year. The total amount of collections for the past month was \$2,150,000. Regular income taxes, \$4,367,000; stamps, \$7,780,447; opium, \$48,100; tobacco, cigars, \$613,764.55.

States of the Cotton Production Are Reduced By 1,350,000 Bales

Aug. 1.—Heavy damped growing cotton crop from July 25 have caused a reduction of 1,350,000 bales in the production. The August report of the department of agriculture, today, indicated a production of 500,000 bales equivalent to 500,

PREVIOUS MORTALITY RECORDS ARE BROKEN

New York, Aug. 1.—All previous mortality records in the epidemic of infantile paralysis were broken today. During the 24-hour period ending at 10 a. m., 57 deaths were recorded in the Greater City and 159 new cases were reported. The great increase in the number of deaths is attributed to the season's worst heat wave.

CHEERS FOR THIS NATION BY CAPT. KOENIG AND CREW

As Far As Known, the Giant Craft Was Not Observed by Allied Warship Patrol.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 3.—Somewhere out in the Atlantic today the big German submarine Deutschland is probably journeying safely homeward after successfully running the allied blockade off Cape Henry last night. The giant craft submerged a mile off the coast at 9 o'clock last night and so far as it is known here she was not observed by any of the allied warship patrol, which has been guarding the capes for several weeks.

One of the last acts of Captain Koenig and his crew, according to the crew of the tug Timmins, was to stand on the deck of the submersible and give three rousing cheers for America and the American people.

The final dash of the Deutschland to the sea was without incident. Eighteen miles off the bay she began to gather speed about sundown last night and in a little over two hours was plunging along under the surface of the Atlantic. With only a slight delay she dashed into the sea and submerged. Only one warship, a United States torpedo boat destroyer, was sighted by the submersible.

Passed Out of Capes. Washington, Aug. 2.—The tug Thomas F. Timmins, which accompanied the German merchant submarine Deutschland down the bay from Baltimore, reported to the United States neutrality squadron outside Hampton Roads last night that the Deutschland had passed out of the capes at 8:30 p. m.

The Timmins' message was picked up by the destroyer Sterrett, which relayed it to the Norfolk navy yard. The destroyer then was outside the three mile limit to see that the submersible's passage out was not interfered with by the allied cruisers off the capes until she had passed out of the territorial waters of the United States.

The commandant of the Norfolk navy yard sent the following to the Navy Department: "U. S. S. Sterrett reports: 'Submarine reported by tug Timmins to have passed out of the capes at 8:30, across the three mile limit.'"

Two British Ships Sunk. London, Aug. 3.—The Cocker liner steamship Britannic of 3487 tons gross has been sunk. It was announced at Lloyd's today. She was unarmed. The British sailing vessel Margaret Sutton, 197 tons gross, has also been sunk.

EPIDEMIC REACHES A NEW HIGH-MARK

New York, Aug. 3.—The epidemic of infantile paralysis reached the high mark today in the number of new cases. The health department figures show that 217 developed during the 24 hours ending at 10 a. m. and that the death list for the same period was 43, two more than yesterday.

"I DIE FOR MY COUNTRY," FINAL WORDS UTTERED BY CONDEMNED MAN

He Shows Not the Slightest Concern Over His Fate—Eats Well and Chats Freely With Wardens Before Execution—Large Crowd Gathers Before Prison Gates—Strenuous Efforts Almost Until Hour of Execution to Secure Reprieve.

London, Aug. 3.—Roger Casement, former British knight, was hanged at 9 o'clock this morning in Pentonville jail for high treason. He was convicted of trying to cause an armed revolt in Ireland, having sought German aid to that end. Two hours before the execution a crowd of men, women and children gathered before the prison gates. Twenty minutes before Casement mounted the scaffold the great prison bell started to toll. The sound was greeted with cheers and groans from the crowd. At 9 o'clock the crowd extended for two blocks from the prison front. At one minute after 9 a single stroke of the big bell announced that the trap had been sprung.

Casement met his death with calm courage. Early in the morning two priests of the Catholic church administered the last rites in the cell of the condemned man and shortly afterward a little procession, headed by the clergymen with Casement following, a warden on either side, proceeded to the execution shed, only five yards away. According to one of the witnesses, Casement's last words were: "I die for my country." Immediately after the trap was sprung the prison engineer and physician descended into the pit where, after the application of the usual tests, Casement was pronounced dead at nine minutes after nine. According to custom, his body will be buried in quick lime in the prison yard but probably no decision as to the burial will be made until after an inquest.

An affecting incident took place outside the prison wall. At the back of the prison, a little distance from the jeering crowd outside the gate, was a group of about 30 Irish men and women. When the dull clang of the prison bell announced that the man had paid the last penalty this little group fell on their knees and with bowed heads remained for some moments, silently praying for the repose of the soul of their dead fellow-countryman.

Casement showed not the slightest concern over his fate. He ate well and chatted freely with two wardens in his condemned cell. After a hearty late supper he divested himself for the last time of his convict clothes and went to bed. He was notified he would be allowed to wear his own civilian clothes for the execution, although without a collar.

The morning papers mostly deal in the briefest and most matter of fact way with the execution of Casement. The only editorial reference is in the Daily News, which says: "We cannot but reaffirm our conviction that the government exhibited grave unwisdom in exacting the death penalty. No evil result could have followed a commutation of the sentence. The hanging gives the disaffected section of Ireland another martyr, embitters feeling throughout the island, and enables Germany to play off the death of Casement against the death of Fryatt."

Practically to the very hour of Roger Casement's execution strenuous efforts were made by his friends and sympathizers in the United States and Ireland and even England to secure a reprieve. Petitions for mercy poured in and efforts were made to obtain action by President Wilson. Repeated attempts to pass a resolution through the United States Senate, requesting the president to urge Great Britain to exercise mercy, were made. This agitation was finally ended on July 27th, when the Senate committee on foreign relations ordered an adverse report on all resolutions proposing intervention by the United States. The only action taken in Washington was the passage of a resolution asking the president to use his good offices with the British to obtain clemency to Irish political offenders in general.

A coroner's jury found that the sentence had been carried out and in accordance with law and in a humane manner. Gavin Duffy, solicitor for Casement, who appeared in behalf of relatives, identified the body. Replying to a question by the coroner, Mr. Duffy said that Casement's health at times was very bad. He made a plea that the body be handed over to relatives which the authorities he said, had refused. The coroner declared he had no power to interfere whereupon Duffy protested, saying it was a "monstrous act of indecency that the authorities should refuse the request."

Provost Guard of 65 Selected. Private Dixon, of Forsyth, One of Those Chosen—Company C. on "Hike" Tomorrow. (By CAPT. W. E. CHRISTIAN) Camp Glenn, Morehead City, Aug. 3.—Private E. G. Dixon, of Forsyth, a former policeman of Winston-Salem, is one of the twelve selected from the First regiment for a provost guard of 65 men, three sergeants and two corporals, to police trains at Morehead and Beaufort day and night. Ten are mounted cavalrymen in Morehead. Lieut. Colonel McGhee, of the 2nd Infantry, is in command and any disorder will be impossible. More vacancies for young officers will be created by establishment August 10 in the First Infantry of a machine gun company. At least half a dozen new officers will be needed. I am informed that Major Hunt, U. S. A., who has just returned, had a talk with Governor Craig and that he is favorable to the early departure of the First Infantry, field hospital and ambulance company. Forsyth joins the First Battalion in a hike tomorrow.

FOREST FIRES IN MICHIGAN SEVERE

The Flames Have Been Making Great Headway in a Number of Counties.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 1.—The most severe forest fires in several years are raging in the northern part of Michigan. The flames are making great headway in Crawford, Antrim and Otsego counties, where the timber lands are reported very dry as the result of hot weather and lack of rain. In Antrim county, where the line of fire extends about 12 miles, two lumber camps already have been wiped out. One lumber company has lost several big log wheels and a score of flat cars. The Antrim Iron Company reports the loss of several hundred carloads of timber. Lumber companies have called their employes from every section to fight the flames. No estimate can be made as to the amount of damage.

A SENSATIONAL RISE IN COTTON

Rapid Advance of About \$1.75 Per Bale Follows Publication of Report.

New York, Aug. 1.—A sensationally rapid advance of about \$1.75 per bale followed the publication of the government crop report in the cotton market here this morning. Just before the official condition of 72.3 per cent against 81.1 last month and the ten year average of 78.5 per cent was published a canvass of local exchange members indicated an average expectation of 76.5 per cent and the government report was also far below the most bullish of recent private figures. Prices at noon showed a tendency to ease off as a result of more favorable weather and lower cables with December selling at 13.28 but within ten minutes after the publication of the report that month sold up to 13.33 or about 35 points above the low level of the morning and 24 points above last night's close.

ATTACK BY FRENCH IS A SUCCESS

Makes a Vigorous Assault Along Three-Mile Front in Verdun Section.

ALSO IN FLEURY SECTOR

Third Raid of England This Week by Airships Occurs at Early Hour Today.

The operations along the Somme on the western front are momentarily surpassed in interest by the Verdun situation. Yesterday the French made an attack along a three-mile front, capturing several German trenches and organized points of support. Paris today reports this ground held against a series of German counter attacks last night.

Progress by the French in the Fleury sector, northeast of the fortress, is also announced, together with the capture of 1,100 Germans in the fighting on the east bank of the Meuse since August 1st.

In the Somme region the Germans have attempted to regain the positions they gave up to the French in the Monacu farm sector, near the river, on Tuesday night. These failed, Paris declares, and the new French positions near Hemwood were organized by their captors. Similarly a German attack south of the Somme was futile.

London reports continuation by the British of the work of consolidating the ground recently gained north of the Somme. The third raid on England this week by airships occurred this morning over the eastern and southeastern counties. One of the aircraft was apparently hit, being reported flying over the water, seemingly damaged.

The official German report today concedes the gain of ground gained by the French in the Monacu sector of the Somme front. The recapture by the French of a sector they had lost in the Lafuee woods near Verdun is also admitted.

Comparative quiet again prevails along the battle line in the east. The official statement records sharp fighting in some sectors but no important shifts in position.

In Asia Minor, the Russians report an advance in the Karpuz region 75 miles south of Erzincan, where the Turks have been driven from a position on the north bank of the Euphrates.

A STRIKE ORDER WILL PROBABLY BE ISSUED

PRESIDENT THINKS IT IS A STATE QUESTION

Washington, Aug. 2.—President Wilson has not changed his position that the woman's suffrage question should be dealt with by states. It was announced today at the White House. The statement was brought forth by the announcement yesterday of Charles E. Hughes that he favored a constitutional amendment.

PROTEST MEETING OF PROGRESSIVES

Members From Score of States Meet to Urge Naming of Candidate for President.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 3.—Representatives of the Progressive party from a score of States met here today to protest against the action of the national committee in endorsing Charles E. Hughes for president and consider the advisability of calling another convention to fill the vacancy caused by the declination of Roosevelt to accept the nomination for president.

The conference was called by John M. Parker, nominee for vice president. The representatives of one element of the party were outspoken for the reconvening of the national convention at an early date. Another faction regarded this plan as not practical and was prepared to urge issuance of a call for a new convention to complete the national ticket. Leaders from several States expressed themselves as opposed to both plans on the ground that they had no available candidate for president and that there was insufficient time in which to organize for a national campaign.

All were unanimous that the national committee had exceeded its authority and violated the party's principles in endorsing Hughes.

The conference was called to order by Edwin M. Lee, of this city, Progressive State chairman for Indiana. Matthew Hale, of Massachusetts, acting chairman, was chosen to preside and J. A. H. Hopkins, of New Jersey, was elected secretary. Chairman Hale was applauded when he said: "We have come here with two ideas. We wish to show that we do not approve of the action of the reactionary wing of the national committee in Chicago June 26 in endorsing Hughes for president and to take some action to perpetuate the Progressive party."

PERSONAL AND OTHER NEWS NOTES FROM KING

King, Aug. 3.—Miss Emma Hutchins left yesterday for High Point and Salisbury, where she will spend her vacation with relatives.

Mr. John E. Ellis left yesterday for Baltimore where he goes to buy goods for his new store which he will soon open in the Keiger building on Depot street.

Dr. O. R. Keiger, of Winston-Salem, was here on business yesterday.

Attorney Claude Bernard, of Raleigh, was here yesterday looking around with a view to purchasing some real estate in King.

Farmers in this section are much behind with their work due to continued wet weather.

Mr. S. P. Wright, who holds a position with the Southern Railway, came home sick yesterday.

TO DECIDE FATE OF THE VIRGINIA LEAGUE

Norfolk, Aug. 3.—The fate of the Virginia baseball league will be decided at a meeting tomorrow night at Newport News. It is expected that the question of an early closing will be taken up in view of the present financial condition of the circuit.

NOT A SINGLE MAN REACHED FIRST BASE

Lumberton, Aug. 3.—Lee Stone, pitching for Lumberton in the semi-professional Cape Fear league yesterday, worked out a perfect game when not a single Raeford runner reached first. No hits were yielded, no passes were issued and not an error was made.

NEGRO PAYS THE DEATH PENALTY

Man Threatened With Lynching by Members of His Race Is Electrocut.

Raleigh, Aug. 1.—Arthur Smith, a negro who narrowly escaped violence at the hands of his own race at Fayetteville several months ago, after he had killed his wife, was electrocuted at the penitentiary here today for the crime. After the murder Smith escaped and was at liberty several days when he was captured. When it became known in Fayetteville that officers were returning with him negro citizens of that town gathered and a lynching was threatening. Smith's guard was strong, however, and when he reached Fayetteville he was placed in jail. Octavius Smith, a brother, killed his wife the year before but escaped and is still at liberty.

General Business Outlook Is Good, Say Federal Reserve Bank Reports

Washington, Aug. 1.—The monthly summary of business prepared by the federal reserve board today from reports of the twelve federal reserve districts shows domestic demand gradually taking the place of foreign orders. The present trend of business is along the line of conservatism, the summary states. "It tends to a more permanent prosperity. The pressure

New York, Aug. 3.—Despite the efforts of Mayor Mitchell and the public service commission to prevent a strike on all the transit lines of this city the danger of a tie-up was regarded today as imminent.

Heads of the various traction companies were reported to be united in a decision to refuse to grant the demands of leaders of the street railway men's union for recognition and increased pay.

The only hope held out today of avoiding a strike on the many surface lines operated by the local companies within 48 hours was a slender one that either the companies or the unions would yield.

Officials of the city, the New York Railways company and the labor union said that by tomorrow a strike order would probably be issued, affecting all lines in Manhattan and Queens.

A strike of street railway employes tying up every surface line in Manhattan, the Bronx and Queens county seems inevitable today. The leaders of the union today delivered an ultimatum to the railway companies, giving them to 3 p. m. tomorrow to grant their demands and efforts today by Mayor Mitchell to bring about arbitration failed.

COMMITTEE WILL MEET SATURDAY

Mr. James A. Gray, Jr., Being Urged to Make Race for State Senator.

The Democratic executive committee will meet in headquarters, on Main street, on Saturday at noon for the purpose of formally acting upon the resignation of Hon. H. G. Chatham as senatorial candidate, and selecting a successor.

Probably the most popularly discussed citizen for that place on the ticket is Mr. James A. Gray, Jr. Mr. Gray is popular throughout the county, being a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families in Winston-Salem and Forsyth county, a most successful young business man. He is very closely allied with the business, civic and religious interests of the city and county, and has an enviable record for the period in which he has served the people as chairman of the Forsyth Highway Commission. He is far-sighted, and from the opinions expressed by prominent business men, as well as by the masses of the people of both city and county, Mr. Gray will be a most acceptable successor to Mr. Chatham.

It has been pointed out that the high ways of the county will lose a strong and active promoter should he retire from the chairmanship of the road commission, but there are others who it is believed could receive the appointment from Governor Craig, in whose province it is to supply such vacancies, who would carry on the splendid work done under the direction of Mr. Gray and his associates.

Among the gentlemen suggested are Mr. R. I. Dalton, Mr. P. H. Hanes, Mr. J. K. Norfleet, and probably others. Everyone concedes that Mr. Hanes would admirably serve the people as chairman of the commission, as he has always been in the forefront in road building, not only in Forsyth, but interested in the development of a complete state system.

Messrs. Dalton and Norfleet are also ardent advocates of road building, good business men and popular with the people. Mr. J. K. Norfleet was strongly urged for a place on the road commission some years ago, but he insisted that it would be untimely for the reason that he, personally, would urge the immediate construction of roads to the county line leading into the tobacco districts and that with that conviction probably dissatisfaction would be innocently bred in other sections where the demand of heavy travel is so great. Since that time, however, it is pointed out that the highway commission has extended highways to the county line in every direction, community highways have been placed in good condition, and in carrying on this work the tobacco farmers who seek a market in this city have been well served. The only essential today is a man of good business judgment to conserve the road funds and expend the money with proper consideration of the people of the county alone.

Should the committee press Mr. Gray into service in the Senate, Mr. Norfleet will be strongly urged for the appointment on the highway commission.