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WRECK AND RUIN ABOVE THIS CITY

Fayetteville Under Water; Thousands Homeless

Water Within Two Hundred Yards of the City Hall in Fayetteville—Call for Relief Made—Estimated That Ten Thousand Are Homeless in Cumberland County—Recovering Bodies in Augusta, But Water Gone From the City.

Wilmington was rainless last night, though dark clouds hovered around, and up to 4 o'clock this afternoon there had still been no rain, with the forecast of "fair" by the weather bureau for the rest of the day. The prediction is for fair and warmer tomorrow.

The rain storm has passed Wilmington, but there is still wreck and ruin in other parts of the State. A most disastrous and dire condition of affairs now exists in Cumberland county. The latest report received by The Dispatch from Fayetteville this afternoon at 3 o'clock brought a tale of suffering and disaster.

Fayetteville Under Water, Special to The Dispatch.

Fayetteville, N. C., August 28.—With 67 feet of water in the Cape Fear river at noon and no indications of the limit, as the water still is rising fast, the eastern portion of the city is flooded to within 200 yards of the City Hall, which is situated a mile and a half from the river. Three thousand persons are homeless and at a called meeting at the City Hall a proclamation for relief was issued by the Mayor. The northern part of the city can only be reached by boat, as the water from the creek is backed up within five hundred yards of the market square. Viewed from the market square the east portion of the city appears one vast lake and the river is unapproachable. The bridges are still saved by boat. The bridges are still standing, but it is feared they cannot withstand the terrible pressure much longer. Ten thousand are reported homeless in the county and calls for relief have been made by the Chairman of County Commissioners. All communication with the city is severed save by the Western Union, who have strung three thousand feet of cable over the northern Atlantic Coast Line bridges, but this is expected to go any minute.

Finding Bodies in Augusta.

Augusta, August 28.—The water is fast receding from the streets of Augusta and the city will for the most part soon be dry again, and merchants will probably begin to look over their stocks by noon.

Bodies are being found today. So far two white men and eight negroes have been found. It is believed that about 25, mostly negroes, have lost their lives. The city is now free from water, except in the extreme lower portions, and cabs are taking the place of boats. The loss is now estimated at not less than \$1,500,000.

TENSE FEELING

Exists in Atlantic City Today Over Probable Calling Out of Troops.

Atlantic City, August 28.—There is tense feeling here today in anticipation of what action may be taken by Governor Fort to compel the indictment of illegal liquor sellers. The grand jury yesterday refused to indict them on the ground that it hurt business. Atlantic City is facing either successful defiance of laws of the commonwealth, or martial law to enforce them. Governor Fort stands ready to send troops to enforce the law, but an extra session of the legislature to appropriate money will be necessary before this can be done.

HAINS BROTHERS ARRAIGNED.

Haled in Court and Held for Grand Jury Without Bail.

New York, August 28.—Capt Peter O. Hains and brother, T. Jenkins Hains, were arraigned this morning charged with the murder of William E. Amis and were held without bail for the grand jury.

Wheat Information.

Chicago, August 28.—Wheat opened one-half higher. The opening of wheat, September, '95; oats, September, 50; pork, September, 14.57.

HON. W. W. KITCHIN

The Democratic Candidate for Governor Will Deliver an Address Here in the Near Future—Date for the Address Will be Suggested by Chairman J. J. Furlong, of the County Democratic Executive Committee.

Chairman John J. Furlong, of the County Democratic Executive Committee, received a letter today from State Chairman A. H. Elber, to the effect that Hon. W. W. Kitchin, Democratic candidate for Governor of the State of North Carolina, would come to Wilmington to deliver an address before the democrats of this county, at any time suitable to the voters here. Mr. Furlong has not yet replied to the communication, but he will send an answer in a few days, stating the time at which it is desired to have Mr. Kitchin speak here. Mr. Kitchin is one of the most brilliant orators in the state, and the people of Wilmington and New Hanover county will be delighted to learn that he will deliver an address here upon the campaign issues.

Mr. Furlong stated today that within the next few days he would call a meeting of democrats in the county to be held at the court house between the 5th and 10th of September, for the purpose of organizing a Bryan-Kitchin club. There has been much favorable comment relative to the proposition to establish such a club, and democracy will be greatly benefited in this section, when the organization enters upon its active campaign.

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MR. JOHN W. MILLINOR

Passed Away Today at the Residence of His Father in This City.

Friends in the city will regret to learn of the death of Mr. John W. Millinor, the son of Captain H. M. Millinor, who passed away this morning at the residence of his father, No. 3 Dawson street, in the 29th year of his age. Mr. Millinor had been ill for several months, and his death was not unexpected. In addition to his father, the deceased leaves one brother, Mr. A. W. Millinor, and one sister, Mrs. Alice Sanford, both of this city. The deep sympathy of all their friends will be extended to the sorrowing ones in their great bereavement.

The funeral over the remains of the deceased young man will be held tomorrow at 3:30 o'clock.

A BIG TREAT FOR LABOR DAY.

The Last and Best of all Summer Excursions.

This is a fine season for a trip to New Bern, and for that reason hundreds are expected to take in the big excursion to be given on Labor Day, September 7th, via the Atlantic Coast Line. No finer excursion than this has been offered the people of Wilmington for some years. The fare is only \$1.50. This will give those who have not been away this summer a chance to spend this big holiday in historic New Bern and take in a delightful trip. Those who have never been to New Bern owe themselves a splendid treat and should grasp this opportunity to visit this attractive city and its hospitable people while the chance presents itself. Separate cars for white and colored passengers. Train will leave Union Station at 7:30 a. m. and will leave New Bern on return at 10 p. m. Don't miss the best offer of the season.

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Pleasant Excursion.

An excursion will be operated to Carolina Beach on the steamer Wilmington Tuesday night, September 1st, under the auspices of the Senior and Junior Epworth Leagues of Trinity Methodist Church. The boat will leave Market street dock at 8 o'clock. There will be a concert on the boat, and at the beach. Music will be furnished by an improved graphophone. Refreshments will be served on the boat and a delightful evening is anticipated.

The Cotton Market.

New York, August 28.—The cotton market opened steadier with August 27 points higher. The remainder of the list three to seven points up. Opening, August, 8.77; September, 8.42; October, 8.57; December, 8.49; March, 8.46.

TO DEDICATE NEW CHURCH

Starting With Interesting Services This Evening

First Christian Church, of Wilmington, Has Arranged Splendid Program for Dedication Convention Services—Will be Held Through Sunday and Visiting Ministers Will Participate. The Program in Full.

Commencing with services tonight the congregation of the First Christian Church, of Wilmington, will dedicate its new church building, which occupies the spacious lot on the north side of Dock street, between Third and Fourth, at one time the site of the Hook and Ladder house. The exercises will be known as the Dedication Convention Services and will hold forth for three days. There will be a number of able and well known ministers of the Christian Church present from points other than Wilmington and the ceremony will be of high and delightful nature. The new church building has not been completed as yet, but is rapidly nearing completion and is near enough finished to permit of the dedication services being held. The church in this city has sent out handsome invitations to the different events, which will, no doubt, be largely attended.

The program for the three days, commencing this evening, is as follows:

Tonight.

8 o'clock—Song Service—Choir.
8:15 o'clock—Address of Welcome—J. A. Erwin, minister. Response—W. G. Walker, of Wilson, corresponding secretary North Carolina Missionary Convention.

9 o'clock—Platform Meeting—Visiting Ministers and Delegates.

Saturday, August 29th.

10 a. m.—Conference, State Board, Pamlico Division with Wilmington Church.

11 a. m.—Sermon—C. C. Jones, New Bern, N. C.

2:30 p. m.—Excursion—Steamer Wilmington.

3 p. m.—Song Service.

8:30 p. m.—Address—J. C. Caldwell, President Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N. C.

Special Music.

Sunday, August 30th.

11 a. m.—Song Service—Choir. Scripture Lesson. Special Music.

11:30 a. m.—Sermon—Rev. L. L. Carpenter, LL. D., Wabash, Ind.

3:30 p. m.—Social and Congratulatory Service—Local and Visiting Ministers.

4:15 p. m.—Address—L. L. Carpenter, LL. D.

8 p. m.—Song and Prayer Service, Scripture Lesson.

Solo—Mrs. J. A. Erwin.

8:30 p. m.—Sermon, L. L. Carpenter.

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HALF HOLIDAY PERIOD

For the Summer Will Come to an End With This Week.

With this week, the summer half holiday period observed by the retail dealers on Friday, and the wholesale houses on Saturday, will come to a close. The proprietors of the various establishments in the city following a long established custom, during the heated portion of summer decided to grant their employes a brief respite from their usual duties, one afternoon each week, and it is needless to state that this consideration of their pleasure has been greatly appreciated by their employes.

Personal Encounter.

Information concerning a lively personal encounter between Messrs. Morris Bretzfelder and Julius Sternberger, which occurred Wednesday night, became public yesterday afternoon. The difficulty is said to have resulted from personal differences existing between the parties to the encounter. Neither of the two were damaged materially.

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FROM THE LONG AGO

Interesting Happening Recalled of Reconstruction Days and in Which a Well Known Wilmingtonian Figured as Judge and the Novel But Effective Way He Punished Two Offenders.

This week's issue of The Commonwealth, published at Scotland Neck, hands down an interesting, unique story of Reconstruction Days and in which Capt. W. P. Oldham, of this city, figured and in the capacity of "Judge" Oldham. A Dispatch man referred the story to this well known and genial Wilmingtonian this morning and it was verified in its entirety. The tale, as unfolded by The Commonwealth, goes as follows:

The following story has been given The Commonwealth, and is vouched for as a true incident as it occurred in Halifax, N. C., at the close of the Civil War in 1865:

"Two negroes from Scotland Neck stole two bales of cotton and brought them to Halifax by night, in a cart to sell. They were caught. Application was made to the Mayor of Halifax for suitable punishment by law. The mayor informed them he had no authority in law to even order their arrest. He replied he would give Capt. W. P. Oldham, of Wilmington, N. C., full permission to punish the cotton thieves just as he wished. It met the approval of all, both white and black. It was a glorious opportunity for Oldham. He had just been released from Johnson's Island, where he was sent when taken prisoner at the fall of Petersburg. He was in Washington, D. C., the night President Lincoln was assassinated, then on his way to prison. He was proud of his appointment as Judge by the mayor of Halifax. He proceeded to establish a court. Faucett's store was selected. Tom Emery was the Sheriff and Jno. Gregory was Clerk of the Court, both good and true officers, ready to do what the Judge ordered. The two negroes were brought in court for trial. The Judge made the trial short, the evidence was good, guilt was conclusive. He ordered them to be hung, then and there, but allowed 25 minutes for them to pray or to give a full account of all the meanness they had done. The old negro in tears prepared to pray. If there ever was an earnest, fervent prayer sent up to the throne of God this was one. The old negro had so much to call on the Lord for pardon the crowd became very anxious for the 25 minutes to end. They knew he could not remember to remind the Lord of all he had done. So the Judge called time on him. Informed him he had just received an underground dispatch from Gov. W. W. Holden at Raleigh, allowing them a choice of being shot or hung. Both preferred to be shot. They were hood-winked, all ready to be shot when a second alarm was given that Gov. Holden had allowed each to give the other thirty-nine lashes on their bare back. They were stripped to the belt, each given a six foot hickory switch with orders that no lick would be counted that failed to bring blood. It was the most satisfactory execution of the law that has taken place before or since in that county. The negroes were perfectly satisfied, although as bloody as hogs. The farmer got his two bales of cotton back. The Judge was given a carte blanche to do as he pleased while in Halifax. The Judge was never treated better in all his life. It was better than Johnson's Island. He was sorry he was sent to another county. He has never had the opportunity of a second call."

AT THE BIJOU.

Always Something New and Up-to-Date to be Seen at This Theatre.

The feature film at the Bijou theatre today is called "Weird Symphony." We see Mr. Mizze and his friend entertaining themselves with music, much to the discomfort of the other occupants of the house. They are highly amused and are thoroughly enjoying themselves, but it gradually wears on the nerves of the neighbors until they all begin to dance as if by magic. From every floor they pour into the flat whirling and waltzing, and all the furniture joins in the wild saraband until the whole place is in an uproar. Mrs. Mizze returns and is horrified at the state of affairs; she makes short work of the revelry by putting a stop to the music and unceremoniously clearing all the merry-makers out, and soon order is restored.

The song for today is a moving picture selection entitled "Everyday Sunshine."

Our New Interest Quarter.

WILL BEGIN ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 1st. DEPOSITS MADE ON OR BEFORE SEPT. 2nd, WILL BE CREDITED WITH INTEREST IN THREE MONTHS (THE SHORTEST TIME ALLOWED UNDER CLEARING HOUSE RULES). 4 PER CENT INTEREST, COMPOUNDED QUARTERLY, ALLOWED ON ALL DEPOSITS.

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