

MANY WERE KILLED WHEN GAS EXPLODED IN TUNNEL UNDER LAKE ERIE LATE LAST NIGHT

While Brave Souls Die In Effort to Rescue Imprisoned Men.

ELEVEN TRAPPED IN THE TUNNEL AND ALL KILLED

Accident Happened In Tunnel of Waterworks and the Superintendent Among Those Dead--Cause of Explosion Not Definitely Determined.

(By Associated Press.) Cleveland, July 25.—Twenty-two men are dead and a half dozen dying as a result of an explosion of gas in the waterworks tunnel, five miles from shore, underneath Lake Erie late last night.

Those who are dead include the workmen who were trapped in the tunnel. When the gas exploded and members of two rescue parties. Of the dead eleven were in the tunnel and trapped by the explosion. None of these escaped. The first rescue party consisted of seven men and four perished. The second rescue party was composed of eleven men and six of them lost their lives. The first rescue party accomplished nothing. The second saved one member of the first. None as yet has reached any of the men trapped by the explosion.

Of the eight rescuers who got out alive two died later and the others are dying today. The men were also overcome by the fumes who did not get into the tunnel.

A third rescue party entered the tunnel at 8:30 this morning and brought out alive G. C. Van Dusen, superintendent of the water works construction, who had aided the second relief party. Van Dusen soon died from his experience.

The bodies of a members of the second rescue crew were also brought out by the third party. The tragedy of the first and second rescue crews was due to the fact that they were without oxygen helmets, which were unavailable. Of those rescued who afterwards died no pulmometers were at hand for use in an attempt to resuscitate them.

The cause of the explosion has not been determined. It is supposed that some of the workmen struck a pocket of gas with a pick, or possibly gas had collected in the tunnel and became ignited by an electric spark.

ONE OF THE BEST TURKISH DIPLOMATS

(By Associated Press.) The Hague, Netherlands, July 25.—The appointment as a Turkish minister at the Hague of Muktar Bey, who, according to advices from Constantinople, is one of the best diplomats of the Young Turks, is interpreted by the Dutch press as showing the importance of this post in connection with the role which Holland and its mediation are expected to play in event of negotiations for the opening of peace negotiations, and with the probability that such negotiations will take place here. Muktar Bey was Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Constantinople before the war. Minister at Athens. He is just over forty, and is described as an excellent public speaker and a cosmopolitan by nature.

BAILEY IS READY FOR ANY PROBE

Collector Says His Political Activity Can Be Looked Into at Any Time.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., July 25.—Collector J. W. Bailey and Postmaster Gatling, whose administrations have been fired at in somewhat incendiary fashion by Bailey's former friend and congressional booster, Col. Jim H. Holloway, said yesterday that they know nothing of any investigations from Washington but would be glad to have any. "Of course I am entirely willing to have my conduct investigated," Collector Bailey said. "I am sure that the public will draw no conclusions on charges sent up from an irresponsible source and spread abroad by a malicious newspaper correspondent. I am rather surprised that the Greensboro News should permit its columns to be used as they are; but that is no matter. One thing we all may be sure of—the people have common sense and their sense of justice can be trusted." Postmaster Gatling declared that no Democrats have been removed during his term of office. Collector Bailey said: "I do not even know the names of the men who have been removed at any time. I don't know anything about the postoffice and have had nothing to do with it." The two had not seen any of the charges made against them by Mr. Holloway until they were printed in the News. The Postmaster has received no notice of any purpose to investigate his administration. "Some of the witnesses cited by Mr. Holloway have come to me and voluntarily said that they were amazed that their names have been used by Mr. Holloway and that they know nothing of the allegations made by him," Mr. Bailey said. He gave the names of three and he expects more. The next shot from Mr. Holloway is awaited.

TRYING TO REACH AGREEMENT ON BILL

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 25.—Prolonged conferences are looked for today between the Senate and House to find agreement in the Navy bill. Final accord is not considered likely, perhaps, for weeks. The Senate conferees will hold out for an increase in the House measure, though willing to make concessions. The House members named will fight particularly the Senate bill's progress plan. Senate leaders believe the administration's support, besides defending the plans, will insure some increase of the House bill. President Wilson has been urged to use his influence.

VIGOROUS ACTION BY UNITED STATES

Expected to Protect American Business Against "Black List."

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 25.—Protection of American business houses named in the black list proposed by Great Britain is looked for in vigorous action by the United States. Early steps might be taken, it was indicated today, unless a satisfactory explanation comes from London in reply to the informal inquiry by American Ambassador Page. President Wilson has let it be known that he is deeply concerned. Officials see complications in the report that the intention of the Allies is to take concerted action along the line of British trade with the enemy, act that would increase the difficulty of business concerns. The State Department already has gathered a mass of information regarding the black list, for use in whatever action it may take.

WOULD BEHOLD BATTLE AT SEA

Big Demand For Small Craft to Follow In Wake of The Deutschland.

(By Associated Press.) Norfolk, July 25.—Reports from authoritative sources that a strong second line of allied warships lay some twenty miles off Cape Henry in readiness to seize or sink the Deutschland if she evades the first line patrol on the three miles limit, today made demand for small sea worthy craft brisk. The possibility of a fight at sea is suggested by rumors that a convoy of armed German submarines also awaited outside of the three mile limit and has aroused such interest that owners of strong small vessels capable of being out twenty miles or more, are flooded with requests from private parties for use of their boats. Many government officials, are making ready to take up the wake of the Deutschland whenever she comes down the bay. Many small yachts and motor boats are preparing to follow the big submarine out to sea, so that it looks as if any action that takes place will be witnessed by a large audience. The new allied warship thought to be a British cruiser, which first appeared on the front line of patrol yesterday and relieved a French ship, continued its lone vigil today. In German circles it was believed that the Bremen, sister ship to the Deutschland, either had been held up by the Allied ships or had suffered an accident.

PRESIDENT WILL INSIST ON THE BILL

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 25.—President Wilson let it be known today that he will insist on the enactment of the Child Labor and Federal employees compensation bill by Congress during the present session. While it has been known that he favored both measures it was indicated that the President might consent to have them postponed until December. A favorable committee report was filed in the Senate today on the compensation bill which has passed the House.

GREENSBORO RAISES OVER TWO THOUSAND

(By Associated Press.) Greensboro, July 25.—At 12 o'clock today \$2,300 had been raised by the citizens of Greensboro for use by the relief committee to aid the sufferers in the flood district of Western North Carolina and the fund continues to grow.

DUPLIN HONORS BRILLIANT SONS WHO ARE GONE

Portraits of Illustrious Dead Presented at Opening of Court.

INCLUDED PICTURE OF DR. FAISON

Splendid Speeches Made in Presentations—Painted by Mrs. Marshall Williams, of Faison.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Warsaw, N. C., July 25.—A special feature of the opening of Duplin county court at Kenansville yesterday was the presentation of three handsome oil paintings—portraits of renowned Duplin county men—Stephen Miller, Dr. John M. Stallings, noted members of the early Kenansville bar, and the late Dr. John W. Faison, of Faison, the work of painting all three having been done by Mrs. Marshall Williams, of Faison. Duplin county has the distinction of being the first county of the State to so honor her illustrious dead. The first portrait presented was that of Stephen Miller, and the presentation speech was made by Hon. Henry E. Faison, of Clinton. Mr. Faison had the records to show that Miller's father came over with Henry McCullough, one of the lord proprietors, and settled at Sarecta, in this county. Stephen Miller was a Duplin county lawyer, represented the county in the legislature from 1825 to 1831. He was also solicitor of the district, which then comprised all the counties from New Hanover to Currituck, inclusive, for three sessions, as they were then called. Mr. Miller moved from the county after his marriage. Hon. H. L. Stevens, of Warsaw, next presented the portrait of Mr. Stallings. Mr. Stallings was born in Duplin near Kenansville, went to school there to Rev. James W. Sprunt, and after graduating at the State University, where he was a charter member of the Delta Psi Fraternity, he studied law under Hon. Richmond M. Pearson at Rockford, N. C. After practicing law for several years he was ordained a minister, and continued to practice law and preach, as well as farm in the county for several years. He at one time was editor of a paper at Magnolia, "The Duplin Record," and one in Clinton, "The Caucasian." He was also at one time head of the Warsaw High School, Clinton Female Institute, and Thomasville Female College. He was also an inventor of note, securing patents for a washing machine and a sash balance. He was moderator of the South Yadkin Baptist Association for eighteen successive years. He died in Salisbury, where he had lived for several years previous to his death in 1913, and was buried beside his wife, who was Miss Bettie Houston, sister of Captain William Houston, a former noted Duplin statesman, whose portrait is also one of those on the walls of the court room. Hon. George R. Ward, of Wallace, then presented the portrait of Dr. John W. Faison, of whom he said, among other things, that he graduated at the University of North Carolina and also graduated at a medical college in New York in 1855, and practiced his profession for 25 years, and during this time he attended the rich and poor alike. At one time he edited a paper, "The Duplin Journal." Dr. Faison was a benefactor to his county, building a public park for them only a short time before his death, and trying in any way he could to benefit his friends. He was elected to Congress in 1910 and 1912, and died in the spring of 1913. Among those attending the presentation exercises, from a distance were: Mr. Miller, of Tallahassee, Fla.; Mrs. John H. Hicks, Mrs. Marshall Williams, Mrs. John Faison, Misses Faison, of Faison; Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Pierce, Mrs. T. B. Pierce, Mrs. J. H. Pierce and Mrs. D. E. Best, of Warsaw.

FRENCH PERFUME IN COMMON BOTTLES

(By Associated Press.) Paris, July 24.—Fine French perfumes are now being sold in ordinary druggists' vials, corked, instead of in artistic flacons with glass stoppers. This crisis is due to mobilization of glass workers in the North of France, and one of its revelations is that the art flacon has been representing a considerable part of the cost of perfumes. But among fastidious women the perfumes do not smell so sweet when procured in this way, and a result is a new industry—that of collecting old perfume bottles into which the essences may be transferred.

HOUSE TO HEAR EULOGIES OF VANCE

(By George H. Manning.) Washington, July 25.—The House of Representatives today adopted a resolution, offered by Majority Leader Claude Kitchin, to set aside Saturday afternoon for hearing delivery of eulogies and addresses in connection with the unveiling of the monument in the capitol to Governor Zebulon B. Vance.

SUBMARINE STILL AT BALTIMORE.

(By Associated Press.) Baltimore, July 25.—"Circumstances and conditions over which we have no control are keeping us in Baltimore. There is no cause for alarm from any source. At the proper time we will get away. There is a time for everything." This was Capt. Paul Koenig's statement today concerning the sailing of the German submarine Deutschland.

BIG BRIDGE IS WASHED AWAY

Durham County Feeling The Effects Of The Heavy Rains. Lands Flooded.

(By Associated Press.) Durham, July 25.—Heavy rain during the last two days has caused near flood conditions to exist in Durham county. The \$10,000 concrete dam of the Little River Manufacturing Co., located 8 miles North of Durham, was washed away last night and the water on the land of Col. Bennehaim Camerons plantation, near here, was several feet deep. Ellerbees creek was flooded and the crops along the banks lost to view in some places. Many bridges and highways are reported completely washed away in the country.

DEATHS AND CASES DAILY INCREASING

(By Associated Press.) New York, July 25.—Both the deaths and new cases increased in number today in the epidemic of infantile paralysis. During the twenty four hours period ending at 10 o'clock this morning thirty-eight children were killed by the disease and 150 were stricken.

PRESIDENT STANDS BY THE SENATE

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 25.—Official word went to the capitol today that President Wilson stood beside the construction program of the Navy bill as it passed the Senate, including four dreadnaughts and four battle cruisers, to be built immediately.

MANY ATTENDED THE CELEBRATION

Twenty-second Anniversary of The Founding New Hope Sunday School.

The celebration of the 22nd anniversary of the founding of New Hope Presbyterian Sunday School at New Hope Brunswick county last Saturday was a great success and was attended by a large number of people. Mr. John Reid, an elder in the New Hope Church, made the address of welcome, after which the program which had been previously arranged, was carried out. Those present were much disappointed by the non-appearance of Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells and Rev. Mr. Shaw, both of whom were unable to be present on account of pressing engagements elsewhere. Rev. D. T. Caldwell made a most interesting address on missions, both foreign and home, he bringing out several noteworthy points. Mr. Dozier Latta also spoke for some time on the subject, "The Organization of Sunday School Work." Dr. Jonathan Hagerman spoke for some time on the advantage of Sunday School Work in teaching the Scriptures. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Johnson, who were among the members of the Sunday School when it was first organized, were present and took active part in the services. Following the speaking, reports and the like the crowd adjourned to the lawn, where a most bounteous dinner was served.

GERMANS THROW FRESH TROOPS INTO THE FRAY

But Unable to Dislodge The British, So Comes London Report.

NOT AN ENGLISH TRENCH IS TAKEN

French Claim Advances Along The Somme—Another Gain By The Italians Reported

(By Associated Press.) The British are holding all the ground gained along the Somme front, in Northern France, against desperate counter-attacks by the Germans, according to today's official statement from London. Fresh troops have been pushed to the fray on the German side, but the British commander reports that the attacks on both the British right flank and central were stopped by the concentrated artillery fire of the British. The Germans at no point have succeeded in reaching the British trenches. The important fortified town of Pozier is standing, while the ground which stood the vital advance toward Bapaume is in British possession. North of the town despite the strong operation by the Germans additional ground has been gained. London reports, and slight advances at other points in hand-to-hand fights by the infantry is announced. Resuming their assault on the German line South of the Somme the French have made progress, both to the North and South of Soyecourt, on the right flank of their offensive. Today's Paris official bulletin reported slight advances South of Estrees and the capture of trenches north of Vermandovillers. At Verdun there are indications of operation of importance northeast of the fortress, a violent bombardment being reported in Fleury and LaLue sector, where the Germans recently have been using extremely heavy pressure. On the Austro-Italian front Rome announces the capture of the Austrians of Monte Cimoni.

RAINS CAUSE FEAR FOR DUPLIN CROPS

Several Bridges Have Been Washed Away—Water Standing in Fields.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Warsaw, July 25.—Continuous heavy rains are causing apprehension in regard to crops. Rain has fallen almost continuously for the past five days and nights. Water is standing in pools in many of the streets, as well as in the fields around town. It is feared that much of the cotton of which there were prospects of a good crop before the rains, will be wilted when the sun begins to shine again. Several bridges of the county have been washed away, among them the one at Best's Mill three miles from Warsaw, and the one at Cooper's Mill about five miles distant.

U. S. WILL BUY DANISH WEST INDIES.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 25.—Official announcement was made at the White House today that negotiations have practically been completed for purchase of the Danish West Indies by the United States from Denmark for \$25,000,000. A treaty closing the transaction probably will be signed today and sent immediately to the Senate. While details of the treaty were not given out it is understood that the United States would come into complete possession of the island. Word received from Denmark said that the treaty is practically certain of being ratified by the Danish parliament and it is understood that the administration hopes that it will be ratified at this session of Congress.

BEAUTY OF THE BIG VALLEY IS THING OF PAST

Writes Governor Craig Of The Flood's Devastation At Swannanoa.

SENDS LETTER ABOUT THE GREAT DISASTER

Colonel Jones Makes Report As To The Lenoir Section—Merchants Are Ready to Help.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, July 25.—Governor Craig was able to get another letter through to his office yesterday and narrated his experience in taking a trip up the Swannanoa Valley since the flood that now makes his office the center of relief. "The beauty of that valley is a thing of the past," he wrote to his office, but it is supposed that he writes purely of the immediate effect following the flood. It would be hard for down easterners to believe that the "nymph of beauty" is gone for all time. Meanwhile the work of relief goes on. Governor Craig has appointed a general relief committee which has the work in hand, but the committee will not take his own hand off the work. Indeed, he will be master hand at work and from immediate contact will apprise the state of the needs up there. The letters now pour in. One of the most interesting in his office came from a school teacher at Edynville. Notwithstanding the fact that "the wind, flood and landslides ruined their crops. Washed away their homes and drowned their children," the teacher said, the people are not asking for money but for a rebuilding of the road in the Bat Cave vicinity to allow the people themselves to begin anew. Governor Craig made it possible to have this road originally and they call upon him in their distress. They went in debt for it and the road is gone. The people do not know what to do but they are not dismayed, she says. She tells the Governor that he would be proud to observe their spirit in the face of such disaster. Colonel Edmund Jones of Lenoir gets a letter through, too. Its postmark shows that it made fair time. His was the first direct report from his county, Caldwell. The letter was personal but it chronicles a condition that is almost unmatched anywhere in the trail of the floods. The Catawba and the Yadkin-traverse his country and it received more than its share of water. His story of the washing away of handsome old homes, the sweeping of houses from under their owners feet is thrilling. Just to show what it can mean he quite incidentally told the story of the death of Miss Laura Norwood, one of the very prominent women of North Carolina, whose burial ground was the old family cemetery far out from Lenoir. But the waters swept in between and made it impossible to take her there. Miss Norwood will be remembered by hundreds of St. Mary's alumnae. She was formerly head of the art department here, studied abroad and became a really beautiful artist. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Boyden and their daughter were able to communicate today by mail. These former Raleigh people had been in Morganton and went over to Linville Falls. While there the storm struck them. They took refuge in a house occupied by kindly people and the rains descended in antediluvian style. The waters came to the house, surrounded it, poured into it and drove them to the roof. Here they sat for five hours while the rains beat upon them, each minute the family expecting to be washed down the streams that had gathered over a spot supposed to be beyond any possibility of danger. They escaped without injury. The Governor's office announces a meeting of the committee Wednesday and the members are sending out appeals everywhere in the meantime. The respondents have been generous and the state is thoroughly hearty in its desire to help. Parker and Bland, merchants of Rose Hill, seeing in the papers that peas had been quoted at \$1.75 to \$2.00 a bushel, have notified Major Graham, commissioner of agriculture that they will be glad to furnish 25 to 35 bushel f. o. b. at \$1 a bushel and asked instructions about sending them. They are the first merchants to make such concessions and it is hoped that many will follow this lead if they have heard the suggestion. Governor Craig has announced the appointment of special policemen Stanly and Montgomery at Badin and for Swain counties.