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Governor Marooned At Asheville Woman Now Acting In His Stead

Terrible Flood Conditions In All Flooded Districts With Total Loss of Lowland Crops Reported

LOSS OF LIFE FEARED HEAVY

Gallant Rescue Crew Attempting to Save Others Believed Drowned

Great Loss of Life Feared As Result of Raging Floods

(By United Press)

Charlotte, July 17.—Grave fears are felt here that a party who went to the rescue of twenty men engulfed when the Catawba River bridge went down are all lost.

The boat carrying the rescuers to the wrecked bridge capsized and none of those on board has been seen since.

(By United Press)

Washington, July 17.—The Southern Railway has practically abandoned traffic south of Washington.

Reports continue to pour in recounting disaster from floods in North and South Carolina.

A dispatch from Raleigh states that the flood conditions around Asheville, Charlotte and Salisbury are terrible. No communication with Governor Craig, marooned at Asheville is possible.

The Governor's private secretary, Miss May Jones, is acting as Governor and disposing of important matters demanding immediate attention.

It is feared that lowland crops in all the flooded section are a total loss.

The second bridge on the Charlotte division of the Southern Railway went down this morning. Service beyond Salisbury has been completely stopped, and telegraph wires south of Charlotte are also down. Atlanta is being reached by way of Chicago and New Orleans.

Ten millions dollars of damage, five known killed, a hundred missing, railroad and telegraph traffic paralyzed,—these are the net results of the flood sweeping the Carolinas and Virginia.

LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY

Asheville and Bltmore are hardest hit. The French Broad at Asheville has broken its course and is flooding factories and homes. A white man and a negro were both drowned in the attempt to carry food to guests in the upper stories of the Glenrock Hotel just across the street from the Southern Depot. Many families are marooned in the upper stories of their homes.

Rescue parties have been organized. Asheville is without lights, and some of her streets have been turned into veritable rivers.

The big dam at Lake Toxaway and two other dams at Hendersonville are said to have collapsed.

The Southern Railway Bridge on the Catawba River at Belmont, N. C. has gone down carrying eighteen men into the river. Whether these men were drowned or not has not been definitely learned.

VAN DERBILTS AMONG HEROINES

Reports from Asheville state that the floods have left five hundred

Ready to Go On Tomorrow

(By United Press)

Baltimore, July 17.—The Deutschland now plans to leave here tomorrow.

In an interview with a representative of the United Press a member of the crew stated today that the leading will be completed tomorrow.

Captain Hirsch says that the Bremen will land here or at New York in a few days.

Court of Arms A Menagerie

KITCHENER'S COAT OF ARMS
SPORTED A REGULAR MENAGERIE

(By United Press)

London, July 17.—A look at the late Lord Kitchener's Coat-of-arms today disclosed that it sported a regular menagerie including an elephant, a camel, a gnu, a star, an eagle, a lion and three bustards, all denizens of countries in which K. of K. had served his king.

THREE THOUSAND ORPHANAGE CHILDREN TAKEN FOR AUTO RIDES

(By United Press)

Cleveland, July 17.—Three thousand girls and boys from Cleveland orphanage were treated to joyrides in 600 autos donated by Clevelanders today.

GREAT CROWDS attended our July Clearance Sale, on Saturday the opening day—New values and bargains for this week. M. LEIGH SHEEP CO.

people homeless and have enrolled Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt and daughter, Cornelia, among the list of the nation's heroines.

They are personally in charge of the rescue work about the great estate, Bltmore, and have waded into the water to their waists many times in the effort to save lives.

Signs Bill For Farmers

(By United Press)

Washington, July 16.—Accompanying his note with a speech paying high tribute to the measure, President Wilson today signed the Rural Credits Bill.

This bill provided a system of land mortgages so that banks may handle long time mortgage loans to farmers.

Big Events On The Turf

SEASON OF GRAND CIRCUIT LIGHT HARNESS EVENTS STARTS AT CLEVELAND TODAY

(By United Press)

Cleveland, O., July 17.—With the promise of more sensational speed and a greater number of dazzling contests than any previous racing season has produced, the grand circuit light harness events started here today.

More than 2,500 horses are booked to run during the three months of racing on the ten tracks throughout the middle west.

The total money offered by the circuit members exceeds \$400,000. Five futurity events, worth \$40,000, will be decided at the grand circuit meeting here and at Detroit, July 24-29; Kalamazoo, July 31-Aug. 5; Grand Rapids, Aug. 7-12; Columbus, Aug. 14-19; here Aug. 21-26; Poughkeepsie, Aug. 28-Sept. 2; Hartford, Sept. 4-9; Syracuse, Sept. 14-19; Columbus, Sept. 18-20; Lexington, Oct. 2-14 and Atlanta, Oct. 16-21.

Ordinary purses have been increased from the usual \$1,000 to \$1,200 and \$1,500.

"Never in the history of harness racing have so many horses been in sight" said President Harry K. Deveraux of the circuit today. "I expect the 1916 season to be the best in the circuit's history."

Driver Billy Andrews of the Big Six is ill and probably will not be seen in a suky this season. Ben White will replace Andrews. The other standbys: "Pop" Geers, Billy Snow, Lon McDonald, Charley Valentine, and Tommy Murphy, will be here OK.

There are two new tracks on the circuit this season. Poughkeepsie takes the place of the Empire City track near New York and Atlanta was taken into the circuit when Montreal was dropped last winter because the war's restriction of racing in Canada to three days a week made the Montreal track unprofitable. Columbus took one Montreal week.

Mr. M. Leigh Sheep has returned from spending the week-end with his family at Nags Head.

Germans Now For Hollweg

(By United Press)

Berlin, July 17.—Leading German newspapers are now rallying to the support of Chancellor Bethman Hollweg, who has been under fire by advocates of a more vigorous and unrestricted a bmarine policy.

They deny that his peace discussions have weakened Germany's cause and make reassertion of their confidence in the eventual triumph of German arms against the British and French offensive on the western front, though at the same time admitting that heavy fighting is ahead.

A semi-official German news agency announced today that the Russian war losses in recent campaigns amount to the appalling total of 262,000. These losses include nearly 15,000 officers of whom seventeen were generals.

A MILLION YARDS FOR THE BELGIANS

Asheville, N. C. July 15.—A campaign to secure a million yards of cloth for the relief of the sufferers in the "Kingdoms of Grief", Belgium and Northern France, was launched here today by the North Carolina Commission for Relief in Belgium. According to the announcement from the State Headquarters here, the Commission will call it the "Million yards of Cloth" campaign, and special appeals will be made to the cloth manufacturers of the South and to the citizens of North Carolina. It is desired that cotton cloth of any kind (ginghams, calicoes, etc.) be given in the campaign. Cloth in any length, style, color or quality will be acceptable during this campaign.

Owing to the strict war regulations against sending second-hand articles of clothing into the countries which receive help through the Commission, it is absolutely necessary that all cloth be new.

It is especially desired by the Commission that cloth which has not been made into wearing apparel be sent, owing to the fact that the cloth shipped to the scene of the sufferers can be made into clothing by them, thereby giving employment to thousands of idle people who, due to the conditions of their countries, cannot find work to do. According to statistics gathered by the Commission, there are 3,000,000 human beings in Belgium and Northern France in need of clothing, and these poorfortunates have become wholly dependent upon the generosity of the good people of the United States. The situation is said to be so serious that, even though the schools are open and running, the children have to take turns in attending, owing to the scarcity of clothing to cover their bodies.

To those who might ask if the situation in Belgium has not been relieved by the gifts of American people, the Commission states that while great and untold good has been accomplished by the generosity of the people of this country, the situation in these countries, where food and clothing are being sent, is growing worse day by day; and this is due to the fact that the resources of the people who since the war started have helped themselves, have now been exhausted and these people, too, have turned to the Commission for Relief in Belgium for food and clothing. The present needs are so great that the Belgium Government has requisitioned all Belgium ships and placed them at the disposal of the Commission for Relief in Belgium.

The "Million Yards of Cloth" campaign will be conducted in such a manner that the smallest gift, even one yard of cloth from any individual, will be received, or the largest gift from the most generous-hearted Southern manufacturer. The Commission for Relief in Belgium

KAISER AGAIN AT SOMME FRONT GERMANS FIGHT LIKE WOLVES

Hand to Hand Encounters in Deep Dug-outs characterize Warfare Along Great British Offensive

(By United Press)

London, July 17.—The Kaiser is a gain at the Somme front where the Germans retreated Saturday night under the battering blows of the British offensive.

Dispatches from the front today brought new details of this successful attack.

The fighting is described as most vicious in character, and in some instances the Germans fought with wolf-like tenacity in the effort to retain their positions, meeting the enemy in hand to hand fights in deep dug-outs where in the semi-darkness only the eyes of their opponents were visible.

Knives and bombs were the principal weapons employed and when these were not to be had men fought primitively with naked fists.

Russian troops, according to dispatches from Paris, are in action along the Champagne front and are inflicting heavy losses on the Germans; while in the Verdun sector the French continue to report success and progress.

Berlin today admits that the British offensive has carried the English lines into the Ovillers woods.

Petrograd claims 13,000 prisoners captured as a result of Sunday's fighting, including 214 officers and over 12,000 men. The Russians also took thirty guns, and a great number of machine guns and other material.

The sixth convoy of Russian troops landed in France today at Brest. This brings the total number of troops sent by Russia to the French front up to about 30,000.

RECEIVES SEVERE WOUND

Nags Head, July 16.—Lloyd Barcliff received a severe scalp wound Thursday morning while bathing off the pier at Nags Head with a party of boys and girls. Starting to dive from the pier, his foot slipped and his head struck against the piling, cutting a gash nearly three inches long. He was rushed at once to Montego in Mr. W. R. Wright's yacht where Dr. Gates dressed the wound. He is now getting along quite well, though the wound was thought at first to be very serious.

guarantee the safe delivery to any point in Belgium or Northern France of goods given by Americans for the benefit of the millions of suffering women, children and babies of the "Kingdoms of Grief."

The operating expenses of the Commission have been so systematically stated, that it expends less than three-fourths of one per cent of the value of the goods handled; its officers serve without pay; it has no money of its own; its acts as steward of the benevolence of others. The Commission so worked out the care of the people of the stricken sections that seven cents a day will feed a woman, child or baby, and \$1.50 will clothe a baby and \$3.00 will clothe an adult.

The general receiving station for freight and express is the Commission for Relief in Belgium at Charleston, S. C., and all mail packages or letters should be addressed to the Commission for Relief in Belgium, Asheville, N. C.

OUR JULY CLEARANCE SALE is now in full swing—Get in on it—simplify your needs now. M. LEIGH SHEEP CO.

In Convention At St. Paul

CHORUS OF A THOUSAND VOICES WILL LEAD PROHIBITIONISTS' CONVENTION TOMORROW

(By United Press)

St. Paul, Minn., July 17.—A chorus of 1,000 voices, not one of which ever raised its clarion tone to the strains of "Hail, Hail, The Gangs All Here," will lead the Prohibitionists' National Convention in song when it opens here tomorrow.

More than twenty thousand song books of the convention have been scattered throughout the country and prohibitionists from every state have learned the list. Hundreds of auto parties are off their way into the city from so far as 3,000 miles distant, holding impromptu prohibition song services along the route.

The chorus will be led by Rollin M. Tease of St. Paul who, though now a professional singer, has been law clerk, miner, tramp, rancher, machinist and builder. He wrote many of the convention songs.

Among the songs are such as these: "Our Nation's Going Dry," "Ring Out Wild Bells," "Katie Is Cashing My Check," "Down in The Licensed Saloon," and several dozen more like that.

Back Home In October

(By United Press)

Washington, July 17.—According to the statement of a high official in the War Department today Villa is dead and the National Guard will be back home in three months.

SURPRISE PARTY AT NAGS HEAD

Nags Head, July 16.—A delightful surprise party was given Miss Eloise Cahoon Thursday. Miss Cahoon is the guest of Miss Elizabeth Hathaway.

A number of games were played and delicious refreshments were served. The guests were: Misses Elizabeth Duprel, Doris Owens, Ina Mae LeRoy, Marion Owens, Elizabeth and Katherine Hathaway, Elizabeth and Marguerite Nash, Eloise Cahoon, Pattie Barcliff, Millicent Grice, Emily Jennings, Rose Lee Wood, Evelyn and Sallie Bright, Messrs James Hathaway, Warren Jennett, Oscar Gregory, Joseph Dean, Haywood Duke, Selden Lamb, Avery Jones, B. Horton, W. Ballard, Edward Owens and Joseph Winslow.

NOTED LECTURER TONIGHT

Dr. William Frederick Hall of New York City will lecture here tonight at the annex of the First Baptist church.

Dr. Hall is a lecturer of national fame and his appearance here tonight is in way of a delightful surprise to the people of Elizabeth City.

A nominal admission fee will be charged for this lecture and the proceeds will be given to the work of the First Baptist church chapel on Personage street.