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DEATH TOLL STILL INCREASES

As Telegraphic Communication Is Restored New Messages Of Death And Disaster Are Brought In

No Lives Lost But Property Damaged

Charlotte, July 19.—The restoration of communication with Mount Airy has revealed the fact that five cotton factories have been completely wiped off the face off the earth by the floods.

No loss of life is reported there.

The number missing in the Chimney Rock section now totals ten.

(By United Press)
Asheville, July 19.—With conditions gradually returning to normal in the flood district the telegraph lines bring in more distressing tales of death and disaster.

The latest dispatches received here report John Heath and mother Mrs. Caldwell and child were killed in a landslide at Brevard, and Mrs. Edgar and two children were killed at Hickory Nut Gap.

Eight are reported drowned in the Bat Cave section, Misses Susie and Polly Collins were killed at Volga.

This brings the death list in this section up to thirty five.

All manufacturing plants not totally destroyed are preparing to resume work. Damage to these plants is now estimated at fifteen million dollars.

AS TOLD AT CHARLOTTE

The Charlotte Observer, which was compelled to set its dynamos running by steam produced in its own plant, has not missed an issue and the following paragraphs are clipped at random from that newspaper:

"The great rain that wrought the havoc seems to have centered its fury near the backbone of the Blue Ridge Mountains, where its divided force swept down the eastern slopes in one direction, the waters finding vent through the Catawba and the Yadkin, while the other division tumbled into the Swannanoa and French Broad on the western slopes. One who should have statistical information of the mills and factories, the dams and the bridges, the farm lands and houses along the winding length of these streams, would be, in a measure, able to give an approximate idea of the destruction to property that has been wrought. Small saw mill plants have disappeared by the hundreds. The valley of the Yadkin will be found strewn with the debris of furniture factories and with thousands of dollars in rough and manufactured woods; with hundreds of hogsheds of tobacco washed away with the going of tobacco factories; corn from the once smiling fields will be jammed in great masses of matted drifts, and the dead cows, hogs, sheep, horses and mules of one farmer will cumber the land of his neighbor. Where the river catches the drift there will be piled the wreckage of homes, barns and of granaries. The same scenes will be of record along the banks of the Catawba and to these will be added the wreckage of the more valuable industry representing the cotton mill. Assembling all of this miscellaneous havoc together and making note of it, there may come the conclusion, that immense as is the loss in bridges, there is an item that will

Deutschland Still Delays

(By United Press)
Baltimore, July 19.—On account of delay in adjusting machinery the Deutschland was still at her pier here at noon.

It is now thought that the submarine is not likely to get away before Sunday or Monday.

(The boat's wireless is stated to be sealed under neutrality provisions after ten day's stay here.)

One report is going around that the Deutschland awaits the arrival of the Bremen in order to ascertain the position of warships off the coast. The Bremen is expected to dock Sunday.

The Deutschland is slated for a trial submerging today.

Hold Meetings in Private Car

(By United Press)
Livingston, Montana, July 19 — The newspaper editors of Montana met in extraordinary convention aboard a bunch of Pullman cars here today. Their business sessions and their special train started at the same time and will keep up a fast clip around the state from now on for the next seven days.

The trip and the convention stretches from here to Hunter's Hot Springs and thence into Wyoming, where the Wyoming and Montana editors will meet in joint convention July 25th. There will be a daily program of social events aboard the special after each editor has edited his paper for the day by wire and the so-called business of the convention has been done and shut up for the day.

A big crowd of Livingstonians gathered at the trains to see the editors get away.

shake the courage of corporations, as well as county, the damage wrought to the rural and industrial interests will overshadow all other considerations.

"The tragedy in the fall of the Southern Railway bridge over the Catawba near Belmont was in the sweeping down stream of the men working to save the structure and the good fate that gave some of them refuge in the tops of trees in submerged wood lands. The rescued men may tell of their experiences, but neither they nor any writer can give adequate description of the agonies these men endured. Suddenly precipitated into an ocean of seething waters they grasped at drift wood and found floatage into the timbered section of the river banks, there finding lodgment in the friendly branches. Even as they were securing the better safety of both hand and foot hold, darkness shut them from the view of friends on shore and they entered upon what must have been in very fact a night of terror. Their eyes could distinguish nothing, save, perhaps, the nearer wreckage of a tree or other object of floatage, but all the while their ears were assailed by the ever increasing tumult of the waters as they gained foot by foot toward the tree tops. And added to the fear inspired by the roaring of the flood was the trembling and wavering of the trees upon whose firmness of root depended their salvation. The sights revealed with the coming of daylight must have proved a shock to their hopes—the river gorge filled to the brim and tumultuous waters spreading through woods and over fields, mile upon mile, with wreckage of houses, uprooted trees, household goods and dead animals swirling and tumbling by — they must have experienced the agonies of despair. Their final rescue by boats furnishes another chapter of what the imagination might weave into one of the most thrilling of human experiences.

RUSSIANS CROSS CARPATHIANS

But Allies Suffer Reverses Along the Somme when Germans in Counter Attack Obtain Footing At Lougheval

(By United Press)
London, July 19 — The Russians have crossed the Carpathians for the first time since their defeat a year ago by the Germans and have entered Hungary.

This report is given by a Petrograd correspondent to the Evening Star.

A swift Russian advance also threatens the rear of the Austrian line northeast of the mountains.

Along the Somme General Haig reports "the fighting still continues and is still violent."

The Germans have obtained a footing on the outskirts of Lougheval village and in part of the Dellville wood in a heavy counter attack against the English army's right wing. The attack was made in force at dusk.

Progress Made Last Night

(By United Press)
Paris, July 19.—The French progressed still further against the Germans northeast of Verdun in grenade fighting last night and are advancing in the direction of the intersection of the Fleury and Vaux roads.

Success In Counter Attack

(By United Press)
Berlin, July 19 — The war office has announced the recapture of Lougheval and the Dellville Wood from the British after violent fighting. This victory marks the most important successful counter attack of the Germans since the Great Allied Offensive began.

By holding Lougheval the Germans believe that they will be able to check further British or French advance along the Somme.

Baker Sustains Major Wood

Washington, July 19 — Secretary Baker has sustained Major Woods' order, rejecting Col. Conley and Lieut. Col. Phelan of the 69th Regiment of the New York National Guard on account of physical disability.

Braved Flame to Save Children

A house belonging to M. G. Morrisette and occupied by negroes was destroyed by fire this morning. The alarm was turned in between ten and eleven o'clock.

It seems that a number of children were left in the house and it thought that they must have got to some matches. When the fire was discovered the mother, wife of Charlie White, colored, rushed into the building to save them and was overcome by the smoke and flames. She was over an hour remaining consciousness.

The loss is estimated at \$500.00 which was partially covered by insurance.

HAVE LOST HOPE AT WASHINGTON

Vigorous Efforts to Modify British Blockade Continued Without Result. Allies Want no Delay in Reaching Goal.

(By United Press)
Washington, July 19 — Although President Wilson will continue his vigorous efforts to modify the British blockade it may be said that government officials have practically lost hope of accomplishing this purpose soon.

With the British refusal to permit Red Cross supplies to reach Poland and with their announcement that certain American firms had been placed upon their black list it is stated authoritatively that little hope is now held for the successful diplomatic interchange.

High officials have expressed themselves in regard to the situation in the words:

"The Allies are in dead earnest. They have their teeth set, and their eyes fixed steadfastly upon a given goal. They are paying little, if any attention to anything else and will accede to no demands which they believe may mean delay to the end for which they are striving.

"They have told us in so many words that if we don't like the smell of the frying over there we had better keep out of the kitchen."

Women Are Organizing

(By United Press)
St. Paul, July 19.—The women prohibitionists of the United States will organize their own national political convention here today in connection with the National Prohibition convention now in session. The women are well represented in the dry ranks but they want to express their own sentiments on the subject of liquor in a platform all their own.

The Woman's Prohibition convention, as it is called, is being held under the direction of the National Prohibition Federation. The women will include a strong plank in their platform endorsing the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment to the federal constitution. Official representatives of the National Woman's Party are here to take part in the proceedings. Among the well known women leaders of the convention are Mrs. John Bidwell of California, Mrs. Eugene Chaffin of Arizona, Mrs. Francis E. Beauchamp of Kentucky, the Misses Marie Brehm and Helen Hood of Chicago and Mrs. Emerson Wold of Minnesota. This convention does not expect to name a candidate.

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For National Prohibition

(By United Press)
St. Paul, July 19.—"The call of the hour is the challenge of a supreme opportunity, to an unparalleled sacrifice. These are the words of triumph. — Peace, Prosperity, and Prohibition. Elect Prohibition. Write Woman into the constitution. Turn out the exploiters of the people. Take private profit from war. Stop the slaughter of peace. Save America and serve the world."

In these words Temporary Chairman Daniel A. Poling concluded his keynote address at the outset of the Prohibition National Convention which convened at St. Paul, Minnesota, this morning.

Mr. Poling, declaring that the Prohibition Party was now the sole representative of progressivism in national politics, extended an official and hearty invitation to the 4,000,000 voters who supported the Progressive Party ticket in 1912, and suggested that whatever the technical name of his own party should be upon the official ballot this year, it would be known henceforth as the Liberal Party of the United States.

Expressing the evidently overwhelming sentiment of the convention, Chairman Poling assailed the campaign of Militaristic Preparedness, arraigned the Republican and Democratic parties alike for what he alleged to be an extravagant waste of national funds, eulogized Jane Addams, attacked at length the activities of the Navy League, and after advocating unequivocal loyalty to the Monroe Doctrine, the establishment of a world court of arbitration, international reciprocity of trade, radical reform in the treatment of immigrants, the development of a national program for the constructive use of the United States Army in time of peace, and the immediate enactment by federal statute and amendment of woman's suffrage and various social reforms, he concluded his plea with the dictum that "Prohibition spells Preparedness" and that the hour had come to change the popular slogan among temperance forces of "National Prohibition in 1920" to the campaign battle cry "A National Prohibition President in 1916."

Mr. Poling closed with an appeal to the forces of organized labor, the members of all temperance and religious movements opposed to the saloon, embracing the great denominations, young people's societies, and the White Ribbon and allied bodies.

Submerged In Black Sea

(By United Press)
Berlin, July 19.—Three large transport vessels belonging to the enemy have been submerged in the Black Sea and a fourth was forced to run ashore to escape a similar fate. This report comes directly from the Turkish admiralty.

IMPORTANT DEACON'S MEETING

Immediately after the prayer service tonight at Blackwell Memorial church the pastor, Rev. I. N. Loftin, wishes to meet all the deacons of the church to discuss with them matters of great importance to the church.

Mr. Loftin will speak at the prayer service from the subject "A Dead Daughter but a Living Saviour."

MYSTERIES OF MYRE TONIGHT

The fifth episode in the Mysteries of Myra will be shown at the Alkrama tonight. In addition an exciting railroad film, The Hazards of Helen will be shown with a Vim comedy.

BEBEL SENATORS SERVE NOTICE

Led by Ellison Durant Smith Say they will Filibuster All Summer If Necessary To Thwart Measure

(By United Press)
Washington, July 19.—Led by Senator Smith of South Carolina the Southern senators have served notice that they will keep the Senate in session for the remainder of the summer listening to filibustering on the Child Labor Bill if an attempt is made to pass the measure over their heads.

These "Rebels" declared that the Child Labor Bill is the measure of "Northern politics."

Leaders close to the White House like Kern, Owen, and James retorted that they would hold Congress until election day if necessary to press the bill to a final vote.

Indications point to another bitter caucus in order to get the measure before the Senate.

Philadelphia Builds Ships

(By United Press)
Philadelphia, July 19.—An investigation by the United Press today disclosed that with present facilities and those being added under millions of dollars worth of new contracts just closed, this city in less than twelve months will be the greatest and biggest shipbuilding center in the world.

There are now under construction or contracted for, 76 ships with a total gross tonnage of 420,253. Millions of dollars are being poured into the shipbuilding industry along the Delaware river. Thousands of men are working long hours getting new shipyards together.

This tremendous boost is due primarily of course to the fact that the seas have been practically stripped of foreign shipping by the European war and there is an enormous demand for bottoms which will carry foreign and domestic sea trade.

All the big yards here are jammed with all the work they can do for the next three years. They are refusing orders every day on this account. Among the largest of these yards is The Cramp Company, New York ship building company, Philadelphia Navy yard, Pusey & Jones, Harlan and Hollingsworth, Chester Shipbuilding company and Quigley & Dorr.

The Pennsylvania Shipbuilding company is completing a big new \$6,000,000 yard.

The Sun Shipbuilding company, organized by New York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburg men, is completing a new yard, costing several million. A report shows that Cramp is building 13 ships with a total gross tonnage of 81,300; the Chester company 10 ships with 48,600 tonnage, the New York company 24 ships with 126,305 tonnage, Harlan & Hollingsworth 14 ships with 85,000 tonnage, Pusey & Jones 9 ships with 37,948 tonnage and the Pennsylvania company 6 ships with 42,000 tonnage.

Report Bill To Senate

(By United Press)
Washington, July 19.—With amendments designed to assure solid party support the Administration Shipping Bill was favorably reported to the Senate today.