

Many Saved From Flood By Daring Mountaineers

Reckless Riders Keeping Ahead of Rush of Waters Barely Able to Warn Neighbors in Time. Not A Life Lost

(By United Press)

Asheville, August 14—Many small towns in this section are threatened with serious damage as the result of the breaking of the great Lake Toxaway dam fifty miles south of here.

Warned of the great catastrophe the residents of these towns had time to flee before the floods reached them.

How the possibility of heavy loss of life in the villages below the great Toxaway dam was averted through the daring ride of North Carolina mountaineers is told today by the survivors themselves.

Those mountaineers, risking death, galloped through the endangered villages telling the story of the oncoming floods and warning the residents to flee to the hills without delay.

Not a life was lost. The property lost is estimated at half a million. Hints of a rigid investigation and possible action against the Philadelphia capitalists owning the dam were noised abroad today when it was learned that the retaining wall had been reported as leaking several times during the year. Shortly before noon Sunday an alarming volume of water was noted seeping through the masonry and at about six the watchers saw that the break had been ripped wider and that the collapse of the dam was inevitable.

Hardy mountaineers volunteered to ride down the valleys and warn women and children of the approaching flood. Traveling over mountain trails to gain time and often risking their lives when riding breakneck speed where the trail followed a narrow ledge on the mountain side, the riders kept just ahead of the racing waters.

Residents of Wahaia, Pickens, Anderson and Seneca were warned by telephone of the danger threatening and in some cases the refugees barely gained the heights in time to see their homes below them washed away.

IN POLICE COURT

Stewart and Ben Alexander, while, were fined ten dollars and costs in police court this morning for disorderly conduct.

Pool Bagley and Sidney Bentor, were fined ten dollars each and costs for carrying blinding headlight on his machine.

Levi Crank, white, was fined ten dollars and costs for violating the traffic rules in failing to drive to the right.

Calvin Morrisette was fined for failure to carry rear lights on his auto.

Encampment At Chicago

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF UNITED STATES MEET FOR PREPAREDNESS CONFAB IN CHICAGO

(By United Press)

Chicago, August 14—Uncle Sam's sons of empire met here today to talk of the time they carried the flag into China, the Philippines, Cuba, Vera Cruz and the coral reefs and desert sands where the United States army, navy or marine corps has fought in the past decades.

Several thousand of them, members of the Veterans of the Foreign Wars of the United States are attending the seventeenth annual encampment of the national organization. They came prepared to talk preparedness.

Grand Commander Gus E. Hartung of Denver, and Adjutant General Col. R. G. Woodside of Pittsburg were early arrivals. Delegates are here from the Philippines and central zone posts. Delegates displayed with pride their Campaign Badges. This badge, issued by Congress to men who saw active service in the Philippines, Haiti, Santo Domingo or Cuba, was the official badge of the encampment.

The favorite campaign discussed today was that of General Winfield Scott, made from Vera Cruz to Mexico City in 1846. The massacre at the Alamo was reenacted, the sinking of the Maine pictured anew and the reoccupation of Cuba of Cuba and the Nicaraguan campaign were fought over again by men who took part in many of these famous events.

The opening session was called to order shortly after noon today. A smoker will be held this evening. The two hundred delegates of the Ladies Auxiliary will hold their initial meeting to-night.

Resolutions favoring enactment of the Key pension bill, already passed by the lower House of Congress were to be adopted at this afternoon's session. Memorial services to commemorate the memory and history of the day will be conducted on the afternoon of the sixteenth. The Convention will end Thursday.

At Alkrama To-Night

The Rosebud entertainers booked for the first three nights of this week at the Alkrama, will present an attractive program to-night in addition to the regular motion picture program.

ALLIES MAKE FURTHER GAINS

With Minor Checks Here and There They Con- tinue to Press Teutons Hard on Every Front

London, August 14th, 1916—On the British front during the night the Germans made slight gains getting a temporary foothold in the trenches west of Pozieres, according to General Haig's report this morning. South of Ypres, however, the British carried out a successful raid without loss.

ARRIVAL REINFORCEMENTS

Dispatches from Rome state that the arrival of Austrian reinforcements has checked the Italians advance east of Gorizio and has slightly impeded the Trieste drive. Fresh gains are reported, however, at Tolmino. General Cadorna's forces have pierced another strong line of Austrian entrenchments east of Nadlogan it is officially said.

THREE ATTACKS REPULSED

From Paris it is reported that the French followed up their successes north of the Somme yesterday with an advance South of that river in sharp fighting last night. On the Verdun front three German attacks were repulsed east of hill 304.

LAST BARRIER BROKEN

The last formidable barrier, to Lemberg, according to reports from Petrograd, has been broken and the Teutons are retreating generally along the ninety mile front toward the Galician capital.

Along their whole line the Russians are reaping a bloody harvest on the eastern front. South of Lemberg alone the Teutons lost seventy-five thousand men, half of their most efficient force. The proportion of German prisoners is also steadily increasing.

The Russian war office also announces further progress by the Russians along the middle Sereth region and that still other forces advancing westward from the river Korapetz have reached the point on the Dneister before Mariampol.

SHILOH BRIEFS

Shiloh, August 12—Revival services closed at Shiloh Baptist church last Tuesday night. Thirty-four were added to the church.

Miss Hattie Jones of Columbia is visiting her aunt Mrs. N. P. Davenport of Shiloh.

The Philathea class entertained the Baraca class at the home of Mrs. Hettie Wright last Thursday night. The dining room was decorated with Philathea colors, light blue and white. After games had been played ice cream and cake were served.

Miss Ethel Pugh of New York is visiting her cousins Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hughes.

Mr. L. B. Godfrey and little daughter Eula are spending some time at Ocean View.

Mrs. Helen Coppersmith of Norfolk who has been visiting her parents here has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wright went to Elizabeth City Wednesday.

A Suggestion From "Wake-Up"

TO The Advance:

As September 1st is the time to issue licenses to all parties doing business in the town, would it not be well for our City Fathers to open the new market house at that time and rent the stalls to all those who wish to go in at such prices as will be equal to those who prefer to pay license and remain at their present places of business?

This seems to be a fair way of adjusting this matter. Something has been said about putting ice boxes in for the butchers; this rule is not followed in our private business and I can't see how any member of the Board can vote to impose on the tax payers of the town what he fails to do for his own tenants in his store or house. The Democratic rule is "equal rights to all and special privileges to none." I hope our Board is still Democratic.

Is the market house finished? Ask the City Manager what the architect says of the job. If the contractor is responsible or if he is not there are some solid men on that Board that any taxpayer could hold responsible for receiving a job that was not according to contract. Taxpayers, look into that contract and the requirements of the Architect for yourselves for you are the people who pay the bill. Watch your tax for this year and you will see 10 per cent on for market house debt, and this does not include several thousand dollars for new ice boxes for a special donation to the butchers. Where are the present ice boxes they are now using?

The public sleep while others advance their personal interest at the cost of the taxpayers of the town.

Respectfully,

"Wake Up".

Make Tests For Farmers

EXPERTS TRYING TO FIND EXACT VALUE OF FARM TRACTOR MACHINERY

(By United Press)

Cedar Rapids, Ia., August 14—Experts from Iowa state college at Ames at the state tractor demonstration here today are trying to find the value of the different makes of machines exhibited for the farmers. They are testing for fuel cost and the amount of power required to operate plows and other farm machinery. Experts say it is as necessary to measure the ability of new farm machinery as it is to measure the amount of food required by a cow and the amount of milk she produces. Farmers and implement men from all over the middle west are attending the tractor demonstration, which will continue for four days.

Mrs. Sylvester Forbes is spending some time with her sister Mrs. Marena Williams in Elizabeth City, having been called there by the illness of Mrs. Williams.

Miss Ethel Dozier and little cousin Beatrice Sawyer of Norfolk are visiting friends and relatives here.

TRAINMEN ARE MOST OPTIMISTIC AFTER CONFERENCE WITH WILSON

Representatives of Brotherhoods Come Smiling From White House and Say Outlook Good For Peace- able Settlement

(By United Press)

Washington, August 14—The first step in the effort of the President to prevent a threatened tie up of the railroads of the nation by a strike ended at noon today when the representatives of the employees left the White House smiling broadly, after a conference lasting for an hour and a half.

"Negotiations are entirely in the hands of the President," said A. B. Garretson and Warren S. Stone, of the Brotherhood of Engineers, immediately following the conference.

"I am optimistic. Everything looks very good," was the comment of W. P. Lee, representative of the Brotherhood of Brakemen. The employees will see the President again this afternoon after the railroad managers confer with him at three o'clock. The President spent the time intervening between the two conferences with going over his notes taken during the conference with the trainmen. He will make no proposals to the railroad managers, however, until they have seen him and put their side of the question before him.

After his talk with the managers Mr. Wilson will make proposals to employees late this afternoon and at a later conference with managers will submit proposals to them.

From what is believed to be an authoritative source it is stated the employees will agree to arbitration if the railroads will take up first for settlement the question of higher pay for their employees.

Three Couples Wed

William Clyde Coward and Miss Mable Cannon, both of Norfolk, were married Sunday afternoon by Rev. E. F. Sawyer at his residence on Hunter street. The marriage was witnessed by Miss Jennie Cannon of Norfolk, Miss Willie Parsons and Mr. Burville Richardson of Elizabeth City.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cannon of Norfolk and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Coward of Norfolk.

Claude Alexander Gurganus and Miss Lillian Madeline Taylor, both of Portsmouth, were married by Rev. E. F. Sawyer Sunday morning at half past eleven at his residence. The bride is the daughter of Mr. M. T. Taylor of Portsmouth, and the groom is the son of Arvin A. Gurganus of Portsmouth.

Fred M. White and Miss Rosa Newbern, both of this city, were married by Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden at his residence this morning. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Barney Newbern of this city and the groom is the son of Mrs. C. A. White of this city.

Greek Narrowly Escapes Drowning

Nags Head, August 12—John Nitso, the Greek proprietor of the Nags Head Cafe came very near drowning this morning while bathing in the surf at about noon.

Nitso was caught by the undertow and swept out into the sea going under twice before his predicament was realized by those watching him.

Mack McMullen of Hertford, Grover Jackson of Elizabeth City and Charlie Balfour of Norfolk went to his aid and succeeded in bringing him safely ashore.

Nitso can not swim and but for prompt assistance would certainly have been drowned.

MACHINES ARRIVE FOR NEW TAILORING CONCERN

The first big machine to be installed in the new skirt and suit factory of Mr. O. F. Gilbert has arrived and will be installed at once.

CLOSED SUCCESSFUL MEETING

Rev. D. P. Harris closed a successful meeting at Berea last week about twelve additions being received. Rev. C. R. Angell assisted Mr. Harris.

Mr. Harris is conducting a meeting at Riverside this week in which he expects to be assisted by Rev. E. L. Wells of Edenton.

Local Items

Mr. Thornton Bennett left this morning for Norfolk where he will join the civilian cruise on the battleship Louisiana.

W. S. Royster of Henderson passed through the city en route for Nags Head.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Baum of Poplar Branch were in the city today shopping.

Mr. Joe Burgess has returned to Baltimore after a visit to his parents in this city.

Miss Carrie Burgess has returned from a short stay at Ocean View.

Miss Mae Chappel has returned from Virginia Beach.

Miss Courtney Jones has returned from a visit to Richmond.

Misses Maude and Vera Hyatt and Mrs. T. T. Turner spent the week end with relatives at Hertford.