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Floods Claim at Least Six Lives in The State

Western N. C. Streams Are Flooded by Heavy Rains; Heavy Damage Over Wide Area

Asheville, Aug. 14. — Mountain streams swollen by torrential rains of the last three days, surged out of their banks today, bringing damage to roads, crops and lowlands' industrial plants expected to run into millions of dollars and claiming at least six lives.

Highways throughout the stricken area were blocked by washouts, landslides or inundation.

North Wilkesboro, a town of 4,000 persons, was cut off from the outside world by the flooded Yadkin river.

Mayor R. T. McNeill of North Wilkesboro estimated that damage in the town would be \$2,000,000 and he said it probably would reach \$5,000,000 for Wilkes county as a whole. He said that 500 persons were homeless and at least 2,500 were out of work. At an emergency meeting of the city commissioners of North Wilkesboro this afternoon arrangements were made to take care of the homeless. Shelter and food were provided.

A woman excitedly grabbed an electric wire near North Wilkesboro and was killed when flood waters surged about her automobile. A man drowned when his boat was swept over a dam near here.

Two persons were drowned in southwest Virginia and two others in east Tennessee.

Asheville drew on an emergency water reservoir with a 24-hour capacity today after floods washed out all main lines leading into the city of 51,000 inhabitants.

City Manager P. M. Burdette called on all residents to conserve water as the level fell in the reservoir just above the city. There was no estimate of the length of time the supply would last.

Two 16-inch mains leading from the watershed northeast of the city failed about noon yesterday and the third 24-inch line went out around 4 p. m.

Meanwhile the State Highway department reported that all roads leading into Asheville, except the one from Erwin, Tenn., had been reopened.

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United States Is Assuming Firmer Policy In Far East

Visit of Asiatic Fleet to Shanghai May Influence Course of Relations With Japs

Shanghai, Aug. 15.—Admiral Thomas C. Hart, United States Asiatic fleet commander, arrived by submarine Wednesday from Tsingtao and immediately conferred with Col. Dewitt Peck of the 4th U. S. Marines regarding a foreign defense council meeting Thursday at which Colonel Peck is expected to oppose Japanese demands for control of the British sector in the international settlement.

Some observers believed the meeting might result in a compromise whereby the American Marines would take over certain important downtown areas from the British, who are withdrawing their troops from China, while the Japanese would take over British sectors north of Soochow Creek and along extra-settlement roads in the so-called "badlands" district.

Marine officials said they were unable to confirm reports Colonel Peck already had made such a proposal at a meeting Monday attended by British and Italian officers and a French observer.

The Japanese already have moved into one extra-settlement road, where their gendarmes are patrolling in front of a large gambling establishment formerly protected by police of the Japanese-sponsored Chinese regime.

Admiral Hart was not expected to attend the meeting of foreign defense chiefs Thursday.

This means that Rear-Admiral Moriji Takeda, commander of the Japanese naval garrison in Shanghai, will preside as senior officer.

Admiral Hart's presence here nevertheless was viewed as greatly strengthening the American stand on reassignment of the British defense zone.

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Axis Powers Attacked By R A F Planes

Britain Strikes Back In Engagements From North Sea to Africa

London, Aug. 14. — Armadas of 300 of them swarming over the southeast coast alone, renewed the relentless and fighting German planes, less prelude of invasion of England in murky skies today, as Britain struck back at the axis powers in engagements from the North sea to Africa.

Fleet bombardments of Italian troops in far off Somaliland, bombing of industrial cities in Italy and a battle in the North sea were evidence of her efforts to take the initiative of war afield even while on defense at home.

Authorities sought to round up the users of German parachutes, apparently those of regular Nazi pilots whose planes were shot down. The parachutes were found in the heart of the industrial midlands.

Masses of German planes dived on balloon barrages and were engaged by British fighters and terrific fire of anti-aircraft batteries.

One furious 90-minute battle ended about noon after a great wave of 80 bombers, protected by fast pursuit planes, lost themselves behind banks of clouds long enough to get inland where they dropped bombs.

Many of the explosives were declared to have fallen harmlessly on farm lands.

Another battle among 150 planes was fought on the south coast with British and German craft so closely mixed it was impossible for ground observers to tell friend from foe.

Here a lightship was attacked and sunk.

At least one barrage balloon was shot down on the southeast coast and several were ripped away and sent crashing on the south coast.

At least 10 German planes were unofficially reported down in the various battles, bringing to 275 the German losses since Germany launched her major attack last Thursday.

Mr. Jackson pointed out that the new alien registration act was designed as much to protect the loyal alien as to detect the disloyal. He warned that "hateful treatment" may make "sullen enemies of those who wish to be good Americans" and opposed suggestions that employers discharge all aliens.

According to the Attorney-General, fifth-column activities in this country take three forms. These are, first, open proselytizing for alien beliefs; second, efforts to divide the people by sabotaging their morale and discrediting their leaders to prevent effective action or strong defense; and, finally, attempts to gain sympathy for foreign nations through fear of reprisals or promises of reward.

J. Edgar Hoover described the activities of his agency in fighting subversive forces and the difficulties of its task. He urged all communities to provide a maximum of protection for their public utilities picturing the chaos which would result from the shutting off of a city's water supply.

He urged prompt action to bring local police departments up to date in training and equipment. He said the time is rapidly approaching, when, as a nation, we must choose between the welfare of the great masses of Americans and a few interlopers who hide behind the Bill of Rights while they undermine the nation.

With more than 300,000 National Guardsmen and Army Regulars concentrated in five manoeuvre areas, the Army is in the midst of its greatest peace-time military exercises. The newly-organized Armored Corps of the Army will not participate and only a small air force will take part in the manoeuvres.

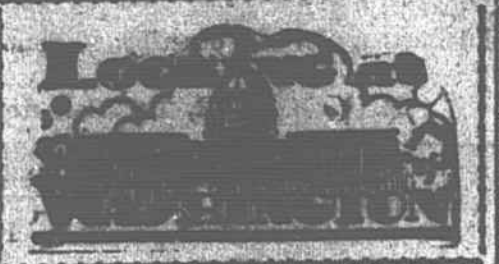
The armored divisions are completing their organization and training and the air force is in the midst of its expansion program. It was thought best not to interrupt these processes.

The troop concentration this year has a peculiar significance demonstrating that the Government fully understands the importance of field training. For many years, the Army has had no sizeable formation of troops with which to experience the practical side of handling large bodies of men. Various units of the Army were stationed in certain areas but, until last May when a small field force of Regulars was concentrated, the Army in the words of General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, "had no Army."

Recruiting to increase the strength of the Regular Army to 875,000 at the end of the year is continuing at the rate of about 15,000 a month. This force, it is felt, is entirely inadequate to confront a major emergency, such as would result from a complete German victory over Great Britain.

The National Guard stands upon the threshold of a new future. With an authorized strength of about 14,000 officers and 225,000 enlisted men, it needs training and, in addition, new equipment and weapons. Moreover, some observers say that it needs reorganization to eliminate the influence of politics in certain State units. Some officers, it is said, enjoy

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By HUGO S. SIMS (Washington Correspondent)

Final Rites Held Here Thursday For Jack P. Lang

Succumbed on Tuesday To Heart Attack In Columbia, S. C.

Final rites for Jack Phillips Lang, 42, of Columbia, S. C., and Farmville, a well known and highly esteemed regional official of the Wage and Hour division of the United States Department of Labor, were held here in historic Antioch Christian Church, of which he had been a member since boyhood, by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Maaburn, on Thursday afternoon, at three-thirty o'clock.

A choir, composed of Mrs. M. V. Jones, Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert C. Holmes and John D. Holmes sang "Asleep in Jesus," "Lead, Kindly Light," and "Now The Day Is Over," with Mrs. Haywood Smith as director. Interment was made in the Lang plot at Forest Hill cemetery, beneath one of the largest and handsomest floral tributes seen here. A large number of Legionnaires and friends from other towns were in attendance.

Active pallbearers were: Fred Cox, Jr., and Paul Noel, of Charlotte, Mortimer Dantzer, of Columbia, S. C., Arthur F. and C. Hubert Joyner and W. D. Dildy, of Farmville.

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Mr. Lang succumbed Tuesday evening at 11:50 o'clock in the United States Veterans hospital in Columbia, S. C., after an illness of two weeks duration. His condition had been critical following a heart attack, suffered at the beginning of his illness and his passing was not unexpected. Members of the family had been at his bedside throughout, and all of his sisters and brothers were with him when the end came.

The body, accompanied by the family, arrived in Wilson at midnight, Wednesday, and was met there and escorted to Farmville by friends, and taken to his former home, the Lang residence on South Main street, now occupied by a brother, James R. Lang.

Mr. Lang, the eldest son of the late William Moye and Mrs. Annie Phillips Lang, was descended from distinguished pioneer families of Pitt and Lenoir counties, and his paternal grandfather, William G. Lang, and his own father were prominently identified with Farmville, particularly in the business, civic and educational interests, and contributed much to the general progress and development of the town.

Mr. Lang volunteered for military service at the age of 16 years, and rendered meritorious service to his country as a veteran of the World War, serving overseas in the Thirtieth Division, "Old Hickory," Company I, 119th Infantry, as Sergeant. This was the division credited with breaking the Hindenburg Line. He fought with the British in Belgium and on the famous battlefields of Ypres, Bellecourt and St. Quentin.

He was a zealous member of the American Legion, and the Furty and Eight Club, and took an enthusiastic interest in its activities from the time of its organization until his passing, rendering a signal service to his comrades through this channel. He was a Shriner and also a member of the Elks.

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He was with the North Carolina Department of Labor as chief inspector in 1938 and 1939, after which he became North Carolina Service Officer with headquarters in Charlotte. During his tenure of this office he was active in securing the veterans hospital for Fayetteville.

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Knox Proposes Huge Army In Backing Conscription

Chamber Commerce Meets, Makes Plans

Improvements Along Business Lines Discussed and Planned; Stores to Remain Open On Wednesday Afternoon After August 21

The Board of Directors of the Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, held its regular meeting Tuesday evening at the Farmville Funeral Home, with the newly elected president, S. A. Garris, presiding. C. W. Weltons, representing the local office of the East Carolina Railway, Leslie Yelverton, of Fountain, E. G. Narron, of Macesfield, S. B. Kittrett, of Pinetops, and George Hart, of Snow Hill, were present for a discussion of matters pertaining to freight shipments by this route.

Reports, from the towns represented, showed an increase in carload shipments and a decrease in broken carloads, and that these respective communities are 100 percent behind the railroad and are working towards its support, in spite of the abnormal conditions brought about by reduced crops and large inventories, which would tend towards a reduction of shipping receipts. The Association voted in favor of requesting the Railroad to provide a fence around the coal yard South of Farmville or some other protection during the time coal cars are stationed there.

The finance committee reported an audit of the books of the organization made, showing all receipts and disbursements to be in order, and recommended that a new system be adopted for keeping of records.

The advertising committee reported the first radio program, sponsored by this group, to have made with a good response and that a second one will be broadcast on Thursday, Aug. 22.

The organization voted to keep the stores open here on Wednesday afternoons after August 21.

Advertising the Farmville Tobacco Market was discussed, and the president, appointed George W. Davis, L. E. Walston, T. E. Joyner, Sr., and John B. Lewis as a committee to work with the Farmville Advertising Service in this connection.

A request will come from this group to the local tobacco companies for the use of local help in so far as practical during the coming season.

Mexican Senate Approves Draft

Mexico City, Aug. 14.—The Mexican Senate approved compulsory military training by 57 to 1 vote late Tuesday and sent the measure to President Lazaro Cardenas, who sponsored it as a defense necessity. The Chamber of Deputies passed the act several days ago.

The measure calls for training 50,000 reserves annually, starting next year, until a reserve of 200,000 men has been developed. Then the program will be tapered off. Men between 18 and 45 are subject to service.

Work On Armored Divisions Rushed

Fort Knox, Ky., Aug. 14.—Brig. Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, commander of the Army's first two armored divisions, said Tuesday he was convinced sufficient equipment would be available by October to place the units on a combat strength basis.

ton to take charge of the offices June 1, and was then transferred to Columbia as supervising inspector in charge of the offices there.

Endowed with an affable nature, a warm cordiality of manner and magnetic personality, Mr. Lang had a wide acquaintance, was popular and highly regarded by all classes.

Surviving are: his widow, formerly Miss Josephine Funderburk, of Charlotte; three sisters, Mrs. Nannie Moye Humphrey, Mrs. J. Y. Monk, and Mrs. P. E. Jones of Farmville; three brothers, W. Harry, of Kinston, James R., of Farmville, and Robert G. Lang, of Beaufort, a number of nieces and nephews, a grandniece and a grandnephew.

The Tennessee Valley Authority has announced that work has been started on the national defense expansion authorized by Congress to increase the TVA's installed power capacity by 300,000 kilowatts.

The faults of young people are largely attributable to the faults of old people.

Defeat of England In Sixty Days Seen As Possibility

Washington, Aug. 14.—Secretary Knox declared today that the United States, lacking a two-ocean navy, needs a "huge army" and he urged that one be created by conscription. Should England be defeated by Germany, he said, "we will be left without a friend in the world." He expressed the opinion that such a defeat in 60 days was possible.

The navy secretary appeared before the House Military committee in support of the Burke-Wadsworth compulsory service bill, on which the Senate undertook its fourth day of debate.

At the White House President Roosevelt and congressional leaders went over the legislative slate, consisting chiefly of defense bills. After the conference Democratic Leader Barkley predicted the Senate would act on the Burke-Wadsworth measure some time next week. Others at the meeting were Speaker Bankhead and Democratic Leader Rayburn of the House.

At the capitol, Senator Byrnes (D-SC) said that Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations, has asked a Senate appropriations sub-committee to increase by \$47,000,000 the funds which would go to the navy in a pending \$4,963,000,000 appropriation bill. The increase would be used for armaments, for fighting planes and for aviation maintenance.

Before the House committee Knox asserted that the nation faces a "very grave crisis."

None in this country can tell the trend of the battle for Britain, he said, because information from belligerents comes through officially-controlled communiques.

WHO KNOWS ?

1. What is the difference between a vaccine and a serum?
2. What per centage of men volunteered in the World War?
3. Of what are synthetic automobile tires made?
4. How many people have been added to the Soviet through annexations in the past year?
5. What is the authorized size of the U. S. Army?
6. How many conferences has Secretary Hull attended in South America?
7. Who is the new chairman of the Democratic National Committee?</