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## A DISASTROUS FLOOD IN TEXAS

Death Destruction And Suffering Are Following In Its Wake.

### THREE RIVERS ON RAMPAGE

Ten Thousand Driven From Their Homes In Waco.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 3.—With three rivers, the Trinity, Brazos and Colorado, and innumerable smaller streams out of their banks as a result of heavy rains which began Monday night and still continue, the flood situation in central Texas has assumed serious proportions. Within a territory 200 miles in length and 100 miles in width, practically all lowlands are under water; approximately 15,000 persons have been driven from their homes; scores have been rescued from tree tops and floating wreckage; several railroads have been forced to suspend operations and incalculable damage has been done to property.

Seven persons are known to have lost their lives. Yesterday five members of the family of W. C. Polk, a farmer, were drowned at Belton, and B. F. Lacy and a man named Manley met a similar fate near Dallas late today.

Waco, on the Brazos river, reported the most serious situation. Sections of that city known as south and east Waco are under water and it is estimated that more than 10,000 residents were made homeless. Military companies stationed there have been ordered on duty by Governor Colquitt. Train service out of Waco was practically cut off by wash-outs. Near Elgin a Houston and Texas Central passenger train ran into a soft stretch of roadbed late today and the engine and baggage car overturned. No one was seriously hurt.

In the Leon river bottoms, near Temple, a number of men, women and children still were marooned late today after spending 24 hours in the trees and tonight it was uncertain when improvised boats could be navigated through the swift water.

Marlin is practically surrounded by water and Hetty, on the Texas Midland railroad is inundated to a depth of from one to three feet.

In Waco and other large towns in the flooded district charitable organizations are caring for those made homeless.

## SALVATION ARMY TO GIVE DINNER TO POOR

WILL MAKE MANY HEARTS GLAD ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

Captain and Mrs. J. F. Talbrit, who are in charge of the local branch of the Salvation Army, are planning to give a free basket Christmas dinner to the deserving poor of the city.

In order that this dinner can be made possible, Captain Talbrit is soliciting the assistance of the public. There are many who do not feel able to give money but who will be glad to donate food. This will be just as acceptable.

Today or tomorrow Captain Talbrit will call on the citizens of New Bern and it is hoped that he will be given their support in this work.

## TALKING PICTURES AT THE ATHENS THEATRE

FIRST PRESENTATION WILL TAKE PLACE IN ABOUT TEN DAYS.

Local theatre-goers will soon have an opportunity of seeing the widely advertised talking pictures which have recently been perfected by that inventive genius, Thomas Edison.

Lovick and Taylor, managers of the Athens theatre yesterday signed a contract with the Edison Kinetoscope Company for the exclusive use of the "talkies" in New Bern and will put them on in about ten days.

The talking pictures have only been perfected during the past few weeks and are being shown in all the larger theatres in the country. The date on which they will first be presented will be announced later.

If a homely girl has plenty of money it's an easy matter to meet a wise man who will try to convince her she is a prize beauty.

## MYSTERY OF THE SEA IS CLEARED AT LAST

CREW OF THE MISSING SCHOONER ALVARADO ABANDONED VESSEL IN MID-OCEAN.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—The missing schooner Alvarado, which cleared from the Columbia river on April 1 for Antofagasto, Chile, was abandoned at sea June 13, and the crew of eleven made their way to Easter island. This was the gist of a wireless message from the steamer Moana, received today here. The island is a peak of rock belonging to Chile and about 2,300 miles west of that country.

The castaways decided to risk another voyage in open boats. Leaving behind his two mates, the ship's cook and five sailors, Captain Benson and three volunteers put out and after sailing for 28 days reached Papete in the Society Islands on November 5. A rescue party will be sent for those left behind.

### OLD MAN KILLS HIMSELF.

A. P. Bump, of New Hanover County Uses Shotgun To End His Life.

Wilmington, Dec. 4.—A. P. Bump, about 60 years old, committed suicide early this evening at the home of a man with whom he was living two miles from the city. Placing the muzzle of a shotgun over his heart, it is presumed he pushed the trigger with a walking cane. No one was at home at the time. He left several notes. In one he stated that his health was getting worse all the time, hence he had determined to kill himself. He had been a cripple for many years.

Earl H. Bellamy, an employe of government dredge No. 9, was drowned from an oil barge down Cape Fear river last night, news of which was received here today. He slipped from the barge in an attempt to cast off the lines by which the boat had been towed to the side of the river. The body has not been recovered. He was from Wampee, South Carolina.

### MARINE NEWS.

The two masted schooner C. C. Donaho, of Hyde County, arrived in port yesterday with a cargo of cotton and turkeys.

The freight boat Daisy left yesterday for Oriental with a cargo of general merchandise.

The schooner Ella May arrived in port yesterday from Point of Marsh with a cargo of oysters.

The two masted schooner Lurena arrived in port yesterday with a cargo of oysters.

The three masted schooner Edwin and Maud of Bethel, Del., arrived in port yesterday with a cargo of merchandise from Baltimore for merchants of this city.

The gas freight boat Wave left yesterday with a cargo of general merchandise for Beaufort and Marshallburg.

## THREE REEL THRILLER TO BE SHOWN TONIGHT

A TREAT IN STORE FOR PATRONS OF THE STAR THEATRE.

Last night was "premium night" at the Star Theatre and a number of valuable presents were distributed among the patrons of the theatre. As usual, there were a large number of the theatre's patrons on hand and these greatly enjoyed the excellent pictures shown.

Tonight will be another one of those "big nights." A three reel feature picture, entitled, "The Midnight Express" will be shown. This is a late release and is said to be a thriller from the very first inch of the reel until the last scene has been thrown on the screen.

There will be plenty of action in the picture for those who want to see "something doing" and in addition to this a delicious little love story threads its way through the entire plot. There will be no advance in the price of admission.

She's a bright girl who can snatch an eligible man from a designing widow. A woman always has faith in the judgment of any man who asks her to marry him.

## POSTOFFICE INSPECTOR HAS ARRIVED

Investigation of The Tangled Snarl at The Office In This City Is Now Under Way

As had been expected, the postoffice inspector who has been ordered to come to this city to make an inspection of the local office, arrived yesterday afternoon from Columbia, S. C., and at once went to the Federal building and began his investigation.

So far this has been the only culmination of the tangled snarl which has for weeks existed in the local postoffice and which came to a climax last Saturday night when Postmaster J. S. Basnight discharged night clerk R. E. Smith who was on probation for a period of six months.

Up to the present time, although he has received orders from the Postoffice Department to re-instate Mr. Smith, the postmaster has failed to comply with this order and this is causing considerable comment.

Immediately after arriving at the postoffice the inspector, whose name is Knight, began his work. Every department was gone into. The records were brought out and inspected and in fact the entire business of the office was laid before him.

So far as is known the investigation

## POSTMASTER BASNIGHT RECEIVES NEW ORDER

POSTMASTER-GENERAL CITES THE RULES ON CERTAIN THINGS.

Hundreds of letters bearing Red Cross seals are each day mailed at the local postoffice. During the past week the senders of a number of the letters have placed the seals on the wrong side of the letter and these have been returned.

Postmaster J. S. Basnight has received the following order from the Postmaster General in regard to the placing of seals on the wrong side of letters:

"No adhesive stamps, or imitations of stamps, of any form or design whatever, other than lawful postage stamps, shall be affixed to the address side of domestic mail matter, but such adhesive stamps, provided they do not in form and design resemble lawful postage stamps, and do not bear numerals, may be affixed to the reverse side of domestic mail matter."

"All domestic mail matter bearing, on the address side adhesive stamps, or imitations of stamps, other than lawful postage stamps, will be returned to the sender, if known, otherwise they will be forwarded to the Division of Dead Letters.

All persons using red cross stamps on Christmas packages and other mail matter should be governed by the above order."

### RULES FOR GROUCHES.

Timely Topics On A Vital Subject.

Postmaster J. S. Basnight has handed us the following "Rules for Grouches." Being on a timely subject and with his consent we are publishing the same:

"Bartholomew S. Slavin, who is in charge of one of the Philadelphia sub-offices is tired of hearing complaints about non-delivery of mail. In an effort to lighten his burden by making chronic complainers think before registering a kick he has formulated and published the following set of "rules:"

"Positively no letters will be given out until they are received.

"If you don't get a letter or a paper on the day you expect it have the Postmaster look through all the other boxes and then search the cellar also. It ought to be somewhere and he likes to hunt for it just to please you.

"If you friend doesn't write rave, at the Postmaster. Somehow he is to blame.

"If he insists there are no letters for you put on a grievous look and say there ought to be some. He is probably hiding your mail for the pleasure of having you call again and again for it.

"If you are buying stamps make him lick them and put them on. That is part of the business he is paid to do."

## RECEPTION FOR THE CORN CLUB MEMBERS

PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON WILL RECEIVE THEM—EXTENSIVE PROGRAM.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—The Department of Agriculture has issued an official program for the annual reception of the champion members of the boys' and girls' agricultural clubs which will be held in Washington, December 11th to 18th. The itinerary includes a reception by President Wilson, the awarding of diplomas by Secretary of Agriculture Houston and attending sessions of both Senate and House and hearings before the Senate and House Committees on Agriculture.

There will be a champion member of the Boys' Corn Clubs from each of the Southern States; champions of the Girls' Canning Clubs from the Southern, Northern and Western States, and Girls' and Boys' Potato Club champions from Massachusetts, Ohio, Utah, Iowa and Michigan. Colorado will send a Sugar Beet Club boy as the champion sugar beet grower of the State and the sole representative of this club work which has recently been started by the Department. These champion boys and girls will represent an organization of over 150,000 boys and girls.

While the Department will officially have charge of the program for the reception, the expenses of the trip are being defrayed by the different States, counties, municipal authorities and private citizens.

The members will arrive in Washington December 11th and will be given a "get acquainted" reception at the Ebbitt House. The President will receive the delegates on Monday morning, December 15th, at 10:20 o'clock.

The program for the 12th includes a visit to different points of interest in the city and a trip to Arlington Cemetery and Fort Meyer. During the morning of the 13th Secretary Houston will present the champion winners with diplomas, after which moving pictures of the party will be taken. They will then visit the different departments and museums. A theatre party will be given in the evening.

Sunday, the 14th, will be given to rest and attending churches and meetings of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. On the following day the party will be taken down the Potomac to Mount Vernon, to visit the home and tomb of Washington. On the 16th a visit will be made to the Capitol where Congress will be seen in session; hearings before the Committee on Agriculture will be attended; a visit will be made to the Government Printing Office and Navy Yard, and a theatre party will be given in the evening.

The two final days, the 17th and 18th, will be taken up with visits to the Pan-American Union Building, Potomac Park, Corcoran Art Gallery and the different locations, an auto trip through the city and a trip to the Zoological Park. The annual conference of club leaders will be held and a special conference on the Girls' Club work.

A feature of the week will be a conference of the Department's lady agents who will be in Washington from every section where they are located and who will act as chaperons to the boys and girls.

## S. COPLON AND SON ADD NEW DEPARTMENT

NEW BERN'S BIG STORE IS NOW HANDLING EXTENSIVE LINE OF TOYS.

S. Coplon & Son, the proprietors of New Bern's largest department store, have added another department to their immense establishment, this is a toy department and it bids fair to make a decided hit with the citizens of the town.

The store has already taken on a holiday appearance. Hunter M. White, the store's decorator, has succeeded in turning the place into a veritable fairyland and on every hand the prospective purchaser who goes into the establishment, see articles which he or she have been wanting.

The stock of goods at this store was never more complete and local shoppers are extended a cordial invitation to visit the store at any time.

Bread is the staff of life and flattry is the butter.

## THE STOCK LAW WRANGLE TO COURT

Supreme Court Will Be Asked To Adjudicate This Matter.

### OF VITAL IMPORTANCE

Onslow, Lenoir, Craven And Jones Counties Face A Dilemma.

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 4.—The stock law wrangle—if it can be called a wrangle—in this part of the State, will be taken to the Supreme Court.

This is the decision of the Lenoir county board of commissioners. Three counties are directly involved and as many more indirectly in the confusion which has come out of the making of Sampson county into stock law territory. When Sampson chose to become a part of the fence territory it devolved upon her northern neighbor, Duplin, to do likewise or build a long and costly fence. Duplin's legislator introduced a bill to include that county. Foreseeing trouble brewing for Lenoir, the commissioners immediately got busy and requested that county's representative in the General Assembly to try to stave off the legislation affecting Duplin. The representative was given to understand that he was representing Lenoir, not Duplin, and that the latter was the county most interested in the matter pending. When Duplin became stock law territory, rather than expend many thousands of dollars in the building of a fence to separate this county from Duplin, the Lenoir commissioners had the representative from this county introduce a bill requiring fences in this county.

Now the trouble has developed with Craven and Jones, which counties were notified that Lenoir's stock law would go into effect on March 1, 1914. Counsel for these counties stated that there could be found no such law which requires them to do the fencing to keep Jones and Craven county farmers' stock from coming onto Lenoir's farmers' lands it seemed to them logical that Lenoir county should build it. Precedent up held their view, it was stated. In contradiction to this, Lenoir's commissioners held that the only precedent of which there is knowledge applies only to individuals and small communities, and that counties have not before been involved in such a mix-up. Stock of Craven and Jones planters coming into Lenoir to become a nuisance to farmers protected by fence from their Lenoir neighbors' animals could be impounded; then the unfenced boundaries might separate neighbors with hard feelings for one another. All the litigants realize this, but Lenoir, with a decided advantage in the matter, it seems to her commissioners, is in a position to assume a faintly air and act independently in the controversy. However, to do the "fair thing," the board will present to the commissioners of Craven and Jones a proposition to draw up an "agreed case" to be decided by the Supreme Court, with the claims of each of the contenders outlined fully. The State's highest tribunal will say whether Craven and Jones or Lenoir shall spend the big sum that the fences will cost.

Onslow county, facing a dilemma similar to that experienced by Duplin and Lenoir, will vote upon the stock law question on December 15th, with a decidedly preponderant sentiment for fencing, according to the estimates of leading citizens there today. In Onslow the fence advocates are denouncing the "Fatal Free Range" as responsible for prevalent stock diseases, and advance as other benefits to be derived from the law the segregation of improved stock from inferior and increase on interest in animal husbandry.

Other counties in the section are now taking notice, and if the Supreme Court decided in favor of Lenoir, no man can predict what the end will be. Very few of the counties could stand the expense of fencing from their neighbors, and it is possible that the whole eastern part of the State will be incorporated as stock law territory as a result of the present Lenoir-Craven-Jones dispute.

Most children are dissatisfied with the behavior of their parents.

And many a man who has the cheek to raise whiskers doesn't even try it.

## FATE OF SLAYER OF SIX MEN UNKNOWN

HE MAY HAVE ESCAPED POISONOUS GASES Poured INTO MINE.

Bingham, Utah, Dec. 4.—Behind his double bulkheads, the Utah-Apex mine still held secret tonight the fate of Ralph Lopez, slayer of six men. The smudges that were ignited Monday continued to pour their poisonous gases into the upper workings until late tonight when they were allowed to die down.

Many hold there is a possibility that Lopez is safe from the gases in some recess of the mine where air may be had, or that he may have escaped through some unwatched exit before the fumes became overpowering.

Lopez killed a Mexican miner on November 21 in a fit of jealousy and three peace officers, and after a long chase took refuge last Thursday in the mine, where he killed two more deputies on Saturday.

## KING AND GIBBS PRESENT

CORINNE, KING AND COMPANY, FEATURING "THE SONG BIRDS OF THE SOUTH."

At the Athens today in a complete change of program, presenting a ridiculously funny comedy entitled: "Tim's Night Out."

This act, they claim, is their feature. PICTURES.

"Why Broncho Billy Left Bear Country."

A Western drama showing several sensational rides, and featuring G. M. Anderson, the greatest living cow-boy player.

"The Other Woman."

A Vitaphone production showing where a chance acquaintance almost proves disastrous to man and wife. It is happily avoided by another chance acquaintance.

"The Policeman and the Baby."

A splendid Selig comedy, showing how a little one terrorized a big one. This picture is a sure laugh producer.

Another big musical comedy company, all next week. Harry Parker presents his New York's latest success: "The Cabaret Girls."

A grand display of mirth melody and harmony. Ragtime singing, piano playing, dancing. Pretty girls, funny comedians. The best singing show on the road.

Matinee daily at 3:45, two shows at night, first starts at 7:30, second about 9:15.

No advance in prices for a big musical comedy company and three reels of the best Association pictures on any circuit in the State.

Smart men can be fools for a purpose. Nearly all men are too lazy even to think for themselves. Thinking is hard work.