

### FIGHT PERSONS DIE IN SOUTHERN FLOOD

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#### Scores of Industrial Plants in Asheville Are Idle and Miles of Railway Torn Up.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 17.—The death list from the flood that overwhelmed this section of North Carolina was increased to eight today. Reports from Madison county said two lives were lost and that fifty-three houses were demolished in Marshall. The water was receding today and no more fears are entertained for the breaking of the dam at Lake Toxaway.

The body of Miss Charlotte Walker, a nurse, was found today at Biltmore. Miss Mabel Foister, another nurse, and Miss Louise Walker also lost their lives at Biltmore. These, with the death of Lonnie Trexter, a white laborer, and Luther Frazier, a negro, bringing the list to eight.

#### Many Families Homeless.

Seventy-five families, mostly cotton mill workers, residing in the lower sections of Asheville, lost their homes and are being cared for by a citizens' relief committee.

Attempts to revise estimates of damage to mills near Asheville today brought little hope that they have suffered to an extent less than reported last night.

The damage estimated for this section remained at \$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000. Asheville still is without gas or electric power and the price of gasoline had gone to a dollar a gallon. No trains left today and none arrived. On the Murphy division of the Southern railway, however, trains are running from Waynesville to Murphy. The main line toward Washington is open beyond Salisbury.

#### Estimates of the Damage.

The Swannanoa and French Broad rivers that rose out of their banks in this section yesterday, flooding the village of Biltmore and leaving Asheville without gas or electric light and power, were falling rapidly today, and it was thought that the greatest danger to this section had passed. Estimates of property damage already have been placed at \$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000, while the total loss to crops, lumber mills, cotton mills, highway and railroad bridges and miles of railroads throughout the area that has felt the flood was expected to grow as belated reports came in.

Miss Nellie and Mrs. Leo Mulholland, reported drowned yesterday when the home of their father, J. C. Mulholland, was flooded. Two nurses were found today tied to the top of a tree, according to reports received here.

#### Wide Area Is Affected.

The area that felt the effects of the flood extends from eastern Tennessee through southeastern West Virginia, southwestern Virginia, across North Carolina roughly to Wilmington, and embraces virtually all of South Carolina. Should the dam at Lake Toxaway yield to the flooded waters pressing against it, devastation in that section would be followed by flooding down the Savannah river watershed that would imperil Augusta, Ga.

The immediate cause of floods around Asheville Sunday was the bursting of the dam at Hendersonville, N. C., which was covered with water several feet deep. The water, which was carried away by the broken dam, was being carried here, then down the Glenside Hotel, both a mile and a half from the business section of Asheville, where it was broken up and carried into the upper floors of the hotel.

#### Heavy Damage Near Charlotte.

Near Charlotte, N. C., which also reported heavy damage, eighteen men working on a railroad bridge were carried away when the bridge went down, and several were drowned or are marooned in tree tops.

At Charleston, S. C., approximately thirty men composing the crews of six barges are missing. The barges were torn from tugs during the hurricane. It was thought today that several days must pass before the water could be restored to Asheville and Hendersonville and it probably will be a week or more before the barges are re-established throughout the flooded section.

### ARCHITECTS' OFFICE ABOLISHED BY BILL

#### Commissioner of Public Buildings to Replace Supervisor, According to Provision.

#### MEASURE NOW IN HOUSE CARRIES \$35,000,000

#### Army to Cost \$800,000 and a \$3,000,000 Department of Justice Building Included.

The office of the supervising architect of the Treasury is abolished under the terms of the \$35,000,000 public building bill reported from the House committee on public buildings and grounds today, and authorization is made for an \$800,000 army and a \$3,000,000 building for the Department of Justice in the city of Washington.

The items for the two buildings have been expected, but the legislative provisions wiping out the supervising architect's office came as a surprise. In place of the office the bill proposes a separate government bureau known as the bureau of public buildings, headed by a commissioner.

The bill also carries \$200,000 for new equipment shops for the Washington post office.

The report on the bill explains this proposed abolition of the supervising architect's office in these words: "The bill provides for the abolition of the office of supervising architect of the Treasury and the creation of a bureau of public buildings, placing at the head of such bureau an officer to be known as the commissioner of public buildings, who is to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and who is to hold office for a term of four years. It is further provided that the organization of the bureau of public buildings shall be completed within ninety days of the date of the appointment of the commissioner of public buildings. The bureau of public buildings is given complete jurisdiction over the selection of sites, drafting of plans and specifications, supervision of construction and the care and maintenance of all public buildings.

#### Breaking of Dam Is Rumored.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 17.—It was persistently rumored today that the Lake Toxaway dam had given away. Railroad officials in Asheville said they did not credit the report. There was no wire communication with Lake Toxaway.

#### Another Tropical Storm.

The tropical disturbance of the past week passed to the eastward of Turks Island, but another is central between Turks Island and Nassau with an apparent northward movement, the weather bureau announced today.

Unsettled showery weather will prevail tonight and Tuesday in the middle Atlantic states, while there will be thundershowers Tuesday in Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

### PRESIDENT WRITES HIS ACCEPTANCE

#### Busy Preparing Speech for Notification at Shadow Lawn in August.

President Wilson has begun work upon his speech of acceptance of the democratic nomination for President. He intends to prepare the speech with considerable care, that it may become the real keynote of the presidential campaign so far as his party is concerned. The President will put in odd hours on the speech until the day of notification at Shadow Lawn early in August, when he will be told officially that the democrats selected him as their standard bearer in the big political fight ahead.

August 5 was tentatively fixed upon as the date, at conferences today between the President, Vance McCormick, chairman of the democratic national committee, Postmaster General Burleson and Secretary McAdoo.

Mr. McCormick talked with several democratic leaders before and after seeing the President.

#### Will Answer Hughes Indictment.

With the republican indictment before him President Wilson will complete his speech of acceptance and at the same time lay before the country the democratic indictment of the republican party. The speech, therefore, will be both an answer to republican accusations and, in turn, an attack upon the opposition, at the same time setting before the country what the democratic party has done during its tenure of office.

The President went out of town Friday night on the naval yacht Mayflower, mainly for the purpose of affording an opportunity to work upon the speech without interruption. The Mayflower, with Mrs. Wilson and relatives of the President and wife aboard, anchored in Chesapeake bay, below the mouth of the Potomac river, and remained there through Saturday and Sunday, leaving last yesterday afternoon for the return up the Potomac river, arriving here early this morning. The President had considerable time for work upon the speech and made good progress, it is understood.

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#### BY N. O. MESSENGER.

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At the same time they are wary and will not underestimate the possibility of danger in that direction. Much will depend, it is said, upon the nature of the response to Col. Parker's appeal. This will be shown by the size and character of the attendance upon the proposed convention, if it ever comes off.

#### Situation in New Jersey.

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He takes a hopeful view of the outlook as a whole, and thinks that while the progressive insurgents will make an account of which will be reflected in point of actual ballots in November will not be material.

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#### Democrats to Prod Moose.

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With the abandonment of the lost cause by George W. Perkins, Col. Roosevelt and the other big leaders, the bull moose find themselves without visible means of support. They are now scraping the bottom of the meal tub. The republican fear, however, that the democratic national committee, which gives every evidence of being in funds and on Easy Street, will "slip something" to bull moose to revive their organization and keep it in the field as a menace to the republicans.

On the whole, therefore, while the republican leaders retire with a look under the bed, their dreams are uneasy for the present. They awaken with that feeling of "something hanging over them."

#### Did Roosevelt Say It?

There is much amusement among the democrats over the dispute between the colonel and State Chairman Hopkins of the New Jersey progressive committee. The latter, it will be recalled, said the colonel told him he feared Mr. Hughes would turn out to be a "gold brick." The colonel promptly denied it, applied the boot and ugly word to Mr. Hopkins, and on the spot organized a New Jersey Ananias Club with Mr. Hopkins as chairman of the house committee.

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### PRESIDENT SIGNS RURAL CREDITS BILL

#### Expresses Faith to Provide Financial Equality for Farmer.

President Wilson today signed the rural credits bill passed recently by Congress. A group of senators, representatives and officers of farmers' organizations applauded warmly as Mr. Wilson affixed his signature.

Just before signing the measure, which creates a system of two land loan banks under direction of a federal board, the President made a short address, pointing out the benefit he believed both farmers and the investing community would enjoy under its operation.

#### President Expresses Satisfaction.

"On occasions of this sort," said the President, "there are so many things to say that one would despair of saying them briefly and adequately, but I cannot go through the simple ceremony of signing this bill without expressing the feeling that I have in signing it. It is a feeling of profound satisfaction not only, but of real gratitude that we have completed this piece of legislation, which I hope will be immensely beneficial to the farmers of the country."

#### Financial Equality for Farmer.

"Therefore, this bill, along with the very liberal provisions of the federal reserve act, puts them upon an equality with all others who have genuine assets and makes the great credit of the country available to them. One cannot but feel that this is delayed justice to them, and I am confident that they will be gratified to feel that it is a very gratifying thing to play any part in doing this act of justice."

"I look forward to the benefits of this bill not with extravagant expectations, but with confident expectation that it will be of very wide-reaching benefits, and, incidentally, it will be of advantage to the investing community, for I can imagine no more satisfactory and solid investments than this system will afford those who have money to use."

He signed the bill, therefore, with real emotion, and an very glad, indeed, to be honored by your presence and sympathy in what I have said regarding it."

#### Signed With Two Pens.

The President used two pens in signing the bill, and gave one of them to Senator Fletcher of Florida, who asked permission to present it to the Southern Commercial Congress.

In addition to a number of members of the House and Senate the signatories of the bill, and representatives of the National Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union, the Farmers' Society of Equity, the Ancient Order of Fishers, the Farmers' National Congress and the National Council of Farmers' Co-operative Associations.

### KAISER TO RETIRE GENERALS

#### Announcement Says Five of Them Are to Be Pensioned.

ROTTERDAM, July 16, via London, July 17.—Emperor William has decided to pension seven prominent generals holding important commands in the Prussian army, according to the Berliner Tageblatt, a copy of which has been received here. All the generals have tendered their resignations. Five of them, Gen. von Bredow, von Wiens, von Glogke, Cramm and von Buer, will leave the army while the two others, Gen. von Klotz and von Krahn, have been given home commands.

#### D. J. Kaufman on Charities Board.

The nomination of D. J. Kaufman for membership on the board of charities was sent to the Senate today by President Wilson.

### DAY IN CONGRESS.

Met at 10 a. m. Another effort by Senator Marjorie for official intercession to secure stay of death sentence against Sir Roger Casement blocked by Senator Stone, chairman of foreign relations committee.

Adopted resolution requesting Secretary of Navy to submit report of recent Atlantic fleet target practice.

Resumed debate on naval appropriation bill.

Met at noon. Considered bills on unanimous-consent calendar. Omnibus public buildings bill, appropriating \$22,000,000 in authorization, reported from committee.

Conference report on post office appropriation bill, setting carriage light, submitted by Representative Moon, Tennessee.

### TEUTONS RETREAT ACROSS THE LIPA

#### Gen. von Linsingen Forced Back by Russian Drive Southwest of Lutsk.

#### ENABLES FORCES OF CZAR TO GET NEARER LEMBERG

Hard Fighting Is Reported in Galicia and at Other Points on Eastern Front.

PETROGRAD, July 17, via London, 4:43 p. m.—The Russians are continuing their successful advance in the region of the lower Lipa, the war office announced today.

#### Russians Take Many Prisoners.

The announcement follows: "In the region of the lower Lipa our successful advance continues. The enemy is making a stubborn resistance. In battles in this region we took prisoner 226 officers and 5,872 men. We also captured twenty-four guns, of which twelve were heavy pieces, together with fourteen machine guns, a few thousand rifles and other equipment. We also have captured in this vicinity 51 officers and 2,185 men.

#### Berlin Admits Withdrawal.

BERLIN, July 17, via London, 4:16 p. m.—A withdrawal of German troops under Gen. von Linsingen southwest of Lutsk to a point behind the River Lipa is official announced by the war office today.

#### Army Group of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, increased fire west and south of Riga and on the Dvina front preceded Russian enterprises. Near Katernhof, south of Riga, considerable enemy forces attacked. Likely fighting developed here.

#### Fall Back Across Lipa.

"Army group of Gen. von Linsingen: Southwest of Lutsk a Russian attack was arrested by a German counter attack. Thereupon, in order to strengthen the defense line, the troops were withdrawn behind the Lipa without being molested by the enemy. At other places the Russians were completely repulsed."

#### Fighting Southwest of Lutsk.

VIENNA, July 16, via London, July 17.—The Austro-Hungarian official communication issued today says: "There has been a renewal of the heavy fighting southwest of Lutsk. In the region to the west of Torchin. We repulsed all Russian attacks."

### BRITISH IN RAID ON TURKS

#### Traverse Difficult Country on Eastern Shore of Gulf of Suez.

LONDON, July 17.—Two columns of British troops operating on the eastern shore of the Gulf of Suez have raided sixty miles of difficult country held by the Turks, according to an announcement by the secretary of the British war office. The statement says: "The commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean expeditionary force, telegraphing Saturday, reports that two columns operating from Tor and Abu Seimein, on the Sinai shore of the Gulf of Suez, have advanced to their bases after successful raids on the enemy posts in the peninsula."

#### More British Ships Sunk.

LONDON, July 17.—At Lloyd's shipping agency it is announced today that the British steamships Mopsa of Goole and Alto were sunk yesterday morning. The crews were saved.

#### Gen. Parker Praises Transport Work.

Work being done by the army Quartermaster Corps in supplying equipment and supplies to National Guard organizations stationed along the Mexican border is described as excellent in a letter from Brig. Gen. Parker, commander of the Brownsville district, made public today by the War Department. The general says "wonderful things have been accomplished."

### FURTHER ADVANCE SCORED BY BRITISH ON SOMME FRONT

#### Storm Second Line German Positions Northwest of Bazentin-le-Petit Wood.

#### GROUND ALSO CAPTURED TO EAST OF LONGUEVAL

Remaining Strongholds Held by Enemy in Ovillers and La Boisselle Are "Cleaned Up."

#### EFFORTS IN LORRAINE FAIL

Paris Reports Repulse of Two German Attacks—Berlin Says British Guns Are Shelling Lines Furiously.

LONDON, July 17, 5:25 p. m.—German second line positions northwest of Bazentin-le-Petit wood have been captured by the British in a storming attack, the war office announced today. The positions captured in what the statement characterizes as a "further important success" extended over a front of 1,500 yards.

#### Text of British Report.

The statement says: "A further important success has been gained by us. Northwest of Bazentin-le-Petit wood we stormed and captured German second line positions on a front of 1,500 yards. "East of Longueval we widened the gap in the German second line by capturing the strongly defended position on the Waterlot farm.

#### Take Trench Near Posieres.

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE, July 17, noon, via London, 4:30 p. m.—The British today captured a German trench in the neighborhood of Posieres. The capture of the trench strengthens the new British line in this vicinity.

#### Wounded Germans in Cellar.

A total of about 100 officers and men surrendered to the British, who had steadily closed in upon them, using bombs and trench mortars, the Germans being short of food.

#### Germans Attack in Lorraine.

PARIS, July 17, noon.—The Germans made two attacks in Lorraine last night. The war office report of today says both assaults were repulsed.

#### Official French Report.

The announcement follows: "Between the Oise and the Aisne, before Moulin-Sous-Toutvent, a strong reconnoitering party of the enemy was dispersed by our fire.

"In the Champagne a surprise attack delivered by the Germans against a trench in the sector held by Russian troops was broken up by a counter attack which inflicted losses on the enemy."

"On the Verdun front the night was relatively calm except near Hill 304, where there was spirited rifle firing. West of Fleury detachments of our troops made some progress and captured a trench in the neighborhood of Nomeny. Both attacks were repulsed and prisoners remained in our hands.

#### British Guns Found Line.

BERLIN, July 17, via London, 4:55 p. m.—An artillery bombardment of