

HAVOC DONE BY RAIN, WIND AND LIGHTNING

Two Canoeists Drowned; Two Persons Hurt; Considerable Property Damage.

TWO BUILDINGS STRUCK; TREES ARE THROWN DOWN

Tents at Militia Camp Blown Over. Many Drenched by Sudden Downpour.



RALPH W. DOWDEN.

An electrical storm accompanied by high wind struck Washington about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The death of two young canoeists, A. R. Cowell and R. W. Dowden, on the Potomac river, and slight injuries to two others resulted.

There was a general alarm along the Potomac river. Canoeists and others in motor and other small boats hurried to shelter.

The windstorm reached a velocity of fifty-one miles an hour. At the weather bureau the storm was described as local.

Two Automobile Mishaps. Gustave E. Norden, U. S. S. Dolphin, while crossing at 10th and I streets southeast, during the storm, was knocked down by an automobile belonging to W. A. Laycock.

An automobile, owned and operated by Frank Murphy, 1920 18th street, skidded on the wet roadway at Nichols avenue and Good Hope road during the storm, and landed against a tree.

Lightning Strikes in Two Places. The unoccupied house of Benjamin Allen, 2507 Macomb street, was struck by lightning and damaged to the amount of \$10.

Lightning struck the smokestack of Yarn laundry, 637 New York avenue, about 4:20 o'clock in the afternoon.

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stink to watery graves, said Reynolds, they undoubtedly were weakened and possibly unconscious.

Tries to Save Boys. Policeman Francis S. Strawser, who does duty along the river front in the vicinity of where the accident happened, and who has a small motor boat in his charge, started to the scene of the accident as soon as the boat overturned, but engine troubles, probably due to the rain, interrupted his trip and prevented him from reaching the scene in time to save the lives of the canoeists.

Reynolds and Thomas Donaldson, the latter a small boy, quickly entered a bateau and started for the place where the young men went down. The swift current and high wind carried them some distance off their course and compelled them to abandon the trip. It was nearly one hour later when Reynolds and his boy assistant reached the scene and recovered the bodies.

Reynolds, who has recovered more than fifty bodies of drowned persons during the years he has been in business on the river, found the bodies of Cowell and Dowden in the body of Cowell as soon as he dropped his line, and while on his way toward shore recovered the second body. Dr. Nolan of Emergency Hospital was at the boat house when the bodies arrived. He used a pulmotor in an unsuccessful effort to restore respiration, and when he pronounced both men dead their bodies were taken to the morgue. Certificates of accidental death were given and the bodies were turned over to relatives.

Assistant to Father. Cowell was a son of Arthur Cowell, a contractor, who assisted in the construction of many of the larger buildings in this city, and was his father's chief assistant since graduating from Business High School, class of 1914. He was a member of Hamline Methodist Church and a member of the Henry Gilbert Sunday school class of Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Dowden is a son of George I. Dowden, who is connected with the District government. The young man was a graduate of Central High School, class of 1914; was a member of Central Presbyterian Church and a member of the Henry Gilbert Sunday school class of Fourth Presbyterian Church. He also was a student in the medical preparatory department of George Washington University.

It is stated that Cowell and Dowden attended church yesterday morning and had been on the river only about two hours, when the accident happened.

Arrangements for Funerals. Arrangements for the funerals of the young men were completed this morning. Services for Cowell will be held at the family home at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

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KAVALA OCCUPIED BY BULGAR FORCE

Greek Troops Hand Over Forts Upon Advance of the Invaders.

BRITISH FLEET SHELLING DEFENSES FROM THE SEA

Artillery Fighting in Progress Along the Entire Macedonian Front, Says London Report.

LONDON, August 28.—"Despite German assurances to Greece that Seres, Drama and Kavala would not be occupied by the Bulgars," says Reuter's Saloniki correspondent, "an order sent last Tuesday to the commander of the forts at Kavala said if the Bulgars advanced the forts were to be handed over to them."

"Friday the Bulgars entered the town and took possession of the forts. British warships in the harbor then opened fire on the forts, but details of the results of the fighting are not permitted to be sent."

Artillery fighting is in progress along the Macedonian front, but no infantry actions of importance are under way, so far as is indicated by today's official account of the operations on this front.

Panic in Greek Port. KAVALA, Greece, August 27. Via London, August 28.—The effect of the Bulgarian occupation of Doxato, a scene of alleged atrocities of which the Greeks accused the Bulgars in the last war, is prodigious. Kavala is the theater of amazing scenes of disorder.

"Doxatos" refugees are pouring into this port from the hinterland and crowding the steep, narrow streets until they are impassable. The streets are littered with every kind of household goods, things left by the owners, fleeing before the advancing Bulgars, as before the 1913 invasion.

These goods were abandoned by the fugitives upon their discovery that means of escape were being cut by sea. Transport is inadequate. Small boats, dangerously overloaded with women and children, are rowing aimlessly about the harbor, their occupants seeking asylum aboard any vessel regardless of its destination or the price of passage. Complete panic prevails.

Greeks Take Gloomy View. ATHENS, August 27, via London, August 28.—The landing of the first contingent of Italian troops at Chimara (a small seaport of Albania, on the Strait of Otranto) causes gloom throughout all Greece. The Greeks now see not only eastern Macedonia in the hands of the Bulgars, whom they expelled from there three years ago, but northern Epirus in the hands of the Italians.

Following the landing of the Italian troops, the Greek civil officers were temporarily relieved of their functions and the telegraph wires were cut, but this damage was soon repaired.

M. Pachitch, the former Serbian premier, has gone to Chalkis to pay his respects to King Peter.

Demonstration for Venizelos. Fifty thousand Greeks joined in a demonstration before the residence of Venizelos, the former premier, today and cheered him with boundless enthusiasm when he urged them to send a committee to King Constantine to urge him to support the present government and prepare the army for "a possible capture of existing conditions."

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RUMANIA AND HER NEIGHBORS.



Declaration of war against Austria-Hungary by the Bucharest government adds 600,000 or more well trained and well equipped men to the entente allies' forces, besides opening the road for a Russian advance south against Bulgaria and Turkey, and through the passes of the Transylvanian Alps into Hungary.

commander of Saloniki, has been appointed acting chief of staff. Gen. Moschopoulos is favorable to the entente allies and is not unfriendly to former Premier Venizelos, leader of the movement for Greek intervention on the side of the entente.

Advance by Bulgarians. BERLIN, August 27, via London, August 28.—Bulgarian forces advancing on the eastern bank of the Struma (in northeastern Greece) are approaching the mouth of the river, the war office announced today.

Bulgarian forces are invading Albania and have occupied Malk, ten miles west of the Greek border, the official issued yesterday at Sofia reports. Occupation of territory in northeastern Greece continues, and further Bulgarian detachments have reached the Aegean sea. Repulse of a Serbian attack in the Moglenia valley, on the western part of the front, is announced.

NO PUNISHMENT TILL PEACE. German Emperor Orders French Prisoners Returned to Cottbus Camp. BERLIN, August 28, by wireless to Sayville.—An official statement issued here says:

"The German emperor has ordered postponement until after the war of the execution of all sentences imposed for the punishment of French prisoners, both civilian and military, on account of acts committed up to September 1 of this year."

The Overseas News Agency adds: "The newspapers state that this action was taken as a result of a reciprocal agreement with the French government."

Imperial cabinet order providing for postponement of sentences on French prisoners also provides for their immediate release from confinement and their return to the prison camp at Cottbus. Breaches of discipline in prison camps, however, except that of offenders from the provisions of the order.

Air Raid on Bulgarian Port. PETROGRAD, August 27, via London, August 28.—An official statement says:

"On the Black sea at daybreak of the 25th our seaplanes raided Varna (on the coast of Bulgaria). Bombs were dropped on the port buildings, harbor and anti-aircraft batteries. It was observed that a ship lying in the harbor and port works were struck and caught fire."

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BRITISH EMBARGO ANGERS SOUTHERN TOBACCO MEN

Growers Make Protest Against Bar to Shipments to Germany and Austria and Ask Reprisals.

Representatives of southern tobacco growers conferred here today with senators and representatives, protesting against a British embargo against shipment of American tobacco to Germany and Austria beginning August 31.

They are urging the government to intercede. Conferences are to be held with State Department officials later today and Secretary Lansing tomorrow.

The protest was made by a delegation of seventy-five leading tobacco growers of Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina before the congressional delegations of those states, headed by Senator Martin of Virginia. They proposed that this government, acting through the State Department, take drastic measures against England, and voted to present their grievance to State Department officials immediately.

R. E. Cooper of Hopkinsville, Ky., speaking for the growers, said the embargo declared by England without notice, and which rescinded the order in council of last November, understood to be in effect throughout the war, meant "absolute ruin for the tobacco growers."

AIR RAID AGAINST GHENT. Loud Explosions Lead to Relief Ammunition Depot Was Hit. LONDON, August 28.—A squadron of the entente allies' aeroplanes bombarded the neighborhood of Ghent Friday morning, according to the Echo Belge, says a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam.

The first bomb was dropped at 8:29 o'clock and the bombardment had continued thirty-five minutes, when there was a terrific explosion that lasted fifteen seconds, shattering windows throughout the city.

The explosion is supposed to have been caused by the blowing up of an ammunition depot. Soon a second explosion, equally severe, was heard. The newspaper says it is reported there were many victims. An ammunition depot at Meirebeke also was blown up and a Zeppelin was seriously damaged.

GUNS FOR MERCHANT SHIPS. Berlin Hears That All British Vessels Are to Be Armed. BERLIN, August 28, by wireless to Sayville.—Telegrams from Rotterdam say the British government has announced to the Dutch government that from the middle of August all British merchant ships are being armed," says the Overseas News Agency.

"Ship captain have received from the British admiralty strict orders to use their armament on the high seas against all ships of enemy countries, but to respect neutral waters."

FIGHTING IN THE CAUCASUS. Further Advance by Russians Reported by Petrograd War Office. PETROGRAD, August 27, via London, August 28.—The Russian army of the Caucasus, which in a recent offensive recaptured considerable territory from the Turks, is said by the war office to have made a further advance.

CONSTANTINOPLE, via London, August 28.—An official statement says the Turkish offensive in the Caucasus is progressing on the right wing, despite Russian counter attacks. The statement tells also of minor engagements on the Iraq front and in Persia.

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who would defend himself against infection. "Habits of this kind will do more to reduce the individual against disease than any regulations that can possibly be put into effect by public authority."

Another Case Reported. Another case of infantile paralysis was reported to the health department today, the patient being Joseph Rock, four years old, residing at 503 Columbia road.

Decrease in Disease Reported in New York. Number of New Cases Little More Than Half for Previous Period.

New Treatment Offered. NEW YORK, August 28.—Encouraging results in the fight against infantile paralysis were indicated by the department of health's report for the previous four hours ending at 10 a.m. today.

Plans to safeguard Greater New York's 700,000 school children when they return to their books next month have been made public by Dr. C. Ward Crampton, director of physical training in the department of education.

Offers Method of Treatment. Serum manufactured from human blood is prominent in treatment of persons afflicted with the disease, in the opinion of Dr. Simon Flexner, director of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research.

Number of Fatalities in New Jersey. TRENTON, N. J., August 28.—Infantile paralysis during July caused 178 deaths in New Jersey, according to a report today by the state department of health.

Most Susceptible Children. CHICAGO, August 28.—Fair-haired, light complexioned babies are more susceptible to infantile paralysis than those with dark skin and hair, according to Dr. Archibald L. Hoyne, a member of a commission appointed to investigate the plague in Chicago.

Excise Board Refuses Application of Henry Hust. The excise board today denied the application of Henry Hust for a transfer of the retail license from John Lynch, at 417 9th street northwest, and also rejected the application of the Ryd & Barry Distributing Company for a transfer of the wholesale license from Harvey S. Byrd and Martin J. Barry and from 521 G street northwest to 1218 Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

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