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## FRENCH BROAD'S WORST FLOOD

DESTRUCTIVE WORK OF THE OVERFLOW IN COUNTRY BELOW LOW MARSHALL.

Barnard, Stackhouse and Hot Springs in the Track of the Torrent.

## THE OLD BARNARD HOUSE COMPLETELY SWEEPED AWAY.

A SCENE OF RUIN AND WRECKAGE—STREWN FIELDS—TERRIBLE CONDITION OF THE RAILROAD—EXPERIENCE OF SOME BINGHAM CADETS ON THEIR WAY FROM KNOXVILLE TO THIS CITY.

The Gazette yesterday received additional news of the fearful destruction wrought by the storm of Thursday night north and west of Asheville. For the first time since the suspension of telegraph and railway communication between this city and the towns to the westward word was received of the condition of affairs at Hot Springs and west of there and between that town and Marshall.

The following despatch was received by Chief Dispatcher J. A. Mims at 2:30 p. m. yesterday from the operator at Alexander:

"Passengers off train No. 16 report track as follows: Between Hot Springs and Marshall the track is up for 200 yards. West of Hot Springs and for one mile east the track is entirely washed out. From this point to Stackhouse the track is entirely washed out. Slides are numerous. Between Putnam and Sandy Bottom the east end of one bridge is gone and telegraph wires and poles are down. Between Paint Rock and Hot Springs there are very few poles left. The passengers of No. 16 state that Supervisor Lacy told them that it would take two weeks to clear the track between Hot Springs and Asheville. The track at Marshall is badly washed and the foundations under the depot and platform are gone. This but faintly pictures the destruction that will cost the Southern railway hundreds of thousands of dollars before the railroad is restored to its original condition. Over much of this trackage the company had within the last eighteen months spent large sums of money in granitizing ballast and replacing the old light rails with heavy rails, making this stretch of mountain railroad as perfect as money could make it and it was the pride of the engineers and the joy of the traveling public.

At Marshall the railroad and also the depot are in a state of almost total ruin. The track for a long distance was washed from the rock wall on which the road runs through the town, and is now in the bottom of the river. At Barnard the depot was undermined and fell on the track. The track is completely washed away for half a mile.

The old Barnard house, in old stage coach days a famous hostelry of the mountains, being the only hotel between Hot Springs and Alexander, was floated from its foundations and wrecked. The large stables were swept away and all the outbuildings. The house was occupied by D. P. Miles. He and his family escaped to the hill behind the house.

At Stackhouse the North Carolina Land and Lumber company lost immense quantities of cut lumber. The depot at Stackhouse went down with the flood.

The railroad track at Hot Springs was all washed away—every vestige of the railway gone. The bath-house and cottages of the Mountain Park Hotel were submerged, but were not carried away. The big hotel was surrounded with wa-

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ter and there was great alarm there and in the village, but the damage done to the buildings was not great. The grounds about the hotel are strewn with rubbish deposited by the flood.

The river's banks between Alexander and Hot Springs are strewn with wreckage—lumber, fragments of buildings, dead animals, uprooted trees with roots and stumps of furniture and fragments of household goods. Wherever there was a strip of tilled land it was left gravel-covered by the receding tide.

Much live stock—horses, mules, swine and chickens—were swept away by the flood.

## PASSENGERS FROM THE WEST ARRIVE HERE

After a Mule Ride, a Wagon Trip and a Long Tramp.

When train No. 16 on the Southern from Knoxville was two miles from Hot Springs last Thursday evening during the height of the storm, a wrecked track ahead foretold many hardships and experiences. As they stood two days ago they stand now—a freight and a passenger train unable to move in either direction. An hour after No. 16 had arrived at the termination of the track it was impossible to back out owing to the track passed over a little time back being made impassable by washouts. The passengers in the pouring rain walked to the station where more sorrow and tribulation awaited them. Among the number—and luckily there were no ladies—were several Bingham boys and traveling men bound for Asheville. About 11 o'clock Hot Springs station next morning and walked to Stackhouse where they succeeded in hiring some mules as a means of conveyance. Some rode double and the swampy roads were anything but conducive to a pleasant journey. They plodded and rode, and rode and plodded, only to find after weary hours of torture, that they had gone eight miles out of their way. The man who was furnishing the mules seemed to be getting rather weary of his job and did all in his power to get rid of his burdens. Coming up to a farm house near Marshall a contract was made with a man named Price for transportation in a wagon to Marshall. Paying the first man a dollar each, for his services, they watched him depart with anything but an affectionate farewell, and the boys climbed into the wagon with aching limbs and troubled consciences. Leaving Marshall at 8 o'clock yesterday morning they walked all day in mud and water until they arrived here. They followed the railroad the whole distance. Though all arrived in Asheville at 6 o'clock in the evening two of the boys were almost exhausted from exertion. They say that the rails of the Southern near Paint Rock are in some places bent so that they stand perpendicular to a height of several feet, with the cross-ties still intact.

## MULES SWAM TO SHORE

The river fell several feet yesterday and left in its path quite a varied number of articles. Boys and men were all through the bottoms looking for things that were brought down by the flood. A good lesson in self preservation might well be taken from the example of four mules during the high water Friday. Their stable had been flooded and breaking through the door they waded around their quarters finding the whole premises surrounded. With one accord they all herded together on a little mound and in brute language discussed the situation. It was rather a grave one. Nothing but water, water everywhere. Finally one of the largest of the lot ventured slowly forth in the direction of the freight depot, which was a quarter of a mile away. With much caution his mate followed and trailed along when presently they were forced to swim owing to the depth of the water. Side by side they tugged with might and main in the sweeping current, urged and called by some boys on the bank. The two little fellows bent their long trim ears and stood motionless when presently, just as if they were being driven, they started side by side in the direction of the two ahead. Luck must have favored them for they were enabled to walk most of the way on the track that is used for switching cars to the Wilkinson lumber yard. They soon arrived safely on the bank and were taken in charge with their friends who preceded them.

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## CIVIL WAR IN ITALY

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Government Assumed Control of All Railways to Avert National Strike.

## STUPIDITY CAUSED THE STRIKE TO FAIL

OUTBREAKS IN VARIOUS PLACES INDICATE THAT ECONOMIC CONDITION OF EUROPE IS ALARMING—AMERICAN AND ASIATIC COMPETITION PARTLY RESPONSIBLE.

London, March 1.—The world at large has been kept in ignorance of the fact that civil war and possibly a successful revolution in Italy have been narrowly averted. The only news sent abroad has been of the mobilization of nearly 200,000 troops and the government's assumption of control of all railroads in order to avert a national strike of railroad employees. Italy is in the presence of a socialistic plot of enormous proportions. A chamber of labor has been created in every town at all likely as a good member of the leagues of resistance in which over a million were enrolled, under the control of a central committee in Rome.

The committee was to have given the word for action Friday when a general strike on all Italian railways was to be begun. The plans were upset by the stupidity of Senator Morgani, socialist deputy for Turin, who six days before the appointed time ordered a general strike in that city. The government foresaw trouble and immediately mobilized 10,000 men of the railway system and called out 90,000 reserve troops.

Then the government dissolved by decree all chambers of labor and leagues of resistance, reducing the plotters to what is hoped to be permanent inaction. The revolutionists, however, caused much trouble at Turin, which was in the hands of the mob from Saturday until Monday. Morgani led a mob of 20,000 through the streets doing great damage. The troops finally suppressed the rioters. Two hundred were badly hurt and at least a thousand arrested. The serious situation in Italy and outbreaks in other parts of Europe indicate that the economic condition of Europe is alarming. American and Asiatic competition is partly responsible.

## IMMIGRATION BILL PASSED BY THE SENATE

CONFERENCE REPORT ON PHILIPPINES TARIFF BILL AGREED TO.

Washington, March 1.—The senate today passed the omnibus claims bill. The irrigation bill was taken up, Tillman making a speech in support of the measure for the reclamation of arid lands. He said it was vastly more important than the improvement of rivers, many of which were not navigable. One of his statements was denied by Berry (Ark), whereupon Tillman warned Berry that he would get himself "into the same trouble I was recently" if he were not more parliamentary. After further discussion the bill was passed. It provides for a "reclamation fund" out of the sale of public lands. The conference report on the Philippine tariff bill was presented and agreed to. After an executive session the senate adjourned.

## FIVE BURIED ALIVE BY COLLAPSING BUILDING

Cleveland, March 1.—Four girls and a man were buried in the ruins of the Cleveland company's factory, which collapsed today. Fifteen girls and three men were carried down in the ruins, but only a few were killed. The great weight of a great quantity of flour stored on an upper floor is believed to have been the cause of the collapse.

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## DESTRUCTION BY FLOOD'S IN MANY OF THE STATES

In Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Georgia Streams are at an Unprecedented Height and are Causing Great Losses—Allegheny Ice Gorge Breaks.

Pittsburg, March 1.—Western Pennsylvania is in the grip of the worst flood since the record breaker of 1884. At 9 o'clock this morning marks showed thirty feet of water and rising at a rate of five to six inches an hour. Street car traffic between tower Pittsburg and Allegheny has been entirely abandoned. Scores of mills are forced to close down and hundreds of families have been compelled to move from their homes. Special details of police surrounded the flooded districts to guard the property and lives. The water rose so rapidly that in the American steel and wire plant, on the south side, the workmen had to leave their street clothes in the lockers and get out of the mill in their working clothes. Several railroads are practically closed. The water is up in the tralusheds and covers the tracks all along the Monongahela and Ohio rivers and the city park and penitentiary are covered.

Philadelphia, March 1.—What is said to have been the greatest flood ever experienced along the Schuylkill river reached its height at 6 o'clock this morning, when the river, which had expanded to twice its width, began slowly to recede.

Thus far only one life has been lost in this city, Michael Igo, aged forty-four, was drowned this morning in the kitchen of his home at the falls of the Schuylkill.

Several hundred sheep and hogs were caught in the flood in their pens in the Abbott yard and drowned. The yards were located on the west bank of the river above Market street. When the flood began to rise above the danger mark last night the cattle were removed to a place of safety, but before the attendants could reach the small stock all were drowned. All of the cattle, too, were lost.

Probably the greatest sufferer is the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company, whose track runs along the eastern shore for a distance of three miles. This road has abandoned service over the main line.

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