

DIKES BREAKING NEAR MEMPHIS

Government Dredge Fleet Used to Save Life as Lowlands in That Vicinity Are Flooded.

REELFOOT DISTRICT IS IN GREAT PERIL

Work Desperately Rushed as River Laps Over Embankments—No Railroads into Cairo.

Indications point to the development of a more serious flood situation in the lower Mississippi valley than has existed. Today was marked by the usual number of alarming rumors of serious disasters, many proving erroneous upon investigation.

Memphis, April 5.—New breaches appearing on the levees holding back the Mississippi tide have increased the menace of the flood situation.

Cairo, Ill., April 5.—The only connection Cairo has with the outside world is by tug-boat to Mound City, to reach the Big Four railroad.

Hickman, Ky., April 5.—A picture of utter desolation is presented by this flooded town. The number of homeless persons is about 2000.

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BIG FIRE TRUCK IS OVERTURNED

The white fire car, with the hook and ladder truck in tow was turning from Patton avenue into Haywood street about 2:40 this afternoon.

C. G. Green of the fire department had a leg broken when he was caught under the overturned hook and ladder wagon when it turned turtle.

Chief Wood, who was on the hook and ladder wagon and was slightly injured, stated that the machine was going about 15 miles an hour but that it was seven miles too fast with the trailer and the experience was valuable.

2 BUSINESS MEN KILLED IN A DUEL

One, Mortally Wounded, Slays His Antagonist in Dying Effort.

Beaumont, Tex., April 5.—In a secret duel M. A. McKnight and W. C. Whitney, business men, killed each other here today.

MILL OPERATIVES AND POLICE CLASH

Passaic, N. J., Scene of Battle Between Strikers and Law Officers.

Passaic, N. J., April 5.—A battle between several hundred striking silk mill operatives and 40 deputy sheriffs and policemen occurred outside the silk mill at Garside today.

DISCRIMINATION CHARGE IS RENEWED BY POSTAL

General Manager Nally Says Telephone Company Diverts Business to Western Union.

New York, April 5.—Edward J. Nally, vice president and general manager of the Postal Telegraph-Cable company, on being shown the reply of the New York Telephone company to the charge that it was diverting telegrams from the Postal company to the Western Union, said:

"The New York Telephone company says it has given the Western Union the code address 'Telegram.' What right has it to give the Western Union the exclusive ownership of that word? The law compels the telephone company to treat both telegraph companies impartially.

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Special to The Gazette-News. Gazette-News Bureau. The Hotel Raleigh. Raleigh, April 5.

Governor Kitchin this afternoon ordered a special term of civil court for Buncombe county beginning June 10 and continuing two weeks, with Judge H. F. Long presiding.

WOULD CHANGE TARIFF SYSTEM

Representative Underwood Advocates a Policy of Reciprocity Instead of Present Retaliatory Plan.

FORESHADOWS CHANGE IN TRADE RELATIONS

Should Democrats Gain National Control, Commercial Attitude Toward Other Nations Would Be Altered.

Washington, April 5.—Abandonment of the existing retaliatory tariff system and the adoption instead of a policy of reciprocity will be advocated at the next session of congress by Representative Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama, democratic leader of the house and chairman of the ways and means committee.

Mr. Underwood has given no encouragement to the recommendation of Mr. Knox, secretary of state, for amending the existing maximum tariff law. This now provides that when a country discriminates in a tariff sense against the United States, by giving more favorable tariff terms to another nation, the president may impose on dutiable imports from the country so discriminating an additional duty of 25 per cent ad valorem.

Mr. Underwood said that this idea of tariffs had failed in Europe years ago and that it failed when the United States proposed to exercise it against Canada, for the reason that such a heavy increase of tariff against imports from Canada would have injured the United States more than Canada.

Mr. Knox desired that the law be amended to permit the president to graduate the retaliatory duty from five to 25 per cent and to select any or all imports to be so taxed. This recommendation is supported by many interests which realize that their grievances against foreign governments are not sufficient to justify the United States in applying the maximum tariff to all the dutiable imports from such countries.

The New York Produce exchange is anxious that if the British West Indies, through reciprocity negotiations now pending, accord better terms to Canadian flour than to the American product an increased duty shall be levied on imports of British West Indian sugar. No single article of import may now be selected for retaliation. Twenty-five per cent ad valorem must be added to the existing tariff on all dutiable articles. Nor, according to past rulings, may an international reciprocal agreement be deemed a discrimination.

Mr. Underwood said that he was opposed to giving greater flexibility to what he regards as a faulty system, but that he would be glad to see the tariff system so changed that the highest schedule of rates would be uniformly extended to all nations, while a lower schedule would be reserved for negotiation of reciprocal trade agreements.

Except for the fear that it would be considered a partisan measure, Mr. Underwood said he would have introduced a bill giving effect to this idea at the present session. Instead, he intends to advocate the change of policy at the next session.

To Abandon Retaliation. Should the senate pass the Curtis amendment, which is an extension of Mr. Knox's "flexibility" recommendation, Mr. Underwood will offer as a substitute a bill providing for the abandonment of the retaliatory feature of the present law and the adoption of a lower schedule of rates to serve as a basis for reciprocity negotiations. He believes that the United States can obtain better terms from trade rivals by bargaining than by threatening them with retaliation.

REPLY TO UNION

Anthracite Operators Declare They Are Willing to Abide by Commission Decision.

New York, April 5.—Anthracite coal operators took official cognizance today of widespread reports that mine workers are planning to press their demands for recognition of the United Mine Workers of America by issuing a statement declaring they are willing to stand absolutely upon the decision of the anthracite strike commission respecting their demand.

EXPLOSION KILLS ONE

Others Are Injured and Several Buildings Damaged When Boiler Blows Up.

Salisbury, Md., April 5.—The explosion of a 150 horsepower boiler at an ice plant here killed Zora Savage, night foreman, early this morning. Several were injured. The plant was wrecked and nearby buildings were damaged.

S. ALLEN COMES OUT FOR FOOD

Appears at the Home of Surry County Resident, Demands Rations and Disappears.

SHERIFF AND POSSE AGAIN TAKE TRAIL

Man Whose House Was Visited Notifies Officers Who Take Hounds to the Scene.

Mount Airy, N. C., April 5.—Sidna Allen, one of the outlaws hunted in connection with the Hillsville court house assassinations, was seen again last night in the mountains 12 miles from here.

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NEGRESS IS INDICTED AS THE SLAYER OF 17

Voodooist Sings Hymns While Grand Jury Acts in Axe Murders.

Lafayette, La., April 5.—Clementine Barnabet, the negress who admitted she killed 17 members of her race in order, as she explains, that they might gain immortality, will be tried next week.

KEEPS HANDS OFF

Taft Tells Inquirers He Will Have Nothing to Do With State Platform Fraying.

Washington, April 5.—President Taft let it be known today that he did not intend to have anything to do with framing the platform of his party in New York state.

THE PASSING OF AYCOCK

Estimates of His Public Services, His Worth and Place, By Men in Various Walks of Life.

REV. R. F. CAMPBELL, D. D.

NORTH CAROLINA is sorely bereaved by the death of her distinguished son, Ex-Governor Aycock. He was an educational statesman, and a tribune of the people.

It is doubtful whether the state has known the death of Vance a man in public life who could so move the hearts of the people by the spoken word. One of the greatest political speeches I ever heard was made by Governor Aycock in Asheville about 12 years ago.

JUDGE J. C. PRITCHARD.

In the sudden and unexpected death of ex-Governor Aycock we are reminded that "Death rides in every passing breeze, He lurks in every flower."

Ex-Governor Aycock was a good citizen in the best sense of the word. He was an able statesman, an accomplished lawyer, a devoted husband and an affectionate father.

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COTTON GOODS EXPORTS SHOW GREAT INCREASE

Records of All Previous Years Save Two Will Be Broken.

Washington, April 5.—Exports of cotton manufacturers from the United States in February this year were 50 per cent larger than in February 1911, the total value being about five million dollars against three and one-quarter millions for February a year ago.

"FIDDLING BOB" TAYLOR BURIED AT KNOXVILLE

Hundreds Make Long Drives Over the Mountains to Attend Funeral.

Knoxville, April 5.—People of Tennessee buried their "Fiddling" Bob—Senator Robert Love Taylor—in old Gray cemetery this morning.

Business was suspended during the ceremonies. Hundreds made long drives over the mountains in all sorts of conveyances to attend the funeral.

EX-GOV. AYCOCK DIES SUDDENLY

Addressing Great Audience at Birmingham He Falls to the Platform and Expires.

HEART FAILURE CAUSE SAY THE PHYSICIANS

The Distinguished Carolinian's Last Words Were of His Efforts in Behalf of Education.

Birmingham, Ala., April 5.—Former Governor Charles B. Aycock of North Carolina dropped dead last night at 10:05 o'clock while addressing the Alabama Educational association at the Jefferson theater in Birmingham.

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THE AYCOCK FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE

Services Sunday Afternoon at 4 O'Clock—Kitchin, Clark and Duncan Pay Tribute.

Gazette-News Bureau. The Hotel Raleigh. Raleigh, April 5.

News of former Governor Aycock's sudden death in Birmingham last night caused profound sorrow in Raleigh today.

On its arrival here tomorrow the body will be carried to the residence, where it will remain until 6 o'clock, when it will be placed in the rotunda of the capitol to remain until the funeral, a guard of honor being stationed in the building.

The flag is flying at half mast from the capitol and the building will be draped. Many distinguished friends, especially from Goldsboro and Winston, desire to attend the funeral and efforts are being made to secure special trains.

Charles Brantley Aycock was born November 1, 1852, at Naluma township, Wayne county, a son of a farmer of Wayne county noted for his high character, who was county clerk and later state senator from Wayne from 1884 to 1886 two terms, was a member of the Primitive Baptist church, and died suddenly in the church while worshipping God.

He was educated in the village of Naluma, now Fremont, under instruction of the late William R. Williams; later he spent a year at school in Kinston. He entered the University of North Carolina at the fall term of 1877. He stood at the head of his class in Latin composition and held first rank as a debater in the Phi Kappa society. He graduated in the class of 1880, receiving the Willie P. Mangum medal for oratory and the Bingham essay medal.