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Inhabitants of Thriving / Juisiana Town, Now Flood-Swept, Removed to Mississippi by Boat.

LEVEES WEAKENED BY HEAVY RAINFALL

Baton Rouge Now in Danger-Great Fields of Cane, Rice and Cotton Are

Inundated.

New Roads, La., May 3 .- The yel low waters of the mississippi river are sweeping through a 1000-foot breech operators. in the levee at Torras in an ever-increasing torrent. It is difficult to estimate the financial loss, which involves the whole of Point Coupe parish and parts of several others.

Sugar cane, cotton and rice crops which were well advanced will be a total loss. Torras has been cut off tentative agreement rejected yesterfrom telegraph communication. Hundreds of persons forced from their homes near Torras were picked up at several stations along the line and brought here.

Torras, La., May 3 .- A lake of water covers the town of Torras to a depth ranging from two to six feet, and the Mississippi flood waters are rent of flood water has covered the little towns of Lettsworth, Innins, Binvinue and Smithland.

Committee Meeting to

While the water from the Torras crevasse may eventually inundate sec tions of aix or eight parishes south of here, state and federal engineers state that the very severe damage would targely be confined to Point Coupe parish, north of a line from New Roads to Melville.

The federal and state engineers have abandoned the idea of attempting to close the crevasse.

Captain C. O. Sherrill, chief of the United States engineers in charge of the fourth district levee work, as-

ed all of the boats under his con trol here to the rescue work and his for nere to the rescue work and his forces, together with those under Captain Lamax, U. S. A., on the steamer Nokomis, transferred practically all of the people in the town and several thousand head of livestock to points on the cast side of the river. These federal forces also against the contraction of the captain federal forces also assisted in saving thousands of dollars worth of house hold goods from the buildings. Baton Rouge, La., May 3.-With an

line at Torras, letting the waters of the Mississippi through to the rich years in Europe investigating the nience to those interested in the cases sugar lands of Point Coupe parish; work done by the bankers there in as they will not have to go so far to the state's big farm at Angola, on the the interest of agriculture and he will east side of the river, flooded by a make a report. The crevasse, weak spots in the Grand meet at Briar Cliff. embankment above Morganza and threatening conditions in Baton Rouge, and with a steady rain falling most desperate since the floods began pouring down through the Mis-Bayou Sara Levee Breaks

Baton Rouge, La., May 3.—The Mississippi river protection levee in front of Bayon Sara, La., broke at 11 o'clock today. There is no chance to save the town from inundation.

### THE TITANIC'S SPEED RATE IS CRITICISED

Porenoon Session of London Inquir: Devoted to This Phase of Sea Tragedy.

London, May 3,-The wreck com London, May 3,—The wreck commission investigating the Titanic disaster was addressed this morning by the attorney general, Sir Rufus Insacz, who laid emphasis upon evidence that speed of 21 knots an hour was maintained after warnings of ice ahead were received and right up to the moment of the collision. The forenon session was devoted to this phase of the disaster.

The inquiry likely will extend over several weeks. Technical details will figure largely in the probe.

# SOLID FOR UNDERWOOD

gia Delegation to the Baltim Convention Will Vote as a Unit.

Atlanta, Ga., May 2.—Delayed returns from the presidential primary held in Georgia continue to add to the plurality of Omcar Underwood. Official results have been received from 106 of the 116 counties and these, with the unofficial returns from the other 40, show a plurality for the Alabaman of 13,215 votes. The official canvass, it is stated, will change those figures but slightly.

Although Goveraor Wilson carried more than 30 counties in the state including all the larger cities, he will not get a fraction of the Georgia delegation to the Saltemore rouvestion. Ender the order of the state demo-

nder the order of the state d tic executive committee, the stat vention, which mosts May 29, wi composed of delegates instructe the popular choice of the state

# HARD COAL STRIKE

Miners Reject Sub-Committee's Tentative Agreement-Future Course in Doubt.

New York, May 3 .- Representatives of the United Mine Workers of America held another meeting today to determine what course they would follow is a result of their rejection of the agreement drawn by the sub-commitee of miners and coal operators, which was presented for ratification at a meeting of the full committee's

of both sides yesterday, Objection to the agreement, which P. White, of the United Mine Workers America, was based on the tenure of the contract period-which was for four years; the abolition of the slid-

The proposal for settlement of the in the name of the Lord Jesus."
wage dispute was voted down by the miners while in conference with the

John Mitchell, former mine work ers' leader, now vice president of the American Federation of Labor, par-ticipated in the deliberations of the anthracite /miners' representatives over the course to be pursued in dealing further with the operators for in creased pay, recognition of the union and other changes not included in the day by the joint conference of opera tors and miners.

# BANKERS TO FINANCE FARMS' DEVELOPMENT

Consider Plan.

Gazette-News Bureau.

The Hotel Raleigh.

Haleigh May 3.

The committees representing the boro Life will work out the details of the merger of these two companies in Washington City today, whither the members went last night. At the meeting it is expected that the matter of the home office, the selection in Asseville on the twenty-first. ter of the home office, the selection officers and other details will be settled.

Joseph G. Brown, president of the large been given in the past, and of Citizens National bank, has gone to have been given in the past, and of Citizens National bank, has gone to have been given in the past, and of Citizens National bank, has gone to have been given in the past, and of Citizens National bank, has gone to have been given in the past, and of Citizens National bank, has gone to have been given in the past, and of Citizens National bank, has gone to have been given in the past, and of Citizens National bank, has gone to have been given in the past, and of Citizens National bank, has gone to have been given in the past, and of Citizens National bank, has gone to have been given in the past, and of Citizens National bank, has gone to have been given in the past, and of Citizens National bank, has gone to have been given in the past, and of Citizens National bank, has gone to have been given in the past, and of Citizens National bank, has gone to have been given in the past, and of Citizens National bank, has gone to have been given in the past, and of Citizens National bank, has gone to have been given in the past, and of the court which will be compared to the past, and of the court which will be compared to the past, and of the court which will be compared to the court which will be compared up the question of financing and de-veloping agricultural interests of the sent up from North and South Carcountry. One of the members of this committee, Hon. Myron T. Herrick, The committees will

Besides Messrs Brown and Herrick, the committee is composed of Joseph Chapman, jr., Minneapolis; B. soften the already strained levees F. Harris, president Illinois Bankers e situation in central Louisiana is association; E. R. Garney, Fremont Neb.; W. D. Vincent, Spokane, Wash. and Edwin Chamberlain, San Anto-

Will Contest Begun. Betsy Anderson in March, 1898, made a deed to the trustees of Martin Street Baptist church, leaving them a lot on which to erect a church, provided they took care of her in her old age and provided a decent funeral. Three years later Betsy made a will leaving her property to two nieces. The church people got hold of the property, however, and built a church, and the beneficiaries of the will brought the matter to court. It is set out in the complaint the old woman until after her death and that the two nieces lavished the attention on her; wherefore they pray that the court will recognize the will and make the church surrender property that it did not secure rightly.

The A. and M. track team, consisting of 16 men, has left for Baltimore to compete in the great meet

Four hundred Odd Fellows will be ere next week, when the North Carolina Grand lodge of Odd Fellows i alled to order in sixty-ninth annual called to order in sky-min announcement on burham. These delegates will represent 268 subordinate todges and a total membership of 18,042. The sessions will be held in the Masonic

The total assets of the Grand lodg are \$212.211.14, and the net assets are \$265.063.09, an increase of \$25. \$15.18 for the year. The total amount paid for relief work was \$27,580.95.
The total receipts from subordinate lodges amounted to \$125,834.14 and the total disbursements amounted to

127,251.51.
In connection with the sessions of the Grand lodge, which will hold its lirst meeting Tuesday night and control the control of th inue its sessions through Thursday will be the annual meeting of the Reneigh ossembly, the woman's auxiliary. Several social functions will be iven in honor of the visitors.

New Apostolic Delegate Welcomed.

New York, May 3.—A notable gath-ring of Catholic clergy and laymer stap witcomed the new apostolic del gate to the United States, Architekto

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# METHODIST BISHOPS OPPOSE CHURCH BAN ON AMUSEMENTS

Declare "Rule Prohibiting Dancing, Card Playing, Gambling, Theater - Going, Circus and Horse Races Should Be Abolished"-Oppose These Diversions but Would Leave People to Judge of Them for Themselves.

upon what their amusements shall The rule prohibiting dancing, card playing, gambling, theater-going, circus and horse races, therefore, should be abolished."

This is the gist of a report pre-sented to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church yesterday by the board of bishops ecommending this radical ojection to the agreement, which the 24 active bishops stipulated that been approved by President John the church should not be indifferent on these subjects, but that people should be left to judge for themselves what is right or wrong in amuse-ments, having before them John Wesing scale and failure to recognize the ley's injunction forbidding "the taking union to the extent demanded. of such diversions as cannot be taken of such diversions as cannot be taken

> The bishops declared the reiterated its opposition to theatergoing and gambling, but the rule in force since 1872 could not fix a point between "the turf and the stock mar-The bishops report was delivered

> by Bishop Cranston of Washington D. C dancing and theater-going," the report continued.

APPEAL COURT TO

It Is Said.

in Asheville on the twenty-first.

The coming of the court to Ashe-

ville gives the city considerable dis-

be held here only cases that have been

olina and the western district of Vir-

Congressman J. M. Gudger, jr., an-

nounced early in the spring here that

he proposed introducing a bill in congress to allow this court to hold the

tummer sessions in Asheville every

year and such an act may yet be

It seems, however, that the session

can be held here without such legis-

is required to hold three sessions annually in Richmond and any of these

that the court may deem necessary

or convenient. This practically leaves the matter in the discretion of the

court as to where the sessions may be held as the session in Richmond may

be made as short as the judges care

to make it and then adjourned and

TURKS ROUTED AT LEDBA

AFTER BLOODY BATTLE

Garrison Dislodged, Leaving

800 Men Dead-Italian

Casualties 60.

Paris, May 3.—General Reisell,

commanding the Italian forces east of Tripoli, according to information from an Italian source, attacked and

captured Turkish positions at Ledba after a lively combat. The Turks re-sisted florcely and lost 100 men killed.

House Refuses to Cut Mileage Al-

Italians were killed and

held wherever they please.

Minneapolis, May 3.—The "Ameri-unitedly against gambling and we because hampered by a time limit; can people are too far advanced to recognize clearly it is the same sin in that large congregations cannot be be restricted longer by church rules Wall street that it is in the lowest built up from a pulpit where there resort.

May Idmit Ministerial Terms Limitation to five years as the longest time any minister shall remain in a given church, it is expected, will be recommended to the Methodist Epis-copal general conference by the bishops as a means of stimulating the growth of the church.

Much opposition is expected to arise Much opposition is expected to arise to the proposal. At present the 13,000 Methodist Episcopal ministers the amusement restrictions now imscattered over the world are allowed pessed upon church members, and to remain in any pulpit indefinitely. The new plan, supported by the 24 of restoring John Wesley's method of active bishops at the conference, will allowing conscience of individuals to mean a restoration of the time limit dictate what shall be prohibited, instatistics in 1900, in factor of the abolished in 1900. In favor of the change the bishops have received hese arguments:

Because some of the churches will not have the less able ministers all the time, and none of the churches will have the better ministers exclusively; because the prominent pulpits, held by a few, will be thrown open to younger men. Against the change these objections

vere made: "That preachers who plan great og and theater-golog," the re-continued. "They are question-amusements, agein we stand great preachers have left the church typed

OFFICER KNOCKED DOWN

BY AUTOMOBILE; UNHURT

Patrolman Bradley the Officer

Driver Gives Name of

Eubanks.

A gentleman, who gave his name as Eubanks, while driving his auto-

him down. The officer stated, how-ever that he was not injured.

Patrolman Bradley said that he saw

the driver of the machine was making the turn of the corner on the wrong

side of the street and started to cross

the street to warn him to the other

not regard his warning nor slow up

and the fender of the machine struck

him. He said Mr. Eubanks told

him he did not know of the law. The officer also thought that the ma-

Mr. Eubanks was summoned to ap

IN HOUSE REMARKABLE

thusiasm Shown by Democrats and Cordial Good. Feeling by Re-

Washington, May 3,-The Wash

Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama

ington Herald of this morning says:

whose presidential candidacy was in

dorsed in the Georgia and Florida

primaries Wednesday, was accorded

in ovation in the house yesterday

on the part of the democrats and cordial good feeling on the part of

wood was acclaimed. Upon his ap-

pearance in the house a few minutes

after noon the house interrupted a roll call to applaud the Alabama man

and the demonstration ran for near-ly three minutes. Later, when Mr.

Underwood was called to preside by Speaker Clark, the house roared its

applause for more than five minutes

Gallery habitues say that it has been

years since a member has received so

tion as that given to Mr. Under

ontaneous and enthusiastic a recep-

The Underwood boom is causing

measiness in certain quarters in Washington. It is conceded by prac-

none of the candidates will go to Bal-

things now stand in the democratic party, the belief prevails that Mr Underwood's chances are excellent Among the conservatives he is regard-

ed as peculiarly well fitted to lead the party this year.

FREED BY JURY

Alleged Member of Mob Which Lynch-ed Zack Walker in Pennsyl-vania, Is Acquitted.

cally all the democrats' leaders

publicans After Victorie

Special to The Gazette-News

was going too fast,

UNDERWOOD OVATION

He stated that Mr. Enbanks did

The United States Circuit Court of mobile from Pack square into Patton avenue, struck Patroman Bradley of the local police ferce, and knocked

lation if the judges so desire. Ac- an ovation in the house yesterday

sessions may be adjourned and the the republicans. Twice in the course adjourned session held at any point of the day's proceedings Mr. Under

are frequent changes.

It is said that many of the minisfor more than 12 years, and their objections to the bishops' proposal, when it comes before the conference, will be based on their reluctance to leave a community where they have lived

It is expected also that the bishops stead of baving the church decide. Wilson Is Excoriated.

An attack on Secretary of Agricul-ire Wilson for attending the Brewers' congress in Chicago last October sulted in the adoption of a resolulon condemning him. After naming resident Taft as having been asked to prevent Wilson's presence at the congress, the resolution declared those in authority forfeited all claim on the future franchise of Christian. sober manhood of the nation."

son's explanation was described as frivolous, fallacious,

combe County Schools for Past Six Years.

Some time ago the board of educa

ion and superintendent of Buncomb a number of people in various parts of the county in which it was asked that a sworn statement be made as to the disposition of the schools funds of the county during that past six concerning the receipts and disburse ments. The board and superintenden determined to accede to the request and prepared a report, the proof of which was received this morning. The report shows just what money been received and how it has been expended. Superintendent Reynolds prepared a detailed report, showing many items, but the expense of printing was too great and it was decided to confine the report to the questions

The petition asked that information be given as to the amount of money received, how much of it went teachers, how much for buildings and where they are located; the highest salaries paid to teachers and their names. It was asked why some of the special tax districts received more than their share of the school money, exclusive of the special tax; also if sected from the Asheville Police court: f so, how much, and if not, why not. The report is too long to give in detail but is it shows that the amoun collected in 1905 was \$43,374; in 1910 it was \$94,032; while the total for the

ix years is \$374,990. There was paid to white teachers in 1905, \$20,343; in 1910, \$45,807; the total paid white teachers during the six years is \$155,616. The colored teachers received \$1569 in 1905, and \$3092; and a total of \$9041 in six The salary of the superintendent

during the six years has been \$1378, \$1437, \$1397, \$1880, \$1565, \$1730, making a total of \$9388.

The mileage and per diem board for

the six years was \$1699. In 1905 there was spent for new school houses for white children \$3745; and \$9472 in 1910; in six years

a total of \$38,119. The county paid the city schools total of \$87,631 in six years. During the six years \$3925 has been spent for repairs and \$7949 for furni-

timore with a sufficient number of delegates pledged to nominate. As In 1905 seven teachers received \$50 per month, the highest paid. The sal-

aries have gradually increased, and in 1910 one teacher received \$125 pc month and five received \$100. With reference to the apportionmen of the money to the special tax dis-tricts, the report quotes from the law which is to the effect that it is the duty of the board to distribute and

apportion money in each township to West Chester, Pa., May 3.—Lewis each race the same length of term as Denithorne, on trial for second degree may be, each year, and to have remurder in connection with the lynching of Zach Walker, a negro, last the qualifications of the teachers. It is also stated that the present board, on account of indebtedness, had to de-Washington, May 2.—The house of representatives today declined, by an observe helming majority, to cut down the mileage silowance of members. During the debate on the economy program upon which the house has contered, Representative Page of North Carolina introduced an amendment to the pending legislative bill to reduce mileage from 20 cents a mile to five mileage from 20 cents a mile to five mileage from 20 cents a mile to five state of mind of the people of the pending legislative bill to reduce mileage from 20 cents a mile to five state of mind of the people of the Beltimore, May 3.—Governor Harmons Stumping Maryland.

Beltimore, May 3.—Governor Harmons Stumping Maryland.

Showing Expenditures on Bun-

OF NEWS SUPPRESSION Certain questions were asked Senator Smith's Inquiry Into Titanic Charge Proves Fruitless.

New York, May 3-Testimony taken esterday by Senator William Alden that were asked, and in some cases only the totals are given. senate investigating the Titanic disaster, did not reveal any facts tending to confirm the report that news of the Titanic disaster which the White Star line made public on Monday evening, April 15, had reached New York early that morning.

To determine this question was the

principal object of the senator's visit here and he had before him in private hearing John Bothomly, vice-president of the American Marconi company, E J. Dunn, the New York merchant who testified in Washington that he had been informed by the son of a Western Union operator that a message had been received in New York on Monday morning telling of the Titanic's fate; and the operator himself who returned to the city today, Mr. Smith then trying Allen testified, one of said, after having been absent since them that Allen had fired in the disaid, after having been absent since Sunday night.

These two witnesses were dispos to be recalcitrant the senator said. and their examination was very un satisfactory. He declared he would call the operator again when he hoped to obtain more definite information.

Vice President Bottomly, according to his stenographic testimony, dis-claimed all knowledge of any such news being received here at the time reported.

"Do you know of your own knowl edge or have you been informed by any person, by wire, wireless, cable letter, word of mouth or otherwise \$8000 in 1905 and \$16,240 in 1910; a that information regarding the disaster reached any office of your company or the White Star line on Mon day, April 15 prior to 10 o'clock?" was question Senator Smith put to additions.

> sage," Mr. Bottomly replied, adding that the Marconi company received its tirst message of the sinking of the Titanic about 6 p. m. Monday.

### KILLED IN QUARREL OVER GAME OF CARDS

Richard Harper of Jacksonville Stabbed to Death—His Opponent Dangerously Wounded

Atlanta, May 3 .-- C. Richard Harper, member of a prominent Jackson-ville, Fla., family, was killed and Kell Potts was dangerously wounded to day in a 7ght following a quarrel over a card game. The men used knives.

Would Har Railroads' Ships from Canal

Washington, May a .- Adrian Washington, May 3.—Adrian H. ioole, representing the independent integrals today voted vigorous opposition to railroad ownerships sing the Panama canal before the emale committee on inter-occanic auxis. He favored their exclusion be from the coestwist trade.

TAFT'S CAMPAIGN

GIVEN HARD BLOW

Barns Seeks Dark Horse-The

Comment of Various

Publications.

ing the Taft campaign had reached

nevertheless, that there has set in

very definite process of disintegration

A few weeks ago Manager McKinley

"knew" that Mr. Taft would have a

majority of 600 or 800 at Chicago

Today he is entertaining the "hope

that the president will have a major

ity of 100. One of the press associa

tions attributed to Mr. Taft the state

ment that he felt fairly well satisfied

over what had happened to him in

Massachusetts. No such feeling has

for a moment been experienced in

The Baltimore Sun is of the opinion

that Mr. Taft's weakness is fatal. The

Saturday Evening Post says enough

primaries have already been held to make it plain that the president is not

the choice of his party. John R. Mc-

Lean's Washington Post, always pro-

Taft, is speechless. The New York Sun, faithful Wall Street and Taft

that the very worst has already hap-

ourt circular that it is, feels certain

Washington correspondents of Indiana

apera are sending out the story that

he Hoosier state supporters of the

anks, while the New York World

hears that William Barnes of New York, in his search for a dark horse,

is sounding sentiment among repub-

lican leaders in the south in the hope that the southern politicians will not

all turn to Roosevelt. W. A. H.

NO BASIS FOR REPORT

In an editorial which read

Taft headquarters here.

One would

Gazette-News Bureau.

Wyatt Building,

Washington, May 3.

not be warranted in say

Says Day Before Hillsville Tragedy Occurred Preparations for Killing Were Made.

THREAT IS IMPUTED TO THE DEFENDANT

Allen Threatened to "Knock a Hole in the Court." Asserts Geo. Edwards.

Wytheville, Va., May 3 .- The comnonwealth's witnesses in the Floyd Allen case today continued to tell of the shooting up of the Carroll county court house. The prosecution is endeavoring to prove that Floyd Allen shot Commonwealth's Attorney Foster and that he and his fellow clansmen conspired to murder court officers and jurors if he should be convicted of the offense for which he was about to be sentenced when the shoot-

like the writer had just emerged ing began. from a welch rarebit dream, it la- The commonwealth attempted to like the writer had just emerged from a welch rarebit dream, it iamented that Massachusetts was divided equally on essential declarations of the bill of rights, and it is impelled to the belief that the commonwealth should proclaim a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, all of which indicates how much the Sun thinks Mr. Taft will be nominated. nks Mr. Taft will be nominated. tragedy to carry this intention into effect and that a report of a disagreement of the jury on that day prevented the Allen clansmen from start-

ing the shooting then.
Cyrus Phibbs, a civil engineer, tes tified that Sidna Allen and Victor Allen made preparations to begin the shooting on March 13. He said that while the jurymen were filing into their places on that day to make their return after deliberating on the Floyd Allen case, he saw Sidna and Victor Allen walk to the rear of the bar and reach for their revolvers. When the foreman reported that the jury had failed to reach an agreement the two men went back to their seats. The day following the jury, after (urther deliberation, returned a dict of guilty, and the shooting be-

George W. Edwards testified heard Floyd Allen threaten to "knock a hole" in the Carroll county court. On cross-examination he said he was not on friendly terms with Floyd Al-

The trial probably will run into next Many witnesses are to be

"I'll kill Bud Foster before the sun

victed. Floyd Allen was charged with mak-ing this remark before the shooting on March 14, according to the testimony yesterday of I. B. Weddell of Montgomery, one of the first day's witnesses for the prosecution. On cross-examination Weddell stuck to his story though he admitted no other persons were present during his conversation with Allen.

Six witnesses, three of them spectators at the shooting affray, testified. The first, D. W. Bolen, a lawyer who was defending Allen in the court where the murders occurred, testified that he saw Claude Allen fire the first shot and that it struck Judge Massle. Court officials returned the fire, he Two of the jurymen who were rection of where he last saw, Foster, commonwealth's attorney was killed. Other witnesses told of conversations with Allen in which he had threatened Foster.

# POSTAL BILL PASSES

Additions to Measure Include Good Roads Provision and a Limited Parcels Post.

Washington, May 1 .- The postoffice appropriation bill, carrying approxi-mately \$275,000,000 was passed by the house yesterday 277 to 5. The measure carried in addition to the appropriations necessary for the conduct of the department a number of radica

Among these were federal aid for good roads, the compulsory publication by newspapers, magazines and 
periodicals of the names of their owners and the establishment of a purvels 
post in connection with the rural free 
delivery service. The good roads provision added between 15 and 18 million dollars to the appropriation and 
this amount, it is expected, will be 
materially increased in the next postoffice measure.

## CORRUPT ELECTION

nel Roosevelt Doclares Men Buy and Sell Votes Are Guilty of Treason.

Salisbury, Md., May II.— The man who pays a bribe for a vote and can who takes a bribe are both guilty of high treason to the republic," said Dol. Roosevelt in speach here today. He declared he did not propose to