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

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Baton Rouge Now in Danger—Great Fields of Cane, Rice and Cotton Are Inundated.

New Roads, La., May 3.—The yellow waters of the Mississippi river are sweeping through a 1000-foot breach 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.

BANKERS TO FINANCE FARMS' DEVELOPMENT

G. B. Brown of Raleigh One of Committee Meeting to Consider Plan.

The committee representing the Jefferson Standard and the Greenboro Life will work out the details of the merger of these two companies in Washington City today.

THE TITANIC'S SPEED RATE IS CRITICISED

Forenoon Session of London Inquiry Devoted to This Phase of Sea Tragedy.

London, May 3.—The wreck commission investigating the Titanic disaster was addressed this morning by the attorney general, Sir Rufus Isaacs, 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.

SOLID FOR UNDERWOOD

Georgia Delegation to the Baltimore Convention Will Vote as a Unit.

Athens, Ga., May 3.—Delayed returns from the presidential primary held in Georgia continue to add to the plurality of Oscar Underwood. Official results have been received from 104 of the 144 counties and these, with the unofficial returns from the other 40, show a plurality for the Alabama of 12,215 votes.

HARD COAL STRIKE CRISIS REACHED

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 as a result of their rejection of the agreement drawn by the sub-committee of miners and coal operators, which was presented for ratification at a meeting of the full committee of both sides yesterday.

APPEAL COURT TO SIT HERE MAY 21

Adjourned Session Will Last Two Weeks or More, It Is Said.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals will hold an adjourned session in Asheville, beginning on May 21 and lasting two weeks or more.

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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.

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REPORT PRINTED BY SCHOOL BOARD

Showing Expenditures on Buncombe County Schools for Past Six Years.

Some time ago the board of education and superintendent of Buncombe county received a petition signed by 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 school funds of the county during that past six years.

WILSON IS EXCORIATED

An attack on Secretary of Agriculture Wilson for attending the Brewster's congress in Chicago last October resulted in the adoption of a resolution condemning him.

NO BASIS FOR REPORT OF NEWS SUPPRESSION

Senator Smith's Inquiry Into Titanic Charge Proves Fruitless.

New York, May 3.—Testimony taken yesterday by Senator William Alden Smith, of Michigan, chairman of the 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.

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

Washington, May 3.—The postoffice appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$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 radical additions.

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Atlanta, May 3.—C. Richard Harper, member of a prominent Jacksonville, Fla., family, was killed and Kell Potts was dangerously wounded today in a quarrel over a game of cards. The men used knives.

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Salisbury, Md., May 3.—"The man who pays a bribe for a vote and man who takes a bribe are both guilty of high treason to the republic," said Col. Roosevelt in speech here today. He declared he did not propose to have his opponents gain votes at the Maryland primaries Monday by corrupt methods.

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