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ONE OF THE FLOOD SUFFERERS. The Sad Story of a Colored Blood-ster—His Wife and Five Children Drowned with a Number of Others from Wilmington—Pitiable Condition of the Survivors.

John Evans, of this city, who went out with a party of exodusters last November to Washington County, Miss., returned home last night and gives a deplorable account of the sufferings of the colored people who went from this State to Mississippi.

The party were on the raft about twenty-four hours, and had drifted fifty miles in that time. They were on Jonas Goodman's plantation, on Bogue Creek, and were driven from their homes by the overflow.

Evans says that hundreds of our people are in that county, and many have been drowned; the sufferings of the survivors are truly distressing.

Besides himself, only one member of Evans' family was saved—an infant about a year old—with which he swam out when the raft was wrecked.

Vicksburg, he says, is full of refugees; many colored people from North Carolina being among the number. All are anxious to return but have no means to do so.

Testimonial from the Insurance Company of North America to Officers and Crew of the U. S. Steamer Colfax.

Some thirty days ago the Italian bark Antonio, bound from Sicily to Wilmington, was dismissed off the coast during a heavy gale.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a check for two hundred dollars (\$200.00) which has been presented through you by the Insurance Company of North America of Philadelphia to the officers and crew of the Colfax, in recognition of the assistance rendered on the 11th ultimo to the Italian bark Antonio.

It is very gratifying to know that our services in this matter are appreciated, and that the crew of the Colfax are so highly valued.

WASHINGTON NEWS. Meeting of the Ways and Means Committee—The Tariff Bill to be Reported to the House on Monday Next—The Case of the Old Dominion Republican League for Violating the Civil Service Law.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Raleigh News & Observer: The State Convention of the W. C. T. U. of North Carolina, will be held at Concord July 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th.

Some evidence of the number of visitors in Asheville during March may be found in the fact that 10,300 telegraphic messages were handled in the Western Union office here during that month. Only 6,000 were handled in March of last year.

Raleigh Chronicle: The Chronicle has found by inquiry that there is a strong sentiment and preference for locating the Baptist Female College somewhere near the center of the city.

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