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### FLOOD'S WORK OF RUIN AND DEATH

Many Find Graves in the Turbulent Waters.

### RIVER FALLS AT AUSTIN

Great Destruction Below in Whitton and Lafayette Counties.

### EARLY COTTON AND CORN RUINED

The Loss of Life Yet Unknown. Reports from Southern, Central and Southwestern Texas Indicate More Rain. Large Schooners Blown Ashore.

(By the Associated Press.)

Austin Texas, April 9.—The flood situation here is improving somewhat, but the reports from points below indicate that the full effect of the immense volume of water is being felt in Whitton and Lafayette counties everything being inundated and much loss of property interests and something like fifty washouts and losses of brigades reported by the railways. Advice from the area surrounding the county seat of Bastrop county are to the effect that there has been some loss of life among the farming class but outside of an unconfirmed report that eight lives were lost, nothing can be learned.

In the southern part of this county several people are missing, the number representing a family of six Italians and two negro families. It may be that they have escaped, but as their homes have been washed away it is presumed that they perished in the rushing waters.

The river is receding rapidly at this point and above, notwithstanding the fact that another heavy rise was reported early this morning on the Colorado, 125 miles north of here.

Reports tonight from LaGrange in Lafayette county, are to the effect that while such of the lower portion of the town is under water, property loss is small. No one is missing.

The International and Great Northern Railway and the Missouri, Kansas and Texas have been seriously crippled by the floods. The first named road has had fifteen washouts and lost bridges on its road from Hearne to the Rio Grande.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas is likewise a heavy loser, having to abandon much of its track altogether. It is not believed that the damage to the cotton crop will be of great extent as the season is yet early and all the crop can be replanted. All the citizens of this city held a mass meeting today at which the consensus of opinion was that it was not feasible to rebuild the dam and power house, although no definite action was taken. A proposition was made to the meeting by the old water company, whose plant has likewise suffered much from the flood that they would take all the piping and wiring of the city plant and such of their apparatus as could be recovered from the wreckage, pay fair value for the same and rejuvenate their plant here and furnish the city with water and light within two weeks. The proposition was handed over to a committee of twenty citizens to be considered. In the meantime the water and light commission met and instructed its superintendent to at once secure from New Orleans or some other available point a steam engine by which it is hoped that the city can operate one of its big pumps which remains intact and furnish the city with water until some more definite arrangements can be made. Much fear is being entertained with regard to the sanitary situation of Austin, as the city is already beginning to show the effects of lack of drainage water. Governor Sayers today gave the city \$500 out of the flood sufferers fund to be expended in behalf of the poor of the city who have been made homeless. All such are being well cared for.

### REPORTS FROM OTHER TOWNS

The Brazos and the Navasota Inundate Country Along Their Banks.

(By the Associated Press.) Houston, Texas, April 9.—At the town of Bastrop the river is falling rapidly. As far as known here there were no lives lost in Bastrop or vicinity.

At Columbus the Colorado River is still rising, but will hardly get into the town as eight feet additional water will be necessary. The main flood has reached Wharton. The water is likely to stand in that vicinity for some time as 13 miles of drift block the river solidly at its mouth.

At Bryan the Brazos River has spread over the entire bottoms where farmers had just finished planting corn. Ample food for the cattle and there will be no loss of life. Most of the cattle have been taken out. The Navasota River is booming and joins the Brazos at Navasota. All that section will be under water by morning, but the damage will be confined to crops and bridges. The Brazos is now only five feet below its record of last June and more water is coming down, but conditions are such that the loss

will not be one tenth as great as expected.

The reports from Southern, Central and Southwestern Texas indicate a probability of further rain. According to the best information obtainable most of the corn and nearly all of the cotton so far planted is ruined and will have to be re-planted. There has been some damage at Port Lavaca, Rockport, Corpus Christi and other small places along the coast by reason of the gales. But it is not very heavy.

A special from LaGrange says: "At 7 o'clock the river had risen 47 feet and is still rising slowly. Business has become partly suspended. The power house is practically inundated and the larger part of the plant will no doubt give way when the water recedes. Many dwellings are fastened to trees by ropes and chains. No trains were running on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas road today. There has been loss of life in this vicinity."

### MORE LIVES LOST IN THE FLOOD

Schooners Blown Ashore During Friday's Fierce Storm.

(By the Associated Press.) Gonzales, Texas, April 9.—The river has fallen about four feet since yesterday.

A Bohemian and his wife, panic stricken, jumped into the turbulent waters ten feet deep and were almost immediately drowned when they could have remained in safety. It is thought a negro boy of Corpus Tate's is also drowned, and two Mexicans are missing.

Advices from Corpus Christi are that several large schooners were blown ashore during the fierce storm last Friday and are now piled high and dry on the beach.

### SALOONS DISPLACE GIN SHACKS.

And Chaplain Pierce Thinks Morals Have Improved Among the Soldiers.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, April 9.—A defence of the administration of affairs at Manila is contained in a report just made to the War Department by Chaplain Charles C. Pierce. This officer particularly antagonizes the ex-chaplain of volunteers who has been so severely criticizing the morals of the American troops in the Philippines, making the charge of wholesale intoxication and telling of the enormous increase in the number of liquor drinking saloons in Manila. The chaplain declares that the figures as to the saloons have been perverted; that the American saloon took the place of an untold number of native gin shacks which dispensed liquor poison with deplorable effect upon the American troops and that the substitution of the regimental canteen has resulted in an improvement in the sobriety of the troops. Chaplain Pierce also speaks in terms of high praise of the reformation of the critical conditions in Manila, its cleansing and sanitation with the resulting improvement in general health.

### CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

Chas. A. Towne Spoken of as a Running Mate For Bryan.

(By the Associated Press.)

Minneapolis, Minn., April 9.—The Journal says: "Former Congressman Charles A. Towne, of Duluth, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Vice President. Judge Caldwell, of the United States Circuit Court, has declined to permit the use of his name in this connection, and Towne's candidacy is predicated on the Judge's declination. The demand for Towne's nomination is said to come from the gold Democrats and Republican Anti-Imperialists of New England. "It is asserted that Bryan would be glad to have Towne for a running mate. Senator Pettigrew is another supporter. His programme is to have the National Populist convention at Sioux Falls, S. D., May 9th, adjourn without nominating, leaving the matter to a committee which would later on endorse the Democratic ticket named at Kansas City. If this proves impossible, he will push for the nomination of Bryan and Towne at Sioux Falls."

### THE SHIPS WE CAPTURED FROM SPAIN.

Twenty-Seven Were Declared Prizes and Twenty-Four Released.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, April 9.—The Navy Department has received from J. N. Stripling, United States District Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, a statement of the results of the proceedings conducted by him before the court in that district, in the matter of condemnation of prizes taken by American warships during the Spanish-American War.

It appears from his statement that there were twenty-seven ships declared prize and twenty-four captured vessels were released and restored to the owners by decree of the prize court.

### NEW BOOKS IN WAKE FOREST LIBRARY

Prof. Sledd Has a New Volume of Poems Ready For the Press.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wake Forest, N. C., April 9.—A lot of two hundred and twenty-five dollars' worth of new books has just been received for the college library. All departments are represented in it.

Prof. Sledd has another volume of poems ready for the press. It will be issued shortly. He is engaged in editing the minor poems of John Milton for a series under the general charge of Prof. W. P. Trent, of Columbia University.

Knight's of Labor have decided to conduct an active campaign against the trusts.

### CRUSHED HIS SKULL HANGED BY FUNSTON

Glenny Hedges' Awful Death in a Runaway.

Hand Car Runs Off the Track and Mr. Stamper Has His Back Broken. A Colored Man Killed.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Tarboro, N. C., April 9.—Glenny Hedges, son of J. R. Hedges, met with a shocking death here this afternoon. He was in a dray when the horses jumped off and ran. He was thrown down across the front part of the dray, part of his body resting on the wagon tongue. By the time the horses had run a few hundred yards the young man became dislodged from the dray. When picked up his skull was found crushed and there were many bruises on his body. It is thought his head was crushed by the kicking of the horses that were badly frightened. Young Hedges lived about half an hour after the accident that has cast a gloom over the entire community. The funeral takes place tomorrow afternoon.

A hand car ran off the track of the East Carolina Railroad this afternoon Mr. Stamper, an employe had his back broken by the fall.

A colored man was killed near Epworth this afternoon.

### FOR THE MURDER OF CASSIE BOON.

The Jacksons on Trial. Thomas Stein Turns State's Evidence.

(By the Associated Press.)

Charleston, S. C., April 9.—A special from Chesterfield Court house, S. C., says: "The trial of Thomas Stein, John Benjamin and Harvey Jackson, for the burning and killing of the white woman, Cassie Boon, in the upper part of this county some weeks ago was begun this morning before Judge Klugh. The State is represented by Solicitor Johnson and the defendants by W. P. Pollock and M. J. Hough. The evidence, or the greater part, is unit for publication. The woman was cut severely in two or three places, and physicians at the inquest testified by a left-handed man. The body was dragged about half a mile and set on fire. The deceased, it is supposed, was left for dead, but recovered sufficiently to call for help and lived until next day when she died. She was about twenty years of age and half Indian. It is said one of the parties charged with the killing is left-handed.

The four men named have been in jail committed by the coroner. Thomas Stein has turned State's evidence and only John and Harvey Jackson are included in the indictment. What the solicitor is holding back Ben Jackson for is not known. The case is attracting widespread interest. It will probably be finished tomorrow.

### JOHN M. EAGAN MADE PRESIDENT

Central of Georgia Lifts Him From Second to First Place.

(By the Associated Press.)

Savannah, Ga., April 9.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central of Georgia Railway Company today, John M. Eagan, Vice President, was elected President to succeed the late Hugh M. Comer. No Vice President was elected. Mr. Eagan will discharge the duties of both offices. J. F. Hanson, of Macon, was elected chairman of the Executive Board, succeeding Samuel Spencer. A. R. Lawton was elected a member of the board to succeed the late President Comer.

### NEARLY ALL WERE WHITE.

Only Seventy-Five Present at Robeson's Populist Convention.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Lumberton, N. C., April 9.—The Populist convention was held here Saturday to appoint delegates to the State convention. There were about seventy-five present, nearly all white. No resolutions were passed, and no opinion expressed for or against the amendment.

### He Was the Wrong Man.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Lumberton, N. C., April 9.—A detective named Vaughan, brought a man here from Missouri, thinking he was Ed. Lowery, who is wanted for murder. He was so sure that he had the right man that he came without money, expecting the reward. The citizens had to raise money to pay the detective's way back, and today subscriptions were taken to send the man he brought back.

### President Invited to Charlotte.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 9.—Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, today called at the White House and invited the President to attend the annual celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence at Charlotte, N. C., May 20th. The President said he would take the matter under advisement.

### Say the Insurrection is Spreading.

(By the Associated Press.)

Madrid, April 7.—It is announced that the Minister of War, General Polavieja, has received an official dispatch from Manila announcing that many Spaniards residing at Manila desire to return to Spain "on account of the spreading of the Filipino insurrection in the island of Luzon."

### HANGED BY FUNSTON

His Execution of Two Filipinos Without Trial.

The Matter is to be Investigated, and it is Said a Court Martial May Follow the Investigation.

(By the Associated Press.)

Manila, April 9.—(8:20 p. m.)—An interesting topic of conversation in army circles is the investigation of Brigadier General Frederick Funston's execution of two Filipinos and the possibility of a court martial resulting therefrom. The story is that the Filipinos captured three Macabebes scouts who were crossing the country near San Isidro and were preparing to kill them when one of the Macabebes escaped and found General Funston with a scouting party near. This man guided the Americans to the rescue of his companions, and when the troops approached the Filipinos fled, leaving the Macabebes. Several of the Filipinos were shot, and General Funston captured two of them, took them to the village square and hanged them without trial as a warning to the Filipinos. The present method of warfare and instances of the mutilation of prisoners have incensed the American soldiers to such a degree that they feel justified in making reprisals which has been done on several occasions recently.

There is a strong feeling among the residents and friendly Filipinos that the Chinese General Pana, who, as announced March 31st, surrendered to Brigadier General Kobbe, after terrorizing the province of Panay, should be severely punished. It is pointed out that his career has been more that of a brigand than a soldier, as he looted and extorted money by torture from wealthy natives, and burned alive some of his followers who intended to desert him. It is believed Pana surrendered because he feared his own men, and that he expected to be paroled, like other officers and enjoy the fruits of his brigandage.

### OTIS REPORTS DEVELOPMENTS.

Washington, April 9.—The following report of recent developments in the Philippines was received at the War Department today from General Otis: "Manila, April 9th.—General Bates just returned from South after placing Fortieth infantry at Surigao, Cagayan, Iligamea, Isamis, Dipitan, Northern Mindanao and attending to special matters entrusted to him, department Mindanao and Jolo, attended by two naval vessels and two gunboats. Troops occupied points without resistance. Two hundred and forty-one rifles, ninety-seven pieces of artillery, surrendered. Eleven places in Mindanao and three in Jolo archipelago now occupied by troops without the firing of a shot. Affairs in that section quite satisfactory. "OTIS."

### A SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION.

The Y. M. C. A. Closes Its Sessions at Greensboro. Great Good Accomplished.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Greensboro, N. C., April 9.—The twenty-fourth annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of North Carolina closed here last night.

It has been one of the most successful conventions that the association in this State has had. More interest has been felt, more work has been done and more good accomplished than has been done for many years.

### Cabarrus County Convention.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Concord, N. C., April 9.—The Democratic County Convention unanimously instructed its delegates for Aycock for Governor; W. D. Turner as first choice for Lieutenant Governor, and Col. Cunningham as second; unanimous for Bryan Grimes for Secretary of State; Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn first choice for Treasurer, and B. H. Lacy as second; unanimously for T. J. Jerome for Attorney General; made unanimous for F. Dixon for Auditor; unanimous for Williamson W. Morris of this county, for Superintendent of Public Instruction; unanimous for H. B. Varner for Commissioner of Labor and Printing; McNeill and Rogers as first choice for Corporation Commissioners, and T. W. Mason as second; unanimous for S. L. Patterson for Commissioner of Agriculture. Mr. A. B. Young was unanimously re-elected as chairman of the executive committee.

### Our War Ships in Chinese Waters.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, April 9.—It has been arranged that an American warship will be at hand for some time to come at no less than three properly distributed points on the mainland of China, and these will serve as stations of refuge in case they are needed. Thus, at Hoikong there are now two vessels and they will be from time to time relieved by others needing repairs. At Cheow, opposite Formosa and about halfway up the coast of China, the Yorktown will spend some time in dry dock. The Gasline is undergoing repairs further north at Shanghai and the Wheeler is lying in the mouth of the river at Taku as a sentinel for the Northern provinces.

### Toon For Supt. of Schools.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Lumberton, N. C., April 9.—Robeson will have a large delegation to the Democratic convention. The delegation is a unit for Aycock for Governor, and General Toon for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

### EWART'S CHANCES NIL.

Senate will Take no Action, but Ewart will Not be Re-Named.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Washington, D. C., April 9.—Judge Ewart will not be confirmed by the Senate, because his nomination will not be reported from the Judiciary Committee; and at the close of the session he will not be appointed by the President, so your correspondent learned today from a source that is deemed entirely trustworthy. And furthermore, it was stated by several gentlemen in a position to know that Senator Pritchard is powerless to secure Judge Ewart's confirmation. The Senator, it is said, has exhausted every means within his power to bring about Judge Ewart's confirmation, and it is said the Judge understands the situation fully. It was said this morning that the entire Ewart case is now disposed of, so far as this session is concerned, and that the matter will not again be considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Just who will succeed Ewart cannot at this time be stated with any degree of positiveness, but this much is known that when the time comes to name a successor to Judge Ewart, Senator Pritchard will have his hands full. Friends of Assistant Attorney Boyd is quite confident that the Senator will name him for the honor. They say Colonel Boyd has the endorsement of nearly every leading lawyer in North Carolina, and that his appointment would give general gratification.

The name of Representative Romulus L. Linney is also mentioned in connection with the appointment. Nothing could please the "Bull of the Brushies" so much as a life job on the bench. It is well known that Senator Pritchard has a high opinion of Linney's legal attainments. It is not believed that Senator Butler would oppose either Boyd or Linney should the judgeship plume fall to their lot. The name of District Attorney Holton will also, no doubt be considered when the time comes to name Judge Ewart's successor. But yet it would not surprise your correspondent should President McKinley tender the appointment to Senator Pritchard. However, I do not believe the Senator would take the office, however, much his friends might urge him to do so. But no appointment will be made. It was stated today until after the August election. And then when the time arrives the woods will be full of candidates.

The friends of Representative Terry, of Arkansas, have started a vice presidential boom for him. They say he would make an excellent running mate for Bryan. Judge Terry is one of the best known Democrats of the Southwest. He has all the qualifications that go to make a strong candidate. Mr. Bryan has a very high regard for Judge Terry, and it is believed his candidacy is looked on with favor by Mr. Bryan. Judge Terry was born in Anson county, North Carolina.

### Telegraphic Briefs.

The Rev. Arthur C. McGiffert yesterday formally withdrew from the Presbyterian church.

The Populists will put out a full State ticket in Georgia today when their convention meets at Atlanta.

Our Marine Hospital Service has received information that the yellow fever is epidemic in San Salvador.

Ex-President Grover Cleveland delivered the first of his two lectures on "The Independence of the Executive," in Alexander Hill, Princeton, N. J., last night.

The New York World says that negotiations are in progress for a combination of the gigantic new Carnegie company and the Cramps shipbuilding concern.

The President yesterday signed an executive order transferring from the War Department to the Navy Department the control of the Dry Tortugas Islands, off the Southern end of Florida.

One of the greatest pro-Boer demonstrations ever seen took place last night in Philadelphia when Hon. Webster Davis and other speakers addressed a jam of people at the Academy of Music. A greeting will be sent to Kruger, signed by 22,000 pupils of the city schools. A sixteen years-old telegraph messenger boy will bear it.

In the United States Circuit Court at Atlanta yesterday Judge Don A. Pardee named masters in chancery for the three building and loan associations which recently failed in that city. R. C. Alston was named for the Southern Home Building and Loan Association, Julius L. Brown for the National Railway Building and Loan Association and B. H. Hill for the Atlanta National Building and Loan Association.

The Rev. William F. Junkin, of Montclair, N. J., died today after a week's illness of pneumonia. He was 69 years old. His first pastorate was over the Presbyterian church at Falling Spring, Va. He enlisted as a private in the Confederate army and subsequently received a commission, which he resigned to become a chaplain. He was a brother-in-law of General Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson and was with him when the general fell at the battle of Chancellorsville.

Charles R. French alias Harry M. Herth, was declared guilty in Baltimore yesterday by a jury in the United States District Court of receiving and having in his possession \$60 worth of postage stamps, knowing them to have been stolen. Sentence was suspended forty-eight hours, pending a motion for a new trial. The penalty is a fine of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment for not more than five years, or both. It is charged that the stamps were taken from the postoffice at Houston, Va., where Herth lived.

A wise man never considers a woman's age.

### BOERS' ACTIVITY AMAZES BRITISH

Their Commands Sweep Around Bloemfontein.

### ROBERTS AGAIN SILENT

And This Silence Strains Terribly Quivering British Nerves.

### BRABRANT IS APPARENTLY INVESTED

The British Are Apparently in For a Winter Campaign. Roberts Waits at Bloemfontein For Remounts and Winter Clothing.

(By the Associated Press.)

London, April 9.—The amazing activity of the Boers southeast and southwest of Bloemfontein continues, the Boer commands seemingly coming and going throughout a wide region as they please, but taking good care not to throw themselves against strong bodies of the British. The retirement of the Irish rifles from Rouxville to Alwal leaves General Brabant without communication with the other British forces. He has 2,000 or 3,000 colonials holding a fine defensive country, but he is apparently invested, so far as London knows. Telegraph and railroad communication with Bloemfontein is kept up as usual, but nothing comes through for public consumption. Lord Roberts' last message was dated April 6th and the last unofficial message bore date of April 7th. The absence of news as usual disheartens the people and produces an altogether discouraging effect. The last unofficial message notes that good spirits at Bloemfontein are continuing and tells of the arrival of animals and two fresh cavalry regiments. Lord Roberts has now fifteen thousand mounted men altogether.

In the Orange Free State the situation is complex, with scanty material for forming a correct estimate of the situation.

Preparations being made to hold Bloemfontein against surprises.

(By the Associated Press.) London, April 10.—(Tuesday—5 a. m.)—Britons are now beginning, though reluctantly, to realize that Lord Roberts is in for a winter campaign lasting several months. This is the end, in a few words of the high hopes based upon Lord Roberts' brilliant dash to Kimberley and Bloemfontein. Preparations are being made to hold Bloemfontein against surprises. Lord Kitchener has been given an important duty, being responsible for the protection of the railway, while Lord Roberts is waiting for remounts and winter clothing for the troops, whose thin cotton khaki uniforms and boots are worn out. General Brabant and General Gatacre are both at a standstill. Lord Roberts will probably for some time confine his operations to clearing the Free State behind him for raiders and to relieve Mafeking, for which purpose apparently the Eighth division, now arriving at Cape Town, has been ordered to Kimberley.

Lady Sarah Wilson and other Mafeking correspondents send diaries of the things there, showing that the Boers have tried, by abandoning their trenches, to lure the besieged out into a mined ambush. Fortunately the British engineers discovered the mine, cut the wire communication and unearthed 250 pounds of dynamite and war gelatine.

What the chances are for an advance to Pretoria may be judged from the fact that only from six to ten thousand horses are on their way to the Cape and from the further fact that the military tailoring departments only within the last three weeks began making woolen khaki uniforms. It is said it will take at least two months to provide 200,000 uniforms.

Mr. Steyn's to the Free State Road at Kroonstad is confirmed. The Fischer-Wolmarans, deputation has full power to negotiate for peace, subject to the Rand's sanction.

Lady Roberts will remain at Cape Town. The Duke of Westminster, the Duke of Marlborough and Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck have gone to the front.

ORDERED TO KIMBERLEY.

Cape Town, April 9.—Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Rundle, commander of the Eighth division, has been ordered to Kimberley on special duty.

KINSARDT IS RE-ANNEXED.

Kinsard, Cape Colony, April 9.—Kinsard was formally re-annexed to Cape Colony April 1st, amid the cheers of the assembled troops.

All Exhibits Open on the Sabbath.

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, April 9.—The French authorities have decided that all exhibits at the exposition are to be open to the public on Sundays, and the United States exhibits, are naturally, within this regulation.