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RUIN WROUGHT BY RAINS IN THE WEST

Buildings and Stock Swept Away at Marshall.

PEOPLE PANIC STRICKEN

Once They Feared the Village Would be Washed Away.

SENATOR PRITCHARD LOSES HIS LIBRARY

Miles of Railroad Tracks and Many of the Bridges Are Gone. No Trains Can be Run For Some Days.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Asheville, N. C., March 1.—The flood situation today remains about the same. All communication west of Asheville is still cut off. There have been no trains either to or from the west since Thursday, and the probabilities are there will be no trains in this direction until some time next week.

The damage to the Southern Railway is incalculable. Miles of track in all directions are washed away. The Asheville and Knoxville division is almost completely submerged by water and the railway bridges gone.

At Marshall the river rose over the thirteen foot wall and completely flooded the village, causing great destruction to property. The greatest apprehension prevailed for fear the entire village would be swept away. Live stock and buildings were carried down by the tide. Railway cars were washed away and whole sections of track carried off. The people of the village were panic-stricken for fear all would be lost.

Among the losses sustained was United States Senator Pritchard's valuable law library. A reward of one thousand dollars was offered to have the books saved but of no avail. The library was valued at two thousand dollars. Almost all buildings at Marshall are undermined by the water and a number swept away. Much valuable stock were also drowned. The water was higher than ever before known.

Considerable damage was done the Vanderbilt farms. Parts of the truck houses and the heating plant were swept away.

HAVOC WORKED BY WIND.

Destruction at Pulaski. Life Lost at Clifton Forge. Train Service Improved

(By the Associated Press.) Roanoke, Va., March 1.—The train service is much improved over what it was in Southwest Virginia on Friday, though traffic is still seriously delayed on account of the many washouts and inundated tracks. The Shenandoah tracks are still under water at Fort Royal for a distance of more than a mile and the train due here at four o'clock this afternoon is not expected until some time Sunday. The Norfolk and Western main line west of Roanoke is open to Bristol and as far as Panther, W. Va., on the Bluefield side. There is a washout at Panther, but it is thought that the railroad at that place will be opened some time tonight. On the Clinch Valley division a bridge at Cedar Bluff is badly damaged and there is a bad slide at Kiser. Those breaks are expected to be cleared by Sunday. Bluestone river, near Bluefield, W. Va., is higher than ever has been known and all the bridges crossing that stream for miles have been swept away. There are many coal operations along Bluestone river, but so far there has not been any damage of consequence reported to mining property.

The town of Pulaski, Va., presents a scene of havoc and destruction, the damage caused there by a whirlwind amounting to many thousands of dollars. The entire roof of Hotel Pulaski was blown away. The damage to the hotel is more than \$2,000. Scores of other buildings were unroofed. The large farm lands along Roanoke river, between Salem and Christiansburg have been denuded of fences and crops. At Clifton Forge last night, Guy Craft was standing on a bridge that crossed Jackson river, when it gave way beneath the pressure of the raging waters. Craft was thrown into the stream and drowned.

Y. M. C. A.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Clayton, N. C., March 1.—Our school grows rapidly. There were seventy new pupils enrolled the past week, bringing the enrollment up to one hundred and seventy-seven.

Our cotton market is rather lively at present, selling on the street this week at 8 1/2. There are about 75 bales on hand at present in the warehouses here.

Schooner Blown Out of Her Course.

(By the Associated Press.) Wilmington, N. C., March 1.—Five-masted schooner Prescott Palmer, Bath, Maine, February 4th, to Baltimore, Md., arrived at Southport for harbor at 2:30 a. m. today, having been blown out of her course. Vessel is uninjured, but Captain Sumner had his right arm broken February 9th.

The average man deceives himself of ten times more than he does others.

THE STRAWBERRY CROP.

Acres Increased 20 Per Cent. Death of Rev. P. C. Morton.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Wilmington, N. C., March 1.—The Carolina Fruit and Truck Growers' Journal, issued today, estimates the increase in strawberry acreage in North Carolina fully 20 per cent. The yield this year has fair to be unusually heavy and the fruit of superior quality.

Letting shipments have been going forward practically all the year round and prices have been good. The bean and pea crops will be up to the average this year and far ahead of last season, while it is considered the potato, cantaloupe and watermelon crops will be among the most important in the history of this section.

Rev. Paul Carrington Morton, a well known Presbyterian minister of the city, two years pastor of the Immanuel Presbyterian church of Wilmington, but lately engaged in evangelical work in Eastern counties under the care of Wilmington Presbytery, died suddenly of heart failure at his home last night at nine o'clock.

Mr. Morton was the oldest of a family of seven sons and was born in Halifax county, Va. He was educated at Washington and Lee University and Union Theological Seminary and served gallantly throughout the Civil War as chaplain of a regiment in Stonewall Jackson's brigade. His early life was spent in the ministry at different points in Georgia and Alabama. He came to North Carolina in 1895 and first served a church at Roxboro. Then he engaged in evangelistic work in that section of the State and came to Wilmington four years ago, where he resided until the time of his death. A wife and five daughters survive him. Rev. Dr. W. D. Morton, of Rocky Mount, is a brother of the deceased.

The deceased was in the 65th years of his age and was universally liked. The funeral will take place from the First Presbyterian church tomorrow.

Grace Street M. E. church, of this city, will be materially enlarged and improved within the next sixty or ninety days. Three thousand dollars will be spent in building an annex, installing a new electric lighting system and in beautifying the grounds.

Mr. Don O. Shelton, of York, one of the international secretaries of the Y. M. C. A., will visit the local association and hold a series of three meetings next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

A CASE OF SMALL POX.

(Special to the News and Observer.) High Point, N. C., March 1.—What was thought to be a case of infantile was brought to light here today. Two dead colored babies were found in the woods near Hester's brick yard. The officers on close examination found that a negro woman had given premature birth to twins, and that some of the family carried the infants to the woods, leaving them unburied, thinking they were doing nothing wrong.

A negro man today was found to have a case of smallpox and was immediately carried to the pesthouse on the outskirts of the city.

A BODY WASHED ASHORE.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Washington, N. C., March 1.—The body of an unknown colored man was washed ashore at Leeville, in this county, early this morning. From what is learned no wounds were on the body. Coroner Joshua Taylor was called to perform a post mortem examination.

John Watson, a colored employee of the Havens Oil Mill, had his hand severely mashed in the oil press late last night.

Mr. Floyd Berry has bought a half interest in the store of L. B. Suskin, of Baltimore, who runs this store here as a branch business. The N. S. Fulford Hardware Company has bought the property of Mrs. Claudia Watson on Main street and will erect a handsome store two or three stories high early in the spring. The Gazette-Messenger and the Watch Tower which have offices in this building have been given thirty days time to get out. This firm is now running two large stores here and owns a large warehouse in addition to those adjoining the passenger depot of the Atlantic Coast Line.

Want it in Kansas.

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RIVER AND HARBOR BILL IS COMPLETE

Pitifully Small Appropriation for North Carolina.

THIS IS FOR OUR RIVERS

Cape Fear at and Below Wilmington Gets \$150,000.

FOR THE PAMLIÇO AND THE TAR \$35,000

The Total Carried by the Bill \$60,700,000, About Two Millions More Than the Bill Talked to Death in the Last Congress.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 1.—The River and Harbor Bill was completed today and the items made public. Unusual interest attaches to the measure this year, as last year passed without a River and Harbor Bill. The total carried by the measure completed today is \$60,700,000. Of this total \$24,000,000 is in cash and \$36,700,000 is in continuing contracts available July 1st, 1903. The total is about \$2,000,000 more than the bill which was "talked to death" during the final hours of the last Congress.

The appropriations of \$25,000 or over follow for Southern harbors: Virginia—Hospital Point, Norfolk, \$10,000 and continuing contract \$183,957; Hampton Roads, \$10,000 and continuing contract \$215,000. South Carolina—Charleston, \$15,000. Georgia—Savannah, \$50,000 and continuing contract \$1,000,000; Dobby Bar and Darien, \$30,000; Brunswick, inner harbor and outer bar, \$140,000; outer bar, \$45,000.

Florida—Key West, improving entrance to harbor, \$200,000; dredge for river and harbor improvements in Florida, \$35,000; Hillsboro Bay, \$150,000; Apalachicola Bay, \$40,000; Pensacola, \$220,000. Alabama—Mobile, \$300,000 and continuing contract, \$200,000.

Louisiana—Catahouche, mouth and passes of river, \$35,000; Southwest Pass, \$750,000, and continuing contract, \$2,750,000; South Pass, \$75,000. Texas—Sabine Pass, \$185,000; Galveston harbor, \$350,000 and continuing contract, \$400,000; Arkansas Pass, \$250,000; mouth of the Brazos, \$50,000.

Following are appropriations for Southern rivers: Virginia—Rappahannock river, \$25,000; James river, \$250,000. North Carolina—Pamlico and Tar, \$35,500; Cape Fear at and below Wilmington, \$150,000. South Carolina—Great Pedee, \$22,500, and continuing contract, \$10,300; Santee, Wateree and Congaree, \$27,000; Inland waterway, \$30,000. Georgia—Flint, \$25,000; Chattahoochee, below Columbus, Ga., \$100,000; Coosa (Ga. and Ala.), and Oostenaula and Coosawattee, \$25,000.

Florida—St. Johns, \$350,000, and continuing contract, \$50,000; St. Johns, at Orange Hills Flats, \$30,000; for the removal of water hyacinth, \$50,000; Caloosahatchee, Orange, Crystal, Manatee, Anclote, Suwanee and Withlacoochee rivers and Charlotte harbor, \$44,500. Alabama—Warrior, \$374,000 and continuing contract, \$500,000. Mississippi—(State)—Yazoo and tributaries, the Tallahatchie and Big Sunflower, \$55,000.

Louisiana—Red river (Louisiana, Arkansas and Indian Territory), \$135,000.

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SENATORS BUCKLE DOWN TO BUSINESS

Pass Bill Providing For Irrigating Public Lands.

OMNIBUS CLAIMS BILL

And Agree on Conference Report on the Tariff Bill.

SUBSIDY BILL PUSHED TO THE FRONT

The Measure For the Protection of the President Comes Up. Hoar and Pettus Arrive for a Body Guard For the President.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., March 1.—Considerable important business was disposed of by the Senate today. What is known as the Omnibus Claims Bill and the measure providing for the irrigation on public lands were passed, the conference report on the Philippine Tariff Bill was agreed to and the Shipping Bill was made the unfinished business.

Soon after the Senate convened Mr. Turner (Washn.), announced that, after consideration, he had concluded that his resolution offered yesterday ought to properly be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. The resolution declared in brief, that the presiding officer of the Senate had no authority to eliminate from the roll calls of the Senate the name of any member of the body.

The present occupant of the chair (Mr. Frye), he said, had made a statement concerning recent occurrences in the Senate, in the course of which he did me the honor to apologize to me for not entertaining an appeal, which I had taken from his decision.

Mr. Turner said that the Senate was about to attend the memorial services to the late President McKinley, he was prevented from making acknowledgment of the kindly and courteous act of the chair. He desired now to make such acknowledgement, although he felt that the apology of the chair was unnecessary.

He desired, he said, to express the deep sensibility of the act of the chair and to say that he appreciated it highly. He was pleased to make this statement, and he wished the chair to understand that his resolution had not been drawn in any spirit or personal hostility to that officer.

The resolution then was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The protest of Senator Tillman presented Thursday was referred to the same committee.

The bill for the protection of the President of the United States was laid before the Senate.

Mr. Hoar said it seemed to the committee that for many obvious reasons, any attempt to kill the President ought to be taken cognizance of by the Federal courts rather than by the State courts. Relative to section seven of the bill directing that the Secretary of War should provide a military guard for the protection of the President he thought all careful observers must agree that the detective police, upon which dependence now was laid, had not accomplished its purpose upon at least three important occasions. The purpose of the provision was to make some officer of the Government responsible for the protection of the President.

Mr. Pettus (Ala.), maintained that the military guard ought to be provided. He expressed his conviction that if there had been a military guard of ordinary proportions, not one of the Presidential assassinations would have occurred. Perfect protection, he thought, was not possible, but he remarked sarcastically that the only blow struck for the life of the President at Buffalo was struck by a negro. Such a situation would scarcely have been possible if a proper military guard had been provided.

The bill was laid aside without action and consideration was resumed on the Irrigation Bill.

APRIL 15TH THE DAY.

For the Meeting of Negroes Who Wish Better Political Future.

Pursuant to the agreement reached at the conference held here two weeks ago by leading colored Republicans, who represent the turning out of negro officials in Eastern North Carolina, the following call for the State Convention has been issued:

STATE CONVENTION OF COLORED MEN.

This is a year of doubt and uncertainty. The colored people are at sea waiting to see what their future hope is politically.

There is a want of understanding among those who are in the lead and there is an entire lack of organization. Without these two essentials we can never hope to accomplish anything.

For the purpose of re-organization, and to have a calm discussion of what plan is best to pursue, and for the purpose of creating a greater stimulus for improvement in the industrial and educational condition of our people, a mass convention of colored men is called to meet in the city of Raleigh, Tuesday, April 15, 1902, at 12 o'clock in the Metropolitan hall.

It is earnestly desired that every county send a delegate or delegates. Select your most conservative citizens. Send as many as you desire. We would further suggest that as far as possible each community hold a mass meeting and elect delegates. Each minister who has the interest of his race at heart is earnestly requested to be present.

The advice of all our leaders in all walks of life is especially sought. This is a crisis in the political history of our people in the State, and we urge all to be present.

Reduced rates will be granted on all railroads.

Respectfully,

HENRY E. HAGANS, President.

R. H. W. LEAK, S. G. NEWSOME, Sec.

REBELLION IN CHINA

It Breaks Out in Kwangsi. Missionaries Ordered to Leave For Safety.

(By the Associated Press.) Pekin, March 1.—The Chinese Foreign Office now admits that the rebellion in the vicinity of Nanking, Province of Kwangsi, 70 miles north of the Gulf of Tonquin, is very grave, though this was denied yesterday. Over 1,000 former soldiers are engaged in pillaging. An edict has been issued commanding the Chinese authorities to afford protection to the missionaries and other foreigners. Mr. Conzer, the United States Minister, has notified Prince Ching, head of the Foreign Office, that he expects China will speedily suppress the rebellion and protect the foreigners in that part of the country.

IN THE CITY COURTS.

Trial of Will Solomon Set For Monday. Colored Woman Threw Brick.

Mayor Powell yesterday fined James Van Blair Cum, a white man of this county, \$5.25 for being drunk and disorderly.

Osborne Price, a negro, for the same offense, was sent to the roads for thirty days.

Squire Yearby had several cases in his court yesterday. Matthew Hayes answered to a charge of stealing an overcoat from John Elom, a waiter in a restaurant.

Henry Johnston was up for deserting and failing to support his wife.

Will Solomon, who was brought back from Durham charged with the piracy of several articles from Mr. John Mason, a telegraph operator on the Seaboard Air Line, was up in court, and his trial was set for Monday morning at ten o'clock.

Mandy Davis was before Squire Yearby yesterday afternoon for throwing a brick at the head of Mr. T. P. Jones, an agent of the Georgia Life Insurance Company, and further attempting to assault him with a poker. The whole trouble was caused by a difference of opinion between Mandy and Mr. Jones over the payment of the weekly collection on Mandy's policy.

WILL NOT ACCEPT SWORD.

Since the President is Not Permitted to Present It Major Jenkins Doesn't Want It

(By the Associated Press.)

Warrenton, Va., March 1.—Major Micah J. Jenkins has declined to accept the sword which it was intended to present to him at Charleston, S. C., when the President visited that place. Major Jenkins, who is a member of the faculty of the Ethel Military Academy, here, has sent the following telegram to Lieutenant Governor Tillman, of South Carolina:

"Lieutenant Governor James H. Tillman, Columbia, S. C.:
"You are represented in the press as having telegraphed President Roosevelt at the request of subscribers to the sword recently offered me through you requesting him to withdraw acceptance to present same. If this is so I must decline under these circumstances to accept sword. Thanking you for personal kindness in the matter, I am
"Yours truly,
"M. J. JENKINS."

Winston-Salem, March 1.—J. S. Cobb, of the leaf tobacco firm of Cobb and Curbin, this city, has accepted a position with the American Tobacco Company. His headquarters will be in Richmond. He will go there the latter part of May or first of June. His brother, J. B. Cobb is president of the American Cigar Company.

RESCUERS FEAR THE TREACHEROUS ICE

Avalanches Continues to Descend the Steeps.

OVER A SCORE ENTOMBED

No More Bodies Can be Recovered Just Now.

THEY MUST AWAY MELTING OF THE SNOW

L. M. Umstead Tells of the First Slide of Snow When its Mad Rush Brought Sadder Night Over the Mountain Side.

(By the Associated Press.)

Telluride, Colo., March 1.—The number of lives lost in the avalanche that swept down the sides of Smuggler Mountain is now estimated from twenty to twenty-five. Fourteen men are known to have been killed, an unknown number are buried under the snow and twelve badly injured persons are in the hospital, while several other men who were hurt are at their homes. It is believed that few if any more bodies can be recovered until the snow melts.

The most lucid account of the first snow slide was given by L. M. Umstead, who is employed in packing ore from a crusher to the tram station. He was in the stable saddling his animals when he heard a terrific crashing and rattling. The stable grew suddenly dark and opening the door, he found the outside totally dark and the air filled with flying snow. "Thinking it was a terrific gust of wind, he slammed the stable door shut and waited a few seconds. He peered through a crack, and as it grew light again he opened the door and saw the tram cable swinging about and buckets rolling down the hill. As the snow in the air settled he stepped out and could see no signs of the boarding house and bunk house. Then looking down the hill he saw boards and timbers sticking out of the snow and scattered about.

The exact number of men who were caught in the slide is not known, but there were probably not less than twenty in the bunk house and boarding house when they were swept away. Fortunately a large majority of the 250 miners employed in the Liberty Bell Mine were either in the mine or absent in town at the time of the accident.

The accident broke the telephone circuit and several hours elapsed before a messenger reached town with tidings of the disaster. All the doctors available and many citizens hurried up the mountain to lend assistance in digging out the dead and injured. Seven bodies had been recovered and five injured men brought to town when a second slide came down in the path of the first, killing two more men and injuring a number of others.

This was followed by more snow slides in which five lives were sacrificed. As the storm still continued and the work of rescue could only be carried on under the most extreme danger to the living, and as it was believed that no more of those buried under the snow could be alive, it was decided to abandon the search for bodies until it can be prosecuted with greater safety.

Doctors Allen and Delaney, who went up to attend the victims of the first snow slide, were caught in the second. The former sustained severe injuries about his lower limbs and the latter escaped uninjured. Both were carried down a distance of more than 50 feet, but managed to extricate themselves.

George Rhorer, who was killed in the fourth slide, had been county clerk and was one of the most prominent mining operators in the district.

The damage to the mine property is estimated at \$5,000.

The tramway terminals are gone, with crushers, etc., and the entire tram and most of the towers are down. It will be at least four months before work can be resumed.

Today broke bright and clear in the city, but clouds still hang over the mountains. A large searching party left this morning to resume the search for the dead buried under the snow. Telephone lines from this city to the mines and to Denver are down.

A slide occurred today in Marshall Basin at the Sheridan Mine. John H. Johns, a miner, was killed.

A slide is also reported at the Gold King Mine, south of this city. The tramway was wrecked, but it is not known whether any lives were lost.

The Emperor Thanks the Editors.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, March 1.—Emperor William has made the following reply to the cable message sent him by the American press on the occasion of the banquet given by the New York Staats-Zeitung in honor of Prince Henry:
"Berlin, March 1st, 1902.
"Mr. Melville E. Stone, New York.
"Accept my thanks for your welcome message. I highly appreciate the grand and sympathetic reception given to my dear brother by the editors of the daily newspapers of the United States.
(Signed) "WILLIAM, I. R."