

WEATHER TODAY

North Carolina: Fair Thursday, warmer in west, Friday fair, warmer.

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Highest temperature, 37 degrees; lowest temperature, 41 degrees; total precipitation for 24 hours ending 8 p. m., 0 inches.

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SUFFERING AND CALAMITIES BY THE BIG FLOODS

Thousands Are Driven From Their Homes by the Raging Waters of the Mississippi and Its Tributaries

FOOD SUPPLY BARELY SUFFICIENT TO LAST THE PRESENT WEEK

Today Kentucky Representatives at the National Capital Will Confer With the President and Urge Him to Ask Congress to Immediately Appropriates a Sum Sufficient to Supply the Homeless and Other Flood Sufferers With Food and Necessaries of Life for Time Being—None of the Levee Strengthening Appropriation Can Be Used for Any Other Purpose—Latest Developments Narrated

By the Associated Press. At Hickman, Ky., factory district swamped. Two thousand homeless residents. Floods have driven thousands from their homes. Food supply barely sufficient to last the present week. Latest developments narrated.

URGE PRESIDENT TO RECOMMEND IMMEDIATE APPROPRIATION FOR THE NEEDY

Washington, April 3.—Senator-elect Ollie James and Representative Russell, of Kentucky, will confer with President Taft tomorrow to urge him to send a special message to Congress asking for an appropriation to buy food and supplies for Mississippi River flood sufferers.

SITUATION AT MEMPHIS

River Still Rising and Local Weather Bureau Does Not Share Optimistic Attitude of Government Engineers. Memphis, Tenn., April 3.—Man claimed the advantage in today's battle with the Mississippi river flood. Twelve hours of rain sunshine has aided in the fight and tonight government engineers declared that with the stage of Memphis not exceeding 84 feet, the latest estimate, the water will be held within the Federal lines.

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PRESIDENT RECEIVES LOUISBURG GIRLS TODAY

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BIG EDUCATIONAL MEETING STARTS

First Day of Southern Educational Conference at Nashville, Tennessee

PRESIDENT OGDEN AND OTHER NOTED MEN SPEAK

Colonel Taylor Took the Place of Governor Hooper, Who Was Ill, in Welcoming Three Thousand Educators From All Parts of South to Nashville—President Alderman (There's Always a Tar Heel to the Front) Made Great Speech on the University in a Democracy. (By the Associated Press.) Nashville, Tenn., April 3.—More than 2,000 educators from all parts of the South attended the opening of the fifteenth annual meeting of the Southern Educational Conference here tonight. The meeting will continue for three days, and hundreds of the prominent educators of the United States will participate in the program, many of whom will also speak at the Southern Commercial Congress to meet here April 8th.

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GEN. F. D. GRANT IS TAKING LONG REST; RUMOR OF CANCER

New York, April 3.—General Frederick Dent Grant, Commander of the Department of the East, with headquarters at Governors Island, who has been on leave of absence for two months, has just had his leave extended to a total of four months. He is said to be resting in Florida, but his address has not been made public. A report that he is suffering from cancer of the throat, the disease that killed his father, was denied at Governors Island, and it was said that General Grant was merely "run down" and needed a rest.

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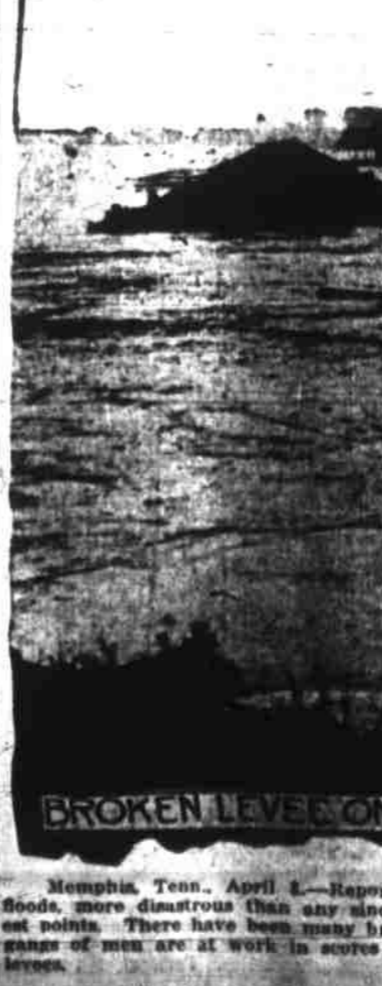
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MADERO'S TROOPS WHIP THE REBELS

Federal Army Won Its First Victory in Northern Campaign Yesterday

GEN. CAMPA'S LIBERAL ARMY UTTERLY ROUTED

Instead of a Weak Defense, Which He Expected, the Rebel General Was Confronted at Parral by a Force of 2,000 Federal Troops Under Command of Four of Madero's Generals; Story of the Engagement and Result. (By the Associated Press.) Juarez, Mexico, April 3.—The troops of President Madero gained their first victory in the northern campaign when they defeated the liberal General Campa at Parral and sent him scurrying back to the base at this city. Instead of finding a handful of defenders at Parral under General Campa, the Villa, he was met by a force of 2,000 men under the command of Generals Villa, Telleg, Estina and Soto. Campa opened the fight at dawn yesterday, firing at long range with his artillery. Attempting to press closer, he was met by a withering fire and retreated, having lost three killed and twelve wounded, according to his own report today, having lost one of his big guns. The presence of the Federalists in Parral and the fact that another government force is approaching Escalon seem to indicate that the rebels must abandon their campaign against Torreón and defend themselves in a decisive battle in the neighborhood of Durango. The government troops apparently have been strongly reinforced and reorganized. They seem determined to retrieve their recent defeat and press the fighting. Gen. Pascual Querejada now faces an enemy on his flank at Parral and another coming from the south, presumably under Gen. Muerza, with 2,000 men was hurried north from the City of Mexico a week ago, but too late to avert defeat at that time. Campa left here Monday with 800 men and met no opposition until in front of Parral. He was allowed to take a seemingly advantageous position without opposition. No sooner had he posted his men, however, than he discovered in a rain of bullets and shell that the Federalists were concealed on a commanding hill known as La Prieta. The Federalists gave phase when Campa retreated. The latter left a rear guard of 400 under Major Querejada to check and harass the Federalists and cover his retreat. As the country is rugged and mountainous with deep arroyos in which much larger forces might conceal themselves, Querejada was able to retard his pursuers while Campa returned to the base. Querejada had been sent originally to reinforce Campa, but had only reached Parral, 20 miles from Parral, when he came upon his living command in arms. As the government troops south of Escalon are in a more dangerous position, General Querejada is reported to center his attack on Parral. Campa will serve as the new base for this campaign. General Francisco Terres, of Parral, last night rebuffed Marshal Querejada to a responsibility to which his small force seemed unequal and consolidating the two columns. General Salazar's six hundred men entrained for the same destination today. The Federalists have reported on their front and a decisive engagement is looked for tomorrow. Salazar will be in supreme command of the rebels. The country is now a lawless one, and the Federalists are to do the bidding of the government.

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TAFT ADDRESSES COTTON MILL MEN

And Renews His Plea for Revision of Tariff Only by a Tariff Board

SEVERAL ADDRESSES OF VALUE DELIVERED

Sanitary Improvements in Southern Mill Constitute One of the Most Important Changes in Mill Construction, According to J. E. Serrine of Greenville, S. C., Who Made Principal Address of the Day—Today Last Day of the Session. (Special to News and Observer.) Washington, D. C., April 3.—"I wish that the newspapers and the people generally could understand that politics play no part in the attitude of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association toward the tariff revision," said Mr. Stewart W. Cramer, of Charlotte, a member of the Tariff Committee of that association. "The members of the association are not men who are influenced by business principles only in deciding upon their action regarding the Democratic or Republican position on the cotton tariff." It was reported tonight that the association would tomorrow pass a resolution endorsing the report of the tariff board submitted to Congress with a favorable message by the President last week. Neither the report nor the President's message has been printed yet. President Taft's Address. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., April 3.—President Taft in an address to the members of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association in convention today renewed his plea for a revision of the tariff only by a tariff board that would make revision possible upon a basis of facts. "We are in this country in respect to every business, on a protective basis," said the President. "I do not mean that every business needs a protective tariff to enable it to live, but I mean that there are so many businesses that are dependent upon the tariff that they may live, that to take away a protective tariff from them would disturb the whole business foundation of the country. Therefore, it is essential that when we have a change in tariff, it be the result of a tariff board, and the formation of tariff bills attempt to amend them, we should know that we are touching the business of the country and probably affecting its prosperity. Reforms are all right, and I am as much in favor of them as you are, but the thing that makes most for happiness is good business and prosperity. Laws that affect the business of the country and may prove an obstacle to prosperity, the President said, should not be made by 'rule of thumb' or with 'hick-kamath's' tools, but upon sound information and advice. Sanitary improvements in Southern cotton mills constitute one of the most important changes in cotton mill construction, according to J. E. Serrine, of Greenville, S. C., who addressed the association today. Sanitary plumbing, drinking fountains and healthful working quarters are taking the place of unhealthy surroundings, he said. George W. Neville, president of the New York Cotton Exchange, said that body had been criticized and threatened for not adopting the government cotton standards. "The government standards to be complete," he said, "should be made from upland and Atlantic States cotton, which is the basis of all cotton traded in for future delivery on all cotton exchanges, and is the quality quoted in all markets the world over, where American cotton is bought and sold. 'We are willing to meet the criticism and have no fear of the judgment of cotton people in the position we have taken on this question. We have always stood for uniformity in classification, but just for uniformity's sake we are not going to adopt a standard that does not represent the quality of cotton traded in on any cotton exchange in the world.' Mr. Neville said the Cotton Exchange had endeavored to persuade the Secretary of Agriculture to make a standard of upland cotton to match the government standards, but that "the member of Congress who framed the resolution calling for government standards refused to amend the law so as to provide for upland cotton, although it is a standard of cotton."

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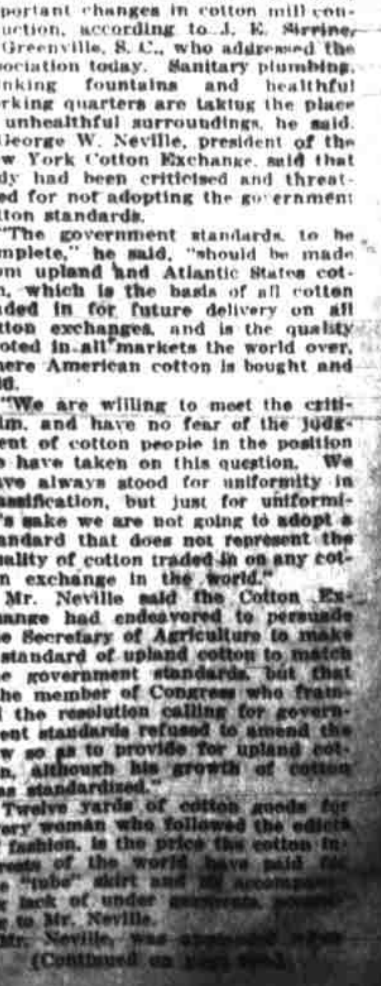
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