

along its banks, submerging houses, cotton mills and manufacturing enterprises almost without number, smashing great railway and highway bridges spanning its tempestuous course, twisting great trees and doing incalculable damage, ranging into the millions, such was the record of the most destructive flood that ever visited the Piedmont section of the Carolinas. As though the mighty stream sought to shake itself in one mighty protest against the almost superhuman efforts of man to conscribe its course and limit its activities it gave an exhibition of its almost irresistible power which resulted in many mighty steel railway bridges going down; three, four and possibly five or six state and county highway bridges, including the new steel bridge at Mount Holly, and according to reports the elegant \$100,-000 built-for-the-ages reinforced concrete structure at Sloan's Ferry, the partial submersion of dozens of cotton mills unfortunately located too close to the banks of the stream, such as the East and West Monbo Mills, near Statesville, Woodlawn and Mount Holly Mills at Mount Holly and various others, and of damage to roads, crops, houses, timber that cannot be estimated at this time.

One of those who had witnessed several fierce Ohio and Mississippi floods likened the Catawba to one of the tributaries of those streams during the flood tide of their irrestible sway, when there was nothing that could withstand its fury. The damage to the immense concrete dams and power stations of the Southern Power Company on the Catawba could not be figured but it will range into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. No big dam was washed away but the power houses of every

tailing operations and of course en- Shoals, Long Shoals, Harden and tailing much injury to machinery and elsewhere, the loss was estimated inequipment. At Lookout Shoals, 12 to the hundreds of thousands. miles north of Statesville, the water The Dravo Power Company dam had washed over and carried away and power station on the Broad River a great embankment fill on the Ca- near Gaffney was carried away, detawba side which, while it relieved monstrating that the Catawba was not part of the pressure on the dam alone in its demonstration of mighty proper, turned loose such a flood of power. At Ninety-Nine Islands some tories and homes in the lower part water that the old West Monbo Mill 15 to 20 miles below, the water was of the city. At Biltmore three perbelow, with its 5,000 spindles was tumbling across the top of the dam submerged and the East Monbo new of the Southern Power Company sta- and Mrs. Leo Mulholland were drownmill directly across the river partially tion but not doing any vast amount ed when the Lipe house was flooded. put under water. he warehouse was of damage when last heard from flooded and hundreds upon hundreds The power house had been submergof bags and bales of cotton washed ed but this damage can be rectified. away.

Passing down the river, the Sea- ever known before in the history of along the river and rescue parties for board Air Line bridge at Mount Holly the stream.

Officials of the Southern Power was the first to break, the middle pier being smashed which dropped down Company did nothing but watch the the two central spans. Later in the rising waters. At Lookout the water afternoon at 5:35 the Southern's steel was higher than ever before. Indeed main-line bridge across the Catawba there are no records in over 109 near Belmont, on the direct route years that approach the present levthrough to Atlanta, went down, the els. The dam was constructed to shock carrying a force of workmen withstand anything imaginable but as are all other buildings in that vicinengaged in seeking to relieve some such a flood as this was never consid- ity. The city proper, 300 feet higher, of the driftwood pressure on the ered. The fact that the great pile is without lights, but otherwise is not a joint international commission.

Stephens of Charlotte broke Sun-Mooresville and Statesville, two highday morning about 10:30 o'clock. One man and two women drownway bridges went out, while at Catawba, the Southern's bridge on the ed by the rising waters at Biltmore. Salisbury-Asheville line, was washed just below Asheville. Railroad service out of Asheville away.

to North and South Carolina points. is at a standstill. A big dam at Lake Toxaway was dles, is under water and believed to

carried away. Hundreds of thousands of dolars worth of timber is reported car-

day.

ied down the Yadkin river Sun-Embankment fill at the Lookout

dam broke at 5:30 Sunday afternoon, sweeping away the old West Monbo mill, the East side warehouse with 400 bales of cotton. The West Monbo Mill and its 5,000 spindles are submerged. East Monbo is half submerged.

A waterspout on Little River, near Taylorsville in Alexander county, swept away a flour mill and some of the tenant houses are submerged.. Part of the Liledoun mill is submerged and the Alspaugh mill is covered with several feet of water.

The Southern Railway bridge at Catawba broke.

A highway bridge between Statesville and Newton broke during the day.

The Central highway bridge be tween Mooresville and Lincolnton was swept away.

The Southern Power Company reported all power houses at Lookout Shoals, Catawba, Ninety-Nine Islands and the steam plant at Mount Holly partially submerged. No power dams have yet been washed away.

The flood has eclipsed the record of more than 100 years.

excessive. At Laboratory, High description were flooded, thus cur-

have been washed away, and the East Monbo Mill, across the river, is practically submerged, while a cotton warehouse with 400 bags of cotton has been washed away. Still further up the Catawba, the Liledoun and Als-

paugh Mills are under water. The damage to these mills is laid to a waterspout in Alexander county that caused a section of the earth

At Monbo, below Catawba, the

West Monbo Cotton Mill of 5.000 spin-

embankment of the Lookout Shoals of water to the already more than 20foct tide in the Catawba. That volume of water also caused the last two or three of the bridges to go. The Dravo Power Company's dam

on Broad river near Shelby, went out | and border." late Sunday afternon, menacing the Southern Power Company's plant near Blacksburg, S. C., and cutting off the electric supply for Spartanburg and the textile towns surrounding that city. The Southern Power Company

however, may be able to meet this demand Near Winston-Salem, the town of Rondo was cut off from the outside world for several hours until a telegraph operator, flooded out of his office, carried his instruments to a high hill and cut in on a telegraph wire. Trains cannot be gotten to North Wilkesboro and will not be operated west of Donagha for some time because of the tide on the Yadkin river, which is eight and one-half feet higher than known in 43 years. A Southern

Railway train suposed to have left North Wilkesboro Sunday afternoon has not been heard from, while one that started from Winston-Salem to that town had to stop at Elkin. Residents of Jonesville and adjacent towns were moving to high land. The French Broad River broke from

its course near Asheville, flooding facsons, Capt. J. C. Lipe, Miss Nellie Lipe Two persons were drowned at Ashe-

ville while trying to put food into the upper story of the Glenn Rock Hotel. The Broad was far ahead of anything | Many are marooned in their residences reach them.

Swift streams of water are flowing down some of the streets of lower Asheville. The Southern Railway station is flooded to a depth of six feet

to fill the National Guard ranks were denied by the Department. The following statement was issued by the Official Press Bureau.

"The statement that the War Department is contemplating the drafft system to recruit the National Guard is nonsense. Statements to that effect are purely speculative and have no basis in fact."

Reports that National Guard units are being supplied poor and insufficient food are not borne out in preliminary telegraphic reports received from all the Department commanders.

A message from General Funston reported that General Trevino had sent many troops south with the intention of occupying the Guerreropower plant of the Southern Power | San Barja-Santa Rosalia line against Company to give away adding 15 feet any possible northward advance of bandits. The dispatch added that newspapers in Chihuahua were urging the necessity of an active campaign against bandits "to prevent their reaching United States forces

> HURRICANE DOES SMALL DAMAGE ALONG COAST

Force of Storm Passes and Normal **Conditions Are Being Rapidly** Restored.

Charleston, S. C .- Comparatively little damage was done here and along the coast by the hurricane which swept the Carolina and Georgia coast. Reports from Sullivan's Island a summer resort across the bay from here, said damage was slight, while from the Isle of Palms, another nearby resort, came similar messages. Hundreds of persons were warned in time to leave the exposed points.

The force of the storm had passed here and normal conditions were being restored. A number of windows were blown in here, hundreds of trees blown down and trolley, telephone and telegraph service was stopped by the high winds. At one time the hurricane raged at 64 miles an Office. hour. The barometer which fell to 29.02 was rising steadily.

## MEXICAN PARLEY GETTING AT DEFINITE STATUS

Washington .- The informal negotiations for settlement of the issues between the United States and General Carranza are understood to have advanced a long step when Acting Secretary of State Polk and Eliseo Arredondo. Mexican ambassador designate, held their third conference since hours have fought their way against General Carranza's proposal for a the rushing current in an effort to diplomatic adjustment was received and accepted.

> Although both Mr. Polk and the ambassador declined to say what matters were under discussion, there were indications that the conversations had passed into the definte stage, where specific questions were being formulated for probable submission to

in the West had just failed to attain its objective, and the French and

losses without the achievement of any particular success. In the east the enemy had pressed the gallant armies of Russia back some hundred miles, and the Balkans had just been overrun by the Central Powers.

"The overwhelming victories won by the valiant soldiers of Russia have struck terror into the hearts of our foes, and these, coupled with the immortal defense of Verdun by our indomitable French comrades, and the brave resistance of the Italians against overwhelming odds in the Southern Alps have changed the whole comolexion of the landscape.

"Now the combined strength in the east and west has wrenched the initiative out of the hands of the enemynever I trust, to return to his grasp. We have crossed the watershed and now victory is beginning to flow in our direction.

GERMAN AMBASSADOR VISITS SUBMARINE.

Bernstorff Spends Hour Examining the Wonderful Boat.

Baltimore.-Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, spent an hour aboard the German submarine merchantman Deutschland. He inspected the vessel from stem to stern, had the intricate machinery and instruments aboard explained to him and personally congratulated Captain Keonig upon bringing his vessel safely through waters infested with hostile war craft.

Two attaches of the German Embassy and the German and Austrian Consults accompanied the Ambassador on his visit to the submarine.

The Ambassador informed Captain Keonig that he would send to him before the Deutschland starts on her return voyage several packets of official papers which he desires to have delivered intact to the Berlin Foreign

"It is a wonderful boat and with as courageous a crew as ever sailed the sea, has made a wonderful voyage," said he. "I climbed up and down every hatchway, looked into every compartment and had my first experience with a periscope."

STRIKE BRINGS MARTIAL LAW "HROUGHOUT SPAIN.

Madrid, via Paris .- In view of the railroad strike the Government has suspended the constitutional guarantees and martial law has been proclaimed throughout Spain.

DEUTSCHLAND SAILORS CALL TO SEE DANIELS.

Washington .- Members of the crew of the submarine Deutschland called

Verdun. Attacking in mass formation from the village of Fluery and the Chap-British armies had sustained heavy itre and Vaux woods, the Germans gained ground at the intersection of the Fleury and Vaux roads. The gain, however, Paris asserts, was made at the cost of 'enormous losses." Violent bombardments continue in the region of Chenois, Souville and La Laufee. There was relative calm on the left

> HUGHES TO MAKE CAMPAIGN TOUR CROSS CONTINENT.

bank of the Meuse.

Cornellus N. Bliss is New Treasurer of Committee .- Make Campaign Arrangements.

New York .--- Charles E. Hughes continued the weekly conferences which he has held with party leaders since Penrose, Murray Crane, Mayor Thomp-Pacific Coast beginning early in

August. Cornelius N. Bliss has been selectad as treasurer of the National Committee to succeed George R. Sheldon and Fred W. Upham of Chicago will said prices had advanced in some inbe in charge of the western end of stances nearly 40 per cent. He intithe work, with headquarters in Chicago. Mr. Bliss is the son of the late Corenlius N. Bliss, who was treasurer of the committee during the Roosevelt campaign of 19(4.

Mayor Thompson's invitation to Mr. | mand. Hughes to begin the spech making on the proposed western trip at Chicago, favoring the establishment of a paprobably will be accepted. Senator Penrose had a long talk

with the nominee at the conclusion of which Mr. Pen: ose said he was going to take his "coat off and go to work."

SECOND SUBMARINE WILL TAKE CARGO OF MILK.

Amsterdam, via London .- The next German commerce submarine to go to America will bring back foodstuffs. particularly condensed milk, according to reports received here from Bremen. Condensed milk also will form the bulk of the return cargo of other submarines to cross the Atlantic.

In an interview Bremen agents of the submarine's owners declare the submarine enterprise was prompted mainly by humanitarian feelings, as German babies are dying because of

the shortage of milk. Emperor Wilhelm is credited with having a financial interest in the scheme.

MEXICAN PARLEY SHOWS FAVORABLE PROGRESS.

Washington.-Informal negotiations

for settlement of border disputes beto see Secretary of the Navy Daniels, tween the United States and the de while he was absent in North Caro- facto government of Mexico are pro-

master man, who has the vision of the world. Your guest comes with a vision no other man has, prompt, accurate and unbfased information"

A quaint eight-page newspaper, designed for the pleasure and profit of the North Carolina editors, made its appearance as a foreword of the convention. The Durham Chamber of Commerce was responsible for its birth and it assumed the title, "Durham Bull-etin."

Propose Paper Mill.

At the business session Jas. H. Cowan, of The Wilmington Dispatch made a stirring appeal in behalf of strong and energeitc co-operative work toward the establishment of a large print paper or pulp mill in North Carolina and the chairman wil appoint a committee at once to look making Bridgehampton his summer into the matter. Parties, it is said, home. Chairman Willcox of the Re- are interested in such a venture, and publican National Committee, Senator if proper support can be secured from newspaper publishers, with posson of Chicago and other advisers sible contracts for a period of two of the nominee, unanimously endorsed or three years, a large pulp mill for his proposal to make a trip to the the manufacture of news print paper may be established in North Carolina.

Paper Cost Advances.

Mr. Cowan called attention to the constantly increasing cost of white paper in the newspaper trade and mated that newspapers were too busy making politicians and attending the requirements of others while they were neglecting their own best interests on the issues of supply and de-

The association adopted resolutions per manufacturing plant in the South and a forestry warden for every county in North Carolina.

Morehead City was selected as the next meeting place, and the following officers were elected:

E. E. Britton, Raleigh, president; Santford Martin, Winston-Salem, first vice president; R. A. Beasley, Monroe, second vice president; Z. W. Whithead, Wilmington, third vice president; John B. Sherrill, Concord, secretary; M. L. Shipman, Hendersonville, historian; H. Galt Braxton, orator, and William Laurie Hill, Maxton, poet. Executive committee was re-elected.

Mr. Sherrill was elected secretary for the twenty-ninth consecutive year.

Durham Entertains Visitors.

A reception was given from 9 until 11 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. building by the ladies of the Civic League of Durham. Citizens of the city gave the visitors a pleasant auto ride during the afternoon.

Forestry Congress Permanent. Asheville .. -- Closing its general essions here the Southern Forestry Congress devoted the day to considreation of the problems of forest fire protection and southern forestry practice. A resolution was adopted pro-

| bower end of the bridge. This bridge of reinforced concrete was able to frequencies of the bridge. The Interruban new all steel bridge is the the observation was the pressing all topological advices and the the right the tread of the structure was lost. This break was able to fridge (refl, thus superimposing all the pressure on the alread heaving the bridge of the treate as to the Southern bridge or the bridge of the bridge of the structure was holding but the bridge heavily of danger and nearly of the since with the break to the bridge of the structure when the second concrete with the break to the bridge of the bridge structure when the second to the bridge of the bridge before the the structure when the second to the bridge of the |
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