

COUNTRY FLOODED BY BREAKING LEVEES

Now Believed That Crest Of
Water Has Passed.

CONVICT CAMP SUBMERGED.

Battle Royal With Father of Waters
Still In Progress, But Relief Is Prom-
ised Soon—No Loss of Life Reported
In Last 24 Hours.

New Orleans, March 31.—More men and more money is the cry that comes from the crevasse at Hymelia today. The forces employed there who have been working day and night to press forward the work have been exhausted and fresh hands are required. The Texas and Pacific has put on daily trains to carry laborers to the scene. Eight hundred feet of cribbing at one end and 200 feet at the other were holding firmly at daylight, and the prospect of closing the break has been brightened considerably. The river here today registered 29.2 feet, a fall of 1 foot in the past 24 hours.

Colonel Ernst, head of the river commission, is quoted as expressing the belief that the river here has about reached its maximum, if the Hymelia break continues to run.

The report of the Ponchartrain district today is that the line of levees is holding, and that all observable weak spots have been strengthened. Water from Hymelia is beginning to fill up the water courses on the west bank of the river, and people who are living on lowlands are beginning to move to the higher villages with their goods and chattels.

Levee at Angola Breaks.

New Orleans, March 31.—A dispatch just received says: The main levee protecting the Angola state convict farm gave way this morning at 4 o'clock. The entire place will be covered with water in a few hours. Efforts are being made to protect the camps.

Angola is located on the east bank of the Mississippi in West Feliciana Parish. It is nearly opposite the mouth of Red river. The levee which broke is a private one, maintained by the state. Angola is one of the finest cotton plantations in Louisiana. It was formerly owned by S. L. James, the late penitentiary lessee, but was purchased by the state when the convict lease was abolished and the state took charge of the convicts. The crevasse will doubtless cover the entire plantation with water, but it is said that because of the location no other valuable property is likely to be affected. The back levees protecting Angola will have to be cut in order to allow the escape of the flood. No loss of life is reported at the scene, ample warning having been given to all the convicts located there. The loss to the state will doubtless be heavy.

Stationary at Vicksburg.

Vicksburg, Miss., March 31.—The river at this point is stationary today, the gauge registering 51.4 feet. The additional break below Greenville has caused apprehension for that town, but the decline in the stream above has somewhat lessened the anxiety.

No new breaks have been reported in this immediate section. The weather is cool and cloudy.

Special River Bulletin.

Washington, March 31.—The weather bureau today issued the following special river bulletin:

"There is no change in the lower Mississippi river situation this morning. The stage at Vicksburg is 51.4 feet, at New Orleans 30.3 feet, a fall of 1 foot since Monday morning.

GIGANTIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Erie Railroad Company Preparing to Spend Millions.

New York, March 31.—The Erie Railroad company has planned extensive improvements which will be paid for outside of the \$50,000,000 loan that was recently obtained. New ferry boats are building and New York terminals and a massive station in Jersey City are among the other things projected.

A cut is to be made through the heights to West End, 1 mile taking in at least a dozen streets running north and south, which will have to be bridged. The whole plan is probably the most gigantic in Jersey City's railroad history.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 30.—N. J. Weichers, professionally known as Antonious, the magnetic healer, has been sent to jail after being convicted of conspiracy to defraud. He will endeavor to secure bail until Monday, when he will be sentenced by Judge Krutz, in the criminal term of the supreme court.

Weichers is also charged with grand larceny in the second degree, and practicing medicine unlawfully.

RACE PROBLEM DISCUSSED.

Southern Negro Addresses Chicago Audience on the Question.

Chicago, March 30.—"The solution of the negro problem lies with the negro himself. It can be brought out by his acquiring land, saving money and educating his sons. There is nothing in the cry about social equality. The negro does not want it, and does not expect it."

This statement was made last night at Bethed church by J. J. Smallwood, president of the Temperance, Industrial and Collegiate institute, a negro institution at Claremont, Va.

"At the close of the civil war," Professor Smallwood said, "the negro had nothing. Since then he has accumulated \$300,000,000 worth of property. He has built up 96 institutions of learning and the race has furnished 27,000 school teachers. He had turned his attention to buying land, and this will eventually result in the solution of the race problem. I have no objection to a law requiring negroes to ride in a separate coach on the railways. What I do want is a division of the coach, so that we would not have to mingle with the element in our race that is shunned by the educated whites in theirs."

THROUGH SHERIFF'S LEGS.

Bogan Considered This Route Surer Than Pardon.

Jackson, Miss., March 30.—Petitions are being circulated in Lawrence county asking Governor Longino to commute the death sentence of Lloyd Bogan, who is to be hanged at Monticello on April 20, and whose case was recently affirmed by the supreme court.

News has just reached here from Monticello of a desperate attempt to escape made by the condemned man while the prisoners in the jail at Monticello were being fed. Bogan took advantage of a good opportunity and darted past Sheriff Cox, who started in close pursuit, and overtook the negro, but the latter ducked through the sheriff's legs during the struggle and again got away. A posse was quickly organized and Bogan was captured at a bend in the river several miles away.

Three other negroes are to be hanged in Mississippi on the 20th of April, all having been convicted of murder, and it is expected that appeals for clemency will be sent to the governor's office before the date of execution.

COULDN'T STOP LAUGHING.

Roosevelt Hospital Physicians Puzzled Over Peculiar Case.

New York, March 31.—Because he could not stop laughing, William Reilly was transferred from ward to ward in Roosevelt hospital. The doctors there being in despair over his case, he finally was sent to Bellevue, where he was placed in the alcoholic ward.

Reilly, who was a laborer, was taken to Roosevelt hospital last Wednesday. He was said to be suffering from hysteria. He began to laugh soon after he was taken into the hospital. He has been laughing ever since. He annoyed other patients so much he was transferred from ward to ward until he had been through the institution.

When placed in a Bellevue ward he kept on laughing. Then he was sent to the alcoholic ward. Still he laughed. The physicians have not been able to diagnose his case.

AGED 131; STILL ALIVE.

Host Too Weak This Birthday to Entertain as Usual.

New York, March 31.—Noah Raby will be 131 years old on April 1. The usual custom of celebrating the birthday with "a party" will not be followed, for the aged man is very weak and the excitement of such an affair probably would be fatal to him.

Raby was born at Eatontown, N. C., on April 7, 1772. He lived in Piscataway township, near New Brunswick, N. J., for 85 years, and for the last 50 years has been an inmate of the poor house of Middlesex county, N. J.

A Prominent Minister

Recommends Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Rev. Francis J. Davidson, pastor of the St. Matthew Baptist church and president of the Third District Baptist Association, 2731 Second Street, New Orleans writes as follows. "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for cramps and pains in the stomach and found it excellent. It is in fact the best cramp and colic remedy I have ever used. Also several of my parishioners have used it with equally satisfactory results."

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T. D. ENGLAND

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We have been thinking of changing our ad. for some time, but it covered the ground so completely that we were afraid we could make no improvement on it, and would ask every reader to put one away for future reference. Our business for 1902 has been very satisfactory, and if YOU helped in any way to make it so, we thank you very much and hope that you have had no reason to complain of the treatment you received. We hope to be able to serve you even better this year, with more up to date stock and better values. Our aim is to keep our stock up to what the demand will justify. So come along and we will try to please you.

Respectfully,

T. D. ENGLAND.

CLOTHING! CLOTHING!

As these retire let others come.

T. W. Whitmire has filled his store room on Broad street, known as the Toy Store, with Clothing, Trunks and Suit Cases. The nicest and most conveniently arranged clothing department ever in Brevard. I made this change in order to make room for my spring line of dry goods and notions, which is about three times as many as I usually buy. My line of ladies' dress goods, trimmings, etc., are simply beautiful. My line of men's and boys' shirts, neckwear, etc., can't be beat in any town. My spring stock of

READY-MADE CLOTHING

is up-to-date and about twice as large as ever before. My line of high-cut shoes for men, women and children are just as nice as you can get in any shoe store. I have placed my order for low-cut goods of the very latest styles. The slippers this year are the prettiest styles I ever saw. For women and children only I bought 320 pairs. My low cuts in men's and boys' patent enamel are sure beauties. My line of hats is always complete. As to my groceries, that department has all in it I can get on the shelves—more complete than ever before. Don't take my word for these things. Come and see for yourself. Thanking you for past favors, I am yours very truly,

T. W. WHITMIRE.