

THE NEW YORK FLOODS.

BRIDGES SWEEP AWAY AND MANY LIVES ARE LOST.

Mills and Tanneries Destroyed. Great Damage Done to Buildings - a Scene of Desolation Left in Every Direction.

NEW YORK, July 10.-A special from Johnstonville New York says that the water which came up over this village last night has subsided greatly this morning, but has left a scene of desolation in every direction. The water reached fifteen feet, and overflowing everything. It has now fallen about eight feet below its highest point. Ten people are reported missing. The bodies of four have been recovered. These four are all Johnstonville people. Those whose bodies are recovered are Charles Frenar and two men named Sankley and Yost, and a fourteen year old boy named Steadwell. The drowned and missing people were among a crowd of thirty to fifty persons who were taken down a bridge crossing the river at Ferry street watching the rising waters. They seemed regardless of the danger until the bridge gave way, and the water precipitated into the flood. The bridge was about twenty feet high and fifteen feet wide. It was a single arch. The water crossed by the street car track. The stone bridge was swept away at seven o'clock in the evening. Two iron bridges of the Johnston, Ponda and Gloucester railway were wrecked and carried away. Two tanneries owned by Simon Schreiber were swept away and the Schreiber and Anderson dams were broken down. The water in the Coyaduta creek began to rise at 4.30 o'clock and the stream was soon converted into a raging torrent of men, women and children who were thrown into the water by breaking of a stone bridge. A large number were saved by means of a raft thrown to them from the shore. This morning the fire department, under the direction of chief Thompson, is engaged in a search for bodies. The final and fatal rise in the Coyaduta was a sudden and is attributed to effects of a cloud burst. Besides the sweeping away of bridges and tanneries, there is much damage to buildings which are yet left standing. The electric light plant was washed out and the town left in darkness for the night. All communication by wire is cut off, save through a long distance telephone, over which this message is sent.

ALBANY, N. Y., July 10.-A special to the American from Johnstonville, New York, says fifteen persons were carried down the Coyaduta creek last night. Four bodies were recovered this morning. Heavy rains last night choked the stream and flooded the districts. Schreiber's large mill in this place was carried down a rocky shore on the Ferry street bridge when the arch fell into the rushing torrent which was filled with wreckage and human carcases. The alarmed residents, Chief McDonald with President Norbret, of the village police, Justice Anderson and others organized a searching expedition. The water was raised and the party went along the banks of the stream with ropes to assist in the rescue. One person was seen splashing and plunging in the water near the Johnston, Ponda and Gloversville railroad bridge, one quarter of a mile down the river. He was rescued by some of those on shore he cried "For God's sake help me!" He was swept by the current so close to the shore that a man who was in a boat secured to a pile of wreckage got hold of him, but owing to the swift current was unable to hold him and he was swept under the bridge. Twenty persons were seen clinging to drift and shouting for help. They were swept out of sight below the railroad bridge. At 4 a. m. the body of Bart Speedwell, fifteen years of age, was recovered from the debris at this place. An hour after Albert Sankley was pulled out from under the driftwood that lodged back of Evans' mill. Soon after the body of a man named Treadwell was found in the same place. At 9 a. m. the body of Chas. Frenar, 55 years of age, was recovered from under the wreck at Evans' mill. The bodies were badly bruised. Chas. Abbott was carried off from the Ferry street bridge to-day, which he went over, going down a distance of sixteen feet, but he miraculously succeeded in swimming ashore and escaped without injury. Peter Ewin, a stone mason, says he went down with fifteen others, and was carried down the Ferry street bridge. He was seen in getting out before the water was brained about the face. Purdy Case rescued two men named Vellis and Vosburg by means of ropes.

Citizens are engaged this morning in removing the wreckage of Schreiber's mill near the depot, where they think other bodies have been lodged. It is believed that two men who went down on a plank lost their lives at the dam and that their bodies were carried down the stream and are now floating in the Mohawk river. No one knows how many people were drowned or who are missing. The flood was so great and the current so swift that no help could be rendered without great danger. The State street iron bridge and railroad bridge were both swept away. They were large structures. Yesterday afternoon during the heaviest part of the storm the Mohawk streets in Gloversville were flooded with water. The new pavement in Bleeker street was torn up for several blocks. A number of residences in the upper part of the town were entirely surrounded by water. The foundation walls of a new stone building being constructed on north Main street, Gloversville, were partly carried away. Two iron bridges on the Central and the Ponda, Johnston and Gloversville railroad at Ponda are gone. The loss will not be very great. The railroad and street bridges in Johnstonville were first-class structures. Ferry street bridge consisted of an arch spanning the entire width of the stream. It was upon one of the plank walks that the people were standing when the arch was carried away. Schreiber's large mill is entirely wrecked and will entail a loss of about \$10,000.

There are several small buildings in the village which are partly ruined, their foundations being undermined. Many of the bridges on country roads along the valley are gone and some fields of grain are partly covered with water. The loss to property at Gloversville will probably be covered by \$3,000.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., July 10.-It is now reported here with some evidence of truth that fifteen persons were drowned at Johnstonville. There is no telegraphic communication between this city and Johnstonville, and that place cannot be reached except by driving.

THE WEATHER. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 10.-Indications for North Carolina-Pair; stationary temperature; southerly winds.

HENDERSONVILLE.

Five Items of Interest From a Neighboring Town.

HENDERSONVILLE TIMES, July 9.

Mr. W. S. Yeates, of the United States National Museum, at Washington, is here for the purpose of securing 100 pounds of pure zircon crystals to be placed on exhibition in that institution.

Ex-Sheriff M. S. Justus, of Blue Ridge, and Mr. Zeb V. Arledge, of Hendersonville, have been appointed Deputy U. S. Marshals in this county. Mr. W. D. Brock, who resides near the Henderson and Polk county line, has also been appointed, and we are informed, will work in Polk county.

Mai. W. H. Malone, of Asheville, and Mr. W. M. Davis, of this bar, have associated themselves together for the practice of law in Henderson county. Major Malone is known to the profession as one of the ablest lawyers in the State, and the author of Criminal Briefs and Real Property Tracts.

On Thursday evening while some one was drawing water from the well in Mr. John A. Gallimore's yard, by some means the curbing tilted, and a little child of Mr. Gallimore fell into the water fifteen feet below the surface of the ground. The water is four or five feet deep, and the little fellow floated till Ben Mills, a colored man present, went down and rescued him. He came out uninjured, but badly frightened. He was only three years old.

Tuesday evening a man named Arthur McDonald, from Saluda, Polk county, was arrested in this place, charged with breaking into a store at Saluda the night previous. He informed his captors of the whereabouts of the things stolen, consisting of a small amount of money, some checks, and also the tools with which he effected his entrance into the house, which were all recovered. He was taken back to Saluda yesterday morning.

STATE NEWS.

Fifty-three incandescent lamps of 20-candle power each illuminate the Richmond & Danville passenger depot yard at Charlotte.

Wm. Weddington, the negro murderer of policeman Pearce at Monroe last autumn, will be hanged at Charlotte to-day. The execution will be private.

C. T. Grandy, late editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, has resumed his former position on the editorial staff of the Washington Post.

The joint meeting of the directors of the State Agricultural and Mechanical Arts college will be held at Raleigh to-day. Officers of the institution will be elected.

A bloody fight occurred at Lexington Tuesday afternoon between a colored man named Thomas Hargrave and his wife. They fought with knives and pistols each other, and were with difficulty restrained from further acts of violence. No arrests have been made.

Colonel Richard Irving Dodge, colonel of the Eleventh infantry, United States army, having been detailed by the Adjutant General of the United States army to attend and inspect the State Guard encampment and to make a full report of the same, has arrived at Wrightsville.

Dr. A. W. Miller, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Charlotte, left Tuesday afternoon for New York. He will sail from that port Wednesday on the City of Paris for an extended European tour. Mr. John M. Morehead, of Charlotte, will sail on the same steamer.

Writ of Habeas Corpus Denied.

CINCINNATI, July 10.-Judge Tuley, in the Circuit court this morning declined to issue a writ of habeas corpus in the case of John F. Beggs, jr., guardian of No. 20, Cian-na-Gael, now in jail under indictment, charging him with conspiracy to murder Dr. Cronin. The writ was asked in order that the prisoner might be brought into court for a hearing on the question of his admission of bail. The State opposed it in order to avoid disclosing the nature of the evidence against the accused at the present time.

Floods in the Mohawk Valley.

UTICA, N. Y., July 10.-The tracks of the New York Central road were washed away at Ponda and Aiken. Great damage to property was done, not only at Johnstonville, but all down the Mohawk valley to Amsterdam. All the Central trains are now running over the Western tracks, which were not damaged, although at a time last night they were covered with water for a distance of fifteen miles.

Sullivan at His Old Tricks.

NEW ORLEANS, July 10.-Sullivan and his party could not obtain enough in London for the steamship Hudson, so they left this morning by Texas and St. Louis, the same route taken by Kilrain. Sullivan showed up this morning considerably worse from heavy drinking since the fight, and his face still bears the marks of Kilrain's blows.

A Ditched Train.

BRANDON, Vt., July 10.-The north bound train for Montreal on the Central Vermont road was ditched in a washout a mile north of here early this morning. A dozen passengers were injured, but none seriously. The train made all escaped. The engine and five cars are badly wrecked, and travel will be delayed twenty-four hours.

Fire at Wilmington.

WILMINGTON, N. C., July 10.-The planing mill and sash and blind factory of Farley & Yeggs, were destroyed by fire this morning at 3 o'clock. Two saw mills were saved. Loss from \$10,000 to \$15,000, partly covered by insurance. The schooner Vrooman, lying at the wharf loaded with lumber was burned; loss about \$30,000.

Banging in Charlotte.

The Chronicle of the 10th says: Wednesday, the negro who murdered officer Pearce in Monroe will be hanged to-morrow at 10 o'clock in the jail in Charlotte. Already a number of tickets have been issued. Several people from Monroe have secured tickets.

JUNE CROP RETURNS.

A HEAVY INCREASE IN THE MAIZE AREA REPORTED.

The Largest Increase West of the Mississippi - Condition of Winter Wheat Well Sustained - Spring Crop in Dakota.

WASHINGTON, July 10.-The June crop returns of the department of agriculture make an increase in the area planted in maize of about one and a third million acres, and a total of over seven-seventy millions. This is only a preliminary estimate, subject to revision after a more thorough census by tests now in progress. The largest increase is west of the Mississippi. There is a small enlargement of breadth in some of the Southern States, but in the Eastern and Middle States taken together, there is no increase. The condition of the crop is only medium, lower than usual at this period of its development. Excessive moisture has delayed planting and low temperature and saturated soil have retarded the growth on the Atlantic coast, north of South Carolina. In the cotton States May was cold and at most points dry; and in June was the same danger of injury from excess of moisture, and the crops of wheat, although the early crop planted was in the roasting ear stage; and in some places harvested, and the second crop planted. In the Ohio valley the condition is lower than elsewhere. The extremely cold weather of the latter part of May and the first week in June was very unfavorable to germination, and the frosts of that period injured or destroyed that which was above the ground. Replanting was slow and plants are therefore small. In Michigan there has been some loss of area by plowing up and seeding to millet from failure to obtain a stand. Cut worms have been very destructive in the west. More advanced fields in this region which should have been cultivated four times at this date have only been plowed twice. The crop is therefore late and dependent upon July weather for improvement. 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