Sudden Flood At Bristol

And Vicinity Does Damage

Communism Is Bar To Sweeping

Results At Genoa Conference;

street near the creek bridge were flooded, basements filled

with water and a dozen house on James' Row were flooded

The Virginia courthouse was entirely surrounded but little water got inside.

Many merchants on State street saved their merchandlse by having it moved to upper floors. Barried soft and have

floors. Barricades of sand bags

were used to keep the flood from many stores.

Heavy damage to farms north of Bristol is reported. Reports reaching The Her-

ald Courier office said that the

storm originated in a cloud-burst which occurred near Wallace, Va., about 7 o'clock in the evening. Warning was given here by telephone and

many merchants began to pre-pare for the flood while the creek, which flows through

the center of the city, was at normal stage.

at This Time.

tig Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania. It

In presenting his message to the

closer tederation or union with that branch of the church of Jesus Christ which I have the honor to

représent you will find a hearty

this session requiring bishops, and certain other officers of the church to live in the district they repre-

France May Try To End Meet

Simmons Says Tariff Would Mean Debacle Of Country's Trade

ESTABLISHED 1868.

Howland Held on Man-

slaughter Charge.

Ballew's Last Words Be-

fore Death Were a Pray-

er to the Deity.

As the result of a head-on ollision between two cars of the

verterday morning about o'clock, Motorman A. L.

cars was badly cut about

Asheville and East Tennessee rall-

7.25 o clock, Motorman A. L. Paliew was fatally injured and Reginals Howland, treasurer of the company and operator of one

An inquest was field yesterday dternoon by Coroner H. G

afternoon by Coroner H. Morris, investigating the death

Mr. Ballew and after testimony of several witnesses, the jury returned the following verdict: "The jury finds the deceased, A. L. Ballew, came to his death by head-on collision of two Weaverville rail-

Mr. Hallew was hadly demolished. and Mr. Howland aided in pulling

cinity and could not be reached; therefore no cars were operated between Asheville and Weaverville

following the accident.

The regular schedule will be resumed this morning, it was stated

Mr. Coleman issued the following statement to a representative of The Citizen: "Mr. Ballew had been in

the service of the Weaverville line since the beginning of operations, and was a most faithful and valued

And associates."

He expressed the deepest regret for himself and those interested in the company over the death of Mr. Ballew, which, he stated, from

mr. Coleman continued: "The power having been cut off for some reason in Asheville delayed the outgoing car, which resulted in its leaving Weaverville about 16 minutes late; Mr. Reginald Howland in order to pick up the passengers from the DuBose place or Cleadel and to the continue of the continue of

Glendale and intermediate points, ran out an extra car and brought them to Grace; returning to New Bridge, Mr. Howland had eight minutes to make Sheehan's siding

before Ballew's car was due, whereas it only required two min-

last night by President Coleman. President Coleman Issues

Formal Statement

BE UNAVOIDABLE

ACCIDENT SAID TO

G. O. P. PRESS' DEATH FOLLOWS

Charges of Filibuster Motorman Ballew Dies, Meet With Flat Denial by Simmons Again.

WANTS PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT BILL

avs Its Injuries Could Not Be Calculated by Figures or Words.

WARRINGTON BURBAU (BY H. E. C. BRYANT) WASHINGTON, May 12 .- Sena-

for Simmons asserted in the senate and in private today that the ewspapers of the country-esperewapapers of the country—espe-cially those that claim to be demo-cratic or independent—are not giving their readers sufficient in-formation on the tariff. He said formation on the tariff. He said the press dispatches give no adequate idea of the wickedness in the Fordney-McCumber measure, which he charges, was drawn for trusts and monopolies of this country.

"I hope that the people can be aroused to the iniquities of this measure," said he. "But they will not be if they just get the press that is necessarily and the said here."

In the head.

Mr. Howland is held under a bond of \$3,000, signed by Junius G. Adams, charged with manishing the charge of the spread of the press of the

not be if they just get the press dispatches. After a careful study of the measure I am convinced is is the most dangerous legis-tion of the kind offered to coness in many years. The public is not yet realized just how pad Its real purpose is to give | monopolists more ower. I find that the articles of power. I find that the articles of the monopolies are protected to the minutest detail."

The province are "added Mr. Simple of Mr. Balles" and the metallic structure of the death of the structure of the struct

"It amuses me," added Mr. Simpapers have not taken up this bill and analyzed for the people. Pub-licity is the only thing that will kill or modify it."

REPUBLICANS IN ROW AGAIN OVER BILL

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AGAIN OVER BILL
WASHINGTON, May 12—Reublican and democratic leaders the senate got into another row day over the tariff, the control n the senate got into another row oday over the tariff, the contro-ersy centering around the attoday over the tariff, the controversy centering around the attacks of republican newspapers on
the measure and on the duty of
10 cents a gallon proposed on
wood alcohol by the finance committee. There were charges of the
man. ittee. There were charges of libuster from the majority side denials from the

which it could act intelligently. hich it could act intelligently.

Prediction that if passed in its company and The Citizen only two laws in form the administration targets. It is company and The Citizen only two were in any way injured. These were in any way injured. These were in any way injured. These were in any way injured were in any way injured. These were Miss Lula Garrison, of Willianow, an employe of the Bon Marche, and Miss Eula Brank, of Senator Simmons, of North Carola, leader in the democratic fight work with the bill.

Senator Simmons' statement was said not to be injured and were at work yesterday.

Senator Simmons' statement was made at the conclusion of the attack on the measure in the course of which he read additional editorials from republican newspapers attacking the bill. He declared that the measure in the measure in the course of which he read additional editorials work yesterday. The front of the car operated by Mr. Hallew was badly demolished, and Mr. Howland aided in pulling was drawn "in the interest of profiteers, speculators and the land overlooks the rights of the pie." Its dire consequences, if ts dire consequences, if said, could not be meas-

rred in figures or words. Simmons said, "because I do not sit down here quietly and meekly and permit them (the republicans) to pass these items one after another.",

Denying that he was conducting a fullbuster, Senator Simmons said he was simply trying to let the people know what was in the bill, and operators of cars had left the viadded:

Senator McCumber, republican, North Daketa, in charge of the bill. Unitered with a charge that the literials were a part of a "proparanda" and the assertion that the prediction of Senator Simmons as to the result of the passage of the bill was not "one-half" if the Underwood tariff law remained in effect for another year. He added that the republicans were going to put a "propublicans were going to put a "propublicans were going to put a "proother year. He added that the republicans were going to put a "protective tariff bill" on the statute books and would "take the consequences." Asserting there was a combination" on the republican side to put the bill through without "even considering the schedules." Senator Considering the schedules." Senator Hitchcock, democrat, Nebraska, said that if there were no republican senators who would stand up and fight this bill as did Senators Dolliver Beveridge and other when the Payne-Aldrich measure was up, the democrats would make the fight and would continue to make it until the bill was passed.

"man, highly regarded by officials and associates."

He expressed the deepest regret for himself and those interested in the company over the death of Mr. Ballew, which he stated. From which could not have been reason ably foreseen by operators of either car."

Mr. Coleman continued: "The bill was passed.

Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, admarked that if the democrats could ner sent reasonable rates in substitution for the committee rates "you get some votes on this side." He pat de however, that those on the at sublican side would not "vote for The trade."

LLEGED PART OF UNION minute MINERS IS DESCRIBED before

LET YOUR CONSCIENCE BE YOUR GUIDE!

By BILLY BORNE



Made at Convention on

of Mr. Ballew.

The accident occurred about onecuarter of a mile from Grace, near
Suchan's brick yard, when the
high-powered combination freight
and passenger car operated by Mr.

representatives and chairman of the county board of commissioners, line. It was determined by the However, leaders have lined up council that the countries admitted to pleading before the court must the exception of the one mentioned, which republican leaders acknowledge as a demogratic stronghold by them. edge as a democratic stronghold by them and will not try to contest it, it is

understood. Col V. S. Lusk, of the firm of Lusk and Beachboard, is slated to receive the nomination and make the race for the state senate, with the majority side of from the demos from the demoh count charges ers of the committing to give the senabout the rates on act intelligently.

Number of Fassengers
On Mr. Ballew's Car

About the passengers were on the car operated by Mr. Ballew, comlng to their work in the city and on act intelligently.

Col V. S. Lusk and Beachboard, is slated to receive the nomination and make the race for the state senate, with one young and Mrs. E. O. Chandator intelligently. Buncombe county, if the republican party finds strength in the county to carry out its wishes.

The republican slate shows the

following candidates and an interesting aession is promised at the county courthouse Thursday morning, May 18, at 11 o'clock, when the county convention will be held

the unfortunate motorman from the debris before Mr. Howland was debris before Mr. Howland was taken to his home for medical at-tention. He was badly shocked as a result of the accident and re-mained at his home during the several leaders is reliable, the nomination will so the Black Mountain resident to please and

Buncombe county. stitutions, W. C. Sprinkle, Weaver-ville, and James McElroy, of Flat Creek, will be advocated by their vote on the question of consolida-Creek, will be advocated by their respective friends.

As commissioner of roads, the

fight for the nomination will be between B. J. Luther, of Hominy, and Robert Greenwood, of Asheville. Both are being prominently advocated and an interesting session is promised when the call for this office is announced Hugh Sowers, former clerk of

police court, is the only republican mentioned as nominee for the office of sheriff of Buncombe county and leaders predict he will be given the nomination without opposition. For register of deeds, the republicans will nominate either L. D.
Maney or George Sprinkle to oppose the democratic candidate.
J. J. Parker will probably stand alone for the nomination to make the race as county treasurer, un-less republican leaders decide to place another in the field before

As tax collector, the party will nominate J. F. Cheek and he will probably be supported by the enre convention. H. Arthur Miller and Walter Ed McCall are slated to be placed be

fore the convention for the selec-tion of a candidate to make the race for the office of county tax collector. Meetings will be held in every secinct in the county tonight at 30 o'clock for the purpose of 8:30 o'clock for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention and republican circles are beginning to hum with the approach of the time to make known their "entrys in the game of notifical"

World Court of Justice Thrown Open In Geneva

Russia, Germany, Turkey, Hungary, Mexico Can Take Cases to It

GENEVA, May 12.—(The Associated Press.)—The court of in-ternational justice this afternoon Thursday, May 18.

The republican party will have practically a full tloket for the county offices, with the exception of clerk of court, it was learned previously agreed to account to the entire world when the counts of the league of nations decided that Russia. Germany, Turkey, Hungrad of clerk of court, it was learned before the court provided they had previously agreed to account to the court of the court provided they had previously agreed to account to the court of the court provided they had previously agreed to account to the entire world when the counts of the court provided they had previously agreed to account to the entire world when the counts of the court provided they had the co of clerk of court, it was learned previously agreed to accept its de-yesterday when it became known

Four Districts in Flat Creek Township to Ask Modern Advantages.

the county convention will be held for the purpose of aominating candidates to represent the party in the general election.

Chairman of the county board of commissioners, Clyde Reed, of Billimore and C. A. Dickel, of Black Mountain. Considerable interest is being settled in the nomination for this office and if the opinion of this office and if the opinion of the county leaders is reliable, the still be desired a silve citizens of the districts in ative citizens of the districts in-

old republicans in that section of rooms, with all modern convesti-uncombe county.

For commissioner of public intion and construction of the build-

> bond issue which will be asked is \$50,000. The total property valuation of the four districts is in ex-

At present there is only school in each district, with a total average daily attendance of 225 children. Shanghai has a threeteacher school, with average at-tendance of 101; Murphy Hill has a three-teacher school with 47 attendance; Jupiter has a three-teacher school with 60 attendance. and Cole's Cove has a one-teacher

At the meeting yesterday com-

WAUKEGAN, Ill., May 12.—(By The Associated Press)—Governor Len Small's defense against con-

Mr. Leforgee emphasized the

Republican Discussion of June Primary Seige Brings Statement.

RALEIGH, May 12.—Threatened republican participation in the that leaders are grooming nomines.

Heretofore it has been understood that the republicans would confine their candidates to the race for congress, state senate, house of representatives and chairman of the court because the cou democratic primaries has been re-

Under the law. "it is mandatory that when the voter offers himself to vote in a primary he shall declare the political party with which he affiliates and in whose primary he desires to vote." reads the chairman's statement, issued today to all county boards of election, registers and judges. trars and judges.

"If a voter, therefore republican, declares that he affiliates with the democratic party and he desires to vote in the democratic primary, he has a right to do so, but he cannot vote for a particular candidate in that primary and hold on to his republican affiliation. Of course, the same rule would apply if a democrat desired to change his par-ty affiliations.

'A voter changing his party affillation pledges himself to vote, in the November election, for the par-ty nominees," the statement goes on. "A record of all changes is cers.

Voters Should Be Fair,

Pearsall Says
Colonel Pearsall explains that
the voter should be candid, fair
and honest, but advises that it is
the duty of all election officers of
both political parties to see that good faith obtains

The statement was prompted by the receipt by the election board of "so many inquiries on the subject." Plans for the besieging of the democratic primaries in June were

openly discussed among delegates to the republican state convention several weeks ago, and since then individual members of the minority party have let it he known of their contemplated plans for going into formal action was taken by

the convention, to be sure, but del egates discussed the advantage that might be expected. One scheme was to help in the nomination of democratic candidates for the gen-cral assembly who would advocate a change in the election lays. Un-able to elect one of their own faith to the house or senate, the repub-licans considered the next best heme the election of an agreeable democrat That thousands of republicans

unfamiliar with the primary requirements, had contemplated gomittees from the four districts reported that a canvass conflucted by them showed that more than three fourths of the tax payers are in favor of the consolidation.

GOVERNOR LEN SMALL'S

DEFENSE IS OUTLINED

Contend, Alleged Fictitious Bank
Functioned Until Law Passed

WAUKEGAN, Ill., May 12.—(By
The Associated Press)—Governor Len Small's defense against contact of the fourth of the contact of

June 3 is the date for both dem spiracy charges was outlined before spiracy charges was outlined before the jury today by Charles C. Lectral forgee, chief counsel for the governmended their nominees in recommended their nominees in conventions, eliminated the neces-airy for a republican primary ex-cept in a few counties and districts.

MINERS IS DESCRIBED before Ballew's car was diversal to my required two miners were all the part union miners were all the part union miners were alleged to have played in the miners march which terminated at the miners march which terminated at the miners march which terminated at the first the part union miners were alleged to have played in the miners march which terminated at the state of the governor's defense march which terminated at the miners march which terminated at the state of the governor's defense march which terminated at the state of the governor's defense march which terminated at the state of the governor's defense at the state of the made beyond the stricters copy in a few counties and districts. The part union miners were all the part union of the stricted with the state of the governor's defense at the part union of law and he added that the size in the part union of law and he and districts and having all the big manch all make the simple that the union official and having all the big manch all make the simple that the union official and interportation of law and he and districts.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—A required to make very few stops, union men, was offered, but met with occasional sebacks when contents the sum of funds on the part of the second part of th

Southern Methodists Will Elect Five New Bishops

Action Voted With Little Talk.

-Damage estimated at \$600 .-

006 was caused in Bristol and

this section tonight by high

water from Beaver creek, which flooden a dozen streets in the center of the city, num-

erous business houses and

The creek began rising about

8 o'clock and by 9:30 had inun-dated sections of Moore, Syda-

more, Cumberland, Lee, Water, Front. Shelby, Seventh, Wil-tiams, Broad, and State streets.

About 35 stores were flooded and many persons were forced to leave their homes. The high

waters began to recede about

had fallen back from many

streets leaving them covered with debris. The Virginia post-

office and several department stores, the Hotel Bristol and a

WASHINGTON, May 12.— An order from the senate to the department of justice and the fed-loomed among the possibilities to night as a result of an unherald-investigation followed close today upon the amnouncement in New teeth quadrennial general con-York yesterday of the purchase of the Lackawanna Steel company by the Bethlehem Sieel corporation and upon reports recently circulated of a prospective merger of six large independent steel com-

The order, embodied in a resolution offered by Senator LaFollette,
trepublican; Wisconsin, and adopted with little discussion except for each of the Wisconsin senator, directed both federal agencies to inform the senate what cies to inform the senate what clearly approval.

steps have been taken or proposed to ascertain the probable effects of the merger and what action has been instituted, "to protect the public interests." The created a demonstration which department of justice was further continued several minutes. The requested to advise the senate if conference voted to send the suggestion to the committee on gestion to the committee on gestion to the committee on gestion to the committee on convinced that the signing of a gestion to the committee on convinced that the signing of a gestion to the committee on convinced that the signing of a gestion to the committee on convinced that the signing of a gestion pact. to inform the senate what have been taken or pro-

ombigation were advisable. Acting Attorney-General Goff. after adoption of the resolution, said he could not comment on it until he had received a copy but from other department of justice

WASHINGTON. May 12.—Hope that the department of justice would be "sufficiently aroused to enjoin the proposed steel merger operates a large publishing house before it is consummated" was expressed by Senator LaFollette, republican, Wisconsin, in calling up conference. Bishop Fout reviewed today in the senate his resolution the history of his church, asserted for investigation by the depart- that its origin and principles were ment and the federal trade commission of reported merger plans
of the Bethlehem and Lackawanna
Steel corporations and of possible
inclusion of other independent
sponse to the sincere words I nowsteel companies in the consolida-

"The purpose of the merger is lear," said Senator LaFollette. "It is the elimination of whatever competition now exists in the steel in-dustry and the creation of a situation where prices may be fixed on a monopoly basis without fear of

ation where prices may be fixed on a monopoly basis without fear of detection.

"When this has been accomplished, every so-called independent steel corporation of any conent steel corporation and almost the end in the last year. I am not far distant when the sprigs have been merged into one gigan-without the hope that the time is not far distant when the sprigs have been merged into one gigan-with were so near to each other. ent steel corporation of any consequence in the United States will have been merged into one gigantic combination and almost the entire output of fron and steel products will then be under the control of the United States Steel corporation or of its twin brother. Yet unnamed."

Those behind the merger, Senator LaFollette declared, believe the Sherman anti-trust law to be a "dead letter." He argued that inmediate action on his resolution was necessary to prevent this merger.

Senator LaFollette declared that interested in this merger, although Kuhn, Loeb and company, he said, appeared to be the "nominal"

end in the last year. I am not sian affairs, was the statement without the hope that the time is not far distant when the time is not far distant when the spriggs which had been issued by the French delegation at noon.

A leading member of the delegation at noon.

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In speaking for his amendment, In: Milier was applieded by the conference when he suggested that legislation should be enacted at legal merger and that the sterion to live in the district they repre-financial nowers now are "proposi-ing bringing the industry under one consolidated control." He said one consolidated control." He said that if this were done, "Gary din-that if this were done, "Gary din-

WASHINGTON. May 12 .-

measure amending the Harrison anti-narcotic act to prohibit the importation of narcotic drugs into the United States or its territories was passed by the senate tonight and sont to the President. The maximum penalty for vibiations is 15.00 foor 10 years' imprisonment.

Of \$600,000 And Recedes

Europe Favored by England, Italy, France.

FRENCH DECLARE STAND JUSTIFIED

Want no Further Separate Treaties Made With Reds.

Paris, May 12—(By The Asso-ciated Press)—Premier Poincars late tonight renewed, and also strengthened his orinigal instruc-tory of Parthou at Genoa. He is understood to have told M. Barthou at Genoa. He is understood to have told M. Barthou that he must not enter into any negotiations whatsoever with the Russians.

He also told M. Barthou to make clear, both in the sub-commission and the plenary commission, that the view of the French govern-ment is that nothing more is to be gained by prolonging the confer-

gained by protonging the conference.

The French government will not agree to French experts sitting on any commission with the Russian experts, being of the opinion that exchanges of views with the soviet delegates will lead to nothing; but in deference to certain susceptibilities, the French delegates might accept an early meeting in some other city between allied experts commissioned to study the best methods of dealing with the Russian problem. It is also felt that representatives of the United Staten should be present at such meetings.

Should France take the initiative in winding up the conference, according to information received here Belgium, Poland and Denmark, and possibly other powers would follow her lead.

GENOA. May 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—So gravely at variance are Russia's communism and the order of things obtaining throughout the rest of Europe that a general immediate agreement with Russia appears tonight improbable. This conviction is deeply disconnection to the conviction of the convicti disappointing to those who expe ward federating on the part of the conference here would meet with their hearty approval.

That the suggestion was comwould be appointed to represent the conference and to meet with a committee named by the Brethren conference which sits a month hence.

All conference officials were of from other department of justice officials it was learned that while no plans as yet had been taken to prevent the merger an investigation as directed by the senate would follow. These officials said definite reports of the merger had been available so recently that the department had not had time to investigate.

Federal trade commission officials were of the opinion that a wide new field and there was much speculation of questions like credits, debts and there was much speculation of questions like credits, debts and there was much speculation that France favors the appointment of a commission for investigation of the proposed series had been available so recently that the department had not had time to investigate.

Federal trade commission officials were of the opinion that a wide new field for discussion had been opened and there was much speculation of questions like credits, debts and the treatment of foreign private suggestion upon proposals for unification of the northern and the southern branches of Methodism. Many officials were of the opinion that a wide new field for discussion had been opened and there was much speculation of questions like credits, debts and the treatment of foreign private suggestion upon proposals for unification of the northern and the real trues, provided it is understant that a triple merger had been made more probable and describent to the triple merger had been made more probable and describent to the triple merger had been made more probable and describent to the triple merger had been made more probable and describent to the triple merger had been made more probable and secretic treaties with Russia.

The French resent accusations are engaged in their labors the provided it is understant to the proposed with the treatment of foreign private of degrees with the treatment of foreign private of degrees with the treatment of foreign provided its understant to the proposed streatment of the provided it is understant to the provided it is understant to the provided it is under

representatives of non-communist states before hoping to reach a general sweeping accord at Genoa. In other words, they believe that the Russian problem, through investigation by a commission which will probably visit Russia, is being attacked now in a proper and logi-cal manner and they therefore ap-prove the contemplated procedure, The French apparently prefer an investigation by an international commission without Russians sitloard of bishops of the church of the United Brethren in Christ, you should take any steps toward a ting thereon, yet tonight a French spokesman said that France would not oppose the presence of Rus-sians. This question will be ironed out tomorrow, when the sub-com-mission on Russian affairs meets to

consider the Russian reply.
France will never agree to the project for a mixed commission sitting indefinitely while the con-ference is going on to study Rus-sian affairs, was the statement which had been issued by the

opains for damages; and also on the non-aggression pact.

The British announced they agreed with the Italians in favor of the ap-pointment of a mixed commission by the conference to study Russian gredi-its, debts and the treatment of foraugreeted by the Russian repls, but would not consent to such an arrangement unless a general non-aggression truce was agreed to between Russia and the other European countries to fusire that the work of the commission would not be hindered by the danger of fure that aggression.

EASTERN EUROPEAN
TRUCE IS BRITISH IDEA
GENOA, May 12—(By the Assoclated Press)—Great Britain has preposed a fruce in eastern Europe, on
the basis of the de facto frontiers,
pending the conclusions of a commission of inquiry to be appointed, it
was announced this afternoon