

Hundreds of other residents of the flooded sections were forced to flee.

Houses were swept away in West Point, Ga., by high waters that overflowed part of the town, but the river appeared to be receding today. The flood cut off the water supply and 2, 000 gallons was rushed by the Red Cross from Atlanta. Relief work was being pushed there today.

The industrial center around Columbus, Ga., was paralyzed today and it was said it would be nearly a week before the big cotton mills there and on



settlement of the soft coal strike, Fuel

remedied and pending readjustment

"it is highly important for the public

RELIEF IS IN SIGHT.

most serious coal shortage ever known

relaxation of the rigid fuel conserva-

tion measures was in prospect, but the

return to the mines of the first of the

approximately 400,000 bituminous coal

ance yesterday at Indianapolis of the

No immediate

mediately overcome."

ern reclamation congress for the purpose of recommending the passage by congress of legislation that will authorize federal co-operation with state and local authorities in land reclamation. That the house of southern governors individually and collectively work for a program of state-wide effort to

stamp out tuberculosis. In favor of senate bill No. S-16, providing for engineering experiment stations in connection with institutions of higher technical education. In favor of the universal adoption

Enforcement in Prospect Urging the United States the

covenant for a league of nations. For the completion of the intra



coal.

ALMOST DAILY CASUALTIES.

The Hague, Wednesday, Dec. 10 .- The question of responsibility for what shipping circles consider to be laxity in sweeping the mine fields in the North sea has been agitating marine interests and has been the subject of questions in the Dutch parliament. Scarcely a day has passed in several weeks without some casualties along the Dutch or Canish coasts.

men Talk Campaign. Men from the crew of the Liberty Glo, who were missing after that steamer was damaged by a mine, have not and co-ordination methods for the com- committee of the miners in their sesbeen found and the captain of the boat ing campaign were discussed today at sion here yesterday. The miners were said today he was investigating a re- a meeting here of the National Asso- especially pleased with the idea of port that they had been landed at a ciation of Republican State Chairmen. appointment of a comm

night of some of the miners in nearby fields and in other instances of some of the men reporting for work today. The mine operators have promised to bend all their energies toward resumption of normal operation and National Association of promise that if the miners report promptly movement of coal from the Republican State Chair- prompty movement of coal from the mines will become general within a very few days.

All sides in the controversy just ended were highly satisfied today with Washington, Dec. 11.-Organization the agreement reached by the general

posed of one miner, one operator and

a third member not affiliated with

either side to investigate wages and

coal prices and fix both at figures

labama side would resume opera-Street cars stopped yesterday

in Columbus and until last night the no immediate relaxation in the enwas without electric current. The forcement of the rigid restrictions on hattahoochee, at Columbus, reached coal consumption, notwithstanding the 3 feet, but was receding today Great iams had been built yesterday to pro- Administrator Garfield announced as tect cotton mills and other industries soon as he heard of the miners' agreethere. A gas shortage caused the En- ment to accept President Wilson's proquirer-Sun to announce it would not posals.

publish today for the first time since Director General Hines of the railit was established in 1828, as it was road administration, through which one of the few southern publications | the fuel regulations are enforced, said hat managed to issue during the lat in a formal statement that the disloor days of the civil war. Harly today, cation which the strike has created in however, enough gas was obtrined to the production, transportation and distribution of coal cannot be instantly start publication.

Factories also were idle in the lower portions of Augusta, where the Savannah river had begun to feel the ef- to continue to exercise great caution. fects of the rain. High water also was in the consumption of coal and it is eginning to threaten at Macon, Ga. High waters continued around At- of the difficulties which cannot be imanta and convicts and volunteers work-

ed Wednesday and late last night build-Just as soon as practicable, Mr. ing dikes to protect the city water Hines added, regulations in connection works. The Chattahoochee, normally a with the use of bituminous coal for small river at its headwaters above power, light and heat will be rescind-Atlanta, had become a raging flood and | ed or modified.

partial inundation. It was estimated that 2,500 persons, chiefly negroes, were

homeless as a result of floods around Hattiesburg and Meridian.

was nearly two miles wide where it passed the city pumping station. Creeks in this section also were flooded and damage to roads, bridges and culverts in Fulton and Cobb counties were, today was in sight. estimated at more than \$200,000.

THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 11 .- With thouands of people homeless, a few towns miners, ending a forty-day strike, and almost isolated, many industrial plants abatement, except in the east and far closed, and several miles of railroad northwest, of the severe weather of track under water. Mississippi began the past two days held forth hope for gradual resumption of normal life a rapid return to normal conditions. oday following the floods which swept At some of the mines delays in rethe southern and eastern part of the sumption of production after acceptstate

Only two lives have been lost so far. proposal of President Wilson for setas the meager and belated ' reports thing the strike were in prospect. These were in two wracks on Thousands of empty coal cars today the Mississippi Central Railroad in were on sidings at the mines in readwhich Engineer W. L. Trigg and Fire iness to be rushed to the most needy man Henry Coursey were killed. A ne- sections as soon as loads were availgro was reported missing at Meridian. able. Relief for some points, however, which is still almost isolated, and lear faced delay because of almost unprece was expressed at Enterprise, which is dented snowfall. In the plains states partly under water, for the lives of E. railroad traffic was badly disrupted by B. Anderson, planter, and his family, snow drifts and in the Pacific northwho are marooned

west, where nearly 40 hours of unin Meridian and Hatteisburg were prob- terrupted snowfall was recorded, conably the heaviest sufferers, as 2 500 neditions were worse. groes in the two cities were 'arit.n Throughout the central area from their homes and many washouts sub-zero temperatures that yesterday on railroad lines resulted for the in many places established seasonal flooding of the tracks by swollen records, today had given way to milder temperatures.

streams In addition to the inundation in East Enterprise, reaching a south of seven for the first time the restrictions imfeet and driving merchants to the second stories with goods, L.c. S. P. Andrews large warehouse o much to the dark last night for the first time unwate's edge, other buildings sugnt fire and thousands of dollars worth of goods became rain-soaked. Many homeess are reported there, but no loss of life, although several persons were rescued from floating houses, Laurel also lost heavily in buildings and live stock.

Easic City, near Enterprise, was also under water.

The railroads on which train service was completely stopped were the Scutharn and the Gulf & Ship Island. The outhern expects to get trains turough Meridian before night. The Gulf and Ship Island marooned trains may remain out of service a few days.

GRAVE FEARS ENTERTAINED.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 11 .- Grave fears were entertained here early today for the safety of hundreds of persons living along the rivers in central and a result of the

coastal canal from Beaufort, N. C., to Washington, Dec. 11 .- There will be Cape Fear river, and ultimately to Galveston, Texas. For permanent committee of bank-

ers, merchants and producers on foreign trade. Against the sale of ships of the United States that will militate against

trade routes established. Hearty endorsement of the aims and ourposes of the American Cotton Asso-

ciation. For same freight rate classification for high density gin compressed cotton bales as is allowed for recompressed cotton.

Appoval of movement to produce American sugar for American consumption. Washington, D. C., was selected as

the next meeting place of the conhoped there will be a due appreciation gress and the following officers were elected:

President, Thomas R. Preston, Chat tanooga; honorary presidents, John M Parker, New Orleans; Senator D. U. Fletcher, Florida; first vice-president, Richard I. Manning, South Carolina; second vice-president, Carl Espy, Savannah; director general, Dr. Clar-Owens, Washington, D. C. ence J. treasurer, William H. Saunders, Wash-Chicago, Dec. 11 .- Relief from the commissioner of comington, D. C :

merce, Buist C. Getsinger. At the final session the question of trade expansion was presented in a general discussion in which diplomatic representatives of Paraguay, Panama, Ecuador and Uruguay, Chile, Peru, Mexico took prominent parts. Clarence J. Owens, director general, was authorized to institute a campaign for the appointment of consul agents at every port and inland city of com-

merce. **OIL PROPERTIES** ARE SLOWED UP

President Wilson Has Another Memorandum With Regard to Mexico.

Washington, Dec. 11.-President Wilthe son had before him today another memorandum on the Mexican situation. It elated to the interference of the Caranza government in the operation of

American-owned oil properties in Mex-The New England states today felt ico and was prepared by Chairman Payne, of the shipping board, upon in posed by the fuel shortage and New York citys "great white way" was formation furnished by representatives of Mexican oil producers. Chairman Payne also sent a letter to Secretary der threat of "heavy fines or prison Lansing urging that the state departsentences." New York was spared enforcement of the three-day week de- ment take action toward protecting the American-owned oil properties in Mexicreed by the fuel administration for manufacturing plants, but restrictions co.

By the stoppage of drilling of new already in force in many other cities oil wells under decree of the Mexican were extended there. In New England, government, the shipping board has become concerned over the operation of On the western side of the continent a number of cities and towns in the large merchant marine as the bulk the Pacific northwest were reported in of the fuel for the 500 oil-burning urgent need of fuel. Salem, Ore., was steamers has been obtained from the entirely without coal and more than Mexican fields. Should this supply be are being delivered. two feet of snow had fallen. In Ore- cut off, it was pointed out that the operation of the vessels necessarily would | said the secretary, "because when a

cause of the snow and Portland was oil is on hand.

AMERICANS ARE MENACE. Washington, Dec. 11 .- Further testi-

mony taken by the Fall committee in- district would send Clyde R. Hoey to WASHINGTON SENT mony taken by the Fan committee in district would send Clyde R. Hoey to congress by a big majority and thereby lic Wednesday, pictures the Carranza show their confidence in the democratic

278 passenger trains were annulled.

in an almost isolated position.

JAPAN'S REPLY TO

C. BASAIS & DEGIG

JOSEPHUS DANIELS.

Mrs. Daniels if I lost that."

'spare-ribs" and fresh sausage.

When his quest was ended, the Secre

tary was bearing under his arm a pack-

age of fresh country sausage and spare-

day night, he will still be carrying it

under his arm, bearing it back to

Washington and to Mrs. Daniels, a

valued souvenir of his visit to his

Secretary Daniels arrived in Charlotte

at 1 o'clock. He was greeted as h

left the Statesville train by a commit

tee comprised of Cameron Morrison,

Hamilton C. Jones- and J. L. DeLaney

He entered an automobile and was driv

en to the Manufacturers' club to be the

guest of the Kiwanis Club at luncheon

Later, he went to the Selwyn, where

rooms had been reserved for him, and

where many of his Charlotte friends

called during the afternoon to greet

The secretary expressed regret that

he could not remain longer in North

Carolina at this time, for he said it was

always a pleasure to get back for a

visit with home folks. But official du-

ties require his presence in Washing-

ton Friday morning, and two days was

as long as it was possible for him to

Mr. Daniels said the report seemed to

can out-run anything on legs."

was confident the people of the ninth

He will leave at 9:45 o'clock for

home state.

him.

Washington.

get away at this time.

ribs. When he leaves Charlotte Thurs

German port by fishermen.

A Copenhagen despatch to Telegraaf says a Dutch sailing vessel beached on the Danish coast during a storm was later destroyed by a floating mine. The erew had been landed before the mine exploded. Reports from Flushing state hat six men from the crew of a German trawler landed there after their ship was mined and that six other members of the crew were drowned. A ship captain said today that while the English channel trade route was still full of mines, many apparently being of allied construction. The Dutch parliament was told today by the minister of marine that extensive sections of the German gulf were dangerous owing to the presence of anchor-

from the Statesville train at the South-"T it had been swept. ern Railway passenger station.

German sweepers are working, but never would get done explaining to owing to the unfavorable season progress has been slow. Holland has placed And so the secret was out. At Morganton, where the segretary spoke Wed- lightships and beacons at dangerous nesday afternoon, and following the points but has not the personnel or material to equip an efficient service. speaking, a man and woman who had known Jo Daniels since he was a



country, where they could treat him to London, Dec. 11 .- The introduction ecretary looked as if his regrets were of the Irish bill in the house of comeven more real than those of the coumons was again postponed today. Anple who offered the hospitality of his drew Bonar Law, spokesman for the country home, and on the train to government, announced that in conse-Hickory and at Hickory, where Secrequence of the visit of Premier Clementary Daniels spoke Wednesday night. ceau, of France, Premier Lloyd George he kept regretting, vocally that he had would be unable to bring the measure missed the feast of sausage and spare forward either Monday or Tuesday and he could not say whether it would be One of his many Hickory friends farintroduced next week. ed forth early Thursday morning.

THREE PREMIERS

ARE CONFERRING

Crowds Noisily Welcomed

Upon His Arrival.

Will H. Hays, the party's national chairman, and other officials of the national organization, were present Every state was represented, each of the chairmen who could not attend

which they deem reasonable. This sending some one to act in his place. commission, under the present plan. The meeting was executive, and it was will be appointed by the president, the said most of the time was taken up in exchanging views without any attempt to fix policies. There was un derstood to be a general acreement, however, that Chairman Hays' plan was apparently well swept, the German to decentralize campaign contributions by limiting the amounts accepted, should be extended as far as practic-

CONFERREDUPON

able into the state campaigns. While the state leaders were in conference officials of the national committee began laying out the details for ed mines, although four routes through the national convention, which the committee decided yesterday is to be held in Chicago on June 8. A. Hert, the Kentucky committeeman cno-

sen chairman of the convention committee, was flooded with applications for tickets and predicted that there would be more than the usual difficulty in making satisfactory arrangements.

More than 500 party leaders from over the country were here for the national committee meeting yesterday, a circumstance which led some of the wheel horses to predict that the Chicago meeting would attract one of the greatest crowds in the history of conventions. The activity of women in politics next year is expected to be another factor in greatly increasing the crowd

Friends of Chairman Hays started a movement today to insure his retention as head of the national committee through the campaign, regardless of who is nominated for president.

IMPERATOR SAILED TODAY FOR EUROPE New York, Dec. 11 .- The former German passenger liner Imperator, now a

British ship under Cunard line opera-Clemenceau tion, sailed today for Plymouth, Charbourg and Southampton. She was to have departed at noon yesterday but her clearance papers were held up on orders from Washington, while charges that she had exceeded her supply of

bunker coal were being adjusted. The offer of the British ministry of with Premier Lloyd-George and Vittorio shipping to replace the excess coal was accepted last night and the ship released, but too late to enable her to get away on high tide. The liner had 2,700

fairs, and Walter Hume Long, first lord der the German flag in July, 1914.

INTERFERE IN CASE private conference in Mr. Lloyd-

Washington, Dec. 11 .- The supreme court today declined to interfere in The United Mine Workers have full the deportation proceedings against confidence in the President of the Alexander Berkman, anarchist, but granted a stay of one week in the case

of Emma Goldman. The stay in the Goldman case was peal from the action of Federal Judge no hope for the mine workers other Mayer in New York, in denying a

writ of habeas corpus. of the wartime prohibition act to determine whether that statute prohibits the

ARE OF SAME MIND.

manufacture of all beers, or only those that are intoxicating was asked in the supreme court today during arguments

miners in the meantime to receive an advance of 14 per cent in wages over the scale paid prior to the strike. The federal grand jury investigation of charges of violation of the Lever act and anti-trust laws, scheduled to start last Monday, but postponed until December 17, will proceed when the jurors appear next Wednesday, according to the best information available. The probe will be nation-wide, it is declared, and will involve both operators and miners The charges of contempt against T:

mine workers officials, which, it is be lieved, will be dropped, are set for hearing next Tuesday morning. The decision of the miners to return

came after many hours of debate, in which the radical element in the gen eral committee made incendiary speeches against operators and others interested in settlement of the strike, and for a time threatened to defeat efforts to settle the strike at this time The conservative element, led by Acting President John L. Lewis and Secretary-Treasurer William Green, gained control of the situation Wednesday morning and succeeded in putting down practically all opposition by the time the question came to vote.

One concession was made to radicals. The convention agreed to the calling of a general convention of the miners at a future date, at which the action of, and reasons for, the general committee, will be fully explain-The opponents of acceptance of the president's plan made their fight principally on the theory that only a general convention of the mine workers had power to call off the strike. Members of the general committee have steadfastly refused to make public the name of the delegate who cast the one dissenting vote.

Two statements were given out following adjournment of the conference by Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, who first submitted the presi dents proposal to Acting President Lewis and Secretary-Treasurer Green at a conference in Washington last Saturday and came to Indianapolis Monday to await the outcome of consideration of the plan by the miners' general committee.

The miners' statement follows:

"The United Mine Workers' repreentatives agreed to accept the Presilent's proposal as a basis of settle ment of the coal strike. They did so because it provides a definite, concrete and practical method by which adequate consideration and a proper adjustment of their claim for an increase in wages and improved conditions of employment may be brought about. United States and a profound regard

for his will and judgment. "The President's proposal

from any proposal heretofore proposed in that it leaves nothing in doubt so far as a plan of adjustment and the granted to permit further considera- details thereof is concerned. The tion of her application to file an ap- scheme proposed by Dr. Gargeld left than the acceptance of an increase in mining prices of 14 per cent. The President's proopsal provides that this amount of advance is preliminary and that the tribunal which he will set

Washington, Dec. 11 .- There is not up will have full authority to consider now and never has been any difference further questions of wages and workopinion between President Wilson ing conditions as well as profits of oper-

have gotten abroad that the demoexpected that their discussions would ocrats were afraid they were going to last through today and tomorrow. The lose the ninth district election, because British premier abandoned his usual of the vigorous campaign they'are mak-Thursday visit to the house of commons in order to place his time entirely ing and the number of speeches that at the disposal of M. Clemenceau. hope the democrats are scared,'

French embassy.

Premier

gon, only two of three main line pass-enger trains were able to move be-be curtailed as only a small supply of democrat gets sure-enough scared, ne INTERPRETATION OF DRY ACT REQUESTED As for himself, Mr. Daniels said he had no doubt what the verdict would be at the polls next Tuesday, for he Washington, Dec. 11 .- Interpretation

London, Dec. 11 .- Georges Clemenceau, premier of France, arrived here this morning at about 10 o'clock. During his stay in London he will confer Scialoia, foreign minister of Italy.

The two prime ministers began their

George's official residence in Downing

street at 11 o'clock. It was generally

ed M. Clemenceau, who was greeted by Premier Lloyd-George, Earl Cur- passengers on this, her first voyage as zon, Secretary of State for Foreign Af- a passenger ship since she left here un-

of the admiralty. M. Clemenceaus said to see you," and then drove to the COURT REFUSED TO to Lloyd George in English: "I am glad



