

NO RELIEF YET IN FLOOD SITUATION

Water Stands at its Highest
Point and Thus Far Has
Shown No Disposition
To Recede

REPORTS OF A BREAK IN ST. FRANCIS LEVEES

Unless Winds Subside Migh-
ty Flood May Envelop Val-
ley--Water Stationary at
Forty Feet Today

Washington, March 20.—The Weather
Bureau, this morning gave out a special
bulletin stating that the river
station is practically unchanged. The
Mississippi is about stationary at Mem-
phis and continues to rise below.

At New Orleans this morning the
stage is 19 feet, 1 above the previous
high water of 1897. Conditions from
Memphis southward continue ex-
tremely critical. Further development
will depend almost wholly upon the
ability of the levees and hold of water.

Reports of a Break.
Memphis, March 20.—The flood situa-
tion in this territory looks somewhat
brighter because of the fact that the
river is stationary at forty feet. Yes-
terday government engineers showed
great anxiety over the condition of af-
fairs on the levees in the St. Francis
district and unless the strong winds
subside it is feared a mighty flood will
rush through.

Water is now washing over Pecan
Point and a random shot rumor has
been that there is a large break at the
latter place but this cannot be con-
firmed.

The situation along the upper Ar-
kansas side is extremely alarming and
necessitates working hundreds of la-
borers in piling up sacks of earth to
save the country.

MR. ROOT WILL NOT GO.

Unable to Accompany President On
His Hunting Trip.

Washington, March 20.—Secretary
Root said today that he will be unable
to go with the President on his West-
ern trip. He has been in the Yellow-
stone Park, and he shuddered a bit at
the prospect of a two weeks' trip over-
land through that region in April.

Mr. Root expects to join the Presi-
dent's party in St. Louis on April 30,
to attend the World's Fair dedication
ceremonies, and will attend the Na-
tional Convention of the National
Guard Association officers in Colum-
bia, O., on May 4.

Mr. Root will address the association
on the new and closer relations be-
tween the militia and the regular
army.

Young Girl Kills Herself.

Staunton, Va., March 20.—Evelyn
White, a young girl about 19 years of
age, committed suicide this morning
by taking morphine. She was discar-
ded by her sweet heart and then took
the fatal dose. Her home is in Ashe-
ville, N. C., and she has been in Staun-
ton only a few months. The body will
be shipped to her home tomorrow.

GRAVE FEARS FOR THE SPANISH KING

Physicians Fear Phthisis, of
Which His Father Died,
and Advise For Him
Absolute Quiet

Madrid, March 20.—The Publishers
Press is informed on high authority
that King Alfonso is suffering consid-
erably from phthisis, superinduced by per-
sistent colds.

The court physicians, Alabern and
Ledesma, feared his Majesty was suffer-
ing from phthisis, but failed to find
indications of this trouble. Other ex-
perts have been consulted and they
confirm the diagnosis of the court doc-
tors, but state that the King's system
is especially susceptible to pulmonary
complaint. A quiet, methodical life,
they say, is most necessary to Alfonso
in this warm climate.

The King has dropped attendance at
theaters and retires very early. He will
go shortly to Andalusia. The queen
mother is most anxious regarding her
son's condition and this alarm is in-
creased by the remembrance that his
father died of phthisis.

FESSENDEN'S FEE

Got One-Fourth of Connecticut's
Claim Against United States.
Stamford, Conn., March 20.—Samuel
Fessenden has just received the largest
fee ever paid to a Connecticut lawyer.
It amounts to \$151,640.15, and his
share—25 per cent.—of the sum recent-
ly paid by the Federal Government to
the State of Connecticut as reimburse-
ment for money expended by the State
in equipping, arming, supplying and
transporting troops during the Civil
War. The amount received by the
State, including the lawyer's fee, is
\$606,560.59.

A bill was passed by the General As-
sembly in 1897 authorizing the Govern-
or, then Lorrin A. Cooke, to employ
an agent to represent Connecticut be-
fore Congress, the Court of Claims or
any tribunal which should pass upon
the claim of the State.

Governor Cooke appointed Mr. Fes-
senden and entered into an agreement
whereby the attorney should defray all
his own expenses and pay for such as-
sistance as he might require out of a
contingent fee of 25 per cent. of the
award.

When the bill was passed in 1897 it
was not believed that the State would
receive more than \$180,000. Shortly af-
terward, however, in the case of the
State of Indiana, the Court of Claims
allowed interest on the original debt,
and a similar ruling helped to swell
the Connecticut claim.

AUSTRIAN INTEREST IN FAIR.

More Than 100 Firms Will Exhibit At
St. Louis.

Vienna, March 20.—In spite of this
Government's announcement that no
participation in the St. Louis
Exhibition is contemplated, there is
still a chance that the decision may
be reversed.

Albert E. Stainsny, honorary commis-
sioner to Austria-Hungary for the ex-
hibition, has succeeded in arousing
such interest in the commercial world
here that already more than 100 firms
have sent in their adhesions. The in-
dustries represented include jewelry,
glassware, furniture and fancy leather
goods.

MR. CLEVELAND FOR CANAL.

On His 66th Birthday He Indorses
The Senate's Action.

Princeton, N. J., March 20.—Yester-
day was ex-President Grover Cleve-
land's sixtieth birthday.
He received a number of congratu-
latory messages, but otherwise passed
the day in the usual manner. Speaking
of the Panama canal treaty he said:
"It is very gratifying that the treaty
has passed the Senate, and I hope
there will be no further delay at the
beginning of the work, which I believe
is going to mark an epoch in the com-
merce and transportation of the age
and will be a glorious contribution by
the American nation to the trade of
the world."

RAWLEY FORBES IS FATALLY INJURED

Five Year Old Son of W. S.
Forbes Thrown From Horse
During Fox-Hunt and His
Skull Fractured

Mr. Rawley Forbes, the fifteen year
old son of Mr. W. S. Forbes, of Rich-
mond, was seriously injured yester-
day morning near Richmond while
riding to the hounds.

The horse that young Forbes was
riding became unmanageable and
dashed into a tree. The rider was
thrown backwards to the ground and
his head struck heavily on a rock.

As a result of the fall young Forbes
is suffering with a fracture at the base
of the skull, the seriousness of which
only time can show. At present his
condition is considered critical, and
while he was said to be a little better
last night, his life is still in danger.

Yesterday's News-Leader says:
Rawley Forbes was riding with Miss
Claudia Palmer when the accident oc-
curred. Dr. Joseph A. White was a
short distance behind them and was
the only eye-witness to the fall. Young
Forbes, he said, fell very
heavily, and blood gushed from his
ears. The horse got away when he
had thrown his rider and was caught
in front of the club. Dr. White went
at once to the assistance of Forbes
and holding him upon his own horse
and holding him there took him to the
club-house. There the boy was put to
bed and the news of the accident was
telephoned to his brother, who reached
the club fifteen minutes after he
had received the message. Mrs. W. S.
Forbes followed a little later with Dr.
Edward McGuire, the family physi-
cian. In a large carriage, and the boy
was taken home. He was perfectly con-
scious, though rather drowsy, and the
only serious symptoms were nausea
and giddiness.

Mr. W. S. Forbes, father of Young
Forbes, was at one time a
resident of Charlotte. Yesterday when
the accident occurred, Mr. Forbes was
in Raleigh attending to some busi-
ness.

—Rev. Geo. A. Page, it is said, will
be a candidate for alderman from the
First Ward.

DEATH STALKS UNBIDDEN TO STEAMER'S STATEROOMS

Big Steamers of Fall River Line Collide, Early This Morning, in Dense Fog in Long Island
Sound With Fearful Results--Six Lives Are Known To Have Been Lost
in the Catastrophe, and Many Injured

In the collision of a passenger
and freight steamer, of the Fall
River Line, near Gull Island in
Long Island sound early this
morning, six persons were killed
outright and a dozen or more in-
jured. A dense fog was the cause
of the collision. Both steamers,
which are among the largest in
the service, were badly smashed.

New London, March 20.—One of the
most appalling accidents that has hap-
pened in the history of the passenger
service of Long Island Sound, occurred
soon after midnight this morning.

While passengers were sleeping
peacefully in their berths there was a
terrible crash and several lives were
crushed out in a twinkling.

The steamer, City of Taunton, one of
the freight boats of the Fall River
line, collided, head-on, with the
steamer Plymouth, of the same line,
which left New York yesterday after-
noon, carrying upward of five hundred
passengers.

In an instant all was confusion and
the shrieks of the dying and injured,

drowned the shouts of the officers,
while the cries of the panic-stricken
added to the tumult.

Fifty feet of the upper works of the
Plymouth were carried away, but she
was able to come into the harbor under
her own steam.

For a time after the crash, the ut-
most confusion prevailed, and it was
feared the boat would sink. The offi-
cers remained cool throughout and the
passengers were finally calmed down.

In the meantime it was found that
six were dead and a dozen or more
injured.

The dead:
JOHN MCCARTHY,
SNOW COLEMAN,
JULIUS DAWSON,
JOHN WILLIAMS,
JOHN BRISTOL, all employees of
the steamer,
JONATHAN W. THOMPSON, a pas-
senger.

The City of Taunton arrived here at
four o'clock this morning.

The wreck occurred about 20 minutes
sail east of Gull Island in the race.
The City of Taunton was bound New
Yorkward and a dense fog prevailed
at the time of the collision.

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SNOW COLEMAN,
JULIUS DAWSON,
JOHN WILLIAMS,
JOHN BRISTOL.
All employees of one or the other
of the steamers.
JONATHAN W. THOMPSON,
a passenger.

FIFTEEN LOST THEIR LIVES.

It is believed fifteen people met their
death in the collision. Two of the in-
jured will probably die and it is
thought others were in the flooded
steerage and in the debris of the sec-
ond cabin staterooms. It is also
thought that a number of the crew,
and perhaps some of the passengers,
were knocked overboard and drowned.

Wind-Jammers Collide.

Chatham, Mass., March 20.—The
three-masted schooner Sebago and a
four-masted unknown vessel, crashed
together in a fog off Nantucket Shoals
early today. The Sebago was badly
damaged and subsequently ran
aground. The other vessel is unknown.
So far as is known no lives were lost.

CUBAN TREATY IS FINALLY RATIFIED

Nearly Three-Fourths Vote of
Senate Was Secured and
the Body Then Adjourn-
ed Sine Die

Washington, March 20.—The recip-
rocity treaty with Cuba, negotiated by
General Tasker H. Bliss and signed at
Havana December 11, 1902, was rat-
ified late yesterday afternoon by the
Senate with amendments by a vote of
50 to 16. Then, after arranging to make
public the speeches delivered on the
Panama canal treaty after that treaty
has been ratified by Colombia, the ex-
tra session of the Senate adjourned
sine die.

Voting on the Cuban treaty and
amendments then pending or to be of-
fered began at 3 o'clock. There were
several speeches previous to the vot-
ing upon amendments, including re-
marks by Messrs. Foster of Louisiana,
Simmons, Bailey, Carmack and Berry.
All except Mr. Simmons opposed the
treaty.

Mr. Simmons declared that he could
see nothing in the treaty which called
for a party division. He believed the
reciprocity provided for would be bene-
ficial to the United States, and an-
nounced that he would vote for the
treaty.

The Burton amendment, providing
for a reduction of 40 instead of 20 per
cent. in the duty on American wheat,
flour, corn, and corn meal imported in-
to Cuba was accepted by the commit-
tee on foreign relations after being
amended by making the reduction 30
per cent. As thus changed the amend-
ment was agreed to by the Senate.
The committee also reported another
amendment which was agreed to,
placing certain cotton manufacturers in
schedule B, which covers articles to be
admitted into Cuba at 30 per cent. re-
duction. The original rate was 25 per
cent.

The vote on the ratification of the
treaty as amended was 50 to 16, all
Republicans present except Mr. Bard
of California voting for the treaty. The
sixteen negative votes were cast by
Messrs. Bailey, Bard, Bate, Berry, Car-
mack, Clark of Montana, Daniel, Fos-
ter of Louisiana, Latimer, McEnery,
Mallory, Martin, Morgan, Newland,
Pettus, Talliaferro.

DID HE GET STRONG BOX?

J. W. Thomas Reputed To Have Left
Fortune in Currency.

Berryville, Va., March 20.—James W.
Thomas died here suddenly today, aged
77 years. Mr. Thomas had up to a few
hours prior to his death been a man of
strong physique, and his death was a
shock to the whole community. He
was married four times and is surviv-
ed by a widow, two daughters and one
son, James W. Thomas, Jr., of Wash-
ington, D. C.

Mr. Thomas is reputed to have left
considerable property, principally in
currency. This he is said to have found
during the Civil War, it being the con-
tents of the strong box of the paymas-
ter of Sheridan's army, which was at-
tacked and routed on the outskirts of
Berryville.

STRIKE AT AN END.

Carpenters in Columbia Have Settled
Their Differences.

The carpenters' strike at Columbia
has been watched in Charlotte with
much interest. The trouble has been
amicably arranged as the following
from the Columbia State of this morn-
ing shows:

"The carpenters' strike was a short
duration. The contractors and carpen-
ters settled to their mutual satisfac-
tion yesterday, although the contrac-
tors are indignant over the demands
made by the union.

"Mr. J. P. Chartran, the commit-
tee man authorized by the trades union
council to visit the buildings under
construction and to see that no mem-
bers of labor organizations were at
work with non-union men, reported
last night that he had found every-
thing satisfactory to the union men.
The contractors had offered no opposi-
tion to his inspecting the union cards
of workmen, and the only job on which
he found non-union men employed was
subjected to a change in a few min-
utes, as the workmen came down and
made application to join the union."

CLOSE OF PYTHIAN EVENT.

Disciples of Syracusean Soldier and
Senator Conclude Meeting.

The conclusion of the Pythian con-
clave took place last night in a deligh-
tful social gathering in the auditorium
of Rathbone Castle Hall. About 250
brave knights and fair women were
assembled. Dr. R. L. C. White, Sup-
reme Keeper of Records and Seals,
the speaker of the evening, was hap-
pily introduced by Rev. J. A. Dorritte.
Dr. White charmed his audience with
his beautiful and instructive address
upon the origin, purpose and progress
of Pythianism.

Dr. Chas. A. Bland entertained those
present with some clever legerdemain
exhibitions.

At the close of the exercises deligh-
tful refreshments of cake, ice cream,
etc., were served from Brannon's.

McKinley Oak Thrives.

Washington, March 20.—The Presi-
dent took a walk around the White
House grounds this morning, and stop-
ped to examine the oak tree which was
set out by President McKinley five
years ago today. The tree grew very
slowly at first, but shot up rapidly last
summer, and is now nearly twenty
feet high.

KILLED HIMSELF TO ESCAPE WHIPPING

Negro Boy Leaps From Win-
dow to Sidewalk For Fear
of Punishment He Doubt-
less Richly Deserved

Philadelphia, March 20.—Joseph L.
Carter, a colored boy aged 12 years, de-
liberately committed suicide this morn-
ing to escape a beating at the hands of
his father.

He jumped from a window to the
sidewalk, sixty feet below, after first
removing his clothing and saying "I
want to leave the world the same way
I entered it." His father is held for the
coroner's inquest.

TODAY'S COTTON LETTER.

An Interesting Situation As To the
Fleecy Staple.

New York, March 20.—C. W. Lee &
Co. says: There was more cotton for
sale at 9.80 for July this morning than
there has been since the option sold at
9.90 on the previous advance. July was
for sale in reams. It was believed to
be for Wall Street account and so
much come out that the market could
not stand up under it all. Then prices
gave way to below 9 3/4 cents. May
weakened during the afternoon to
around 9.85, a decline of about ten
points. The selling by the so-called
bear pool was the feature of the day.
It may be this will market more cot-
ton by holders looking for a set-back.
Then again it may be that bad weather
will cause these sellers to cover and
there will be another advance. Every-
thing depends on weather and the
condition of things in the South. With-
out sunshine you can't break this
market very well. With good weather
we would rather short August on good
bulges.

It is because we are afraid of a scare
among spinners on this late planting
that we are so conservative on the
selling side at the present moment. The
supply of cotton is too small to leave
the future market. It is too hard to get
cotton to make short selling safe ex-
cept on favoring conditions. We be-
lieve the price is against cotton. We
would rather play the short side in
August but we cannot think this safe
at the moment, until factors show up
more favorably. The condition of the
Mississippi is still critical. Another
break on the Arkansas side was report-
ed today. In sight figures were about
the same as last year. We need more
to break the market for spot cotton.

Bulls Retain Their Grip.

New York, March 20.—The cotton
bulls retained their grip in the face of
a somewhat unsatisfactory cables.
Buying orders accumulated over night
and strengthened the late market on
yesterday. This, with some room cov-
ering and little bullish support, sent
the price above last night's closing.
Further breaks in the levee are re-
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FATAL SHOOTING AT COUNTRY FROLIC

South Carolina Negro Wields
His Gun at a Dance With
the Result Grove Hen-
derson Will Die

John Bond, a South Carolina negro,
shot and fatally wounded Grove Hen-
derson, at a negro dance on Mr. George
Hoover's place, five miles from Char-
lotte, last night. The bullet entered
Henderson's stomach two inches above
the navel and lodged in the back-bone.
Parties who arrived from Niven at 2
o'clock this afternoon state that Hen-
derson cannot live.

Directly after the shooting Bond
made for the woods and has not been
seen or heard from since.

A large number of negroes gathered
at Henderson's house last night to par-
ticipate in a dance. All went well un-
til Bond became angered at something
Henderson had to say about the way
he (Bond) danced. The two men en-
gaged in a war of words and while this
was at its height, Bond pulled his gun
and fired.

At the report of the pistol, negroes
ran in every direction. The women
were screaming and the men, they
took to the tall timbers. Henderson
fell where he was standing when the
shot was fired. The negroes thought
he was dead but in a short while he re-
covered sufficiently to tell his side of
the story. He stated that Bond got
mad at some trivial occurrence and,
without the slightest warning, pulled
his gun and fired.

The negroes around Niven are very
much incensed on account of the
shooting and it would not be healthy
for Bond to make his appearance in
that neighborhood.

Bond came to the Niven section
about two years ago from South Caro-
lina. He has been working on Mrs.
Latta Johnston's place and was always
considered a rowdy negro. His vic-
tim, Grove Henderson, has been work-
ing for Mr. George Hoover. He is said
to be a quiet, inoffensive negro, and
is liked by both white and black.

Squire John P. Hunter came to
Charlotte this afternoon and notified
the police of the shooting. Bond is
still at large but will be captured if he
stays in this section. Henderson was
said to be in a dying condition this af-
ternoon.

LORD MAYOR FETES SEC. CHAMBERLAIN

He Speaks With Glowing En-
thusiasm of the Future of
the New South Afri-
can Colonies

BRITISH STEAMER 'HAS TEMPESTUOUS VOYAGE

Celebration of Mid-Lent Fete
Results in Great Disorder--
Pope's Condition is
Improved

London, March 20.—Colonial Sec-
retary Chamberlain drove in state to the
Mansion House today where he was
entertained at luncheon by the Lord
Mayor. After luncheon the Secretary
was presented with an address of wel-
come from the city. Premier Belfour
and other prominent were present.

Replying to the Mayor's address he
said: "I have returned more than ever
convinced that the war could not have
been prevented by any statesman. It
is expressed belief that racial unity
under the British flag was eventually
a certainty.

Continuing he said: "Since the war
the value of land has risen in the new
territories from fifty to three hundred
per cent. This is due to the expecta-
tions of great prosperity under a stable,
progressive government. The country
is only in its infancy and there is no
limit to its possibilities in the future."

Reports Squally Voyage.

Plymouth, March 20.—The British
steamship Sokoto arrived from West
Africa ports today and reports that
during the voyage she encountered the
worst weather in twenty-two years. At
one stage of the voyage the vessel ran
into sand storms that lasted eight days.
During the stormy days it was so dark
that an artificial light was used on
deck and the crew was nearly suffocated.
The Sokoto further reports that the
breakwater at the Grand Canary was
wrecked by heavy storms and twenty-
five vessels were wrecked.

More Social Talk.

Dresden, March 20.—The Austrian
and German Emperors and Royal fam-
ilies of Saxony, Bavaria and other
countries have expressed strong disap-
proval of the actions of the Duke and
Duchess of Tuscany, in becoming par-
tially reconciled to their daughter, the
former Crown Princess Louise. It is
stated a boycott of Tuscany by the
European Royalties will probably re-
sult.

Fete Turned Into Riot.

Paris, March 20.—The celebration of
Mid-Lent Fete in Paris
yesterday developed last night into an
orgie in some parts of the city and
scandalous scenes were enacted. It is
stated that 968 persons were arrested.

Pope is Improving.

Rome, March 20.—Condition of the
Pope is improving. He assisted at a
Lenten sermon today.

King Gives "Buffalo Bill" a Pin.

London, March 20.—King Edward
has sent to Col. Cody ("Buffalo Bill")
a handsome scarfpin with the royal
emblem surmounted by the crown, as a
souvenir of his visit Saturday to the Wild West Show. In a let-
ter the King again mentioned that he,
the Queen and the others of their party
greatly enjoyed the show, which he
considers valuable historical instruc-
tion, especially for the young Princes.

THREE GIRLS MEET DEATH ON THE RAIL

Stepped From One Track to
Another to Avoid One Train
and Were Struck By a
Freight Train

Providence, March 20.—Rose Mc-
Aloon, Mary Tierney, Bridget White,
Lizzie and Knight, all employed in the
Taylorsville Bleachery in East Prov-
idence, started to walk to work this
morning along the New York, New
Haven & Hartford Railway tracks. A
freight train ran into them, killing the
first three outright and seriously in-
juring Miss Knight, probably fatally.
They left one track to avoid one train,
and stepped in front of another.

Smart-Aleck Students Punished.

Lafayette, March 20.—The four ring-
leaders in the riot of Purdue students
on the night of March 11, have been
suspended for one year by the faculty
and a hundred and forty sophomores
are under probation.