

FLOODS ARE RISING

The Father of Waters is Swelled by Continuous Rains.

FLOOD RISING HIGHER AND HIGHER

MEN AND BEASTS DROWNED IN THE DELUGE.

Many Thousands Rendered Homeless and the Inhabitants of Vast Areas Suffering for Food--Distress Without Parallel.

Memphis, Tenn., March 19.—A further half-inch rise in the Mississippi means the devastation of property, and probably a loss of life unequalled in the flood history of this section. The rise is threatened because rain is still falling.

Seventeen persons are reported drowned fifty miles below Caruthersville, Mo. A stretch of country over one hundred miles long, from a point twenty miles north of Memphis, to a point fifty miles south of the Tennessee metropolis, is submerged in places to the depth of ten feet.

Reports from tributary streams show rains and rapidly rising rivers, floods from which will soon be emptied into the Mississippi, adding to the danger when hurled against the already weakened levees. The levees are patrolled hourly by armed and desperate men, provided with sand-bags to strengthen weak places or to close threatened breaches, and rifles to shoot down any intruder who would venture to cut the embankment and allow the waters of his plantation to find vent into the low lands of his neighbor.

The floods now partake of the nature of a deluge. As far as the eye can see, nothing but water meets the gaze.

Six hundred people were rescued yesterday on the Arkansas side of the river and taken to Memphis, but there are flood districts so situated that relief boats cannot reach the stricken ones.

On Island Thirty-nine, one hundred sufferers and considerable live stock were rescued by the steamer Itaska. Neither man nor beast had tasted food for over twenty-four hours. Human beings and helpless brutes are huddled together awaiting assistance all along the Iron Mountain and Kansas City, Fort Scott and Gulf tracks.

Five hundred people were forced to flee from the floods in Dyer and Obion counties, Tenn.

Gavin, Ark., March 19.—For many miles the country is flooded, and the water is up to the Iron Mountain tracks. Hundreds of section-hands are striving to keep it back with dirt bags. At every station the negroes are gathering, waiting to be taken away. Many get on the trains and are carried without pay.

The list of fatalities is said to be long and probably never will be known. William Cartwright and William Cox, working on Judge Hodge's farm at Rosebud Island, lost their lives Thursday by the upsetting of a "dug-out" Jake Carty was drowned at Gavin Thursday night from the same cause. Amanda Chipman, colored, just arrived from below, reports the death of six persons she could not name. Charles Purley, also was drowned near Gavin. He could not manage a dug-out.

A mountain of household goods is piled up at every railroad station. Whites and negroes beg for help from every train crew. Houses along the road are submerged to roofs, and cattle standing in the fields with only their head above water. Many corpses of hogs and cows are washed up by the water.

Helena, Ark., March 19.—The river at noon was within two inches of the highest water on record. The sun shone to-day after one of the most prolonged and heavy downpours of rain for many years, and conditions are more hopeful. The observer urges people in the low lands to move at once to higher ground. The levees in front and north of the city are having the attention of the officers of the city, and the levee boards and are being raised and strengthened. Heavy rains yesterday and last night have partly inundated a portion of the northern suburbs of the city, but the water is now fast receding. The levees at Modoc are still holding, and with the recent recruits to the already large army of levee workers, there is a bright chance of maintaining the statu quo. The levees on the Mississippi side appear to be in good shape.

Calo, Ill., March 19.—The river here rose four-tenths of a foot in twenty-four hours, and the prospect is that it will go to high-water mark, which is 52. The citizens have organized to be prepared to meet any emergency, and watch the levees around the city thoroughly.

A large area of wheat land has been flooded in the neighborhood of Commercial Point in this city. Until predictions, as to the extent of the rise are impossible.

Birds Point is entirely under water, and the Cotton Belt and the Iron Mountain trains cannot enter Cairo. The steamer Mary Norton arrived from the lower river this morning, reporting the levee intact from Osceola up, but momentarily fearing a break. The Norton rescued a large number of people and live stock.

Nashville, Tenn., March 19.—The Cumberland river is rising. Rain fell all day yesterday, last night, and continued to come down incessantly to-day. There is prospect of the greatest flood on record. The highest recorded water in the Cumberland river was in 1851, when it registered 55 feet, nine feet higher than at present.

The outlook now is that this mark will be exceeded. Much damage has already resulted from the overflowed low land, and more will follow when the flood increases.

Large sections of east Nashville have been under water for several days. The river is already climbing to the business houses on Front street. Boats are now anchored to the sidewalks and the prospect is that the first floors of buildings will be submerged. Dis-

patches from the Southern counties of Tennessee, and from Northern Alabama report 36 hours of rainfall and terrible floods in the region. Great damage has been done to bridges and fences. Trains have stopped running on the Nashville, Florence and Sheffield railroad.

FIGHTING IN CUBA.

As Usual the Spaniards Had the Best of it Every Time.

Havana, March 19.—Advices have been received here that on the night of March 14th, the Rebels made an attack upon the town of Jiguani, in the Santiago de Cuba province, using two cannons of small calibre, which they directed against the forts, inflicting considerable damage. The insurgents were finally repulsed by the garrison and retired, leaving eleven dead on the field and carrying a number of dead and many wounded men with them. The losses of the enemy included six of their leaders among the killed. The loss of the garrison was an officer of volunteers wounded and four soldiers killed and eighteen wounded.

General Rey, with his column, left Veguitas on March 15th, taking the direction of Jiguani. He was constantly fired upon by bands of rebels along the road, and at Sabana Jucabanita the enemy were found in large force, occupying strong positions. The troops made an attack upon the rebel positions by front and flank, striking them simultaneously in three columns, and dislodged the enemy after a short fight. The losses of the troops were five privates killed and a Major, two Captains and thirty-five privates privates wounded.

Continuing his march, General Rey found a force of the enemy entrenched at Cantillo. The rebels tried to prevent the advance of the troops, but the latter, divided into four columns, forced a passage after a short resistance on the part of the enemy. The latter did very little firing, but the troops nevertheless lost one man killed, and the chaplain of the column and six privates wounded.

Col. Borbon, with his command, while marching on the road to Mayo Jigua, near the Central Trocha, found the rebels entrenched in such a position as to bar his passage. These troops attacked the entrenchments, and after a spirited combat, captured the positions and completely dispersed the enemy, who left seven men dead in the entrenchments. The troops had two men killed and eighteen wounded.

Fatal Result of a Quarrel.

Special to The Tribune. Wilmington, N. C., March 19.—Sam Register and Neal Sharpless, both colored, quarrelled Wednesday at Castle Hayne. Sharpless shot Register with a shotgun. This morning Register died. Sharpless surrendered and is now in jail. The evidence at the coroner's jury indicates a case of murder.

Two Boys Drowned.

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 19.—A small skiff carrying three boys was capsized in the Tennessee River opposite this city today and two of the boys were drowned. They were John Davis, aged 16, and James Edwards, aged 15. The river is very high and the current dangerous.

No Longer Mayor and Governor.

Lansing, Mich., March 19.—The Supreme Court of Michigan decided today that the office of Mayor of Detroit became vacant when Hazen S. Pingree took the oath of office as Governor of Michigan on January 1. A new election must be held to elect a new Mayor of Detroit.

Death in a Cyclone.

Utica, Miss., March 19.—A cyclone passed this place this morning with a southeasterly course, blowing down several cabins and timber and fences, killing J. O. Hill, a farmer, and injuring his wife. A country school house was lifted from its foundation and turned around.

Ex-Governor McKenney Sick.

Richmond, Va., March 19.—Ex-Governor P. W. McKenney is seriously ill at his home in Farmville, his trouble being induration of the right lung, brought on by a previous attack of pneumonia.

Weather Bulletin.

Washington, D. C., March 19.—8 p. m.—For Virginia: Showers in the morning, probably followed by fair weather; winds shifting to southerly.

For North and South Carolina: Local showers in the early morning, followed by fair weather; westerly winds.

DR. TAYLOR ON MESMERISM.

The Subject Scientifically Considered by an Able Speaker.

Wake Forest, N. C., March 19.—On Thursday night, the 18th inst., Dr. Taylor delivered a very scholarly lecture on mesmerism before the Scientific Society. This lecture followed, very appropriately, the practical and indisputable demonstrations given by Prof. Beverly of this power which is gradually making itself felt in the metaphysical and scientific realms.

Dr. Taylor gave a highly interesting exposition of the development of the mesmeric phenomena and mentioned the connection with his conclusions, experiments which had been tried by those who had made researches in their verification. He told how the power had to overcome the declarations of the superstitious that it was born of the devil; how it had successfully done this and had gradually pushed itself into the acceptance of the scientific scholars of all countries.

The one and the only essential feature in bringing one into the hypnotic state, according to authorities depended on by Dr. Taylor, lay in concentration of attention and an expectancy of a certain result. When this is secured, one's mind is essentially under the hypnotist's control. All motions of the hands and pressures with the hands on the temples and eyes were useless in securing a hypnotic influence over a subject, but useful in gaining complete control over his attention.

A movement is on foot to secure an intercollegiate debate with Davidson College, to be held in Raleigh the last of April. The plan is that three speakers be chosen from each college to debate some up-to-date question, in conformity to the regulations prescribed in similar contests in Northern universities and colleges.

Senator Charles Utley has re-entered college.

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Possibilities in Cotton.

The February number of the "Southern States" magazine, published at Baltimore, contains two conspicuously able and noteworthy articles from the authoritative pen of Dr. Charles W. Dabney, Jr., assistant secretary of agriculture. They deal with practical questions, the utilization of cottonseed and the prospects and possibilities of the crop for the next twenty-five years.

The extent to which the seed might be used is manifest in the statement, based upon scientific calculations, that, properly handled, the seed of the crop of 1896 ought to yield in round numbers \$100,000,000, instead of \$53,000,000, which may be expected. At present the seed are used as feed, fertilizer and fuel, in addition to oil producers, and a secondary product of feed and fuel is a fertilizer. There may not be at present a sufficient number of mills and of cattle to turn all the seed into cash, but there should be an impetus to greater efforts in that direction in a consideration of the potential value of the cottonseed crop. This is reckoned at \$4,235,392 after deducting 10 per cent for loss and seeding. The total is derived from \$41,750,000 in oil, \$3,100,000 in linters, \$36,056,765 in hulls and meal made into live weight of cattle, and \$13,332,627 in manurial value of hulls.

An increase of \$40,000,000 and more in the total value of the cotton crop without increasing the size of that crop is a possibility worth considering by the farmer.

Its importance during the next twenty-five years will become greater and greater as the demand for cotton naturally expands. This will amount to 20,000,000 bales by 1920, Dr. Dabney reckons. And he shows that the south ought to be able to produce it if the force of laborers is developed proportionately. Of the 550,000 square miles in the cotton regions, but 50 per cent is in farms, but 20 per cent is improved, and only 5 per cent in cotton. There is room, therefore, for expansions to meet the demand without trenching upon the land that ought to make each planter practically independent of his cotton for a living, and without reference to the economy arising from a steady advance in the improvements in methods of cultivation.

In the last 100 years the total production of cotton was worth \$15,000,000,000, exceeded only by that of corn. Its value in the next century will reach figures that hardly may be realized.

These two articles are comprehensive in treatment, and form a storehouse of information of practical value to the southern agriculturist and the student of southern conditions. The facts are startling, the suggestions novel, and their publication will attract wide attention.

Supplementary to Dr. Dabney's articles, and appealing with the logic of accurate figures to the western farmer, are castings about for a competency, is "Wheat-Growing." In it are compared the costs of raising an acre of wheat and one of cotton, and the results of the sales of the products in 1894, a minimum year for both wheat and cotton. The conclusion derived from official reports of the department of agriculture are most suggestive. The average loss per acre on wheat was \$5.53, and in Kansas, where it was grown cheaper than any other place in the country, \$2.88. On the other hand, the average profit per acre in cotton in the worst years we have had was \$2.48, and in 1895 it was \$5.23. This particular advantage, when considered in connection with the cheaper land, the cheaper labor and the more genial climate, ought to leave no doubt in the westerner's mind about the place where his profit lieth.

The Requisite Speed.

From the Yonkers Statesman.

"Yeast: 'I notice by the report in the paper that the prize fighter did up his adversary in about one minute.'"

Crimsonbeak: "He must write short-hand."

Unfortunate Tommy.

Jimmy—I heard Tommy Jones was ill nearly all the holidays.

Johnny—Yes; and what's worse, he got well just in time to go to school.—Boston Traveller.

The Whole Matter.

This paragraph is going the rounds: "If the present ninety-nine year lease stands, the state is to get only \$46,800 profit annually. If it is annulled, the state is to receive \$130,800 as an annual profit. Is it best for the taxpayers to be relieved annually of that sum or to give that amount as a present to the Southern railway? That is the great question in the whole matter."

We deny it. It is not the great question in the whole matter. It is false. It is not the question at all. It may be the only question with those people who are working it only for campaign purposes, or other interesting motives. But to the people who look at the question in the light of the state's honor and in the light of citizens who do not stoop to trickery, it is not the question at all.

To such latter here is the question: Was the board of directors who made the lease of the North Carolina railroad to the Southern duly and authoritatively invested by the state with the power to do so? In other words, was the action legal or illegal? This question it was the province of the courts to decide, and it was the duty of the state to stand by their decision. The legislature had nothing to do with the matter.

The Seaboard Air Line is said to have offered more for the lease of the road than the Southern pays. Suppose the lease were broken by the legislature without the courts declaring it to have been made illegally, and this offer accepted, will not the Seaboard require the state to give bond that it would not break its contract in case a better offer were made? In other words, if the legislature can break a contract at will, what will the contract of the state be worth?

Making a Good Beginning.

From Truth.

"When we are married you will give me everything I ask?" "Everything, sweetheart, everything." And then he walked home to save car fare.

Precedence.

From Puck.

Teacher: "Now, Thomas, why do we all love George Washington?" Pupil: "Cause school lets out on his birthday, and he was the Father of his Country."

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