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HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE THOUSANDS HOMELESS

Augusta a Sea of Muddy Water Reaching Second Stories of Houses

GREAT MANY FACTORIES ARE SWEEPED FAR AWAY

More Than Two-Thirds of City Under Water, But Flood is Now Receding. Property Loss Reaches Millions. Factories Along the Canal Have Been Swept Away—Fire Last Night Did Much Damage—Great Loss of Life Reported—Thousands Homeless Last Night.

(By DUDLEY GLASS)

At Waters Edge, at a Postal Telegraph Pole, Near Augusta, Ga., Aug. 27—A sea of muddy water, reaching the second floor of the business houses and driving residents into upper floors and in some cases into trees, is Augusta in its flood. The highest stage is passed and the water is rapidly receding now.

The property loss reaches into the millions. All the factories along the canal have been swept by the flood, and the machinery ruined, much of it beyond recall.

Fire last night broke out in two warehouses of the Nixon Grocery Company. Several lines of houses burned, the fire starting from spontaneous combustion. The loss of life is reported to be heavy, but no verification can yet be obtained. There is a well-defined story that two women in a buggy were drowned in a street last night when the vehicle was turned over. It is also reported that a woman and two children and a negro cabman were drowned near the union depot. No bodies have yet been recovered and will not until the flood subsides.

I have found it impossible to reach the up-town districts so far. Many persons have taken skiffs to reach the business portion, only to be overturned by the fierce cross-currents and swept away.

It is stated now that the lock gates, seven miles above the city, did not go out, but the high river overflowed into the canal.

This canal is nine miles long, owned by the city and runs through Augusta nearly parallel with the river. On it is the finest and cheapest water-power in the United States. All of the nine great cotton mills have been put out of business. Their thousands of employes are out of work. The cotton mill district, where there are rows of tenements occupied by the employes, was not flooded.

Thousands were homeless last night. Most of them refugeed to churches, which were thrown open to them. Many fled to the hills.

Green street, the fashionable residence thoroughfare, is entirely under water.

Neither newspaper printed an edition yesterday afternoon or this morning. Their offices are submerged.

There has been no street car or telephone service, electric or gas lights or water from the system since noon yesterday. Men with skiffs charge \$5 to \$10 to row passengers to Broad street. They reaped a harvest yesterday.

Many men were left all night in business houses without food.

It is very cold today and bonfires have been built in unflooded streets. Relief organization will be formed by tonight if possible. Many of the destitute are begging. Up to this time no organized work is possible, as there are no means of communication.

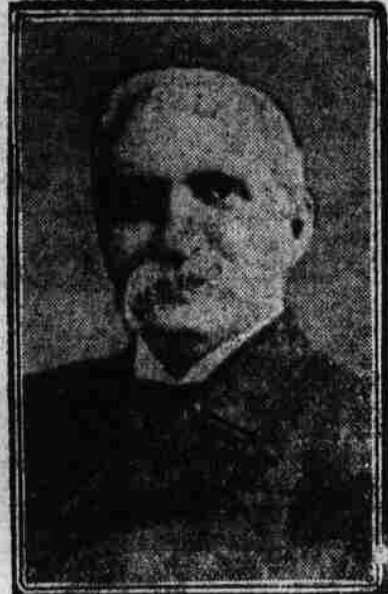
Only on those buildings which were burned can insurance be recovered, as policies do not cover floods.

No trains are running into Augusta except those of the Georgia Railroad to Atlanta, which get within five miles of the city. All other railroads have been cut off.

The old Charleston & Western Carolina Railroad bridge and the

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PRESIDENT AMADOR.



President Amador, of Panama, is seriously ill. His successor, Senor Domingo Obaldia, has already been elected.

MILLIONS IN AMAGE

State of South Carolina Great Sufferer

Cotton Crop Has Been Damaged Fifty Per Cent and Corn Even More. Many Large Electric Plants Out of Commission—Towns and Cities Cut Off From World.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 27.—With the heaviest rainfalls in the history of South Carolina the state has suffered the loss of millions of dollars worth of property by the present unprecedented floods, the burden of the loss falling upon the farmers. The cotton crop has been damaged at least fifty per cent and the corn crop even more, because of the fact that the bulk of the corn production in the state is grown along the waterways. Many of the larger water-power electric plants in the state were put out of commission by water. Telegraph and telephone service is badly crippled and some of the cities and towns where the flood is most serious are cut off entirely from the outside world. The Broad river plant, near Gaffney, and the plant at Neals Shoals, near Union, S. C., were reported under water and abandoned.

Reports from Greenville state that the rainfall there was 13 inches in 24 hours. The Congaree river at Columbia has reached the highest stage since 1840. The great cotton plantations along the river for fifty miles south of Columbia have been destroyed, the surface soil will be washed away, leaving the lands in an almost unvaluable condition.

The Columbia power canal which cost a million dollars, is giving away, though hundreds of convicts and laborers are feverishly throwing up dykes to protect it.

The canal runs within one hundred feet of the river for four miles. The great toll bridge at the foot of Gervais street, which stands forty feet above normal stage of the Congaree, has six inches of water running over its floor and is almost certain to go, as railway trestles and public bridges above it on the Broad river have given away and the wreckage is bearing down on it.

THE LAMPHERE CASE.

His Attorney Will Apply For Release of Lamphere on Ground That State Has No Evidence.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Laport, Ind., Aug. 27.—Attorney Worden, who is defending Ray Lamphere, indicted on six counts for the murder of Mrs. Belle Guinness and her three children and with complicity in the murder of Andrew Helgstein, has prepared papers in application for a writ of habeas corpus for the release of Lamphere.

It is alleged that the state has no evidence connecting Lamphere with setting fire to the Guinness house and none to show he had anything to do with her death or the death of her children.

SPENT NIGHT IN THE CITY MORGUE

Many of New York's Poor Seek Shelter in the City Dead House

HUNDREDS TURNED AWAY

Two Hundred Men and Women Glad to Accept Gruesome Hospitality of the Morgue—Demands of the Homeless Too Great For the Relief Associations—Appeared in Such Numbers That Every Bit of Space Was Taken and Many Were Turned Away.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, Aug. 27.—As the result of the cool weather 200 men and women, many of the latter with babies in their arms, slept in the city's morgue at the foot of East Twenty-Sixth street last night. They were glad to accept the gruesome hospitality of the municipality and to rest side by side, practically, with the city's unknown pauper dead.

At 6 o'clock this morning the unfortunate were sent into the streets by official order and their shelter for the night was once again reserved for its ghastly use. It was the first time in the history of the city that the "dead house" was improvised for a lodging house.

The demands of the homeless men and women were too great for the capacity of the municipal lodging-house at No. 398 First avenue.

During the height of the storm last night they appeared for shelter in such numbers that every bed, chair and bench was taken before the usual hours. Hundreds of men and women were turned away and had to seek shelter elsewhere.

The women were taken care of first, and many of them were scantily clad and many with babies in their arms.

The unfortunates had to be content with benches or the floor, and no bedding was supplied to them.

MRS. THAW AT RICHMOND.

With Daniel O'Reilly and His Sister Spent a Week's Vacation.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Richmond, Va., Aug. 27.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, Daniel O'Reilly, and his sister, have been guests at Washington for about a week recently.

Mrs. Thaw registered as Mrs. Byrnes, while Miss O'Reilly was for this occasion Miss Gale. Mr. O'Reilly registered as D. O. Galt.

For several days the party enjoyed the fishing and sailing hereabouts.

When the party observed that the other guests were beginning to identify them they kept largely to themselves. When it became apparent that the identity of the party was established the members decided to leave and departed for New York.

SLAUGHTERED BY THE STOCK EXCHANGE

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, Aug. 27.—The first official statement of the causes that led to the failure on Tuesday of the brokerage house of A. O. Brown & Company was issued today by E. F. Buchanan, after a conference with his associates, Albert O. Brown and Lewis Ginter Young last night and early this morning in Mr. Brown's rooms at the Waldorf-Astoria.

The statement reveals a defiant attitude on the part of the firm toward the New York stock exchange and lends color to the report in financial circles that the firm had been marked for slaughter by the exchange, as well as by banks, as a warning to others similarly inclined.

That members of the firm were examined yesterday by the investigating committee of the stock exchange became known for the first time after the statement was issued. Mr. Buchanan said of the failure: "It was caused by the sudden refusal of our banks to certify our checks as they had always done and by the attitude of the New York stock exchange. There will be but a small gap between the liabilities and assets."

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Wrangles Over Platform—Several Planks Vigorously Opposed—A Hot Time

BUTLER IN THE GAME

No Ballots For Governor—J. Elwood Cox to the Front—Cy Thompson Doesn't Want Nomination—Romulus E. Linney in Action—Fights Personal Property Exemption Plank and Wins—Local Self-Government Plank Fights Shy of the Liquor Question—Schools Among Subjects Mentioned.

(Special to The Times)

Charlotte, Aug. 27.—The morning session of the republican state convention was consumed with the discussion of two proposed amendments to planks in the platform which was reported this morning. Ex-United States Senator Marion Butler sprang a sensation when he opened the attack on the plank fixing \$200 as the amount of personal property tax exemption, instead of \$25, as plank allows. When he arose he was howled vigorously. He told the convention he had never been treated that way by a "red shirt democratic convention," and asked if the convention wanted him to leave the party. Many "noes" were his reply. Amendment was also fought by ex-Congressman R. Z. Linney, who declared the plank was an imposition upon the poor. The amendment was rejected.

At 12 o'clock the convention was considering Butler's amendment to local self-government plank. His proposition being to make the plank cover all matters, including temperance question. The plank as reported only touches the schools and a few specified subjects.

This afternoon the convention will begin balloting on nominations for governor. It looks this morning as if J. Elwood Cox, of High Point, will be the nominee. Hon. Cyrus Thompson, the favorite up to now, declares that he does not want the nomination.

About 1,000 delegates are present, and everything is passing off rather quietly for a republican convention.

BUST OF MR. TAFT STOLEN.

Just Been Completed After Months of Care and Labor.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 27.—A clay bust of Judge Taft, which had just been completed after months of care and labor, by Adolph Gayland, an Italian sculptor, has been stolen most mysteriously from his studio, 610 south Tenth street.

The bust was made with the authority of Mr. Taft. The sculptor had invited a party of friends to view it on Sunday morning. He went to the studio with them and was astonished to find the bust gone from its pedestal.

SNOWS IN W. VIRGINIA.

Snow Fell for Sometime. Also Snow in Maryland.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Clarksburg, W. Va., Aug. 27.—Stories of snakes of wondrous size, the summer resort sea serpent or tales wrought from the elastic minds of irrepressible fishermen, all dwindle into insignificance before the yarn told today by passengers arriving here from Pickens. According to the story snow fell for some time in that village yesterday afternoon. Slight flurries of snow are also reported from various points in Maryland.

COLONEL STEWART WILLING.

Anxious to Take the Horseback Test. Sure He Can Ride.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Wilcox, Ariz., Aug. 27.—Colonel W. F. Stewart, who is practically an exile at the abandoned Fort Grant, is pleased at the order from the war department for him to take the horsemanship test of a ninety-mile ride. "I want to take the test," said Colonel Stewart. "I can ride 90 miles in 21 hours, or any other distance that horses can carry me." Fort Grant is in ruins and alive with rattlesnakes.

THE LAST DAY OF THE FARMERS' CONVENTION

DONALD J. MITCHELL.



Donald J. Mitchell, the "Br Marvel" of literature, is dangerously ill at his historic home "Edgewood" in Westville, Conn.

Good Speeches By A. L. French, Franklin Sherman, Jr., and J. A. Conover

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT FULL OF INTEREST

Fine Discussion of Dairy Cattle and Proper Feed For Them—Silos, Their Construction and Cost—Resolutions of Great Interest Concerning Agriculture in Schools, Domestic Science and Cotton Inspection—Dairymen Meet Tonight. Good Speech by Prof. W. J. Spillman.

The morning session began with Prof. J. A. Conover's speech on the "Results Obtained by Doing Demonstration Work in North Carolina." Mr. Conover is an earnest speaker, a logical thinker, and is much in love with his work. He advocated the feeding of silage, the use of pure-bred sires, and a careful and methodical study of the cost, kind of feed, and the results obtained. At the conclusion of his address a general discussion arose as to silage as a feed, the cost of building a silo, and the number of dairy cattle a man could keep profitably. Messrs. C. C. Moore, A. L. French, and others spoke.

Mr. A. L. French, of Rickingham county, delivered an address on "Scientific Farming." It was a great speech and was well received by the fine audience present.

The committee on resolutions presented the following:

Agriculture in Public Schools. "Believing that the state law which requires agriculture to be taught in our public schools is an eminently wise law, and further believing that all our boys and girls should be trained for the great work of improving the soil, and thereby increasing the comfort and wealth of the state, the State Farmers' Convention hereby pledges itself to urge our county superintendents of public education and our county boards of education to see that this law is rigidly enforced in all our schools."

2. Resolved further, That this convention respectfully, but urgently petitions the legislature to make special provision for the effective teaching of more advanced agriculture in at least one of the high schools now being established in each of the counties of our state.

3. Resolved third, That the convention earnestly urges the legislature to provide such buildings and equipment at the Agricultural and Mechanical College as may enable that college to accommodate all the young men of the state who may wish to enter it to prepare themselves for agricultural and mechanical work."

The resolution was adopted after an interesting discussion, by a unanimous vote.

Cotton Inspection. Whereas, Grains, animals, feed-stuffs, fertilizers and other products and commodities of various sections of the nation are protected by grading, classification and inspection, and Whereas, Cotton, the south's most important product, and a product of wider range of grade than any other, is not before it passes through the ownership of the producer, given the protection of inspection, classification and grading it should have, be it

Resolved, That it is the wish of the convention that state or national laws, or both, be enacted for the establishment of standards for the grading and classification of cotton, and be it

Resolved further, That a committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to place this matter before the state legislature and the state representatives in congress."

This was adopted after a hot discussion by a good majority.

Home Economics. Whereas, One of the greatest needs of our state is practical instruction for our girls in domestic science and in home economics of every sort,

Resolved, therefore, That the State Farmers' Convention urges that some adequate provision for such teaching should be incorporated in our state school system.

The resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote.

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FAYETTEVILLE

IS FLOODED

Many Houses Including Mayor Bullard's, Knee Deep in Water

WATER 63 FEET AT NOON

Greatest Freshet in History of the Cape Fear—Water Sixty-three Feet and Rising Four Inches an Hour—Big Clarendon Bridge Flooded and May be Swept Away. Atlantic Coast Line Bridge Also in Danger—Many Houses Knee Deep in Water—Country Flooded For Miles.

Fayetteville, N. C., Aug. 27.—The freshest in the Cape Fear has surpassed all previous ones in history. The water is sixty-three feet at noon and rising four inches an hour. The greatest previous one was the freshest in 1901, in which the highest mark was 58.17. The river is bringing down many bridges on its bosom and great quantities of corn and cotton. The big Clarendon bridge is now flooded and it looks like it will be swept away.

The steel bridge of the Coast Line just below is almost submerged and is in danger also.

Many houses in Fayetteville are knee deep in water, including Mayor Bullard's, Dr. Marsh's and ex-Judge Sutton's. The east side of the river is flooded for miles inland and the damage to crops is enormous.

The people here have been advised of the coming big freshet.

Roanoke Highest in Ten Years.

(Special to The Times)

Weldon, Aug. 27.—Roanoke river this morning reached its highest flood stage in ten years and the water is still rising.

The river is forty-five feet above regular gauge and indications point to several feet higher. Damage to crops is great. Nearly all the corn is under water and the loss will fall heavily upon river land farmers.

Tar River High.

(Special to The Times)

Greenville, N. C., Aug. 27.—Steady rain continued through last night but ceased early this morning and there has been none up to 2 o'clock this afternoon. Weather now shows good indications for clearing. Water in Tar river has reached thirteen and half feet and is still rising. All streams in county have overrun and flooded adjacent low lands, doing much damage to crops.

Killed Little Sister.

Benton, Ill., Aug. 27.—Charley Scarlett, 6 year old, killed his 8 years old sister yesterday