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CAROLINAS FLOOD SWEEP

Heavy Rainfall Results in Unprecedented High Water in South Atlantic Region

A GREAT PROPERTY LOSS

Bridges Are Swept Away, Railroad Transportation Is Tied Up by Washouts and Landslides and Business at Standstill Owing to Unprecedented Rainfall in Piedmont Carolinas.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—The Piedmont section of the Carolinas has been suffering from the most disastrous floods ever experienced. The rainfall has been unprecedented since the establishment of the weather bureau here, thirty years ago. The rainfall, which was heavy all last week, has increased since Sunday, and all streams have been swollen beyond all previous records. Much damage will result to crops as well as roads and bridges. The railroads have abandoned all schedules and the Charlotte street railway has been compelled to suspend traffic on part of its lines. The city is practically cut off from communication with the rest of the world.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—The rainfall Monday night was the heaviest in many years, and in a number of places was heavier than during the famous Paoclet flood, when it was "crust" somewhere in the valley of the Paoclet river.

The local office of the Weather Bureau received reports from a number of places in central and western North Carolina and western South Carolina of heavy rains, as follows: Charlotte, 2.80 inches; Greensboro, 2.10; Raleigh, 4.43; Mount Holly, 6.16. From South Carolina points the following were reported: Batesburg, 3.16 inches; Pelzer, 2.96; Greenwood, 1.94; Charlestown, 2.70; Blairs, 4.47; Catawba, 3.54; Greenville, 4.4; Catawba, 3.54; Greenville, 6.02; Spartanburg, 2.42.

The Broad river at Blairs stood 22 feet at 8 a. m., and will probably rise much higher when the upper waters reach there. The Saluda at Pelzer was 8.3 feet and rising, but at Chapells it was only 12.9 and rising. It will probably rise to 20 feet there.

Warning For 28 Feet.

The Weather Bureau issued a warning for a 25-foot stage during the next 36 hours. If this stage be attained it will exceed slightly the famous Paoclet flood, when the highest stage was reached at 1 p. m., June 5th—namely, 27.2 feet. The highest stage on record occurred as follows: August, 1840, 33.7; September, 1852, 34.7; February, 1865, 34.0; May, 1885, 31.2 feet; June, 1886, 30.3; June, 1903, 27.2.

Bridge Gone; Many Missing.

A telegram from Camden gives an account of the dramatic carrying away of a hundred-foot span of the vehicle toll bridge over the Wateree river (Catawba in North Carolina) at Camden. A number of people were on the bridge at the time watching the raging river. Of twenty-five persons on the bridge only six have been accounted for. Among those known to have been drowned are Mr. M. D. Raborn and his son. A Mr. Savage, a prominent northern man recently removed to Camden, is in a perilous position in a tree, with two women in a motorboat. Two thousand people were on the scene shortly after the catastrophe, which happened at 4:30. The financial loss is \$15,000.

Traffic on the Seaboard is blocked by washing away of the bridge at Abbeville.

Trains Unable to Run.

Wednesday afternoon the floods washed out the Southern Railway's track between Columbia and Alston, at the 15-mile post. This means that Columbia is cut off from both Spartanburg and Greenville. Serious washouts are reported on the Columbia and Greenville line even above Alston. Water covers the track in a number of places between Alston and Newberry and the long bridge over Big creek at Williamston went down Tuesday afternoon. The big bridge over Broad river on the main line of the Southern between Blacksburg and Gaffney has either been destroyed or had its approaches washed out. Anyway, it is impassable. The Southern trains from the mountains to Charleston went sent via Charlotte and Columbia, instead of by Charlotte, Rock Hill and Kingsville. Main line trains were derailed at Charlotte and sent around by Columbia and Augusta, the intention being to send them south from Augusta to Atlanta and points south of there by using the Central of Georgia tracks out of Augusta. But at 1 o'clock the advice from Au-

gusta that the trains could not pass, that point was received, serious washouts being reported on the Central of Georgia. It would seem that the Carolinas are cut off north and south. The trestle over the Catawba on the Southern between Charlotte and Rock Hill is being held down by heavy coal trains.

Factories Destroyed.

At Reedy River factory, ten miles from Greenville, water is standing three feet in the second floor and the machine shop and other buildings have been washed away. Taylor's Mill, on the Enoree near Chick Springs, was destroyed. Two cottages and a store at the foot of North Main street in Greenville have been swept away by Reedy river. The big plant of the Markley Hardware and Manufacturing Company, at Greenville, the oldest carriage factory in the South, has been seriously damaged. It lies just north of the Main street bridge and is partly built over the water. Water is standing five feet deep in the Campdown Mill, just below the Main street bridge at Greenville. Water is up to the second floor of the Enoree Cotton Mills in Laurens county.

Both the Morris quarry, near Olympia and the Ross quarry at Cayes, both in the suburbs of Columbia, will sustain serious damage. The Morris quarry is one vast lake. The dams and dikes have been obliterated and tools and machinery are under water and the power house has caved into the water. It will cost a great deal to pump out the water and more probably to remove the mud with which the workings will be covered. The dikes at the Ross quarry have held so far but they are giving way now and will go under the increased state of water that is due. This quarry has tremendous contracts on hand, among them one to furnish the stone for the great jetties being built by the federal government at Fernandina, Fla.

Camden Entirely Cut Off.

Camden is completely isolated having no communication with the outside except by telephone. Conditions are very serious and are growing worse. All the rivers are still rising. All those who were on the Wateree toll bridge when it went down at Camden have been accounted for except Mr. George Raborn and son and two or three negroes. Mr. Henry Savage, president of the bridge company, was rescued near Lugoff, 11 miles below the bridge site. It is believed the Messrs. Raborn are down the river somewhere, probably clinging to a tree. Cries were heard on the river Tuesday night and a rescue party is now sent with boats.

On the immense and fertile river plantations along the Wateree practically every dike is broken. Among the places flooded are those of the Messrs. Baum, Springs and Shannon, Mrs. H. R. Jordan and the Witte estate. The latter is owned in Charleston. Every bridge of any consequence in that county is gone. The loss to the people of the county is estimated at \$10,000,000. The river has since risen so that only the heads of these penned horses are above the water. Mr. DePass with two friends, Messrs. Wilherness and DeLoach has gone to the rescue.

Floods at Augusta, Ga.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—The floods in the Carolinas and Georgia culminated in the breaking of the big dam six miles from Augusta, which diverts the water from the Savannah river into the canal at that point. The great flood of water let loose soon found its way into the city and from Fifteenth street to the eastern boundary Augusta is under from six to twelve feet of water which is gradually rising.

The big bridge across the Savannah river went down in the rush of waters and the dam at the locks seven miles above the city collapsed, adding to the flood.

Three Deaths Reported.

The Associated Press correspondent at Augusta succeeded in getting a telephone wire to work in the building next to the Augusta Herald office and from there the first communication to this city was obtained after the wires went down.

Georgia Negro Lynched.

Louisville, Ga., Special.—Vance Williams, a negro who is alleged to have murdered R. G. Brown at his home a few nights ago, was found hanging from the limb of an oak tree one mile from town near the Pauper farm with three bullet holes in the breast. Williams after his capture, was confined in the Bibb county jail and just how he was taken from there is not known.

Flames Entomb Miners.

McAlester, Oklahoma, Special.—One of the worst mine disasters in the history of this part of the south-west occurred at Hailyville, 15 miles east of here when between 25 and 30 miners were entombed in the Haily-Oklahoma coal mine No. 1, the result of a flue fire which, it is believed, has shut off all means of escape. The men who escape were shut off were all in the lower part of the mine.

He reported three deaths, two white persons and one negro, but could not give any names, as the means of travelling was only by boat.

At 9 o'clock Wednesday night two telegraph operators employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company, swam to the chamber of commerce building and cut in on a wire that had not been cut down. This wire, with possibly a railroad wire into the yards in outlying sections of the city, is the only means of communication to the outside world.

The effort through the city streets is swift but not fast enough to more than carry away debris, trees and loose signs.

Despite the fact that the city was warned Tuesday night that there was danger of the dam breaking there will be considerable loss in business houses of all kinds.

Estimates at midnight place the financial loss close to half a million dollars.

Severe Fires Break Out.

There were several fires reported, but as the fires are in outlying districts the extent of the damage cannot be learned. It is said the Nixon & Danforth cotton warehouse was destroyed by fire, together with the Nixon wholesale grocery warehouse. A fire was also reported in the Georgia Railway shops.

Despite the fact that the water stands six feet in the residence district of the city and is deeper in other portions, there has been no indication that the people are suffering beyond being marooned in the upper stories of their dwellings.

On Green street where the Sacred Heart church is situated, there is six feet of water. At the union depot of the Georgia Railway reports ten feet of water. As this depot is situated upon higher ground, ten blocks from the river and on more substantial ground, to have become flooded to this extent would mean that the high power canal back of the railroad yards had burst its banks and furnished an outlet for all the water that was restrained by the locks dam until it was overwhelmed at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Train Runs Into Washout.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—Southern Railway freight train No. 63, was derailed by a washout between Saluda and Flat Rock at 8:30 Tuesday night. Engineer Lee London, of this city, has not been found at 11 o'clock and it is believed that his body is buried beneath the debris. Details are meagre, telegraphic and telephone communication being difficult owing to damage done to wires by heavy storms.

The Yadkin Now Raging.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Heavy rains for three days have caused some alarm among the farmers in this section, the damage done to crops already being estimated at several thousand dollars. The Yadkin river was up fifteen feet and still rising, flooding the bottom lands along the banks of the stream. Corn, especially, is suffering from the downpour.

Damage in Virginia Is Heavy.

Danville, Va., Special.—The recent rainstorms have caused thousands of dollars' damage in this section. Washouts have played havoc with Southern Railway schedules, all trains running many hours behind time, while some are indefinitely delayed. Dan river is over ten feet above normal height, the flood causing a suspension of operations in practically two-thirds of the Riverside Cotton mills. Farmers have suffered heavily—tobacco in low grounds being almost drowned.

Rains Cease in Mountains.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—The trouble at Saluda has been removed and trains are passing that point. Trains are being operated only to Spartanburg or Greensboro, the line to Columbia and Greenville being still blocked. Asheville to Knoxville is used as the main line, No. 38, the New York and New Orleans Limited coming through Asheville from Salisbury to Chattanooga. Rains have ceased here and it is believed the worst trouble in the mountains is over.

Fine Steel Bridge Gone; Cattle Floating Away.

Duke, N. C., Special.—The steel bridge across the Cape Fear river is washing away. It was built four years ago at a cost of \$10,000. The water is higher than ever known before and is rising fifteen inches an hour. The water is four feet in stores here. Much damage has been done sawmills by lumber washed away. Many cattle are floating down the river and scores of people have visited the scene.

The Cape Fear Above 54 Feet.

Fayetteville, N. C., Special.—Late Wednesday afternoon the Cape Fear river here was above 54 feet and rising with a predicted rise to, 58 feet. All the Cape Fear valley to beyond White Oak, Bladen county, is submerged and crops injured to the estimated extent of 30 per cent. The Seaboard Air Line is operating trains through here, using the A. C. L. tracks from Selma to Columbia.

The Pee Dee 5 Feet Above Record.

Rockingham, N. C., Special.—The Pee Dee river is the highest in its history, being over five feet fuller than during the Sherman freshets. Great damage has been done. Blewett Falls has suffered considerably. The damage cannot be ascertained until the water falls. The cotton mills here are out of danger. Their loss is mainly from overflow and damage to machinery and goods.

COX AND TOMS NOMINATED

Republican State Convention Nominates a Ticket Amid Great Enthusiasm

A HARMONIOUS MEETING

Republicans of North Carolina Meet in Charlotte and Hear Address of Chairman Adams who Speaks in Terms of Eloquent Praise of Record of His Party for Years and Predicts Another Victory in November.

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET

For Governor,
J. ELWOOD COX,
of High Point.
For Lieutenant Governor,
CHARLES FRENCH TOMS,
of Hendersonville.

Charlotte, Special.—The Republican State convention was called to order at noon Wednesday by Judge Spencer B. Adams, chairman of the State executive committee. The opening prayer was delivered by Rev. Harris Mathewson, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church.

Judge Adams, as leader of the Republican organization in the State, delivered the opening address of the convention.

The delegations from the various counties of the State were seated in the main floor of the auditorium. Each delegation's place in the building was marked by placards on which were the names of the counties from which these various delegations came. The Buncombe and Wilkes delegations occupied the front rows of seats, directly to the front of the auditorium platform. Cherokee, Watauga, Clay, Graham and other counties followed in the order named.

There were between 500 and 600 delegates seated in the auditorium, while the platform was crowded by prominent Republicans from nearly every nook and corner of the Tar Heel State, all wearing the white and red badges, and the "Taft button," with which each delegation and visitor to the convention has been supplied.

The galleries were open to the public and at least a thousand visitors witnessed the opening session of the convention. On account of the unusual weather conditions existing there were hundreds kept away from the first opening meeting of the convention. Several hundred delegates, representing a score of counties, were likewise kept away, being unable to reach the city on account of washouts and water-bound trains.

The decorations visible in the great auditorium are unusually fine. The red, white and blue predominate everywhere, and streamers and flags of the same colors, with the stars and stripes not forgotten, were fused together in a handsome color scheme, contrasting with the rows of white placards with black letters, bearing the names of the various county delegations. Japanese lanterns were suspended from the top of the building and both these and the electric lights of the building were illuminated.

A Teddy bear of large proportions was set on the front of the platform in a conspicuous place, with an environment of flags and flowers, holding out its chubby fore-paw to the right and to the left.

After listening to the speech of State Chairman Adams, the convention took a recess until 8 o'clock Wednesday night. Among other things, Judge Adams said in his opening speech:

"I congratulate you on the personnel of this splendid convention of loyal Republicans. The party has had many great conventions in this State. However, I am sure it has never had a better one in its history than is assembled here today. We came to Charlotte, and we are glad we came. The welcome the patriotic citizens have already extended to us is a guarantee that we will be well provided for while here. We have met here to adopt a platform of principles and nominate a ticket which we propose to elect on the 3d day of next November, and nominate electors whom we shall elect, and they in turn will carry out the wishes of the people of North Carolina in casting the electoral vote of this State in the electoral college for President for the best equipped man living in America today, Hon. William H. Taft.

"We will elect our State ticket because we are right and our Democratic friends are wrong; because we will nominate a man for Governor who will not find it necessary to proclaim that he has no dynamite about his person in order to allay the fears of the business people of the State.

"We will elect our ticket because we will nominate a man for Governor who believes in an honest ballot, and in favor of sending that ballot honestly counted and will not declare in his opening speech that he will be Governor regardless of how the people vote, and that his oppo-

nents had as well vote in a mail box as in the ballot box.

"We will elect our ticket because we will nominate a man for Governor who would not so invade the sanctity of the ballot box as to declare in a public speech that the pollholders in Halifax county had done more to carry elections than the leaders and voters of his party.

"We will elect our ticket because we will nominate a ticket that capital as well as labor can support.

"We will succeed because we will nominate men who will fearlessly discharge their duty, and every man and every legitimate interest can and will feel that they will be amply protected.

"We will elect our ticket because the people of North Carolina are sick and tired of the leaders of the Democratic party, who array one interest against another, and one class against the other.

"We will elect our ticket because the Democrats, while promising to reduce taxation, have increased the same.

"We will succeed because the people of North Carolina are ripe for a change.

"Our electors will be elected because we have adopted a platform of principles that declares:

"1st: For an equitable revision of the tariff, and for protection of American brain and American labor.

"2d: For a currency, and that every dollar shall be based upon and as good as gold.

"3d: For a savings bank system for the convenience and protection of the people.

"4th: For the continued enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust law, and for the enactment of such additional laws as will break up and forever destroy unlawful combinations in this country.

"5th: For the continued enforcement of the law against rebates and discriminations.

"6th: That declares its approval of the employers' liability law, the passage and enforcement of the safety appliance statute, and additional protection to engineers and firemen, the reduction of the hours of labor of trainmen and railway telegraphers, and for the enactment of further laws that will give more adequate protection and safety to the laboring man.

"7th: For the integrity of the courts and for the protection of life, liberty and property.

"8th: For the convenience and up-building of the American farmer, by giving him better mail facilities in the establishment of free rural routes, good roads, etc.

"9th: For the protection of the American citizen, whether on land or sea.

"10th: For the speedy completion of the Panama canal which means so much to our beloved southland.

"11th: The Republican party declares for these principles, and the American people know that these principles will be enacted into law."

Judge Adams declared that the Republican electors would carry North Carolina and that Taft and Sherman would sweep the country because the Republican party stands for and has always stood for the best interests of the whole people.

The Night Session.

At 8:45 Judge Adams called the meeting to order and announced that he would appoint Mr. Daniel A. Kanipe, of Marion, sergeant-at-arms. This had a quieting effect upon the boys. Mr. Kanipe is a formidable citizen and able to throw out an ordinary citizen.

The report of the committee on credentials was made by Mr. Charles French Toms, of Hendersonville. The following counties were not represented: Anson, Ashe, Graham, Hyde, Macon, Northampton and Yadkin. There were no contests.

Mr. Charles A. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, put in nomination for permanent chairman of the convention, Mr. A. H. Price, of Salisbury, in a brief speech. He said that Mr. Price was eminently fit for the position. Mr. Virgil S. Lusk, of Asheville, seconded the nomination of Mr. Price in a characteristic speech. He declared that he had been voting the Republican ticket in Buncombe county for 43 years. The first speech made for the cause was to three white men and 500 negroes. In the coming election, he said, Buncombe Republicans would cast 3,000 votes.

A prediction of victory was made. Mr. Price was escorted to the chair by George W. DePriest, of Gaston, and Mr. Lusk and Mr. Adams introduced him.

On taking the chair as permanent chairman Mr. Price made a strong speech, declaring for the interests of the party and claiming that Republican victory this year is sure.

MUST INVESTIGATE

Methods of Exchange Trading Under Suspicion

ENORMOUS SALES LOOK SHADY

Following the Tremendous Business of Saturday the Governing Board of the New York Stock Exchange Orders an Investigation, Believing That There Was an Unfair Motive.

New York, Special.—A special committee of five members of the New York stock exchange will conduct an investigation of the transactions which took place on the floor of the exchange Saturday, when more than a million shares were bought and sold in enormous blocks and in such a manner as to arouse suspicion that the sales were so matched as to create a fictitious impression of activity. The governing committee of the exchange took up the matter after trading had closed and in a brief session authorized the president of the exchange, R. H. Thomas to appoint the investigating committee.

George H. Ely, secretary of the exchange, said it was the intention of the governors to have a thorough investigation at once. The names of the members of the investigating committee will probably be announced later.

The great volume of the trading during the two hours' session of the stock market on Saturday is shown by comparison with that of Monday. The number of shares sold Saturday was 1,099,000, while in the five hours of trading Monday 387,000 were traded in.

The belief that Saturday's sales were manipulated had its origin in the fact that shares were bought and sold in tremendous blocks without greatly affecting the market prices, but the real purpose underlying the sales has not been ascertained, if it be ulterior, as suspected by the brokers.

Some of the more conservative members refused to accept the orders when they became convinced that the sales were "matched," an order to sell a block of given stock being followed through a different broker.

Some of the smaller brokers who trade on the floor for the other members of the exchange, accepting a reduced commission of \$2 for each 100 shares bought or sold, were reported to have given the names of three or four firms as having done practically all of Saturday's enormous business. Through them the committee may be able to trace the orders of the alleged simultaneous orders to sell and buy. A single firm was reported to have handled transactions amounting to 600,000 shares, so great a business that its sheet did not reach the exchange clearing house until Sunday morning.

The main question before the investigating committee will be the identity of the prime mover in Saturday's extraordinary market. If it is found that the orders were matched severe discipline may be applied, as it is a violation of the rules of the exchange.

Belegged by Begging Letters.

Hot Springs, Va., Special.—Scores of begging letters are arriving daily at the Taft headquarters, addressed to the candidate as the next President. A Cedarville (Ohio) man claims to be a namesake of President Roosevelt and asks Taft to answer his letter because Roosevelt did not. A Newark (N. J.) man wants \$200. A Winchester man says he is a Rebel Republican and wants aid to dye his clothes. An Ashland (Ohio) man sends advice in reference to Taft's answering Bryan's speech of acceptance. He claims that Bryan is deader than a door nail. All the letters remain unanswered.

Danville, Va., Capitalist Dead.

Danville, Va., Special.—James P. Aeree, a leading tobacco warehouse man and capitalist of Danville, died Monday at the General Hospital after an illness of several months in the fifty-third year of his age. He was at the time of his death president of the Danville Co-operative Warehouse Company, and of the Waddill-Holland Real Estate and Insurance Company. Mr. Aeree, with his brother, the late E. F. Aeree, founded Aeree's warehouse, the largest plant of its kind in the South.

Bank Cashier Suicides.

Americus, Ga., Special.—With a bullet hole centrally through his forehead and already cold in death, Alonzo Walters, cashier of the Bank of Ellaville, at Ellaville, Ga., was found Monday night in the lavatory of the Windsor Hotel in Americus. Beside him was the automatic revolver which had ended his life.

Prospects Bright.

Columbia, Special.—The prospects for a successful opening at the University of South Carolina are bright. Applications from prospective students are being received daily and there are now only a few rooms left in the dormitories. From present indications the dormitories will not be able to accommodate all who come. The extensive improvements now under way will make the campus more attractive than ever. Every effort is being made to promote the comfort and welfare of the students.

Embezzler Government Funds.

New Orleans, Special.—Emmett E. McLeod, chief clerk in the United States engineer's office in New Orleans, was arrested Monday afternoon charged with embezzling government funds. The exact amount alleged to have been taken by McLeod is not known, but it is believed to be small.

Death of Baron Von Sternberg.

Berlin, By Cable.—Baron Speck Von Sternberg, ambassador from Germany to the United States, died Monday in Heidelberg, following an operation for cancer, from which he had suffered for ten years. The popular official had achieved distinction in many posts. He was a close friend of President Roosevelt and a frequent caller at the White House, where he played tennis with the President. He married Miss Lily Laugham a Kentucky belle.

Called From Home and Stabbed to Death.

New York, Special.—Phillip Bendango was called from his home and killed Monday morning. His body when found by his wife had three stab wounds near the heart. He had won \$50 gambling and it is thought that somebody who saw him with the money stabbed him for the purpose of robbery, but was frightened off before getting the money.

NAVAL MANOEUVRE

Practice Cruise Started in the Pacific Ocean

TORPEDO BOATS CARRIED ALONG

Steamers Out of San Francisco on a Long Cruise to Hawaii and Samoa.

San Francisco, Special.—Eight armored cruisers and a torpedo boat flotilla, comprising the Pacific fleet, steamed out of San Francisco on a long cruise to Hawaii and Samoa. According to the schedule arranged by the Navy Department, the fleet will arrive at Honolulu on September 2; leave Honolulu September 10 and arrive at Pago Pago September 20; leave Pago Pago September 27 and arrive at Honolulu October 17 and arrive at Magdela Bay November 1; leave Magdela Bay November 30 and arrive at San Frisco December 4.

While at Pago Pago two armored cruisers and two destroyers will visit Apia for two days. The four vessels to make the visit will be designated by the commander-in-chief upon arrival at Pago Pago. The dates of departure are fixed, but the dates of arrival may vary according to the ease or difficulty with which the destroyers are towed. During the sojourn of the fleet at Magdela Bay the vessels will engage in target practice and general manoeuvres.

The vessels constituting the fleet are:

First division—West Virginia, Colorado; Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Second division—Tennessee, California, Washington and South Dakota.

First torpedo boat flotilla—Truxtun, Hull, Whipple, Hopkins.

Second torpedo boat flotilla—Perry, Preble, Stewart.

Torpedo supply ship—Solace. Colliers—Justin, to Honolulu only.

Centures Commission.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—The prison commission of Georgia will be severely censured in the report of the special investigating committee of the legislature which has been engaged for the past five weeks in probing the prison system of the State. There will be no impeachment of the members. Neither will the commission be abolished. A severe censure for inattention and lack of diligence will close the record. This was decided upon at the final meeting of the investigating committee. The report of the findings has been made up and unanimously signed and will be presented, with a transcript of all evidence, to the extra session of the legislature which meets later.