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## GREAT DAMAGE BY RAIN

### Excessive Rainfall General in South Atlantic Region.

Parts of Wake County Submerged—Ruin Along Roanoke River—Cyclone Near Fremont—Cape Fear 54 Feet at Fayetteville—Heavy Rains in New York—Temperature Below Normal.

This has been a week of unprecedented rainfall throughout Eastern North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. The rains have been general from Maine to Florida along the Atlantic coast, but they have not reached very far inland. The temperature along the entire coast has been from four to twelve degrees below the seasonal average.

Up to Wednesday night 11.50 inches of rain had fallen since Friday. At Greenville, S. C., there were 13 inches in the 48 hours preceding Wednesday night.

Yesterday's News and Observer reported the conditions in Wake county as follows:

"In some of the lowlands of Wake county the rising waters have driven the inhabitants from their cabins and there are many instances where both white tenants and colored, and farm hands, have been forced to seek shelter from the flood at neighboring homes on the hills, safe from the reach of the backwater. It is impossible to estimate anywhere near the accurate figures the extent of damage done to crops, but immense areas of cultivated fields are submerged and on such lands the crops have been totally lost. There is a 50-acre field of corn a few miles from Raleigh, near Crabtree Creek that is wholly invisible, forming now a vast lake. It seems that the people were warned in time for them to remove their cattle from the lands that were likely to be covered by the flood, and have been removed to safe places in the uplands. There is little communication between farm houses in the districts affected worst by the rains. Many homes are mere islands, and in some places the dwellers have been compelled to abandon the first floor and move to the second."

The Rural Route carriers in Wake have not been able to make their trips in full for three or four days.

The Seaboard Air Line has had to annul their trains between Raleigh and Hamlet. All trains on the Norfolk & Southern were discontinued Wednesday between Raleigh and Wilson. Bridge across Crab Tree Creek was partly washed away, and the track for two miles was under water. The trains on the Raleigh and Southport could not make the trip Wednesday afternoon on account of the high water in the Cape Fear at Lillington.

### Greatest Floods Ever Known.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.—The weather Bureau at 10 o'clock tonight issued the following flood bulletin:

"The heavy rains that have fallen continuously since Sunday over the Carolinas and Eastern Georgia have caused widespread floods of the most dangerous and destructive character. The Savannah river at Augusta will likely reach a stage of 38 feet or 6 feet above flood stage by midnight Wednesday, and there is grave probability that the entire city will be flooded. Telegraphic communication with the outside world has been cut off and no reports have been received since Wednesday morning.

"The Catawba river of North Carolina and the Wateree and Pee Dee rivers of South Carolina, have exceeded all previous stages by several feet, while Eastern North Carolina reports indicate the greatest flood ever known in that section. The rainfall was particularly heavy in the vicinity of Raleigh, N. C., where the total fall since Sunday was exactly 10 inches. The losses and damage are enormous. Railroads have

annulled trains, bridges have been washed away, roads rendered impassable, and large areas of crops destroyed. The Oconee and Ocmulgee rivers of Georgia are above flood stage and high water will be experienced in the Alabama river during much of September."

### Cyclone Near Fremont.

Wilson, N. C., August 26.—The severe storm that passed over this section did considerable damage at various points. Near Fremont, in Wayne county, a cyclone did considerable damage to growing crops. Trees were uprooted, houses unroofed, a buggy was taken up bodily and whisked away to where no one knows—all the trace found of it was one wheel, a considerable distance from where it was taken up.

A traveling gentleman who was in Fremont when the storm was at its highest said that he heard that a lady who was confined to her room with typhoid fever had a narrow escape from being killed; that the house was lifted from its under pinning and was badly damaged; that the furniture was tossed about her room, a heavy dresser falling across the bed on which she was lying, but fortunately she was not hurt.

### All Records Broken in Anson.

Wadesboro, N. C., Aug. 26.—We have had more rain in this community in the last few days than the oldest inhabitant remembers ever having seen before. Pee Dee river and all its tributaries are higher than they have ever been known before. All the crops on the river will be completely ruined and cotton is beginning to rot on the high lands, and it is still raining. No trains are running through here on account of the bad condition of railroad bridges over Pee Dee river and other creeks. Most all the bridges throughout the county are washed away.

### Ruin in Roanoke Valley.

Weldon, N. C., Aug. 26.—The rain is playing havoc with the low land crops in this section. Roanoke river at eight o'clock tonight had risen about forty-one feet and the people are warned to look out for a further rise of five or six feet. Fields of corn along the bank are in places submerged so that not even the tassels are visible. The river is higher than it has been before in years and if it continues to rise as predicted the damage to the crops will be indeed great. This coming as it does when the crop prospects were unusually bright is a mighty heavy blow for the farmers, and the people in this whole section are much depressed as a result of the weather.

### Cape Fear 54 Feet and Rising.

Fayetteville, N. C., Aug. 26.—Late this afternoon the Cape Fear river was above 54 feet and rising with a predicted rise of 58 feet. All the Cape Fear valley to beyond White Oak, Bladen county, is submerged, and crops are injured to the estimated extent of 30 per cent. The Seaboard Air Line is operating trains through here, using the A. C. L. lines from Selma to Columbia.

### Terrific Downpour at N. Y.

New York, Aug. 26.—A terrific downpour of rain, lasting more than twenty-four hours and attended by the coldest August weather New York has experienced for twenty-three years, was responsible for two deaths today and great property damage. More than three inches of rain fell and the thermometer registered as low as 56 degrees. The gale during the night tore up trees and leveled field crops in the vicinity of New York. Those to meet death were John Lynch, who was drowned in a sewer, and an unidentified cripple who perished from exposure in an East Side hallway.

Children teething often suffer from Cholera Infantum, Diarrhoea or some form of bowel complaint. Dr. Seth Arnold's Balsam is the best remedy. Warranted by Hood Bros.

## State News.

Dr. Geo. T. Winston has been chosen orator for the centennial celebration to be held in Greensboro in October.

September 22nd the electorate of Mooresville will pass on a proposition to issue \$25,000 of bonds for street improvement and water for fire protection. It is purposed to spend \$10,000 on street improvement and \$15,000 for water.

The State Supreme Court convenes for the fall term Monday, the 31st. The first day will be devoted to the examination of applicants for law license and it is understood that the number of applicants for license this year will be as large, or larger, than usual.

Wake Democrats have nominated W. B. Jones for the Senate, John W. Hinsdale, Jr., Ell Scarborough and Albert Cox for the House. The latter is a son of Gen. W. R. Cox, Jones is a son of Solicitor Amrinstead Jones and Hinsdale is a son of a prominent Raleigh lawyer.

The Anglo-Saxon says that three young ladies were thrown to the ground by a stroke of lightning, near Steele's Mills, Richmond county, Wednesday, one of them being rendered unconscious for some time; and in the same county that day two mules were killed and a barn burned by lightning.

At Fayetteville a few days ago, says an exchange, a country horse took fright and ran from a back lot through a store to the street, across the street into the window of a jewelry store, smashing every piece of glass and china ware in the window, including some valuable hand-painted china. After this stunt the horse ran two miles and into a barbed wire fence, fracturing his skull.

J. W. Randall was convicted of murder in the second degree in Madison county Superior Court last week and given the maximum penalty—30 years in the State prison. Some time ago Randall, while drunk, beat his wife into insensibility and then killed her. He had to be removed from the county to prevent lynching and the gallows and justice were cheated when he escaped death.

The Asheville Citizen learns that the home of Sam Freshour, near Paint Rock, in Madison county, was burned early Sunday morning of last week and a son of Freshour was burned with the building. The young man was asleep in the second story, where the fire originated, and the building was falling in before the members of the family asleep in the lower story were aroused. They barely escaped with their lives. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Mr. D. A. Thompson, a Confederate veteran, fell from a Southern passenger train near Linwood, Davidson county, Thursday night. He was thought to be fatally injured and was taken to a hospital in Salisbury. It was found that he had suffered a scalp wound, which is not serious, and he went home Friday. Mr. Thompson was returning from the veterans' reunion at Winston. He went on the platform of the car as the train approached Linwood, where he expected to leave it, lost his balance and fell to the ground.

The Raleigh Correspondent of The Charlotte Observer writing August 23rd, says: Last evening Rural Mail Carrier Sheron, having a circuit in this county out from Lillian, narrowly escaped drowning in Barton's Creek and did lose the mail and his buggy, the horse having broken away from the vehicle and gotten to the bank about a mile from the ford. Sheron was attempting to cross when he had to swim for his life and was carried a half-mile down stream before he got out. There are at least two rural routes stopped in the county just now on account of high water due to frequent rains lately and a steady downpour for some time yesterday.

## General News.

The damage sustained by the heavy rain fall at Athens, Ga., is estimated at \$50,000.

Baron Speck Von Sternburg, German Ambassador to the United States, died Monday.

Mr. Bryan has accepted the invitation to speak at the Macon (Ga.) Fair Association, September 14th.

In the absence of their parents six children lost their lives in the burning of their home on a farm in the State of Washington last week.

Unprecedented rains throughout the Piedmont section of South Carolina during the past few days, has caused a loss estimated at \$150,000.

American Public Health Association, met in Winnepeg, Man., this week. President R. H. Lewis, of Raleigh, N. C., delivered his annual address Wednesday.

At Chelsea, Mass., seven men were killed Tuesday and a number of others wounded by the falling of a high wall which had been undermined by workmen.

A catcher of the Washington American baseball league wins a \$500 bet by catching a regulation baseball dropped from the top of the Washington monument.

John R. Earl, the leper, whose home is at Lynn, N. C., is held by the Washington health department authorities in a quarantine station on the Potomac river. It is undecided what will be done with him.

The Virginia Rector, Rev. Geo. S. Fitzhugh, aged 67, who intended marrying Lula Virginia Frasier, aged 10, in order that she might inherit his property, has been sent to a sanitarium to be treated for mental trouble.

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, who was nominated for a third term, says he feels that he must accept the nomination as tendered him though he does so against his personal inclinations and his better judgment. He does not believe in third terms.

A bold highwayman held up seven stage coaches in Yellow Stone National Park Monday, and relieved the tourists of \$6,000 in valuables and money. Soldiers camping in the park were notified and efforts are being made to apprehend the highwayman.

The grand jury at Springfield, Ill., has found more indictments against rioters. In the small towns in the neighborhood there is considerable uneasiness and excitement. In one a notice has been posted ordering all negroes to leave. There is also unrest in the adjacent mining districts.

The recent excitement in Springfield, occasioned by the riot, was partially renewed Monday when reports were circulated that Thomas Bradley, a white man, had been murdered by negroes. Quietness was latter restored, when it was revealed that he had been killed by his room-mate.

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

### Excellent Health Advice.

Mrs. M. M. Davison, of No. 879 Gifford Ave., San Jose, Cal., says: "The worth of Electric Bitters as a general family remedy, for headache, biliousness and torpor of the liver and bowels is so pronounced that I am prompted to say a word in its favor, for the benefit of those seeking relief from such afflictions. There is more health for the digestive organs in a bottle of Electric Bitters than in any other remedy I know of." Sold under guarantee at Hood Bros. drug store. 50c.

## Big Floods in Eastern North Carolina.

The damage to railroads and to the land in Eastern North Carolina by the floods of the past few days is not easy to calculate. An enormous amount of water has fallen since Monday, variously estimated at between 10 and 12 inches, raising all rivers and creeks past high water mark.

While train service on the Coast Line has been to a certain extent interfered with, it is nothing in comparison with traffic on the Norfolk and Southern, whose road bed only recently constructed, was easily affected by the rush of water and washed up in a number of places.

The train from Wilson to Raleigh yesterday morning was ordered to return after reaching Wendell, since a mile of track was under water beyond that place in the neighborhood of Crabtree creek. The country is low along this line, and accordingly the track was covered for quite a distance.

After returning to Wilson the train was ordered to proceed to Greenville, but to watch for washouts beyond mile post No. 50, four miles east of Wilson.

The engineer was proceeding along at a comparatively slow rate of speed when he noticed a washout in the track on this side of the mile post. Stopping his train he discovered that the water in a small ravine had washed taking 3 feet in diameter under the roadbed, which under extraordinary conditions seemed amply sufficient to conduct the water, and had taken away 20 feet of roadbed. The rails and cross-ties were just hanging without any support, except the fastening of the rails. The train was again compelled to return to Wilson and service has been discontinued until repairs can be made.

The Coast Line also suffered to some extent, though trains are running today after a strenuous night of it.

The track at Herring's crossing here in Wilson was washed up and a force of hands were working during the night to repair the break.

Parties on the south bound train yesterday afternoon reported water running across the tracks in several places between here and Contentnea creek, while in several places between here and Goldsboro the water was even with or running across the tracks. —Wilson Times, Wednesday.

### The Wireless Telephone Now Regarded a Certainty.

Paris Dispatch, 16.—The naval lieutenants, Colin, Jeance and Mercier, the inventors of a wireless telephone apparatus, which recent tests have shown to be superior to anything existing, achieved remarkable success with their instrument yesterday, communicating with the wireless station at Raz de Zin, Department of Finistere, a distance of about 310 miles. The transmitted words were somewhat faint, but could be plainly distinguished, and the officers are confident they can make great improvements in the apparatus, which is the work of only four months, enabling the exchange of conversation up to 600 miles.

Lieutenant Colin, who is a well known wireless expert, is now superintending the installation of an improved and more powerful plant, making possible the transmission of dispatches between Paris and New York.

### Drunken Father Killed by His Child.

Township No. 13 was the scene last night of another tragedy in the criminal history of Edgecombe. Logan Jones in a drunken rage, stated that he would wipe out his entire family, and upon attempting to make good the threat was shot down by his 15-year-old son. He was also attacked with an axe by another child. He died instantly from the shot wound. Coroner Bass at the inquest today held the child and he was placed in jail here tonight.—Tarboro Dispatch 20th.

## Bryan's Demand for Equal Opportunity.

"In my notification speech I called attention to three demands made by our party. It asks that the government shall be taken out of the hands of special interests, and restored to the people as a whole; it asks, second, for honesty in elections and publicity in regard to campaign funds, that the people may freely choose representatives in sympathy with them, and pledged to guard their interests; it asks, third, for such a modification of our governmental methods as will make the Senate an elective body, and place the control of the House of Representatives in the hands of a majority of its members.

"A few days ago, in discussing the tariff question, I dwelt upon the fourth demand by our party, namely, that taxation be just; that the revenue laws be made for the purpose of raising revenue and not for the enrichment of a few at the expense of the many, and that the tariff law be supplemented by an income tax which will more nearly equalize the government's burdens.

"To-day I present another demand made in our party platform—the demand that the grip of the trusts be broken; that competition be restored and that the door of opportunity be opened to the business men and the toilers of the land."—W. J. Bryan in address at Indianapolis Tuesday.

### A Big Failure Causes Sensation.

New York, Aug. 25.—The failure of the big brokerage firm of A. O. Brown & Co., for a sum popularly estimated as running well above \$1,000,000 sent a nervous thrill through the stock market today. Coming as a climax to the bewildering trading in last Saturday's market, the suspension created an extraordinary degree of public interest but was looked upon by high stock exchange interests as offering an early solution of the tangle growing out of the most remarkable two hours session the New York stock exchange has known for many years. While there was no question in Wall street this afternoon that the situation created by today's failure could easily be taken care of, there was distinctly a feeling of apprehension lest other firms might unwillingly be drawn into the affair as a result of the extensive orders scattered through commission houses during Saturday's spectacular proceedings.

### Cotton Bulls And Bears.

The Wall Street Summary is authority for the statement that many New England mills, not being able to reduce their stocks of manufactured cotton, have sold many thousands of bales of raw cotton on future contracts as a hedge. One mill, not mentioned by name, sold between 35,000 and 40,000 bales for this purpose. The spinning interests, instead of taking cotton off the hands of the Livermore bull clique, utilized the market made by the bulls on which to sell. Thus the mills' forced curtailment in raw cotton is not the only bearish influence which they have lately exerted upon prices. With its position weakened by attack from every quarter the bull clique never had the slightest chance of success. There are two classes of bulls, however, upon whom the market can place solid reliance. First and far foremost is the cotton grower himself, and second are the speculators and investors who make it their practice to buy cotton at attractively low levels for an ultimate rise. The cotton market still has a bottom and that bottom shows no sign of falling out.—Charlotte Observer.

The Cape Fear at Fayetteville at noon yesterday was 63 feet high, the highest in the city's history.

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