

# SIX WHITE MEN ARE SAVED BY NEGROES

THIRTEEN ARE KNOWN MISSING  
AS RESULT AT BELMONT  
BRIDGE.

## 1,000,000 SPINDLES ARE IDLE

Flood Damage Grows Greater, Estimated at \$20,000,000.—Power Plants Are Flooded and Thousands of Mill Workers Are Idle.

Charlotte.—Resident Engineer Joseph Killan, Section Foreman R. C. Thompson of Belmont, and H. C. Gurlay and George C. Kale of Charlotte, members of the derrick crew, were rescued from the turgid waters of the Catawba by Fons Ross and P. H. Stowe, negro boatmen, at a point two miles below the wreck of the Southern Railway bridge, thus accounting for four of the reported 18 who were swept away at 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon when a derrick crew, attempted savers of the railway bridge at Catawba, 11 miles from the city, passed downstream with a collapse of the middle span of the main line structure.

**Thirteen Unaccounted For.**  
According to the official statement of Claim Agent P. L. Ward, the list of 13 Southern employees who are as yet unaccounted for, is as follows:

H. P. Griffith, supervisor, Charlotte, married, wife and five children.

W. L. Fortune, section foreman, Kings Mountain, married, two or three children.

C. S. Barbee, section foreman, Charlotte, married; wife and several children.

C. W. Klutz, derrick employe, Charlotte, 34 or 35 years old; married, four children; six months to eight years.

J. N. Gordan, car inspector, Charlotte, not married, about 35 years old, father very old and entirely gave way at the scene of accident.

Andrew Scott, colored laborer, Rock Hill, S. C., age unknown, probably married, of Charlotte.

Tom Davis, colored laborer, Juneau, N. C., age 49, married, lives about one-half mile from Juneau, five or six children, oldest being about 15 years. This man has been in the service for many years.

Daniel Heath, colored laborer, age 23 years, residence 13 miles from Juneau, on Bob Cathey farm. Wife, Bessie, and one child, a baby.

Sloan Adams, colored laborer, 20 years old, married, lives in section house, Charlotte.

Will Adams, colored laborer, brother of Sloan, married, but does not live with his wife. Boards with his sister, Carrie Ferguson, on First street.

Tom Ashwood, colored laborer, probably 25 years old, married. Wife lives at McBee, S. C.

Evans Brown, 21, colored laborer, single, Rodman, S. C. Mother probably lives at Rodman.

Julius White, colored laborer, age 25. Wife living in Brooklyn, Charlotte.

**1,000,000 Spindles Affected.**  
Some conception of the magnitude of the devastating consequences of the great flood may be gleaned from the statement that the Southern Power Company annulled service to all secondary power consumers which cut off the juice from more than 1,000,000 spindles located in this general territory. All of these mills have their steam plants and they will be able to resume operations without delay if they so elect. Of course those in the actual flooded area will not be able to do anything for weeks and maybe months.

**10,000 GERMAN TAKEN PRISONERS IN SOMME BATTLE**

London.—The British have captured additional German prisoners in the Somme region and brought their total since July 1 up to 189 officers and 10,779 men of other ranks. In addition 17 heavy and 133 lighter guns have fallen into British hands during their period.

Many attacks by the Austrians against the Italians in the upper Posina Valley proved unavailing in bending back the line of the Italians, who, in a counter-attack in which there was hand-to-hand fighting, repulsed the Austrians over the entire front. Failure likewise followed an attempt of the Austrians to surround the Italians in the Trovo Valley.

Intermittent bombardments and local fights between infantry are taking place in the Caucasus region between the Turks and the Russians. No important changes have taken place in this theater.

**Irish Bisque.**  
Bring one quart of new milk to a boil, dissolving in it one pint of granulated sugar. When this mixture is cool, add a quart of whipped cream, a teaspoonful of vanilla and freeze until it is the consistency of mush. Remove the dasher, add wine glass of sherry, and a coffee-cupful of macaroons ground very fine. Color to the right shade of green with vegetable coloring matter, pack and set away to harden. This is an excellent substitute for pistachio, the green ice cream offered by caterers.

# RANKIN PLEASED WITH SANITATION

STATE HEALTH OFFICER SAYS  
CONDITIONS AT CAMP GLENN  
ARE EXCELLENT.

## ABOUT THE SOLDIER BOYS

Many Interesting Happenings Concerning the National Guard in Camp at Morehead City—Daily Drills for the Boys in Khaki.

Camp Glenn.—Considering the material at hand to work with sanitary arrangements at Camp Glenn are good, considering the conditions in the towns and cities of North Carolina, they are truly remarkable," declared Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the state board of health, who completed a sanitary survey of Camp Glenn. Dr. Rankin, returned to Raleigh where he will make up a report on his findings. He went over the camp thoroughly, inspecting water supplies, handling of food, kitchen arrangements and the methods of disposition of waste as well as sewage. This encampment Dr. Rankin believes, should teach North Carolina a lesson in sanitation. If such things are possible in Camp Glenn they are possible certainly in any city of the state.

**First is Spick and Span.**  
Every company of the First North Carolina Infantry at 9:30 o'clock was in spic and span order when Lieutenant Colonel Delamere Skerrette, U. S. A., inspector general's department, according to previous announcement, stepped into camp.

The tents were struck and furled, the cots were in orderly rows and each man's equipment and clothing were so disposed as to make possible quick inspection. The men were formed by companies in their streets, with guns and side arms for the inspection that followed. Every detail had been arranged with care, under supervision of the officers.

**Some May Go Home.**  
The following telegram was announced at headquarters:

Camp Glenn.—The following telegram was announced at headquarters: "The Secretary of War directs observance of the following rules in case of enlisted men of the National Guard or militia called into service of the United States, who have dependent relatives. First department commanders may issue discharges from service to enlisted men, provided applications for discharge are made in due form through military channels to department commanders setting forth that the applicant has one or more relatives who are dependent upon him for support, the application to be accompanied by written evidence of the dependency."

The indications are that quite a few of the married men will make application for discharge. The companies of the First Regiment show the following as an estimate of the number who will make such application: A, Hickory, 15; B, Gastonia, 12; C, Winston-Salem, 12; D, Charlotte 2; E, Statesville, 10; F, Asheville, 10; G, Shelby, 2; H, Waynesville, 12; I, Mount Airy, 3; K, Asheville, 12; L, Concord, 2; M, High Point, 14.

Colonel Gardner stated that the mere fact that a man was married and made application to go home would not mean a favorable consideration of the application.

"A man must show that he has a dependent family and that he provided for his family before he was called to camp," said the commander of the First.

**Bickett Reviews First Regiment.**  
The First North Carolina Regiment, in honor of Governor-to-be T. W. Bickett, who came over from Morehead on a visit to Brigadier General Young, was ordered out by Colonel Gardner for the first regimental parade. The order was unlooked for by officers or men, who in about 45 minutes were assembled in battalions and marched to the plain. The regiment, with Colonel Gardner at the head, was reviewed by General Young with Mr. Bickett standing on his left.

**50 Recruits Received.**  
Officers and men feel heartened by the fairly generous results from the work of recruiting officers sent out a few days ago. Already 24 men have come from High Point, six from Concord, 15 from Waynesville, five from Charlotte, making a total of 50, and the outlook grows in promise.

**New Equipment.**  
The issuance of new equipment to the men in the first infantry was completed but is continuing for the men in the field hospital and the Third Regiment.

**War Romance.**  
When Maj. R. L. Flannigan, First regiment, secured leave of absence for several days no one suspected his mission. Last night Major Flannigan passed through Camp Glenn with his bride on the way to Morehead City. Camp Glenn only waked up to the true situation when letters were received in camp addressed to Major and Mrs. R. L. Flannigan. Mrs. Flannigan was Mrs. J. D. Terry of Statesville, and the wedding took place there, after which the bridal couple came straight to Morehead City.

# COL. W. S. MINOR



Col. Minor, whose home is in Durham, is Colonel of the Third Regiment, N. C. N. G., which has just passed the Federal examination with pleasing results.

## General Young Praised.

General Laurence W. Young, recently commissioned by the president as brigadier general commanding the North Carolina troops, has a face and figure that are built on military lines. So has Major Glenn Brown and Zollicoffer and Guy Winthrop and Koon of the Asheville company, and Zollicoffer's first lieutenant and many others—but this is about Gen. Young.

The new commanding officer of the brigade stands all of six feet two in his socks. He is straight and steps out like a West Pointer. He may be found at the most out-of-the-way places almost any time of the day—hardly ever at brigade headquarters. He is acute, direct and practical. He never breaks into an "officer's call," which he often does, unless he has something immediately important to say. He carries no suggestion of assumption. His manner invites remark or suggestion from the lowest ranking officer present. He is young, looks not over 40, of florid complexion, a comely presence, and an eye that is a firm, full, generous blue, but watchful withal. If he has an interruption that seems unimportant, he brushes it aside, and goes on. In his talks, which are few and brief, he has consistently an end which is big with meaning for all the men. He is quick in decision, but equally quick to change if he can "be shown." His hold upon men is somewhat magnetic—that is they seem to have for him something more than respect—call it what you will. Should the troops go to the border—no matter whether or not they are scattered in battalion detachments, General Young from his headquarters, may be relied upon to come to any decisive conclusion or order, only after such a careful consideration as will cover with good judgment, the situation in hand, and more than this, the officers who know his whole make-up believe this.

## Examine Third Regiment.

Examination of the Third Regiment has been completed and the reports show that the regiment lacks only 24 men of being at minimum war strength, 65 men to the company. The companies and the number of men accepted follows: "A" Lexington 72; "B," Raleigh 66; "C," Henderson 74; "D," Louisville, 56; "E," Oxford 48; "F," Franklinton, 61; "G," Reidsville 59; "H," Warrenton 63; "I," Burlington 74; "K," Asheville 43; "L," Thomasville 65; "M," Durham, 76; band, 20; infantry 23.

**Captain Horton Home.**  
Capt. W. C. Horton, Raleigh, who has been one of the medical officers conducting examinations for muster, secured seven days leave of absence which he will spend in Raleigh. Captain Horton left on the afternoon train. Col. George L. Peterson has returned after a leave of absence, bringing his wife and children to Morehead City.

**Sergeant-Major A. C. Bernard, first battalion, third infantry, who has just passed his physical examination for muster into the federal service, secured a six-days' leave of absence to transact some necessary business before getting into the regular service.**

**Caught a Shark.**  
Jack Bowen, Raleigh boy at Morehead City, has the shark record for the summer thus far. While holding a bath robe for a long-distance swimmer at Morehead, Jack saw a large shark sliding about near the swimmer. A hook and line were nearby. The shark took the bait easily, and after being half-drowned and worn out in the tussel was dragged ashore. It was seven and a half feet in length, and was suspended at the hotel for the inspection of guests.

**Captain Wooten of the Winston-Salem company, is somewhat provoked at not even having received a single man from the recruiting officers sent out a few days ago. Concord sent in four, Badin eighteen, and Waynesville four more, making nineteen from that town. The eighteen from High Point having been stiffly examined before leaving, passed without one rejection.**

A number of men temporarily are ailing from the effects of typhoid and smallpox vaccination, and some of them under the heat this morning had to drop out at inspection and were laid out under trees.

# EDWARD E. BRITTON HEADS N. C. EDITORS

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION  
OF PRESS ASSOCIATION  
HELD AT DURHAM.

## MELVENE E. STONE SPEAKER

Editors Study Advanced Cost of Paper and Want Paper Mill Located in North Carolina.

Durham.—Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press and secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels were the guests of honor at the meeting here of the 43d annual convention of the North Carolina Press Association. The addresses of both men, although brief, were keenly enjoyed.

"I bid you write with a man's hand and be honest, in these terrible times when the fires of war burn throughout the world; today you members of the press, if right minded, are controlling the government because you are spokesmen of the people," declared Mr. Stone, as the keynote of his address. "The powers and responsibilities of the press are larger than those of any other liberal profession, lest it be the church. This country has given very large privilege to the journalist, as no other country. This came over a tortuous road," he said.

In his introductory of Mr. Stone Secretary Daniels said: "He is a master man, who has the vision of the world. Your guest comes with a vision no other man has, prompt, accurate and unbiased information." A quaint eight-page newspaper, designed for the pleasure and profit of the North Carolina editors, made its appearance as a foreword of the convention. The Durham Chamber of Commerce was responsible for its birth and it assumed the title, "Durham Bulletin."

**Propose Paper Mill.**  
At the business session Jas. H. Cowan, of The Wilmington Dispatch made a stirring appeal in behalf of strong and energetic co-operative work toward the establishment of a large print paper or pulp mill in North Carolina and the chairman will appoint a committee at once to look into the matter. Parties, it is said, are interested in such a venture, and if proper support can be secured from newspaper publishers, with possible contracts for a period of two or three years, a large pulp mill for the manufacture of news print paper may be established in North Carolina.

**Paper Cost Advances.**  
Mr. Cowan called attention to the constantly increasing cost of white paper in the newspaper trade and said prices had advanced in some instances nearly 40 per cent. He intimated that newspapers were too busy making politicians and attending the requirements of others while they were neglecting their own best interests on the issues of supply and demand.

The association adopted resolutions favoring the establishment of a paper manufacturing plant in the South and a forestry warden for every county in North Carolina. Morehead City was selected as the next meeting place, and the following officers were elected:

E. E. Britton, Raleigh, president; Sanford Martin, Winston-Salem, first vice president; R. A. Beasley, Monroe, second vice president; Z. W. Whithead, Wilmington, third vice president; John B. Sherrill, Concord, secretary; M. L. Shipman, Hendersonville, historian; H. Galt Braxton, orator, and William Laurie Hill, Maxton, poet. Executive committee was re-elected.

Mr. Sherrill was elected secretary for the twenty-ninth consecutive year. **Durham Entertains Visitors.** A reception was given from 9 until 11 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. building by the ladies of the Civic League of Durham. Citizens of the city gave the visitors a pleasant auto ride during the afternoon.

**Forestry Congress Permanent.**  
Asheville.—Closing its general sessions here the Southern Forestry Congress devoted the day to consideration of the problems of forest fire protection and southern forestry practice. A resolution was adopted providing for the permanency of the congress, holding annual meetings at points to be later named. A suggestion that a tablet be placed in Pisgah National Park as a memorial to the late George W. Vanderbilt was heartily endorsed. Many prominent speakers were present.

**Ninety-Six New Doctors.**  
Raleigh.—The State Board of Medical Examiners announced has 96 successful applicants for license to practice medicine in North Carolina. 18 others having failed. There were 34 others who were second year applicants and took only the preliminary branches. The applicant receiving the highest mark was Dr. John W. Harris of Reidsville, with a general average of 93. The applicants tied for second place, viz., Dr. J. C. Brantley of Spring Hope and Dr. J. G. Pate of Gibson, each with 92.85.

# PUBLISHERS IN ASHEVILLE

Southern Newspaper Publishers Ask Congress to Locate Big Nitrate Plant in Alabama.

Asheville.—The presentation and adoption of a resolution asking Congress to locate the proposed twenty-million dollar nitrate plant at Mussel Shoals, Ala., featured the annual session of the Southern Newspaper Publishers' Association, held here at the Grove Park Inn. The resolution was offered by J. H. Allison, of The Tennessean-American, and copies will be forwarded to President Wilson and Secretary of War Baker.

The officers elected are: President, R. S. Jones, Asheville Citizen. First Vice-President, F. G. Bell, Savannah News. Second Vice-President, D. D. Moore, New Orleans Picayune. Secretary-Treasurer, Walter Johnson, Chattanooga News.

Executive Committee—Victor H. Hanson, Birmingham News; E. M. Foster, Nashville Banner; C. M. Johnson, Knoxville Sentinel; James H. Allison, Nashville Tennessean-American; A. F. Sanford, Knoxville Journal and Tribune; G. J. Palmer, Houston, Post; W. T. Anderson, Macon Telegraph; W. A. Elliot, Jacksonville Times Union; Robert Latham, Charleston News and Courier; Elmer Clark, Little Rock Democrat; W. E. Thomas, Roanoke Times; W. B. Sullivan, Charlotte Observer.

"Should a Newspaper Become a Salesagent for an Advertised Article?" was the subject discussed by H. C. Adler of The Chattanooga Times. Mr. Adler, who voiced an emphatic negative to the question, declared that a newspaper virtually loses its self-respect and the respect of the reading public when it submits to what is called the "free publicity graft."

The retiring president of the Association, W. T. Anderson of The Macon Telegraph, spoke on "Meeting the Increased Cost of Production." Mr. Anderson's address was followed by a lively discussion, wherein nearly all present took part.

F. L. Seely, formerly publisher of The Atlanta Georgian, discussed "Why The Southern Newspaper Publishers' Association?" Gov. Locke Craig of North Carolina in discussing "The Greatness of the South" paid marked tribute to the growth of Southern industries in the last five years.

The convention of the publishers closed with a banquet, whereat W. T. Gentry of Atlanta, president of the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co. was the principal speaker.

The guests at the banquet were put in telephonic communication between Asheville and San Francisco, Governor Craig of North Carolina addressing the Governor of California and receiving responses from the latter. N. C. Kingsberry, first vice president of the American Bell Telephone Company, who was scheduled to speak, was unable to attend but delivered his address to the assembled guests over the telephone from his home at Greenwich, N. J.

**Mill Men Meet July 21-22.**  
Charlotte.—The tenth annual convention of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association of North Carolina will be held at Wrightsville, Friday and Saturday, July 21 and 22. The association maintains headquarters in Charlotte and hence the interest that centers in these meetings. Alf A. Thompson of Raleigh is president of the association while Hudson C. Millar of Charlotte is secretary and treasurer.

**Another Cheese Factory.**  
Sparta.—A number of citizens met at S. J. Thomas' farm three miles west of Sparta and organized a company which will erect a co-operative cheese factory in the near future, the factory to be known as the Twin-Oaks Cheese Company.

# NORTH CAROLINA BRIEFS.

Work on the new highway, being built between Concord and Kannapolis, is being rushed forward with all the speed possible. The road bed will be covered with rock, and these will be treated to a coat of Tarvia. The stretch is seven miles in length.

Miss Anne H. Crawford of Henderson has been appointed a clerk with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The Henderson Hosiery Company of Henderson, capital \$100,000 authorized, has been chartered.

A big acreage of soy beans and peas has been planted in Pitt county. Velvet beans also have been planted largely and they are looking fine. The boys are doing well with their corn, pig and poultry clubs. There are two poultry clubs in Pitt county.

That the wheat crop in Western Carolina is threshing out much better than had been expected and will prove a very good yield of fair quality grain is the report just made by Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham.

The annual practice cruise of the naval militia of the United States began its cruise July 15 and will continue until July 23.

Thomas Dixon, Jr., will be one of the speakers at the convention in Durham on July 19th of the North Carolina Exhibitors League. This organization of theatrical men is now three years old and has about 60 members.

A charter has been granted to the Carolina Tanlac Company of Charlotte, capital \$155,000 authorized and \$3,000 subscribed.

# LATE NORTH CAROLINA MARKET QUOTATIONS

Western Newspaper Union News Service

Prices Paid by Merchants for Farm Products in the Markets of North Carolina as Reported to the Division of Markets for the Week Ending Saturday, July 8.

**Asheville.**  
Irish potatoes, \$3.00 bbl.  
Butter—Western 32c lb, N. C. 30-31c lb; eggs, 20c doz; spring chickens, 20c lb; hens, 14c lb.

**Charlotte.**  
Cotton, middling, 13c; corn, 95c bu; oats, 60c bu; peas, \$1.75 bu; Irish potatoes, \$3.50 bbl; sweet potatoes, 75c bu.  
Butter—N. C., 25c lb; eggs, 22c doz; spring chickens, 22c lb; hens, 15-17c lb.

**Durham.**  
Cotton, middling, 12½c; corn, 95c bu; oats, 53c bu; peas, \$1.25 bu; Irish potatoes, \$5 bbl.  
Butter—Western 35c lb, N. C. 35c lb; eggs, 22c doz; spring chickens, 20c lb; hens, 10c lb.

**Fayetteville.**  
Cotton, middling, 12½c; corn, 95c bu; oats, 52½c bu; peas, \$1 bu; soy beans, \$1.40 bu; Irish potatoes, \$3 bbl; sweet potatoes, 80c bu.  
Butter—Western 35c lb, N. C. 35c lb; eggs, 20c doz; spring chickens, 20c lb; hens, 10c lb.

**Greensboro.**  
Cotton, middling, 13c; corn, 90c bu; oats, 50c bu; peas, \$1.30 bu; soy beans, \$1.50 bu; Irish potatoes, \$2.75 bbl; sweet potatoes, 80c bu.  
Butter—Western 35c lb, N. C. 35c lb; eggs, 20c doz; spring chickens, 20c lb; hens, 14c lb.

**Greenville.**  
Cotton, middling, 12½c; corn, 85c bu; oats, 65c bu; peas, \$1.30 bu; soy beans, \$1.40 bu; Irish potatoes, \$3 bbl; sweet potatoes, 70c bu.  
Butter—Western 30c lb; eggs, 18c doz; spring chickens, 40c each; hens, 50 each.

**Hamlet.**  
Cotton, middling, 12½c; corn, \$1 bu; oats, 60c bu; peas, \$1 bu; Irish potatoes, \$3 bbl.  
Butter, N. C., 30c lb; eggs, 22c doz; spring chickens, 20c lb; hens, 15c lb.

**Lumberton.**  
Cotton, middling, 12½c; corn, \$1 bu; Irish potatoes, \$2.50 bbl; sweet potatoes, 60c bu.  
Butter—Western 34c lb, N. C. 34c lb; eggs, 20c doz.

**Maxton.**  
Cotton, middling, 12½c; corn, \$1 bu; soy beans, \$1.50 bu; peas, \$1 bu; Irish potatoes, \$4 bbl.

**Monroe.**  
Cotton, middling, 13½c; corn, \$1 bu; oats, 50c bu; Irish potatoes, \$5 bbl.  
Butter—Western 35c lb, N. C. 35c lb; eggs, 25c doz; spring chickens, 22c lb; hens, 12c lb.

**New Bern.**  
Cotton, middling, 12½c; corn, 85½c bu; oats, 52c bu; peas, \$1.15 bu; soy beans, \$1.15 bu; Irish potatoes, \$4 bbl; sweet potatoes, 60c bu.  
Butter—N. C., 30c lb; eggs, 18c doz; spring chickens, 20c lb; hens, 11c lb.  
Eggs, 16-18c doz.

**Raleigh.**  
Cotton, middling, 12½c; corn, 95c bu; oats, 52c bu; peas, \$1.30 bu; soy beans, \$1.40 bu; Irish potatoes, \$3 bbl.  
Butter—Western 35c lb, N. C. 35c lb; eggs, 20-23c doz; spring chickens, 22½c lb; hens, 15c lb.

**Rocky Mount.**  
Corn, \$1 bu; oats, 58c bu; Irish potatoes, \$3 bbl.  
Butter, Western, 35c lb; eggs, 23c doz; spring chickens, 35c each; hens, 50c each.

**Salisbury.**  
Cotton, middling, 12½c; corn, \$1 bu; oats, 65-70c bu; Irish potatoes, \$2.50 bbl.  
Butter, Western, 30c lb; eggs, 18-20c doz; spring chickens, 25-35c each; hens, 50-60c each.

**Scotland Neck.**  
Cotton, middling, 12½c; corn, 95c bu; oats, 56c bu; peas, \$1.25 bu; soy beans, \$1.40 bu; Irish potatoes, \$3.50 bbl; sweet potatoes, \$1 bu.  
Butter—Western 35c lb, N. C. 35c lb; eggs, 20c doz; spring chickens, 20c lb; hens, 12½c lb.

**Chicago, Ill.**  
No. 2 white corn 78-80½c (delivered in Raleigh 93-95½c); No. 2 yellow corn, 78-81c (delivered in Raleigh 92-96c).  
Butter, 28½-27½c (creamery) eggs, 22-23c (frets).

**New York.**  
Irish potatoes, \$2.25-2.75 bbl; sweet potatoes, \$1.35-\$1.50 basket.  
Butter, 28½-29c (extra); eggs, 28-27c (extra fine).

**Beaver Hats Insisted On.**  
At one time in England people were prohibited by law from making hats of anything except beaver.

**Uncle Eben.**  
"Some folks," said Uncle Eben, "makes common politeness look like such hard work that it ain't no compliment to nobody."

**Makes Leather of Cotton.**  
A substantial prize has been won by a Belgian inventor in Italy for an artificial leather made of cotton, which is said to be as durable and elastic as the genuine article.