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GARRONIA, N. C. WHONESDAY RUBINDED, PULY 10, 19(e.

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Streams Reach Unprecedented Height Washing Away Nearly All County Bridges

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which began at 4 o'clock Friday afmoon and continued until eight o'clock Saturday night, the rivers and creeks in the county were swell-ed until all high-water marks were eclipsed Sunday. Three railroad bridges in the county, the Seaboard. Piedmont & Northern and the Bouthern across the Catawba river were washed down as were about ten or twelve county bridges including the new Mount Holly bridge and the magnificent \$100,000 concrete bridge at Sloan's Ferry. A death curately determined but which in Sunday night when twenty work uch were thrown into the awoller

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Catagos river by the collapse of the
Southern Railway bridge at Belmont. Ten of the twenty men were
found clinging to tree tops below
where the bridge collapsed and were
Brought to safety by rescuing par-

both the Catawba and South Fork both the Catawba and South Fork rivers as well as Dutchman's creek and numerous other smaller streams in the county reached unprecedented heights some time Sunday night and with this rise of water there were hundreds of people driven from their homes, scores of lives threatened, houses washed away, crops rained, cotton mills damaged, telephone, telegraph and train service paralyzed as never before in the history of the county. At Mountain Island, four niles above Mt. Holly do the Catawba river, practically the entire mill village was swept away along with the Mountain Island corton mill at a total loss of approxi-

ay night; leaving Gagionia and the urrounding towns over the county a darkness. Those who had both as and electric lights in their homes were fortunate as the gas lights were welcomed by many. Five or ix of Gastonia's cotton mills are tanding idle as the result of the outhern Power Company's Inability o manipulate its numerous power lants over the two Carolinas.

Nine mills in the city are running their full or part time on power ermshed by their own steam lants. The Moders Cotton Mills lant gave to the city last night and onight its only electric current which was turned on at \$:30 o'clock and off again at 6 in the morning. Its reported that the surrounding two off Belmoat, Lowell, McAdemille, Mount Holly, Bessemer City, Cings Mountain and Shelby are markness and without a sufficient upply of water. Gastonia's auxiliary plant furnished a regular mount of city water, but it is not chown how long this supply will ast. Reports are to the effect that he Southern Power plant of Mount Iolly is now above water and will wobably furnish current within 24 nours. This, however, is only probainstical and there is ho manuer of earthing just when the current will be resumed.

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resumed.
Isolated as if on an island is the addition Gastonia and the county and itself in since Sunday night ien all means of communication a swept away with the collapse of a six bridges along the Catawhser. Only from the South is there y telegraphic or telephone service allable. Passenger train services a been cut until there are only trains from Atlanta a day, eight traffic has been completely relyred.

with the situation that 15 or 15 hours will find the water at about its normal level.

MOUNT HOLLY'S LOSS

Mount Holly was hit perhap harder than any other town in the county. Just what the total property loss is in the town and that immediate vicinity cannot yet be estimated. The largest single loss was that of the Armon Manufacturing Company's plant at Mountain Island, up the river a short distance from Holly. This mill is ger known as the Mountain Mill. Mr. C. E. Hutch president and treasurer of the ompany, informed The Gazette Monday afternoon that the flood had made a clean sweep, taking the entire mill, the warch company store and practically all of the tenant houses. In addition to these the company lost about 1,000 bales of cotton, which was swept down the river and will perhaps never be recovered. It was worth \$50,000 or more All that was saved of the entire company was capitalized at \$150,-000 and manufactured twines and hose cords. It had 19,000 spinning spindles and 2,500 twister spindles. This is the oldest mill in the county, having been estab-lished as the Mountain Island Mill in 1848. Mr. C. E. Hutchinson is president and treasurer, Mr. J. W. Holland is secretary and R. F. Craig is superintendent. It employed 205 people. It is understood that the Southern Power Company officials were heavy stockholders.

MOUNT HOLLY SUBMERGED

All three of the bridges over the Catawba at Mount Holly were washed away. The first to go was the Seaboard Railroad bridge which was about half way between the new county bridge and the P. & N. Railway bridge. A sction of it went out at 3:30 Si

night the P. & N., the largest and most expensive of the three, went down and was followed about thirty minutes later by the new county bridge. From per-sons who claim to have been on the bank and watched all three of these bank and watched all three of these bridges wash away it is learned that no one of them went as a whole but in sections. All are agreed that the last to go was the middle section of the new county bridge. This was opened about two years ago, having been built jointly by Gaston and Mecklenburg counties at cost of \$18,000. The water at this oint was about 60 feet above normal point was about 60 feet above normal. The old Mount Holly Mill on Dutchman's creek was flooded in the second story. The Woodlawn Mill was submerged to the eaves of the roof. It is a one-story structure. The Nims Mill was submerged to a considerable depth. The water was over the Seaboard tracks The water was over the Seaboard tracks at points between the Seaboard depot and the business section of town. A dozen or more residences were submerged, some of them to the roofs. A few of the houses were washed from their foundations. The water was six inches deep on the floor of the pavilion at Riverside Park and that structure was entirely cut off from the town. A section of the top of the iron bridge over Dutchman's creek on the road to Mountain Island was visible Monday afternoon and it was the general belief that this bridge was uniquired. The that this bridge was uninjured. The big \$250,000 subsidiary plant of the Southern Power Company was flooded lot was three bales which were fished out of the river at Mount Holly by employes of the Southern Power Company. A reward of \$10 per bale was offered by the management for every bale saved but the current was so southern Power Company was flooded to a depth of several feet and had to be abandoned. The employees' houses were also in water every where' with Mount Holly. All day Menday the hundreds of idla mill operatives of Mount Holly, together with hundreds of people from Gastonia and swift that there was no chance to save any of it. The total loss to the Armon Company is estimated at about \$300,000. The thered hundreds of Mecklenburg county folks engaged in the same pas time. So swift and turbulent was the tream that there was no possibility Monday evening of a boat making its

> MCADENVILLE BRIDGE GONE

way across.

Saturday afternoon at 3:20 o'clock the county bridge at Mc-Adenville went down. It was an | made to secure second hand iron bridge constructed ten or twelve years ago at cost of about \$15,000. Reliable information se-cured yesterday afternoon from Mr. R. R.-Ray is to the effect that all the stone piers of this bridge reman intact with the exception of one, that being the second one from the western approach to the bridge. It is also was washed off its foundation. generally believed that the frame The damage to the houses will

work of the bridge may be in not total over \$1,000. In such shape that it can be utilized the entire damage to the in part. All day Sunday there mills at this place will not a was a continuous stream of autos at the outside more than and vehicles of every description and will probably be as k pouring into McAdenville carry- \$5,000. The mills themely ing people who wished to see the and all of the machinery are river at this point.

DAMAGE TO MILLS SMALL

The Gazette has authentic information with reference to the damage to the McAden mills. It is most encouraging and indicate that the loss to these mills is con siderably less than was anticipated even by the management. It was found yesterday, Tuesday, that the dam, concerning which there was considerable uneasiness Sunday is intact and undamaged. The only loss sutained of any consequence was to the race. This entire damage can be restored for not exceeding \$5,000. Two sections of the race washed out, one about fifty feet long above the bridge ap-proach and another section about the same length below the bridge approach. The washout below the bridge approach was in reality a fortunate one as it did away with the possibility of water reaching the mill buildings. In fact the management was considering the matter of of dynamiting the race at this point at the time it washed out. The headgates of the race are intact. About twenty feet of the brick construction connecting the dam with the race proper was washed out. This will be replaced with concrete construction. The first sections washed out will also be replaced with concrete and this work can be completed in a very short time. Mr. Ray estimates that the race can be repaired and the water power restored within two weeks. In the meantime an effort is being motors with which to equipp mills nos. 1 and 2 temporarily with electric power. Mill No. 3

Six or seven houses belonging to the mill and occupied were submerged. Of this number one, on the eastern side of the river was washed away and one other

is already electric-driven.

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CALOMEL WHEN BILIOUS? NO! STOP! MAKES YOU SICK AND SALIVATES

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