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## PACOLET, CLIFTON, AND GLENDALE DEVASTATED BY ANGRY WATERS.

Eighty Lives Lost, Four Thousand People Homeless And The  
Appeal for Bread is Heard.

### PROPERTY LOSS REACHES HIGH UP IN THE MILLIONS.

All Going to Make a Grand Total Unprecedented in The History  
of the State and Fraught With a Horror Which Has Stag-  
gered Her People—Contributions From the People of  
South Carolina and the War Department at At-  
lanta—The Details of the Terrible Disaster.

Special to Herald and News.  
Columbia, June 8.—The State's  
staff correspondent at Spartanburg  
last night summarized the situation  
there in these words:

"The unparalleled calamity which  
has befallen the State for the last  
few hours is increasing rather than  
decreasing in proportions. Your  
correspondent visited Pacolet, Glen-  
dale and Clifton today.

The losses to milling property at  
these points at a conservative esti-  
mate are:

Pacolet, \$1,000,000.  
Glendale, \$40,000.  
Clifton, \$1,350,000.

Nine bridges in Spartanburg and  
adjoining counties have been swept  
away at a rough estimate of \$350,-  
000 loss.

Fully fifty houses in the milling  
villages of Clifton and Pacolet, along  
with markets, livery stables, barber  
shop, and other houses, represent a  
loss of \$200,000 more.

Minor losses to mills at Whitney,  
Arkwright and other points in Spar-  
tanburg amount probably to \$150,-  
000.

Damage to railroad tracks, and  
wires in this immediate sec-  
tion will count up not less than \$75,-  
000.

Four thousand mill operatives and  
other employees will be thrown out  
of employment indefinitely.

No less than eighty lives have  
been lost, all going to make a grand  
total unprecedented in the history of  
the State and fraught with a hor-  
ror which has staggered her people.

By ferry and conveyance and a  
boat your correspondent visited the  
rains at Pacolet, Glendale and Clifton  
today and for miles followed the  
banks of the rivers, Lawson's Forks  
and Pacolet. A scene of devastation  
—the direst human pain—met the  
eye on all sides.

The people are disconsolate to the  
bounds of most frightful agony and  
suffering and the once beautiful and  
peaceful valley, broken only by the  
commercially musical melody of the  
looms and spindles, is one vast  
expanse of waste and water fearful  
to contemplate and nauseating in  
vital pain and horror.

That most fearful and heart-rend-  
ing of all cries, the appeal for  
bread, is already heard and strong  
men shudder as they listen and won-  
der from whence it will come."

Contributions for the sufferers are  
coming in nicely and the work of  
relief will not be delayed. War De-  
partment is sending rations and  
medicines from Atlanta.

Columbia is entirely cut off by  
railroad from the upper part of  
the State.

Southern cannot operate trains  
either on Greenville or Spartanburg  
lines and the C. & N. L. trestle at  
Columbia is down.

#### Details of the Disaster.

Wreck and ruin mark the spots  
where on Saturday morning stood  
two of the largest and most prosper-  
ous mill communities in the entire  
South. Twelve lives known to have

been lost, \$2,500,000 in mill and  
other property destroyed, with 4,000  
men indefinitely out of employment  
tells the story of the angry waters  
which totally demolished Mills No.  
1 and 2 at Pacolet, the Converse Mill  
at Clifton; which on Saturday night  
had half washed away the Clifton  
Mill and the Dexter Mill, at Clifton.  
It is feared that when all is known  
the death list may reach forty or  
fifty, and some predict that it may  
go to 150.

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night was placed at something like  
\$1,000,000, summarized as follows:

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000,000, summarized as follows:  
Mill Nos. 1 and 2 demolished; 28,  
000 spindles a wreck; 3,500 bales of  
cotton, \$200,000 worth of cloth goods  
in company's store damaged, grist  
mill, cotton gin, post-office, shoe shop,  
blacksmith shop, dental office, livery  
stable and Presbyterian Church all  
washed away.

At Clifton, the Converse Mill, with  
51,000 spindles, has entirely gone.  
The Clifton Mill, with 27,000 spin-  
dles, is half washed away. The Dex-  
ter Mill, with 30,000 spindles, is prob-  
ably half ruined. All these mills  
belong to the Clifton Manufacturing  
Company.

More than 500 people are home-  
less and 4,000 out of employment.

There was no wind and no damage  
by lightning; only by water. This  
fell in veritable torrents, converting  
the surface of the earth into a sheer  
lake of raging water. Rivers over-  
flowed their banks to heights never  
before known; creeks became rivers,  
and small rivulets roaring torrents,  
wiping out everything in their course.  
Railroad bridges were torn from stone  
and iron piers; cotton mills were  
crushed like straw before the flood  
and grist mills and innumerable  
smaller industries and cottages were  
washed away by the angry waters.

#### The Pacolet Disaster.

Randolph W. Smith, city editor,  
writes from Pacolet in the State:  
Pacolet Mills, June 6.—Not since  
the Johnstown flood has there been  
such a calamity of the waters and  
small wonder that the inhabitants  
of this valley are awed into awful silence  
at the scene of desolation that con-  
fronts them.

The information received here is  
that the cloudburst broke just above  
Clifton early this morning about 6  
o'clock. Within an hour the mills  
at that point and a score or more of  
farm houses along the river had been  
carried away and the debris came  
with a might rush to this point.

Just above this great structure  
known as Mills No. 1 and 2 is the  
dam that confines the natural water-  
way which furnishes the power for  
the mills. Some idea of the immen-  
sity of the flood may be gathered  
from the fact that it is not known at  
this writing whether the dam has  
been washed away.

#### A PHENOMENAL RISE.

Inside of 40 minutes the river rose  
from its normal confines to the fourth  
story of the first mill, a height of 41  
feet. The mill operatives were just  
going to their early breakfast when  
the sound of a mighty rush of waters  
broke on their ears. From their cot-  
tages that dot the hillside they wit-  
nessed a scene, for there was actually  
not time enough for many of them  
to get to the banks, that will live on  
their memory. With one grand bound  
the flood surged down the valley.  
An ornamental swinging bridge that  
connected north and south Pacolet

was swept away as if it had not the  
strength of a cobweb. The mill op-  
eratives, some of whom had hastened  
down to the water's side in hopes of  
being able to get across to their work  
backed up the hill horror stricken.  
In five minutes it is said that the  
water rose more than 20 feet.

#### CHURCH SWEEP AWAY.

The Presbyterian church, which  
was picturesquely located on the  
river side just between the mills, was  
the first building to go. It stood  
out on a little promontory of land  
that made it a great mark for the  
waters.

#### QUICK DESTRUCTION.

Hardly had the fascinated specta-  
tors recovered from the scene when  
the little flat of buildings comprising  
the postoffice, market, barber shop  
and blacksmith shop went down be-  
fore the rushing flood. These  
buildings were near the church and  
at the foot of the road or main street  
of the village. They went down in  
the rush of waters one after the  
other so quickly that the spectators  
differ as to which went first.

By this time the river had risen  
about 10 feet higher until its waters  
were surging through the third story  
windows of the mills built to with-  
stand ordinary freshet, but in no  
contemplation of a flood of such pro-  
portions as the existing one. The  
walls of the building known as No. 1  
and 2 mill were seen to be trembling  
and the crowds of villagers were  
watching them closely when a scene  
on the red torrent arrested their at-  
tention.

#### AN APPALLING SCENE.

A raft which looked like the side  
of a house was coming down the  
great red turbid mass of waters at  
lightning speed. Seated on the  
rafters near the edge was a child in  
his night dress. A rift in the clouds  
had let the sun through brightly and  
the face of the baby was turned up  
to the light, pale and appalled. The  
raft struck the falls below the dam  
with an ugly smash and the child  
stepped on into the waters. The  
great torrent turned the little body  
over and over, dashing it against the  
rocks until it disappeared around the  
bend of the river.

#### GREAT PROPERTY LOSS.

In a brief space of time the great  
warehouse in which were stored some  
5,000 bales of cotton was swept  
away. Three thousand bales of  
goods and 3,049 bales of cotton were  
lost in this wreck, and it is now dif-  
ficult to see just where the founda-  
tions were.

#### CRASH HEARD FOR MILES.

Hardly had the warehouse wrecked  
been swept out of sight when there  
was a tremendous cracking in the mill  
buildings No. 1 and 2. The river  
instead of receding as the witnesses  
had said it would do certainly when  
it reached 30 feet it went up with a  
rush to 40 feet and the old part of  
No. 1 and 2 went down. The other  
sections of the building gave away  
rapidly and the entire structure went  
down with a great crash that the  
mill people say could be heard for  
miles.

A small section of the building is  
still standing but the force of the  
waters has utterly destroyed every-  
thing on the small part of the build-  
ing that was left standing.

#### OTHER MILL FOLLOWS.

The mill No. 3 was the last one to  
go and a part of the structure was  
left standing that it is thought can  
be restored. The end of the mill  
nearest the town is wrecked, the  
slasher room, engine room and boiler  
room are also gone and Mr. Victor  
Montgomery, the president of the  
mill, has already made arrangements  
to sell some of the machinery for old  
junk.

#### RAILROAD WASHED AWAY.

The branch of the Southern rail-  
way that passes the mill has been  
washed away, a freight car that was  
standing in the rear of the mill No. 1  
and 2 was picked up by the waters  
and turned over at the foot of the  
road despite the fact that it was  
loaded as if it were a dry goods box.  
The work of recovering the bales of  
cotton that were floating about in

the eddies was begun as soon as the  
waters began to recede at about noon.  
ENOUGH TO PROSTRATE HIM.

Victor Montgomery, the president  
of the mills, was almost prostrated  
when he was informed of the disaster  
in Spartanburg this morning. Com-  
ing so soon after the Gamesville  
disaster it naturally strongly affected  
him, but he was about the scene of  
the disaster here early today, trying  
to get some order out of the fright-  
ful chaos. It has been a difficult  
task with the operatives however.  
The fact of being thrown out of  
work indefinitely has made many of  
them desperate, and unless succor is  
sent there their sufferings will be  
great.

#### THE CORPORATIONS.

The Montgomery mills were  
among the most prosperous in the  
country, the stock being quoted at  
100. It has been the purpose of the  
management to keep the mills going  
at full force all summer, as much to  
keep the operatives' organization in-  
tact as for any other reason, and the  
calamity coming as it has will per-  
force of necessity work endless in-  
jury to all concerned, and the fear  
in the hearts of the village people  
here is still great, not only for the  
trouble by the loss of wages that  
must be theirs, but because of the  
ominous outlook here.

#### The Clifton Disaster.

Clifton, Spartanburg County, June  
6.—At gray dawn this morning there  
was nothing to excite fear. But  
this condition of security was of  
short duration. A few minutes after  
5 o'clock it was noticed that the  
Pacolet river was rising—and rising  
rapidly. Somewhere up in the moun-  
tains the clouds had delivered them-  
selves of a vast burden of water, and  
this came rolling down by the mil-  
lions of tons. The terrific force of  
such a flood cannot be described.  
The river sprang up by bounds. A  
foot, two feet, ten feet, twenty feet—  
would it ever stop its wild, fearful  
course? Thirty feet! Here at last  
it paused. But in the brief hour of  
its flooding what damage had been  
suffered!

The yellow waters from the clay  
hills curled over and through the  
great mills; it dashed against the  
homes of the operatives, and rushed  
through the village streets. Rising  
higher and higher, it ground houses  
from their foundations, and it dashed  
with inconceivable force against the  
fortress-like masonry of the giant  
factories—the pride of eastern Spar-  
tanburg.

#### DIED IN THEIR HOUSES.

In the houses that were carried  
away were living human beings.  
Some clung to the floating houses;  
some got on trees. Men waded and  
swam to the rescue. And there were  
brave deeds in this hour of terrifying  
peril. How many have been lost it  
cannot now be stated—not less than  
ten nor more than fifty. Fortu-  
nately, the village houses were mostly  
out of the reach of the flood's strength,  
but as it was 80 or 100 of them were  
carried away.

#### SUCH DISASTER NOT DREAMED OF.

When these great mills were built  
the idea was never conceived that  
they would ever be unsafe. They  
seemed built to stand till the bricks  
were crumbled by the slow process  
of time. But then such floods as  
this were never dreamed of. The  
huge Converse mill, with 51,000  
spindles, could not withstand the  
battering of the waters. Time and  
time again the weight of a thousand  
tons were hurled against it, and  
finally it began to crack and crum-  
ble and became a total wreck.

Half of the Dexter mill, with 30,  
000 spindles, is gone.

Half of the Clifton mill, in which  
there were 27,000 spindles, is a  
wreck. These mills were all the  
property of the Clifton Manufac-  
turing company.

The people of Clifton were thrown  
into a panic. When the many ut-  
terly dependent on these factories  
for the support of their families saw  
them crumble, they were brought  
face to face with starvation. Their  
distress was great.

#### HELP IS NEEDED.

Help is needed in Clifton. There  
are five hundred people without  
homes and four thousand without  
means of buying bread. It will be  
many months before they can be  
given work here. But, without look-  
ing into the future, there is necessity  
for immediate aid.

Rev. J. A. Snyder will receive and  
turn over to an aid committee any  
money that is forwarded.

#### Topography of the Country.

The splendid water powers which  
have brought the great cluster of  
cotton mills to the Piedmont coun-  
ty of South Carolina have now brought  
injury and destruction to these in-  
dustries, loss to their owners and  
suffering to their operatives. A  
series of rivers runs down from the  
mountains of North Carolina, gradu-  
ally merging until in the middle  
section they form the great streams  
of the low country.

First on the east is Pacolet river,  
which runs east of Spartanburg  
and west of Gaffney. Between these  
towns the Southern's main line

crosses it at Clifton, where the big  
bridge was washed away. Above  
Clifton on the river is the old Fin-  
gerville mill and at Clifton is the  
cluster of mills which represent the  
energy of the late D. E. Converse.

Fourteen miles lower down, just  
two miles to the west of the South  
ern's line from Spartanburg to Col-  
umbia, are the Pacolet mills—the  
life work of the late John H. Mont-  
gomery, who lost his life last year  
while inspecting the new Pacolet  
mill at Gamesville, destroyed last  
week by cyclone.

Next to the Pacolet river on the  
west is the South Tyger, whose  
banks for miles are dotted with cot-  
ton mills. Above Greens, between  
Spartanburg and Greenville, is the  
Arlington, now flooded, and just east  
of Greens is Tuckahoe. Also just east  
of Greens the Southern's main line  
crosses the Tyger—the bridge hav-  
ing been washed away.

#### At Spartanburg.

Reports from Spartanburg say the  
disaster is looked upon as almost as  
great as could have been suffered.

The city of Spartanburg is cut off  
from all railroad communications, the  
power house was flooded, and street  
car traffic was stopped for hours.

#### At Greenville.

Two houses were washed away on  
the banks of the Reedy River, but no  
loss of life has been reported.

#### Newry Mill Threatened.

Reports from Calhoun say the  
Seneca River is higher than was ever  
known. Coal cars were run on  
trestles to hold them down. On  
Saturday night the water was up to  
the second floor of the Newry cotton  
mill.

#### Sapphire Dam Broken.

Anderson reports news of the  
breaking of the Sapphire dam, in  
North Carolina just over the line  
from Pickens County, at 12 o'clock  
on Saturday night. If report is true,  
the water will come down Koowee  
River, emptying into Seneca River.

One by one many of the textile  
mills of Philadelphia have acceded  
to the demands of their striking op-  
eratives for a fifty five hour week.

# MIMNAUGH BREAKS THE RECORD THIS WEEK.

Our cash receipts for this week must and will  
double that of any former week. The record  
breaking commences Wednesday morning and  
will continue from day to day until the present  
stock is reduced. Great piles in baskets on  
special bargain tables, and we are naming prices  
next to nothing.

- 2000 yds. Shirting Calicoes, the price to all is 3c, worth 5c.
- 2000 yds. Figured Lawns and Muslins to be sold at 3c, worth 5c.
- 1000 yds. 40 in. Figured Lawns and Muslins to be sold at 5c, worth 10c.
- 1000 Cottonades for men and boys' pants, 8c, worth 12c.
- 2000 yds. piled on center tables, Colored Muslins, Organdies and Swiss 5c, worth 10c.
- 1000 yds. piled on center tables, Colored Muslins Organdies and Dimities, 9c, worth 15c.
- 5000 yds. 36 in. Percales, new styles just landed, only 5c, worth 10c.
- 200 prs. Ladies' Long Lace Mitts worth \$1.00 and \$1.25, now 39c.—only one pair to a customer.
- 100 Ladies' Crash Skirts, nicely made and worth \$1.00, now only 29c.
- 2000 yds. Fine Embroideries and Insertions worth 12c and 15c, for one week only, your choice of the big lot for 8c.
- 100 doz. Turkish Bath Towels (bleached), now only 12c, worth 20c.
- 100 doz. Huck Towels for this sale, your choice 9c, worth 15c.
- 50 gross Pearl Buttons for this sale 5c doz., worth 10c.
- 50 doz. Misses and Children's Fast Black Ribbed Hose 10c a pair, worth 15c.
- 60 doz. Corsets, W. B. and R. & G. for this sale 43c, worth 65c.
- 500 White Quilts to arrive this week which we bought in January for future delivery on a basis of 8c cotton. The mill tried to shirk out of the delivery, but we held them to it.

They were bought at 25 per cent. less than we could buy them today. We place the big lot on table; your choice for 93c each, they are worth \$1.50 each.

#### Wash Goods Plumes.

A big pile of Wash Goods slightly soiled, and not a piece in the lot that is not worth 15c, 20c and 25c, your choice for 10c yard.

## Men's and Boys' Clothing.

Gentlemen it will pay you to attend this sale. See the Black Clay Worsted and Serge Suits we will sell for \$6, worth \$10. See the \$7.50 Suit we throw on sale; it is worth \$12.50. See the handsome custom made Suits we are selling at \$8.50, worth \$15. You can pick up a suit for your boy at a bargain in this sale. 300 prs. Boys' Knee Pants for this sale 24c, worth 30c. 300 prs. Men's Pants, worth all over town \$1.50 and \$2, now only 98c pair.

## The Summer Shoe Sale.

300 prs. Ladies' Slippers for this special sale 65c, worth \$1. 200 prs. Ladies' Slippers, Drew Selby & Co., for this special sale 90c, worth \$1.50. 100 prs. Men's Low Cut Shoes for this sale 98c, worth \$1.75. 200 Childs' Slippers at first cost.

For this week, every Hat in the Millinery Department to go at Cut Prices. 100 doz. Ladies' Sailors, your choice 25c, worth 50c.

**MIMNAUGH** Sells it for Less. Everything Men, Women and Children wear.

# MIMNAUGH'S, The Leading Store of Newberry South Carolina.