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## Terrible Havoc Feared from Floods Upper Carolina was Deluged Tuesday

### RAINFALL TUESDAY NIGHT WAS TERRIFIC.

#### All Passenger Traffic Annulled Through Here. Telephone and Telegraph Wires Down--Some Grave Reports from Columbia and Augusta.

The rain wrought by the flood of Tuesday surpasses anything that has ever happened in this part of the country. The damage is simply stupendous. The loss of life is appalling. It is a wonder, however, with such a flood that the loss of life is not even greater.

Savannah is on a terrible rampage. It has washed away every railroad trestle on it in this part of the State. The country about Savannah cannot be heard from.

The Savannah valley branch of the C. & W. C. road has suffered great loss. Every trestle of importance from Anderson to McCormick is washed away.

The Southern road has made no estimate of the damage done its lines. At least 30 miles of the road has been under water, and part of it is still under water.

A telegraphic communication from the State this morning states that it is not known just when business will be resumed on the railroads.

The fact that the Seaboard follows no ridge in this part of the country renders it especially susceptible to damage; and it has received its share of the damage in the flood of Tuesday. No trains are running on the line here except a car to Greenwood and to Calhoun Falls.

It is reported that the Pacolet Mills are gone but the report has not been substantiated as yet. It would not be surprising however to hear that many mills were gone in view of the extraordinary high water.

#### Nine Mules Drowned at the Falls.

Mr. Brough, son of Mr. William Brough who lives near Calhoun Falls, came by the Island and left a mule together with eight others on last Tuesday. Mr. Brough was on his way to the Falls to vote. When he returned to the Island the mules were all drowned.

The river was never known to rise so rapidly before. Great damage was done to the dam at Gregg Shoals and it will be many days before the Power Company can resume operations.

The local steam power of the city plant seems insufficient to the work. It is overtaxed.

#### Six Passengers get through to Atlanta.

Yesterday six passengers left here for Atlanta, among the number was Mr. Perrin Quarles. When they reached Savannah they took to a batteau and landed safely on the island. Before making the rest of the way across the river one of the six made a dive into a valise and brought a pint of bracer. Two of the number took the tonic and passed what was left to the manager of the boat who drained it and squeezed the bottle.

The sextette reached the Georgia side safely and took buggies to Elberton. Service has been resumed between Elberton and Atlanta.

#### County Lost \$35,000 in Bridges

The County is loser by 18 bridges of importance, valued at from \$1,000 to \$4,000.

Such a catastrophe has not overtaken the County in fifty years.

This does not include small bridges which would amount to an immense sum alone.

Damages to crops are as great. The damage cannot be estimated at present.

#### J. L. McMillan Suffers Heavy Loss.

Mr. J. L. McMillan who has been running a brick yard at Dysons, Greenwood County, lost heavily by the recent floods. His brickyard was on a knoll near the station. The swollen river ran over the top of a kiln of green brick, 400,000 in number, destroying the whole. All of his wood was also washed away. It is thought that he is damaged about \$2,000.

Water was three feet deep in the store rooms at Dysons and much of the railroad track submerged.

#### Savannah 10 Miles Wide.

It is stated authoritatively that at some places near Augusta, Ga., the Savannah River was 10 miles wide yesterday. There is absolutely no way to calculate the great damage that has been done. Not only the bottom corn is washed away but in many places the rivers have gone up on the hillsides and washed away cotton. This may sound strange but it is a fact.

Near Bradleys Mill Long Cane creek ran up Reedy Branch and flowed over a valley and back into the Creek, making an island of about 300 acres in size.

Long Cane, however, was not quite as high as it was in 1888. It was just about one and one-half feet lower than it was in 1888.

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All Agents,

Effect to morrow morning we will arrange one passenger service between Monroe and Calhoun Falls, train leaves Monroe as No 33 on time to Saluda River

where we will transfer passengers and mail, leave Cross Hill at 3 P.M. for Monroe; instruct all that we will not attempt to transfer baggage and express over Saluda River. We will not be able to give you any positive time as to when this train will pass each station as it will be operated on very slow schedule and will make all stops. As information, we understand that the Southern Railway is open between Washington and Atlanta, we are unable to transfer at Savannah river yet; our trains are running from Elberton Ga., to Atlanta, Ga.

W. A. G.

#### AUGUSTA ABLAZE.

##### Fire Follows Flood in Fated City.

Word comes by way of Washington, Georgia, through a rural carrier, to Mt. Carmel that Augusta has been almost destroyed by fire. It seems that the fire originated in J. B. White's store.

The pumping plant was under water and the city was left to the devouring flames. Damage from both disasters estimated at five million dollars.

J. B. White's store and the Albion Hotel are among the houses destroyed by fire.

Loss of life not learned.

The Press and Banner is indebted to Mr. J. H. Ramey for this information.

#### Little River Ten Feet Higher than Was Ever Known.

Mr. L. P. Harkness of Antreville, was in the city today and states that such a cataclysm as happened on Monday and Tuesday past was never known before. He states that Mr. Zeke Norris who is 80 odd years old and has lived in the neighborhood all his life does not remember of seeing any water that would approach the high water of Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Harkness stated authoritatively that Little river was ten feet higher than it has been in the history of the ten oldest settlers.

#### Aiken Elected.

Returns received up to this time in the race for Congress Third District indicate a majority of 2300 to 2500 for Aiken. The vote for Mr. Aiken in Abbeville County was most flattering, and his appreciation of this endorsement of his work by his home folks seems to give him the greatest satisfaction.

#### Government Asks a Rehearing Against Standard Oil Co.

Contents that Landis was justified in assessing that twenty-nine millions fine and that Grosscup erred when he reversed trial court.

### Democratic Primary Election, August 25, 1908.

PRECINCT.	House of Representatives.										Auditor.	Sheriff.	Supervisor.	Treasurer.	Supt. Educa.	Coroner.	Magistrate.													
	W. A. Aiken.	J. L. Cooper.	M. G. Donnal.	J. B. Hollaway.	J. A. Keller.	J. Moore Mar.	G. N. Nichols.	W. O. Sturkey.	R. D. Purdy.	Richard Bondley.																				
Due West.....	54	13	68	9	14	51	4	28	89	36	25	68	22	43	55	9	10	45	18	44	7	17	28	41	10	1	39	18	.....	
Abbeville Cotton Mills.....	79	18	95	85	11	34	58	2	84	9	2	95	39	58	86	10	68	15	9	17	17	61	24	70	71	.....	7	17	31	58
Abbeville Railroad Shops.....	41	8	47	80	4	8	6	4	37	30	1	46	3	44	89	6	10	5	30	12	22	12	3	44	14	4	.....	27	26	21
Abbeville No. 1.....	193	19	219	76	65	67	78	42	164	119	27	217	72	145	164	50	86	76	57	76	84	58	82	134	102	7	38	120	100	116
Abbeville No. 2.....	208	29	239	113	112	70	69	45	182	92	33	289	100	132	172	69	99	79	60	70	105	66	83	157	100	3	38	104	120	110
Donalds.....	71	85	106	58	57	48	19	25	65	17	22	107	18	88	92	12	11	79	13	84	57	23	61	43	24	2	45	36	.....	.....
Cold Spring.....	19	.....	.....	17	19	.....	2	1	16	9	.....	.....	11	9	11	7	8	9	4	3	9	10	9	11	.....	4	4	.....	.....	
Central.....	23	18	43	23	15	11	11	1	35	14	7	.....	31	19	35	7	4	35	4	10	17	16	16	97	97	.....	4	9	.....	.....
McCormick.....	172	29	.....	46	43	45	96	94	106	49	128	209	86	164	178	22	66	129	10	124	37	85	167	38	98	70	15	78	.....	.....
Lebanon.....	42	2	44	19	27	18	11	8	36	16	1	43	18	25	33	8	6	82	24	10	10	31	32	7	9	.....	84	40	11	11
Catworth's Cross Roads.....	47	7	.....	30	21	18	31	5	39	14	8	.....	32	94	46	11	29	18	6	48	5	2	14	42	12	1	3	40	.....	.....
Young's School House.....	17	1	.....	10	10	10	4	1	15	7	1	.....	9	11	17	8	6	9	1	18	1	1	14	6	2	.....	16	.....	.....	
Rock Spring.....	7	8	.....	6	6	.....	6	8	8	.....	8	.....	2	8	10	.....	1	3	6	5	.....	5	8	2	8	1	1	1	.....	.....
Keowee.....	39	4	.....	82	8	12	12	.....	17	16	1	.....	11	22	32	1	19	11	8	24	6	3	10	23	17	.....	13	3	.....	.....
Hampton.....	11	6	17	15	2	1	.....	15	3	.....	.....	.....	12	5	17	.....	7	6	4	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	2	9	8	.....	.....
Level Land.....	38	4	43	37	38	6	7	3	84	9	2	42	25	17	37	8	14	20	3	28	3	12	9	84	18	.....	12	13	.....	.....
Means Chapel.....	20	3	28	18	22	.....	2	1	22	2	2	28	6	16	18	4	6	13	4	4	6	12	8	15	7	.....	4	12	.....	.....
Mt. Carmel.....	36	6	58	10	6	6	8	80	44	14	32	53	27	24	41	15	19	30	4	31	16	7	16	37	4	82	1	16	.....	.....
Willington.....	37	8	40	12	2	17	6	10	29	14	20	40	4	85	40	.....	14	23	3	24	10	.....	20	10	1	80	2	7	.....	.....
Antreville.....	46	14	60	81	33	17	15	14	44	12	7	60	25	35	42	18	36	18	6	19	13	18	33	27	24	2	12	21	.....	.....
Calhoun Falls.....	36	15	50	27	11	7	11	26	27	17	24	50	18	30	32	17	19	28	9	18	17	14	14	35	3	7	4	36	.....	.....
Mountain View.....	6	13	15	10	10	4	2	9	3	4	12	19	13	6	10	9	8	5	6	9	4	5	2	12	1	2	5	11	.....	.....
Lowndesville.....	45	51	97	28	22	55	36	13	65	60	24	78	20	72	83	12	58	80	9	80	40	19	45	58	14	2	56	26	.....	.....
Total.....	1289	282	1617	747	574	600	486	376	1123	568	397	1032	500	1025	1306	287	608	711	299	724	484	409	700	912	477	170	317	652	.....	.....

### National and State Elections.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 28th, 1908.

Following is a summary of the vote for United States Senator, State Officers, Congressmen and Solicitors:

United States Senator—Evans 25,352, Grace 1,552, Johnstone 12,828, Lumpkin 3,478, Martin 6,120, Rhett 21,619, Smith 27,941.

Governor—Ansel 58,277, Blease 39,103.

Comptroller General—Brooker 23,077, Jones 74,883.

Adjutant General—Boyd 56,201, Thompson 41,594.

Superintendent of Education—Elmore 29,094, Mellichamp 31,254, Swearingen 38,021.

Railroad Commissioner—Caughman 29,918, Cansler 22,988, Fishborne 9,467, Richardson 10,741, Summersett 22,302.

Congress Third District—Aiken 8,537, Boggs 6,767.

Fifth District—Finley 6,805, Butler 4,207, Pollock 3,626.

Second District—Patterson 8,981, Smith 2,396.

Solicitors: Second Circuit—Byrnes 4,125, Davis 1,756, Graham 1,084.

Third—McLaughlin 2,857, Stoll 3,054, Stuckey 1,890.

Fifth—Cobb 2,044, Rembert 1626, Bunett 1,307, Clarke 917.

Ninth—Purifoy 5,545, Jervey 3,127.

Tenth—Dagnall 1,787, Long 2,924, McSwain 3,704, Bonham 2,540.

Twelfth—Clayton 784, Quattlebaum 2,602, Sellers 2,405, Wells 4,897.

Ellerbe and Ragsdale run over for Congress.

Can't say when train services will be resumed.—The State.

#### Flood Bulletin from Washington.

Washington, Aug. 26.—The weather bureau at 10 o'clock to-night 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 report 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 ten 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 also above flood stage and high water will be experienced in the Alabama River during much of September."

### Result of the Primary Abbeville County---State and National Ticket.

U. S. Senate—Evans.....	448
Grace.....	2
Johnson.....	384
Lumpkins.....	22
Martin.....	28
Rhett.....	330
Smith.....	412
Governor—Ansel.....	1074
Bleas.....	552
Lieut. Governor—McLeod.....	1635
Secretary of State—McCown.....	1636
Comp. General—Brooker.....	164
Jones.....	1468
Treasurer—Jennings.....	1637
Adj. and Inspec. Gen—Boyd.....	1104
Thompson.....	52
Supt. Education—Elmore.....	282
Mellichamp.....	146
Swearingen.....	1187
Atty. General—Lyon.....	1598
R. R. Commissioner—Cansler.....	717
Caughman.....	203
Fishburn.....	63
Richardson.....	178
Summersett.....	429

The above is the official total.