

BLIZZARD HITS WEST; FLOODS IN SOUTHEAST

Deep Snowdrifts Block Railroads and Highways—Telephone Service Demoralized

BRIDGES WASHED AWAY IN GEORGIA

Lower Section of Chattanooga Under Water—Many Families Forced to Quit Home.

Kansas City, Ark., April 4.—Railroads and highways are blocked by deep snowdrifts, rural telephone service is demoralized, and live stock is suffering from a blizzard which swept Kansas, Nebraska, the Texas panhandle, Northern Oklahoma and Missouri last night and today.

Tonight all trains able to move were running hours late and several trains were reported bound in by heavy drifts. The temperature was several degrees below freezing.

Forecasters declared a probable rapid rise in temperature, accompanied by melting of the snow may send many streams out of their banks.

Families Forced to Move.

Chattanooga, April 4.—The Tennessee river had reached a stage of 42.8 feet here tonight, was steadily rising and promised to reach the crest of 43 1-2 feet before morning.

All during the hours of last night and today families were being moved from their homes as the flood waters inundated the lower part of the city. All that section including the baseball park and the acres of low lands north of Orchard Knob, was covered by many feet of water, and the residents most of them negroes, were busy moving out all during the day. In the southern part of the city many residences were entirely submerged, while families could be seen lounging on their porches at many places with the water literally lapping over the sills. In this section also several industrial plants were inundated. All the brick manufacturing plants along the river have been forced to shut down.

Travel by the main pike to Lookout Mountain and St. Elmo has been halted by an overflow at the latter suburb while all roadways leading to Signal Mountain are submerged.

Valdosta, Ga., April 4.—Heavy damage was done to crops in this section today by the heaviest rain known here in years. From 8 a. m. to 5 o'clock three and a half inches of water fell. Low lands are flooded, bridges washed away and truck farms badly washed.

Heavy Rainfall.

Waycross, Ga., April 4.—Heavy damage in the aggregate to crops, roads and bridges in this section has been caused by more than three and a half inches of rain here within the last twenty-four hours.

Mississippi River Up

Vicksburg, Miss., April 4.—Day and night patrolling of the levees in the third Mississippi river district began today when the high water in the Mississippi passed the forty-five foot mark and the flood stage here.

The river continues to rise at the rate of seven-tenths of a foot each twenty-four hours and while a stage of fifty-one feet was forecast for this point it is now believed that with the recent rains and the flooded condition of all tributary streams a much higher mark will be reached. All of the government levee crews are at their stations and repairs are being made to all points damaged by the recent rains. A large acreage of cultivated land between the Red river and the Arkansas river is under water and all local boats are busy removing live stock and personal effects to the city.

Heavy Fall of Snow.

Chicago, April 4.—Northern Illinois and portions of Indiana and Michigan today and tonight were in the grip of a blizzard accompanied by gales and a heavy fall of snow.

The storm struck Chicago territory early today between three and four inches of snow falling during the day but was not expected by the weather bureau to continue through the night. The temperature remained around 30 degrees above zero.

Train Service Demoralized

Lincoln, Neb., April 4.—The almost unprecedented stor m which swept the

SCHOOL TRUSTEES TO HOLD MEETING

The trustees of the schools and the teachers will meet at the Court House on next Saturday at 12 o'clock. Address of business will be made by Miss Will Lou Gray, Supervisor of Adult School, and state superintendent. The general public is also invited to be present.

School finances will have a prominent place in the discussions of the school meeting on next Saturday. Increased salaries of the past year or so have exhausted practically all accumulated balances. Further increases in salaries another year will likely meet the situation squarely will have short terms and less efficient teachers.

With the liberal appropriations made by the recent legislature for education it behooves every district to learn how to get its share. Attend this meeting and learn how.

Not a more important meeting can be held than the one scheduled for next Saturday of the teachers and trustees as matters of great importance are to come up and each district school be represented.

State Supt. of Education J. E. Swearingen will discuss district finances next Saturday. If Clarendon County is to get its proper share of State appropriations from the general taxes then we must meet the legal requirements. Come and find out what these conditions are.

Everybody invited to the meeting here Saturday.

NOTICE

The next examination for securing Teachers' Certificates will be held at the Court House on Saturday, May 1st, 1920, beginning at 9 o'clock. A great shortage of teachers has existed the past year, and we want as many applicants as possible to help supply the deficiency. This is the last examination under the old law. Henceforth a State Board of Examiners, will pass upon the applicants fitness. Remember Saturday, May 1st 1920. E. J. Browne, Co. Supt. Education.

DAVIS STATION NOTES

The Easter egg guessing contest in the school was a very enjoyable feature for Easter which was held on Friday afternoon.

The Easter exercise of the Sunday school was not only largely attended but an occasion which all look forward to with great pleasure.

Prof. Melon spent the week-end at Sardinia.

Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Henderson of Elliotts, Sumter County spent last week with friends and relatives.

Mr. Raffield of Alcolu spent last Sunday with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Stukes have returned from a visit to Charleston.

Mrs. Chandler formerly Miss Ruth Hinnant, of Lanes is visiting her sister, Mrs. Eugene Davis.

Mr. Hinnal of Honey Hill spent the week end with relatives.

Mr. E. W. Shorter spent the week end at Alcolu.

Quite a large crowd from Manning passed through here last week on their way to Sumter to fish.

WOMAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Atlanta, April 5.—Mrs. Catherine Bradstreet, indicted with Wm. B. Green, former vice president of the Bank of Fairburn, who recently was convicted of embezzlement, attempted to commit suicide tonight, according to the police, when they arrested her at the home of her father.

"I won't go, I won't go," the woman shouted, according to the police, when informed that her bondsmen had withdrawn their security and that she must go to jail. She then seized a long kitchen knife and attempted to cut her throat. The father, husband and the police together took the knife away the police reported, before the woman did herself any harm. She is to be tried at the August term of court in Fairburn. Infatuation of Green for the woman was said by the defense to have caused him to take money from the bank.

Lunacy proceedings was started against Green last night by his brother were altered, today by Superior Court Judge Hutchison, who held that since Green had been convicted and sentenced, the ordinary had no jurisdiction in the case. This will be fought out at a hearing April 17. Green is under a five year sentence.

Southeast and South Central sections of Nebraska abated early today and with higher temperatures today the snowdrifts, in many places four to six feet deep, were disappearing. Train service was still demoralized tonight but main lines of all railroads were opened during the day.

HAPPENINGS OF 26 YEARS AGO

Mrs. E. D. Harvin is improving slowly.

Mrs. Lizzie McClenaghan of Sumter, is visiting her parents in Manning.

A calvary company is to be organized in Salem.

Mrs. M. O. Burgess has received her usual supply of millinery goods and offers them to the ladies of Clarendon at the very lowest cash prices.

Capt. W. C. Davis is now in Boonsville, Tenn., and expects to return home about May 1st.

Misses Julia and Bessie Barron of Alabama, are visiting Col. B. P. Barron's family.

Mr. Harry Leard and wife of Chester, were in Manning last week on a visit to the family of Mr. G. H. Huggins.

Dr. L. W. Nettles of Foreston, went to Columbia Tuesday to attend the meeting of the State Medical Board, of which he is a member.

The latest curiosity in Salem is a pig on Mr. R. P. Morris' place that has five feet.

The fish are biting at Scott's and Brewington lakes.

Dispenser Ervin under instruction from State Commissioner Traxler took an inventory of the amount of stock on hand and it footed up \$900.

The dispensaries at Aiken and Sumter were entered and robbed last Monday night.

Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. B. W. DesChamps and Miss Lizzie Fairry at Andrews Chapel on Wednesday evening, May 2nd. This will be quite an event as the couple are very popular.

10 ARE DROWNED IN SAVANNAH RIVER

Eleven-Year-Old Boy Only Survivor—Harper's Ferry Scene of Tragedy

Abbeville, April 5.—Completely overshadowing the trial of the Gossett boys here this morning is the news of one of the most terrible tragedies in the history of Abbeville County, the drowning of ten persons in the Savannah river, at Harper's Ferry, four miles east of Lowndesville, Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. According to the early reports which reached here this morning, a party of eleven persons set out to cross from the South Carolina side to the Georgia side on the ferry. The river was up seven or eight feet and the swollen waters were known to be dangerous, but it was believed that the ferry was in good condition.

About half-way over the wire cable to which the ferry flat boat is connected, and which holds it, broke and the frail flat boat was swept out into the raging waters of the Savannah.

Out of the entire party of eleven only one was saved. This was a young boy named Bradshaw. Bradshaw, it is stated, saved himself, but details of his escape are lacking.

As received here this morning the list of the drowned includes: Mr. Lester Bradshaw, ferryman; Mrs. Lester Waters, Miss Lucy Bradshaw, 18; Miss Allie May Bradshaw, 15; Alfred Sutherland, 18; Miss Alice Meschins, 15; Charles Meschins, 19; Robert Manning, 20; Inez Manning, 9; Annie Manning, 15. Mr. and Mrs. Waters had been married only a month. Mrs. Waters was a Miss Scoggins of Abbeville.

The auction sale of a part of the estate of M. Levi attracted a crowd of spirited bidders here today. The following property was sold: The wooden buildings on lower Loyce street was bid in by F. C. Thomas, the garage now occupied by Thomas-Weatherford Co., was bought by S. I. Harvin, Harvin Motor Co., building was bought by F. C. Thomas, the lots fronting on church street was bought by S. I. Harvin. The Jenkinson store was withdrawn from the sale. The Manning Grocery Co., building was bought by Jos. S. Dickson.

WHAT OUR COUNTY FARMERS ARE DOING

Mr. Marion O. Evans of New Zion has almost all his spring work done. Has his cotton, cane, and corn planted and the corn is already up in a fine stand. His tobacco plants are also doing very nicely and he reports little loss of tobacco plants due to adverse weather conditions. Mr. Evans expects to plant 12 acres in tobacco and has cut down his cotton acreage. A great many more farmers of Clarendon should cut down their cotton acreage for the boll weevil will if they won't.

Well, he blew 'em up all right. Passed by Mr. T. H. McFaddin's place at Gable last Thursday and found him busy blowing out stumps. As the ground was very wet he had ideal conditions for this work and the larger stumps he easily raised with the two sticks while the smaller stumps were boosted high with only one stick. One stump on its way up leaned against his new fence a little too hard and made the fence look as if it had had a bad day. Anyway Mr. McFaddin can now get in that field with his tractor and fix it up in short order and instead of working around stumps he will now carry more money to the bank, to say nothing of the better appearance his farm presents.

Mr. W. S. Scurry near Manning is building a new house, which will be larger and more convenient than his old home. When Mr. Scurry moves into his new home and finds how handy it is he will wonder why he didn't do this before. Mr. Scurry has some very fine Duroc hogs on his farm and he knows as everyone does, that purebred livestock and substantial, well-kept homes go together, so he concluded he had better get busy and build a good house.

Sardinia and New Zion are fortunate in each having a progressive dairy cattle man. Mr. W. N. Rush at Sardinia and Dr. C. E. Gamble at New Zion, each have a purebred Guernsey bull. Mr. Rush is doing a regular dairy business with six fine cows, several purebred. Farmers should take advantage of the opportunity of using such fine bulls for not every section in Clarendon is so fortunate. We need more men like these in Clarendon, for Clarendon needs more good dairy cattle. Look what a Bull Association did for Darlington county.

If you want to see a half mile of good, substantial fence, take a ride out the Summertown road past Mr. Alvin Rigby's farm. Mr. Rigby used cypress posts, American woven wire fence with one barbed wire on top. The woven wire is about 47 inches high and makes a good fence. Now when Mr. Rigby gets his whole farm fenced you will soon be able to see some fine stock for no man would think of putting a bunch of scrubs inside of such a fence, especially along such a much travelled road. Besides scrub stock wouldn't pay back the price of his fence in less than one hundred years, but after that they might bring in some money. Here is one man getting ready for the boll weevil. More farmers should do likewise before it is too late.

While I am talking about fence I might as well tell you that Mr. R. D. Clark has a regular fence on his place near Manning on the Jordan road. His fence is 47 inches high and made of all No. 9 wire, with one barbed wire on top. That is a fence that will be there longer than Mr. Clark will own the farm and then some. Any animal that is outside cannot get in unless through a gate, nor can his stock get out except by the same means, for that fence will not break nor bend. When buying fence it always pays to get good fence, especially the fence that goes around the farm; cross fences can be lower and of lighter weight and still give good service.

Have you noticed the individual farrowing houses as you drove past that have been built at the Bradham Duroc Farm. With each house goes a small plot of ground which now has a fine stand of rye on it and which furnishes fine grazing for the sows. This is the correct way to raise pigs. Keep each litter in its own back yard until they are at least several weeks old and furnish them with something green. At farrowing time sows should always be taken away from the herd and be provided with shelter and this is about the best way of doing it. Stop in and see how the houses are built and then go home and build some like them. They pay.

A carload of wire fencing that was ordered cooperatively by a number of farmers in the Wire Fencing Campaign arrived at Manning and was delivered to the purchasers on Monday and Tuesday. This wire arrived at a very busy time of year and most farmers cannot stop to build fence now. It will keep until they are ready and when put up Clarendon county will have at least ten miles more fence than it has now. Fourteen farmers made up orders for the carload so that is fourteen more men who are getting ready for the boll weevil. Well, every little bit helps and if a boll weevil flies low enough he will strike more than one fence before he gets across the county.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION IN GOOD SHAPE

The Association held its annual meeting Wednesday March 31st. From the written reports of the officers we find we have had a very successful year.

A good many new names have been added to the roll. Have had water put in building at a cost of one hundred and thirty-six dollars. Some other needed repairs on building. The committee appointed to have building repaired, reported an impossibility of securing workman so that committee will be retained until work can be done. Have purchased twenty-five dollars worth of new books. Mrs. H. L. Barnett left a fund with the librarian, to be used for those that are shut in. Any member of the Library association, knowing of any one shut in, are at liberty to get books from the library for their use, thanks to Mrs. Barnett's liberality. A motion was made and carried that the librarian act as secretary, so that books may always be in library, for inspection of members of the association. The time of monthly meetings was changed from Monday to Wednesday, so we will be glad to see a large number present the last Wednesday in each month. The officers elected to serve this year: Mrs. W. P. Legg, president; Mrs. E. I. Wilkins, vice-president; Mrs. Carlisle Bradham, Treasurer; Mrs. J. Furman Bradham was elected delegate to represent the Library at the South Carolina Federations of Woman's Clubs to be held at Winthrop College April 21, 22, 23. Hope all of the old members will take a new interest in the work and let this be the best year the library has ever had. As far as my knowledge goes there are few towns the size of Manning with such a nice little building and splendid collection of books. I think every citizen in Manning should be proud of it, and help to maintain it. It is entirely dependent on the fees of the membership to keep its doors open as we have no endowment. The town gives fifty dollars a year to be used on improvements. The members decided to try the plan of leaving a "Story Hour" for the children.

Next Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock we will have the first meeting. Let all members of the association that have children from five to eight years, send them to the library and we promise them a good time if they like to listen to story telling. If the children take hold of this we will publish each week the ages of children expected. We will be glad to have a class each week from high school girls and boys to the little tots.

We have ordered some tables for the library and as soon as they come will fix up the reading rooms. The public invited to use these rooms and books when library is open.

CLEMSON NOTES

Clemson College, S. C., April 4, 1920. Baseball practice is now in full running at Clemson. Mr. Elbert S. Hodge of the Home Branch section of Clarendon county is showing up good in practice. The baseball season at Clemson opened on the second of April. Clemson was defeated by the University of Georgia in two games. The games were played on the second and third of April. The score of the first game was 6 to 2, and the second 3 to 0.

Gen. C. Irvine Matker, commander-in-chief of the confederate veterans, gave a very interesting talk Wednesday evening. His subject was, "The Gruther of the Confederacy. General Matker saw four years of active service into the Confederate army.

Three new professors have been elected to serve on the faculty. They are Messrs. J. G. Tarbot of Georgetown, H. H. Willis of Spartanburg, and E. M. Bostic. Two of our Clemson professors have given up teaching to form the Carolina Plant and Seed Co. at Laurens. Those two are E. E. Hall and L. O. Watson, both were instructors in the agricultural department.

The G. W. C. Glee Club gave a very interesting entertainment Saturday night, April the third.

The Clemson College swimming team will hold a contest with Georgia Tech in the near future. Tech will name to put forth her first efforts for Clemson has a number one swimming team.

\$6420 was raised by the College as her share of the fund which is being raised for the purpose of erecting a monument which will be America's gift to France.

A number of farmers have asked me lately whether they had to take a shipment of stock tonic out of the depot if they did not want to. I told them no. From all reports I can get some tonics are misrepresented to the farmers, the sellers claiming they will cure hog cholera and prevent hog cholera, as well as kill worms and various other things. If a man came to me and told me his stock tonic would cure cholera that statement would 'cure' me of him at once. The tonic may kill worms, etc., but when a man starts out with a statement like that I wouldn't believe another thing he had to say. At the outset he brands himself as a faker.

A. M. Musser, County Agent.

HUNS FORCE ADVANCE IN THE RUHR REGION

200 Men Killed in Fresh Fighting—Situation in Grave—France Declares German Troop Move Is Entirely Uncalled For.

Will Occupy Frankfort. Mayence, April 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French troops will occupy Frankfort early tomorrow morning. Some detachments have already started.

200 Men Killed Berlin, April 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—The government forces have lost 200 men killed in fresh fighting in the triangle formed by Duisburg, Dortmund and Essen, according to official information given the correspondent this morning. Except in this triangle quiet gradually is being restored in the Ruhr district.

Advance Continues. Dusseldorf, April 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—The advance of the Reichswehr in the Ruhr region continues and Oberhausen, Dortmund and Luedenscheid were occupied today. Only a few hundred communists affiliated of the occupation. Communications with the occupied towns have been cut off.

French Attitude Defined.

Paris, April 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—The attitude of the French Government in the present German crisis is defined and explained in a note issued tonight. After reiterating that the government has no hostile designs toward Germany, desiring, on the contrary, the resumption of normal relations with that country, and expressing realization of the difficult situation of the Berlin government, the note declares that the German Government has given way to pressure by the militarist party, "not fearing to infringe the imperative and most solemn stipulations of the Versailles treaty.

"The sequence of facts follows: "The first request for permission for the entry of extra troops into the Ruhr district was made just after the insurgent movement by the military authorities on March 15. It was renewed from Berlin on March 17, in the name of the legitimate government by Von Haniel, who had remained in Berlin with the consent, at least implied, of the insurgent government.

"All information from the Allied missions, and again the day before yesterday, from the high commissioners at Coblenz, does not cease to show that German military intervention is uncalled for by the situation and it would be attended with the gravest dangers from the point of view of security both for the population and the men in the field."

The note then points out that if the German Government had carried out the disarmament clauses of the treaty there would have been neither the Kapp insurrection nor a Red army in the Ruhr, and remarks that articles 42 and 44 are such an indispensable safeguard that article one of the Franco-Anglo-American convention defines as a casus foederis those dispositions insufficient to assure the protection of France. It concludes: "The situation created by the abrupt offensive of the German troops in the Ruhr obliges the French Government today to consider military measures, the execution of which cannot be deferred. The sole object of these measures is to bring Germany to a due respect of the treaty; they are exclusively of a coercive and precautionary character."

D'OLIER GIVES VIEWS

New York, April 5.—Wade H. Hayes state commander of the American Legion tonight made public a letter from Frank D'Olier, national commander at lacking the position of legion officers who oppose the proposed adjustment compensation plan, in opposition to the wishes of veterans they represent. "I must confess" read the letter, "that I have not a great deal of patience with the new type of conscientious objector who feels his responsibility of leadership to such an extent that he is stating what he personally believes his membership ought to do and ought to think, rather than what they really do think and do desire."