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## DAMAGE TO BRIDGES.

Washed Bridges in County Washed Away or Partially Destroyed.

Reports from over the county that seventeen bridges have been washed away or partially destroyed. The places where the material was utilized and the majority of the bridges have been replaced and repaired. The greatest damage was done in Buffalo township where several large bridges over Lynch's river were destroyed. Supervisor West estimates the damage at around \$100,000. The bridges at Wateree section were washed away or partially destroyed as follows:

- Washed Bridges in Buffalo township, fifteen miles northeast of Camden.
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## Mass Meeting Friday.

A mass meeting of the citizens of the county and town was held at the town house here last Friday evening to discuss means of replacing the county bridge over the Wateree river. Many citizens of Kershaw and Bethune met in the Camden people and it was unanimous sentiment of the meeting that the bridge should be replaced as early as possible.

## Mr. Yarbrough Wanted.

Believing that Mr. D. T. Yarbrough would make Kershaw county an excellent representative in the House of Representatives his many friends wish him to make the race. Mr. Yarbrough has never sought public offices and we do not know that he would make the race, but his friends want him and hope he will seriously consider the matter. The time is short, but Mr. Yarbrough being well known throughout the county as a staunch citizen and a thorough going business man, we believe that the mere announcement that he is in the race will be sufficient for him to be a winner.

## Mill Here Gets Charter.

The Wateree Mills, of Camden, with a capital of \$300,000; the Winstons Mills, of Winstons, with a capital of \$350,000, and the Addison Mills, of Edgewood, with a capital of \$750,000, have been granted charters by the secretary of state. The officers of all three of the corporations being: A. L. Scott, president; C. L. Talbot, secretary; H. C. Everett, Jr., treasurer. All of the corporations will run cotton mills.

## Badly Slashed.

Sam Alexander, of Bethune, was brought down Friday and placed in jail by Constable McDowell, having been arrested over in Lee county after having done some bad slashing with a knife. He had a grudge at his wife Addie Alexander and Tony Chestnut, and catching them together proceeded to carve them. The man and woman were brought to the Camden Hospital Tuesday where their wounds were dressed by Drs. Clyburn and McCaskill. The two physicians worked on the patients for five hours and Dr. Clyburn says that he would feel safe in saying they made between five and six hundred stitches in the two victims. Both patients are now considered to be out of danger. The woman had the greater number of wounds, but the man was the most seriously cut.

## County in Good Shape.

Talking with County Supervisor E. West yesterday he told us that the county was in good shape. It now had \$40,000 to pay off the bondholders. He also stated to us that the river has remained at such a level that he had been unable to get enough to the bank to locate a new flat, and that until the water gets back into its bank it will be impossible to locate a place. West and Mr. Geo. T. Little, a tramp up the river yesterday, Mr. Little's property in search of a flat, but they both state that the river appears to have washed as far as is as wide there as at the bridge site. A roadway leading to the destroyed bridge has been badly washed and is impassable except by footmen for a considerable distance. Many small bridges have been placed on the river and some of the young fellows operating them have made quite a neat sum in transferring footmen, free of charge to the West. The boats will have them until further notice. Of the boats will only carry footmen but at that will save those people a neat little sum.

## Work on Seaboard Trestle.

A large force of hands have been steadily night and day on the trestle in an effort to get it in shape for traffic. The river again to a height estimated at thirty-

## TO AID FLOOD REGIONS.

Resolutions in Congress Call for Appropriation of \$800,000.

Washington, July 25.—Appropriations totalling \$800,000 for the relief of storm and flood sufferers in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi are provided in joint resolutions introduced today in the house and referred to the committee on military affairs. The resolutions also authorize the secretary of war to issue quartermasters' and medical supplies to the needy.

The appropriations are divided among the states as follows: North Carolina, \$300,000; South Carolina, \$100,000; Georgia, \$200,000; Alabama and Mississippi, \$200,000.

In addition to these sums \$400,000 is provided for flood sufferers in Georgia and Alabama in resolutions introduced last Friday by Representatives Lee and Burnett. Of this sum \$300,000 would be spent in central Alabama, which recently was flooded, and the remainder would be spent for relief in southwestern Georgia.

Representative Britt introduced for North Carolina and provides for the expenditure of \$300,000 in Buncombe, Henderson, McDowell, Rutherford, Polk, Haywood, Mason, Jackson, Clay, Cherokee, Swain and Transylvania counties. Engineers of the war department now are investigating conditions in the flooded district of the state at the instance of Representative Webb, who has supplied the department with photographs of flood damage and other data which have been sent to him from North Carolina.

The \$100,000 proposed for South Carolina by Representative Whaley would be spent along the Santee river and its tributaries, which went out of their banks last week at the same time western North Carolina was flooded.

Representatives Adams, Howard and Bell were authorities of the resolution for Georgia and they proposed an expenditure of \$100,000 for the Chattahoochee river section and \$100,000 for the Coosa river valley.

The resolution for Mississippi and Alabama was offered by Representative Harrison of Mississippi.

## Two Killed and Two Injured.

Crawfordville, Ga., July 20.—Miss May Caldwell was killed instantly and Gladys Gunn, three years old, died soon after the accident, when a Georgia railway passenger train struck an automobile at Atchison's crossing near here late Wednesday. U. S. Gunn, who was driving the car, and his wife were painfully injured.

## FOR CONGRESS.

We are authorized to announce D. E. Finley for re-election to Congress, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

## Enrollment Fell Short.

Up to the closing of the roll book late Tuesday afternoon 430 names had been enrolled at the Camden precinct. Two years ago 462 names were placed on the club roll. The total enrollment for the entire county in 1914 was 2,747. We have been unable to get figures from any of the other precincts in the county.

## James Whitcomb Riley Dead.

Indianapolis, July 22.—James Whitcomb Riley, Hoosier poet and friend of the children, died about 11 o'clock tonight as the direct result of a heart attack suffered early in the day. The poet appeared to have recovered late in the evening, and his physician gave out the statement at the time that there was nothing alarming in his condition. Later, however, the patient weakened and failed rapidly until the end came.

## Cashier Suicides.

Cheraw, S. C., July 21.—Mack Davis, former cashier of the Peoples bank of Chesterfield, is thought to have committed suicide this morning. He went to the graded school building and is alleged to have shot himself with a shotgun, his body being discovered some hours later. He has been in ill health. He leaves a wife and one child.

## Negro Arrested for Stealing Ox.

Bural Policeman H. B. Boykin Sunday arrested Tom Logan, a negro, for the theft of an ox at a point near Camden. The negro was seen Saturday afternoon some distance above Dalzell and an effort was made to catch him, but he escaped to the woods. Later that night he went to a house to secure something to eat and the officers were notified and came to the place and put him under arrest, bringing him on to Sumter and lodging him in jail.—Sumter Item.

## How They Did It.

The Southern Power Co. made use of a kite in getting their wires across the Catawba river, it is said. A kite was made and put up, letting it go across the river. That string was utilized in taking a larger string across and that for taking a rope. Where there is a will there is a way.—Cherokee News.

## OFFICER KILLED BY CIVILIAN.

Jealous Husband Fires on and Kills Two in Automobile.

Alpine, Tex., July 21.—Mystery surrounds the motive of Harry J. Spann, manager of a local hotel, for shooting and killing his wife and Lieutenant Colonel M. C. Butler, of the 6th United States cavalry, while the three were motoring yesterday evening.

According to an announcement from the county attorney to-night, Spann, who surrendered himself immediately after the shooting, refused to discuss his case and a thorough investigation disclosed no apparent reason for the killing.

The shooting caused much excitement because of the prominence of the Spann family and of Col. Butler. Spann, who was held overnight in the county jail, was taken today to another town, the name of which was not revealed, for safekeeping.

An investigation by local authorities disclosed that Spann was driving his wife and Col. Butler in his car along the main residential street of the town when suddenly he stopped his engine, turned in his seat, drew an automatic pistol and a revolver, and with the one began shooting Col. Butler and with the other his wife.

He calmly emptied both firearms into the bodies of the victims, according to witnesses, and then without haste walked to the Court House and gave himself up.

Apparently Col. Butler was shot first and killed instantly, for persons nearby heard the woman cry out after the shooting had begun, "Harry, don't kill me!" while the officer made no outcry.

Previous to the shooting, Spann had been chatting gaily with friends at the Holland hotel, of which he was manager.

Col. Butler only recently was promoted from the rank of major and had been stationed here in command of the garrison for about two months and had become popular with the townspeople. He lived at the Holland Hotel and he and his wife and nine-year-old son were on intimate terms socially with Mr. and Mrs. Spann, and their five-year-old daughter.

Before being taken away from the local jail, Spann broke down and sobbed bitterly, bemoaning what he termed his "madness." He persisted, however, in his refusal to discuss his reasons for the shooting.

Spann, who is thirty years old, is a native of Hazleton, Pa., where his parents still live. A graduate of musical conservatories in this country and abroad, he was an instructor in music at Baylor University, at Waco, Tex., when he met the daughter of John R. Holland, a cattleman and banker of Alpine, whom he later married. Mrs. Spann was then a student in the University. She was twenty-nine years old and was known as one of the most beautiful women in Texas.

Col. Butler was fifty-two years old and a native of Edgefield, S. C. He was a son of Major Gen. Matthew C. Butler, U. S. A., who was also a major general in the Confederate army and for a number of years was a United States Senator from South Carolina.

Col. Butler's body was sent to Washington to be buried in Arlington National cemetery.

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## PREVIOUS GREAT FLOODS.

History Searched to Find Counterpart of Present Disaster.

There is no detracting from the record-breaking character of the high water throughout this section during the present week. The waters were unquestionably higher than have ever been known by any of the people now living. The Sherman freshet of 1865 has been exceeded, and also the freshets of May 1901, and March 1912. There is nothing on record to compare with this flood unless it be a flood that occurred early in 1791 which as recorded by the Historian Lawson, swelled the Santee river to a perpendicular height of 36 feet. This flood exceeds anything on record unless it be a similar inundation that rushed down Broad and Catawba rivers in January 1796. Dr. Ramsey in his history of South Carolina, says that on this occasion numerous large dwelling houses were carried down the rivers and practically all the bridges from the mountains to the sea were swept away. So great was the flood at the mouth of the Santee river—the name of the stream after the junction of the Broad and Congaree on the one hand and the Catawba and Wateree on the other—that for days the ebbing of the tides were scarcely conceivable. At the same time there was a flood in the Savannah river and the city of Augusta was flooded to a depth of several feet. At Granby, on the Congaree, and at Camden on the Wateree, the water is said to have risen to a height of forty feet. Just above the confluence of the two rivers a stage of twenty-one feet was reached.—Yorkville Enquirer.

## Waded Water to Georgetown.

Mr. C. O. Cooper, of Camden, whose wife was in Georgetown visiting her mother, upon learning of the severe storm which passed over the city last week, started for Georgetown at once and upon reaching Lanes and finding all communication cut off he determined to make the effort to reach the city on foot. After a very rough experience in wading through water shoulder deep he finally reached Georgetown late Saturday evening none the worse for his thirty-six mile tramp.—Georgetown Times.

## Governor Wires for Information.

Senator A. J. Beattie Tuesday received a message from Governor Manning asking if there was any real suffering in this county as a result of the recent floods, and that if the people needed assistance, to wire full particulars. Senator Beattie replied that there had been no case of real suffering brought to his attention, but that communication with a large part of the flooded district had not yet been established, and that he would advise more fully later.

## Sharks Follow Ship.

Philadelphia, July 20.—Hundreds of sharks, some 14 and 15 feet long, were sighted off the Virginia coast by the British steamship Copas. The hungry monsters followed so close all the way into the Delaware Cape that sailors hit many with blocks of wood.

## Picnic at Abney.

The Abney Junior Order Council and the Abney Farmers' Association will give a picnic in the grove at Kirkwood Farm Friday, August 11th. Everybody is invited to come and bring well filled baskets.

## Free Boat Service.

The county candidates are cordially invited to come and make addresses. All the Junior Order Councils and Farmers' Associations of the county are invited to join with us and make this a pleasant day. D. M. Kirkley.

## County Campaign Dates.

- Bethune, Monday, August 14th, at 10 a. m.
- Raley's Mills, Tuesday, August 15th at 10 a. m.
- Kershaw, Wednesday, August 16th, at 10 a. m.
- Westville, Thursday, August 17th, at 10 a. m.
- Liberty Hill, Monday, August 21st, at 10 a. m.
- Rabon's Cross Roads, Wednesday, August 23rd, at 10 a. m.
- Blaney, Thursday, August 24th, at 11 a. m.
- Camden, Friday, August 25th, at 5 p. m.
- Factory School House, Saturday, August 26th, at 8 p. m.

## Marriage.

Married, on Wednesday afternoon, July 26th, 1916, Mr. Emanuel Threat of Great Falls, S. C., and Miss Nella Tidwell, of Camden, S. C. The marriage took place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Anna Eliza Tidwell, and the ceremony was performed by Probate Judge W. L. McDowell.

## Clean-Up Week.

Owing to continued wet weather the Civic League announces that the time for inspecting premises has been postponed until Monday, August 7th in order to allow all property owners to have their premises thoroughly cleaned by that time.

## CONGRESSIONAL MEETING.

Congressman Finley Makes Address—Mr. Stevenson Was Not Present.

A small audience estimated at about one hundred and twenty-five assembled at the court house Wednesday to hear the candidates for Congress. Acting Chairman Mills announced a message from Mr. W. F. Stevenson saying that owing to a washout on the Seaboard near McBee it would be impossible for him to get here before late in the evening. Mr. Finley stated that at all times he tried to be absolutely fair and that he would leave it to the audience as to whether he should address them. The crowd signified their desire to hear him and the speaker began by telling of his eighteen years service in congress, two years as a member of the house of representatives from York and four years in the state senate.

He reviewed his record in Congress, saying that he stood with the President, that he had voted for all of the important legislation passed by the present congress. He explained the rural credits law, Federal Reserve Banking system, good roads law and that he stood for preparedness. Explained how the money was to be raised to pay for preparedness by the inheritance tax, income tax and tax upon munition makers. Mr. Finley says that he had been accused of not being a "top-notch" after his long service in that he had not been able to secure any important chairmanship. He stated that this was not true, that he was for a long while chairman of the printing committee and that in this alone had saved the government large sums. He also stated that it had been said of him that he was the best posted man in the United States today on postal affairs.

During his remarks Mr. Finley gave it as his opinion that while the United States was not now at war with Mexico that he thought it would eventually have to fight her. He also gave it as his opinion that the European war was in its last stages and probably would not last more than a month longer. Mr. Finley remained over for the balance of the day shaking hands with his friends and making new acquaintances.

## THE WAR IN EUROPE.

### British, French and Russians Continue to Report Gains.

At Pozieres the Australians are still fighting furiously with the Germans for possession of the village and the head of the road leading from it to Bapaume and the greater part of the village now is reported to be in the Australians' hands. There has been a diminution in the vicious fighting which began Saturday night along the British front from Thiepval to Guillemont.

A condition of comparative calm prevails south of the Somme along the French line, where the only fighting reported—and that a minor engagement—resulted in the French capturing a German battery south of Estrees.

Eastward in the Verdun region, the French have occupied a German redoubt west of Thiaumont, taking it, five machine guns and two score prisoners. Berlin still asserts that the only result of the British attack Sunday along the Thiepval-Guillemont line was the penetration of a few houses in the village of Pozieres and that the Austrians obtained those only having suffered sanguinary losses.

That Germans have removed troops from the Verdun front for the Somme operations is apparent from the German statement that Brandenburg's grenadiers "of Donauwert fame" defeated the British in the fight Sunday at Longueval.

Although unofficial reports have credited to the Russians big game against the Germans in the Riga region of Russia, neither the Petrograd nor Berlin communications have yet recorded any important changes there.

Petrograd claims the dislodgment of the Germans from the village of Galitshania, on the Lipa river in Volhynia, while Berlin says that near the Galician border in southern Volhynia strong attacks by the Russians against the German line were repulsed.

Emperor William is reported to have left the French front to observe the operations in the East.

The Russians have made further progress against the Turks in the Erzelen region of Turkish Armenia, while to the south along the Persian front the Turks report that they have gained fresh successes over the Russians.

The Italians in the Astico and Avio regions of the Austro-Italian theatre report continued advances against the Austrians.

Premier Asquith has asked the British parliament for an additional credit vote of 450,000,000 pounds—the largest requested since the beginning of the war.

## Trains From Columbia.

Passenger and mail service was resumed over the Southern Railway Thursday morning and for the first time in many days the morning papers were brought into Camden. This train arrives at Camden from Columbia at 8:25 a. m., and returning to Columbia in the afternoon passes Camden at 3:15. This train operates between Camden and Lancaster.

## Traffic Opened Today.

Inquiry at the Seaboard station late yesterday afternoon gave the intelligence that trains were expected to pass over the Seaboard trestle some time during the night (Thursday), though this was not stated definitely. But it is almost certain that trains will be in operation today.

## THREE MEN DROWNED.

One White Man and Two Negroes Lost Their Lives in Wateree River.

"Three men lost their lives in the Wateree river here Saturday about noon when a lighter on which they were engaged in placing heavy piling in the river capsized.

They were T. J. Fletcher, white, foreman of Garnet, S. C.; Alonzo Parrish and Joe Williams, negroes, places of residence unknown. The men were working on the Seaboard trestle.

All three swam for some distance and gave out. One of the piers at that point causes the stream to form a dangerous and swift whirlpool and it was in this current the tragedy occurred.

The men were strangers here, forming a part of a large crew working night and day to put the trestle in shape for traffic.

The river was at such a height at the time of the accident that it was thought useless to search for the bodies. Parties were sent out searching Wednesday and during the morning Mr. Tucker Boykin located the body of Mr. Fletcher near the Anrum place about nine miles below Camden where it had lodged against a raft among the trees. It was on the opposite side of the river and according to the run of the stream it was many miles from Camden. It was brought to the Anrum place and there it was taken in charge by the McCormick Co. and prepared for shipment, after an inquest had been held by the coroner.

Mr. Fletcher was 28 years of age and a married man. Three of his brothers came to Camden and accompanied the body to his old home at Greensboro, Fla. His remains were placed aboard a Seaboard train via McBee.

Mr. Fletcher is survived by his wife, two children, father and mother and ten brothers and sisters, all residing in Florida.

The bodies of the two negroes have not been found, though a search is being made.

## BETHUNE NEWS NOTES.

Bethune, July 27.—It would be practically impossible to estimate the damage incurred in this section by the storm on July 14, and by the excessive rains since then. Rain has been falling every day for two weeks and in some places crops have almost been totally destroyed. Mr. W. C. King, who lives just above town, has about twenty acres of corn almost completely inundated, his field resembling a large mill pond. The roads are in a very bad condition indeed, being impassable in some places. Several of the streets in town have been almost constantly covered with water and several low places here are also covered with water. The town council has already commenced working up the streets.

The Bethune party, who went to Chimney Rock, N. C., about two weeks ago, returned home yesterday, except Mrs. M. L. Kelly and her son, Flynn. Everyone seemed about fagged out, after having traveled several miles by foot and on a wagon in order to reach a railroad station.

Mr. Robt. Bethune, who was one of the party who went to Chimney Rock, returned home sick and is now down with an attack of malarial fever.

It is feared here that there will be an epidemic of fever on account of water standing on the ground so long.

Mrs. Eliza Taylor the old lady who died near here last week, was buried at Bethune Methodist church instead of at High Hill, as first reported. She was about 76 years old.

Mr. Busick McQuage, who has been at Hopewell, Va., for the past fifteen months, is spending a while with his father and family in town.

Mr. Byron Gathing and family, of Stokes Bridge section, spent a few days in town the past week.

The revival meeting in progress at the Methodist church here, is growing in interest and attendance.

Up to July 25th, 222 names had been enrolled on the Bethune Democratic roll book—6 more names than was enrolled two years ago. Shamrock club also showed an increase in enrollment.

## Mrs. Anrum Dead.

A telegram received in Camden yesterday stated that Mrs. Minnie Cantey Anrum, wife of the late Thomas Anrum, former residents of this county, died in New York Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Moore. Mrs. Anrum was about 62 years of age and will be pleasantly remembered in Camden. The message stated that the body would be sent to Camden for burial, but it is not known exactly what time it will reach here and we are unable to state the funeral arrangements.

## On Winthrop Faculty.

Miss Meta DeLoache, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. DeLoache, of Camden, a recent graduate of Winthrop College, has been named as one of the faculty of Winthrop for next season, holding a position in the department of household science. The position carries a nice salary for the young lady and is quite a compliment to her, and her friends rejoice in her good fortune.

## Flood Kills a Black Bear.

Engineer Meyers, of the Atlantic Coast Line, who came across the Santee river trestle yesterday, reports that he saw a large black bear floating in the Santee river. The bear was dead, having been drowned in the flood water. Brinn must have made an effort to get out of the swamp, but the water was too fast and overtook it. The engineer reports that the bear was very large. It is believed others have met the same fate.—Charleston Post.