

FLOOD WATERS SWEEP MIDDLE STATES CAUSING GREAT DAMAGE

Ohio, Indiana and Illinois Devastated.

TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY

Great Disaster Along the Ohio River and Its Tributaries when Flood Waters Rush Through the Towns Causing Immense Loss of Life and Property.

Devastation and ruin followed in the wake of the high waters of the contributory streams flowing into the Ohio river from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois last week and this week. Dayton, Ohio, which received the brunt of the attack of the onflowing waters, suffered the loss of hundreds and hundreds of lives and millions and millions of dollars in property. Early reports of the disaster from the whole area suffering first placed the loss of life at over three thousand and the loss of property at hundreds of millions of dollars, but later estimates have reduced these figures. It is now estimated that the total loss of life, while terrible enough, will hardly go over the five hundred mark. The loss in property will be hard to estimate though it will not fall much below the first estimates. The first high estimates as to the loss of life were reduced after a large number of people who were at first thought to have been lost were found to have survived by clinging to the tops of houses, telephone poles, floating planks and other things. Stories of heroism and self-sacrifice have come from the stricken area in limitless numbers. Superb efforts were put forth by private individuals, by citizens committees and by public officials to aid in the rescue of the injured and drowning and to reduce the loss of property. The governors of the different states took direct charge of affairs in some of the districts and in others the military took over the powers of the civil authorities. President Woodrow Wilson kept closely in touch with the situation, sending Secretary of War Garrison to the scene of disaster to keep in personal touch with the situation. All red tape was done away with in the war department and food and other supplies were dispatched to the flooded district without delay. The governor of Ohio issue a call for assistance and the people of this nation and others responded with hundreds of thousands of dollars. Chicago gave over \$300,000 during the first few days of the disaster and other cities came to the rescue equally as freely. So great has been the liberality of the people of the United States that the last reports stated that more than enough supplies of food and clothing were on hand for a few days to feed and clothe the entire district, but that vast sums were still needed to defray those little incidental expenses that go toward placing in the hands of the poorer people the small necessities needed for house keeping. The Red Cross society has had its organization represented at all important points and immense sums of money have gone through its hands to aid in alleviating the suffering.

The disaster was one of the worst in the history of the country, probably exceeding that of Chicago, Galveston, Baltimore or San Francisco. Flood waters according to the Columbia State, receded sufficiently Friday night to show that the number of persons drowned in all the affected cities, in Ohio and Indiana may not exceed 500. While many reasons are still missing to friends and relatives investigations made today indicated that many were safe who had been thought lost.

In Dayton careful estimates placed the number of deaths at 200 or fewer, although a meeting of the undertakers asserted that the total might be 800. Relief work went on rapidly in Dayton and all parts of the city were reached.

Columbus will have the next to the largest loss of life, 60 bodies having already been found in the inundated portion of West Columbus.

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SAM PRICE CAUGHT.

Negro Who Killed Tom Hunter Saturday Night, March 22nd, Apprehended in Clinton.

Sam Price, the young negro who killed Tom Hunter also colored, in this city Saturday night, March 22nd, was caught Sunday night in Clinton by Policeman Powers, of the Laurens mill village. Policeman Powers came upon the negro unexpectedly and only learned the prisoner's identity after putting him under arrest as a suspicious character.

The arrest came about in a peculiar manner. Policeman Powers was in Clinton Sunday night on other business and was standing at the railroad station. An unknown negro came up to him seeing that he was an officer of the law, and reported that a disguised and suspicious looking negro was on the other side of the building preparing to take the train for Jacksonville. Mr. Powers immediately went in search of the negro and when he found him, put him under arrest. He discovered that the negro, who was of a bright mulatto color, had blackened his face with shoe polish and had put on a false mustache. The negro then stated that he was going to Jacksonville, Fla., to see a sick brother. The policeman, however, took him in tow, stating that he would bring him to Laurens in order to look further into his record. Realizing he would be identified when he reached Laurens, the negro then told the officer that his name was Sam Price and that he was the one wanted for killing Tom Hunter. This was rather surprising information to the officer as Sam Price was unknown to him. The negro was tightly handcuffed with telephone wire and the journey was made by automobile to Laurens where the negro was safely lodged in the county jail.

Although many reports have gone abroad as to the whereabouts of Price since the homicide occurred, the negro declare that he has not left the immediate vicinity of Laurens and that he has had no communication with his family. Asked as to his sustenance since he has been at lodge, he declared that he had had but little and that what he had gotten was by begging from negroes whom he did not know. However, he does not show any signs of hunger as he is looking healthy and strong. On his person were found a 48 calibre pistol and about twenty one dollars in money. He said that he had this money and more besides when the killing took place, having given a part of it to Carrie Hunter, the wife of the dead negro.

It is hardly probable that a preliminary trial will be held as sufficient evidence was offered at the coroners inquest to bind him over to the court of general sessions, which convenes in June.

SELLS BANK BUILDING.

Bank of Laurens Sells Building it now Occupies to Laurens Trust Company

A deal was closed several days ago by which the building now owned and occupied by the Bank of Laurens will become the property of the Laurens Trust company. While nearly all of the details of the trade have been gone through with and the contract agreed to verbally the papers have not yet been signed. However, all the parties to the trade are agreed as to the terms, so the signing of the papers will be but a matter of routine. There is no likelihood of a hitch in the trade.

Mr. R. A. Cooper, the president of the trust company, states that they have as yet no definite plans outlined as to the disposition of the building, that he did not know whether or not the trust company would use it as a home for its own business. This matter will probably come up at a meeting of the stockholders to be held at an early date.

The new Bank of Laurens building is now nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy. It is a very handsome structure and very conveniently arranged. A number of the offices on the second floor have already been spoken for and doubtless every bit of space in it will be in demand.

HOOK-WORM CAMPAIGN CLOSED SATURDAY

Twenty Six Hundred Applicants Examined in the County and Three Hundred and Ninety One Found Infected.

The hookworm campaign which has been conducted in this county for the past ten weeks, came to a close Saturday night after a great deal of work had been accomplished. The campaign was conducted by Dr. F. M. Routh, of the state board of health, under the direction of the state board of health with funds provided by that board, the Rockefeller Sanitary Commission and the board of commissioners of Laurens county.

The report of the work done by Dr. Routh in this county showed that 2,600 people applied to him for examination to determine whether or not they were infected. Of this number 391, or about 15 per cent, were found to be infected. These were supplied with treatment by Dr. Routh and the medicines were taken under his direction. Dr. Routh stated that this was a rather small percentage of infection, other counties having showed a much larger percentage. Of a total of 15,855 rural children between the ages of six and eighteen years, examined in 230 counties in eleven states of the south, 78,572 or nearly 51 percent were found to have the disease. So the hookworm is not as prevalent in this county as elsewhere.

Before leaving Dr. Routh stated that he was very much pleased with the treatment received in the county at the hands of the physicians, the supervisor, board of commissioners and others and wished to thank them for the kindness shown him. He will go next either to Greenwood or Newberry to begin a campaign.

DINNER FOR VETERANS.

Annual Spread for the Old Veterans to be Given April 26th. Large Number Expected.

At a recent meeting of the Joseph B. Kershaw chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, it was decided to have the annual dinner to the old veterans on the 26th of April. As is usual, all the old veterans of the county will be invited to Laurens to partake of a sumptuous repast and to meet with each other again. These are always very happy occasions for the old soldiers for they furnish the one time in the year when many of them can join together to renew acquaintances and to recite past experiences.

Until several years ago it was customary to have these dinners upon Memorial Day. At the last state convention of the U. D. C.'s, however, it was decided to issue a general order to the chapters to invite the soldiers to the annual dinners on days other than Memorial Day. The J. B. Kershaw chapter, however, had already adopted this plan, the dinner last year having been given before Memorial Day.

Opens Drug Store.

The Powe Drug Company is the name of the new firm now running the drug store at the old establishment of Dodson, Edwards Company. D. J. H. Powe is the manager of the concern and is in active charge. He will be assisted in the business by Mr. James Hill, who has been employed there for some time. Mr. Powe has been in the city for several weeks and has proven to be a very affable and pleasant gentleman having made numbers of friends. He is originally from Cheraw but came to Laurens from Rock Hill. He has been in the drug business for a number of years and is thoroughly acquainted with all the branches of it.

CHORAL SOCIETY MEETS FRIDAY.

Very Important Meeting Will be Held in Methodist Church.

The Laurens Choral Society will meet in the Methodist church at 7:45 next Friday night. Some very important subjects will be discussed and for that reason Mr. C. H. Hicks, the director, is very anxious that every member attend.

Associate Reformed Presbyterians.

There will be a preaching service at the K. of P. hall next Sabbath afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. I. N. Kennedy of Ora. The public is invited to attend these services.

CANVAS COMPLETED FOR ENDOWMENT

Presbyterians Successfully Close Campaign for Raising \$200,000 for Educational Institutions.

Columbia, S. C., March 29th.—The Presbyterians of South Carolina are rejoicing over the victory they have won in the endowment fund campaign they have been conducting for some months.

The joint committee, representing the three institutions of the church in this State, that has been managing the campaign met in Columbia yesterday, when it was found by the reports made that the \$200,000 they had set out to raise had been subscribed in full, with a margin over. It is felt that this is no little achievement for the 26,000 members of this church to subscribe for its colleges in addition to the large amounts they are regularly giving for current church expenses and the extensive benevolent work they are interested in.

While the amount set out for, \$200,000, has now been subscribed, and payments can thus begin, it is expected that many more subscriptions will yet be made, enough more to increase the list by \$10,000, \$15,000 or even \$20,000. And this will provide for the expenses of the campaign and also for the inevitable shrinkage. It is hoped by the members that when collections are all in that not less than \$200,000 will be realized in cash.

DR. SNYDER TO LECTURE.

Will Talk on "As Others See Us" in Graded School Auditorium Next Friday.

Dr. H. N. Snyder, president of Wofford college, has been persuaded to give a lecture at the graded school auditorium Friday evening, the proceeds from which are to be used by the rural school supervisor in her work. Dr. Snyder has chosen as his subject "As Others See Us", and in this he tells of the impressions which other nations have of this country and its people. Dr. Snyder is always a charming speaker and doubtless a large number of people will take advantage of this opportunity to hear him when he will be at his best. An admission fee of thirty five cents will be charged for adults and twenty five cents for children.

FREE LIGHTS FOR SIX MONTHS.

Sullivan Power Co.'s Offer to Those Installing Lights Within That Time.

The Sullivan Power Company of Laurens has offered to give free lights for the next six months to those who will install an electric lighting system in their houses. This offer was made to the city council several days ago and was acted upon by them at the regular meeting last night. Their decision was made after The Advertiser went to press.

Parole Granted.

Gov. Blease has paroled John Miller of this county, who was convicted of manslaughter with recommendation to mercy during the February term of court in 1897. This brings the record of Gov. Blease's pardons and paroles up to 666.

Water-Bound in Ohio.

Mr. Harry Silverman, who is remembered by many as having been at one time a resident of Laurens, was among the flood-sufferers in Ohio. He became water-bound in Hamilton, O., and for several days was completely cut-off from his family, who feared at one time that he was a victim of the high water. He finally reached a place of safety on the high hills around Hamilton.

Memorial Day Orator.

It has been announced that the speaker invited to address the veterans and others at the Memorial Day exercises is Dr. C. A. Steele, of Columbia. Dr. Steele has but recently returned to the South Carolina Conference after many years of pastoral work in Alabama. He is a brilliant and eloquent platform speaker, having appeared for years upon the Lyceum and cantanqua platforms. The ladies consider themselves quite fortunate in securing him for this occasion. Memorial Day, as all know, is the 10th of May.

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN TOWN OF CLINTON

High School Boys Compete in Oratory.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS ON POPULAR PEOPLE

New Buildings Going Up at the Orphanage and at the Presbyterian College of South Carolina. Jacob & Company to Begin Building Soon.

Clinton, April 1.—Last Friday at the Presbyterian college representatives from twenty six high schools of the state joined in an interscholastic declaimers' contest. The speeches were without exception well rendered and reflected credit on the schools represented. Three preliminaries were held during the day and eleven speakers were selected from the twenty six to speak again in the evening.

The judges during the preliminaries were Prof. Woodworth, the Rev. F. D. Jones, the Rev. S. O. Cante, Mr. H. L. Scaffie, the Rev. J. R. Hooten. The eleven successful contestants were: Sam Littlejohn of Jonesville; Frank Ellerbe of Bennettsville, Wilber Couzar of Bishopville, Lewis Cox of Belton, J. E. Burnside of Greenwood, Furman Herbert of Sumter, J. C. Watkins of Anderson Pitting School, Few of Greer, Wilkes Dendy of Seneca, John H. Hunter of Clinton, Larrimer Gaffney of Gaffney.

In the final contest the judges were the Rev. J. F. Jacobs, the Rev. J. B. Branch, Dr. D. J. Brimm, Mr. A. C. Todd of Laurens, Mr. C. M. Bailey. After prolonged deliberations they reached a decision giving first honor to Gaffney's man, second to Seneca's and third to Clinton's. Dr. Douglas presented the three medals on behalf of the faculty and the two literary societies of the college.

The affair was of great interest to the entire community and drew a large audience. The students had decorated the auditorium with Presbyterian college colors and pennants bearing the initials of the schools represented.

Dr. Douglas expressed the hope that next spring at least fifty schools be represented.

New Buildings Going Up.

Work has begun on the Thomas M. Jones science hall at the Thornwell Orphanage, and plans have been chosen for a new infirmary to be erected this summer.

Jacobs and Company have bought the building begun as a hotel on Phinney avenue and will hasten its completion as a modern office building, equipped with all the usual conveniences and comforts.

Dr. Douglas has secured funds for the erection of a science hall for the Presbyterian college to cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000. It will be, if possible, ready for use next September.

The completion of the campaign for endowment is extremely gratifying to the friends of the college. The \$100,000 thus assured it means increased usefulness.

White Sale Thursday.

The ladies of Stephen D. Lee chapter U. D. C. will hold their annual spring white sale April 3rd in Copeland's Hall. Fancywork, wearing apparel, household goods will be sold and also turkey dinner and supper. The preparations made insure a very successful and pleasant affair. Enthusiastic and capable committees are at work getting all ready.

Services at the A. R. P. Church.

The Rev. Mr. Parkinson of Due West will preach at the Associate Reformed church next Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The public is invited to these services.

Clubs and Societies.

The last week in the month is regularly club week in Clinton. Three book clubs and the Daughters of the American Revolution regularly hold social meetings that week.

On Tuesday afternoon Miss Connie Bailey entertained the Friendly Dozen book club very delightfully.

On Wednesday afternoon the Aalcyon book club met with Mrs. Julia

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J. PIERPONT MORGAN DIES IN ITALY

Dominant Figure in the Business Life of the World.

CONTROLLED AT TIMES BILLIONS OF DOLLARS

Born in the Lap of Luxury and Inheriting Millions, He was not Content to Live the Life of Idleness usually to his Class, but He was a Worker from Early Manhood.

Rome, March 31.—John Pierpont Morgan died at 12:05 this afternoon. Morgan failed rapidly this morning. He was unable to assimilate artificial nourishment and his pulse was more rapid. His temperature increased to 104 1-2, just before noon, when the attending physicians issued a bulletin that death was expected at any moment. Morgan died at 12:05 this afternoon.

Dr. M. Allen Starr called into consultation in connection with Morgan's illness, attributed the financier's breakdown to emotion, caused by the investigation by the Pujo committee at Washington into the operations of the alleged "money trust."

When the death of Mr. Morgan was seen to be approaching, the physician forced Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee, his son-in-law and daughter, to leave the room. Only by a movement of the right hand Morgan showed that he was suffering internally and otherwise displayed no sign of vitality except continuous heavy breathing. Heart tonics were injected, but these had no effect and for several hours before he was in a state of coma and unable to respond to questions or recognize any of those at his bedside.

From the date of his arrival at Rome Mr. and Mrs. Satterlee feared a mistake had been made in not taking the financier direct to London, where he would have been in his own house instead of in a noisy hotel and they thought the climate of Rome was too mild and enervating for him in his condition.

Morgan was born April 17, 1837, in a modest red brick cottage at Hartford, Conn. As a youngster he had a tendency to write poetry and this gave him the nickname "Pip." When fourteen he went to the Boston high school and showed a particular bent for mathematics. After graduating he was a student for two years at Goettingen, Germany, and embarked upon his career as banker at 21, and of his achievements all the world knows.

Few men have been more widely feared, yet Morgan was generally trusted. The sobriquet of "Sphinx of Wall Street" was later applied to the man whose earlier financial associates regarded as without a business acumen and Morgan became the American continent.

Morgan's control over men and money was the dominant keynote of his life. At the height of his power he is said to have controlled nine billion dollars.

In addition to finance, art, literature, philanthropy and sport came under his influence.

His prestige was not confined to owning the country. Kings, emperors and even the pope were wont to call him in consultation. He was born in wealth and his father left him \$10,000,000.

Sketch of His Life.

John Pierpont Morgan, the financier, was born at Hartford, Conn., on April 17, 1837. He would have been 76 years old had he lived until the middle of next month. He was a son of Junius Spencer and Juliet Pierpont Morgan. He was a graduate of the English high school of Boston and a student of the University of Göttingen. He was awarded an honorary L. L. D. degree at Yale in 1908.

In 1861 he married Amelia Sturges and she died the following year. His second wife was Francis Louise Tracy. He was married to her in 1865. To this union was born one son and three daughters. Eleven grandchildren survive Mr. Morgan. John Pierpont Morgan, Jr., will

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