

FLOODS IN THE SOUTH

DOWNPOUR OF RAIN OVERFLOWS MISSISSIPPI STREAMS.

Meridian and Other Points Are Entirely Cut Off From Communication With the Outside World.

NEW ORLEANS, March 28.—The wind and rain storm which has prevailed over Southern Mississippi for the last 48 hours has demoralized all railway traffic and interrupted all communication with the town of Hazlehurst, Miss., has been completely isolated for the past two days on account of the heavy rains. Many streams in the country overflowed their banks, and all passages through the country has stopped. Telegraphic lines are prostrated in all localities.

An embankment of the Illinois Central Railroad one mile north of Oxford, Miss., was washed away today, leaving 70 feet of iron rails and cross ties suspended about 50 feet in the air. Another wash-out occurred just south of the town. It will be several days before it is possible for trains to reach Oxford from either north or south.

Lead River, at Hattiesburg, Miss., rose several feet last night, and no trains have passed over the Northeastern, the Gulf or the Ship Island today on account of high water. The Northeastern is washed out in several places between here and Meridian.

A dispatch from Laurel reports that three miles of the Northeastern track is inundated north of Enterprise. At Enterprise the Alabama River is on a rampage and all the lowlands of the river valley are covered with water. The river at 6 o'clock tonight, was as high as in the flood of 1901, and is rising at the rate of four inches an hour. The loss to farmers will be heavy. Over five inches of rain have fallen at Vicksburg in the last 48 hours. The Alabama and the Mississippi River are practically tied up. The river reading today was 45 below the danger line. If the rise continues, serious damage will result.

Meridian Is Cut Off.

MERIDIAN, Miss., March 28.—Eleven inches of rain has fallen during the past 48 hours. The streams are raging, many farms are under water, bridges have been washed away and railway traffic is at a standstill. The wreck of the Alabama Southern freight near York, last night, due to the washing out of the roadbed, has completely stopped all traffic on that road, and the Southern between Meridian and Selma. Two trains were lost on the Alabama & Vicksburg this morning; two lost on the Mobile & Ohio yesterday, and one on the New Orleans & Northeastern, 20 miles south of Meridian. No trains have entered or departed from Meridian since Thursday afternoon. Many of the telegraph wires are down and some points are entirely cut off. The weather is cloudy and more rain is probable.

Meridian is entirely cut off from the outside world, except that two Western Union wires are still in operation. Not a train is moving within 50 miles of the city. A fast freight on the Northeastern Railway is six feet under water and the crew is in danger of being swept away. Efforts to reach the train by boat have been futile, owing to the swift current. Two separate relief parties have been sent out to search for the train, but nothing has been heard from them since last night. There is no prospect for the resumption of traffic for two or three days. Many families in the vicinity of this city have been forced to leave their homes and escape to higher ground. Late today an Alabama Great Southern train from York, Ala., succeeded in reaching this city. The train was delayed at York on account of a wreck Thursday night, and succeeded in making its way to this city, a distance of about 27 miles, over a track mostly covered with water. This train brought the mail from an Alabama Great Southern train which is water bound further north. The mail was conveyed over seven miles of water.

People Take to the Rafts.

NEW ALBANY, Miss., March 28.—The rainfall for the last 24 hours and the wind for the last three hours have been very extraordinary. The Alabama River has risen five feet in the last two hours, washing away the long bridge near the town. Water has risen to the level of a dozen houses and the inhabitants are on their roofs awaiting boats, which are being rapidly secured for their rescue. Trains have been abandoned. Thousands of dollars' worth of damage has been done in the county and the water is still rising.

Claborn County Suffers Most.

PORT GIBSON, Miss., March 28.—Port Gibson for the past 36 hours has been cut off from the outside world. Communication is concerned. There have been no trains north or south since Wednesday afternoon. The floods are general throughout the district, doing a large amount of damage. Claborn County has been one of the most unfortunate in this respect. Reports from Carlisle, about nine miles west of here, were received tonight, but no news has been learned. Big Black and Bayou Pierre are rising, probably from back water.

Situation at Jackson.

JACKSON, Miss., March 28.—The flood situation at Jackson, today, no farther as the railroads are concerned, no traffic has not yet been resumed from New Orleans, Vicksburg or Meridian. Mail from the North arrived today, 36 hours late, but no mail has come in from the South in two days. Pearl River continues to rise and is now spread out over a wide portion of country in the vicinity of Jackson. Scores of times mail has been delivered today. So far there has been no loss of life.

Rain, Wind and Electrical Storm.

TUPULO, Miss., March 28.—A heavy rain, wind and electrical storm passed through Tupulo this afternoon. It approached rapidly from the west and did considerable damage to the town. For several minutes during the height of the storm nothing but flying debris could be seen. Plate-glass windows, chimneys and many of the beautiful trees that lined the street were blown down. Seventy-five negro cabins and a negro church, which had just been completed, were blown down.

TENNESSEE SUFFERS.

Washouts, Wrecked Bridges and Loss of Life. NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 28.—Rain has fallen steadily throughout this section of the state since early morning. The Weather Bureau here reported the precipitation at 2.31 inches. Reports from all directions tell of washouts and wrecked bridges, railroad traffic suspended. Property losses will be extremely heavy, but so far the loss of human life is reported, that being W. G. Dillaway, a local mail route carrier in Maury County. The Louisville & Nashville tracks were badly torn up from Columbia, Tenn., to Athens, Ala., water being from two to five feet over the tracks at several points. Two bridges north and south of Paducah are washed out, and the bridge at Lynnville is out of line. A number of trestles on the Nashville, Florence & Sheffield are washed out, and 1200 feet of the Louisville & Nashville track are turned over near Buford Station, in Giles County, while in Wales, in the same county, 800 feet of track is in like condition. All wires are down south of Columbia and nothing can be learned from that section. At Mount Pleasant a phosphate mining town in Maury County, the damage is especially heavy, manufacturing plants being

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A PIONEER PASTOR

TELLS OF A TIME THAT TRIED HIS NERVES.

The Rev. Henry J. Huston, of the Rock River Conference, Has Carried the Rifle as Well as the Bible.

For 22 years the Rev. Henry J. Huston has worked in the Rock River Conference of the Methodist church. Now a man of peace, his life story is a thrilling one, at least from the time he entered the Union Army as a member of the 15th Illinois Regiment, in the early '70s, was not the well-governed commonwealth that it is today, but it is his military life that this pioneer clergyman recalls most vividly. He consented to tell a reported something about himself recently, and in the course of the interview said:

"When I entered the Army in Company F, Fifteenth Illinois Regiment, I was in perfect health, but the exposure and hardships entailed in the service brought on a chronic diarrhoea. This caused great weakness, but in addition to that, in 1863, I had necrosis of the lower jaw, and the suffering produced extreme nervousness. After the necrosis had left me, my nerves were still suffering from the shock I had severe pains in my heart, so acute that I could not rest at night. I was also subject to fainting spells, and sometimes would remain unconscious for more than an hour. My strength and nerve power were at a low ebb, my blood like water, my complexion white and waxen looking, my ears colorless and almost transparent. My eyes were inflamed, and at the least exertion, I became short of breath.

"My wife and her sister had both been benefited by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and finally I determined to try this medicine myself. I cannot say just how long I had been taking these pills before I discovered I was being helped, but it was not long. I soon found the pain in my heart had left me, and I could sleep at night. I had no more fainting spells, and my color is better. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People have done wonders for me, and I take pleasure in recommending them. They helped me when other remedies failed."

The Rev. Mr. Huston is now pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Elizabeth, Elbert County, Colorado. His indorsement as given above means that he has given Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a thorough test and found them worthy of recommendation.

Not only have many cases similar to his been cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, but equally wonderful results have been accomplished by them in a large number of diseases arising from thin blood or shattered nerves, such as chronic rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, partial paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, senile headache, after-effects of the grip, palpitation of the heart, pale and sallow complexion, and all forms of weakness, either in male or female. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are also a specific for troubles peculiar to females, in man they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from worry, overwork or excesses of whatever nature. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold in boxes of 50 pills for \$2.00, and may be had of all druggists, or sent by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Scranton, N. Y. Be sure to get the genuine, substitutes never cured anybody.

Delaney Is Disgusted.

OAKLAND, Cal., March 28.—"What will we do about the Charleston offer? Nothing. Pay no attention to it." That is the way Billy Delaney, manager for Jeffries, looks at the offer made by Fitzsimmons, announcing that Fitzsimmons had accepted the offer made by the Charleston club, and was waiting to hear from Jeffries and his manager.

Triple Alliance Not Discussed.

VIENNA, March 28.—The authorities here do not discuss the triple alliance at the conference held in London, between Count von Bulow, the German Imperial Chancellor, and Signor Prinetti, the Italian Minister of Finance, but the report of the meeting was devoted to the economic questions involved in the triple alliance.

Turkey Mobilizes Troops.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 28.—The Turkish Government has decided to call to the colors 30,000 irregular troops. This mobilization is ostensibly for the annual maneuvers, but in view of the conditions prevailing in the Balkans, considerable significance is attached to the movement.

X-Rays Cured Cancer.

NEW YORK, March 28.—In the course of a lecture at London, a dispatch to the Tribune, F. T. Addyman, of George's Hospital, said he had completed a cure of a bad case of cancer in a woman by the action of X-rays upon the disease.

CHARLESTON'S OFFER.

Making a Strong Bid for the Championship Fight. NEW YORK, March 28.—On behalf of the Charleston Athletic Club, J. C. Jaudon and W. McLaughlin, members of the Southern organization, have made a peremptory offer to Fitzsimmons to fight the latter for the championship of the world with Jeffries. The proposition was 5 per cent of the gross receipts, with a guaranteed purse of \$25,000. Fitzsimmons immediately accepted the offer, and the contract has been signed by the fighters.

YACHT CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS.

C. A. Mariett, Succeeds L. V. Woodward as Commodore. The annual business meeting of the Oregon Yacht Club was held last evening, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: Commodore, C. A. Mariett; vice-commodore, A. A. Courtenay; secretary, J. S. Taylor; treasurer, J. A. Mariett; port captain, A. L. Beebe; measuring, T. Johnson; board of directors, all of the above except the measurer, also Seth Catlin and W. B. Beebe. Regatta committee: Chairman, B. C. Ball; W. B. Beebe, H. A. Beebe.

TRAPSHOOTING AT KANSAS CITY.

Fred Gilbert Wins the Sportsmen's Review Cup. KANSAS CITY, March 28.—Fred Gilbert, of Spirit Lake, Ia., today won the 25-shot trapshoot at the Sportsmen's Review trapshoot, and thus takes absolute possession of that cup. The other contestants were J. A. R. Elliott, of Kan-

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\$1.45 BATH SEATS, HARDWOOD and nickel.
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73c SPIRIT GAS STOVES.
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Recognizes Japan's Claims.

LONDON, March 28.—The Tokio correspondent of the Times, referring to Japan's disclaiming the property of foreigners who refuse to pay the house tax, says the Government at Washington recognizes the justice of Japan's claim in this connection, and has refused to become a party to the arrangement of the matter.

Fire at Memphis.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 28.—The Milling Department of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company's plant was today wrecked by fire, caused by spontaneous combustion. The loss will be heavy.

Iowa Compulsory Education.

DEW MOINES, Ia., March 28.—The compulsory education bill passed the Senate today, having previously passed the House, and will become law upon being approved by Governor Cummings.

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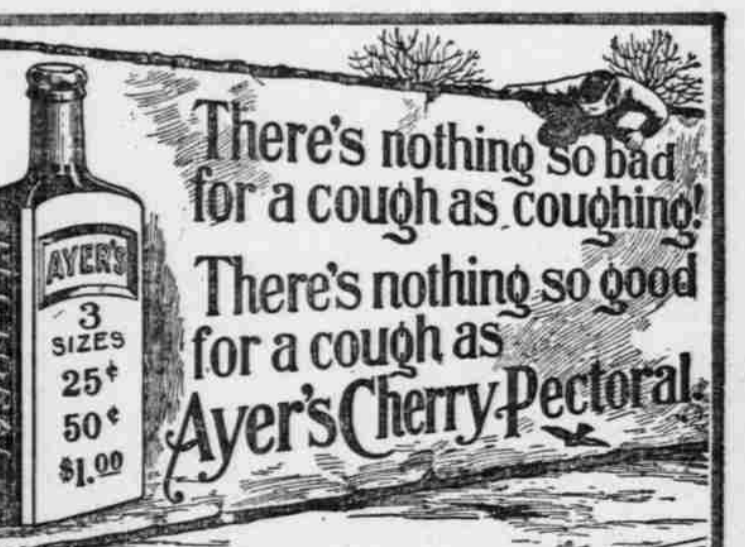
SALEM, Or., March 28.—Willamette University students have organized a baseball team, with George Urush captain, and L. A. Kerr manager.

Repairing the Logans.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—The transport Logans, which has been lying at the Mare Island dock for months past, will be ready for service again by April 10. New furnaces have been placed in

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