

## VAST TERRITORY IS UNDERWATER

Dozen Parishes in Louisiana Covered by Mississippi Flood

## TALLULAH IS INUNDATED

Situation Materially Improved at Many Places

## DOG TAIL GAP WIDENING

Salem Crevasse Continues to Empty 15-Foot Torrent Into Finest Grazing Pastures in Dixie—Provisions Becoming Exhausted

Although the general flood situation along the Mississippi river south of Vicksburg has materially improved conditions today in the vast territory of northern Louisiana, where a dozen or more parishes are partly under from five to ten feet of water, were steadily growing worse. The Salem crevasse near Alsatia, La., continues to empty its eighteen foot wall of muddy waters over some of the finest grazing and farming lands in the upper state.

A large force of men was rushed to Kemp Bend, thirty-five miles north of Natchez yesterday where 100 feet of the west bank levee began to slough off. Reports from there state that the levee will be saved. Persons living near the threatened section have moved their belongings to safer places.

Much suffering at Tallulah. At Tallulah where much suffering has been experienced since the water reached that little town last Sunday, the flood has spread to practically all parts of the town, and is rising rapidly this morning. All rail communication has been suspended. Provisions are about exhausted and unless aid is received immediately there will be untold suffering among the negroes who as a rule are in destitute circumstances.

For almost the entire distance between Tallulah and Lake Providence the tracks of the Iron Mountain R. R. are washed out. On the way to Shreveport, and Pacific, for a stretch of fifteen miles west water is high over the roadbed, and to the east from seven to ten feet of the flood is being held back by the embankments of this road. The water is today lapping the top of these and by tonight will begin to flood the southeastern portion of Madison parish.

Three hundred people were rescued yesterday at Sonheim and brought to the levees to await boats to take them to the Emergency Camps along the river.

Weak places in the levee which had developed at Lake Providence and Ben Lomand have been strengthened and reports from there state that they will hold. According to a forecast issued yesterday by the weather bureau there will be a slight fall in the river at Natchez within the next few days and the stages will come to a stand at points below that place as a result of the widening of cravasses in southeastern Arkansas and northeastern Louisiana. This will be followed by another rise.

The gauge at New Orleans last night at 7 o'clock registered twenty feet, a rise of one tenth during the past twenty-four hours.

**\$300,000 APPROPRIATED.**—WASHINGTON, April 16.—The Senate today passed the House bill to appropriate \$300,000 in addition to the \$250,000 already provided to maintain and protect the levees on the Mississippi River against the impending flood. The bill was passed by the President, who urged this action in a special message.

**PRESIDENT SIGNS BILL.**—WASHINGTON, April 16.—The President today signed the bill appropriating an additional \$300,000 for the protection of levees on the Mississippi and tributaries.

**RELIEF FUND STARTED.**—NEW ORLEANS, La., April 16.—Headed by a \$100 check given by the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, a fund was started here today for the relief of flood sufferers in Northeastern Louisiana. Two river boats loaded with food, clothing, medicine, bedding and tents will leave here tomorrow for the aid of sufferers near Vicksburg and points on the river further north.

**GOVERNOR ASKS CONFERENCE.**—LITTLE ROCK, ARK., April 16.—Governor George F. Donaghy of Arkansas has asked the governors of Mississippi and Louisiana to meet him in Helena, Ark., next Saturday to discuss flood conditions along the Mississippi river bordering these states and to devise means of combating the water on subsequent rampages. Governor Earl Brewer of Mississippi replied to the telegram of Governor Donaghy tonight, accepting the invitation.

## WILSON IS HEARD BY BIG CROWD IN ATLANTA

ATLANTA, Ga., April 16.—Woodrow Wilson repeated his attack on special interests and the control of government, called for a return to Democracy in fact as well as in name, and lauded the South's industrial and political rejuvenation in a speech before a large crowd here tonight.

It was the first important address of this section of the South and was made before an assemblage of nearly 9,000 persons in the local auditorium. The Governor will spend the night with friends here and tomorrow will visit Griffin, Barnwell, Forsyth, Fort Valley, Monticello, Milledgeville and Smithville, and winding up at Albany, where he will deliver an address at night before the Chautauqua assembly.

**TWO FOR WILSON.**—CHICAGO, April 16.—Governor Woodrow Wilson will receive two Illinois votes in the Democratic national convention if the result of the presidential primary votes in the sixth congressional district is respected at the Democratic state convention at Peoria on Friday. Champ Clark carried the rest of the State.

## Steamer Titanic, of White Star Line



Ill-fated vessel which went down, a total loss, carrying with it many hundreds of passengers, some of whom were exceptionally prominent

## FINAL ROLL OF RESCUED FROM THE TITANIC NOW LIMITED TO 868 SOULS

### TWO MEN SHOT TO DEATH IN DUEL

Bradford Brothers Killed by George Haines Near Selma

### LATTER AND NEPHEW SHOT

Feud Between Prominent Families Is of Long Standing

### NUMBER SHOTS EXCHANGED

Bradford's Freight from Boat and It Is Said Started Firing on Haines and Nephew

SELMA, ALA., April 16.—J. T. Bradford and W. H. Bradford, brothers, prominent and well known residents of the southern part of Dallas County, are dead; George Haines, aged 60, is in a dying condition and his nephew, named Hammond, may be crippled for life, as the result of a shooting scrape which occurred at Roache's Landing on the Alabama River near Portland, in the southern part of Dallas County, this morning shortly before 10 o'clock. Messengers informed that the shooting was learned here this afternoon, but the Alabama River boat American, which arrived here tonight shortly before 8 o'clock, furnished the details of the tragedy.

The Bradfords were wealthy and are large landholders in the southern part of the county, and between them and George Haines there has been long feuding for the past seven years. Recently, Haines has acquired land adjoining the Bradfords, which bordered along a road leading to the river's edge. On account of this acquisition of land during recent years, Mr. Haines has been in the habit of having river boats unload his freight at Roache's Landing.

Lately the Bradfords have made strenuous objections to this and when it became known that the Alabama River steamer American was bringing up freight for Mr. Haines, open threats are alleged to have been made and the American unloaded Mr. Haines's consignment at the landing below.

To protest against the unloading of the freight for Haines at Roache's Landing, the Bradfords and their associates went to the landing with shot guns. George Haines, with a Winchester rifle and accompanied by his nephew Hammond, also went to the landing with the determination of seeing that his freight was unloaded upon his property despite the protest of the Bradfords. But according to reports the Bradfords arrived upon the scene first and as Haines and his nephew were riding down the road leading to the river landing, they began to discharge their breech-loading shotguns.

The first shot from ambush killed the nephew which had just tied to a small tree. The second shot fired by the Bradfords arrived upon the scene of the shooting and the nephew was shot through the heart and body, and W. H. Bradford was also penetrated by rifle balls through vital parts of the body which caused his death shortly afterwards. Both of the Bradfords were taken to their homes dead.

George Haines, who is alleged to have killed the brothers by his unerring aim, did not escape unharmed and may die from wounds which he received in the duel. The Bradfords used shot guns. At least two loads of

### MORE THAN 1,300 PERSONS CLAIMED BY THE WATERS OF GREAT ATLANTIC IN DISASTER

Disappointment Comes With Messages That Neither the Parisian or Virginian Have Any of the Survivors on Board—Colonel Astor and Other Millionaires Believed to Have Been Drowned

National Lawmakers are Stirred to Action—President Taft Urges Investigation of Disaster—Vice-President Franklin, of White Star Line, Admits He Knew the Graveness of the Situation Monday When He Gave Out Assuring Statements.

**APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF TITANIC DISASTER.**—  
First cabin passengers, 325; second cabin passengers, 285; third cabin passengers, 710; total number of passengers, 1,320; members of crew, 860; total passengers and crew, 2,180.  
Number who probably perished, 1,312.  
Total number of known survivors, 868.  
Total number of named survivors, 225.  
Approximately twenty life boats manned by seven members of the crew, each 140.  
Estimated saved steerage passengers, 400.  
Total, 868.  
Named survivors, first cabin passengers: Women, 141; men, 63; children, 6; total, 210.  
Second cabin passengers: Women, 92; men, 16; children, 19; total, 118.  
Total number survivors named, 225.

That the final roll of the rescued from the Titanic disaster had probably been made up was the impression that grew almost into conviction last night at the hours were on with-out the revision of lists adding measurably to the total of known survivors. Of definite news of the disaster the night added little. Down the Atlantic coast, fog enveloped in many places, as the reports showed, crept the Cunarder Carpathia, bearing on her the 888 lives that had been snatched from the waters when the Titanic's life boats, laden to their limit, one by one made their way from the giant liner as it became known that she was soon to take her fatal plunge.

But although the rescuer was reported with wireless range of the Sable Island station at a comparatively early hour and every wireless ear was waiting to catch the snap of a receiver which might mean that the great secret of the liner's death was about to be given up, midnight came and went and the night began to grow old—and still the word had not been spoken.

**List of Survivors Compiled.**—Carefully compiling the available lists, the record of the named survivors of the disaster stands significantly thus:  
Men, 78; women, 238; children, 16; total, 328.  
Of the remaining 540 known survivors it is estimated that not more than 100 were seamen, required to man the boats. This would leave approximately 440 and in the proportion of women and children in the steerage, where the passengers in the Titanic's care numbered 710.

**Heroism Was Displayed.**—It seems probable that the greater part of these 440 were women and their little ones. Nothing could show more plainly the heroism of the crew and the men passengers who stood by the doomed ship, facing practically inevitable death, and sent the women

### STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

Madison "Wildcat" Delegation Is Seated

### CLAYTON IS ELECTED

Congressman to Be Temporary Presiding Officer

### VOTES ARE TABULATED

Black Belt Representation Question Is Left Alone—Twenty-one Out of Forty-five Members Answer Roll Call

The State Democratic Executive Committee met in the council chamber of the city hall, noon Tuesday, to recommend Congressman Henry D. Clayton as temporary chairman of the convention. R. E. L. Nell, of Selma, and Gardner Green, of Pell City, as temporary secretaries, tabulated the votes of certain candidates in the April primary, and through the action of a sub-committee seated the "wildcat" delegation from Madison County.

R. Tyler Goodwyn, chairman of the committee, presided over the meeting, and twenty-one committeemen answered to the roll call. There are forty-five members, but the constitution provides that fifteen may make a quorum.

Leaving the chair for a time, Tyler Goodwyn made a motion to return to the candidates who participated in the primary all that was left of the assessments after expenses had been met. This motion was passed unanimously.

The nomination of the temporary officers for today's convention was unanimous in the three instances. In the case of the Madison county contingent, however, it was necessary to go into the evidence. Then, with all the evidence in and the committee had gone into executive session, it was decided to leave the question to a sub-committee.

This sub-committee made its report to the executive committee at the Exchange Hotel at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, and the resolution was adopted. This closed the only contest and most interesting subject to come before the executive committee.

"It clearly appears from the returns and affidavits that the contestants received a majority of the votes cast at said election," said the resolution offered by the sub-committee, the returns signed by the inspectors themselves corroborate the affidavits introduced by the contestants, and we therefore recommend that the contestants be entitled to seats in the convention, as follows:  
"Archie L. Elson, A. D. Kirby, C. S. Lowe, W. B. Campbell, J. E. Williams, D. K. Wall, J. E. Butler, W. S. Allen and J. Monroe Talley."

Others who will sit with this number are as follows: R. E. Sprague, R. Y. Lawler, R. W. Walker, W. F. Garth, R. S. McCrary and J. W. Battle.

## CONVENTION TO VOTE FOR TWELVE DELEGATES FROM STATE-AT-LARGE

Agreed Representation Will Count as Six Votes for Oscar Underwood at Baltimore Meeting and Will Double Alabama's Delegation from Twenty-four to Forty-eight—Questions of State Politics to Be Eliminated When Body Convenes in Grand Theatre at Noon Today

### CABINET CONFERS ON MEXICAN SITUATION

Chief of Army Staff Meets With President

### SECRETARY WILSON CALLED

Apprehension Follows Secrecy of Official—Cullinan Captured By Rebels—Tehuantepec Railroad Menaced

MEXICO CITY, April 16.—No reply to the American State Department note calling on Mexico to respect the lives of Americans in Mexico, had been made by the department of foreign relations at a late hour tonight. The note was discussed by President Madero and his ministers at a special cabinet meeting today. At the conclusion of the meeting, an official statement would be given to the newspapers later.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Apprehension in official circles over the Mexican situation was indicated today by conferences at the White House, in which President Taft and the cabinet, Huntington Wilson, acting secretary of state, and Major General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army, participated.

General Wood reached the White House soon after the cabinet assembled and held an earnest conversation with Secretary Wilson in an adjoining room. Mr. Wilson then was summoned from the state department and the three officials went into the cabinet room.

### CULIACAN CAPTURED.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Culiacan, capital of Sinaloa, has been captured by the Mexican rebels, according to state department advices today. Guerrero was added to the list of states where the insurrection movement is growing.

It is now denied from Salina Cruz, western terminus of the Tehuantepec Railroad, that this line is menaced.

### BONDSMEN SUMMONED.

LAREDO, TEX., April 16.—Bondsman of General Bernardo Reyes, whose attempted revolt against President Madero of Mexico failed last fall, were today ordered to show cause at the next term of United States district court here, why the bond should not be forfeited. The amount is \$10,000. Reyes is now in military prison in Mexico.

### OROZCO RECOGNIZES LETCHER

CHIHUAHUA, MEX., April 16.—General Pascual Orozco today decided to recognize United States Consul Marion Letcher in his official capacity. The consul spent an hour and half with the rebel leader.

### MEXICO CITY'S NEWS.

MEXICO CITY, April 16.—One town captured by rebels, another surrounded and short of provisions and the fate of a third in doubt, was the burden of the day news which reached the capital within the last twenty-four hours. At Huitzilco, State of Mexico, 200 Federals and 400 Zapatistas are fighting for possession of the place. The battle has continued for three days, but if the authorities have any news of the number killed and wounded or any other details, they have refrained from making them public. The returns from the town of Tepic, in the Territory of Tepic, has passed from Federal to rebel control. That fact was confirmed today and officially admitted. On the heels of this disquieting information, messages were received saying that the town of Tepic is isolated and that food is on the verge of being exhausted.

### DEMOCRATS LEAD EASILY

Entire State Ticket Elected in Louisiana Election.

NEW ORLEANS, April 16.—A general election was held in Louisiana today and the entire democratic ticket headed by Judge Luther E. Hall of Monroe was elected. An exceptionally small vote was polled. The returns tonight indicated that the republicans had polled the necessary ten per cent of the vote cast in order to retain their status as a political party in Louisiana under the election laws.

### WETS LEAD IN SOUTH DAKOTA

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., April 16.—Two-thirds of the cities twenty-four towns in South Dakota voted today on the question of granting licenses to saloons. In most of the towns so far reported the "wets" have a big lead.

### EPISCOPAL CONGRESS OPENS.

ST. LOUIS, April 16.—The thirteenth national congress of the Episcopal church in the United States opened in Christ church cathedral here today.

### DELEGATES FAVOR TAFT.

DOVER, DEL., April 16.—The Republican State Convention, in session here today, elected a National Convention delegation which was not pledged, but which favors President Taft.

Senator John H. Bankhead  
Major W. W. Screws  
Governor Emmet O'Neal  
H. S. D. Mallory  
George L. Malone  
E. Campbell  
H. J. Williamson  
Henry D. Clayton  
Borden H. Barr  
Judge John H. Feilham  
William D. Selma  
George J. Sullivan

This is the delegation agreed upon in advance to represent Alabama at the State-at-Large in the National Democratic convention to be held in Baltimore. Instead of sending delegates from the State-at-Large, Alabama will send twelve delegates in the interest of harmony.

At a meeting of Jefferson County delegates held Tuesday night at the Exchange Hotel a resolution was passed declaring for Oscar Underwood and asking that the Alabama delegation to Baltimore be instructed to vote for Underwood for the first ballot to vote for him, first last and all the time and to vote for him on the last ballot. This was taken as an indication of the wishes of the delegates. It would be asked to do when it assembled on Wednesday at noon in the Grand Theatre. It was announced that this declaration would eliminate all question of delegates at large, and that it would be a declaration of the outer world that Alabama was for Oscar Underwood for President and for nobility in the convention.

As to district delegates the question was still open after midnight Tuesday night. Hardly a district had all its delegates present. Until Wednesday morning hardly a district will be ready to present its candidates to the State Convention. Inasmuch as the leaders who were present had agreed to send twelve delegates to the convention, it was decided that the State-at-Large it was accepted as fact that each district would be allowed to select four delegates to cast two votes and that there would be no alternates either for delegates at large or for the State-at-Large or from the districts. Therefore the convention would send forty-eight delegates instead of twenty-four delegates.

It was announced by the leaders in the Exchange Hotel Monday night that the whole object of the convention was to assist Underwood, and that the delegates at large, which should be sent to Baltimore, should have no other object than to advance the interests of Oscar Underwood.

The name of United States Senator Joseph F. Johnston does not appear on the agreed delegation. He specifically refused to allow his name to be a candidate for delegates at large. He stated that he came down at the request of friends, who feared that there might be discord in the convention, in order to be of any assistance that he could be to Mr. Underwood, and also to see his friends, and declined to have his name considered as a delegate.

He expressed gratification at the desire to have him attend the convention, but said that there are many Democrats in Alabama who would appreciate and are worthy of the honor, and that his personal ambitions are entirely satisfied. He thinks that all personalities and factional differences will be subordinate to the State's opportunity; the first Alabama has had in many years to nominate a candidate on the national ticket, and that nothing should occur at the convention which might create the impression abroad that the delegates did not have the opportunity and was not contentedly insisting upon Underwood to the exclusion of second choice.

Senator Johnston is of the opinion that the convention will be a success and that no question will be taken up not germane to the call.

**State Politics To Be Left Out.**—No question of State politics will be taken into the convention. The delegates will nominate Judges A. D. Sayre and T. C. McClellan for members of the Supreme Court of the State. After they have done that they will be through with all State affairs. The convention, thereafter, will confine itself to national issues. It will instruct the delegates for Oscar Underwood to make a declaration of adoption for lower tariff and the amount issue of the coming campaign and for Underwood as the candidate on the platform. It is not likely that the convention will adopt any further issues as a platform for Underwood.

The convention will assemble for the sole purpose of advancing the interest of Oscar Underwood. The original Underwood men, the Bankhead, that is Campbell-Underwood organization will have an easy majority of the delegates to the State Democratic Convention which meets at noon Wednesday in the Grand Theatre. Any resolution to keep Senator Bankhead or Governor O'Neal off the committee would be defeated. In whose interest it might be offered, and no matter how indirect it may be, it will be squelched, if it appeared on the surface.

The majority of the delegates will be wholly and singly for Underwood. Their course in the convention will be guided by his interests. The convention will not take up its mind in quarrelling over State issues. There will be no State issues. There will be State issues permitted in sight by a majority of the convention. Any man with a political grudge will have to wait another two years to pay it off.

The State Democratic Executive Committee at its meeting Tuesday selected Congressman Henry D. Clayton of the Third Alabama District to be temporary chairman of the convention. The Committee on Permanent Organization will report the name of Hon. H. S. D. Mallory of Selma, for permanent chairman. Editor Robert E. L. Noel of the Selma Times, will be Secretary of the Convention.

District Delegates are yet the unknown number in most cases. Efforts were made in several instances Tuesday night to form states, but, so far as could be ascertained, only counties

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