

SITUATION SERIOUS. The Water Thirty Feet at Columbia at Midnight. IT SEEMS TO BE STANDING. Impossible to Determine Positively, Owing to the Darkness.

CITY WILL HAVE GAS TO-NIGHT. This afternoon, or To-Night, the Flood Will Have Reached Its Highest Here—Not Expected That It Will Equal the Flood of December 31st, Though Opinion Was Not at All One Way.

At midnight the water at Columbia registered 30.2 feet, and, in the darkness, appeared to be stationary. The water here was rising slowly, though the utmost uncertainty existed as to how far it might reasonably be expected to rise. It registered 17 feet at midnight.

Four hundred thousand cubic feet of gas was on hand, and 300,000 feet, it was estimated, would remain in the city at daybreak. That will supply the city until the morning. At the rate of 6 inches an hour, it was thought that the water would rise to 21 feet by 8 o'clock this morning. This would have the effect of causing the cessation of work at the gas-works.

The freshet in the James will probably reach its highest point some time this afternoon, or night, when a considerable area of the streets in the low-lying sections of the city will be submerged. The water will be about 10 feet above the level of the street. The water will be about 10 feet above the level of the street. The water will be about 10 feet above the level of the street.

Warning was issued by Director Evans, of the local Weather Station, early yesterday afternoon, of the impending danger. Attacks of the Weather Office, and a number of houses, and the buildings in the threatened localities, advising the occupants of the approach of the flood. Acting upon this timely warning, the Main- and Franklin-street merchants began moving their goods to places of safety about midnight. Other retailers, and other employees remained after the closing hour to take up the arduous work that engaged them until daybreak.

THE STEAMSHIP PIERS. The steamship piers, wharves, and freight and passenger sheds have been swamped with water. The water has been used to transfer passengers and crews between the vessels and the street.

THE FLOOD AT ITS HEIGHT TO-DAY. This ship-yard will be covered by probably two feet of water. The rising water caused no diminution in the supply of gas, the precaution having been taken by Foreman Mays, of the gas-works, to have all the holders filled to their capacity. The works may be forced to close in some time to-day, and candles and lamps will doubtless be indispensable to-night.

ALL ALONG THE RIVER. The entire James-River Valley is suffering from the overflow of the river, farming lands being inundated, and property along the banks of the river carried away by the raging, swollen stream. Forecaster Evans late yesterday afternoon said that, according to all indications, the freshet would not reach its high point attained by the flood of January 1st.

ASHORE ON LONG ISLAND. NEW YORK, March 1.—The Oak Island Life-Saving Station reports that the British steamer Acara, from China ports for New York, has been landed. The sea is breaking over the steamer, but she does not appear to be in immediate danger.

PERMANENT CENSUS BILL. President Will Sign It, Probably To-Morrow. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—President Roosevelt will sign the bill to create permanent census as soon as it reaches him, which probably will be on Monday, General Merriam, the director of the census, will hold up the discharge of 50

employees, who are slated to go, until the bill is signed, in order that they may be taken into the civil service, in accordance with the provisions of the act. There are now about 1,700 employees of the bureau. The reorganization of the bureau, which is being carried out, takes place, July 1st. It is expected that the force will have been reduced to about 800, leaving, therefore, about 900 of the present employees eligible under the civil-service law for transfer to other departments.

It is the general understanding that General Merriam will be appointed director of the census when the bureau is reorganized on a permanent basis.

RIVER AND HARBOR APPROPRIATIONS. For the James \$250,000—For Rappahannock \$25,000—Norfolk and Roads, \$118,000.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—The river and harbor bill was introduced today and the items were made public. Unusual interest attaches to the measure this year, as last year passed without a river and harbor bill. The total carried by the measure is \$420,000 to-day, \$507,700,000. Of this total \$24,000,000 is in cash and \$36,700,000 is in continuing contracts available July 1, 1902.

The total is about \$2,600,000 more than the bill which was passed during the final hours of the last Congress. The appropriations of \$25,000 or over follow for southern harbors: Virginia—Hospital Point, Norfolk, \$10,000; and continuing contract, \$183,577; Hampton Roads, \$10,000, and continuing contract, \$215,000.

South Carolina—Charleston, \$45,000; Georgia—Savannah, \$50,000, and continuing contract, \$1,000,000; Dooley Bar and Darien, \$30,000; Brunswick, Inner harbor and outer bar, \$150,000; outer bar, Good-year, \$45,000.

Florida—Key West, improving entrance to the harbor, \$100,000; river and harbor improvements in Florida, \$5,000; Hillsboro Bay, \$150,000; Apalachicola Bay, \$40,000; Pensacola, \$200,000.

Alabama—Mobile, \$300,000, and continuing contract, \$200,000; Gulf of Mexico, \$100,000; Louisiana—Caledonia, mouth and passes of river, \$25,000; Southwest Pass, \$50,000, and continuing contract, \$2,700,000; South Pass, \$75,000.

Texas—Sabine Pass, \$185,000; Galveston harbor, \$500,000, and continuing contract, \$400,000; Aransas Pass, \$250,000; mouth of the Brazos, \$50,000.

Following are the appropriations for river and harbor improvements: Virginia—Rappahannock river, \$25,000; James river, \$250,000. North Carolina—Pamlico and Tar, \$35,500; Cape Fear, at and below Wilmington, \$150,000. South Carolina—Great Pee Dee, \$22,500, and continuing contract, \$106,300; Santee, Wateree, and Congaree, \$27,000; inland waterway, \$30,000.

Georgia—Flint, \$25,000; Chattahoochee, \$100,000; Florida—St. Johns, at Ocala, \$100,000; St. Johns, for the removal of obstructions, \$50,000; Caloosahatchee, Orange, Crystal, Manatee, Suwannee, and Withlacoochee rivers, and Charlotte harbor, \$44,000.

Alabama—Warrior, \$374,000, and continuing contract, \$500,000. Mississippi—Yazoo and tributaries, the Tallahatchee, and Big Sunflower, \$55,000. Louisiana—Red river (Louisiana, Arkansas, and Indian Territory), \$135,000.

WINCHESTER. Springs Property Sold—Death of a Veteran. WINCHESTER, Va., March 1.—(Special.)—The Mt. Hebron Cemetery Company to-day awarded the contract for the erection of a new building for the funeral home, to Willey Brothers and Henry Dehart.

The Jordan Springs property, located near here, was sold to-day by the estate of the late J. H. Baker for \$10,000. The property consists of a fine hotel building, cottages, mineral springs, and a large tract of land.

Mr. Hiram Roe, an ex-Confederate soldier, and a prominent farmer, died to-day at his home in Winchester, Va., being kicked by a horse. He was 58 years of age, and leaves six children.



FLOOD SCENE, MAIN STREET, OPPOSITE C. & O.—S. A. L. DEPOT. The picture is from a photograph taken December 31st last, when the flood of that date was at its height. Boats take the place of trolley cars, and pedestrians are ferried over a distance of several hundred yards. At midnight it seemed probable that the water would reach as high as it extended on the last day of 1901, though none, not even the weather man, could speak with authority.

out of her course. The vessel is uninjured, but Captain Sumner had his right arm broken February 30th.

CHARLESTON TO ROOSEVELT. Renewal of Invitation That Letter Visit the City.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 1.—Supplementary to the resolution passed by the Exposition Board of Directors last night, renewing the invitation to President Roosevelt to visit Charleston, and also disclaiming any responsibility and sympathy for Lieutenant-Governor Tillman's action in regard to the presentation of a sword to Major Jenkins, the City Council, after a long session, yesterday, renewed the invitation already extended by the city, and appointed a special committee to present the resolutions to President Roosevelt, and to express to him the earnest desire of the people of Charleston that he visit the city.

TILLMAN LETTER CONDEMNED. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—Senator Butler, of South Carolina, called upon the President to-day, to express the earnest desire of the people of Charleston that he visit the city. The President replied that Lieutenant-Governor Tillman would have no effect upon his course, but did not say definitely whether he proposed to make the trip to Charleston or not.

DOWN IN DINWIDDIE. Movements of Well-Known County People and Other Personalities.

DEWITT, VA., March 1.—(Special.)—The remains of Mrs. Martha A. Cabaniss, who died Thursday, were laid to rest in the Episcopal church, Rev. Frank Mesick, of the Episcopal church, conducted the services.

Mr. Van Houten, of Richmond, arrived here to-day, and will conduct religious services to-morrow afternoon at this place. Mr. McKenney, of Petersburg, passed through here to-day on his way to his farm in Brunswick county.

Mr. W. King Davis has resigned his position as lumber inspector for the Camp Manufacturing Company, and expects to go into the lumber business for himself.

O'Donovan Rossa, Jr., Dead. COLRADO SPRINGS, COLO., March 1.—O'Donovan Rossa, Jr., a well-known Fenian agitator of New York, died to-day, in St. Francis Hospital, of blood-poisoning.

Student Volunteer Convention. TORONTO, ONT., March 1.—The fourth day's session of the Student Volunteer Movement for China, which opened at the University of Toronto, to-day, was held in the afternoon. Dr. Wisard, of New York, spoke on the subject, "How a Thousand Missionaries Are Supported."

Double Suicide in Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 1.—Thomas McCracken, aged 35 years, a Russian, employed at B. Bershadsky's Russian bath-house, and James Wilson, whose wife is an attendant, were found dead to-day in their sleeping-room at the establishment, having committed suicide during the night. Both men swallowed poison.

Well-Known Stock-Broker Dead. PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 1.—Harrison Snyder, a well-known broker, whose house was represented by membership in the Stock Exchange, died to-day.

BENEATH THE WATER. Ownership of River Bottoms in Virginia in Dispute. STATE HELD TO OWN THEM. Summary of an Interesting Opinion in a Novel Case.

THE DECISION IS FAR-REACHING. Had It Gone Against the State the Foundation Would Have Been Laid for Suits by Individuals to Get Possession of Oyster-Beds—Case is Likely to Go to Supreme Court.

An important case was handed down in the Circuit Court of Richmond this week by Judge E. B. Stand. Wellford. It involves the question of ownership of the river and, consequently, affects riparian ownership. The decision gives possession of these bottoms to the Commonwealth, and included the ownership of the State not only to the surface of the bottoms upon which in many rivers the great oyster-beds rest, but also to such mines and wells as lie beneath the surface.

This interesting suit and its far-reaching decision had its origin in the question of ownership of an Artesian well that was bored in the York river in Gloucester county just in front of the old Rosewell estate, the home of Governor Francis Pickens. The well was placed in the York river between the low-water mark and the line of navigation.

When the Legislature leased the ten acres to the Colonial Water Company, it provided that no natural oyster-bed should be included in the lease. There is no evidence in the case that any natural oyster-bed is included in the survey of the ten acres. Judge Wellford expressed the opinion on this point that it would be judicious for a commissioner to make some inquiry into this point before the Court's action becomes final.

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With reference to this, the Court decided that if this right is co-extensive with the owner's shore line, it will be a practical extension of the boundaries of the land from low-water mark to the channel.

It is the Court's opinion that this right is purely statutory, and that, in any event, there was no evidence in the case that Mrs. Taylor had ever constructed any wharf or pier at the point in question.

The case will probably be carried to the Supreme Court of the United States. The Attorney-General and Mr. Isaac Diggs represented the State and the water company, and Major Stiles and Mr. Murray McGuire represented Mrs. Taylor.

Fortcoming Address and Debate—The Revival—Base-Ball. A telegram was received by Dr. F. W. Boatwright from Senator Martin yesterday, stating that the college bill had passed the Senate, and that the prospect was brighter now than ever before for the college to receive the \$25,000 damages which it received during the civil war.

has selected as his theme "An Appreciation." The public debate of the Mt. Sigma Rho Literary Society will be held next Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the College Chapel. The committee in charge is trying to make the contest an interesting feature of the season. Quite a number of distinguished guests will be present, among whom will be Governor McCreary and the members of the convention. The question for discussion will be: "Resolved, that the new Constitution of the United States is a masterpiece of legislation." Messrs. P. Deans, of Windsor, and J. Peter McCabe, of Bedford, will discuss the affirmative, and the negative will be upheld by Messrs. W. G. Tyler, of Essex, and Lane Lacey, of Richmond. The reader for the occasion will be Mr. Julius Gunn, and J. T. Fitzgerald will be the declaimer.

The committee in charge consists of Messrs. Robert A. Ballard, C. H. Dunaway, and John Gilliam, Jr. One of the most successful revival meetings ever held in this city was concluded Friday. It was conducted by Rev. M. Ashby Jones, who presented the Gospel in a straightforward, and forcible manner. The Christian students were greatly revived, and many were led to a knowledge of the Saviour.

The base-ball men appeared on the campus in their suits for the first time yesterday. Captain Kerfoot says that the prospect for the season is very bright, and he hopes to have the men in good trim by the first game, which will be with Frankfort College. Hereafter each college in the State has been playing two games for the championship, but at the recent meeting of the various colleges it was decided to play one game only.

Manager Jennings is arranging a very good schedule, and a pleasant time is anticipated for the spiders. At the last meeting of the Athletic Association it was decided to hold a "Spiders" tournament. The tournament committee was appointed to confer with the faculty and decide upon a date.

THE JEFFERSON HOTEL. The Lighting of It Makes a Most Beautiful Spectacle. It is a pleasing sight to see the Franklin-street side of the Jefferson Hotel lit up as it was last night. The fire of black smoke rolled out of the great stack, which stands like a sentinel over the ruins of the Main-street side of the famous hotel, and added to the spectacle.

STAUNTON, VA., March 1.—(Special.)—Racked and wretched from many months of sickness and melancholia, Mrs. Angelina Livick Landes, shot herself to-day with a 12-calibre revolver. Death soon relieved the agonies of this unfortunate. Her tragedy occurred at the home of her husband, John Landes, two miles west of Staunton. The deceased was alone in her room, but the husband and daughter were about the house. Mrs. Landes was an excellent woman. She is survived by three children. Acting Coroner Wehn will hold an inquest Sunday morning.

MAIL AGENT W. P. FIREY ASSAULTED BY A NEGRO EXPRESSMAN. ROANOKE, VA., March 1.—(Special.)—The tailoring establishment of A. H. Shickel, on Main-street, was broken into and robbed last night. Almost \$300 worth of clothing were stolen. There is no clue to the robbers.

MOSS WHALEN, a negro expressman, made a vicious and unprovoked attack on Mail Agent W. P. Firey at the station to-day, knocking him down and scattering his mail over the depot platform. A warrant was sworn out for the negro before Commissioner Samuel White this afternoon, and Whalen is being held in jail, where he will await his trial.

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., March 1.—(Special.)—The reason for Miss Dora Morris's suicide is not known. Her brother, J. F. Morris, at whose home the young lady died, says it is a mystery to him, unless she was temporarily insane. The physician attending her at the time of her death, and again placed him under arrest.

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THE FEDERAL SENATE. Considerable Important Business Disposed of Yesterday. CLAIMS AND IRRIGATION. Bills Relating to These Subjects Passed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—Considerable important business was disposed of by the Senate to-day. What is known as the omnibus claims bill, and the measure providing for the irrigation of public lands, were passed, the conference report on the Philippine tariff bill was agreed to, and the shipping bill was made the unfinished business.

Soon after the Senate convened, Mr. Turner, of Washington, announced that, after consideration, he had concluded that the resolution heretofore introduced, properly to be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. The resolution declares, in brief, that the president officer of the Senate had no authority to make the establishment of the Senate the name of any member of the body.

CHAIRMAN'S APOLOGY TO TURNER. The present occupant of the chair (Mr. Frye), he said, had made a statement concerning recent occurrences in the Senate, in the course of which he did not do the high honor to apologize to me for not entertaining an appeal which I had taken from his decision.

Mr. Turner said that as the Senate was about to attend the memorial services to the late President, he had concluded to prevent from making acknowledgment of the kindly and courteous act of the Chairman. He desired now to make such acknowledgment, although he felt that the apology of the Chairman was unnecessary. He declared here and there to express his deep sensibility of the act of the Chairman, and to say that he appreciated it highly. He was pleased to make this statement, and he wished the Chairman to understand that his reason had not been drawn in any spirit of personal hostility to that officer.

The resolution then was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. The protest from Senator Tillman, presented Thursday, was referred to the same committee. PROTECTION OF PRESIDENT. The bill for the protection of the President of the United States was laid before the Senate.

It seemed to the committee that, for many obvious reasons, any attempt to kill the President ought to be taken cognizance of by the Federal courts, rather than by the State courts. The bill, as amended, would provide a military guard for the protection of the President, he said he thought all careful observers must agree that the defective system, upon which dependence was now placed, was not calculated to serve its purpose upon at least three occasions. The present provision was to make some officer of the government responsible for the protection of the President.

Mr. Pettus, of Alabama, maintained that a military guard ought to be provided. He expressed his conviction that if there had been a military guard of ordinary proportions, not one of the presidential assassinations would have occurred. Perfect protection, he thought, was not possible, and he remarked sarcastically that the only blow struck for the life of the President at Buffalo was struck by a negro. Such a situation would scarcely have been possible, if a proper military guard had been provided.

IRRIGATION BILL. The bill was laid aside without action, and consideration was resumed of the irrigation bill. Messrs. Bacon and Clay, of Georgia, and others supported the measure. Mr. Bacon spoke of the importance of the Savannah river to commerce, and cordially approved of the project of irrigation provided by the pending bill.

Mr. Clay said that, as a matter of justice, the bill ought to be passed. Mr. Tillman, of South Carolina, supported the bill, and in the course of his remarks referred to some statements made by ex-Senator Carter, of Montana, when he talked the river and harbor bill to death in the last Congress.

W. KING TO BERRY. "Which were not true," interjected Mr. Berry, of Arkansas. "I'm afraid," said Mr. Tillman, "that my friend from Arkansas will get into the same trouble I was in recently, if he isn't more parliamentary."

The bill was passed without a roll-call, the sentiment in favor of it being unanimous. After some further business, the Senate adjourned to to-morrow. The House was not in session to-day.

Booker S. Parrish Dead. LYNCHBURG, VA., March 1.—(Special.)—Mr. Booker S. Parrish died this morning at 10:20 o'clock. He was 64 years old, and was a native of Goochland.

During the war he was a member of the Eleventh Virginia Regiment. He was a member of the Eleventh Virginia Regiment. He was a member of the Eleventh Virginia Regiment.